

COMMUNITY



HOLIDAY PARTIES



SUMMER CAMP

COMMUNITY GARDEN



FUN EVENTS



## AHF Parks

*AZALEA PARK* shows a spectacular spring display of azalea blossoms by the path entrance in spring.

*DEERHEAD HAMMOCK MEMORIAL PARK* is a place for quiet contemplation sometimes used for weddings and commemorative services.

*ERNA NIXON HAMMOCK* is the gem of our parklands. It was named for early resident Erna Nixon, who led tours and educated visitors about the nature and ecology of this Florida hardwood hammock.

*FICK FOREST* is a pinewood hammock, a good place to see nesting woodpeckers and native ferns.

*JEAN HENDERSON TWIN OAKS PARK* and *DON WILLIS PARKS* are two parks that were named in honor of the AHF members who made significant contributions to the community

*LAKE ARTHUR TIPPIE PARK* features a man-made lake and stream. Look for orchids in the pinewoods.

*MARTIN WOODS* is an area of open hardwood forest and pinewoods and is a good place for birding. Tarflowers bloom in the pinelands in summer.

*MEL MANTHEY PARK* adjoins the AHF Village Hall and is known for the early spring azalea blooms.

*MEMORY GARDEN* is a tranquil garden filled with a wide variety of plantings (purchased from monetary donations) memorializing former AHF members.

*OLD HALL PARK* Leads from Hall Road to Savannah Drive and joins the path through Fick Forest.

*NUTTING-WOOD GREEN* is a meadow where spring wildflowers bloom. Located nearby are a basketball court, ball field, playground and community garden.

*SABAL PARK* is named for our state tree, the sabal palm, also called the cabbage palm. This park is one place where a gopher tortoise makes his burrow.

*WARD PARK* is a good place to see the growth of a native pinewood in all its stages, from seedling to mature pine tree.

*WILDFLOWER MEADOW* was filled with Catesby's lily and other wildflowers when this park was named.



## American Homesteading Foundation (AHF)

### What is the AHF?

The AHF is a not-for-profit organization that owns and manages over 50 acres of parkland, community swimming pool, and a recreation hall. AHF sponsors year round educational and social events for all ages. All Melbourne Village property owners and long term tenants are eligible to join. It is not an HOA.

### Why Join?

Support the preservation and management of our beautiful natural parklands, a green oasis that is good for our hearts, minds, and home values. Connect with neighbors through AHF events. Build friendships by caring for the community garden, lounging at the pool, or mingling at a coffee social. Be part of the welcoming community we call home by becoming an AHF member.



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## Preserve Green Space

The primary purpose of the AHF is to preserve and maintain its cherished parklands, a diverse natural environment that's good for your heart, mind, and property value.

## Experience Community

AHF members fully experience life in a unique, tight-knit community where your neighbors are your friends. Young and old benefit from getting to know one another through AHF events.

## Make a Difference

It's possible to make a big difference in a small community. Join a committee. Run for the Board of Trustees. Be a mover and shaker!

## We Are Family

Getting to know your neighbors allows you to connect and build friendships. Enjoy the pool. Mingle at coffee socials. Membership is like a huge extended family, ready to give or receive support.

## Serve Locally

Serving your community is a good way to lead by example, meet like-minded individuals, feel good about yourself, and improve the place where you live. It's a win-win!

## Membership Fees

There is an initial one-time fee of \$500 and then \$200 annually to maintain membership privileges. Fees help fund events, amenities, and the parklands that make our community so special.

[www.AHFMV.com](http://www.AHFMV.com)

## Examples of Social Events

- Arts and Crafts Fair
- Annual and Holiday Dinners
- Coffee and Evening Socials
- Community Organic Vegetable Garden
- Easter Egg Hunt and Activities
- Fourth of July Parade and Activities
- Full Week of Free Summer Camp
- Halloween Party
- Game Nights for all ages
- Park, Garden, and Historic Tours

## Amenities

- Recreation Hall with Full Kitchen
- Basketball Court
- Baseball Field
- Hiking Trails
- Playground
- Swimming Pool
- Quarterly Newsletter

## History of the AHF

Melbourne Village was founded in 1946 by three women who moved here from Ohio with the intention of creating a self-sufficient community of homesteaders. They formed a not-for-profit corporation called the American Homesteading Foundation (AHF), purchased the land, and divided it into large lots, winding roads, and parkland. Visit our website at [www.AHFMV.com/history](http://www.AHFMV.com/history) for more historical information.

The AHF continues to be managed entirely by a Board of Trustees, Melbourne Village resident volunteers, and a small staff. It is not an HOA and places no restrictions on homeowners.

