



Town of Melbourne Beach Beach Comber

Monthly Highlights

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Founders Day 2025
Saturday, May 3rd

SPRING FEST
MARCH 8TH
11-3PM RYCKMAN PARK

HOSTED BY COASTAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
MOON 5K LIGHT
& Dolphin Dash at Spessard

MAY 2, 2025
Spessard Holland Golf Course
Kick off Founders Day with family fun, a beautiful sunset, food trucks and a 5K to remember!

Registration is **OPEN!!** SCAN HERE

More INFO for this Community Event

Interested in being a sponsor of this local event?
Contact: sponsors@coastalcommunityschool.com

TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH
Nature Day
SATURDAY APRIL 5 2025 10 AM - 3 PM

- ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKERS & TABLES
- NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY
- FOOD VENDORS & KIDS ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY CENTER AT RYCKMAN PARK • OCEAN AVE • MELBOURNE BEACH, FL

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

For more info, scan or visit:
[Facebook.com/MelBchEAB](https://www.facebook.com/MelBchEAB)

Melbourne Beach Police Department



Meet Our New Officer: Brittany Brown

Brittany Brown joined us in December 2024. She was previously a licensed pharmacy technician before going to the Police Academy and graduating in 2023. She is originally from Longwood, FL and is a hard-working single mom. Brittany enjoys spending time with her son and her family. She is looking forward to a great career with MBPD. Please welcome Officer Brown to the Town of Melbourne Beach!

Meet Our Heroes

“Meet Our Heroes” is a new segment of the newsletter intended to help our residents get to know the people behind the badge. Our first Q&A features Officer Tea De Leon!



How long have you been a Police Officer?

I have been working in law enforcement for six years.

What made you want to be a Police Officer?

I became a Police Officer because I wanted to be a part of an organization that thrives off of serving others before themselves.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy cooking and working out!

What is your favorite food?

Pasta! Any kind of pasta.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is interacting with the community, especially the kids. And training!

If you had a million dollars, what would you buy?

Nothing! I would pay off my house and travel the world.

What is your favorite color?

My favorite color is yellow.

If you could be any superhero, which one would it be and why?

If I could be any superhero, I would be Superwoman. She embodies strength, independence, and the ability to overcome anything that is thrown her way.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!



Did you know that 65% of firefighters and emergency responders in the United States are volunteers, and that volunteer fire departments save US tax payers approximately 46.9 billion dollars per year?

Being a volunteer emergency responder is a rewarding experience and an extraordinary way to serve your community.

Are you ready to answer the call?

Visit www.MakeMeAFirefighter.org or stop by Fire Station #58 (the Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Department) for more information.



Town Commission Meeting Highlights

November 20, 2024 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Presented a proclamation recognizing former Vice Mayor Sherri Quarrie for her many years of service to the Town of Melbourne Beach
- Presented a proclamation recognizing November as National American Indian Heritage Month
- Recognized Boy Scout Owen Addington for the completion of his Eagle Scout Project – Installation of a US Flag collection box for retiring American flags at the Fire Station
- Approved the creation of a Charter Review Committee
- Appointed Commissioner Dawn Barlow as Vice Mayor
- Appointed Commissioner Anna Butler as the Voting Delegate for the South Beaches Coalition
- Appointed Mayor Alison Dennington as the Voting Delegate for the Space Coast League of Cities
- Appointed Commissioner Tim Reed as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the Space Coast League of Cities
- Approved Resolution 2024-12 – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment
- Approved Resolution 2024-13 – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment

December 18, 2024 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved Resolution 2024-14 – Establishing a Charter Review Committee
- Kathy Ivers-Osthus, Bruce Larson, Charles Leps Jr, Jessica Martinez, and James Simmons were appointed to the Charter Review Committee by the Town Commission
- Approved creating a plan and proposal for paid parking at the 6th Ave. boat ramp
- Failed for a lack of motion to institute paid parking at the east end of Ocean Ave.

January 15, 2025 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-06 Charter 48 Noise Control
- Approved the Deckard Technologies contract for vacation rental tracking in the amount of \$13,500.00
- Approved the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Indian Harbour Beach
- Approved doing a resolution supporting the Florida League of Cities legislative platform

January 27, 2025 – Special Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05 Chapter 74 Vacation Rentals

February 5, 2025 – Special Town Commission Meeting

- Approved a quote from Sun Plumbing to repair the sewer line in the Ryckman Park bathrooms in the amount of \$6,165.00

Town Board Highlights

Charter Review Committee

The Charter Review Committee was established and started meeting in January to review and recommend changes to the Town Charter. The recommendations will then go to the Town Commission to review and approve through an ordinance. The approved changes from the Town Commission will then become referendum questions on the November 2025 ballot.

Environmental Advisory Board

The EAB is reviewing the landscaping and tree ordinance and a sea turtle conservancy lighting ordinance. The Board is also working on the Restore Our Shores Seagrass Bed project and a project to revive the Charis Community Garden. The Board has two upcoming events they are working on. On February 23rd they are working with the Town of Indian River to do a hazardous waste roundup at Nance Park. On April 5th the Board is hosting the 2nd Annual Nature Day in Ryckman Park.

Historical Preservation & Awareness Board

The Ryckman House Historical Preservation and Awareness Board hosted Santa at the Ryckman House. The Board continues to clean and maintain the Ryckman House.

History Center Board

The History Center Board continues to host book talks on various history-related books. They also maintain the History Center building and the grounds and have docents open and close the building every Saturday.

Parks Board

The Parks Board continues to work on the Hometown Heroes program and the Circle Park project. The Board is planning two upcoming events. One is to celebrate Easter and the other on Saturday, March 8th is the annual Spring Fest and Kids Business Fair. They are also reviewing various items within the Parks for possible improvements.

Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning and Zoning Board is reviewing a proposed ordinance related to building elevation. They are also reviewing the requirements for accessory structures to recommend updated restrictions, and preparing a proposal to amend the landscaping and trees ordinance.

New Code Enforcement Officer: Robert Trantham

Prior to joining the Town Hall team, Robert worked at the Melbourne Orlando International Airport (MLB) as a Skycap and Ticket Counter Representative. He spent approximately fifteen years as a Process Server in Brevard's 18th Judicial Circuit. Robert is a graduate from the University of Central Florida with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Criminal Justice, Minor in Emergency Management and Homeland Security. He earned certificates in Security Management and FEMA Incident Command System courses. Robert also has a six-year enlistment in the Florida National Guard under his belt.

Robert loves to surf and has done some amateur competitive surfing. He is a huge aviation fan, having learned to fly Cessna 172's and Piper Warriors in the eighties and early nineties out west. He also has an affinity for motorcycles and is a self-described "movie buff".



Town Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning and Zoning Board	First Tuesday as needed	6:30 pm	Community Center
History Center Board	First Tuesday	4:00 pm	2373 Oak Street
Town Commission Workshop	First Wednesday as needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Code Enforcement Magistrate	Last Tuesday as needed	4:00 pm	Community Center
Historical Preservation and Awareness Board	Second Tuesday	4:00 pm	Ryckman House
Parks Board	First Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Center
Regular Town Commission Meeting	Third Wednesday	6:00 pm	Community Center
Board of Adjustment	Third Thursday as needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Environmental Advisory Board	Fourth Wednesday	7:00 pm	Community Center
Police Pension Fund	March, June, Sept., Dec.	5:30 pm	Training Room

The polling location for the Town of Melbourne Beach is moving from the Community Center to Saint Sebastian's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, located at 2010 Oak St., Melbourne Beach. This change is effective immediately and is a permanent change of location. For questions, please contact the Brevard Supervisor of Elections at 321-290-8683 or visit them online at <https://www.votebrevard.gov/>



Ongoing Community Activities

- Mayor's Hours in the Community Center every Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Sunset Flow Yoga in Ryckman Park every Thursday at 6:00 pm
- Flow and Be Strong Exercise Class in Ryckman Park every Wednesday at 8:30 am
- My Musical Tree Class in Ryckman Park the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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MBPD Non-Emergency Admin: (321) 723-4343 | MBVFD Non-Emergency Office: (321) 724-1736

Call 911 for Emergencies