

The Sun Newsletter

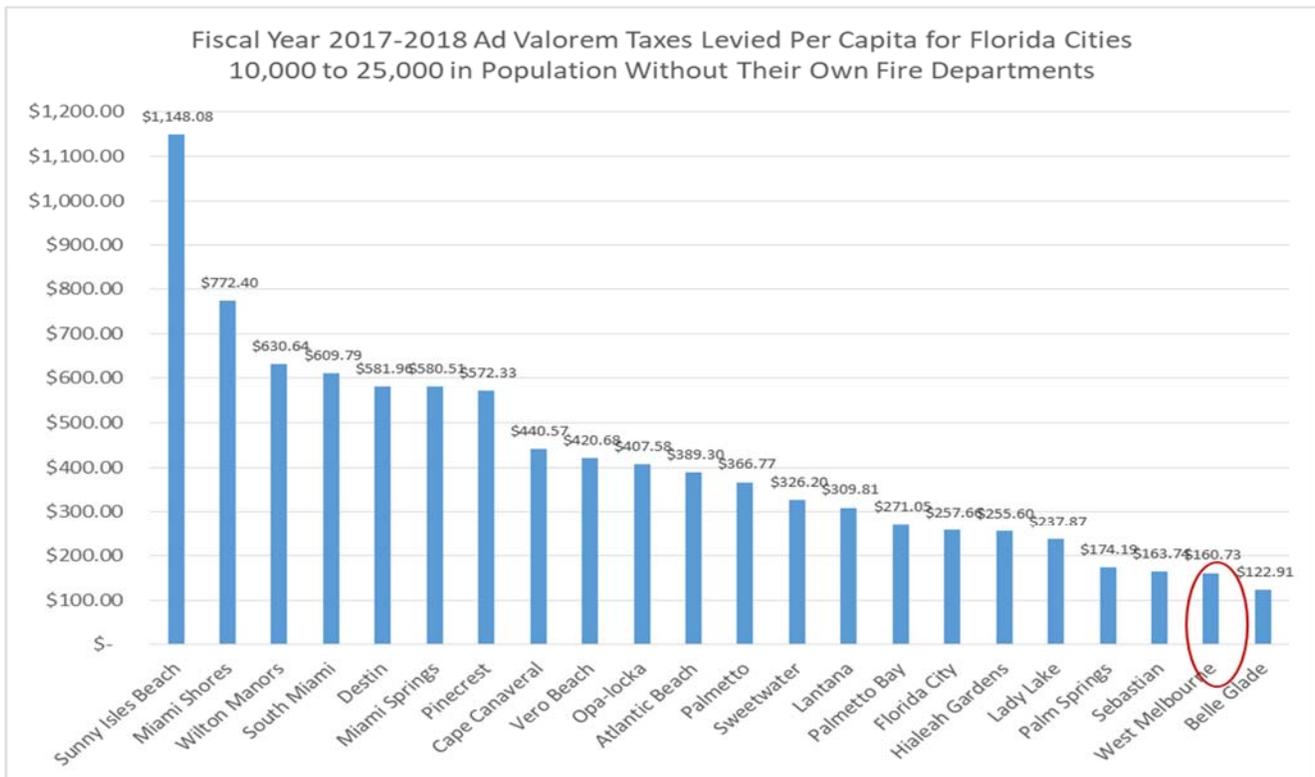
City of West Melbourne's Community Publication

September/October 2018

Public Invited to City Council Hearings to Consider Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

The West Melbourne City Council will hold two public hearings to consider adoption of the City's annual budget for the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year that starts October 1, 2018. The public hearing dates are Tuesday September 4, 2018, and Tuesday September 18, 2018. The hearings will be held in the Judge T. Mitchell Barlow Jr. Council Chamber, 2285 Minton Road. Both hearings will start at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as the order of the Council agenda provides for the consideration of the budget.

The City Manager's proposed budget continues the City Council's commitment to improving public safety services, to continue to address preventative maintenance needs, and constructing important capital improvements. With respect to fiscal discipline, when comparing municipal expenditures per capita among similar sized Florida cities, the City of West Melbourne consistently is ranked among the lowest twenty percent of cities. The City also rates very favorably in ad valorem taxes levied per capita, and in 2017-2018 was the second lowest among cities our size without their own municipal fire department. The chart below shows the current year per capita ad valorem property tax levies for West Melbourne and our comparable cities.



West Melbourne Police Athletic League



West Melbourne Police Athletic League (PAL) is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreation activities to create trust and understanding between police officers in the community and our youth. The West Melbourne PAL program is seeking volunteers and participants.

- ◇ Looking for coaches (basketball, bowling, fishing, billiards, etc), mentors, and general volunteers.
- ◇ Fall Bowling at Shore Lanes begins in September; register online for this instructional program.
- ◇ Earn your high school community service hours thru our Youth Director's Council program. Year-round program is for ages 12-18.
- ◇ Support our PAL Food Truck Friday, on the 4th Friday of every month at the Veteran's Memorial Complex in West Melbourne. — good food, music, friends and fun for the whole family.

To register for any of our current programs, go to www.westmelbourne.org/pal. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Leslee Brimer at 321-837-7781 or lbrimer@westmelbourne.org.

ABC Vacancies

The City of West Melbourne currently has seven authorities, boards and commission (ABCs), with members who serve from the community. City Council makes appointments to these boards as openings occur. The City is currently recruiting for openings on four of our ABCs.

Board of Adjustment – looking for members who have previously served on a planning and/or zoning board, code enforcement board, as an elected officer, or as a professional member of a planning organization. Must be a resident and a registered voter.

Business Advisory Board – must hold a current business tax receipt with the city or work with a licensed company within a 1-mile radius of the city.

Code Enforcement Board – if possible, members should include an architect, a businessperson, an engineer, a general contractor, a subcontractor, or a realtor. Must be a resident and a registered voter.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board— must be a resident and a registered voter.

For a board application or more information, contact Cynthia Hanscom, City Clerk, at 321-837-7774 or email chanscom@westmelbourne.org.

Promise Creative Arts Center

Promise in Brevard, a nonprofit organization for individuals with special needs, is pleased to announce the opening of its latest social enterprise, the Promise Creative Arts Center, located on the Promise Main Campus, 4105 Norfolk Parkway, West Melbourne. The Promise Creative Arts Center was designed to foster a sense of creativity for the residents of Promise, as well as for the entire community.

The Center features a vibrant art gallery, art studio and classrooms, kiln room and art patio. Promise is now accepting reservations for private events and Painting with Promise classes.



To find out more information, visit the “Promise Creative Arts Center” on Facebook for the latest updates and class availability.

To register for classes or for more information, email promisecreativeartscenter@gmail.com.



City of West Melbourne Municipal Election

Citizens should be aware that there will be a General Election for the purpose of electing three City Council Members on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. All candidates run at large and will be selected based on the top three candidates with the greatest number of votes. Candidates will appear on the ballot in alphabetical order.

To vote in the November 6, 2018 election, you must be registered by October 9, 2018. Contact the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections to register at www.votebrevard.com.



City Council Actions

Your City Council meets twice a month to discuss important issues. Many local issues are studied and decisions are made by your elected officials to make this a better community. Here are a few decisions that your Council has made on behalf of the citizens and businesses of West Melbourne in last few months:

- Adopted a resolution approving the City's employee medical insurance plans for the next plan year.
- Approved the assignment of School Resource Officers in all the public schools in West Melbourne.
- Adopted a resolution to increase the rate for the Stormwater Utility Assessment fee for all properties located in the City to provide funding for continued flood risk reduction efforts.
- Approved the advance purchase ordering of police vehicles for the 2018-2019 budget year.
- Approved the extension of the Coastal Commerce Transportation Impact Fee Reimbursement Agreement.
- Approved the advertisement of the 2018-2019 millage rate of 2.6017 for ad valorem property taxes.
- Approved the Pre-Annexation and Sewer System Extension Agreement for Bills Car Wash to be located on the north side of West New Haven Avenue in front of Tractor Supply.
- Approved an inter-fund loan from the General Fund to the Stormwater Fund for the purchase of new equipment to better maintain City canal drainages.
- Approved the final plat for the Heritage Pointe subdivision.
- Approved the Traffic Impact Fee Agreement for a new road at Oasis Apartments to connect Coastal Lane and John Rodes Boulevard.
- Adopted a resolution to submit a grant application for Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a proposed flood mitigation and drainage improvement project in the City.

For more information on Council meetings, visit the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org. View agendas, minutes, summaries of action, or watch a Council meeting live on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

West Melbourne Community Park

The redevelopment of West Melbourne Community Park is nearing completion and the park will be officially re-opened in September. New features include a skate park, amphitheater and splash pad. The park also has new pavilions and picnic areas that may be reserved for private parties.

A grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 22. The day's activities will include a skate board exhibition, BMX exhibition and music in the amphitheater. A variety of food will be offered throughout the event and sponsor booths will have product displays and raffle prizes.

Check the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org for updated information on times for the various grand opening events.



National Prescription Drug Take Back

The West Melbourne Police Department will be conducting another round of collections of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The next drug take back will be October 27. The previous initiative in April collected 471 pounds of prescription drugs, which was a significant increase from the 85 pounds collected in the previous round up.

This initiative partners the West Melbourne Police Department with the DEA to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of these drugs. Citizens are encourage to drop off unused prescription drugs at the lobby of the West Melbourne Police Department between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27.

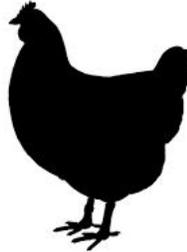
For more information, contact Mercedys Kroom at 321-723-9673.



A Look at the Past: Melbourne Poultry Colony

In December 1927, the Melbourne Poultry Colony was billed as South Brevard's leading business. The community consisted of 30,000 acres of land in West Melbourne devoted to raising chickens and eggs on a cooperative basis. The promoters had enough land for 5,000 poultry farms.

The Poultry Colony also went into decline shortly after the onset of the depression when there was no market for eggs. According to a news article in the *Melbourne Times* of July 11, 1939, the Colony began near Hield Road and headed south.

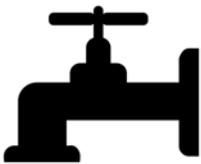


The Poultry Colony was not well thought of and people were ashamed to tell people they lived there.

In the 1960s Gerald and Madelyn Lafferty purchased enough land on Hield Road to start up another much smaller Poultry Colony. They delivered eggs to homes. If the resident worked, they would leave a note on the door telling the delivery driver how many eggs they needed for the week. The delivery driver would put the eggs in the refrigerator and lock the door as they left. They went out of the poultry business when Gerald became allergic to chicken feathers.

Information for this article courtesy of research conducted by Mary B. Hewitt.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



The City's goal is to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Residents can find information on the quality of the water and services delivered over the past year in the 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, which is available on the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org.

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City Calendar

September 2018

3	Labor Day—City Offices Closed	
4	City Council meeting	6:30 p.m.
11	Planning and Zoning Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
12	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting	6:00 p.m.
18	City Council meeting	6:30 p.m.
20	Code Enforcement Board meeting	5:30 p.m.
27	Board of Adjustment meeting	7:00 p.m.

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2	City Council meeting	6:30 p.m.
9	Planning and Zoning Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
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22	Business Advisory Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
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