

The Sun Newsletter

City of West Melbourne's Community Publication

November/December 2018

West Melbourne Community Park

The West Melbourne Community Park grand opening was held on September 22, with Mayor Hal Rose, several Council Members and distinguished guests cutting the ribbon to open the park.



The park offers many special amenities such as a skate park, splash pad, picnic pavilions and outdoor stage.

The skate park is the most dramatic addition, which includes an area for both beginners and advanced skateboarders and BMX riders. Check out the City's website for a livestream to see the skaters do their tricks. The skate park is open Sunday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Another great feature of the park is the splash pad. Water shooting from the ground or falling from buckets from above is a great way for kids to play and cool off. Beautiful benches with shade umbrellas allow parents to stay cool but be close-by while watching their children. The splash pad is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

The park includes a beautiful amphitheater that looks out over a vast lawn. This will be a great location for future outdoor musical entertainment for the entire family to enjoy.



The City is very proud of this park and all that it offers to the residents of the City. Also, it was constructed without incurring any debt and with a significant amount of grant and private funding.

For more information on reserving one of the picnic pavilions or the amphitheater for an event, contact the Recreation Department at 837-7779.



2018-2019 West Melbourne Leadership Academy Class

For citizens of West Melbourne with inquiring minds and service-oriented hearts, a new West Melbourne Leadership Academy will start November 29, 2018. The Leadership Academy class will run on Thursday evenings for seven weeks, skipping December 20, 2018, and ending January 17, 2019.

The no-cost class is for those 18 years of age and older who want to know all about (or at least a lot more about) the inner-workings of their municipal government but (maybe) were afraid to ask. It is especially designed for people who may have an interest in potentially serving on one of the City's many advisory boards, but just need more information about what is expected before throwing their hat into the ring and offering themselves up for community service to their city.

Classes will start at 6:00 p.m. and will end around 7:30 p.m. and will be held in various locations in the City. Depending upon the class's desire to participate in a session to be held on a late afternoon workday, the ability to walk or otherwise maneuver across uneven ground and to climb stairs would be a plus, as the late daytime session could consist of a tour of City public works facilities, including the wastewater treatment plant. Of course, those with more limited mobility would certainly be accommodated in appropriate ways on the treatment plant tour date.

The classes will be lead by West Melbourne City Manager Scott Morgan, a forty-year veteran of local government, the last nine years here in West Melbourne. Speakers from various departments as well as speakers from organizations that partner with West Melbourne will present throughout the seven session series. Class members will each receive a notebook of materials that is updated each session.

The West Melbourne Leadership Academy Class of 2018-2019 will be limited to not more than fifteen students. Family and friends will be invited to see certificates presented to those students who successfully complete the seven session program.

Applications for admission to the 2018-2019 West Melbourne Leadership Academy will be accepted until the course is full. To get an application, download it from www.westmelbourne.org, or call 837-7771 for more information or to get an application by e-mail, fax or mail.

Police Athletic League (PAL) News

The monthly "Food Truck Friday & More" is always held on the 4th Friday of each month and is now located at the West Melbourne Community Park, 3000 Minton Road. Come out to support your local West Melbourne PAL while enjoying the evening with family and friends. PAL will be hosting a great variety of food trucks as well as crafts and artist vendors. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets to enjoy the City's new family park and have dinner from your favorite local food truck. *Special note: due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November Food Truck event will be on November 30.*



Watch for our bowling registrations in January! We are accepting registrations for youths from 3rd thru 12th grades (times vary) for bowling after school at Shore Lanes on Dairy Road. If you are interested in participating, please register online at www.westmelbournepal.org for this fun and instructional program

Earn your High School community service hours through our Youth Director's Council program. They meet every Wednesday after school for ages 11 thru 18 for this year-round leadership program. Each PAL member works towards community service hours, donating their time and working with events such as the Children's Hunger Project, Random Acts of Kindness and other community service projects.

PAL is looking for coaches (basketball, bowling, fishing, billiards, etc.), mentors, and general volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with the PAL program, contact Leslee Brimer at lbrimer@westmelbourne.org or call 321-837-7781.

Babysitting Boot Camp

Babysitting is a fun job, but it can be challenging! The Babysitting Boot Camp is a great way to learn about handling emergencies, difficult situations, and building your own business. Participants will become American Heart Association CPR/AED/First Aid Certified as well as receive a babysitting certificate for completing the course. Join us in this interactive and fun workshop!



Call the Recreation Department at 837-7779 to be included in the next scheduled class.

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 an ordinance to include residential uses for properties zoned C-NH, Commercial New Haven.
- Selected Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for fiscal year 2018-2019 insurance coverage for Property, Crime, General Liability, Auto Liability and Physical Damage, Public Officials Liability, Employment Practices Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance.
- Approved the final plat for the Eber Cove subdivision, which is located on the south side of Eber Boulevard and east of the Manchester Lakes subdivision.
- Adopted a resolution approving a process for town center incentives to be provided to developers who demonstrate commitment to a layout and appearance that promotes a town center.
- Approved a contract amendment to extend the employment agreement with Police Chief Rick Wiley for four years.
- Approved the final 2018-2019 Stormwater Utility Fee Roll as prepared by Brevard County.
- Adopted an ordinance to change the code to require developers to pay City connection fees and other agency fees prior to issuance of a building permit instead of prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- Adopted a resolution setting the 2018-2019 millage rate at 2.6017. West Melbourne continues to levy ad valorem taxes per capita in an amount lower than almost all other cities in Brevard County and similar sized cities throughout the state.
- Adopted a resolution approving the 2018-2019 budget.
- Approved the final plat for Phase Two of Cypress Landings, a residential subdivision south of Imagine Way and east of Hollywood Boulevard.

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.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Come out on November 30 at 5:00 p.m. and join others in the community for the annual ceremonial lighting of West Melbourne's Christmas Tree in West Melbourne Community Park. Enjoy your favorite holiday music while sipping on hot chocolate and nibbling on Christmas cookies. Bring the kids because Santa Clause is expected to make an appearance.



Contact the Recreation Department at 837-7779 for more information.

Recycle Often, Recycle Right

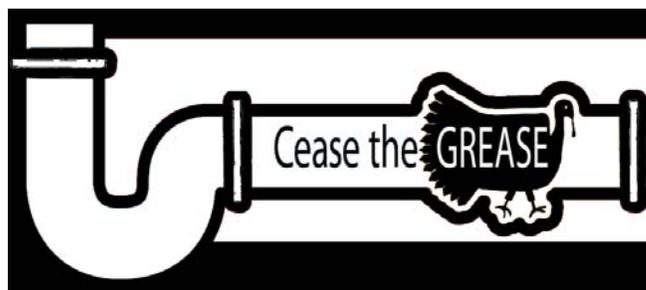
Waste Management is reminding customers that there are global challenges facing the recycling industry due to restricted markets and lower prices for recycled material. Customers are being asked to help both at work and at home to keep recycling environmentally and economically sustainable in your community.

To learn how you can reduce contamination in your recycled goods, go to recycleoftenrecycleright.com for more information.

Dispose of Holiday Grease Properly

This holiday season, avoid pouring bacon fat, leftover salad dressing, leftover gravy and grease turkey droppings down the drain. These things are considered FOG—fats, oils and grease—and will harden and solidify and create significant problems with not only your home's sewer system but also the City's mains that serve your entire neighborhood. Hardened grease can clog sewer pipes, causing wastewater to back up into homes.

Many holiday foods are considered FOG and should never be poured down the drain. Let the item cool and then place in a disposable container to be thrown out with your regular trash collection.



A Look at the Past: West Melbourne's Own Centenarian *By Peter Morton*

Georgia Smith has been a part of the history of West Melbourne most of her life. Georgia just celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Georgia was born in Gainesville, Florida, on July 15, 1916, and moved to the Melbourne/Eau Gallie area in 1940. At the time her husband was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base during World War II right after Pearl Harbor. Georgia would volunteer to climb the ladder as a volunteer Air Observer at the Eau Gallie Fire Department and record every plane that came in or out of the Melbourne area. She also volunteered with the Red Cross and wrapped bandages with other members of the community at the Oleander Hotel in Eau Gallie.

Georgia was a loyal member of Eastern Star where she became a Grand Officer. She was also a founding member of Central Baptist Church, located near what is now Florida Institute of Technology.

In 1954, she and her husband moved to West Melbourne. She has never considered anywhere else home. She and her family lived on the former Minton Road, which is now Meadowlane Avenue. She would greet children after school to frost cupcakes and distribute to those in need.

Georgia's life has been directed by The Lord Jesus Christ who has given her strength her entire life and is ready to go home when she is called.

Now at the young age of 102, she is active doing crossword puzzles and reading her bible. She has seen 18 Presidents and can name every one of them in order.

What a fine Lady!

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City Calendar

November 2018

4	Daylight Savings Time Ends	2:00 a.m.
6	Election Day	7:00 a.m.-7 p.m.
7	Police Pension Board	9:00 a.m.
9	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
13	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
14	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.
15	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
20	City Council	6:30 p.m.
22	Thanksgiving Holiday—Offices Closed	
23	Holiday—Offices Closed	
26	Business Advisory Board	6:30 p.m.

December 2018

4	City Council	6:30 p.m.
6	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
11	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
18	Community Redevelopment Agency	6:00 p.m.
18	City Council	6:30 p.m.
20	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve Holiday—Offices Closed	
25	Christmas Day Holiday—Offices Closed	