

The Sun Newsletter

City of West Melbourne's Community Publication

March/April 2019

Awards Presented by City Council

Lucky's Market

3170 W. New Haven Avenue

At the January 15, 2019, City Council meeting, Lucky's Market was presented with the "Business of the Quarter" award for their continuing commitment to the community.

Show from left to right are: Brandi Gibson, Charles Sanders, Mayor Hal J. Rose, Michael Klenotich, Norberto Morales, and Bianca Bushey.



Love Bugs Bakery

1609 S. Wickham Road

Council also recognized Love Bugs Bakery for "Business of the Quarter" for their support of the City of West Melbourne and working with community events.

Shown from left to right: Mayor Hal J. Rose, Ryan Meyers and Tonia Meyers.

Catherine Ziebell

Volunteer of the Year

Once a year a member of one of the City's boards or committees is nominated to receive the "Volunteer of the Year." For 2018, Catherine Ziebell received the "Volunteer of the Year" award and was recognized for her service on the Board of Adjustment as well as her continuing commitment to the community through her volunteer work.



Are you interested in serving on a City Board? There are currently openings on the **Board of Adjustment**. This Board meets once a month, if needed, to make decisions on appeals, special exceptions, variances and conditional uses. Complete an application online or contact the City Clerk at 321-837-7774 to have an application sent to you.

Spring Time Recommendations for Homeowners with Municipal Reuse

Typically in late March and throughout April, homeowner demand for reuse irrigation water peaks. When too many users irrigate at the same time, pressures to any particular property drop.

One of the pieces of advice the City can offer is that in advance of peak demand season, homeowners perform routine maintenance of their reuse irrigation systems. If homes on either side of your property seem to have adequate pressures, and your property does not, it may be that you have an irrigation system that is not performing at peak efficiency as it once did. Replacing sprinkler heads is one fairly inexpensive thing to consider trying that might just help considerably.

Another practical tip that is also beneficial to the health of your lawn is to not overwater. Before peak demand season begins, you should check your timer, consider upgrading your timer, and re-program the irrigation timing on each of your irrigation zones, insuring that you do not program any irrigation zone for longer than is necessary. For example, all things being equal, an irrigation zone on the north side of your property probably does not need as much time as zones on the south or west sides. Users may also consider programming their overall irrigation a bit later in their authorized cycle, where our historic peak period demand curves have consistently shown less than absolute peak demand.

The City also reminds citizens in our even/odd address reuse neighborhoods that it is imperative that homeowners not take reuse when it is the time allotted for your neighbors across the street to irrigate. Reminders will also be accomplished through the efforts of City Code Enforcement Officers, who help all our neighbors receiving reuse by seeking compliance with our reuse rules. These rules have been put in place for the benefit of all receiving reuse irrigation water, and may be found by visiting the City's web site at www.westmelbourne.org.

For questions about reuse, homeowners may contact the City's contract operator, Jacobs, at 321-984-0485.



The 2019 Brevard County Law Enforcement Torch Run/Walk in support of Special Olympics will be held on Thursday, April 18th. This is an approximate one mile run in West

Melbourne open to all ages. There is no fee but you must wear a previous year or current Law Enforcement Torch Run t-shirt. To obtain a 2019 t-shirt or for additional information, contact Sergeant Michelle Page at 321-723-9673 or by email at mpage@westmelbourne.org.

2019 Cycle Jam & Family Fun Fest



The 10th Annual Cycle Jam for the Kids will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Space Coast Field of Dreams at West Melbourne Community Park. Cycle Jam is a well-organized ride with full SAG (supplies and gear) support from experienced

riders and local bike shops. Four different rides are available: an escorted Family Fun Ride (7 miles), as well as longer rides of 32, 62, or 100 miles.

Rain or shine, a Family Fun Fest will follow, featuring over 40 agencies offering support and information for families and children, delicious food, games, activities, entertainment, raffles, face painting, fingerprinting, and more!

This event supports the Space Coast Early Intervention Center (SCEIC), a non-profit school providing inclusion-based education for pre-school through second grade children of all ability levels. At SCEIC, children with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other developmental challenges learn and grow alongside their typically developing peers. Corporate sponsors, teams, individual riders and volunteers are all welcome.

For more information, visit <http://www.sceic.com/> or call (321) 729-6858. To register, please visit <https://sceic.donorpages.com/CycleJam2019/>.

PAL Activities

Bowling at Shore Lanes on Dairy Road started in January and will run through the beginning of April. This program is instructional with the School Resource Officers working with the PAL students and bowling side by side. This program will continue in the summer and fall for 3rd through 8th grade students.

Our monthly "Food Truck Friday" is always held at the West Melbourne Community Park on the 4th Friday of each month. PAL is partnering with the West Melbourne Recreation Department to provide entertainment such as movies and live bands.

PAL is looking for coaches (basketball, bowling, fishing, billiards, etc), mentors, and general volunteers. All volunteers will be required to pass a background check. Contact Leslee Brimer at 321-837-7781 or lbrimer@westmelbourne.org.

Check the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org for programs, registration and information.

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:

- Approved the future land use and rezoning to institutional for property located on Minton Road adjacent to the U.S. Post Office.
- Approved a revised concept site plan and Binding Development Plan for the YourLife Memory Care facility to be located on Minton Road adjacent to the U.S. Post Office.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2018-19 to amend the calculation of the recreation fee and to reduce the amount of maximum partial credit for private recreation areas.
- Approved the task order for a project proposed for Columbia Lane/Brandywine Lane water main extension.
- Approved a gated community and recreation impact fee agreement for Springs at Hibiscus Crossing.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2018-20 updating the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
- Approved the meeting schedule for City Council for 2019.
- Approved a proposed agreement between Space Coast Field of Dreams, Inc., and City of West Melbourne regarding future maintenance and operation of Field of Dreams sports complex, playground and programs.
- Approved a replat of a portion of the West Melbourne Interchange Center commercial subdivision.
- Approved a task order for the design of a stormwater management area to be located on City property at the site of the Ray Bullard Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Directed staff to provide additional studies for traffic and environmental impact be conducted for the Doherty Drive/Heritage Oaks Boulevard Extension project.
- Approved a Compensation and Classification Study completed by Evergreen Solutions and approved Resolution No. 2018-43 to amend the budget to include a "move to market" solution for increases.
- Approved the future land use and rezoning for a property located at 1220 South Wickham Road to allow for the extension of the commercial use.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2019-02 amending the budget to provide for additional staffing needed in the Parks and Recreation Department to operate and maintain the Space Coast Field of Dreams.
- Directed staff to contact the City of Melbourne with concerns about a proposed comprehensive plan text amendment for property west of Sawgrass Lakes in the City of Melbourne.

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.

DEA Prescription Drug Take Back

On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the West Melbourne Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 16th opportunity in 8 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands, which is dangerous and often tragic.

The DEA **cannot accept liquids, needles or Sharps, only pills or patches.** The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. For additional information, contact Sergeant Michelle Page or Evidence Custodian Mike Searfoss at 321-723-9673.



Recreation Events

Concerts in the park has moved to Friday nights and will run every Friday evening from March 8 through April 12. Check the City's website for more details.



"Car Boot Sale" will be held at the West Melbourne Community Park on March 16. Register to park your car and sell items from the trunk or "boot" of your car.

There will be a special Florida BMX (FLBMX) Skatepark Series held at the West Melbourne Community Park on April 6. Stay tuned for more details.



Tuesday evening Belly Dancing Classes at the Veterans Memorial Complex will include a class on "Techniques" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and a separate class on "Choreography" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Call the Recreation Department at 837-7779 for more information on these and other events.

A Look at the Past: From Russia With Love

By Peter J. Morton

The year was 1995. A very active group from the local soccer organization held a Holiday Challenge over the Thanksgiving holiday. There were teams from Dallas, Atlanta, Washington as well as kids from all over Florida. This particular year, West Melbourne hosted a girls U13 team from Moscow. One family hosted the coaches and the interpreter. Each Russian girl was paired with one girl of the same age for the week.

During the week, one of the Russian girls became sick. The coach was contacted by the host family and, through the interpreter, was told to dip a rag in kerosene and wrap it around the girl's neck. The host family did not have kerosene so they were told to dip the rag in vodka and wrap it around the girl's neck so that she could play the next day.

The highlight of the visit was on Thanksgiving Day. All the host parents and the girls joined together at the Melbourne Village Hall. There was a long table filled with food. When the Russian girls came in, they were absolutely astounded with the amount of food – they had never seen anything like it.

By the end of the week the young girls from the host families and the Russian girls were good friends.

The Russian girls team did win the U13 girls group at the Holiday Challenge that year.



(Back L-R) Council Member Daniel Batcheldor, Deputy Mayor Pat Bentley, Council Member John Dittmore, and Council Member Adam Gaffney
(Front L-R) Council Member Andrea Young, Mayor Hal J. Rose, and Council Member Barbara A. Smith.

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Mayor's State of the City

Mayor Hal Rose presented the City's 2018 year in review and a look ahead to 2019 in the "State of the City" presentation on January 15, 2019. To view the presentation, search for the presentation under the city's website at www.westmelbourne.org.

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City Calendar

March 2019

6	Community Redevelopment Agency	6:00 p.m.
6	City Council	6:30 p.m.
12	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
13	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.
19	City Council	6:30 p.m.
21	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
28	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.

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2	City Council	6:30 p.m.
10	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
16	City Council	6:30 p.m.
18	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
22	Business Advisory Board	6:30 p.m.
25	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.