

The Sun Newsletter

City of West Melbourne's Community Publication

November/December 2019

Council Honors Businesses of the Quarter

On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, the City Council awarded Business of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of 2019 to **Chick-fil-A** for their continued contributions to the many programs that are held by the City.



Pictured from left to right: Tevin Powell, Scott Washburn, David Walton, Shelly Walton, Council Member Andrea Young, Mayor Hal Rose, and Business Advisory Board Member Brian DeGonzague.

Council also awarded Business of the Quarter to **Classic Automotive Repair** for their continued support to insure that local needy families have meals over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



Pictured from left to right: Lisa Locke, Wayne Locke, Council Member Andrea Young, Shane Locke, Mayor Hal Rose, and Business Advisory Board Member Brian DeGonzague.

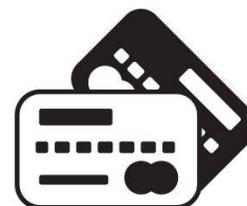
Credit Card Security Scam Alert

Imagine this scenario: You receive a call from your credit card company - let's say it's Visa, for this exercise. "Visa Security Department" is showing up on your caller ID display, so you pick up. The caller says "This is Jamie from the Visa Fraud Protection Department. Sorry to bother you, we've identified suspicious activity on your Visa card and believe it may be fraudulent. Did you purchase gas for \$87 in Burbank, California?" You didn't and quickly say no. "We thought so. Did you lose your card?" she asks. You didn't and confirm you have it. Jamie asks "We need to confirm your identity. Can you answer a couple of security questions before we proceed?" It all sounds exactly like you've heard before. Next Jamie asks to confirm your card number and three digit security code on the back. You read them to her and she says "That's correct, your money will be refunded in five business days."



Unfortunately it's a scam and not only won't you get a refund, they're already making charges on your account. Scammers get names, addresses, numbers from social media, data breaches, or subscribers lists sold to third parties. All they need is the credit card number

and security code on the back This scam has also been reported as a robocall asking you to press a number to speak with a security agent. **Avoid this scam by hanging up and calling your lender using the number on the card itself.** Learn more about credit card scams and share this information with your family and friends.



Certificate of Recognition

At the meeting of September 17, 2019, Mayor Hal Rose and City Council presented a certificate of recognition to Jake Yanko. Jake is a resident of West Melbourne and recently competed at the 2019 National X-Games and won bronze in the Next X Skateboard Park Category.



Congratulations to Jake!

Recreation Events

November 10—Troop Salute

Veterans Celebration Concert
West Melbourne Community Park Amphitheater
12 Noon-2 p.m.

November 14

Lights of Love
West Melbourne Community Park Amphitheater
5:00-8:30 p.m.

November 16

BMX Cycle Event
West Melbourne Community Park

December 6

West Melbourne 60th Anniversary Celebration
West Melbourne Community Park—Field of Dreams
4:30-6:30 p.m. with meal at 5:00 p.m.



December 6

Tree Lighting Celebration
West Melbourne Community Park Amphitheater
6:00 p.m.

December 13

Pineapple Cove Classical Academy Holiday Concert
West Melbourne Community Park Amphitheater
5:00-9:00 p.m.



Other things to check out in Recreation include:

Wallyball — a type of volleyball played in the racquetball courts.

Fit Camp — offered by Coach Shelly—80 percent nutrition and 20 percent fitness.

Contact the Recreation department at 321-837-7779 for more information on these and other programs.

City of West Melbourne Celebrates 60 years

Announcing a celebration for 60 years as an incorporated city. To commemorate the original country living theme of the City founders, there will be a casual outdoor dinner on Friday, December 6, 2019. Please consider joining City officials and staff at the West Melbourne Community Park. Tickets will go on sale in October.

Stay tuned to the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org for more details.

Following the meal, all are invited to the City's annual tree lighting ceremony. Seasonal music will help to put everyone in a festive mood as we light up the park.



City Council Adopts the 2019-2020 Budget

On September 17, 2019, the City Council adopted a \$36.5 million budget for the City's fiscal year starting October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020. The new budget is 1.2% larger than the adopted 2018-2019 budget. The general fund budget is \$15.67 million, which is a decrease of 10.6 percent largely due to the reduction in capital improvement expenditures.

Several projects are proposed for 2019-2020 which will use funds designated in specific enterprise funds. These projects include:

- Sylvan Drive Septic-to-Sewer Conversion project.
- Engineering and construction for a water main along the M-1 canal from the eastern city limits to Wickham Road.
- Engineering design to replace several aging water mains in and around the Melbourne Estates neighborhood.
- Construction of a new water main serving the most westerly part of West Melbourne from the north end of Columbia Lane, under U.S. 192, along Brandywine and east under I-95 to connect with a line in Coastal Commerce.
- Engineering and design to construct the extensions of Heritage Oaks Boulevard and Doherty Drive.
- Replacement of two large sections of sewer force main serving the northwest area of West Melbourne.

For more information, the budget is available on the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org.

2019-2020 West Melbourne Leadership Academy Class Accepting Applications

For citizens of West Melbourne with inquiring minds and service-oriented hearts, a new West Melbourne Leadership Academy will start November 13, 2019. The Leadership Academy class will run on Wednesday evenings for seven weeks, skipping the day before Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The seven session series will conclude with the class to be held on January 15, 2020.

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 are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. and typically end between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 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 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-one year veteran of local government, the last ten 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 2019-2020 will be limited to 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 2019-2020 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.



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 Ordinance No. 2019-18 increasing sewer charges effective October 1, 2019.
- Approved Resolution No. 2019-17 authorizing the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant application for the construction of a proposed flood risk reduction project.
- Awarded a contract for the Sylvan Drive Septic-to-Sewer Project to Atlantic Development Company of Cocoa in the amount of \$2,322,551.
- Approved agreements with Florida Power & Light and the Florida Department of Transportation for street lighting on U.S. 192 from Pearl Street to Dairy Road.
- Approved Resolution No. 2019-19 adopting the 2019-2020 stormwater fund budget and certifying the stormwater utility assessment with no change in fee methodology or rate.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2019-21 to modify the qualifying period for candidates for Mayor and Council.
- Approved Resolution No. 2019-20 setting the 2019-2020 millage rate of 2.6017.
- Approved Resolution No. 2019-21 approving the 2019-2020 budget.
- Approved a task order with Infrastructure Solution Services for the engineering for the Meadowlane Avenue Force Main Replacement project.

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.

A Look at the Past: Realignment of Minton Road

By Peter Morton

Minton Road, as we know it, made a dramatic change in the early 1980's. It was a two-lane road that ran in front of West Melbourne Elementary School for Science; which at that time was Meadowlane Elementary School and continued north to Bank of America.

At the intersection of Minton Road (now Meadowlane Avenue) if you wanted to go north on Wickham Road, two lanes that the time, you had to turn west on New Haven Avenue; also a two lane road, go one block, then turn north on Wickham Road. Naturally, this created a gridlock at both intersections.

In order to create this configuration, Brevard County purchased 18 houses via eminent domain. These houses were torn down in order to realign Minton Road to connect with Wickham Road.



(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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City Calendar

November 2019

3	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
5	City Council	6:30 p.m.
6	Police Officer's Retirement Board	9:00 a.m.
12	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
13	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.
14	Charter Review Committee	6:30 p.m.
14	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
19	City Council	6:30 p.m.
21	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
25	Business Advisory Board	6:30 p.m.
28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday—Offices Closed	

December 2019

3	City Council	6:30 p.m.
11	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
12	Charter Review Committee	6:30 p.m.
17	Community Redevelopment Agency	6:00 p.m.
17	City Council	6:30 p.m.
18	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
19	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
24-25	Christmas Holiday—Offices Closed	

Reminder to Utility Customers

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please take a moment to update your contact phone number and/or email address information with us. It is important that we are able to contact you to keep you informed of any issues regarding your account.

A quick link, "**Contact Information Update**," has been added to our website at www.westmelbourne.org/utilities.

If you do not have access to a computer, there is a blank form on the back of your bill. You can also pick up the form at City Hall or call 321-837-7750 to have one mailed to you.



Thank you for helping us better serve you.

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