

The Sun Newsletter

City of West Melbourne's Community Publication

January/February 2020

Mayors' Fitness Challenge

In an effort to encourage Brevard County families to get healthier and more active, the City of West Melbourne will participate in the 4th Annual Health First Mayors' Fitness Challenge sponsored by Health First and United Way.

Mayor Hal Rose will be forming a team for West Melbourne again this year. The team with the most points earned by participating in physical fitness events and activities will be named the winner. The event will include an individual weight loss competition for adults with a cash prize. All you have to do is get moving and track your activity.

If you are interested in participating on the West Melbourne team, registration opens December 9, 2019, and runs through January 8, 2020. Kick-off walks will be scheduled throughout Brevard County on February 1, 2020. For more information, or to register, please visit www.uwbrevard.org and select "West Melbourne" as your team!

Although you are encouraged to attend any and all of the other City's community walk events, Mayor Rose will be holding his annual Walk at West Melbourne Community Park. The date and more information will be provided on the City's website once available.



Police Department Accreditation

Accreditation has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. It is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. On Tuesday November 19, 2019 the West Melbourne Police Department underwent their formal assessment for reaccreditation. Three assessors were chosen by CFA (Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation) to extensively review files, interview members and observe multiple areas of the Department.

On Thursday November 21, 2019, an exit interview was conducted with Police Chief Rick Wiley, his command staff, officers and civilians, as well as other members from the City, in which the assessors provided a detailed overview of their findings. The assessors verified that the Department was in full compliance with all 239 standards, 158 of those standards being mandatory. The team praised the Department's personnel for their professionalism, commitment to the law enforcement profession, and dedication to the community. The assessors unanimously recommended that the West Melbourne Police Department be reviewed favorably by the full Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc.

The Panel Review and Commission Meeting will be held at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine on Thursday February 20, 2020, where Chief Wiley and his staff will be recognized and awarded for their reaccreditation.



Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is designed to provide citizens with a greater understanding of the West Melbourne Police Department and its operations through class lectures and hands-on experiences. It is our goal to make this course an informative and enjoyable experience for all of those involved. The academy will include officer instructions, a case study, field trips, and other fun, hands-on interactive events. Course curriculum will include such topics as: criminal investigations, mock crime scene investigation, criminal law, patrol operations, traffics stops, officer safety, defensive tactics, and more. The overall objective is to further partnerships in making West Melbourne a great place to live, work, and raise our families!

The West Melbourne Police Department will conduct an 11-week spring session beginning on February 5, 2020. Class size is limited. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the West Melbourne Police Department. Upon conclusion of the 11-week academy, participants will receive a certificate of completion. The sessions are FREE and open to all who pass the application and background screening process. The Police Department confidentially reviews all applications for approval.

Interested candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Resident or employed by a business in the City
- 21 years of age
- No misdemeanor arrests within 2 years
- No felony arrests within 5 years
- No felony convictions
- No convictions for crimes of violence or domestic violence or moral turpitude
- No DUI or drug convictions in the past 4 years
- Commitment to attend each session

Applications may be picked up at the West Melbourne Police Department or email your request to Sgt. Graig Erenstoft at gerenstoft@westmelbourne.org. For more information contact Sgt. Erenstoft at 321-723-9673 x1746.



Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Florida



All around the world, Special Olympics has a formidable and caring legion of protectors and supporters: the law enforcement community. The signature event of the law enforcement community's year-round support is the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Florida.

Every year, the Flame of Hope™ has traversed Florida in an intrastate relay of simultaneous routes throughout the state, covering countless thousands of miles. The torch is carried by local and state law enforcement officers all the way to the Opening Ceremony of Florida's annual State Summer Games.

On Thursday, April 16, 2020, the Flame of Hope™ torch will be passed to the West Melbourne Police Department at Calvary Chapel located at 2955 Minton Road. The Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest annual public relations and fund-raising event for Special Olympics Florida. Funds are generated through the sale of the popular Torch Run T-shirts and hats, and through various local fundraising events. You can support Special Olympics Florida and your local law enforcement agency by buying this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run commemorative t-shirt or hat at the West Melbourne Police Department Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

AlertBrevard Notifications

For years the City of West Melbourne has relied on an emergency alert system provided by CodeRED for delivering time-sensitive notifications to residents. This mass notification system has served the City well but recently an opportunity became available to partner on the same emergency alert system as Brevard County Emergency Management. With this opportunity comes enhanced notification capabilities at a reduced cost.

This shared system is called AlertBrevard. Through AlertBrevard we are able to deliver critical information related to incidents such as severe weather, boil water notices, law enforcement alerts, protective actions, etc. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify - such as your home, mobile, or business phones as well as your email address, text messages, and more.

Residents are encouraged to sign up at: www.westmelbourne.org/AlertBrevard.



Recreation Activities

New Zumba Classes—Friday from 10-11 a.m.—Veterans Memorial Complex



Fit Camp—Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 6 a.m.—West Melbourne Community Park

Food Truck Friday—4th Friday of each month—West Melbourne Community Park

New Line Dancing Class—Monday—Veterans Memorial Complex

6-7 p.m. Beginner

7-8 p.m. Improvers

8-9 p.m. Intermediate



Wild West Dinner Theater—January 10 from 6-10 p.m.—West Melbourne Community Park

2020 Winter Concert Series—Friday evenings starting in February.

Many other programs are offered for children, including exercise, music and dance. Check out all of the programs offered by the Recreation Department on the City's website at www.westmelbourne.org.

Contact Recreation Department at 837-7779 for more information.

What is Going There?

Site work construction is underway on the east side of Minton Road, immediately south of the West Melbourne Post Office. What will be going there?

The answer is that the site will become a 100-bed memory care center. The 7.58 acre YourLife of West Melbourne project will feature a pond to the rear of the property adjacent to the Woodfield at Heritage Oaks neighborhood, parking along the east and west sides of the 60,000 square foot single-story building with a center courtyard, a primary entry off of Minton Road, shared with an undeveloped remaining parcel to the south, and a stabilized secondary driveway off of Heritage Oaks Boulevard opposite the Boughton Way entrance to the new Heritage Pointe neighborhood.



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:

- Received the final Water Plant Feasibility Study Report and authorized work to be completed by the consultant, Hazen and Sawyer, for design and bid for a test/production well to the Floridian Aquifer.
- Approved a contract with Evoquo Water Technologies for odor control services at the Ray Bullard Water Reclamation Facility Headworks Structure.
- Approved a small scale amendment and rezoning for 1.15 acres of property located on the west side of Coastal Lane for the St. Johns River Water Management District to place a pump to divert stormwater to reduce nutrients entering the Indian River Lagoon.
- Approved the purchase of property at 3010 Dairy Road for the future expansion of Fell Road east to Dairy Road.
- Approved an Interlocal agreement with the City of Melbourne assigning primary law enforcement jurisdictions on certain rights-of-way.
- Approved the preliminary plat for Phase 1 of the Space Coast Town Center.
- Awarded a bid for the Greenboro Force Main Replacement Project to Southern Underground Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$945,267.

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: Important Dates

In recognition of the 60th anniversary celebrated in December, we are sharing a short list of important dates in the City's history:

- 9/11/1959 West Melbourne was incorporated as the "Town of West Melbourne"
- 8/1/1961 First meeting held at 90 East Court—first Town Hall built for \$15,700
- 2/2/1965 Sewer plant is purchased for \$225,000
- 7/14/1970 City Charter passed by HB 5390 and becomes a "City"
- 11/27/1974 Purchased land at 2285 Minton Rd for \$18,900—reserved for public use
- 7/11/1978 Agreement with City of Melbourne for the purchase of water
- 4/3/1979 Bryant Adams Park dedicated at 2285 Minton Road
- 11/15/1987 Dedication of City Hall at 2285 Minton Road
- 9/11/1989 First time capsule sealed to be opened in 2059 at the City's 100th anniversary
- 6/20/1995 Purchase of 14-acre parcel on corner of Henry and Minton for future police and public works for \$300,000
- 5/15/1999 New Police Station dedicated at 2290 Minton Road
- 7/12/2005 City Council adopts ad valorem tax
- 6/18/2010 New City Hall dedicated at 2240 Minton Road
- 1/11/2011 Former Max K. Rodes Park deeded to City from Brevard County
- 1/5/2016 Grand opening of Space Coast Field of Dreams
- 9/22/2018 Grand opening of West Melbourne Community Park

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(Back L-R) Council Member Daniel Batcheldor, Council Member Pat Bentley, Deputy Mayor John Dittmore, and Council Member Adam Gaffney
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City Calendar

January 2020

1	New Year's Day—Offices Closed	
8	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.
9	Charter Review Committee	6:30 p.m.
14	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
16	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Offices Closed	
21	City Council	6:30 p.m.
23	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
29	Police Officer's Retirement Board	9:00 a.m.

February 2020

4	City Council	6:30 p.m.
11	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
13	Charter Review Committee	6:30 p.m.
17	President's Day—Offices Closed	
18	City Council	6:30 p.m.
20	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
24	Business Advisory Board	6:30 p.m.
27	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.