West Melbourne Salutes Hometown Heroes

The City of West Melbourne’s Hometown Heroes program honors residents who are actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or are veterans, as well as immediate family members of residents who were killed in the line of duty. From November 1 through November 21, 2021, the City will display Hometown Heroes street pole banners along West New Haven Avenue between Circle Drive and Interstate 95. The banners will include the honoree’s name, branch of service, era of service, and photograph.

Qualified nominees will be selected for banners on a first come, first serve basis. To qualify for a banner, honorees must be either:

- a current City of West Melbourne resident who is a United States Armed Forces active duty or honorably discharged service member; or

- the immediate family member of a current City of West Melbourne resident who died in the line of duty. Immediate family members include wife or husband, son or daughter, mother or father, or grandson or granddaughter.

The City will accept applications for the Hometown Heroes program between June 14 and July 30, 2021. For more information on the Hometown Heroes banner program or to apply, please visit www.westmelbourne.gov/heroes, visit City Hall at 2240 Minton Road, West Melbourne, or call 321-837-7772.

AlertBrevard Notification

The City of West Melbourne recently moved to an emergency alert system provided by Brevard County Emergency Management to receive mass notifications for critical information related to incidents such as severe weather, boil water notices, law enforcement alerts, protective actions, etc.

Once you sign up, 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.

AlertBrevard is used by Brevard County Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, and other local public agencies to notify businesses and residents for public safety purposes such as hazardous materials incidents, wildfires threatening homes, boil water notices, and other emergency situations. The calls will provide specific instructions for people to follow in order to keep themselves and others safe.

Residents are encouraged to sign up at: https://www.westmelbourne.gov/AlertBrevard
Proclamation For Women’s Lung Health Week

On May 4, 2021, Mayor Hal Rose issued a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 7-13, 2021, as Women’s Lung Health Week in the City and encouraged residents to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer.

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 the last few months:

- Approved Ordinance No. 2021-01 annexing 34.52 acres west of Columbia Lane and north of U.S. 192.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2021-02 and Ordinance No. 2021-03 to adopt a large scale comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning for 34.52 acres located west of Columbia Lane and north of U.S. 192 to allow for commercial and industrial uses.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2021-04 annexing 23.27 acres located along Carriage Gate Drive and west of Minton Road.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2021-05 and Ordinance No. 2021-06 to adopt a comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning for 23.27 acres of property located along Carriage Gate Drive and west of Minton Road to allow for low density residential use.
- Approved an agreement for a $160,674 grant from the Save Our Indian River Lagoon for a stormwater management retention area at the Ray Bullard Wastewater Reclamation Facility, located at 1415 Henry Avenue.
- Approved an agreement for a $4,260,000 grant from the Save Our Indian River Lagoon for the Ray Bullard Wastewater Reclamation Facility Nutrient Removal Project.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2021-12 removing multiple-family as a permitted use in the Commercial Parkway (C-P) zoning district.
- Awarded a bid to Loren Jock Trucking in the amount of $1,143,702 to construct a stormwater management area on City land at the wastewater facility.
- Selected the auditing firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram to perform the City's financial audit for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021 through 2024.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-14 approving the City’s group insurance plan for 2021-2022.
- Approved the pro forma and directed the City Manager to proceed with a request for proposal to investigate the feasibility of the City of West Melbourne forming its own Fire Department.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-16 approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Florida regarding the allocation of settlement proceeds from opioid litigation.

For more information on Council meetings, visit the City’s website at www.westmelbourne.gov. View agendas, minutes, summaries of action, or watch a Council meeting live.

Hurricane Disaster Supply Kit

As another hurricane season arrives, residents are reminded to be aware and to prepare for any disaster that could occur. One part of preparing for an emergency is to build a hurricane disaster supply kit. The kit is a collection of essential items your household may need in the event of an emergency. Assemble the kit now and, if you evacuate, take the kit with you.

Start by evaluating your own personal needs and inventory what you use every day. Identify the essential items you will need for at least three days. Suggested items to include are water (one gallon of water per person, per day, for at least three days), nonperishable food for three days, battery powered radio; flashlight, first aid kit, spare batteries, cash, cell phone charges or inverter, important family documents and insurance policies, prescriptions and medication. Remember to include items for your pet and activities for children.

Having a plan for what to do in the event of an emergency is the most important step you can take. Think about the situations which can affect our community and how that could impact your household or business. If separated, make sure you have a designated meeting point and that everyone knows where it is.

For more information and a more detailed list of items to place in your disaster kit, visit the Brevard County Emergency Management website at https://brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement.
Recreation Programs Start Back Up

With the growing number of persons in Brevard County who have been vaccinated to protect against becoming seriously ill from the COVID-19 virus as well as the declining number of new cases in the County, indoor recreation program and classes are now being scheduled.

**Upcoming Classes:**

**Nicole Cote School of Dance** classes will be starting in the Fall on Fridays. Classes for 3-5 year olds will be from 3:15-4:00 pm and ages 6-9 will be from 4:00-4:45 pm.

**Line Dance** will be held on Mondays from 6-9 pm starting on July 12.

**Windows 10** classes will also start on July 12 and will be held from 6-8 pm.

**Ongoing classes in the West Melbourne Community Park are:**

**Belly Dance:** Beginner Belly Dance & Dancer Stretch at the Amphitheater on Saturdays from 9-10 am.

**Tai Chi:** At the Field of Dreams Concession Pavilion from 9-11 am.

**Yoga:** At the Amphitheater on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 pm.

To sign up for recreation classes, contact the City’s Parks and Recreation Department at 321-837-7779.

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Please see our listed payment options on our city website: [https://www.westmelbourne.gov/utilities](https://www.westmelbourne.gov/utilities). If you have questions or are unsure please call our office at 321-727-7700.
A Look at the Past:
Alleged Local Links to Jimmy Hoffa

Links to Jimmy Hoffa in Brevard County can be confirmed through the Brevard County official records. Vacant property was owned by Jimmy Hoffa and his wife Josephine in the Sun Valley subdivision in the Titusville area along Barna Avenue. However, there were rumors that Jimmy Hoffa was associated with property in West Melbourne.

In 1964 the City was considering the purchase of the sewer plant from Frank Canova. Mayor Kelly George was instructed by Council to negotiate a purchase price. At the meeting of April 7, 1964, the minutes reflect a citizen cautioning Council on the purchase because there was a million dollar mortgage on the property held by Jimmy Hoffa. Of course this was only a rumor probably spurred by the knowledge that Jimmy Hoffa had a connection to property further north in the County. The Council wisely chose to move forward with negotiating the purchase and bought the sewer plant in February of 1965 for $225,000. At that time the plant served 722 homes.

Today the City’s sewer plant has been expanded and now includes reuse water. The plant services almost 11,000 accounts, both residential and commercial, and there are 2,100 reuse customers. The City contracts with Jacobs for the operations and maintenance of the Ray Bullard Water Reclamation Facility and the sanitary sewage collection and disposal system, as well as the reclaimed water distribution system.

City Calendar

July 2021

5  Independence Day Holiday—Offices Closed
13 Planning and 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 Board of Adjustment 7:00 p.m.
28 Police Officers’ Retirement Board 9:00 a.m.

August 2021

3  National Night Out
3  City Council 6:30 p.m.
11 Planning and Zoning Board 6:30 p.m.
17 Community Redevelopment Agency 6:00 p.m.
17 City Council 6:30 p.m.
19 Code Enforcement Board 5:30 p.m.
23 Business Advisory Board 6:30 p.m.
26 Board of Adjustment 7:00 p.m.