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Melbourne Messenger



Community Information from the City of Melbourne

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Independence Day celebration includes park concert, fireworks display

A fireworks display over the Indian River Lagoon is to provide the highlight of a July 4th celebration sponsored by the City of Melbourne at Claude Edge Front Street Park.

The Wednesday events at the park are free and open to the public. The fireworks display is scheduled for 9:15 p.m.

After Mayor John Buckley officially opens the evening activities at the park, the Melbourne Municipal Band is to perform from 6:15 to 7 p.m., and a Brevard Symphony Orchestra concert begins at 8 p.m.

Activities for children are to be provided at the park from 1 to 6 p.m. by City recreation staff. There is a charge of \$5 per child for participation in games. Food concessions are to operate at the park between 1 and 9 p.m.

Tens of thousands attend the display each year, and parking near the event is

Bus service and traffic changes improve safety

Several steps have been announced to increase safety and improve the flow of traffic in the vicinity of the July 4th celebration at Claude Edge Front Street Park.

Traffic Coordinator John Porter said the measures will also prevent delays in free bus service between the Melbourne Auditorium and the park, being provided by Space Coast Area Transit.

"We encourage everyone to park at the Melbourne Auditorium and take a free bus ride to the park," said Porter. "Otherwise, people should

limited. Free bus rides from Melbourne Auditorium are offered by Brevard County's Space Coast Area Transit. A bus is to depart every 10 minutes between 3:30 p.m. and 9:50 p.m.

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic is not allowed on the Melbourne Causeway during the fireworks display, and during a brief safety check afterwards.

Also planned on July 4th is a 10 a.m. Independence Day parade through downtown. The parade is to begin at Honor America's Liberty Bell Museum on Hickory Street, then will move south to Fee Avenue, west to Pine Street, then eastward along New Haven Avenue through the historic downtown area, concluding near U.S. 1. The City co-sponsors the parade with Honor America, Inc.

The evening fireworks display is funded park outside the immediate area and walk to the Front Street Park."

He said that Melbourne police officers are to be stationed at the intersections of U.S. 1 with Strawbridge Avenue and New Haven Avenue to assist pedestrians in crossing the highway.

Traffic flow changes for the event include the closing of New Haven Avenue between Front Street and U.S. 1 from noon to 10:30 p.m. A short section of Melbourne Avenue near Front Street will be restricted to westbound traffic only.

Porter said all traffic will be prohibited on the Melbourne Causeway from 8:30 p.m. until about 20 minutes after the fireworks display is concluded.

The boat ramp at Front Street is to be closed between 5 p.m. on July 3 and 9 a.m. on July 5.

On the map at left, the light blue areas indicate where traffic flow will be restricted on July 4th. The letter "H" indicates the locations of parking spaces for handicapped persons.

INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES

- 10 a.m. Parade through historic downtown area (New Haven Avenue).
- 1 - 6 p.m. Family Games at the Park.
- 1 - 9 p.m. Food Concessions at the Park.
- 3:30 p.m. Free bus transportation from Melbourne Auditorium to the park begins, with departures every 10 minutes.
- 6 p.m. Welcome by Mayor John Buckley.
- 6:15-7 p.m. Melbourne Municipal Band.
- 8 p.m. Brevard Symphony Orchestra
- 9:15 p.m. Melbourne Community Fireworks

by community contributions. Co-sponsors include Brevard County and Harris Sanitation, each providing \$1,000. Co-sponsors contributing \$500 include FLORIDA TODAY; Frazier Engineering, Inc.; Melbourne Art Festival Inc.; Melbourne Greyhound Park; Morse Communications, Inc.; Nannie Lee's Strawberry Mansion & Mister BeauJean's Restaurants; Outlaw, Rice & Jones, Inc.; Pruitt Insurance; Rockwell-Collins; and the City of West Melbourne. Additional contributors are listed on the back page.

Guide included with newsletter

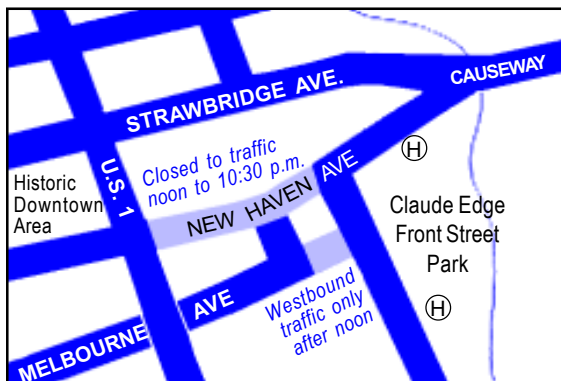
Accompanying this issue of "Melbourne Messenger" is a copy of the 2001 "Melbourne Community Guide," which includes a map and information to aid the community in accessing government services.

The guide information is contained in a four-page section inserted into this issue of "Melbourne Messenger," along with page 2 of this newsletter edition.

City Manager Henry Hill said the guide answers many questions which are frequently received by municipal offices.

"We must continue working at making government services more convenient, and this guide does that by providing telephone numbers and locations," said Hill.

The guide, produced by the City's Public Information Office, will also be provided to new residents and businesses.



A City of Parks: Melbourne's outdoor & recreational opportunities

Many types of **recreation classes** are provided by Melbourne's Leisure Services Department, 255-4608. Class topics range from karate to dance, dog obedience, painting, and crafts. **Tennis lessons** are available at Fee Avenue Park, 674-5720, & Jimmy Moore Park, 255-4613. For information about facility rentals at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, call 255-4608, or for information about rentals at the Auditorium or Front Street Community Center, call 674-5700.

Recreation Centers & Parks with facilities

The Melbourne Auditorium, 674-5700, at 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., is the site of many community events and conferences, and is available for rentals, as are a number of other City facilities.

Ballard Park, east end of Thomas Barbour Drive, basketball courts, playground, tennis courts, picnic pavilions & boat ramp.

Bean Park & Holmes Park, located in the vicinity of Melbourne Avenue just south of the downtown area, near Crane Creek.

Carver Park Recreation Center, park & ballfield, 255-4625, at 1092 Swan St.

Crane Community Center, park, pool, & ballfield, 255-4609, at 1440 Mosswood Dr.

Crane Creek Promenade boardwalk & manatee watch area, east end of Melbourne Avenue on Crane Creek.

Eau Gallie Civic Center, 255-4608, gym, meeting rooms, at 1551 Highland Ave.

Fee Ave. Park, ballfield, 674-5718 (when field is in use), tennis, 674-5720, pool, 674-5719, 118 E. Fee Ave.

Claude Edge Front Street Park & Front Street Civic Center, 674-5722 (when facility is in use), 2210 S. Front St. Direct rental inquiries to 255-4608.

Grant Street Community Center, 674-5723, gymnasium, meeting rooms, weight room, 2547 S. Grant St.

Lipscomb Park Community Center, 674-5725, pool, weight room, ballfields, at 3316 S. Monroe St.

McGrath BallField, 255-4616 (when field is in use), at 1975 Stewart Road.

Jimmy Moore Park, with baseball field, 255-4612 (when field is in use), and tennis courts, 255-4613, at 2810 Sarno Road.



Pineapple Park, playground & picnic area, fishing pier nearby, off Pineapple Ave.

Ruffner Park, playground, located off Country Club Road north of Florida Tech.

Southwest Park & sports fields, 674-6056 (when fields in use), at 407 W. Florida Ave.

Wells Park, located between Hibiscus Boulevard and Fee Avenue, adjacent to the Melbourne Auditorium and the Melbourne Library. Also located in the area is Honor America's Liberty Bell Museum, 727-1776.

Smaller neighborhood parks include *Babcock Park*, at the intersection of Babcock Street and New Haven Avenue; *Bennie J. Hopkins Sr. Park* at Grant Street and Ryoiland Street; *Campbell Park* at New Haven Avenue and Melbourne Court; *Cleve Frink Park* off Lipscomb Street south of University Boulevard; *Joe Mullins Park* off Crown Boulevard; *Triangle Park*, at the west end of the Eau Gallie Causeway; *Grandview Park*, at the end of Grandview Way; *Harry Lawrence Park*, at New Haven Avenue and Strawbridge Avenue; *Holmes Park*, at Melbourne Court and Melbourne Avenue; *Lagoon Park*, off Lagoon Avenue; *Magnolia Manor Park* at Espanola Way and Patrick Circle; *Oxford Ridge Park*, at Sarno Road and Croton Road; *Overlook Park*, a small pavilion overlooking Indian River Lagoon, eastern end of Lincoln Ave. *Rossetter Park*, off Highland Avenue two blocks south of Eau Gallie Boulevard; *Sunset Park*, at Sunset Avenue and U.S. 1; and *Tradewinds Park*, off Camelia Drive.

Golf Courses: *Harbor City Golf Course*, 255-4606, at 2750 Lake Washington Road. *Melbourne Municipal Golf Course*, 674-5716, at 475 W. New Haven Ave. Contact the Tee Time Reservation System at 722-6002.

Tennis Courts at Fee Ave. Park, 674-5720, & Jimmy Moore Park, 255-4613.

Swimming Pools are located at Fee Avenue Park, Lipscomb Park, Sherwood Park, & Crane Field. Pools are operated during the summer. For scheduling info. call 255-4608.

Boat Ramps at Ballard Park, Front Street Park, and Eau Gallie Causeway.

Brevard County Parks in or near Melbourne include *Riverview Park*, between U.S. 1 and Riverview Drive near Melbourne's southern city limits; *Kiwanis Park* at *Geiger Point*, at the western end of the Melbourne Causeway; *Erna Nixon Park*, off Evans Road just north of its intersection with Hibiscus Boulevard; *Paradise Beach Park*, east of S.R. A1A at its intersection with Paradise Boulevard; and *Wickham Park*, between Parkway Drive and Post Road, just east of Wickham Road. For information about Brevard County parks and for recreation information call 952-4650.



Hurricane planning is urged

The start of the hurricane season has prompted Fire Chief Walt Chamberlin to urge residents to make preparations. "Everyone needs to have a personal or family plan for responding to a hurricane, and should also know evacuation routes and shelter locations," said Chamberlin.

Chamberlin noted that homeowners who can expect to be evacuated, including beach residents and those in mobile homes, should plan on leaving the area or as a last resort going to a public shelter.

"Everyone should consider having at least three days worth of food, water, and medicine available," said Chamberlin. The supplies could be needed by those remaining in their homes as well as anyone entering a public shelter.

Chamberlin said emergency planning information including evacuation routes is available on pages 27-29 of the BellSouth telephone directory.

Resources for families and businesses are available by way of the Internet. Links are available at Melbourne's web site (www.melbourneflorida.org) to material prepared by the State of Florida, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Florida Alliance for Safe Homes, which can also be contacted at 1-877-221-SAFE.

A City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is established as a storm approaches. Immediately after the storm passes, police and fire department personnel will begin assisting residents. Everyone is encouraged to avoid travel as City workers begin clearing streets.

If the situation warrants it, a half-dozen Emergency Aid Stations will be activated to provide direct assistance to residents. Emergency officials say anyone who is safe in their home should stay inside immediately after the storm. Rescue workers will search damaged neighborhoods for people who need assistance.

Preparations to Consider Before the Storm

- **Trim trees now and secure outdoor objects before high winds arrive.**
- **Have emergency supplies on hand and an emergency plan that includes an evacuation route and predetermined destination.**
- **Follow evacuation orders when issued by Brevard County. Evacuations most frequently affect barrier islands, mobile home areas, and flood-prone areas.**
- **Prepare to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.**
- **Register with Brevard County Emergency Management information about any individuals with special medical or evacuation needs (637-6670).**
- **Make plans for any pets in the household. Animals are not allowed in public shelters, except for guide dogs.**
- **Consider flood insurance for protection against damages from rising water. Insurance agents can provide costs and deadlines.**

RESIDENTIAL RETENTION PONDS play an important role in handling rainfall, but they can actually cause flooding if not properly maintained. To assist in the maintenance of private retention ponds, the St. Johns River Water Management District offers an instructional brochure on the topic, as well as a video. To request either call 1-800-725-5922.

Lake water, treated water checked for evidence of algae toxins

The City has arranged for a consulting company to complete independent tests that will help determine if naturally occurring algal toxins are present in Lake Washington or in treated drinking water that is provided to most residents and businesses in South Brevard County.

"The interest in these algal toxins as a potential health threat is so new that no widely accepted scientific protocol for measuring them exists," said City Manager Henry Hill. The consultant has been asked to utilize the most effective scientific method available.

Results will allow the City to determine when future testing might be needed. The City already monitors algae levels in the lake. The toxins are produced when the algae organisms die.

The City anticipates joining a regional study later this year that will survey algal toxins in water bodies and try to determine the most effective methods for treating them.

Hill noted that the drinking water that is

produced by the City from Lake Washington and from deep wells meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a guideline for a safe level of the algal toxins in water that a human consumes over a lifetime.

Neither the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency nor the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation have issued any standards for the toxins. Neither requires monitoring by water suppliers.

Concern about the toxins stems from a previous study by the St. Johns River Water Management District. The City has not been presented with any evidence of toxins in the lake exceeding the WHO standard. Nonetheless, concerns remain.

An extensive study that was recently conducted by the American Water Works Association Research Foundation found that while the toxins are common in natural water bodies, it is rare that the toxins are found in treated drinking water.

Development Projects

The City of Melbourne has completed review or inspection of development projects listed below.

Construction completed:

- Century Oaks, 4001 Stack Blvd., 2-story adult congregate living facility.
- Dictaphone parking lot addition, 3984 Pepsi Cola Dr.
- Lewis Management Office Building, 560 Montreal Ave.
- First Baptist Church of Eau Gallie, 1501 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., church.
- Harvard Apartments, Phase 2, Palm Bay Road, apartment complex.
- Ready Mix Concrete Mix, 2585 Avocado Ave., concrete plant.
- Sonic Drive-In, 4011 N. Wickham Road, fast food restaurant.
- Spectrum Building, 200 S. Harbor City Blvd., parking lot addition.
- Trane Build to Suit, Industry Rd. in Wickham Business Park, office and warehouse.

Under construction:

- BJ's Wholesale Club, 1115-1195 Palm Bay Rd.
- Browning Health Care, 131 E. Hibiscus Blvd., new building with parking, office expansion.
- Canary Isles Subdivision, Golfview Avenue, single family residences.
- Ensco Facility, 4855 N. Wickham Rd., office building.
- Epik Communications, 1115 Line St., fiber optics terminal.
- JDS Uniphase facility, 1110 & 1120 W. Hibiscus St., two-story office/professional building.
- Johnstone Supply building expansion, 610 Atlantis Road, warehouse.

- Lexus/Toyota storage area addition, between Dale Ave. & Brevard Dr., car storage area.
- Little River Daycare, 3100 Aurora Rd.
- Mosswood Townhomes, Phase 2, west side of Stewart Rd., residential townhouses, 7 units.
- Nasa Plaza parking lot expansion, 915 S. Babcock St..
- Oceanside Village phase 2C, NW corner Ocean Side Blvd. and Sea Far, 77 residential units.
- Oceanside Village phase 12C, Oceanside Blvd. & Seafarer Cir., 23 homes.
- Petrucci's Ice Cream, 620 W. New Haven Ave.
- Pineda Crossing Phase 4, Alamanda Dr., Penroyal Ct., and others, single-family homes.
- Renato Bakery, 2101 Aurora St., bakery.
- Riverview Park phase II, Riverview Park, parking expansion.
- Roy Allen Elementary School, 2601 Fountainhead Blvd., school.
- Shiloh Christian Center, University Blvd. east of Babcock St., community center.
- Sonic Drive-In, 555 Apollo Blvd., fast food restaurant.
- Whisper Lakes subdivision, Croton Rd. and Royal Poinciana Blvd., single-family homes.
- Wickham Retail & Storage, 401 N. Wickham Rd., retail/commercial building.

Approved for construction:

- Big Boy Toy Storage phase II, Skyway Circle, parking lot for rec. vehicles and boats.
- Full House, Phase II, 330 North Drive, manufacturing, warehouse, and office space.
- Lacko Warehouse Complex, 2903, 2905, 2907 Dusa Dr., warehouse and offices.

For info, contact the Engineering Department at 321/953-6361.

VOLUNTEERS IN PARTNERSHIP is a Melbourne Police Department program that recruits volunteers to assist in a variety of assignments including parking enforcement, telephone contacts, vehicle transport, and data input. For info, contact Office Jane Meier at 984-7272.

Improvement Projects

The City of Melbourne is pursuing listed improvement projects to maintain and improve services to the community.

Completed:

- Canova water ground storage tank, \$714,528.
- Bowe Gardens water line replacements, \$351,057.
- Fee Avenue Pool parking improvements, \$33,885.
- Pineapple Park shoreline restoration, \$91,696.

Under construction:

- Downtown ornamental lighting improvements, \$186,062.
- Electrical improvements at D.B. Lee Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$228,000.
- Fee Ave. Little League parking lot, \$118,954.
- Melbourne Golf Course greens replacement, drainage improvements, \$572,975.
- Old Eau Gallie water line replacements, \$357,000.
- Paving of Lincoln Ave. and Grove Lane, \$205,835.
- Paving of Poinciana Blvd., Central Blvd., and Catterton Dr., \$259,800.
- Roof for sludge handling facility at Grant St. Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$62,568.
- Southwest Park fields (Phase II), \$242,447.
- Surface water treatment plant improvements, \$23.4-million.
- Utility relocations on U.S. 1, \$960,000.
- Water main replacements, \$351,057.

Out for bids:

- Phase III improvements at D.B. Lee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Under design or ready to bid:

- Babcock Street median study.
- Demolition of former Palms 8 Theater site.
- Golf course and park renovations.
- Lift Station No. 15 replacement.
- Lipscomb Park lighting & sidewalks.
- Realignment of northern end of Babcock Street.
- Restroom replacement at Lipscomb Park.
- Sidewalk improvements citywide.
- S. Fairway Dr. culvert replacement.
- Storm drain replacements - Hickory/Iris.
- Trickling filter upgrade at Grant Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Utility relocations associated with Croton Road widening and U.S. 1 widening.
- Water distribution master plan improvements.

For more information contact Rory Dittmer, Design Supervisor, 953-6344.

Contributions to 'Community Fireworks Fund' provide for Independence Day display

Donations and pledges to the 2001 Melbourne Community Fireworks Fund had reached more than \$9,500 by press time, with a goal of \$10,000 set to fund the traditional display to be provided on July 4th at the Melbourne Causeway.

Contributions are received by the City of Melbourne, c/o Revenue Division, 900 E. Strawbridge Ave., Melbourne, 32901. Contributions beyond the cost of the display are held for use in a following year.

"These contributions make the traditional celebration of freedom possible," said City Manager Henry Hill. "The fireworks display truly belongs to the community."

Twelve event co-sponsors that provided \$500 or \$1,000 contributions are listed on page-one of this issue of "Messenger."

Individual and family donors as of press time included the following: Louise & Ira Adams, Anonymous, Fred & Helen Baker, Robert Bersey for T. J. Webber, Pat & Leonard Blanz, Theresa F. Bryant, John & Helen Buckley, Eleanor N. Clabaugh & Susan C. Sulouff, Richard, Marguerite & Jonathan Contreras.

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Additional Donors

Contributing \$200 is the Town of Indialantic. Adding \$190 is the Independence Chapter, ABATE of Florida, Inc. Contributing \$100 each are Graham, Moletteire, Tuttle & Torpy, Henderson Southeast Corporation; Lane Pontiac-Buick-GMC, Inc;

Town of Melbourne Beach, One Harbor Place, and The Bank. Also contributing are Central Auto Parts Inc., Long's Upholstery, Saturn Space Coast, and Sorenson Moving & Storage, \$50 each; PAMCO R&D Inc., \$20; American Sewing Machine Center and Joyal Construction, \$25. Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8191 contributed \$10. All-Service Graphics contributes printing of a July 4 program.

Debit payments are available

Utility customers can now pay water and sewer bills by way of automatic debits against their bank checking accounts.

Finance Director Amy Elliott said customers interested in setting up debit accounts can pick up an authorization form at City Hall or obtain it from the City web site at www.melbourneflorida.org.

Once a debit account is operational, payments for utilities are automatically withdrawn from customer accounts on a monthly basis.

"A number of customers have expressed an interest in establishing debit accounts, since this option provides a more convenient method for bill payment," Elliott said.

Additional information is available from the City's utility billing office at 953-6268.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Adjustment, last Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Babcock St. Redev. Comm. 4th Wed., 8 a.m.

Citizens Advisory Board, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.

City Council, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement Board, 1st Thursday, 6 p.m.

Downtown Architect. Board, 3rd Wed., 6 p.m.

Downtown Redev. Comm., 1st Thurs, 8 a.m.

Golf Courses Advis. Board, 2nd Wed., 7 p.m.

Melbourne Airport Authority, 3rd Wed., 7:30 a.m. at International Airport. Call 723-6227, ext. 3.

Planning & Zoning Board, Thursdays following 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Police Community Relations Council, 4th Thurs., 7 p.m., at Carver Park Comm. Center or Grant St. Comm. Center. Call 259-1211 ext. 236.



The late JOE WICKHAM has been recognized for his service to the community by a "Great Floridians 2000" marker at the Eau Gallie Civic Center. Pictured at an unveiling ceremony are son David Wickham and Mrs. Bernice Wickham. Mayor John Buckley nominated Mr. Wickham for the honor, bestowed by the Florida Department of State and the Florida League of Cities. Mr. Wickham, who died last year, was saluted as a visionary and government leader. After graduation from Eau Gallie High School he served as a fire chief, a Seabee, a city council member, and for 24 years a county commissioner.

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