



The

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Safety Tips While Shopping:



- Do not leave purchased items visible in the car-leave them in the trunk.
- Always lock your car doors, even if you are only gone for a few minutes
- Park in areas of parking lots that have adequate lighting.
- Consider shopping with someone rather than going alone.
- Make sure purses and wallets are secure on your person and you are aware of their location at all times.
- Keep the amount of available cash you have at a minimum or separate it into different pockets or locations on or about your person. This way all of it is not lost if your purse or wallet is misplaced or stolen.
- Report suspicious people or activity to law enforcement **immediately!**

Home Safety Tips While Away

- Create an up-to-date home inventory including make, model, serial numbers, other detailed descriptions, and photographs of items of value (including jewelry). This inventory should be kept somewhere safe, out of the house.
- At least two light timers should be set to turn the lights and TV on and off in a logical sequence when away for an extended time period to give the appearance that someone is home.
- The motion detector or other alarm system (if you have one) should be activated when you leave home.
- Mail and newspaper deliveries should be stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up should be made when you are away from home for a period of time.
- Make sure all doors and windows are locked when you leave, even if you have an alarm system.
- Contact the Police Department (321-723-9673) to request extra patrols of your residence while you are out of town.

Bringing in the New Year

Officers will respond to all fireworks calls. Warnings will be issued first in an effort to educate people actively participating with fireworks and that a refusal to comply with Florida State Statute 791.01(4)(a) may possibly result in enforcement action. This is not a misdemeanor exception and the offense must be witnessed by the officer to make an arrest or an affidavit must be completed by a complainant and/or witness.

What is allowed?

- sparklers
- snake or glow worm

What is NOT allowed?

- If it flies or goes BANG



WEST MELBOURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT ELVES RUN



**Thursday, December 8, 2016,
Academy Sports & Outdoors
&
Thursday, December 15, 2016
Wal-Mart**

Children that are chosen to participate in the event where Police Officers and the children select Christmas gifts for the children are in foster care or come from some type of dysfunctional family environment. These children have been exposed to situations at home that have required police intervention, such as domestic violence, drug activity and abuse. Some have been made to believe police are 'bad'. Through this program, Police Officers are here to show the children that we are the 'good guys' not the 'bad guys' and that the police are there to help them in any situation. It also shows the children that they have no reason to be afraid of the police and that the police really do care about them. The positive police interaction with both the children and their families/caregivers helps to open up communication within the community. Strong lasting relationships have been formed over the years with some of these children and their families because of this program.

A special thank you to:

Wal-Mart, Academy Sports & Outdoors, CH2M, The West Melbourne Business Association, La-Z-Boy Furniture, and Arno Financial Services, Inc. for their very generous donations!

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is designed to track and locate lost individuals. The program serves families living with Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Down Syndrome, Autism and related disorders. Through the aid of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, state-of-the-art tracking devices provide ground and air coverage throughout Brevard County.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Community Services Unit at 321-254-7755 or at projectlifesaver@bcso.us for additional information and applications.

Thank You

The City of West Melbourne, West Melbourne Recreation and the Citizens Action Committee would like to thank the following entities, businesses and individuals for their participation in our Veteran's Day Celebration and our annual Heritage Day Festival. Your efforts are greatly valued and appreciated.

Thank you to:

Emma's Flowers, Spanish American Veterans Association (SAVA), West Melbourne School for Science "Pride of West Melbourne" Chorus Members, Nana's House, Promise in Brevard, Chuck Van Riper, Deputy Mayor Barbara A. Smith, Council Member John "Coach" Tice, Brevard County Judge Alli B. Majeed, West Melbourne Police Department, Police Athletic League, Peter Morton and Rosemary DeFrancisci and Mom's Club of Melbourne.

Volunteer Board Vacancies

A list of volunteer board vacancies are listed below. Please contact the City Clerk at 837-7774 for more details.

One (1) Vacancy

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Five(5) Vacancies

- **Business Advisory Board**

Recreation Department

Are you an instructor? Do you need a place to hold classes? We have a space for you! Contact the Recreation Department at (321) 837-7779 and ask for Sandi Wood.

2017 Citizens Police Academy

The West Melbourne Police Department is seeking participants, individuals who live and/or work in the City of West Melbourne, for its spring 2017 Citizens Police Academy. Through our commitment to community and business partnerships, this seven week course will acquaint participants with the roles, tactics, and responsibilities of the men and women that serve and protect our City.

Applications may be picked up in person at the West Melbourne Police Department or email your request to emoyer@westmelbourne.org. Deadline for applications is January 9, 2017. For more information, please contact Det. Evelyn Moyer at 321-723-9673.

West Melbourne Police Athletic League

The West Melbourne Police Athletic League is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers in the community and our youth. We have both Spring and Fall Basketball, Spring and Fall Bowling as well as our Youth Director's Council (a year-round leadership program).

Registration for our Spring Basketball begins January 18, 2017 with assessments on March 11th for the season to begin in April. **COACHES WANTED:** If you are interested in coaching or volunteering please contact PAL Coordinator Leslee Brimer.

Bowling every Wednesday after school for grades 7—12 will be starting in the Spring. This 8 week program is held at Shore Lanes on Dairy Road.

To register for any of these programs, go to www.westmelbournepal.org

Our Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show will be held at the Field of Dreams, February 25th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Outside BBQ, various vendors, raffles, and chili tasting will all be there for you and your family to enjoy the day. All proceeds will benefit our West Melbourne Police Athletic League.

If you are interested in volunteering with the PAL program as a coach, mentor, or general volunteer, please contact Leslee Brimer at 321-837-7781.

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:

- Introduced new employee Kimberly Gale, Human Resources Specialist, who started with the City on September 23, 2016; Allison Tulkoff, Accreditation Manager, who started with the City on November 4, 2016 and Officers Brian Leonard and Theodore Salem who started with the City on November 18, 2016.
- Issued a proclamation naming October as Fire Prevention Month and the week of October 9-15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week.
- Received the CH2MHill/OMI Annual Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Report
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-14, assigning the Commercial future land use designation, to the property containing the County Line Saloon.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-15 which rezones 4.14 acres located on the north side of New Haven Avenue, east of I-95 to Commercial Parkway zoning.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-16, assigning the future land use designation, Commercial, to property located at 2394 Minton Road.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-17 which rezones 1.28 acres of property located at 2394 Minton Road to C-1, Low Density Commercial.
- Approved the Regular City Council meeting minutes for September 20, October 4, October 18 and November 1, 2016.
- Approved an agreement with respect to traffic enforcement on private roads with Falcon Ridge of Brevard Homeowners Association allowing the City to enforce the provisions of Florida Statutes regarding traffic control and infractions on its streets and roads.
- Approved a lease for the Promise Café, Bakery and Ice Cream Shop at West Melbourne Community Park and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Promise Inc.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-19, revising the zoning definition of building height in the Code of Ordinances, Section 63-8, Zoning Definitions.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-20, revising the maximum building height for multi-family and commercially zoned properties within a 1-mile radius of the I-95 and Palm Bay Road interchange and one-half mile radius of the I-95 and U.S. 192 interchange.
- Approved the preliminary plat for a 141 lot subdivision for Cypress Landings, a single family residential development located south of Manchester Lakes by KB Homes Jacksonville, LLC, with the six recommended conditions from staff and the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Approved the revised proportionate fair share agreement with KB Homes Jacksonville, LLC. Brevard County and West Melbourne to address the timing of constructing Imagine Way and Durham Drive and payment towards a future traffic signal at Hollywood and Imagine Way.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-19 approving City membership in the Florida Local Government Investment Trust.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute the task order with CPH for performing architectural services for the remodel portion of the Police Department Building Expansion and Remodeling Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$88,480.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-18, annexing property located on the west side of Minton Road, north of Fell Road.
- Approved the purchase of one new Ford F-150 pick-up truck for the additional building inspector position approved last fiscal year.
- Authorized the purchase of five Ford Interceptors utilizing the Florida Sheriffs Association & Florida Association of Counties contract and authorized outfitting the vehicles using DANA Safety Supply, Inc.
- Accepted the dedication of water distribution system and sanitary sewer system improvements for Sawgrass Lakes Phase Two C and D and authorized the City Manager to set an effective date and to sign the Bill of Sale.
- Appointed Ms. Barbara Baker, Ms. Peggy Braz, Mr. Chris Gibbs, Ms. Lainie Jarczynski, and Mr. Mike Sutherland to the CDBG Citizens Advisory Task Force.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-20 approving the reclassification of the Desk Officer position to a Police Records Clerk position.
- Approved the City Manager to sign a grant agreement with the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and for staff to authorize the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to implement the grant.
- Determined to no longer rent out the Judge T. Mitchell Barlow, Jr. Council Chamber except for City related meetings, including employee related functions, other government entity meetings and annual homeowner association meetings.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-23 with the inclusion of the definitions of dispensing organizations and dispensing organizations facilities, a temporary moratorium on the location of low-THC cannabis (medical marijuana) dispensaries within the City, and on the issuance of business tax receipts, development orders or permits for such facilities within the City, for a period of one hundred-eighty (180) days.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-21 approving the certified results from the November 8, 2016, election.
- Appointed Andrea Young to fill her unexpired term for a period of two years and selected her as Deputy Mayor.
- Continued the cases for Grace Church's small scale comprehensive plan map amendment and rezoning to December 20, 2016.
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-24, adopting the future land use designation of "Urban Density Residential", on 14.5 acres owned by the company that developed the Haven Apartments.
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-25, rezoning 14.5 acres located on the east side of Durham Drive, north of Palm Bay Road to "R-3, Multiple Family Residential".
- Received the Annual ABC (Authorities, Boards & Committees) Report.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute the professional engineering Task Order 1 with Infrastructure Solution Services for the Wood Haven Manor Drainage Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,180.
- Approved the re-plat of the subdivision known as Coastal Commerce Center, specifically Tract H into Tracts H-1, H-2 and H-3, with conditions.
- Approved Council appointments to various boards.
- Continued the reappointments for the various City volunteer boards to the City Council meeting of December 6, 2016 and asked members up for reappointment to attend or submit in writing why they would like to be reappointed.
- Asked City Attorney Richardson to bring to the City Council meeting of December 6, 2016 a proposal to sunset the Citizens Action Committee.
- Authorized the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of 3125 Fell Road, West Melbourne, Florida, for use by the West Melbourne Police Athletic League.

The Evans Ranch and Citrus Grove

By
Peter J. Morton

Johnny and Flossy Evans owned the cattle ranch and citrus grove that currently make up the Melbourne Square Mall. Johnny put on a front that he was a man very hard to deal with. His truck could be seen on a daily basis at the Moonlight Tavern. The Moonlight Tavern was located about one quarter mile east of the mall. Mrs. Evans was the first only female director of the National Bank of West Melbourne (now Bank of America). You always knew when you were near the Evans property as they had wild peacocks that were very noisy. The developer of the Melbourne Square Mall tried many years to purchase the property from the Evans, but they would never sell. Mrs. Evans became very ill with cancer. While she was at home unable to move she had a tape recording of the peacocks to keep her company. Johnny always let on he was such a tough guy, however, he passed away about six months after Mrs. Evans and I really believe it was from a broken heart. The Evans did not have any children and left everything they had to Florida Tech thus the reason for the Evans Library at Florida Tech.



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City Calendar January 2017

2	New Year's Holiday - City Hall Closed	
10	Planning and Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
11	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.
16	Martin Luther King Holiday - City Hall Closed	
17	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
19	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
26	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.

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1	Police Pension Board	9:00 a.m.
7	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
14	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
16	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
20	President's Day Holiday - City Hall Closed	
21	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
23	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
27	Business Advisory Board	6:30 p.m.