



MEXICO BEACH MONTHLY

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“Sunsets are the daily reminder in your crazy, frenetic life to pause, breathe, and be thankful for the beauty that is always all around you.”

- *Author Unknown*

Photo Credit: Carter Truitt

NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome our new Administrator Chris Truitt! Chris started on 10/14 and has already fallen in love with Mexico Beach. He can be reached at City Hall during business hours at 850-648-5700 or c.truitt@mexicobeachfl.gov.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices and sanitation services will be closed on 11/11 for Veterans' Day as well as 11/28 and 11/29 for Thanksgiving. Check our website for the change in your sanitation pick-up day.

TURKEY TROT

CDC is hosting the Mexico Beach Turkey Trot at Under the Palms Park from 8am to 10am on 11/28. Head to mexicobeach.com for more information and to register for this family fun event.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Managing stormwater in Mexico Beach during heavy rain remains a challenge. Years of unregulated development and increased post-hurricane construction have put stress on our drainage systems. To address this, we've enlisted AVCON to conduct a comprehensive review and provide city-wide, holistic stormwater recommendations. This will guide us as we make immediate improvements and carefully plan for larger, long-term upgrades.



RECOVERY CONTINUES: CURRENT PROJECTS

We're hard at work on 24 projects, including beach renourishment, pier construction, boat ramp improvements, and a pedestrian bridge on 15th Street! Visit our new Projects page in the top menu on the website to see a full list of current and upcoming projects, complete with status updates and, when available, estimated timelines for each phase. Please note that future dates are estimates, as these projects involve many moving parts.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

Each Mexico Beach Monthly newsletter will feature a photo of our beautiful city taken by one of our residents along with their favorite quote. Simply email yours to c.truitt@mexicobeachfl.gov to be included! Credit will be given on the photo.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Each quarter we'll highlight a member staff who has gone above and beyond to provide incredible service to our residents and visitors, crowning him or her the Employee of the Quarter! In addition to recognition here, the employee will get an extra day of paid time off.

PICKLEBALL WINDBREAK

The slats have arrived! Over the next few months, Public Works will install the windbreak slats in the fence and remove the tarps. The goal is to not interrupt the use of the courts, but there may be some small disruptions as the slats are installed.



ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY UPDATE

The new City Administrator is prioritizing open communication with residents. To support this, a new "Administrator's Weekly Update" page has been added to the Government menu on our website. Each week, the Administrator will share important operational updates, address resident questions, and provide insights into key developments happening in Mexico Beach. Be sure to check in weekly to stay informed!

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY

Our Public Works team is already busy getting everything ready for this year's big tree lighting on December 1st! The tree is being prepped, and festive decorations are going up around town. Yes, we know—Thanksgiving is still on the way...but getting ready for Santa takes some time, and we want everything to be just right. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the latest updates on Christmas festivities!



SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

Got an idea for the Mexico Beach Monthly? We'd love to hear it! Send your comments, questions, or suggestions to c.truitt@mexicobeachfl.gov.