



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report July 18, 2025



National Caviar Day Edition

(Eating raw eggs has no appeal, but then again, we eat raw oysters)

**City Administrator
Mell Smigielski**

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

City Council – 9:00 am – Tuesday, July 22.

Workshop for AVCON – 6:00 pm – Thursday, July 24.

Budget Workshop – 9:00 am – Friday, July 25.

PIER

The bids for the pier will be opened on Tuesday, July 22 at 1:30 pm. We have a total of 12 potential bidders, so that should give us a really good selling point to FEMA. We had a productive call with FEMA this week, but they are sticking to their EA (environmental assessment) timeframe of 6 to 9 months. We will be contacting some federal and state senators and representatives to apply some pressure on FEMA to shorten that timeframe (they have had the EA in their possession for 20 months).

CANAL PARKWAY CUL-DE-SAC

St. Joe Company is looking for us to have less encroachment into their property, so attached to this report is the latest design to which they have reviewed. The SJC is ok with the trails proposed that include access mats on one side and emergency vehicle access on the other.

BOATRAMP

The structural engineer should have the review set of drawings to Anchor by the end of this week. Anchor will review and provide comments and finalize drawings. Upon completion of final drawings, Anchor will revise the grant agreement for FWC review as well as finalize the RFP/Specifications so the project can be released for bid.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Bridge shop drawings are in production. I did verify at last night's FDOT pathway meeting that the 15th Street path/sidewalk will be on the west/north side of the street to mesh up with the bridge.

AMPHITHEATER

BGN Contractors is working with RCP Shelters. Still a couple of weeks out for design drawings. Once the September concerts in the Park are complete, Public Works will take the current stage down so it can be used elsewhere.

NANOOK AND 14TH STREET LIFT STATIONS

Mainline is scheduled to be on site the week of July 28th prepping the jobsite. We have an expected delivery for the wet well to be the following week on August 4th or 5th. The liner material is what has been holding them back from receiving this wet well as they have been waiting to receive it. If needed, our supplier can provide a letter verifying their hold-up due to the liner material.

CASUNA/OCEAN PLANTATION

Anchor will be giving us an estimate of the cost to assist us with a street and sidewalk assessment so we can be prepared.

MEXICO BEACH BUSINESS ALLIANCE

I had the honor of addressing the MBBA this past Tuesday evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deep in the heart of budgets.

HARBOR MASTER

Bookings still ahead of last year. Preparing for the Kingfisher tournament later this month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- No camping in Mexico Beach, can only camp at campgrounds, MB RV Resort 15th St., El Governor campgrounds, Old Salt Campgrounds off CR 386 (Overstreet).
- Sanitation Dept. will not pick up grills, furniture, household appliances etc, they can only pick up household garbage.

- Notice of Violation - Lot Cut - Completed
- Boat Launch - 3 Citations, 5 Courtesy Violations
- Tractor Trailer parked at boat launch without permission, removed.
- Received several calls and emails regarding Turtle Light violations.
- Fence installed backwards, spoke to owner working on issue.

PUBLIC WORKS

Beach Projects

- Routine beach raking operations are ongoing.
- Public Works continues to collaborate with the Turtle Research Team to support the "Leave No Trace" initiative.
- Bird nesting still remains active on the west and east sides of the canal.
- Daily inspections and cleaning of the beach are being conducted by the department.
- Maintenance and monitoring of the 8th Street Canal are ongoing.
- Public Works is in the process of clearing overgrowth from the wooden walkways to ensure safe and accessible pedestrian use.
- Wash-outs locations from the recent rainstorms have been repaired and will be monitored for any future issues.

Traffic and Safety Improvements

- We continued to work with FDOT regarding U.S. Highway 98 improvements, with progress expected in the coming weeks. These are the projects pending:
 - Two crosswalks are undergoing necessary repairs:
 - One crosswalk button is being relocated to the appropriate side to meet ADA compliance.
 - A second button is being retrofitted with an extender due to its excessive distance from the sidewalk and gaining ADA compliance.
 - Signal issues at a separate crosswalk are being addressed, including a faulty radio connection on the northbound side.
 - 16th Street will be striped and roadway markings applied soon.
 - New fire department warning signs and electronic speed verification signs for eastbound U.S. Highway 98 traffic have been ordered and will be installed.
 - Shoulder repair efforts are underway, including permit review for additional improvements along the south side of the highway.
 - FDOT is monitoring grass growth along the shoulders; if it fails, the contractor is responsible for replacement.
 - Temporary roadwork signage is being removed unless otherwise required.

- Repairs and installations of stop signs and other regulatory signs are in progress in compliance with FDOT standards.
 - New speed limit and "No Outlet" signs are being posted throughout city streets.
 - Public Works completed repairs at the end other streets are being scheduled, including updated signage, sand removal, and asphalt resurfacing.
 - Bridge repairs and undergrowth clearing are completed in in progress.
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Stormwater Management

- Four residential stormwater systems have been completed; residents provided materials for the installations.
 - A temporary drainage solution has been implemented along the south shoulder of Highway 98 to address erosion and protect adjacent infrastructure.
 - Stormwater canals are under inspection to ensure proper flow and functionality.
 - The department is actively obtaining quotes for stormwater improvements at Highway 98 and 15th Street, with plans to initiate the project in the next fiscal year.
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Parks and Recreation

- The fishing season continues smoothly.
 - Additional staffing is in place at the fish cooler and restrooms during weekends; coolers are checked nightly.
 - Routine maintenance and updates are ongoing across all park facilities.
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Routine Operations and Maintenance

- Restrooms at all public facilities are being cleaned and maintained regularly.
 - Roadway and landscape maintenance activities, including mowing and weeding, are ongoing.
 - Fleet maintenance and preventive servicing continue.
 - General roadway maintenance remains a routine focus.
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Sanitation

- Weekend sanitation service remains active for commercial dumpsters and beach receptacles throughout the season.
 - Repairs to Truck #008 are completed.
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Administrative

- Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) reviews and submissions are underway.
- Staff are in the process of being scheduled to participate in FSU-led training sessions and professional development courses.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Permit Number	Permit Type	Property Address	Valuation	Total Fees Paid	Description of Work
25MB-AC0001	Air Conditioner	125 PINE ST, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$5,789.50	\$79.00	HVAC Replacement
25MB-AC0002	Air Conditioner	125 PINE ST, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$5,789.50	\$79.00	CHANGE OUT
25MB-M0037	Mechanical Permit	227 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF HVAC
25MB-E0065	Electric Permit	227 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Electrical
25MB-P0050	Plumbing Permit	227 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Plumbing
25MB-M0038	Mechanical Permit	231 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF HVAC
25MB-E0066	Electric Permit	231 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Electrical
25MB-P0051	Plumbing Permit	231 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Plumbing
25MB-M0039	Mechanical Permit	239 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF HVAC
25MB-E0067	Electric Permit	239 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Electrical
25MB-P0052	Plumbing Permit	239 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Plumbing
25MB-M0040	Mechanical Permit	243 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF HVAC
25MB-E0068	Electric Permit	243 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Electrical
25MB-P0053	Plumbing Permit	243 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Plumbing
25MB-M0041	Mechanical Permit	247 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF HVAC
25MB-E0069	Electric Permit	247 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Electrical
25MB-P0054	Plumbing Permit	247 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Plumbing
25MB-M0042	Mechanical Permit	251 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF HVAC
25MB-E0070	Electric Permit	251 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Electrical
25MB-P0055	Plumbing Permit	251 SALT CREEK LN Lot 105, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$143,194.00	\$104.80	NSF Plumbing
25MB-RR0049	Residential New Roof	116 4TH ST, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$16,415.00	\$79.00	New Roof
25MB-E0071	Electric Permit	205 3RD ST, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	\$500,000.00	\$358.75	NSF Electrical
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FLOODPLAIN CONSULTANT

We have issued 491 minor floodplain reports/permits and conducted 59 compliance inspections to date.

Major applications (Commercial, Subdivisions, Plats etc.) listed below have either been reviewed and feedback provided, are pending more information from the applicant, or have been permitted. Please see the lists below for status details:

Pending Application/ Meetings Held:

- Sweetwater at Mexico Beach: Preliminary meeting held June 25th, 2024.
- Harmony Lakes preliminary meeting held August 28th, 2024.
- Meeting held 6/30/2025 to discuss pier public restroom.

Reviewed & Feedback Provided - Pending new information:

- The Palms - 1008 15th St. Units A-D
- Forgotten Coast Villas (Development Order- Structures)

Approved/ Approved with Comments:

- 102-104 14th St Replat Application
- 2902 Hwy 98 Development Order for Mixed Use Building
- Salt Creek Final Plat Approval
- Cottages at Paradise Cove (Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, & Development Order)
- 480 15th St. - Restaurant (Playa De Mexico)
- The Driftwood Inn Chapel
- Salt Creek Temporary Parking Lot
- Villas at Mexico Beach (Development Order)
- 100 42nd St. S (Preliminary Plat)
- 314, 316, 318 Hatley Dr. Duplex
- Toucans- 719 Hwy 98 (Development Order- Structure Only)
- 4101 Hwy 98 (Development Order)
- El Governor (Development Order) - Bathroom & Pool
- Salt Creek Townhomes Ph. 2 (Preliminary Plat)
- Aquas Esmeralda (Preliminary Plat)
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- Sweetwater at Mexico Beach (Preliminary Plat)
- Cape & Coast Office: 3016 Hwy 98 (Development Order)

