



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report October 24, 2025



National Bologna Day Edition

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski

Meetings next week

Tuesday	October 28	9:00 am	City Council
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Current Bids

Grant Writer	October 31	2:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Pier	November 19	2:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Lobbyist	Coming soon		
Sanitation	Coming Soon		

Boat ramp

Anchor is revising the drawings and agreement per FWC comments. FWC extended the grant for one month. Bidding documents should be ready by the end of the first or second week of November.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Bridge Brothers is working on material procurement which will set the delivery schedule; they will be in touch with a fabrication/delivery schedule.

Pier Pre-Bid Meeting

The Pre-bid meeting for the pier was held on Tuesday. Here are a few notes from the meeting:

- Only two changes in this bid compared to the first bid. One was to require the successful bidder to hold their bid until April 2026 and to provide twenty years of similar projects as opposed to two in the first bid.
- The new pier design will be 840 feet long and 19 feet wide.
- Construction will take 365 days.
- The decking is designed to be wood, but alternate #1 is for concrete blow-out panels (we prefer concrete, but we needed to be consistent with the previous pier for FEMA reasons).
- Alternate #2 is to move the pier out 230 feet to be in deeper water.
- DEP permit is in hand. ACOE permit is pending.
- November 7 is the last day for potential bidders to submit questions.

The Palms

Gearing up for their next phase that has been years coming. We are reviewing the plans and making sure stormwater issues are addressed.

Public Works Water Tank Aeration System

Cyber Electric contacted Kasco to determine estimated material delivery dates. Cyber will ship the materials directly to the city.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Anchor is working through Razorbacks' questions.

Cul-de-sac at Canal Parkway

Anchor will put together a proposal to complete specifications and bid documents. Due to the small nature of the project, bids will probably be high. We would prefer to ask Mainline for a change order to pave the cul-de-sac when they pave a portion of 4th Street for the drainage project.

Nickle Creek

Anchor starting analysis. It should be complete the end of November.

Amphitheater

Anchor spoke with the geotechnical engineer on 10/21 and he is still coordinating with the structural engineer on foundation requirements and design. BGN will finalize drawings as soon as they have what they need for the foundation.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

14th Street: Delay in the schedule is due to manufacturing issues. Mainline will provide an updated schedule once they receive the new delivery date for the materials. Estimated to be 3 – 4 weeks with project complete in 6.

CASUNA & Ocean Plantation

Anchor started inspections and should be complete by the end of November.

Sewer Line

Anchor is studying MX-1 relocation and sewer line task order.

Pier

No movement due to the federal shutdown.

HWY 98 and 4th Street Project

Award package sent to Mainline Construction on 10/17.

Dune Walkovers at Public Access at 7th and Sunset Park

Anchor working on 90% construction bid set and ITB package. Should be ready by the end of November.

Duke Energy Information Received

Good afternoon,

I am writing this email to introduce you to Mikle Gordon, Supervisor of Energy Efficiency Services for Duke Energy.

Mikle Gordon, MBA

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Mikle would like to share information about our residential and commercial program incentives offered to Duke Energy customers who are working with residential, commercial trades, multifamily new construction builders, and developers in your area (see attached).

For customers who complete upgrades on existing residential or commercial premises, Duke Energy will incentivize them for the qualifying measures.

1. For the residential incentives, a home energy check must be completed prior to the installation, except for a HVAC or HP water heater install, which are consider emergency installations and the home energy check can be completed afterwards. The energy check can be completed either online or by phone as the BEST options. Please call 866.821.5343 to schedule a phone audit or visit www.duke-energy.com/HEI and follow the steps to complete an online audit.
2. Under the commercial programs, there are measures that may not require an business energy assessment first but please Call 866.380.9580 or email PrescriptiveIncentives@duke-energy.com for more information and qualifying requirements.

3. For any builder/developer planning to build a multifamily unit(s)* to energy star standard and would like to know more about how to qualify for great incentives, please share the link to the [Multifamily New Construction Program - Duke Energy](#) to learn more or contact the Mike Witz directly at 727 514-2831 who supports the New Construction Program for all of the Coastal Zone.
4. We would also like to share the link for licensed trade who install HVAC, HP Water Heaters (Plumbers), Windows, and insulation, to partner with Duke Energy as a participating trade ally. To register as a participating partner with Duke Energy's residential home improvement program as a trade ally, please visit <https://tradeally.aspireawards.com/registration> or contact Simon Karnovski at 689.203.0170.

Please feel free to forward this information on to others who may be interested and reach out to Mikle with any questions. Have a great week!

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And [Home Energy Rebate](#) programs to help reduce energy usage and SAVE on your monthly bill.

And email heiinspections@duke-energy.com to schedule your FREE quality control inspection.

Farmdale Phase II

The developer agreed to adjust their plan so the project can keep moving.

FIRE DEPARTMENT **Chief Sandy Walker**

As we are well into Fire Prevention Month the department has been changing batteries for residents that have called for assistance. This will continue even after the end of October, should anyone need help.

This is the time of the year that we catch up on training, and we have been busy working with our new training software to complete the necessary hours in each discipline.

Our vehicle extrication equipment and cascade system (breathing air system) had their yearly service completed this week, so everything is in order and up to date.

Chief Walker joined the Bay County Chamber of Commerce for their yearly First Responder Luncheon on Thursday. This event was started back in 2006 and has only been missed once because of covid. As always there was a great turnout from all first responder organizations in the county.

We will have a fire truck at the MUT Strut this Saturday for the kids to look at and maybe take pictures with their pets.

HARBOR MASTER

There is still a small steady flow of people using the boat ramp when the weather is right.

Things are slow at the marina, but we are working on some possible boat lift installations, with one new one ready to be installed soon.

F-ROC 2026

As you might remember we increased our score to 50 out of 60 last year and it is that time again. Our F-ROC assessment for 2026 has been sent in for validation and RFI should they have any. We should hear back before to long as to what they need clarification on or if we are missing anything. Thank you to those that helped put this together, it is a team effort.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kathy Lyons

1. Call from realtor if someone can have a pet pig in Mexico Beach.
2. Boat and trailer to park at boat launch for week.
3. Fence permits issued.
4. Several Notices of Violations sent to have vacant lots cut.
5. Citation issued at Boat Launch, no annual permit, no daily pass.
6. Coyote running around 1st and Azalea Dr. found in drain pipe on Azalea.
7. Reports of 2 Australian Shepherds running around 5th & 6th Streets.