



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report November 7, 2025



National Hug a Bear Day Edition

(Make sure it is a teddy bear and not the real thing)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski

Meetings this month

Wednesday	November 12	9:00 am	City Council
Tuesday	November 18	9:00 am	City Council

Current Bids

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

Boat ramp

Environmental permitting application submitted on 11/04. Anchor received revised structural engineering drawings (revisions per FWC's third party reviewer comments), will send all drawings back to FWC for final review.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

HG Harder's started on foundation construction on Thursday. Construction meeting on Friday November 7.

We noticed there was sufficient signage on HWY 98 for the road closure, but no notice on 386. This allows unsuspecting traffic to needlessly traverse through city subdivisions and neighborhoods. The only notice on 15th Street was a single detour sign directing traffic down Wysong, which requires winding around city streets. We requested the contractor put notice on 386 alerting traffic there is no through traffic and the detour sign should go to 7th Street, which has direct access to HWY 98 (we will probably get complaints from 7th Street residents about increased traffic).

The Palms

Waiting for the drainage report and grading and drainage plan.

Public Works Water Tank Aeration System

Materials are being delivered to the Public Works Department. Cyber Electric is working on an installation schedule.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Razorback will put together proposal to remove piping from scope; Anchor, City and Razorback to meet again on Friday to discuss/finalize.

Cul-de-sac at Canal Parkway

Mainline construction is pricing this as a change order to the 4th Street stormwater project.

Nickle Creek

Anchor working through analysis.

Amphitheater

BGN's design team is finalizing their drawings.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

14th Street: The lid is on. Control panel should be delivered anytime. Piping will be done next week.

Nanook: Mainline and Anchor discussing pump options.

CASUNA & Ocean Plantation

Anchor working on inspections.

Sewer Line

Anchor is working on proposal. Discussed legislative appropriations.

Pier

No movement due to the federal shutdown.

HWY 98 and 4th Street Project

Conformed construction drawings sent to Mainline on 10/31. Mainline to send a project schedule and will send product submittals to Anchor today for review.

Walkovers at Public Access at 7th and Sunset Park

7th St: Anchor finalizing drawings and bid package. Structural engineer updating drawings to show reuse of portion of existing walkway.

Sunset Park: Finalizing drawings and bid package. Once bidding is complete, we will have to coordinate walkover construction with the rebuild of Sunset Park. Don't want two contractors on site at the same time.

You Tube Meeting Viewership

The October 14th City Council Meeting had 967 views.

Storm Pick up

KK Storm hopes to get Parker Park cleaned out by Friday. All streets have been cleared numerous times, but items continue to be sat out. We put this Friday as the last day. We will assess the debris on the first of next week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kathy Lyons

1. Numerous calls regarding damage from Tornado, will the city do clean up, is city responsible for damage from their neighbor's debris? Need to contact your insurance company for assistance and contact your neighbor.
2. Over 60 snipe signs picked up from right of way.
3. Contractors are not using containers to dump their debris.
4. People pulled up with a large trailer to Shell Mountain wanting to fill trailer up with shells to use for landscaping. Told them they cannot get a trailer full of shells and cannot cross the cones and signs posted not to enter.
5. Confronted two men soliciting, they were Public Adjusters.
6. Code Complaint, wanting to know if a building was built to Cat 5 code, told him to contact building dept. Said the tornado blew debris from the building behind him onto his lot.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Steele

Storm Impact Summary

On October 27, 2025, two tornadoes struck the Mexico Beach area, causing widespread property and infrastructure damage. The first tornado was rated EF-1 with estimated wind speeds between 80–100 mph, while the second was rated EF-0, with winds near 70 mph.

Severe damage was observed in and around Sunset Park and the El Governor Beach Resort & RV Park, where multiple RVs and mobile homes were overturned, and significant roof and fencing damage occurred. As a result, Sunset Park remains temporarily closed until necessary repairs and safety inspections are completed.

The Public Works Department also sustained direct impacts to its operational facilities. The department's pole barn structure was torn off and thrown onto fleet vehicles and equipment, causing notable damage to:

- Approximately three fleet vehicles,
- Two mowers, and
- Both front-end loaders.

Additionally, the compound perimeter fence and access gate were heavily damaged. Temporary repairs have been initiated, and full restoration is underway to secure the facility and resume standard operations safely.

The pickleball courts suffered heavy surface and structural damage and are temporarily closed pending engineering review and reconstruction efforts.

Current Clean-Up & Recovery Status

- Debris removal is actively ongoing across multiple neighborhoods. Crews are systematically collecting downed trees, fencing, roofing materials, and other storm-related debris from residential and public areas.
- Public rights-of-way affected by fallen vegetation and scattered materials are being progressively cleared to ensure safe access for residents, emergency responders, and utility providers.
- Damaged and missing street signage has been identified throughout the city. Public Works has prioritized sign replacement and reinstallation to restore proper traffic control and community safety.
- Utility coordination with external partners continues to address intermittent outages and infrastructure stability following the storm.

Residents are reminded to keep storm debris separate from household waste and follow posted pickup schedules to expedite collection efforts.

Bridge & Traffic Advisory

The 15th Street Bridge is closed to all traffic until further notice due to the ongoing installation of a new pedestrian bridge structure.

- Detour signage is fully installed and operational for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Please follow all posted detour routes and use alternate crossings as directed by signage.
- Pedestrians are urged not to cross or enter the construction zone and should instead utilize designated safe detour pathways.

We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as these important infrastructure improvements are completed to enhance public safety and accessibility.

Next Steps for the Coming Week

- Continue focused debris removal operations, prioritizing heavily impacted neighborhoods and public rights-of-way.
- Begin comprehensive evaluation of storm-damaged public infrastructure, including streetlights, signage, and drainage systems, and establish repair and replacement schedules.
- Advance repairs to Public Works facilities, including fencing, vehicle maintenance, and structural restoration.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 10/31/2025 - 11/06/2025

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Attached Single Family			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/31/2025	111 41ST ST Unit B, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0124		Residential New	\$430,000.00	22 6S 12W -2.006-BEG

Count: 1

Total: \$430,000.00

Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
Permit Status			In Progress			
11/04/2025	420 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0107	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$300,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
11/04/2025	424 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0108	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$335,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
11/05/2025	216 KIM KOVE, MEXICO BEACH	25MB-RB0135	DAVID FLETCHER D&D CBC12634106	Residential New	\$550,000.00	

Count: 3

Total: \$1,185,000.00

Permit Type			Pavers			
Permit Status			In Progress			
11/03/2025	103 St Frances St, Mexico Beach	25MB-P0072		One Stop	\$500.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$500.00

Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
11/06/2025	420 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	25MB-P0073	Hobbs Plumbing	One Stop	\$300,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
11/06/2025	424 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	25MB-P0074	Hobbs Plumbing	One Stop	\$335,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2

Count: 2

Total: \$635,000.00

Permit Type			Residential New Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
11/06/2025	1016 15th Street Unit 3B, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0077	Rellim Contracting CGC1535258	One Stop	\$8,665.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$8,665.00

Permit Type			Residential Re-Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
11/06/2025	233 Kim Cove, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0076	LOGAN ROOFING CCC1327357	One Stop	\$13,050.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$13,050.00

Total Permits: 9

Valuation Total: \$2,272,215.00