



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report March 13, 2026



National Open an Umbrella Indoors Day Edition

(You don't really need to unless you have a leaky roof)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday	March 18	5:00 pm	Walkover Open House
Tuesday	March 24	9:00 am	City Council
Monday	April 13	6:00 pm	P & Z
Tuesday	April 14	9:00 am	City Council

Beach Water Sampling

The County Health Department resumed their Healthy Beaches sampling on March 2. The program has changed a little from last year. They have six additional sites that they're sampling, one at Bay County Public Beach Access 96, one at Leslie Porter Park in Lynn Haven, and four in Mexico Beach. These sites are funded by State of Florida funds and will be sampled every week with resamples taken for any locations that are above the acceptable level the same week. The original nine locations are funded by a federal grant and are still sampled bi-weekly with sites above the acceptable levels resampled the following Monday.

Here are the locations and sampling schedule:

[Current Healthy Beaches Sampling Locations](#)

Sampled bi-weekly beginning March 2, 2026 and scheduled to end on October 28, 2026.

Laguna Beach (SP 2) location at 19440 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Panama City Beach City Pier (SP 3) location at 16101 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Bid-A-Wee Beach (SP 4) location across from Argonaut Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Panama City Beach Access #41 (SP 5) located at 11211 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Rick Seltzer Park (SP 6) location at 7419 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, FL 32408

Spyglass Drive (SP 7) location at 4723 Spyglass Drive, Panama City Beach, FL 32408

Carl Gray Park (SP 9) location on Collegiate Drive in Panama City, FL 32401

Beach Drive (SP 10) location at US-98 West Beach Drive, Panama City, FL 32401

Earl Gilbert Park (Dupont Bridge) (SP 11) location at 6601 Oak Shore Drive, Parker, FL 32404

New Sampling Locations

Sampled weekly. Began on February 2. Funding is currently allocated until June 30, 2026.

Bay County Public Beach Access 96 (SP 1) location at 23011 Front Beach Rd., Panama City Beach, FL 32413

8th Street (SP 12) location across from 8th Street, Mexico Beach, FL 32456

Mexico Beach 1st Street (SP 13) location across from 1st Street, Mexico Beach, FL 32456

Sunset Park (SP 377) location at 1813 Hwy 98, Mexico Beach, FL 32456

37th Street Public Access (SP 404) location at 120 S 37th Street, Mexico Beach, FL 32456

Leslie Porter Wayside Park (SP 403) location at 301 Michigan Ave., Lynn Haven, FL 32444

EPCI Change

Hilton 'Bo' Creel has retired from the company and transferred all his ownership interest. Michael 'Scooter' Hodges is now the President and will serve as the primary contact for all company matters going forward.

Bay County Emergency Exercise

Bay County Emergency Services will sponsor a multi-day exercise in May that will be attended by all emergency personnel in the County. I met with county Mayors, Managers and county emergency personnel to map out items to test during the exercise. This will be very timely and helpful as we get closer to hurricane season.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Razorback is putting pricing together to raise lift station 13 pump by 1.5' to bring it to 15.4' (1.5' above the crown of the roadway).

Construction is ongoing at lift station 11 and 13.

Boat ramp

The City council approved the amended FWC Agreement.

FDEP permitting review is underway. Anchor is working on bidding documentation in the meantime.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Bridge to be delivered on March 23.

City installed 20' stormwater pipe and will add fill dirt at proposed sidewalk area next to Joe Drive.

Walkovers at Public Access at 7th and Sunset Park

Environmental Consultant is working with FDEP and FWC to get the permit issued.

Anchor has been in contact with MKM Construction about suggested layout revision to the dune walkover to have a switchback layout instead of L-shaped (as suggested by FWC). MKM is reviewing the change today and will be in touch with feedback.

Amphitheater

Concrete pile fabrication is underway.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

Nanook – Construction is ongoing; Mainline installed the guide rails for the pumps and has installed the second air release valve and drain pipes.

14th Street – Mainline has demobilized, waiting on Razorback to start work on the bypass.

4th Street Stormwater Project

Work is ongoing. Mainline will notify prior to paving.

Anchor inspector visited the site on Wednesday to look at elevations of the site at the corner of 4th Street and HWY 98.

Street/Sidewalk Assessment for CASUNA

Anchor will revise the pricing estimate to remove sidewalk repairs along 15th Street.

Personnel Policy

Now that the personnel policy changes have been approved, copies will be distributed to employees next week. After they have had a chance to review the policy, we will schedule meetings the following week so we can highlight changes and answer their questions.

TPO (Transportation Planning Organization)

The TPO has a technical committee that normally has public works personnel from around the area. They then make recommendations to the TPO committee for approval. Sam Buccieri will now be the representative for Mexico Beach

Public Works Sam Buccieri

1. Magnolia and Pine Storm Drain Repairs The storm drain repairs on Magnolia and Pine streets have been completed. We also repaired the areas where the road was cut during the process.

2. City Hall Flagpole Installation The installation of the flagpole at City Hall has been successfully completed.

3. 7th St. & Maryland Culvert Installation We have installed culverts at 7th Street and Maryland for a customer. The installation was reimbursed by the customer. However, we did incur additional costs for the installation of a new culvert and drain, which were required to ensure proper water flow. These costs were covered by the City.

4. Joe Dr. and 15th St. Culvert Adjustment We are currently working on raising and adding a culvert at the corner of Joe Dr. and 15th St. This will allow us to avoid the additional cost of installing railings at this location.

5. 28th and 29th Streets – Sidewalk Protection We are awaiting locates between 28th and 29th Streets in order to install posts and ropes. This will prevent vehicles from driving across the sidewalk once the posts and ropes are in place.

6. Trash Cans Arrival We are expecting the arrival of the new trash cans by the end of this week.

7. Beautification of City of Mexico Beach Signs The beautification of the City of Mexico Beach signs located at Hwy 98 at 386 and Hwy 98 on Tyndall has been completed.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 03/06/2026 - 03/12/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
Permit Status			In Progress			
03/06/2026	448 Town Village Way, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0164	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$457,219.36	

Count: 1

Total: \$457,219.36

Permit Type			Door Replacement			
Permit Status			In Progress			
03/11/2026	110 38TH ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-DR0001		One Stop	\$10,825.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #5 213D1

Count: 1

Total: \$10,825.00

Permit Type			Electric Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
03/09/2026	448 Town Village Way, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0029		One Stop	\$457,219.36	

Count: 1

Total: \$457,219.36

Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
03/10/2026	448 Town Village Way, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0022	Hobbs Plumbing	One Stop	\$457,219.36	

Count: 1

Total: \$457,219.36

Permit Type			Residential Re-Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
03/10/2026	1016 15TH ST N2A, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0014	JOHNSON ROOFING SOLUTIONS CCC1332565	One Stop	\$6,113.70	PALMS PHASE ONE
03/12/2026	233 NANNOOK RD, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0015		One Stop	\$14,897.00	GRAND ISLE UNIT 15 235C4
03/12/2026	402 7TH ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0016	Hall Roofing Company, LLC - CCC1336577	One Stop	\$18,795.00	MEXICO BEACH U-14 236A2

Count: 3

Total: \$39,805.70

Permit Type			Window Replacement			
Permit Status			In Progress			
03/10/2026	409 LA SIESTA DR, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-WR0005	RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN OF FLORIDA CGC1522249	One Stop	\$31,690.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$31,690.00

Total Permits: 8

Valuation Total: \$1,453,978.78