



# City of Mexico Beach

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## Weekly Report April 10, 2026



### **National Hug Your Dog Day Edition**

(And they called it puppy love)

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski**

#### Upcoming Meetings

Monday	April 13	6:00 pm	P & Z
Tuesday	April 14	9:00 am	City Council
Tuesday	April 28	9:00 am	City Council

#### Bids/RFQ's/RFP's

RFQ for strategic planning consultant services	2:00 pm	May 6
RFP for Boat Ramp	Should be posted today	

#### Beach Water Sampling

Samples were taken on Monday this week. All samples in Mexico Beach came back good.

#### Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

LS #9: Guardrails for platform are being fabricated. Razorback to begin platform construction now that fence is moved.

LS #11 & #13: construction is ongoing. Concrete pads have been poured. Razorback to begin next phase which includes setting and strapping down pumps on pads.

#### Boat ramp

Anchor sent final edits to intent to bid document and specifications. RFP posted today. We have reached out to the manufacturer of the steel seawall sheet piles for copies of their technical specifications to include in the bid package.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge

Construction is ongoing.

Harders sent over pricing for the sidewalk shift and sod on the east side of Joe Drive. It may save the city money to complete this work if Public Works is able.

#### Dune Walkovers at 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunset Park

Revised walkover layouts sent to FDEP/FWC for review. Awaiting review comments.

#### Amphitheater

Concrete pile installation should begin early next week. Piles should be here on Monday.

#### Nanook and 14<sup>th</sup> Street Lift Stations

Nanook Rd – HydraService to correct the leak issue at base cells.

14<sup>th</sup> Street – Startup/dataflow scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> per Mainline.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Street Stormwater Project

Walkthrough with Mainline, Anchor and the City was completed on 4/07. Mainline to finalize remaining scope, complete as-builts, and send over pipe videos.

Cul-de-sac on Canal Parkway: Getting crew assembled for the work. They hope to start next week or the week thereafter.

#### Dune Walkover #3

Task order for design on 4-14-26 agenda.

#### Annual Audit

Many documents have already been sent to the auditors. Mike has been working extra hours to get ready. Mike and I had our annual meetings with the auditors concerning fraud. The audit process will move into high gear next week. Meeting the filing deadline this year should be no problem.

#### Back Beach Road Project

This plan bypasses HWY 98 beginning near the curves at Windmark going just north of the Harmon property and ending just west of the SunStop. FDOT works their plan in 5-year increments. Right now, Back Beach Road or Gulf Coast Parkway does not appear on the current 5-year plan. Projects can be added to the 5-year plan if

submitted by April 18. Gulf County is spearheading the process and asked for a letter of support. Mayor Wolff signed our letter which was submitted. We pledged our support to help in any way we can. With their lobbyist, our lobbyist and all of us working together, perhaps we can get more traction and move this project forward.

#### Wedding at the Driftwood

Application was approved for an outdoor wedding on April 18. A tent will be placed on the east parking lot. There will be a live band, and the tent size will require safety inspections. A parking plan has been received. Insurance requirements were met and indemnity forms submitted.

#### Amnesty Day

Last year, the city was able to collect items from our citizens and transport them to the Steelfield Landfill, saving our citizens the 3-hour round trip. This year Bay County is not allowing any city in the county to provide the service. Instead, Bay County is asking all citizens to bring their own items directly to the Steelfield Landfill. Here is Bay County's Amnesty Day information:

Bay County's biannual Waste Amnesty Days will be Friday, April 17, 2026, and Saturday, April 18, 2026 - from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bay County holds Waste Amnesty Days twice yearly, during the spring and fall. During these two days, the tipping fee will be waived ONLY at the Steelfield Road Landfill, located at 11411 Landfill Road in West Bay, off State 79. Bay County residents may drop off their yard debris, household garbage, and hazardous waste at no charge. This event is open to Bay County residents only. Proof of residency is required (e.g., driver's license, power bill, voter registration card). Tipping fees will not be waived for commercial customers. All loads that arrive in commercial vehicles or trailers will be assumed to be commercial in origin and are subject to tipping fees.

The following materials will be accepted:

- Appliances (air conditioners, dryers, stoves, washing machines, etc.)
- Construction and demolition debris (concrete, lumber, sheetrock, etc.)
- Trash (kitchen garbage, furniture, carpet, clothes, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste (pesticides, paints, used oil, fluorescent tubes, lead acid batteries, lithium batteries, antifreeze, etc.)
- Small engine containing devices (lawnmowers, weed eaters, edgers, etc.)
- Tires (limit 25 per vehicle)
- Yard debris (grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, etc.)
- Recyclables (batteries, metals, computers, cell phones, tablets, etc.)

Regulations prohibit the disposal of appliances, household hazardous waste, small engine-containing devices, and tires in landfills. The landfill accepts these items, but must process them separately from other waste. If possible, please stage these materials in the load so they can be dropped off at the designated area.

Bay County will not accept gas cylinders, explosive materials, ammunition, or flares. However, residential-sized propane tanks are accepted.

“This is something we do as a service to the community, giving people an opportunity to clean up their properties and also dispose of household hazardous waste properly without concern about it damaging the local environment,” said Solid Waste Division Manager Cory Parsons.

For more information, contact Bay County Solid Waste Management at 850-236-2212.

SPRING WASTE AMNESTY DAYS ARE HELD ONE WEEKEND IN APRIL. FALL WASTE AMNESTY DAYS ARE HELD ONE WEEKEND IN OCTOBER. SPECIFIC DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THE EVENT. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

**AMNESTY DAYS**  
**April 25 and 26, 2025**

<b>APRIL 2025 TWO DAY AMNESTY TOTALS</b>		
TOTAL AMNESTY PARTICIPANTS		1394
TOTAL AMNESTY TONNAGE		568.92
TONS OF TRASH COLLECTED		495.39
TONS OF YARD DEBRIS COLLECTED		72.09
NUMBER OF TIRES COLLECTED		1485
NUMBER OF DERELICT VESSELS		1
NUMBER OF REF. WHITE GOODS		74
NUMBER OF NON-REF WHITE GOODS		216
NUMBER OF FLORESCENT TUBES		1600
Aerosols (cubic yard box)		1
NUMBER OF Large BATTERIES		145
NUMBER OF Small BATTERIES		400
Household Chemicals	55 GAL DRUMS	16
WASTE OIL	GALLONS	200
Bulk Solvents (flammable liquids)	GALLONS	330
WASTE ANTIFREEZE	GALLONS	110
PAINT	GALLONS	2805

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Walker, Chief

Reimbursement applications have been submitted for both the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant and the TIPS program. Under the VFA Grant, we are eligible for \$3,042.20, which covers 50% of the new equipment purchased during the 2025–26 fiscal year. In addition, we have submitted an application for the TIPS program, a grant administered through our insurance provider for PPE and related equipment. We have already received \$3,257.92 this fiscal year, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,742.08 to be claimed. Once these reimbursements are finalized, the department will have realized a total savings of \$8,042.20 on PPE and equipment purchased this fiscal year. These programs continue to provide excellent opportunities to offset operational costs, and we have been fortunate to successfully utilize them over the past several years.

Operationally, the city has experienced a busy Spring Break period with strong visitor numbers along the beaches. Beach patrol operations are going well, and staff continue to actively educate visitors on local beach ordinances.

## **F-ROC**

Our unofficial F-ROC score for this year is 51, which would result in a 51% advance of obligated funds for debris removal and emergency repairs in the event of a disaster. This is a slight improvement from last year's score of 50. Thank you to all who contributed to assembling this information.

## **Harbor Master**

Bookings are increasing, and the canal remains open. Appreciation is extended to Troy and Nick for their continued hard work in maintaining operations and supporting ongoing activity in the harbor.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- Construction items being stored on residential lot.
- Dana Special Master continued discussion of fence violation.
- Mr. Lewis on Oleander wants to split his lot.
- Written several courtesy violations at boat launch.
- Several Special Events Application for weddings.
- Several snipe signs.
- Church wanting to put up a sign on right-of-way along Hwy 98.

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

## Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 04/03/2026 - 04/09/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/08/2026	234 Nannook Rd, Mexico beach	26MB-RB0030		Residential New	\$440,310.36	
04/07/2026	444 TOWN VILLAGE WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0026	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$356,779.90	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/07/2026	414 WATER BEND WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0027	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$356,779.90	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/06/2026	610 Georgia Avenue, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0145	Accelerated Builders, LLC.	Residential New	\$260,000.00	
04/06/2026	235 NANNOOK RD, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0004	Homeowner	Residential New	\$612,000.00	GRAND ISLE UNIT 15 235C4

Count: 5

Total: \$2,025,870.16

Permit Type			Door Replacement			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/06/2026	2005 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	26MB-DR0002		One Stop	\$17,347.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #3 235C4

Count: 1

Total: \$17,347.00

Permit Type			Electric Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/07/2026	232 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0041		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/08/2026	155 TOWN VILLAGE BLVD, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0042		One Stop	\$1,200.00	15/16 6S 12W - 1.3- 213
04/07/2026	236 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0040		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/03/2026	612 GEORGIA AVE, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0039		One Stop	\$5,300.00	MEXICO BEACH U-12

Count: 4

Total: \$292,888.00

Permit Type			Gas Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/06/2026	2115 HWY 98 4, Mexico Beach	26MB-G0002	Hometown Gas Services, LLC	One Stop	\$585,429.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #3 (8.02)

Count: 1

Total: \$585,429.00

Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/07/2026	236 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0035		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/07/2026	232 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0036		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/07/2026	114 15TH ST, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-M0041		One Stop	\$8,951.00	
04/03/2026	248 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0037		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/03/2026	244 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0038		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/03/2026	240 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0039		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/03/2026	228 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0040		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2

Count: 7

Total: \$868,115.00

Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/07/2026	236 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0027		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/09/2026	444 TOWN VILLAGE WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0029		One Stop	\$356,779.90	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/09/2026	414 WATER BEND WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0030		One Stop	\$356,779.90	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
04/07/2026	232 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0028		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2

Count: 4

Total: \$999,947.80

Permit Type			Pool / Hot Tub (Residential Alteration)			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/09/2026	102 23RD ST S, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0033		Residential Alteration	\$79,300.00	MEXICO BEACH U-3 MAP 235C

Count: 1

Total: \$79,300.00

Permit Type			PV System (Residential Alteration)			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/09/2026	101 OCEAN PLANTATION CIR, Mexico Beach	26MB-PVR0001		Residential Alteration	\$16,687.00	OCEAN PLANTATION

Count: 1

Total: \$16,687.00

Permit Type			Residential New Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/08/2026	211 SALT CREEK LANE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RR0030		One Stop	\$143,194.00	Salt Creek
04/08/2026	207 SALT CREEK LANE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RR0031		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK
04/08/2026	203 SALT CREEK LANE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RR0032		One Stop	\$154,535.00	Salt Creek
04/08/2026	223 SALT CREEK LANE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RR0033		One Stop	\$154,535.00	Salt Creek
04/08/2026	219 SALT CREEK LANE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RR0034		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK
04/08/2026	215 SALT CREEK LANE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RR0035		One Stop	\$143,194.00	SALT CREEK

Count: 6

Total: \$881,846.00

Total Permits: 30

Valuation Total: \$5,767,429.96