

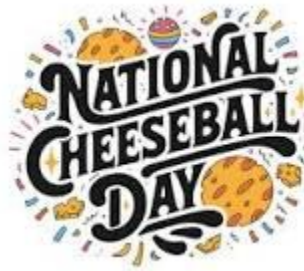


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Weekly Report April 17, 2026



National Cheese Ball Day Edition

(Hope you all have a gouda day)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday	April 28	9:00 am	City Council
Monday	May 4	6:00 pm	P & Z
Tuesday	May 12	9:00 am	City Council
Tuesday	May 26	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 & Expansion	2:00 pm	May 15

Beach Water Sampling

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

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

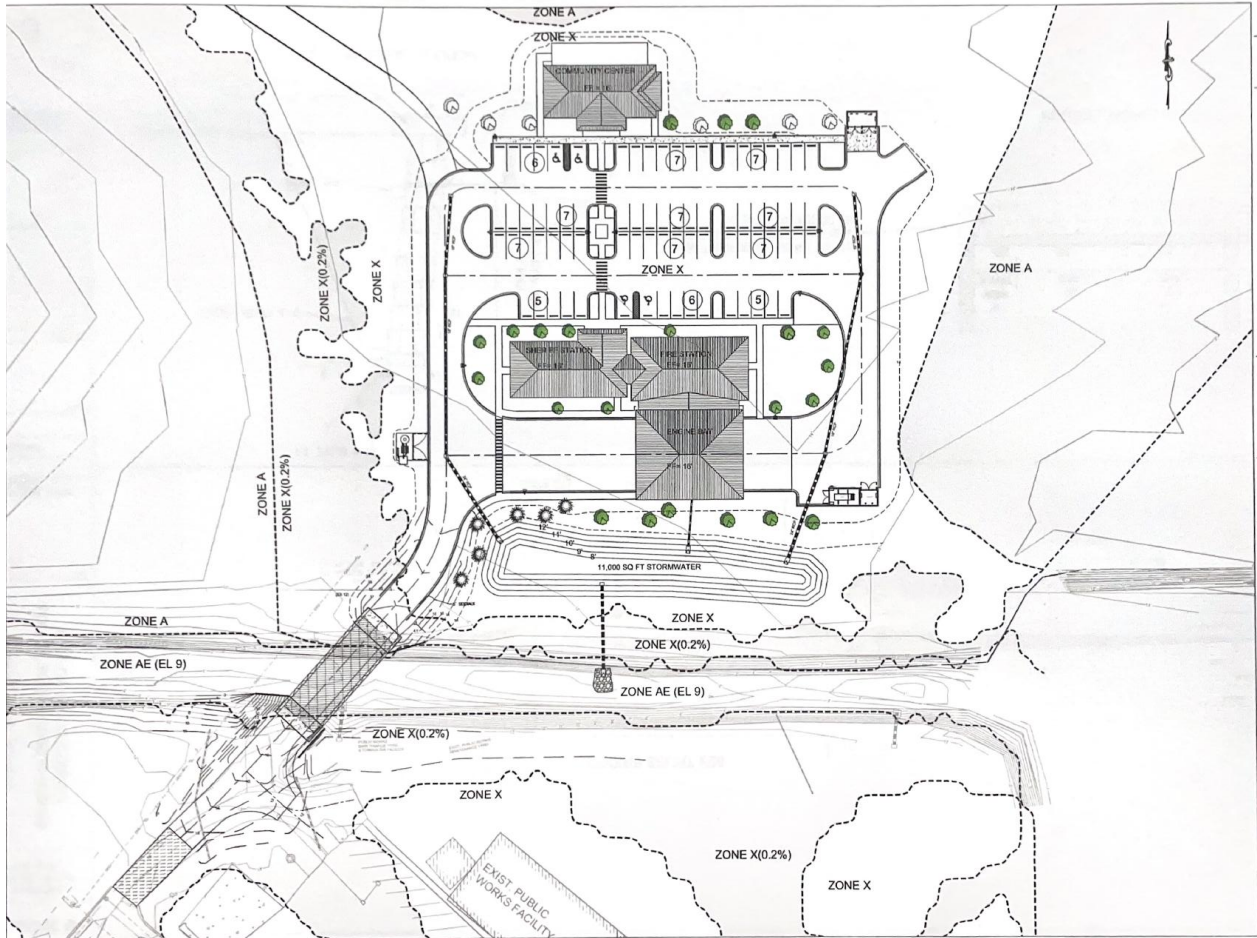
LS #9: Razorback began working on the concrete footers on Wednesday.

LS #11 & #13: construction is ongoing. Concrete pads have been poured. Razorback's schedule shows bypass pump setting and anchoring to begin this week. The work should be completed near the end of the month.

Fire/Police/Civic Center

Our consultants have been working very diligently to get our plans to the 60% level so they can be sent to FEMA (whenever FEMA opens). The H & H study came back, and the complex will have little effect on the floodplain.

Here is a first look at the civil plan for the whole complex in the 25 acres site:



Here is a shot of the Community Center:

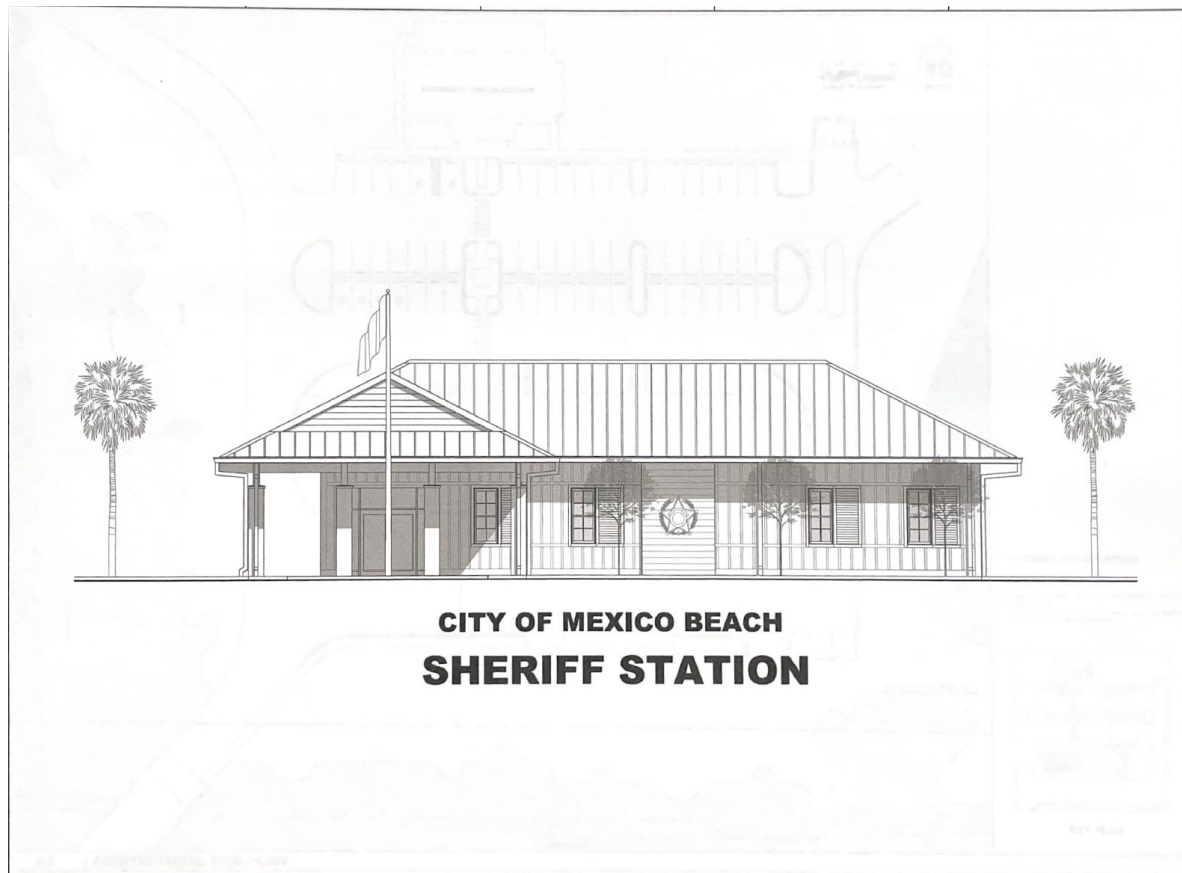


**CITY OF MEXICO BEACH
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Here is a shot of the Fire Station:



Here is a shot of the Sheriff Station:



Boat ramp

Bidding document posted. Bid opening on May 15. Army Corp has reached out with questions that we have sent to the structural engineer to review. FDEP issued their permit, but the Army Corp has a separate permit process.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Construction is ongoing. Anchor asked Harders to take another look at the cost proposal for the sidewalk shift at Joe Drive. Due to the awesome work of Emily at Anchor, the price of the sidewalk has been reduced to \$1,980. Harders worked on the forms for the sidewalk and will pour the concrete on Monday.

Dune Walkovers at 7th and Sunset Park

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

Amphitheater

Concrete pile installation has begun.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

Nanook Rd – Anchor received the startup report from Mainline and is reviewing.

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

4th Street Stormwater Project

Mainline is finalizing the remaining scope, complete as-builts, and send over pipe videos.

Cul-de-sac construction on Canal Parkway will begin on Wednesday (4-22-26). Grading will take place on Wednesday with paving on Thursday. Beginning late afternoon on Tuesday, we will close Canal Parkway at the curve but let local traffic through. Parking will be available near the MX-1 lift station during that time and canal-goers can walk to the canal. Canal Parkway will open back up late in the day on Thursday.

Dune Walkover #3

Design proposal was approved at the council meeting on Tuesday. Anchor will order surveyor to begin. Anchor to request a pre-app meeting with the permitting agencies.

Fishing Permit

The city renewed our annual fishing license that covers fishing on our pier and canal. That means individual fishing licenses are not required to fish in the canal. It will cover the pier when it gets built (FEMA needs to open up so we can get our approval!).

Bailey Lane

Many of you may know the city does not own Bailey Lane. The street fronting the first three parcels from Kim Kove does have city ownership of the street, but the next six parcels all the way to Joe Drive actually own the pavement. There is a small wooden bridge over the ditch right-of-way on Joe Drive that allows pedestrian and golf cart traffic to access Bailey Lane. The owner of the property adjacent to Joe Drive has witnessed numerous golf cart accidents and e-bike speeding causing safety concerns on the bridge. Residents sometimes do not use the bridge but cross the stormwater ditch and going through private property. The city will be taking out the wooden bridge in the interest of safety and the illegal public use of private property. Perhaps if there is a desire of the public to negotiate with the six property owners to acquire a piece of their property for Bailey Lane, then the bridge can be reinstalled.

Lobbyists

Lobbyists must register with the State when they represent a municipality. They can't register until the municipality gives permission. This morning I filed the proper permission with the State, so now we are officially represented by James Clark Smith and Anna DeCerichio from The Southern Group.

Food Trailer Shells

When I met with all the food trailer operators a few months ago, we talked about beautification and landscaping. We threw out the idea of allowing some of our shells to be used for enhancing the parking in public right-of-way but not on their private property. The operators would have to find a way to crush or roll the shells at their expense and not the expense of the city. The only food trailer operator who has reached out so far is the Point Break Pizza trailer.

Sea Oats

You may recall that the City entered into an agreement with Gulf Coast Fencing and Dune Restoration to not only use some of our beach vegetation to use elsewhere, but also to give us plants for our beach. Mr. Pipkin said he has 1,500 sea oat plants for the city. We just need to organize a volunteer group to install them. We are looking at sometime in the first two weeks of May.

Meet the Browns

You may recall Mr. Brown attended a council meeting and spoke about a large fine (\$7,500 plus \$408 in fees) for an illegal fence. A settlement has been reached to reduce the fine to \$2,500 plus \$408 in fees.

Baskerville-Donovan, Inc.

BDI is the consultant who designed our pier and is going through a name change or rebranding. Effective April 28, Baskerville-Donovan will be called Donovan-Hill Group, Inc. There will be no change in ownership or leadership. Their EIN number, contacts and billing processes will remain the same.

Parking

Our staff is working out a plan to add minimal signage that will direct the beach-going public to park in certain designated parking areas. One sign will direct the public to park at Canal Parkway. Another to Parker Park. Another will go to 14th Street (former Police and Fire Stations) when the area can be cleaned up. We are working with some businesses fronting HWY 98 to shift to diagonal parking as an added safety measure. We will be reviewing the visibility triangles at certain busy intersections to enhance safety as well.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sam Buccieri, PWD

- Ongoing refinement of the delivery of residential and commercial garbage cans
- Completion of the pickleball courts is anticipated to be done by the end of the day today, April 16.
- Work on the 15th Street bridge is nearing completion. Sidewalk installation is currently underway and expected to be completed soon.
- Canal Cul-de-sac paving is scheduled for April 22. Part of the roadway will be closed to traffic from April 21 through April 24 to accommodate construction activities.
- Removal of the golf cart bridge on Bailey Lane is beginning.
- Ongoing coordination and data collection for the installation of "No Parking" signage along Highway 98, including identification of appropriate placement locations.
- MKM is scheduled to begin construction of the pole barn behind the Public Works yard on Monday.
- Installation of pilings for the amphitheater project commenced this week.

Fire Department

Sandy Walker, Chief

The department would like to extend its sincere appreciation to James Taunton for his generous donation of three hurricane-impact windows and several heavy doors. These materials have proven to be valuable training props for all shifts. Due to their impact-resistant design, hurricane windows can be particularly challenging for firefighters to breach, and this hands-on training provides important insight into effective techniques for overcoming those challenges. Thank you again, James, for your support.

Daily beach patrols continue, with personnel addressing holes dug by beachgoers. Crews are either filling them in or educating the public on applicable city ordinances and requesting compliance before visitors leave the area. Overall, it has been a successful season to date, and Spring Break was a positive and safe time for all on the beach.

Both reimbursement applications for equipment grants have now been approved, marking the completion of equipment purchases for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The department will begin evaluating available grant opportunities for the 2026–2027 fiscal year to identify needs that support continued mission readiness.

Harbor Master

Marina bookings are increasing steadily in the coming months, indicating a strong season ahead. Operations are running smoothly, and the city marina remains in excellent condition. Special thanks to Parks and Recreation for their ongoing maintenance efforts, as well as to Troy and Nick for their consistent work on the dredge.

Bay County Sheriff's Office

March 2026

Calls for Service	303
Miles Patrolled	14,242
Traffic Stops	119
Citations	19
Warnings	78
Arrests	3
Traffic Accidents	0

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 04/10/2026 - 04/16/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Electric Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/16/2026	2500 HWY 98 E, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0043		One Stop	\$219,518.00	23 6S 12W -5- 235C2

Count: 1

Total: \$219,518.00

Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/14/2026	5501 Hwy 98, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0042	MSTC Mechanical Contractors - CMC056753	One Stop	\$12,000,000.00	
04/15/2026	234 Nannook Rd, Mexico beach	26MB-M0043		One Stop	\$440,310.36	

Count: 2

Total: \$12,440,310.36

Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/13/2026	5501 Hwy 98, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0031	Hospitality Plumbing Inc	One Stop	\$12,000,000.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$12,000,000.00

Permit Type			Temporary Structure			
Permit Status			In Progress			
04/15/2026	2105 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	26MB-CB0006		Commercial New		MEXICO BEACH UNIT 3 235C4

Count: 1

Total:

Total Permits: 5

Valuation Total: \$24,659,828.36