CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH

BRIEF HISTORY

Madeira Beach, Florida (known as Mitchell's Beach during World War I) was incorporated in 1947 as the Town of Madeira Beach.

In 1951, the Town of Madeira Beach and the Town of South Madeira Beach were consolidated forming the City of Madeira Beach.

Historical Statistics:

1952   Construction of the sewer system and sewage treatment plant.

1953   The City Charter was approved by the voters and issued by the States providing for the Board of Commissioners-City Manager form of government.

1955   The City annexed the property east of the former Welch Causeway Bridge.

1958   The City purchased 24 acres of property for a civic center.

1959   Construction of the Madeira Shopping Center on the property annexed in 1955 and construction of the elementary and junior high schools across and south of the shopping center.

1962   Construction of a new bridge to replace the old Welch Causeway Bridge. This construction included a four-lane, divided highway on both sides of the bridge.

1965   Dedication of the new City Hall Municipal building.

1969   Dedication of the new Gulf Beaches Public Library. Both the City Hall and the Library are on the property purchased in 1958.

1972   Dedication of the new John's Pass Bridge. Dedication of the Welch Causeway to Tom Stuart Causeway. This road is also known as State Road 666.

Madeira Beach has an estimated population of 4,226 people with accommodations for approximately 4, 000 tourists. It is a popular tourist community with the principal attractions being the beaches and sport fishing.

The City at its longest point is 2.3 miles long, and at its widest point, one mile in width, but has numerous fingers and inlets.

Departments supporting the City operations are the Administration, Fire, Public Works, Building and Zoning, and the Parks and Recreation.