



Welcome to the City of Mary Esther!

We are so glad you decided to become a part of our community and know you'll come to love this area as much as we do.

Below is some information to help familiarize you with Mary Esther, the services in and around the area, and of course, everyone associated with the City, who are here to assist you any way we can.

Our legislators, the **CITY COUNCIL** members are elected for a 4-year term with staggered elections in even number years and all are elected at-large. The Mayor, a non-voting member, is elected separately and for a 2-year term. Currently our **ELECTED OFFICIALS** are:

Mayor Margaret McLemore (2020-2022)	850-218-0404	MayorMcLemore@cityofmaryesther.com
Mayor Pro Tem Bernie Oder (2018-2022)	850-598-0677	CmbrOder@cityofmaryesther.com
Councilmember Charlotte McKamy (2020-2024)	850-499-9871	CmbrMcKamy@cityofmaryesther.com
Councilmember Chris Stein (2019-2022)	361-774-7277	CmbrStein@cityofmaryesther.com
Councilmember Susan Coxwell (2020-2024)	850-499-5461	CmbrCoxwell@cityofmaryesther.com
Councilmember Aaron Bacchi (2020-2024)	267-521-8920	CmbrBacchi@cityofmaryesther.com

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are held in City Hall at 195 Christobal Road, N., on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM. The third Monday of each month is reserved for meetings also, whether a second regular meeting or a special meeting or workshop, if needed. Any meeting other than the first regular meeting of the month will be announced in public session, posted at City Hall, have a notification placed on the corner marquee (corner of Hollywood Blvd. and Christobal Road) and/or notify those who have signed up for City wide email alerts. Regardless of the type of meeting, we encourage your attendance and participation.

If you would like to be a part of the city-wide email notification process, please contact the City Clerk at cclk@cityofmaryesther.com.

The **ADMINISTRATIVE** side of the City is responsible for the daily and overall operations of the City. Mary Esther is a Council-Manager form of government. Also in the administrative area are the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk who are charged with recording the actions of the Council and maintaining all public records.

The City provides a **WATER AND SEWER** utility. In order to apply for new service, we will need your driver's license (or state issued ID card), SSN, a copy of your lease or closing documents, and a deposit.

Other **UTILITIES** in our area can be secured by contacting the providers directly. Some of that contact information is listed below.

- Waste Management** (Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling) – Hill Avenue, Fort Walton Beach – 800-284-2451 – www.wm.com
- Okaloosa Gas District** – 20 NE Hughes Street, Fort Walton Beach – 850-729-4700 – www.okaloosagas.com
- Gulf Power** – 800-225-5797 – www.gulfpower.com
- Cox Communications** – 34904 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin – 850-796-1269 – www.cox.com
- CenturyLink** – 800-244-1111 - www.centurylink.com

The **MARY ESTHER PUBLIC LIBRARY** is part of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative and as such provides access to and resources through the six libraries throughout the county. From children's programming to adult classes, eBooks, book clubs, and special events, there's something for everyone at the Mary Esther Library. The library is located at 100 Hollywood Boulevard, Mary Esther.

Complete public **SCHOOL** information can be found at www.okaloosaschools.com but a quick tour can be found here:

Elementary

Mary Esther Elementary - 320 E. Miracle Strip Parkway, Mary Esther – 850-833-3371

Cinco Baptist School- 26 Yacht Club Dr, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-7515
 Calvary Christian Academy - 535 Clifford St, Fort Walton Beach - (850) 862-1414
 Liza Jackson Preparatory School - 546 Mary Esther Cut Off NW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-833-3321

Middle

Bruner Middle School - 322 Holmes Boulevard, Fort Walton Beach – 850-833-3266

High School

Fort Walton Beach High School - 400 Hollywood Blvd., SW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-833-3300

Every property owner in Okaloosa County who resides on the property as their primary residence as of January 1, is eligible to receive a **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes including school district taxes with an additional exemption (up to \$25,000) applicable to the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 but only to non-school taxes. This represents a substantial tax savings on those levied by the various taxing authorities. For questions or to file for your exemption, please contact the **Okaloosa County Property Appraiser’s Office** at 850-651-7240 or visit www.okaloosapa.com/exempt.

DRIVER’S LICENSES, VEHICLE, VESSEL & TRAILER TAGS, are obtained through the **Okaloosa County Tax Collector’s Office**. There are six office locations available to serve you with the closest to Mary Esther being the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar (850-651-7300).

You can **REGISTER TO VOTE** a number of ways. On-line at www.govote-okaloosa.com or on paper with registration forms available at either of the Supervisor of Elections offices (Shalimar or Crestview), Okaloosa County Public Libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Children & Family Services and Chambers of Commerce.

STAFF DIRECTORY – This is a listing of *your* City staff:

Name	Title	Email	Phone	Ext:
	City Manager	cmgr@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	14
Dana Williams	City Clerk	cclk@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	11
Becky Podraza	Deputy Clerk	aclk@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	12
Robert Herbstreith	Code Enforcement, P&Z, Cemetery	code@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	16
Kelvin Cherry	Code Enforcement, P&Z, Cemetery	codeenforcement@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	19
Heather Day	Finance Director	findir@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	18
Kenya Fogg	Customer Service, Business Tax Receipts	licenses@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	10
Teri Davis	Customer Service, Accounts Payable	acctspay@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	28
Brandon Mitchell	Utility Billing Administrator	utilbill@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	15
Sheila Ortyl	Library Director	sortyl@okaloosa.lib.fl.us	850-243-5731	102
Anika Crayon	Library Technician	acrayon@okaloosa.lib.fl.us	850-243-5731	106
Vivian Rath	Library Technician	vrath@okaloosa.lib.fl.us	850-243-5731	103
Lilly Ealum	Library Technician	lealum@okaloosa.lib.fl.us	850-243-5731	105
Marlene Bosak	Library Technician	mbosak@okaloosa.lib.fl.us	850-243-5731	100
Brian McMahan	Maintenance Supervisor	maintmgr@cityofmaryesther.com	850-243-3566	23
Fire Department	NON-emergency only	Station11@ocwfcd.org	850-797-2858	

OTHER IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS AND NUMBERS

- Animal Control (P.A.W.S.)** – 850-243-1525
- Florida Highway Patrol** – 850-617-2000
- HazMat** – 850-651-7394
- Mary Esther Post Office** – 210 Hollywood Boulevard– 850-243-3512
- Mosquito Control** – 850-651-7394
- Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners** – 850-651-7105
- Okaloosa County Health Department** – 850-833-9245
- Red Cross** – 850-314-0316
- Social Security Office** – 866-331-2194
- Waste Management** – 108 Hill Avenue, Fort Walton Beach – 850-301-2822