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Redington Beach Reporter

Check out this beautiful mural in Beach Park

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Mayor's Message

To all Redington Beach residents,

Town Park:
The new playground equipment is getting lots of use, our picnic shelters are popular and occupied on weekends, and there has been lots of basketball activity and soccer playing by our youth.

Beach Park:
We patched the asphalt and sealed and restriped the parking lanes with new signage to be put up soon. Landscape improvements are coming, too.

Moon Park:
We will focus on revamping the landscape in the next few months.

Triangles and islands:
Our Public Works crew has done a nice job of pruning trees and shrubs which has resulted in a "cleaner" look.

The Spring weather invites us to go to the beach and swim in the Gulf. Enjoy and be safe, especially when crossing Gulf Blvd.

Our Town staff, consisting of Missy, Adriana, Dave and Mike continue to do a great job for the residents.

Wishing all a Happy Easter and Passover holiday.

Sincerely,

Nick Simons

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Ask the Town Clerk...

Check out our NEW website!

www.townofredingtonbeach.com. There are some great new features as well as lots of useful information. If you have any suggestions or photos that may enhance the site, please send to info@townofredingtonbeach.com.

We would like to replace our old, falling-down fence. Do we need to pull a permit?

According to Town ordinance Sec. 6-283. - General requirements for fences, walls and hedges. No permit is required for repair, replacement or minor modification of existing fences and walls. A permit is required for the construction of new fences and walls. The building official will establish the form of application which may include a survey, plot plan, proposed location, height, construction and material of the fence or wall, and the like. Please comply with fence height requirements as noted in our ordinances.

I'm having a landscaping company do a major clean up of the bushes and trees in my yard. Can I leave the debris on the curb for the trash collector to pick up on their regular route?

If you have a landscaper trimming trees, bushes, hedges etc., it is **THEIR** responsibility to remove these items. **Please do not leave large amounts of debris on the curb.** Waste Connections, the trash company servicing the Town, has a schedule to keep to, and they will not haul huge piles of garden debris. All debris must be bundled in 4 feet lengths or be in a trash container.

Our Beach Parking Permits expired on March 31, 2017. How do I renew?

Your beach parking permits are reusable. Just bring them in to Town Hall to receive a sticker with a new expiration date, March 31st, 2019. If you don't have a beach parking permit, either download the Resident Parking Permit form from the Town's website or come to Town Hall. Beach Parking Permits are for Redington Beach residents and only for use at Beach Park.

When is sea turtle season on the Gulf Coast?
Sea turtle nesting season is May 1st through August 31st.
Sea turtle hatching season is July 1st through October 31st.

Nesting season is when female sea turtles leave the ocean to dig nests and lay golf ball-size eggs in the sand.

People can help sea turtles that nest on Florida's beaches at night by leaving the beach as natural as possible. To do this, beachgoers should remove beach furniture and other obstacles before sunset each day.

"Anyone spending time on Florida's beaches can do something to help save Florida's threatened and endangered sea turtles. People's actions on the beach can have a positive impact on whether our loggerhead, leatherback and green sea turtles nest successfully," said Dr. Robbin Trindell, who leads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) sea turtle management program.

"Whether you are a resident or a visitor, remember to take beach furniture, boats and canopies off Florida's sandy beaches at night so these items won't block sea turtles attempting to nest," Trindell said. "When departing at the end of the day, beach visitors should fill any holes dug in the sand so nesting and hatchling turtles don't become trapped. Please be careful not to disturb nesting sea turtles by getting too close, shining lights on them or taking flash photos."

Some helpful resources:

Sea Turtle Conservancy

http://www.conserveturtles.org/florida.php?page=lighting

Sea Turtles, Nesting, Beach Lighting Ordinances and Beach Cleaning Practices

http://www.myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed/sea-turtles/

Wildlife Lighting Concerns and Information

http://www.myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/lighting/

Clearwater Marine Aquarium – 727 441-1790 (general information)

Mike Anderson, Director of Sea Turtle Nesting

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

727 441-1790 ext.224 or email manderson@cmaquarium.org

No beach bonfires
May 1 through October 31.

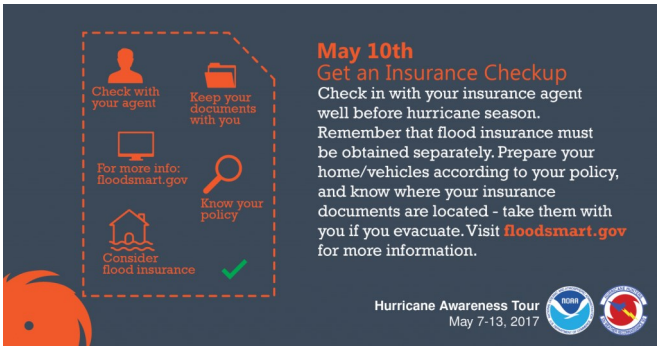
Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 7-13, 2017) is your time to prepare for a potential land-falling tropical storm or hurricane. Learn how with the daily tips below and related websites.

DAY 1—MAY 7th

DAY 2—MAY 8th

DAY 3—MAY 9th

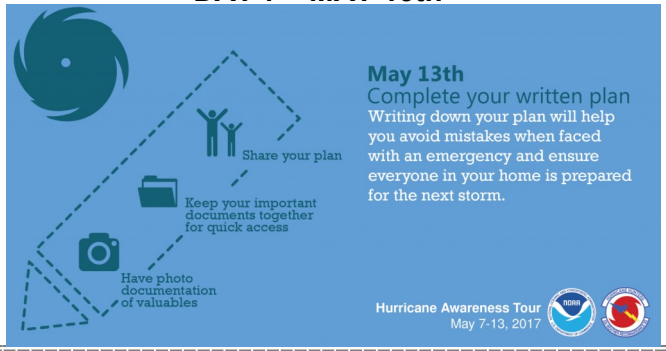
DAY 4—MAY 10th



DAY 5—MAY 11th

DAY 6—MAY 12th

DAY 7—MAY 13th



Santa's Angels Invites YOU to The Gatsby Gala - "A Roaring 20's Party"!!

Hey! Pull out that old Fedora! Wear those feather boas, faux cigarette holders and your long, glamourous beads! Where and when is all of this 1920's excitement? At the Santa's Angels' Gatsby Gala, of course, held in Friendship Park! Have your valet mark the important date: **Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 6:00 P. M. to 10:00 P.M.** - or - until the Friendly Fuzz shows up and shuts down our jazzy Dixie Land swinging music!!

Those Coppers have promised to look the other way when the Booze starts to flow: Unlimited Beer, Wine and Scarr Bar Cocktails, all for your consumption – let's just forget all of that Prohibition jazz because we is raising the dough to help the kids, don't cha know? The Cheap, normal cost is **$30.00/ticket** but Wait - there's more: IF you guys bring a Special Toy for the children, we will reduce your ticket cost to: **Twenty-Five Bucks!!**

Come ON! Where can you dance, eat and drink the night away for **$25** bucks and know that our local children are the sole recipients!?! Call Wally Hawthorne 710-6327 or Mark Deighton 393-0100 for tickets.

We got your Vendors, Restaurateurs, Rafflers, Ring Tossers, Photo Boothers, Front Gate Give-a-wayers, Bar-tenders, Silent Auction Coordinators, and the very best jazzy, swinging band: **Bobby Tess & The Dixie Land Band**! We can practice our Charleston, Bees Knees, and flapper and swing the night away!

When the evening glows away, your personal "Goodie" bag awaits you at the exit. And you may flow home in the knowledge that not only did you have a roaring grand ole time, you also mightily helped our children for Christmas! A Non Profit 501 (C) 3 organization. County, State and Federally Authorized.

Santasangelsflorida@gmail.com
Web: www.Santasangels.org Please friend us on Facebook: Santas Angels Florida

Redington Beach Property Owners Association

Our 2017 RBSFI Scholarship Program began March 1st. All Redington Beach High School seniors are eligible to participate. In 2016 we awarded $16,000 in Scholarships to 4 Redington Beach High School graduates. For 2017 we are looking forward to granting even bigger Scholarship awards.

Deadline for Essay submittals is April 3rd.

The Scholarship/Pizza awards dinner will be April 24th.

Mark your calendars for the June 17th Beach Party. Great food, great time ... dress is swimsuit casual.

Every month we arrange a Vendor Appreciation dinner at one of the local restaurants who support our annual Winefest, which supports our Scholarship program. We send an e-mail blast to all announcing the restaurant, time and date. Be on the lookout for our event announcements and please try to attend them.

Reminder: If you are new to the town or just never became a member, contact us via email at info@rbpoa.com. Also, friend us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/redingtonbeach.propertyowners

Introducing your new Town Commission:

From left to right: Commissioner Tim Kornijtschuk, Vice-Mayor Fred Steiermann, Mayor Nick Simons, Commissioner Dave Will and Commissioner Tom Dorgan.

When driving through the streets of Redington Beach, please remember to:

SLOW DOWN, CHILDREN ARE PLAYING

Thank you.

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

There are 2 newly planted oak trees in Town Park by the sports field. These trees will provide much needed shade on hot summer days.

In Moon Park, the trees have been trimmed and the Australian pine has been removed. A replacement tree will be planted at a future date.

In Beach Park, the parking lot has been repaved and restriped and is much smoother. Beach daisies will soon be planted, giving the Park a colorful look.

If you would like to reserve one of our Parks for a special occasion, call Town Hall at 727-391-3875 and make a reservation. There is no fee for Park reservations.

One of two oak trees recently planted in Town Park by Public Works employee, Mike Carr.

CRS **C**OMMUNTY **R**ATING **S**YSTEM

The CRS program determines whether or not community residents receive a discount on their flood insurance rates. Currently all residents in Redington Beach receive a fifteen (15%) percent discount due to the various activities and documentation that your Town Staff and Public Works Team perform on a daily basis. Our goal is to get our residents an improved rating, which will result in a twenty (20%) percent discount. In the months ahead we will strive to continue upgrading the program's objectives so that we can achieve this greater discount for our residents. This is just another way your Town employees are working for the residents of Redington Beach.

KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

You may be flooded one day. The streets of Redington Beach were flooded during Tropical Storms Colin and Hermine. **All properties in Redington Beach are in a Special Flood Hazard Area.**

Here are some things you can do to protect your family and property from flooding:

- Contact your property insurance agent to purchase a flood insurance policy. Most homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage caused by water flooding. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so do not wait until a storm threatens before you purchase flood insurance.
- Do not walk or drive through flood waters. Currents are deceptive – six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Talk to us about protecting your home. There are ways to modify your building to minimize flood damage. Retrofitting non-compliant buildings is a recommended approach to flooding because the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Several approaches to retrofitting are:

  Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
  Construction of barriers (floodwalls, berms)
  Dry flood-proofing (water tight floor and wall systems)
  Wet flood-proofing (construction that allows the entry and passage of flood water and also removing or relocating items of value to higher elevation levels)
- The Town enforces the flood regulations to minimize the potential of flood losses. The Town's Building Department reviews all permits for compliance with the flood regulations. Call the Building Department at 727-202-6825 before you build on, alter, regrade or fill on your property. These regulations are designed to protect your property from flood damage and to make sure you don't cause a water problem for your neighbors.
- Town Public Works staff patrol the streets after rain events to make sure the storm water inlets and pipes are clear of debris, sediments and pollutants. Removal of debris and pollutants from the storm water system keeps them from discharging to the Bay and helps reduce street flooding. The Town also makes sure that the beaches and parks are patrolled to remove litter. These efforts help keep the Bay and the Gulf clean.

Pinellas County's Fertilizer Ordinance

Local waters are experiencing a decline in water quality due to excess nitrogen and phosphorous. This prompts concerns about our marine life, our lakes and beaches and our economy.

Fertilizer is one nutrient source that can be controlled with your help! The **use of fertilizers in Pinellas County is restricted** in accordance with the Landscape Maintenance and Fertilizer Use and Application ordinance (Pinellas County Code Article XIII, Chapter 58).

From October 1 - May 31 of each year:

- All lawn and landscape fertilizers containing nitrogen must have at least 50% of the nitrogen as slow-release.

From June 1 - September 30 of each year:

- The sale and use of lawn and landscape fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous is prohibited in Pinellas County.
- Use iron and other micronutrient products to green up turf and plants.

For more information: **www.pinellascounty.org/fertilizer • (727) 464-4425**

Pinellas County

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

The Stormwater Management Program is part of the NPDES Program. Its purpose is to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practical to and from the Town's municipal stormwater system using management practices, control techniques, system design, engineering methods and other provisions that are appropriate. In simple terms, the program was mandated by the EPA, and was implemented by the town in 1997 to reduce pollutants entering our waterways and drinking water supply. The town uses several methods to accomplish this task, all of which have been authorized and approved by the EPA. Swales, CDS units, grassy areas, retention and detention areas, silt fencing, booming, cofferdams, and street sweeping are just a few of the ways that are utilized for reducing contaminates prior to entering our waterways. Several years of planning took place prior to receiving our stormwater permit to which we have to adhere and enforce to be able to provide the documentation of compliance by the Town with the proof of enforcement. Through these quarterly newsletters, readers can become more conscientious of the importance of keeping our environment free of pollution and harmful contaminates. As care takers of this land on which we live, it is important we all do our part, not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

The water quality portion of the NPDES permit requires that construction projects be designed as such that discharges meet water quality standards of the Florida Administrative Code. New development and redevelopment often increases the impervious land surface which leads to increased pollutant levels in the stormwater runoff. Any person who wishes to engage in land development or redevelopment activities must submit a plan (drainage site plan) clearly identifying the proposed storm water management provisions and facilities. ***All drainage plans submitted for review and approval must include a description of those measures which will be taken to provide adequate control of the quality of runoff water. The site plan must also provide provisions for adequate control of erosion and sedimentation.***

Sect 6-66 Compliance with NPDES Requirements:

A. Compliance Standards.

(1) New building construction within any zoning district in the town shall conform to the provisions of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as more specifically set forth in the NPDES permit issued to the Town.

(2) The Town's certified stormwater management inspector shall, at all times during building construction or development, ensure that construction and contractors maintain a system for control of construction site erosion, sediment, and water runoff.

(3) Each building site plan for construction shall be reviewed to include the system or method to be used by the contractor to eliminate or control erosion and sediment at the construction site and potential pollution of the town's stormwater collection system.

(4) The certified stormwater management inspector shall periodically inspect each construction site to ensure that the site does not cause erosion or sediment that may result in a discharge into the stormwater system.

(5) The certified stormwater management inspector shall maintain detailed records of all site plans and inspection of construction sites in the town for compliance with the town's NPDES Permit, and shall report such data to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency for NPDES reporting purposes.

(6) The certified stormwater management inspector shall report to the mayor all notices of violation or stop work orders issued by the certified stormwater management inspector to any contractor or property owner for non-compliance with the provisions of this section.

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM CONT'D….

B. Enforcement:

(1) *Stop work order: other penalty*. In the event that any person holding a site development permit pursuant to this Code violates the terms of this permit, or implements site development in such a manner as to materially adversely affect the health, welfare, or safety of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or at the development site so as to be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property of improvements in the neighborhood, the certified stormwater management inspector shall issue a "stop work" order upon ascertainment of any violation of this section or other law pertaining hereto until such time as the condition that caused the "stop work" order has been, in the opinion of the certified stormwater management inspector, corrected.

(2) Violation and Penalties: No person shall construct, enlarge, alter, repair or maintain any grading, excavation or fill, or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the terms of this Code. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section of this Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and each day during which any violation of any of the provisions of this section of this Code is committed, continued or permitted, shall constitute a separate offence. Upon conviction of any such violation, such person, partnership, or corporation shall be punished as provided for elsewhere in this Code for misdemeanors of the third degree. In addition to any other penalty authorized by this section, any person, partnership, or corporation convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section of this Code shall be required to bear the cost and expense of restoring the site to a condition acceptable to the certified stormwater manager.

(3) For all new construction and major alterations, a drainage plan drawn by a registered or licensed architect or engineer shall be included as part of the package submitted to the building department prior to issuance of a building permit.

(4) The drainage plan shall indicate the installation of proper erosion and sediment controls required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) that are to be implemented as construction sites to control contribution of pollutants to the municipal storm sewer system by stormwater discharges from construction activities. All site drainage runoff must run only through established drainage structures so as to prevent excess or excessive water from gathering on the site or on surrounding properties to prevent flooding on the site and adjacent properties.

If you would like to participate in the ADOPT –A– STREET Program, gloves and trash bags will be provided, and litter drop-off locations will be assigned. Fill out the form below and return to Town Hall.

"ADOPT-A-STREET" Registration Form

Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

The Town would like to thank the following residents for their generous contributions:

The following families dedicated a brick in Friendship Park:

The Martin Family

Contribution Opportunities

Benches: Would you like to donate a bench to help beautify the Town? Benches are available to be purchased at the town's cost. A plaque acknowledging your donation will be added to the bench. Please contact Town Hall if you are interested in purchasing a bench.

Bricks: Have you seen the engraved bricks in Friendship Park at the Twin Towers Memorial? These special pavers can memorialize a birthday, anniversary, or memory of a loved one and cost just $50. Order forms are available at Town Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to monetary contributions, there are many ways you can volunteer your time to help your local community.

- Join the Redington Beach Property Owners Association—dues are only $25 per year and helps fund events that develop and promote Redington Beach.
- When vacancies are announced, apply for a position on a Board—the Planning Board, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Board of Adjustment—meetings are usually held monthly.
- Santa's Angels is a non-profit organization based in Redington Beach which provides Christmas presents for disadvantaged children through fundraising events. Visit santasangels.org for more information.

TOWN HALL CLOSURES:

MONDAY, MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY

REMINDER:

The Board of Commissioners meets the first and third WEDNESDAYS of the month.

The deadlines for submitting Variance applications are:

April 17 for the May 18 Board of Adjustment meeting

May 15 for the June 15 Board of Adjustment meeting

June 19 for the July 20 Board of Adjustment meeting

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 15	RBPOA Easter Egg Hunt at Town Park
Saturday, April 22	Santa's Angels Party at Friendship Park 7pm
Thursday, May 25	Last day of Public School
Saturday, June 17	RBPOA Beach Party at Beach Park

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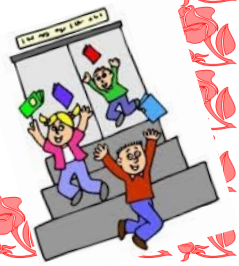

Basic Services:

Police: Pinellas County Sheriff

Non Emergency……727-582-6200

Fire: Non Emergency…….. 727-391-3400

Police & Fire
EMERGENCY ONLY: 911

Electric:	**Duke Energy ……(800) 282-4067**
Water/Sewer:	**Pinellas County Utilities……(727) 464-4000**
Cable:	**Spectrum……(727) 329-5020**
Trash:	**Waste Connections……(727) 572-6800**
Gas:	**Clearwater Gas:……(727) 562-4980**

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Website: http://fmsbuildingdepartment.com/

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