



*Ask the Town Clerk...*



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**Can I drive my golf cart on the streets of Redington Beach?**

**Low-speed vehicle**

Let's talk about the difference between golf carts and low-speed vehicles. Golf carts are small vehicles designed originally to carry two golfers and their golf clubs around a golf course or on desert trails with less effort than walking. A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear. A golf cart may be operated only upon a city street that has been designated by a city for use by golf carts. Upon a determination that golf carts may be safely operated on a designated road or street, the city shall post appropriate signs to indicate that such operation is allowed. A golf cart may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the city has determined that a golf cart may be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise and the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield. **The Town of Redington Beach has not designated any streets for use by golf carts.**

A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers. A low-speed vehicle or mini truck must be registered, insured and titled. Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini truck must have in his or her possession a valid driver license.



**I'd love to have a bonfire on the beach. Do I need permission from the Town?**

- Bonfires are for **residents only** and are allowed on the beach from November 1st—April 30th. Bonfire permits can be obtained at Town Hall or on our website, [www.townofredingtonbeach.com](http://www.townofredingtonbeach.com). Bonfires are held on the beach at Beach Park, unless prior approval has been made by the Fire Chief and the Town to hold it in another location.

**BURNING CHRISTMAS TREES IS PROHIBITED**



**When is Election Day in the Town of Redington Beach?**

The qualifying period was December 1 through December 15 for 2 Commissioners. Qualifying candidates are Dave Will, Tom Dorgan and Laura Barnett. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at Town Hall. Check out the Town website for more information as Election Day grows closer.



The deadline to register to vote in the March election is Monday, February 12th, 2018.

The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Wednesday, March 7th.

**Does Redington Beach have a Library?**

The Gulf Beaches Public Library serves the citizens of Madeira Beach, Redington Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Shores and Treasure Island, as well as member cities of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, the unincorporated area of Pinellas County and our visitors. They are supported by the five communities named above that have combined their resources in order to fund a library they would not be able to maintain individually. Located on two barrier islands in the Gulf of Mexico west of St. Petersburg, these communities are home to year round residents and many seasonal residents and visitors. Click this link <http://gulfbeacheslib.org/> for more information.



*A list of boat parade and house decoration winners can be seen on our website as well as a video of the boats. Visit [www.townofredingtonbeach.com](http://www.townofredingtonbeach.com).*

**My neighbors are away for the weekend but their teenage children are throwing a very loud party.**

**It's after midnight and they are still playing loud music, yelling, etc. What can I do?**

Redington Beach has a noise ordinance which states:

Any loud noise (like music or yelling) between the hours of 11pm and 7am is prohibited.

If your neighbor's party is still loud enough for you to hear inside your own house, and it's after 11pm, please call the NON-EMERGENCY line of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

An officer will be dispatched and make sure the noise is abated.

The number is **727-582-6200**.



**Just a friendly reminder:  
Lock your car doors at night and don't leave  
valuables inside them.**

## News from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office



### For barrier island residents and businesses:

In an effort to prevent looting and burglary after a large-scale mandatory evacuation, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the barrier islands have joined forces to provide **free Emergency Access Permits** to all businesses and residents of the barrier islands. Once a mandatory evacuation order has been lifted, Emergency Access Permits will be required to re-enter an evacuated area. There are nine entry points to the barrier islands. Access will be limited based on the closest entry point to your residence.

You will be asked to hang the permit from your vehicle's rearview mirror for re-entry post-evacuation. Law enforcement officers will be posted at entry points where they will scan the barcode on your permit to verify your residency. With your help, we can keep trespassers from accessing your property. Don't wait until a storm is imminent.

Call Town Hall at 727-391-3875 for an appointment.



## Vehicle Burglary Prevention

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has been proactive in helping to prevent vehicle burglaries. They have stepped up all beach patrols since the end of 2017 to prevent activity by criminals looking for a quick score. In addition to using some covert assets, they've also increased deputies checking for unlocked vehicles under our vehicle burglary prevention program. Their efforts on December 9<sup>th</sup> yielded the following:

- 23 vehicles were found unlocked.
- Keys to a brand new Lexus with the key in center console were found and returned.

Listed below are some suggestions for the citizens of our community to use in an effort to reduce these offenses:

- Never leave the keys in your vehicle.
- Always lock the doors, even when you are away from the vehicle for a short time.
- Remove items (purses, tapes, CD's, books, cash, etc.) from the vehicle when possible. If you can't take them out, put them in a place that is out of view (in the trunk or tool box)
- Remove "pull-out" style stereos and/or removable faceplates of stereos. (if equipped)
- Park in lighted areas.
- Park in garages or on driveways or near your house or apartment so that the vehicle can be viewed periodically.

Other vehicle security considerations:

- Steering wheel lock bar or steering column locking cover.
- "Engine kill" switch.
- Car alarm.



# Household Electronics & Chemical *Mobile Collection*

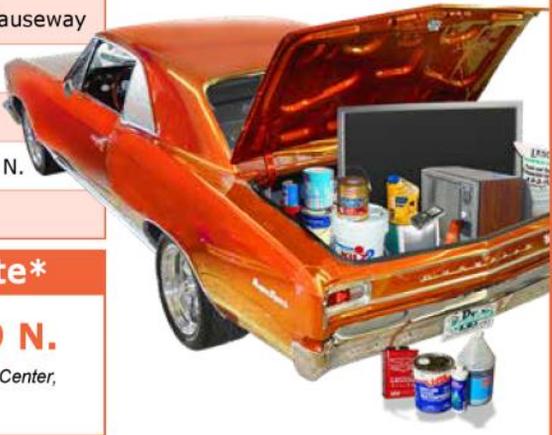
## 2018 Mobile Collection Events\*

Jan. 13	East Lake High School	1300 Silver Eagle Dr.
Feb. 17	Seminole Home Depot	10550 Park Blvd.
Mar. 3	St. Petersburg College/Gibbs Campus	6605 Fifth Ave. N.
Mar. 10	Largo Home Depot	10689 Ulmerton Rd.
Apr. 21	Tarpon Springs High School	1411 Gulf Rd.
May 12	Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle School	591 Tom Stuart Causeway
Sep. 8	St. Petersburg College Allstate Center	3200 34 <sup>th</sup> St. S.
Sep. 15	Seminole High School	8401 131 <sup>st</sup> St. N.
Oct. 13	Largo High School	410 Missouri Ave. N.
Nov. 3	Gulfport Neighborhood Center	1617 49 <sup>th</sup> St. S.

**\*All events are on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Collections may be delayed or canceled due to severe weather.**

*\*Per vehicle quantity limits apply; check website for residential guidelines.*



## Drop off at North County Satellite Site\*

Jan. 27	Apr. 28	July 28	Oct. 27
Feb. 24	May 19	Aug. 25	Nov. 17
Mar. 24	June 23	Sep. 22	Dec. 15

**29582 U.S. 19 N.**  
*(behind the North County Gov't Center, south of Curlew Rd.)*



### What to bring\*

**ELECTRONICS:** Cell phones, computer towers/CPUs, drives (e.g. hard drives, CD drives), laptops, monitors, rechargeable batteries (remove from device, place device in garbage), smart phones, tablets, televisions (must be whole).

**CHEMICALS:** Automotive fluids, batteries (household or vehicle), cleaners, cooking oil, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs and other mercury-containing devices, fuels (e.g. gasoline, kerosene), fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, paint (latex or oil), paint remover, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, rechargeable batteries (including vehicle), smoke detectors, solvents, wood preservatives.



### What NOT to bring

Find out how to get rid of these items in the **A to Z Guide** at [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle).

A/C units, alkaline batteries, appliances, biological/infectious waste, camcorders, CD players, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, empty paint cans, explosives, fax machines, fire extinguishers, garbage, gas cylinders larger than one pound (e.g. propane tanks), GPS units, marine depth finders, medicine, microwave ovens, pagers, portable players, printers, printer/toner cartridges, radioactive waste, radios, stereo equipment, telephones, tires, VCRs, video game players.

### THE HEC<sub>3</sub> IS FREE FOR RESIDENTS.

Businesses, including nonprofits and religious organizations, haulers, hobbyists, property managers and salvagers, may bring waste to the HEC<sub>3</sub> only on the 12 EnviroBusiness Days, which are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month.

Businesses pay the contractor directly at the county's contracted rate for disposal. For more information on business waste disposal, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste](http://www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste).



For more information on mobile collections, the HEC<sub>3</sub> or the North County Satellite Site, contact Pinellas County Solid Waste at (727) 464-7500 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste](http://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste).



**FOR EVERYBODY'S SAFETY, PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN A VEHICLE.**

## REDINGTON BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Redington Beach Property Owners Association Board, at their December 11th meeting, reflected on the activities from 2017 community activities and started planning for 2018. In 2017, family and community events were held throughout the year including: the Easter Egg Hunt, the Scholarship Pizza Dinner Night, the much attended Wine and Food Gala, the Holiday Park Lighting, plus monthly Vendor Appreciation 'Dining Out' Socials and more.

For 2018, the RBPOA has already set dates for several activities for the first quarter and we invite everyone to participate and join the RBPOA to meet your fellow neighbors and help us make Redington Beach a place we call 'Our Home'.

Coming up:

- Jan 15th Vendor Appreciation - The Texas Roadhouse
- Jan 29th Pot Luck and Annual Meeting - Town Hall
- Feb 19th Vendor Appreciation - Slyce Pizza & Pub
- Mar 19th Vendor Appreciation - Madeira Beach Snack Shack

For more information about our 2018 activities, watch for our insert in an upcoming issue of the Beach Beacon and/or email us at [info@rbpoa.com](mailto:info@rbpoa.com). Join us and let's make Redington Beach known as a community of families that are there for each other.

## SANTA'S ANGELS

**SANTA'S ANGELS WHERE YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**



SANTA'S ANGELS wishes **ALL** a very Happy and Healthy New Year! ~~ 2018 ~~

SANTA'S ANGELS thanks all our wonderful Angels; our Volunteers and Donors, and the Town of Redington Beach, all who made **2017 our best year ever**.

This Christmas, SANTA'S ANGELS served FOUR HUNDRED (400) local under privileged children!

In our amazing thirty year story, it is worth repeating that this is our very best year ever; an all time historical high record for serving our needy children in Pinellas County! We congratulate ALL whom have helped us to accomplish this incredibly worthy goal.

YOU are, of course, also included as an incredible ANGEL if you helped to produce or attended one or more of our fund raising events. If you came to the Great Gatsby Gala Event, Sgt. Peppers Oktoberfest, Tim Nachmann Anglers Amory Fishing Tournament, Suncoast Surf Shops' Gator's Party, Retired Telephone Workers, or the Scarr Insurance Financial Bldg. Group's Party, then YOU are an incredible ANGEL! Thank you!

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTAS ANGELS FIRST 2018 EVENT: SAT. APRIL 7TH**

~~~~HAVANA NIGHTS~~~~

Please envision swaying palm trees, twinkling lights, our Handsome men in Tropical Guyabera Shirts and Panama hats, our Lovely Ladies in tropical attire, Cubano and Latino Rhythms, bongo and Caribbean oiled steel drums and—of course, the bottomless: Cuba Libras, Mojitos, Ernest Hemingway's inspired Rum Daiquiris and custom libations from our Scarr Bar, all to enhance the all you can eat Tim Nachmann's Smoked Pig and Turkey Roast, Black Beans with aromatic Rice, Cuban garlic/rosemary bread, 1905 Caesar Salad, and Wally's Fresh Three Bean Herbed salad. And Donna's Des-serts! And who knows, maybe Lucy and Ricky will show up?!

SANTA'S ANGELS has an extremely precious mission statement: "To give to each unique child, once in a lifetime, a special Magical Christmas experience! A true delivery from Santa Claus!"

SANTA'S ANGELS says thank you to ALL ANGELS who help us to accomplish our important, worthy mission.

**Gratefully,**

**SANTA'S ANGELS  
Lynne M. Hawthorne  
Executive Director**

# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



### FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

## CRS COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

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 in 2016. **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.

### NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

The Stormwater Management Program is part of the NPDES Program. It's purpose is to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practical to and from the Town's Municipal Storm Sewer or Water System using management practices, control techniques, system design and 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 in which we have to adhere to and enforce and be able to provide the documentation of compliance by the Town with the proof of enforcement. It is the hope that through these quarterly newsletters, readers are more conscientious of the importance of keeping our environment free of pollution and harmful contaminates. As care takers of this land, it is important we all do our part not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.



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!**



### 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.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

The following families donated engraved bricks for Friendship Park:

- The De Rose family
- The Jackson family

### 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 help 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](http://santasangels.org) for more information.

**BOARD UPDATES**

**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Friendship Park** is being well-maintained by our talented Public Works Department. Several events were held in this area in 2017 and several more are scheduled for 2018.

**Town Park** - the new ADA compliant drinking fountain was installed last month and the reviews are favorable. Many children use the recently purchased playground equipment daily. The Town would like to remind you that the adult exercise equipment is strictly for use by adults only.

**Moon Park** improvements are continuing. The Park Board approved a plan to add some art to the south wall. The artist, Mike Jenney, is the same artist who painted the mural at Beach Park and will be starting in early 2018.

If you have driven down 4th St. E. lately, you'll notice new landscaping and irrigation in the island in the north cul de sac. New hibiscus, shell pathways and grasses were added.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets monthly on, usually, the first Monday of the month at 10:00am.



Photos of 4th St. E. cul de sac courtesy of Richard Cariello.

**Planning and Zoning Board**

**The Planning and Zoning Board** reviews and updates the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which charts the evolution of the Town's future growth, required services and population needs.

Presently, the Board is overseeing the implementation of the undergrounding of utilities and a beautification project along Gulf Blvd., through a grant from the FDOT and Pennies for Pinellas.

**Board of Commissioners**

Town Commission meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 6:30pm. To view agendas and meeting minutes, visit our website and click the "Government" tab, then "Agendas and Minutes."



**TOWN HALL CLOSURES:**

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

**REMINDER:**

The Board of Commissioners meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm.

**The deadlines for submitting Variance applications are:**

January 16 for the February 15 Board of Adjustment hearing

February 12 for the March 15 Board of Adjustment hearing

March 19 for the April 19 Board of Adjustment hearing

**Calendar of Events**

- Monday, January 29 RBPOA Potluck Dinner
- Tuesday, February 12 Deadline to register to vote
- Wednesday, March 7 Deadline to request mail-in ballot
- Tuesday, March 13 Election Day
- Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24 Town-wide Garage Sales

**Redington Beach Garden Club Meeting Dates**

- January 18 Town Hall
- February 15 Town Hall
- March 15 Friendship Park



**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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