

Redington Beach Reporter



Take a stroll through Friendship Park

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Mayor's Message

Redington Beach residents,

We are now in Tropical Storm season, and I would like to encourage all of you to familiarize yourselves with current evacuation routes and establish your game plan for an evacuation destination, should it be necessary, and for those with pets, the planning is more complex.

We are pleased to note the amount of construction going on in Town, especially the slab on grade houses that are being torn down and replaced with FEMA compliant houses.

The Town Commission has started the 2017/2018 budget process which will culminate with millage rates and final budget being established in August and September.

I wish all a safe summer and as the beach and Gulf beckon us, please use caution crossing Gulf Blvd.

Nick Simons

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TOWN HALL HOURS: Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Ask the Town Clerk...



We are going digital!

If you would like to receive this quarterly newsletter by email, please send your name, address and email to:
deputyclerk@townofredingtonbeach.com.

Just a friendly reminder:

When you leave your recycle bin at the curb for pick up, please weigh down your paper products so they don't blow into your neighbors' yards.



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

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, taillamps, 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.



My neighbor's grass is really tall and there are palm fronds all over the yard. Can we make him clean it up?

As we settle into the pattern of almost daily rainstorms, the grass, trees and bushes will need to be trimmed more frequently. According to Town Ordinance 12-2 (8), it is prohibited "to allow, suffer or permit any accumulation of branches, cuttings, leaves, palm fronds, and grass or weeds with an overall height in excess of 12 inches, litter or combustible or flammable waste, rubbish or debris of any kind in any courtyard, vacant lot or open space." Our Code Enforcement officer and Public Works Department are trained to identify yards that may need a reminder about yard upkeep. Call Town Hall at 727-391-3875 and let us know if there is a problem yard in your area. We will notify the owner and even suggest ways to prevent that from happening again in the future.



Can I bring my dog to the beach or the park in the Town?

Unfortunately, no. According to Chapter 4, Section 4-3 of the Town of Redington Beach Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful to allow animals on the beach or any Town-owned park or recreation area. This includes all the parks, beach accesses and all the islands (triangles). There are several designated dog-friendly parks and dog-friendly beach areas in Pinellas County, some just a short drive away.



How can I reserve a shelter at Town Park?



If you would like to reserve the Shelter at Town Park for a picnic, birthday party, or other event, please call Town Hall for availability. Friendship Park is also available but you must confirm availability through Town Hall by calling 727-391-3875.



Florida Municipal Services issues all the Town's building permits and does all the inspections. Their new Building Official, Neal Mazzei, comes from the City of Palmetto, where he was the Building Official. We look forward to working with Neal.

PLAN what you'll do

in this section

- Making decisions
- Understanding the forecast
- Evacuation orders



During an approaching storm, it can be very stressful if you have not taken the time to make plans for you and your family to be safe. And chances are, you won't have time to get everything together at the last minute. If you take basic steps and plan ahead now, you won't have to worry when a storm is coming. Pages 5 - 11 will help you plan for an emergency and pages 12 - 13 will help you prepare.

Replace panic with peace of mind and get a plan. Start by answering these questions:

1. WHO WILL I CONTACT?

- How would I reach my loved ones if my phone did not work in an emergency?
- Do I have important numbers written down and stored in a safe place?
- Has my family talked about how we would reconnect if an evacuation was called while we were separated?

2. WHERE WILL I GO?

- If there's a tornado warning in your area, have you identified a "safe room" in your home where you can hunker down?

- If you had to evacuate for a hurricane, would you try to drive out of town or to a friend's house in a safer area?
- In what situations would it be safe to stay home instead of trying to leave?

3. HOW WILL I GET THERE?

- If you plan on going out of town and you don't have a car, do you know the options of public transportation? (Remember, normal routes could change as a hurricane approaches.)
- Will you take public transportation to a shelter?
- If you have to leave your home in a hurry, is your car ready for a long trip?
- Do you have emergency supplies in your vehicle?

DID YOU KNOW?

DRIVERS: Be aware that during a large-scale disaster, such as a hurricane, you may encounter heavy traffic on the limited routes out of Pinellas County. Fill up your gas tank and keep emergency supplies in your car.



BUS RIDERS: In an emergency, PSTA will run nearly all routes until it is no longer safe. **All rides are free during a hurricane evacuation.** Buses will also run from transfer stations to local shelters during an evacuation. Call the PSTA InfoLine at (727) 540-1900. Route information during a storm will also be posted at www.psta.net.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION: The county offers transportation for special needs residents (see page 6). If you don't qualify and can't ride the bus, contact your local fire department or Emergency Management in advance for help. **Don't stay in a dangerous situation just because you don't have transportation!**

DISASTER PLAN

Fill out your own "Personal Disaster Plan" on page 11 of this guide.

At A Storm's Approach

MAKING THE DECISION

Once you have assessed your risk, make your decision and make your plans. First, you must listen to the experts and figure out what the storm is forecast to do. Remember, forecasts are never exact. Always check for updates and be prepared for changes.

UNDERSTANDING THE FORECAST

The National Hurricane Center uses a graphic of a "cone" to show the probable track of a storm that you see on weather forecasts in local media and on the center's website: www.nhc.gov.



5-DAY CONE ACTIONS

When the Tampa Bay area is in a 5-day cone, it's time to implement your plan and preparations.

A hurricane is on a probable path to reach our area in five days.

- Know your zone. If you live in an evacuation zone, decide where to go and how to get there.
- Review your personal disaster plan.
- Get your survival kit and important papers ready.
- Begin work to prepare your home and yard.
- If you have special needs, be sure your caregiver begins to implement your plan and, if needed, be sure you are registered for a special needs shelter.



3-DAY CONE ACTIONS

As a storm moves closer to land, the accuracy of

the forecast increases and residents should step up their preparation with the following actions:

- Double check your survival kit and make necessary purchases.
- Gather special supplies for infants, children, seniors and pets.
- Be sure you have all materials and tools necessary to shutter windows.
- If your plans are to evacuate, make arrangements, book reservations and pack what you can in your vehicle.

HURRICANE WATCH ACTIONS (48 hours ahead)

Prepare as if the storm is headed directly for your home. Be ready for a Hurricane Warning within a few hours if the storm remains on track and continue implementing your disaster plan.

- Fill vehicle gas tank.
- Get cash, secure papers and valuables.
- Refill medications. (If Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center is activated or the governor has declared a state of emergency, you can get a 30-day refill without the insurance company's usual restrictions).
- Fill containers and tubs with water, even if evacuating – you may need the water when you return.
- Secure yard equipment and furniture.
- Shutter your windows.
- If your plans are to evacuate the area, secure your home so you can leave as soon as an evacuation order is issued.
- If you are registered for transportation to a public shelter, be sure you have everything you need for your "go bag."

HURRICANE WARNING ACTIONS (36 hours ahead)

- Be prepared for an evacuation order to be issued and know which zone you're in so you can follow those orders.
- Stay tuned to local news and get your weather radio ready.
- Complete final preparations to evacuate or to shelter in your home.
- If your plan is to travel out of the local area and you can leave at this point, go.
- If you are registered for transportation to a public shelter, be ready to leave. Rescue workers will begin pickups shortly after an evacuation order is issued.

EVACUATION ORDER

Determine if your residence is affected by the evacuation order - does it include your evacuation zone or do you live in a mobile or manufactured home? If so, you must evacuate.

- If you are evacuating locally, get to your shelter location within a few hours of the order.
- If you are traveling out of the local area, leave immediately.
- Be aware of your evacuation time range. Evacuations will be issued with beginning and end times.

WHERE CAN YOU GO?

Hotel: Identify hotels in a zone not being ordered to evacuate. Book early!

Out of the area: Make sure your vehicle is ready for a long ride with traffic. Also, remember the storm could change paths and still put you in harm's way in another part of the state.

Last resort: Public Shelter - Expect crowded quarters with few comforts at shelters located in local schools or church buildings. Pinellas County has limited shelter space so this should be your last resort.

- Register in advance for Special Needs and Pet-Friendly public shelters. Call Emergency Management at (727) 464-3800, your local fire department or your home healthcare provider, or register online: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency.

HOST HOME

A Category 3 hurricane would drive about 400,000 people from their homes, yet the county has approximately 50,000 shelter spaces available. While many people may stay at a safe hotel, leave the county, or stay with a friend or relative, there are many residents who will need a local place to stay.

Residents of non-evacuation zones can offer their homes to those in lower-lying areas. Host Homes work best when the two parties are compatible – families with children or pet owners for example. The guests can help to prepare the home and contribute supplies.

There are many residents who don't know anyone that they can ask. This is when an organization can do a great service by setting up a Host Home program for their members. For more information go to www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hosthomes.

Do you KNOW YOUR ZONE?

Storm surge levels have changed.

Your evacuation zone may be impacted.

WAYS TO CHECK YOUR ZONE AFTER JUNE 1:

- ✓ pinellascounty.org/knowyourzone
- ✓ (727) 453-3150 (landlines only)
- ✓ Pinellas County "Doing Things for You" Mobile App
- ✓ Pinellas County Utilities bill
- ✓ Ready Pinellas Mobile App



Pick up the 2017 All Hazards Preparedness Guide at libraries, government offices, and view online at: pinellascounty.org/emergency.



Sign up for the free emergency notification service Alert Pinellas at pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas.

NEW! 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 will can keep trespassers from accessing your property.

Call Town Hall at 727-391-3875 to schedule an appointment to receive your free Re-entry pass.

**Pinellas County Utilities
CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS**



The Southwest Florida Water Management District declared a Phase III Water Shortage effective June 5, 2017 for the Tampa Bay Area affecting Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties.
Visit pinellascounty.org/utilities/water-restrict.htm for additional information.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ORDER SWF 2017-014
FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 40D-21
PINELLAS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 82**

Irrigation Using County Water or Irrigation Using Wells/Lakes/Ponds

- Irrigation of established lawns and landscaping is authorized for one-day-per-week

If your house number ends in:	Then you may water on:
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday
Mixed or No address	Friday

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM, regardless of property size
- Properties less than one acre in size or with fewer than 11 irrigation zones shall use only one of the two available watering times

Morning Hours	Evening Hours
12:01 AM to 8:00 AM	6:00 PM to 11:59 PM

Vehicle Washing

- Car washing is limited to once per week on the designated watering day for the location
- Fundraising car washes cannot be scheduled after the effective date of these restrictions
- Commercial car washes, including mobile detailing businesses, may still operate on any day

Fountains

- Fountains and other aesthetic water features may only operate eight hours per day. The regular hours of operation can be selected by the owner, but must be posted. There are some exemptions such as water features that also provide aerification to koi ponds.

Landscape Watering Schedule and Times

- Handwatering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day, if needed

Pressure Washing

- Pressure washing is allowed once a year for necessary purposes such as prior to painting or sealing, to maintain a paint or material warranty, to address a health or safety hazard, or to comply with health laws (See "Other" on back regarding HOA requirement suspension)

New Lawns & Plants - Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption**Proof of new plant material may be faxed to (727) 464-3717**

- New lawns and plants have a 60-day total establishment period
- From day 1 to day 30, new plant material may be watered any day of the week
- From day 31 to day 60, new plant material may be watered 3 days per week
 - Even addresses only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday
 - Odd addresses only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday
- Only during authorized hours
- Isolated to new lawn or plant area only
- Exemption begins on the day of installation
- On the day of installation, new lawns and plants may be irrigated once without regard to the allowable watering times
- An entire zone of an irrigation system may be used if the zone waters an area that contains at least 50% new plant material
- Partial zone or dispersed plantings shall be watered by some other, more targeted means of supplemental irrigation
- The property owner or manager shall, upon request, provide proof of installation date

Chemical Applications

- Irrigation to water-in necessary lawn chemicals is not restricted when required by the manufacturer or when required by law
- Watering-in shall be limited to one application of one-quarter inches during authorized watering hours within 24 hours of the application and a sign with the date of application must be visible on the property

Irrigation System Testing & Repair

- May be operated for testing and repair purposes
- Testing may be done as often as once a week
- The run-time for any one test may not exceed 10 minutes
- An attendant must be on-site in the area being tested

Wasteful & Unnecessary Use of Water Is Prohibited

- Allowing water to flow from an unattended hose
- Hand-watering a lawn on a restricted day or more than once a day
- Hosing-down a driveway or solid surface or structure when a dry method could be used
- Allowing water to flow from a broken sprinkler head, outdoor faucet, malfunctioning plumbing or irrigation system after receiving verbal or written notice

Other

- Homeowners associations and other entities must suspend any requirement to replace lawns, pressure wash, or engage in other activity which increases water use during this water shortage declaration
- Sprinkler-like devices used on a lawn for recreational purposes shall be limited to the lawn and landscape restrictions

Pinellas County Utilities
(727) 464-4000
PinellasCounty.org/utilities
Fax (727) 464-3717

Southwest Florida Water Management District
1-800-836-0797
WaterMatters.org

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. **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

WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Top 3 Causes of Impairment to Florida Waters:

#1 - Nutrients. Phosphorus and Nitrogen primarily from fertilizer and decaying vegetation.

#2 - Dissolved Oxygen. The excess nutrients in Florida Waters cause algae to grow and blossom which reduce dissolved oxygen, limiting the growth of underwater plants and animals.

#3 - Bacteria. Fecal bacteria occur only in animal waste - pets and humans.

These pollutants get into Boca Ciega Bay when rain (or even irrigation water) flows over land (yards, parking lots and streets) and is captured by street inlets or grates. If there are pollutants on the land, they are washed into Boca Ciega Bay with the stormwater.

The Town of Redington Beach Public Works Department is responsible for keeping stormwater runoff as clean as possible before it reaches the Bay. Town staff is trained to properly apply pesticides and fertilizer within Town parks. Certain staff maintains current certifications to inspect construction sites and make sure that proper equipment is used to keep pollutants from getting into stormwater runoff. Each year, staff attends a refresher course for recognizing illicit discharges and how to minimize impacts to the stormwater system.

What is an illicit discharge? It is anything other than water that flows into a stormwater collection inlet. Illicit discharge includes oil, paint, grease, gasoline, grass clippings, pet waste and paper. If you see anyone dumping in the storm drain, please call Town Hall at 727-391-3875.



For more information, visit the following websites:

<http://www.townofredingtonbeach.com/public-works/>

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/stormwater.htm>

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/>

REMEMBER ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

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:

A bench for Friendship Park, donated by Monika Nunley and Darlene Perfetto

A child-sized picnic table for Town Park, donated by
the Redington Beach Property Owners Association

The following families dedicated bricks in Friendship Park:

Melody Lee, In Memory of Edward Lee

Tamara Thomas, In Memory of Betty Thomas and Andy Brunson



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 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 for more information.

BOARD UPDATES

Parks and Recreation Board

There are three new additions to Town Park. The first one is a new chilled drinking fountain, complete with steps to help the smallest children gain access. The second addition is a new concrete pad in the parking area, so there is now a designated handicap parking space. The third addition is another concrete pad which connects the shelter directly to the playground making access ADA compliant.

At Moon Park, the Board is discussing painting a mural on the park wall, similar to the one at Beach Park. The irrigation system has been upgraded and a new coconut palm is scheduled for planting soon.



Planning and Zoning Board

Your Planning and Zoning Board is working with FDOT to finalize plans to underground the overhead wires which run West to East across Gulf Blvd. This project will start in the near future and will give Gulf Blvd a new look.

Another collaboration with FDOT includes updating the streetlights that run along Gulf Blvd. The current poles will be replaced and all fixtures replaced with new energy efficient LED lights.

Board of Commissioners

The Commission is currently working on the budget for the upcoming 2017-2018 fiscal year. Budget hearings are tentatively set for Tuesday, September 5th and Tuesday, September 19th .

The Board of Commissioners recently approved a change in meeting times for regular Commission meetings from 7:00pm to 6:30pm to begin at the July 5th meeting. To view agendas and meeting minutes, visit our website and click the "Government" tab, then "Agendas and Minutes."



TOWN HALL CLOSURES:

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY, SEPT. 4TH LABOR DAY

REMINDER:

The Board of Commissioners meets the first and third WEDNESDAYS of the month at a NEW time, 6:30pm.

The deadlines for submitting Variance applications are:

July 17 for the August 17 Board of Adjustment meeting

August 21 for the September 21 Board of Adjustment meeting

September 18 for the October 19 Board of Adjustment meeting

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 5 RBPOA Beach Clean-Up

Wednesday, August 10 First Day of Public School



www.Townofredingtonbeach.com



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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