

Redington Beach Reporter



Sea turtle season is May 1st—October 31st

Sea turtle hatchlings have an innate instinct that leads them in the brightest direction, which is normally bright moonlight reflecting over bodies of water on the open horizon. Sadly, on average, only 1 in 5,000 hatchlings make it to adulthood.

LIGHTS OUT FOR SEA TURTLES

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Mayor's Message

Redington Beach Residents,

We have started the Gulf Blvd. undergrounding project which consists of eliminating the overhead wires that cross Gulf Blvd. and the eastside wires running north and south along Gulf Blvd. The project is funded by Pinellas County, with the work being done, estimated to be approximately \$1.6 million. The expected completion date is Fall of 2019.

As many of you already know, we have switched from the "blue hang tag" system to decals for Beach Parking Access. The decals are available at Town Hall by showing proof of residency. The current blue hang tags will NOT be valid after March 31, 2019.

With record tourism expected for March and April, there will be lots of traffic on Gulf Blvd. For our residents who are walking to the beach, I encourage you to use crosswalks where available and to use caution when crossing Gulf Blvd.

Wishing everyone a safe spring and enjoyable Easter and Passover holidays!

Nick Simons

Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164th Ave, Redington Beach, FL 33708

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

<http://www.townofredingtonbeach.com/>

Phone: 727-391-3875

Fax: 727-397-6911

Ask the Town Clerk...**SIGN UP FOR ALERT PINELLAS**

Receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our community's Emergency Alert System. This service enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, boil water notices, missing persons or evacuations.



<http://www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas/>

Resident Beach Parking Passes

Your current Resident Parking Hangtags will expire on March 31, 2019. Please renew your passes prior to this date and make sure you bring **proof of residency and your car's registration**.

We are replacing the blue hangtags with transparent decals which will be placed on the inside driver's side windshield, much like an oil change sticker.

These decals **MUST** be permanently affixed to the inside of your car's windshield.

Cuban Tree Frogs—Invasive Species

All of the **native** tree frogs are much smaller than the Cuban tree frogs. A Cuban tree frog adult can grow up to 5 inches in body length and is much larger than native Florida tree frogs. The toe pads on Cuban tree frogs are also very large.

Even though you may be an animal lover, you should euthanize Cuban tree frogs placing the Cuban tree frog in a plastic grocery bag, putting it in the freezer overnight and throwing it away the next day.

Mailbox Obstructions

Our local mail carrier has requested that all obstructions be removed from in front of your mailbox. Placing trash cans or parking in front of mailboxes makes delivering the mail difficult and sometimes it's impossible. In order to deliver the mail in a timely manner, please remember to keep the mailbox area clear.



Cuban Tree Frog



Native Florida Tree Frog



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH
RESIDENT BEACH PARKING PERMIT**

Last Name First Name

Street Address (Redington Beach)

Phone (Include Area Code) Phone (Include Area Code)

Email address
Own: _____ Rent: _____ Live with Parents: _____

Vehicle Information

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Lic. Plate No. _____
Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Lic. Plate No. _____

I confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and the decals issued to the vehicles listed above will be permanently affixed to the windshield.

Resident Signature: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Permit No. _____ Permit No. _____

New Permit _____ Renewal _____

Replacement _____ Reason for replacement _____

DATE ISSUED: _____ **EXPIRES: MARCH 31, 2021**

TOWN OFFICIAL: _____

Household Electronics & Chemical Collection



REVISED

2019 Mobile Collection Events

Jan. 12	East Lake High School	1300 Silver Eagle Dr.
Jan. 26	North County Satellite Site	29582 U.S. 19 N.
Feb. 16	Seminole Home Depot	10550 Park Blvd.
Feb. 23	North County Satellite Site	29582 U.S. 19 N.
Mar. 2	St. Pete College Gibbs Campus	6605 5 th Ave. N.
Mar. 9	Largo Home Depot	10689 Ulmerton Rd.
Mar. 23	North County Satellite Site	29582 U.S. 19 N.
Apr. 13	Tarpon Springs High School	1411 Gulf Rd.
Apr. 27	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
May 18	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
June 22	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
July 27	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
Aug. 24	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
Sept. 14	St. Pete College Allstate Center	3200 34 th St. S.
Sept. 21	Largo High School	410 Missouri Ave. N.
Sept. 28	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
Oct. 12	Seminole High School	8401 131 St. N.
Oct. 26	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
Nov. 16	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580
Dec. 14	Countryside High School	3000 State Rd. 580

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

Collections may be delayed or
canceled due to severe weather



What to Bring

BUSINESSES: Visit www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste

ELECTRONICS: Laptops, cell phones, TVs, monitors, CPUs/computer towers, power supplies, hard drives, motherboards and tablets.

CHEMICALS: Paints and painting chemicals, stains, pool and spa chemicals, pesticides, lawn chemicals, all non-alkaline batteries, fluorescent and projector light bulbs, automotive fluids, kerosene, household cleaners, propane tanks under 1lb., smoke detectors, solvents, adhesives, mercury-containing devices.

For information on other items, visit the Pinellas County A to Z Guide to Recycling and Disposal at www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/getridofit



For more information about household electronics & chemical collection, including quantity limits, visit www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/swapshop or call (727) 464-7500.



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

Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. To obtain accessible formats of this document, please call (727) 464-4602 (V/TDD).

Flood Preparation and Safety

THE RISK IS REAL. In the past 5 years, all 50 states have experienced flooding. A flood can be devastating, and you don't have to live near water to be at risk. Factors such as changing weather patterns or land development can present new flooding risks for your community. Visit FloodSmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419 to learn your risk and to find a local insurance agent if you don't already have one. Having flood insurance means you can recover more quickly, with less financial pain. But don't stop there. Here are more things you can do to prepare for flooding and assure your safety.

Know Your Zone

Redington Beach is in evacuation Zone A. To find the closest shelter and evacuation information visit <http://kyz.pinellascounty.org/>

Prepare Ahead

Floods can happen anytime and anyplace. And they can happen fast:

- ◆ Get your Emergency Access Permit. If you have one already they are still valid unless you have moved. These are issued at Town Hall. Please call 727-391-3875 for an appointment.
- ◆ If you don't have a flood insurance policy, contact your insurance agent today. If you have purchased a policy, review your policy with your agent and ask questions to make sure you have the proper amount of coverage.
- ◆ Keep your flood insurance policy and insurance agent's contact information on hand in the event you need to file a claim.
- ◆ Copy important documents (mortgage papers, deed, passport, bank information, etc.). Keep copies in your home and store originals in a secure place outside the home, such as a bank safe deposit box.
- ◆ Take photos of your possessions (furniture, antiques and collectibles, musical instruments, electronic equipment, etc.). Store copies with your other important documents.
- ◆ Save receipts for expensive household items (appliances, electronic equipment, etc.) as proof of original cost.
- ◆ Make an itemized list of other possessions, such as clothing, books, and small kitchen appliances. The more comprehensive your list, the better.
- ◆ Learn how to secure your boat before a storm approaches.

Get a Plan

Emergency plans are a critical component of flood preparation. Make sure that you have an emergency plan for you, your loved ones, and your pets.

Give your emergency contact information to your insurance agent, employer, and family.

Put aside an emergency kit with a flashlight, a battery-powered or handcrank radio, additional batteries, candles, and waterproof matches.

Keep a minimum 3-day supply of nonperishable food and bottled water on hand.

Visit Ready.gov for more information.

For checklists and other information visit <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/prepareahead.htm>

Find a host family – Call the Citizens Information Center at (727) 464-4333 or TDD (727) 464-3075.

Find the closest pet friendly accommodations for a flooding event.





Building Department Corner

By Florida Statutes, all municipalities and counties that issue building permits, must have at the very minimum, a Building Official of record. This is a person licensed by the State of Florida as a Building Code Administrator. The Town of Redington Beach has contracted with Safebuilt, a company which provides such services to cities and counties, to provide Building Department services for the Town. Safebuilt employee Darin Cushing, is the Town's Building Official of Record via Safebuilt.

The question is often asked of both the Building Department and Town Staff; What types of work require a permit?

The town code states in part, that any work to a home or business that has a total cost of \$1,000 or more, requires a permit. However, the generally accepted rule of thumb by building code standards is; if the surface of the floor, walls or ceiling must be penetrated, then a permit is needed. Things such as painting, carpeting, tiling, stucco repair, that don't penetrate any of these surfaces, really have nothing technical to inspect, particularly in residential buildings. Certain things, such as water heater or air conditioner change-outs because of the nature of the technical work required, generally DO need to be permitted, regardless of the cost. Many things are often misconstrued as being exempt from permitting, however there may be criteria which need to be met for these to be exempt. The following list, though not all inclusive, gives what specifically is exempt as it relates to the listed building component.

- **A/C** – Replacement of an existing window unit with an existing dedicated electrical outlet.
- **AC/Heating** – Repair of existing system that does not alter the system listing or make it unsafe.
- **Ceiling Fan** – Replacement of existing fan using existing fan box and wiring.
- **Ceramic Tile** – Remove and replace (not on fire-rated assemblies).
- **Dishwasher** – Exact replacement; same wattage.
- **Door** – Remove and replace any interior residential door within the individual unit in the same location (not including exterior doors & doors that lead to porches/lanais/screen enclosures).
- **Drywall** – Minor repairs totaling 1 sheet or less (not involving fire-rated assemblies).
- **Faucet** – Replace existing (not involving removal of drywall).
- **Residential Fence** – Minor repair or exact replacement of fence panels only (excluding replacement of posts, increasing in height or location of fence, new fences, and pool barriers).
- **Gutters and Leaders** – On 1 and 2 family dwellings.
- **Kitchen cabinet** - Exact replacement only with no change in configuration of electrical or plumbing (also see dry wall above)
- **Light Fixtures** – Replace “like for like” in existing lighting outlet
- **Outlet or switch** – Replace existing outlet or switch with appropriate type within existing junction box.
- **Painting** – (except commercial condo buildings)
- **Playground equipment, Manufactured**
- **Portable/Manufactured Spa** – Less than 24 inches deep.
- **Roof repair** – Minor repair of existing roof covering less than 1 square.
- **Screen room** – Re-screening only
- **Siding** – Minor repair to existing non-structural siding - not exceeding 300 sq ft.
- **Sink** – Exact replacement in same location only.
- **Soffit or Fascia** – Minor repair or replacement of non-structural members – not exceeding 300 sq ft
- **Stucco** – On CMU structures or Minor repair of existing stucco finish, if value of work is under \$1,000 on wood frame structures.
- **Water Closet (toilet)** – Replacement in same location.
- **Window** – Repair within existing frame (not to include whole window replacement).
- **Wood Deck or Dock** – Replacement of existing deck boards (no structural components).

If there is ever any question as to whether a permit is needed, or for general help with permitting or code questions, please feel free to call the Building Department at (727)-202-6825. We are there to help!

BOARD UPDATES

Parks and Recreation Board

The Town Park shelter rededication in memory of longtime Park Board Chairman and resident Bob Fay was held on Thursday, March 14th. In attendance were current and former members of the Park Board, members of the Commission, the Fay family and residents of Redington Beach.



Banner



Plaque at Park Shelter



Bob Fay



Fay Family

Upcoming Park Board meeting dates:

Monday, April 8

Monday, May 6

Monday, June 3

All Park Board meetings begin at 10am and are held in the Assembly Hall

Planning Board

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

The Board is pleased with the results of the beautification project along Gulf Blvd., and is monitoring the work on the undergrounding of utilities that began last month.

Continuing is their update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan as well as discussions regarding solutions to the ongoing drainage issues that plague parts of the Town.

Board of Commissioners

Town Commission meetings are held on 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."

To view the Town Charter and Code of Ordinances, visit our website and click the "Government" tab, then "Town Charter and Ordinances" then click the map of the United States.

What Can You Do to Maintain Your Swale?

- Mow the grass in your swale to an acceptable height.
- Keep your driveway culvert clean.
- Remove leaves and excess grass clippings.
- Avoid parking vehicles in your swale to allow healthy grass to develop and to keep soil loose.
- Install plants away from the swale – at least 15-20 ft. from the road.
- Don't fill in your swale. This reduces its carrying capacity.
- Make sure your driveway design allows water to drain towards your swale. If you wish to replace, repair or add to your driveway, you must apply for the appropriate City permits and abide by City Codes.



NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**SPRING IS HERE!****THAT MEANS YARD WORK!**

Remember to use "0" nitrogen fertilizer.

Clean up sidewalks and driveways after application.

Fertilizers and Pesticides are the most common stormwater pollutants. When it rains, excess fertilizers and pesticides wash into Boca Ciega Bay through the stormwater drainage system. Everyone can do their part to help keep the Bay clean and keep Red Tide from occurring.

Reduce Water Pollution - Follow these Simple Guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. If you do use them, read the label and use the recommended amounts. More application does not mean a greener lawn - it means more watering and mowing.
- Water your lawn with about 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch of water after a fertilizer application. This helps move the fertilizer into the soil and reduces the potential of being lost in stormwater runoff.
- Never apply fertilizers if a heavy rain is anticipated.
- If you spill, sweep it up. Do not hose or sweep into the streets and storm drains.

ENJOY SPRING AND REDUCE POLLUTION TO YOUR BAY.

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!



REDINGTON BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Announcing the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by
the Redington Beach Property Owners Association to be held in
Redington Beach Town Park—Gulf Blvd and 164th Avenue

Saturday April 20th, 2019 at 9:45 am!

All kids are welcome!

Photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny
plus lots of games and prizes for all participants!



For more information about our 2019 activities, watch for our insert in an upcoming issue of the Beach Beacon and/or email us at 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 Presents

Havana Nights

Saturday, April 6, 2019

6pm – 10pm

Friendship Park- 164th Ave Redington Beach

Admission: \$30 / \$25 with a New, Unwrapped Toy

VIP Tickets \$45 (Early Entry, Reserved Seating, Specialty Cocktail, Raffles and Food)

Bring a NEW Bike (16"-24") FREE General Admission ticket.

Get your tickets early—sell out expected.

Celebrating Havana Nights, Classic 1950's Cars, Cigars, Rum Drinks, Live Caribbean Music!

Come dressed as you are ... or put on your Fedora Hat, Goayabera Shirt, Rumba Dress and enjoy Tropical Havana Nights!

Each ticket **INCLUDES:**

- Unlimited Craft Beer, Wine and Cocktails
- Food from Local Restaurants featuring Pig Roast and Cuban Pork
- Silent Auction
- Cigars
- Domino Tournament
- Live Auction
- Photo Booth
- Live Latin Cuba Band, "El Conjunto Caribeno Tropical"



Tickets available online at Eventbrite.com and the following ticket outlets: Citgo Gas Mart Redington Beach, Madeira Beach Hardware, Bronze Lady Madeira Beach, Sign of The Dolphin Seminole, and at the door.

For more information contact Michael Brown at 727-362-3397 or Email: trunkbaydesigns@tampabay.rr.com

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 Bouchard Family
 Tobey Carter
 Nancy Cowley
 Gay Robertson-Reed
 Redington Beach Property Owners Association

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.



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TOWN HALL CLOSURES:

MONDAY, MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE 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:

April 15 for the May 16 Board of Adjustment hearing

May 20 for the June 20 Board of Adjustment hearing

June 17 for the July 18 Board of Adjustment hearing

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 6	Santa's Angels presents Havana Nights in Friendship Park
Saturday, April 20	RBPOA sponsored Easter Egg Hunt in Town Park
Monday, April 22	RBPOA Scholarship Awards Dinner
Sunday, May 12	Mother's Day
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 29	Last day of Public School
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day



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

E-Mail Addresses

townclerk@townofredingtonbeach.com

deputyclerk@townofredingtonbeach.com

General: info@townofredingtonbeach.com

Building Department

Town of Redington Beach

Florida Municipal Services Inc.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Safebuilt
18001 Gulf Blvd, Redington Shores, FL 33708

727-202-6825 (Office)

727-258-4986 (Fax)

Website: <http://fmsbuildingdepartment.com/>