

Redington Beach Reporter



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Mayor's Message

Hurricane season is here and I encourage all of us to have our property mitigation plan, then our evacuation plans in place, particularly if you have pets. The Gulf Blvd project of undergrounding the east side overhead wires and the Gulf Blvd crossing wires is proceeding as expected, with a completion date of late September or October 2019.

We are in the midst of the 2019/2020 budget process which will be finalized in September. The Town has authorized some much needed improvements to Friendship Park, hopefully occurring late 2019 or early 2020.

The Federal Government is in the final stages of redrawing our flood maps. Some properties in Town will experience a change in flood zones. If you have questions concerning the changes, call Town Hall at (727) 391-3875 and we will be happy to help.

The Town staff of Missy, Adriana, Dave and Mike continue doing a great job.

On behalf of the Town Commission, I would like to thank all of our citizens who volunteer to serve on the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Park Board and the Finance Committee! Well done and greatly appreciated.

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...

You can reserve a shelter at Town Park for children's parties and other occasions. There is no fee and non-residents are able to reserve a shelter as well. Call Town Hall at 727-391-3875 to make your reservation.

Resident Beach Parking Passes

Your blue Resident Parking Hangtags expired on March 31, 2019. Please renew your passes, if you haven't already done so, 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.

**Can I bring my dog to the beach or the parks 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). (This does not include certified service animals.)

There are several designated dog-friendly parks and dog-friendly beach areas in Pinellas County, some just a few minutes away.

**ALL BUSINESS TAX LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH
WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

WAYS TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE:

BY MAIL - SEND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$30** PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH
105 164TH AVENUE, REDINGTON BEACH, FL 33708. WE WILL MAIL YOU A NEW LICENSE.

VISIT TOWN HALL WITH A CHECK OR CASH. NO CREDIT CARDS. 8AM-4PM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY.

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL BUSINESSES THAT HOLD A CURRENT STATE LICENSE THROUGH THE **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION** AND DO NOT HAVE AN OFFICE LOCATED IN THE TOWN ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.



**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: _____

BEACH SAFETY

Rip Current Information

Rip currents can threaten any beach, and are not exclusively a Pinellas County problem.

Rip currents can occur as a result of conditions from hurricanes, tropical storms, cold fronts and thunderstorms bringing in stronger waves and currents which will break soft sandbars and cause rip current conditions.

It is important for beach visitors to monitor weather reports to know when rip currents are more likely to form.

Beach Safety Tips to Avoid Rip Current Dangers:

Rip currents are likely to be strongest in areas around jetties and channels where water flows in and out during tide changes.

When no lifeguards are on the beach, the public should look for general conditions and water characteristics that might mean rip currents are present:

- **Water discoloration:** If a rip current is present, visitors might see a brown tint due to the disturbance of the sandbar that has been affected by the winds and waves.
- **Turbulent water:** Seaweed, leaves, foam and other debris may be seen floating towards the current and away from shore.

When walking in shallow water, water depth may drop significantly in areas of a sand bar or shore line where a rip current is forming.

Swimmers should also avoid deep holes or jetties during strong wind days.

If there is any doubt about water condition, it is best to stay out.

People Most at Risk for Rip Currents:

- Anyone who is not a strong swimmer
- Intoxicated swimmers
- Unattended children

Parents are also reminded to always keep watch on their children when playing in the water.

It is also recommended to outfit children with life jackets and other floatation devices.

What to Do if Caught in a Rip Current?

- Do not fight the current, stay calm
- Swim out of the current parallel to the shore or at a 45 degree angle
- If unable to escape a current, float or tread water until taken into calmer, open water
- Call out for help or wave for assistance

For More Information about Rip Currents:

National Weather Service: www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov

United States Lifesaving Association: www.usla.org





STORM WATER

What is storm water?

Stormwater is the rain that lands on our yards, streets, parking lots, and buildings and then either enters the storm drain system or runs directly into a lake or stream.

How does storm water get polluted?

As storm water flows over our lawns, driveways and parking lots, it picks up fertilizers, oil, chemicals, grass clippings litter, pet waste, and anything else in its path. The storm sewer system then transports these pollutants to local lakes and streams, and eventually Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico. Anything that goes into a storm drain or the road eventually ends up in our waters. Polluted storm water can also affect drinking water sources. This, in turn can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

What is a storm drain?

Storm drains are the openings you see along curbs and in streets and parking lots. Rainwater enters the storm drain and is transported through the storm sewer system to nearby ponds, lakes, and streams, and ultimately to Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico. Water that enters storm drains does not go to a treatment facility. If a storm drain is located on your property, please keep this area free from weeds, grass and other debris.

What is a sanitary sewer?

A sanitary sewer takes household water and waste from toilets, sinks, and showers, and transports it to a wastewater treatment facility. There, the water is treated and can be reused for reclaimed water. Here in Florida, the sanitary sewers are separate from storm sewers. The Law According to Federal, State, and Local regulations, no pollutants can be allowed to enter the surface waters, the storm sewer system, or even be disposed of in the roadways as roads also lead to storm drains. Pollutants that enter the water illegally are called *illicit discharges*. The rule of thumb is, if it isn't clean water, it shouldn't make it to the storm drain, street, or into any body of water. Any illicit discharge is punishable by fines of up to \$10,000 per day. Fines range in amount based on the severity of the violation.

- Illicit connections: No connection can be made to the storm sewer system to drain pools, plumbing, septic tanks, washing machines, etc. If you think you might have a potential illicit connection on your property, please contact the Town's stormwater department who will help you determine if the connection is legal.

Principal Sources of Pollutants:

- Construction, (dirt, gravel, grout, cement, etc.) Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Fertilizers, yard debris, pet waste from residential areas, agricultural run off. Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Pet waste, trash and debris: plastic bags, six pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

Hazardous waste like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.

Exceptions to the rule:

Discharges from potable water sources, fire-fighting waters, non-chlorinated pool discharges (use the water to water your lawn, it saves money and water.)

Hurricane Preparation and Safety

HOW DO I PREPARE TO SURVIVE A DISASTER?

Getting ready for a hurricane or other disaster comes down to three basic steps:

1 ▶ Stay informed.



2 ▶ Know your risk.



3 ▶ Plan and Prepare.



Stay informed

Be sure to have at least two places where you can get alerts and dependable updates:

Alerts

- **Alert Pinellas** - Sign up to receive emergency notifications by phone, text or email. www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas
- **NOAA Weather Alert Radio** - Automatic alerts from the National Weather Service when dangerous weather is in your area.

Social media

- Get county news and updates from Pinellas County Government's official Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- **Facebook** for Pinellas County Government www.facebook.com/pinellasnews
- Twitter www.twitter.com for Pinellas County Government @PinellasCoNews
- **Twitter** for Pinellas County Emergency Management @PinellasEM
 - Twitter for Pinellas Traffic @pinellastraffic
- **Nextdoor** - A private social network, where you can see news and updates from Pinellas County and other official agencies. www.nextdoor.com
- Be sure that the news you are getting from social media is from a trusted source.

Apps

- **Ready Pinellas** - A planning tool that you personalize to look up your evacuation zone, create your own emergency plan, get the supplies you need and use the checklist to get everything done before the storm. Download free on your mobile device (see back page).
- **News media** - Find news, weather and get alerts from the major news outlets.

Website

- **Pinellas County website** - Find tips on preparedness before the storm, updates throughout the storm and information after the storm. www.pinellascounty.org/emergency

Electronic newsletter

- **E-Lert** - Sign up to receive an electronic newsletter and learn more about preparedness. The e-Lert is emailed monthly during the Hurricane Season, June to November. www.pinellascounty.org/news_subscription.htm

County television

- **Pinellas County Connection Television (PCC-TV)** - Info on county programs and services, general preparedness and live updates during emergencies from the Emergency Operations Center. Watch it on Spectrum 637, WOW! 18 or Frontier 44.

- **YouTube** for Pinellas County Government has videos on general hurricane information. www.youtube.com/pccvtv1

Our contact information

- For more information, call Pinellas County Emergency Management at (727) 464-3800 or email ema@pinellascounty.org.
- During emergencies, the Citizen Information Center is open. Call (727) 464-4333.

Other county numbers

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
(727) 824-6900
www.pinellashealth.com

Pinellas County Animal Services
(727) 582-2600
www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices

Pinellas County Consumer Protection
(727) 464-6200
www.pinellascounty.org/consumer

Pinellas County Economic Development
(727) 464-7332
www.pced.org

Pinellas County Information Line
(727) 464-3000 / V/TDD (727) 464-4062
www.pinellascounty.org

Pinellas County Schools
(727) 588-6000
School Bus Info Line
(727) 587-2020
www.pcsb.org

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency)
(727) 582-6200
www.pcsoweb.com

Pinellas County Solid Waste
(727) 464-7500
www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste

Pinellas County Utilities
(727) 464-4000
www.pinellascounty.org/utilities

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
(727) 540-1900
www.psta.net

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport
(727) 453-7800
www.fly2pie.com

Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater
(Hotel/motel evacuation info inside county)
www.visitstpeteclearwater.com

Hurricane Preparation and Safety

How can I prepare my home?

There are several simple steps to making your home storm ready, and they do not have to be expensive fixes.

*Brace Your Gabled Roof

Gabled roofs—two slopes that come together to a peak at the top—are prone to failure if not properly braced in construction. High winds could cause your end wall to collapse. See the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Hurricane Retrofit Guide for advice: www.floridadisaster.org/hrg.

*Protect Your Windows

Your best option is to install impact resistant windows or hurricane shutters. Otherwise, be ready to cover your windows with commercial exterior plywood—7/16" minimum—when a storm is approaching.

Duct tape provides NO protection.

Prepare Your Yard

Rock mulch, sagging tree limbs and yard furniture are among the objects that could become deadly missiles in high winds. Keep your trees pruned, clean out your gutters on a regular basis, and when a storm is coming...

- Dispose of any piles of loose tree limbs or debris. Check with the county or your city for specific guidance in your area.
- Bring in all large yard items, such as furniture, grills and bird baths.
- Do not drain your pool. Super chlorinate the water and turn off the electricity.
Note: Putting outdoor furniture in the pool to keep it out of the wind could harm the furniture and damage the pool finish.

*Brace Your Garage Door

Old garage doors in good condition can be braced with retrofit kits while new doors must meet stringent wind requirements. After Hurricane Andrew, engineers determined four out of five homes that suffered major structural damage lost their garage door first.

Prepare Your Vehicle

- Keep up with your car's maintenance.
- Keep gas tank half full—fill tank during a Hurricane Watch.
- Build a survival kit for your car: first aid, non-perishable food/water, tire inflator, tool kit, jack and spare tire, jumper cable, road flares, flashlight, DC/AC power inverter, mobile device chargers, map with shelter locations.

Check Seals

Replace any worn out weather stripping or caulk around windows and doors.

***Protecting windows, gable roofs and garage doors are the most important steps to take.**

What about rental properties?

Renters and property managers should make sure that they both have hurricane plans in place and that they understand what each is responsible for to prepare for a hurricane and when renters should return.

- What evacuation zone are you in?
- If you are in an evacuation zone, where will each of you go? Get emergency contact information.
- Who will shutter the windows and make other preparations?
- If the rental property is damaged, what should the renter do? What will the property manager do?
- Will you be permitted to return? If my rental is damaged what are my options?
- If you can, put the agreement in writing. If you are going to rent, you can include it in the lease.

For renters

- Consider getting insurance to protect your personal belongings. The landlord's insurance does not protect anything that you own.

- Always share emergency contact information, in writing.
- Know if you may need to evacuate and let your landlord know where you will be.
- Find out where your landlord will be staying.

For landlords

- Make sure you have adequate insurance.
- Take steps to make your rental property storm ready.
- As the storm approaches, secure your rental: shutter windows, make sure your tenants are safe and have the supplies they need if they will shelter there.
- Make sure that your tenants know their responsibilities.
- Take care of your responsibilities.
- Check on your tenants before and after the storm.

Should I get a generator?

A fuel-powered generator can keep your appliances going after a disaster and would keep you more comfortable. You can buy a small one to run your medical equipment. But keep in mind, generators come with the dangers of carbon monoxide, electrical shock and fire.

Follow these safety measures:

- Use generators outdoors and away from windows and doors to avoid carbon monoxide exposure. **NEVER** operate a generator indoors. **NEVER** use a generator in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Plug appliances directly into the generator or use a heavy-duty, three-pronged extension cord.
- **NEVER** plug the generator into a wall outlet—this can cause electrocution.
- Buy a carbon monoxide detector.

FLOOD INSURANCE INFORMATION

Did You Know?

You get a discount on your flood insurance premium because the Town participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding.

Flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located in the special flood hazard area, which includes the entire town.

Most condominium association's flood coverage will only cover common areas.

If your subsidized flood insurance policy lapses beyond 30 days more than once you will not be eligible for a subsidized rate when you reinstate your policy.

If your subsidized flood insurance policy lapses beyond 90 days one time you will no longer be eligible for a subsidized rate.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS)

The U.S. Congress established the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for State and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages.

The NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. In exchange for a community's proactive efforts to reduce flood risk, policyholders can receive reduced flood insurance premiums for buildings in the community.

The Town of Redington Beach participates in the NFIP, making federally backed flood insurance available to you. The Town also participates in the CRS, which provides you with a discount on your flood insurance premium.

Flood Insurance Discount

The Town of Redington Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS) and currently has a rating of 7 with 10 being the lowest and 1 being the highest rating. Each rating below 10 gains property owners in Redington Beach a 5% reduction in their flood insurance premiums. Since Redington Beach is currently rated at 7, we enjoy a 15% reduction. If you haven't already done so, you need to advise your insurance agent that Redington Beach has a NFIP/CRS rating of 7 at this time, so you receive the proper discount. Insurance writers should know this now, but it is best to check. Remember normal homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Also you must have flood insurance to participate in some grant programs.

Get an Elevation Certificate for an Accurate Rating

An Elevation Certificate (EC) is an administrative tool of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) used to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances and to determine the proper insurance premium rate.

If an Elevation Certificate has been prepared for your property and it was submitted to the Town, you can get a copy by contacting the Town at (727) 391-3875.

Find a Flood Insurance Agent

Flood insurance protects your home. But, before you protect your home, you'll need to find an agent who lives near it. Visit [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) to locate an agent near you.

REDINGTON BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Redington Beach Property Owners Association, Inc. (RBPOA) welcomes all residents of Redington Beach to join our local community association, which sponsors community events and provides scholarships to local high school seniors. Set forth below is a list of our next events. Come join in the fun! If you need an application email a request to info@RBPOA.com.

Beach Clean-Up took place on Friday July 5th at Beach Park - This was a great opportunity to help keep our beach areas clean and free of debris after the July 4th celebrations.

Beach Party was held on Saturday July 6th next door to Beach Park. RBPOA supplied music, hotdogs, water and juice. A great time was had by all.

Wine & Food Gala on Saturday November 2 at Friendship Park. RBPOA's annual fundraiser to support our scholarship fund and other community events. Local food vendors supply their signature dishes. There is live music, silent auction items, wine and beer - all for one fixed price.

SANTA'S ANGELS

Santa's Angels Special Heartfelt THANKS to our Volunteers & Sponsors

You have been tremendously supportive. We appreciate your time and support. It's You "Who Made a Difference" in the past year. Over 450 local children in 2018 received the Angel Gift, Toys, Clothing and Food because you care! We have several off site events during the year to raise funds, toys and awareness as well as our Spring and Fall Charity events in Friendship Park. We thought we would share some moments of Giving, Sharing, Community & Passion.

Awesome Heart and Soul commitment to Make a Difference in the lives of others!



Madeira Elks & Santa's Angels Fishing Event with over 30 Kids March 2019



Redington Reef Residents: New Bike Drive over 50 Bikes Donated February 2019



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:

Donna Contes
Michelle Francisco
Vladimir Hostomsky
Howard Family
Gay Robertson-Reed
Redington Beach Property Owners Association
Bouchner Vitezslav

The following family donated **a park bench**:

The friends and family of Ruth C. Davies

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

The Park Board is discussing their vision for the next fiscal year and additional improvements to the parks in Town. The Parks and Recreation Board consists of:

Kristine Johanson - Chair
Richard Cariello
Jill Gallego
Debi Robinson
Shawntay Skjoldager
Jackie Tamburri—Alternate

Upcoming Park Board meeting dates:

Monday, July 1

Monday, August 5

Monday, September 7

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.



TOWN HALL CLOSURES:

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND LABOR 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:

July 15 for the August 15 Board of Adjustment hearing

August 19 for the September 19 Board of Adjustment hearing

September 16 for the October 17 Board of Adjustment hearing

Calendar of Events

Friday, July 5th

RBPOA sponsored Beach Clean-up 8am

Saturday, July 6th

RBPOA Beach Party at Beach Park 4pm

Wednesday, August 14th

First Day of Public School for Students



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/>