

SEA TURTLE NESTING MAY 1ST—OCTOBER 31ST...CONT'D

When the three-inch hatchlings emerge, they use the natural light from the moon and starts reflecting off the water to find their way to the ocean. In areas where artificial lighting overpowers natural light, hatchlings can become disoriented, leading to dehydration and even death.

Sea turtles use the cover of darkness to avoid encounters with people and predators. When beaches are heavily lit, females tend to avoid nesting. It is important during nesting season to eliminate artificial lighting by turning off unnecessary lights, shielding lights, or changing light fixtures to more appropriate lighting.

Sea turtles are protected under the Endangered Species Act and by Florida state law. Penalties for interfering with sea turtles can be severe.

Sea turtles have been around since the time of dinosaurs. Although their exact role in the ocean is unknown, the mere fact they have survived as a species for so long is testament to their importance on earth.

It is against the law to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings, or their nests. Sea turtles are protected by the Federal and State Laws.

Avoid using flashlights, lanterns or flash photography while on the beach at night.

Turn off or shield outdoor lights, close drapes/ blinds or turn off indoor lights to prevent lights from shining onto the beach at night. Lights disturb nesting turtles and hatchlings.

Avoid disturbing marked nests and please take your trash when you leave the beach.

Please remove all items, including beach chairs and umbrellas, from the beach at night. Go to myfwc.com/conservation/you- conserve/lighting for more information.

Adult turtles nesting season May 1st – September 15th**Hatchlings on the Beach at night June – October****Adult Turtles – DO NOT:**

Harass the turtle as she makes her way back to the sea. After nesting, the turtle may appear slow or hesitant – this is normal.

Approach, make noises, shine lights or use photo equipment with a flash.

DO:

Give her a lot of space and approach from a distance – your eyes will adjust to the darkness.

Hatchlings – DO NOT:

Pick up hatchlings heading toward the water, shine lights or use photo equipment with a flash.

DO:

Turn off outside lights, draw drapes and avoid using flashlights or fishing lamps on the beach from May 1 to October 31.

We believe in preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, re- search, rescue, rehabilitation and release.

In addition, the Aquarium provides environmental education to the public through exhibits and classes. If you have any questions regarding sea turtles and lighting, or are concerned about a nest in your area, please contact Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

*Redington Beach Newsletter**March 2015***CELEBRATING 70 YEARS !!!!!**

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Mayor's Message

Redington Beach Residents,

For the last 15 years, the Town has been using the Pinellas County Building Department to issue our permits and perform Building inspections. The Town is pleased to report that as of **April 1st, 2015** these services will be performed by Florida Municipal Services Inc. The Redington Beach Commission chose them for their record of service to other Municipalities.

Florida Municipal Services Inc.

Address: 18001 Gulf Boulevard, Redington Shores, FL 33708

Phone :727-202-6825 Fax: 727-258-4986

Spring is here and lots of us will be enjoying our beaches and the Gulf of Mexico and I encourage all to use caution crossing Gulf Blvd.

We've been fortunate to experience quiet Hurricane Seasons the last few years, but a reminder to all, to be familiar with our evacuation plan and best practices to secure your property.

Sincerely,
Nick Simons

**WATERING RESTRICTIONS FOR 2015, PLEASE SEE
PINELLAS COUNTY UTILITIES**

Code Enforcement Mission Statement: To insure a safe, healthful environment consistent with the community needs and Town codes, while striving for voluntary compliance and public awareness. The code enforcement officer provides interpretation and enforcement of all town ordinances and policies. Responds to citizen complaints and concerns. Researches and determines nature and severity of violation. Establishes remedial action and time required for code compliance. Maintains records necessary for effective, legal enforcement. Processes code cases through re-inspections, proper notification, and schedule for code enforcement board hearings. Reviews codes as necessary for revision/amendments in keeping with community needs. Provide town wide surveillance, surveys, and studies to monitor compliance and effectiveness of codes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

EXCERPTS - CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 12-2 NUISANCES

“It shall be unlawful:

- (1) To allow, suffer or permit palmetto scrub, weeds, vines, bushes, grass, thistles or other rank or noxious vegetable growth to grow or otherwise accumulate upon any premises within the Town or upon right-of-ways adjacent to such property, regardless of whether such premises are occupied or unoccupied.
- (2) To allow, suffer or permit any building or structure which by act of God, fire, decay or other cause may become structurally dangerous, unsafe, dilapidated or unsanitary to remain (in such condition) without forthwith doing and performing all things necessary to cause such building or structure to be reconstructed, restored, torn down or removed, in conformity with applicable laws or regulations of the Town which may be applicable in respect thereto.
- (3) To allow or permit or fail to remove anything which might be considered unsanitary by keeping, maintaining, allowing to exist or permitting anything whereby the life or health of any person may be threatened or impaired or by which or through which, directly or indirectly, disease may be caused or the environment of any person rendered unclean or unwholesome.
- (4) To allow the owner or occupant or family member of any residential living unit in any residential or commercial area of the Town to park or store or keep upon his premises, in the open or in the street or area adjacent thereto, any vehicle which is not in mechanical operating condition for immediate locomotion under its own power, or any derelict or junk vehicle, or to create or permit the use of any part of his premises to be used for the storage or parking or the presence thereon of any motor vehicle not bearing a current inspection sticker and currently licensed and registered and not mechanically capable of immediate operation under its own automotive power, or to permit the storage upon the property of rubbish, old cars or old unlicensed boats or old trailers or parts of trailers, or any other materials thereof.

Town Ordinance 2014-01, Section 6—283 and 284, Article X, Fences Walls and Hedges and Chapter 12, Nuisances, Article III Trees, Shrubs and Vegetation has been amended for clarification. It was passed by the Board of Commissioners on the final reading, February 18th 2014. Though it was sufficiently clear and enforceable it was amended to provide a greater clarity.

COURTESY NOTICES

Courtesy notices are issued as a reminder to residents that a Redington Beach Code Violation has occurred or exists. On each courtesy notice you will find the nature of the violation. Generally the Town allows 72 hours to correct the violation, unless something more serious may require more time in which exceptions may be given. If more time is required, please contact the Town. If appropriate, we will try our best to work with you.

CONSTRUCTION

Please remember, during construction, at all times, a debris container shall be kept at or on the construction site. The area must be kept in clean, neat and orderly condition at all times until completion and the site is returned to its pre-construction condition. Trash pick ups through your normal service are not acceptable or permitted. The Town has been asked to remind residents that their crews will not pickup construction rubble from construction sites.

No construction is permitted on Saturday's or Sunday's (substantial) This includes erection, excavating, demolition, alteration or repair of any building.

For ALL new construction and major alternations a drainage site plan drawn by a registered or licensed architect or engineer shall be submitted prior to issuance of a building permit (Section 6-59) This is so no additional rainwater is ending up on an abutting neighbors property creating flood conditions.



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Show provides tips to protect seniors from consumer fraud

Older adults are a common target of scam artists, with more than half the victims of telemarketing fraud over the age of 50. Recognizing potential scams is key to preventing victimization.

The January edition of the Aging on the Suncoast show teaches senior citizens about prevalent scams and how to protect themselves if they are targeted.

The show's featured guest is Doug Templeton, the operations manager of the Office of Consumer Protection at Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services. Templeton goes over the many types of consumer fraud, which can include identity theft, unlicensed contracting and home repair and telemarketing scams. He also provides information to help people avoid becoming a victim of a scam artist.

Aging on the Suncoast is a half-hour monthly show featuring subjects of interest to those ages 60 and older. It is produced Pinellas County and the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.

Watch this episode on Pinellas County Connection or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/pcctv1, where past shows are archived. Pasco County residents can watch on Pasco County Government Access (Bright House 622 and Verizon 42). For the current broadcast schedule and past programs, visit www.agingcarefl.org/aging-on-the-suncoast.

For more information about the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc., visit www.agingcarefl.org. Questions or comments about the show may be emailed to Marilyn.Rupp@aaapp.org.

A free Pinellas County app is now available to connect citizens to their government and make it easy to report issues and access useful resources. Pinellas County can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. More information is available on the county website, www.pinellascounty.org, which features LiveChat for assistance. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SEA TURTLE NESTING MAY 1ST—OCTOBER 31ST

Please report all sea turtle sightings to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, so we can protect these wonderful creatures (727) 441-1790 Ext 224.

Sea Turtles are marine reptiles that spend most of their lives at sea. During the night, from May through early September, the 350 pound female sea turtle comes ashore to deposit her eggs.

Florida is home to one of the largest nesting populations of Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles in the world. During a single nesting season, one female will lay four or five nests, depositing an average of 120 eggs into a bell-shaped cavity that is approximately 50 cm in depth. The nest is characterized by the tracks left in the sand by the female.

HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS & CHEMICAL COLLECTION:

What to bring (Quantity limits apply; check website for residential guidelines) www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

Electronics: any device with a rechargeable battery, cell phones, computer towers/CPUs, drivers (e.g. hard drives, CD drives), monitors, smart phones, tablets, televisions.

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 (button or vehicle), smoke detectors, solvents, wood preservatives.

What NOT to bring 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 (e.g. MP3, Ipod), printers, printer/toner cartridges, radioactive waste, radios, stereo equipment, telephones, tires, VCRs, video game players.

HOW TO PACKAGE & TRANSPORT CHEMICALS:

1. Do NOT mix chemicals together or place in dark plastic bags
2. Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
3. Place containers into cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper in boxes to prevent breakage.
4. Place leaky containers in CLEAR plastic bags and transport in boxes with newspaper.
5. Put boxes in the trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.
6. Place individual batteries in separate plastic bags or cover terminals with heavy tape to prevent short circuits.

Looking for a permanent drop-off center you can use year round? Pinellas County HEC3 Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center. 2855 109th Avenue North, St Petersburg (off 28th Street North)

TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recyclable items are collected once per week on Thursday. Please place recyclable materials at the curb before 7:00 AM

Pinellas County 2015 Recycling Directory is now available at Town Hall.



Basic Services:

Police: Pinellas County Sheriff
 Non Emergency.....727-582-6200
 Fire: Non Emergency..... 727-391-3400

Police & Fire EMERGENCY ONLY: 911

Water/sewer Pinellas County Utilities.....727-464-4000
 Electric Duke Energy.....877-372-8477
 Cable Brighthouse..... 727-329-5020
 Trash Progressive Solutions.....727-572-6800
 Gas Clearwater Gas.....727-562-4980

CODE ENFORCEMENT—NUISANCES CONT'D

Recently there have been numerous resident complaints of dogs in the Parks. Please be aware it is unlawful for any person to bring, have or allow any animals in the Parks recreation areas, or on the beach (Town ordinance: Section 4-3) It is also required of anyone walking their dogs to have them on a leash at all times (Section 4-5).

Spring is here and your vegetation is now out of its dormant stage and will soon be growing vigorously once again. Since this is always a constant complaint of Town residents and as it is also a Town Ordinance, No grass or weeds shall be permitted to remain over twelve inches in height. (Section 12-2(8)). Please make arrangements to have your lawns mowed if going out of town. It's easy to forget how fast things grow here in Florida.

REMINDER: If you have a landscaper trimming trees, bushes, hedges etc., it is THEIR responsibility to remove these items. **Please do not leave on the curb.** The trash company will not haul huge piles of garden debris over 50lbs in weight.

Trailers and boats are another top ordinance violation. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or park more than one boat or one boat trailer, or any combination thereof, upon any residentially zoned lot, piece or parcel of land in the town. Placing or parking such equipment upon any right-of-way or easement within the town is expressly prohibited. (Section, 21-47).

Are you aware that your home address must be placed where they can be seen. Imagine a life or death situation occurs and the emergency response have to waste precious moments trying to figure out the home address for the lack of numbers posted. Section 6-4 requires all structures to display the address on the mailbox or on the front of the structure where it can be seen.

REMINDER: Short Term Rentals are prohibited (under 181 days)

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 contaminants 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 contaminants. As care takers of this land, it is important we all do our part not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

"ADOPT-A-STREET" Registration Form

Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

If you would like to participate in the Adopt a Street Program, gloves and trash bags will be provided. Drop off locations will be assigned where to leave the removed litter.

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

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

Section 6-66. Compliance with NPDES requirements.

A Compliance standards

- (1) New building construction within any zoning district in the town shall conform to the provisions of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency as more specifically set forth in the NPDES permit issued to the Town.
- (2) The Town's certified stormwater management inspector shall, at all times during building construction or development, ensure that construction and contractors maintain a system for control of construction site erosion, sediment and water run-off.
 - (a) Each building site plan for construction shall be reviewed to include the system or method to be used by the contractor to eliminate or control erosion and sediment at the construction site and potential pollution of the town's stormwater collection system.
 - (b) The certified stormwater management inspector shall periodically inspect each construction site to ensure that the site does not cause erosion or sediment that may result in a discharge into the stormwater system.
 - (c) The certified stormwater management inspector shall maintain detailed records of all site plans and inspections of construction sites in the town for compliance with the town's NPDES Permit, and shall report such data to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency for NPDES reporting purposes.
 - (d) The certified stormwater management inspector shall report to the mayor all notices of violation or stop work orders issued by the certified stormwater management inspector and to any contractor or property owner for non-compliance with the provisions of this section.

B Enforcement

- (1) *Stop-work order; other penalty.* In the event that any person holding a site development permit pursuant to this Code violates the terms of the permit, or implements site development in such a manner as to materially adversely affect the health, welfare or safety of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or at the development site so as to be materially detrimental to the public's welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood, the certified stormwater management inspector shall issue a "Stop Work" order upon ascertainment of any violation of this section or other law pertaining hereto until such time as the condition that caused the "Stop Work" order has been, in the opinion of the certified stormwater management inspector, corrected.
- (2) *Violation and penalties.* No person shall construct, enlarge, alter, repair or maintain any grading, excavation or fill, or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the terms of this Code. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section of this Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and each day during which any violation of any of the provisions of this section of this Code is committed, continued or permitted, shall constitute a separate offense. Upon conviction of any such violation, such person, partnership or corporation shall be punished as provided for elsewhere in this Code for misdemeanors of the third degree. In addition to any other penalty authorized by this section, any person, partnership or corporation convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section of this Code shall be required to bear the cost and expense of restoring the site to a condition acceptable to the certified stormwater manager.
 - (a) For all new construction and major alterations, a drainage plan drawn by registered or licensed architect or engineer shall be submitted as part of the package submitted to the building department prior to issuance of a building permit.

FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE—The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is continually faced with the task of paying claims while trying to keep the price of flood insurance at an affordable level. It has a particular problem with repetitive loss properties, which are estimated to cost \$200 million per year in flood insurance claim payments. Repetitive loss properties represent only one percent of all flood insurance policies, yet historically they account for nearly one-third of the claim payments (over \$4.5 billion to date).

Mitigation of the flood risk to these repetitive loss properties will reduce the overall costs to the NFIP as well as to individual homeowners. Accordingly, over the years, Congress has created a variety of funding sources to help repetitive loss property owners reduce their exposure to flood damage. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has grant programs and one insurance benefit. More information on these programs can be found on the noted websites.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) a grant made available after a Presidential disaster declaration (www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm)

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) a grant that your community can apply for each year (www.fema.gov/government/grantfma/index.shtm)

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) a nationally competitive grant that your community can apply for each year (www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm)

Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) a grant that FEMA administers for certain repetitive loss properties where there is no local government sponsor. (www.fema.gov/government/grant/rfc/index.shtm)

Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) a grant that is reserved for "Severe" repetitive loss properties, i.e. those with their flood insurance policies administered by FEMA's Special Direct Facility rather than a private insurance Company. (www.fema.gov/government/grant/srl/index.shtm)

Increase Cost of Compliance (ICC) an extra flood insurance claim payment that can be provided if an insured building was flooded and then declared substantially damaged by the local permit office. (www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3010)

Check the websites and read up on the details of the funding programs that are appropriate for your situation. For example, if your state has not been declared a Federal disaster area for some time, look at the grants that have annual application procedures, not HMGP. Talk to your local planning, building, or emergency management official to see if your community is interested in applying for a grant for properties like yours. Keep your flood insurance policy in force. Several grants only fund properties that currently have a flood insurance policy.

HOUSEHOLD / BUSINESS ELECTRONICS & CHEMICAL—MOBILE COLLECTION

2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All Mobile collection events are on Saturdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Household Mobile Collections are FREE for residents of Pinellas County. Businesses should arrange for drop off and payment by calling EQ Florida at (813) 319-3400 for electronics and chemical disposal. * Collections may be delayed or cancelled due to severe weather.

April 18th	Tarpon Springs High School	1411 Gulf Blvd
May 2nd	Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle School	8401 131st Street North
September 12th	St. Petersburg College Allstate Center	3200 34th Street South
September 19th	Seminole High School	8401 131st Street North
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October 3rd	Largo Recycling Collection Center	1551 Starkey Road
November 7th	Gulfport Neighborhood Center	1617 49th Street South

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONT'D**HURRICANES**

Hurricanes are violent storms which bring intense winds, heavy rain, storm surge, floods, coastal erosion, landslides and tornadoes. While it is difficult to predict the exact time, place and force of hurricanes, residents of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states must be prepared. The season for hurricanes is June through November, with most hurricanes occurring mid-August to late October. Each season, on average, six hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean of which two become major hurricanes.

KNOW YOUR RISK WHAT TO DO

- Contact your local emergency management office to learn about evacuation routes and emergency plans.
- Get additional information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov), Citizen's Corps (www.citizencorps.gov), the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and NOAA's National Hurricane Center (www.nhc.noaa.gov).
- Buy flood insurance. Anyone can get flooded, even if you don't live in a designated flood zone. There is a 30-day waiting period before activation of flood insurance policies. Homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Ask your insurance agent or go to www.floodsmart.gov.
- Inquire about emergency plans and procedures at your child's school and at your workplace.
- Make a family disaster plan that includes out-of-town contacts and locations to reunite if you become separated. Be sure everyone knows home, work, and cell phone numbers and how to call 9-1-1.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit with food, water, medical supplies, battery-powered radio and NOAA Weather Radio, batteries, flashlights, and other items that will allow you to get by for 3 days after a hurricane hits.
- Gather important documents such as birth and marriage certificates, social security cards, passports, wills, deeds, and financial and insurance records. Store them in a fire and flood safe location or safety deposit box.

PREPARE YOUR HOME BEFORE THE STORM

- Install permanent wooden or metal storm shutters or board up windows with 5/8" marine plywood.
- Install metal straps or hurricane clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure.
- Trim trees and clear rain gutters and downspouts.
- Plan ahead for protection of pets and livestock. For information go to www.fema.gov and search on "Pet Owners".

EMERGENCY ACCESS PERMIT—The week of February 23rd, you should have received a mailer from Pinellas County Sheriff's regarding your Emergency Access Permits, these Access Permits are now available at Town Hall. Please bring with you, proof of residency, (driver's license or a utility bill) Residents are allowed only two Permits per home, not per vehicle.

BEACH PARKING PERMITS—Your beach parking permits expires March 31st, 2015—Please don't ditch your decals, just bring them in to Town hall to receive a new expiry date. If you don't have a beach parking permit, either download the Resident Parking Permit form from the Town's website or come on in to Town Hall. Beach Parking Permits are for residents only.

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- (b) The drainage plan shall indicate the installation of proper erosion and sediment controls required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) that are to be implemented as construction sites to control contribution of pollutants to the municipal storm sewer system by stormwater discharges from construction activities. All site drainage runoff must run only through established drainage structures so as to prevent excess or excessive water from gathering on the site or on surrounding properties to prevent flooding on the site and adjacent properties in general area of the construction. (Code 1980, 5-21(b); Ord. No 93-02, 1, 3-16-93 Ord. No. 2004-03, 4-20-04).

CRS — COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

ALL Municipalities are required to meet certain requirements applicable to the Community Rating system, known as CRS. This program determines the communities insurance rates for it's residents which is determined by what each community rating is. The Town's current rate is 7, which entitles each resident a 15% discount on their flood insurance.

The Town of Redington Beach has maintained the highest rating possible by meeting all the criteria applicable for a community of it's size, population, location etc. While the Town Staff is responsible for meeting the requirements to receive this rating, it's important residents of the Town complies with Local, State and Federal codes that apply so that the Community as a whole is not affected with higher insurance rates.

CRS: COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

WHAT EVERY TOWN RESIDENT SHOULD KNOW REGARDING FLOOD SAFETY, FLOOD INSURANCE RATES, FLOOD INSURANCE AND FIRE SAFETY

FLOOD SAFETY:

Local flooding could occur in the Town, as a result of storms and during high tides. Flooding is dangerous and can happen within a short period of time. Even though water appears to be moving slowly, a flood 6" deep moving at a 3 ft. /second can knock people off their feet; a flood 2 feet deep moving at the same velocity can float a car off the road. The message is clear: Do not attempt to walk or drive in flood conditions.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES:

Protecting a property from flood damage includes retrofitting, grading a yard, correcting local drainage problems and such emergency measures as moving furniture and sandbagging. In times of hurricanes and tropical storms, measures should be taken to protect against high winds. One should consider installing storm shutters and reinforced garage doors.

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM):

The FIRM is a map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that is used by the County Building Department, realtors, lending institutions, architects, engineers and surveyors to determine in which Flood Zone a particular property is located and the base flood elevation (BFE). This information is useful to engineers and architects in building design and insurance underwriters in rating flood insurance policies. Lending institutions are now legally required to mandate that property owners with mortgages carry flood insurance on properties located in the flood zone. Since Redington Beach is a barrier island, the entire Town is designated a Special Flood Hazard Area and is located in either a VE or AE Zone. The town has several Base Flood Elevation (BFE) heights. The BFE is the height above mean sea level to which the lowest structural member/floor support of a new structure must be elevated to survive flooding so severe that its height is expected no more often than once in a hundred years. Information on the flood zone or the base flood elevation for your property can be obtained by calling the Redington Beach Town Hall on (727) 391-3875 and/or checking Web site: www.townofredingtonbeach.com

CRS: COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM CONT'D**ELEVATION CERTIFICATES:**

All new construction or substantial improvement requires a surveyor's elevation certificate to document the height of the floor, structure and equipment, as well as breakaway walls, or hydrostatic relief vents required in enclosures for garage storage below the BFE. The town maintains a file of these certificates, and can provide copies to anyone as per availability.

It should be noted that the official file and elevation certificate information is what is used to determine insurance rates, or if enclosures or additions to living space have been made below flood level. These illegal enclosures or changes will not be covered by insurance; only permitted expansions documented as meeting codes will be covered. Elevation Certificate copies are on the Town's web page.

FLOOD INSURANCE:

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 new NFIP/CRS rating of 7 at this time, so you receive the proper discount. (Please note that the 15% discount becomes effective May 1, 2013) Insurance writers should know this now, but it is best to check. Remember normal homeowners insurance may be required to participate in some grant programs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The Town is graded by NFIP/CRS and awarded points for various activities ranging from adopting flood and storm drainage ordinances, educational projects such as this newsletter, for which we are allowed points. Some actions such as a mitigated retrofit and elevation of structures may qualify for grant monies.

Unfortunately, your elected officials and town staff can't do it all! To a large extent, it depends on the cooperation and assistance of residents and property owners to make it work. Here are some ways you can help: keep erosion silt and trash out of drains – drains flow to the intracoastal waters and affect beaches.

As a participant in the NFIP and NPDES the town has adopted ordinances on building construction, Stormwater drainage, filling, grading and excavation. If you see any construction or excavating done without a permit posted, contact the building department.

There are numerous Stormwater inlets on public and private properties in town. The Public Works Department inspects these inlets on a biannual basis to determine if they are being maintained. If you see anyone dumping trash, lawn clippings, etc. into these inlets, contact the building department. If seen at night or weekends contact the police department at 582-6200.

THE TOWN'S PART:

Your elected officials are in an ongoing effort to keep the town safe from the dangers of flooding. Florida Municipal Services stand ready to advise property owners, architects and contractors regarding acceptable methods of flood proofing, they also have an extensive library on these subjects free of charge.

In the event of a storm, citizens are advised to stay turned to FM 94.9 as a primary source of storm data and WRBQ FM 104.7 as a secondary source. In the event of a hurricane, the police department receives regular updates from Pinellas County Emergency Management.

CRS: COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM CONT'D

The Town adopted a Flood Management Plan, including requirements for the FEMA 50% Rule. This states that, if a property is damaged more than 50% or if an owner wants to make substantial improvements, which exceed 50% of the fair market value of the structure only (not including the land), the owner will be required to bring the building into compliance with the NFIP regulations and town ordinance requirements for new construction. Literature on this is FREE of charge from the Town hall & Gulf Beaches Library in Madeira Beach, as well as online at the town's web site.

AVAILABLE GRANT PROGRAMS: Include: FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance) RFC (Repetitive Flood Claims) SRL (Severe Repetitive Loss). Other information retrofitting existing homes along with the above program information is available at Town Hall. For residents considering applying for grants, it will be necessary to have the following items to determine eligibility and funding:

- Current Appraisal
- Current survey-site approval
- Current elevation certificate
- Recent estimate of construction costs to perform mitigation retrofits.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Past Newsletters have mentioned that Pinellas County Emergency Management no longer issues sandbags during hurricanes or tropical storms. Extensive studies have shown that using sandbags around doors and other areas of the home where water can enter, does not keep water from seeping in or prevent water damage inside the home. Sandbags are mainly used for diverting moving water such as building dikes or retaining walls.

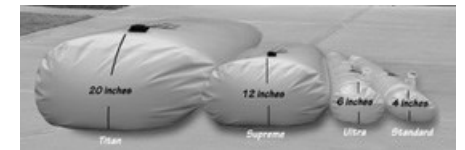
Other methods of flood protection are available and will not deteriorate as plastic bags do and are not as awkward to handle. Many devices available today are also reusable and can be stored, taking up very little space.

The Town of Redington Beach has been issuing the last of our inventory the past couple storm seasons and the current inventory consists of approximately 400-500 bags. When the 2015 Hurricane and tropical storm season ends and the current supply of sandbags have depleted, Redington Beach will no longer offer sand and sand bags to residents. The remaining sand bags will be released upon the posting of a hurricane or tropical storm watch for our area. As a precaution, preparation for alternative flood protection methods should be implemented now. Remember, June 1st officially begins our hurricane season, so please do not wait until the last minute to begin preparations.

FOR EXAMPLE.....

In the event of a storm, flood proofing can be accomplished by: HOMEOWNERS FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM can help protect your home! Properly deployed at the first sign of trouble, these Kits can provide a water-stopping barrier at the ground level of doors, drains and pipes. They can even help to prevent sewage backup.

- Bags can be used to seal doors, garages and even toilets
- Bags activate fast with just fresh water
- Stops water, debris, waste and more from entering your home
- Non-toxic, biodegradable materials.



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