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DID YOU KNOW?

Coyotes in Pinellas County? Yes, coyotes are and have been here since the 1970's and are here to stay. Sightings are taking place more and more often. Confirmed coyote sightings have taken place in Indian Shores, Belleair, Seminole, Largo, and South Pasadena to name a few. I have personally come within 25', eye to eye with one directly across the bay from Redington Beach. Coyotes are highly adaptable animals that first started showing up in Florida in the 1970's and will continue to make their homes in suitable habitats in this county. Fully grown animals typically weigh between 24 and 45 pounds and are usually grey to rusty brown with some black. They have bushy tails and are usually tipped with black.



Since Pinellas County does not have a wild life officer any longer, the long term solution for their control requires public education, changes in residents behavior and in some cases removing individual offending animals, although trapping coyotes is usually not very successful. They will on occasion eat small dogs and cats. Leaving pet food outside is not recommended as it will attract coyotes and in turn cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. These animals are scavengers and will eat just about anything they can find. As with all wild animals you should appreciate them from a distance, do not feed them and always respect them. After all they have a place on this earth as well as we do.

Frequent coyote sightings in Pinellas County: Seminole, Indian Rocks, Indians Shores, Largo, Belleair, and South Pasadena.

Here are some steps you can take to reduce the chance of human-coyote conflicts:

- Do Not Feed Coyotes
- Eliminate sources of water, particularly in dry climates.
- Bird feeders should be positioned so that coyotes can't get the feed. Coyotes are attracted by bread, table scraps, and even seed. They may also be attracted by birds and rodents that come to the feeders.
- Do Not discard edible garbage where coyotes can get to it.
- Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors.
- Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up any leftovers if feeding outdoors. Store pet and livestock feed where it is inaccessible to wildlife.



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Mayor's Message

Wishing all residents of Redington Beach peace and joy throughout the holidays and a safe and happy 2010.

This past year, we completed the last of our storm water rehabilitation projects, the renovation of the old fire station is almost complete and early January we will substantially repair/replace the shelter at Town Park.

Projects for the future include the seawall replacement of the north side of the 161st Avenue Causeway and establishing a plan to repave Redington Beach roads.

I would like to thank all of our citizens who volunteer to serve on boards and committees, that strive to make Redington Beach a wonderful place to live.

Nick Simons, Mayor

Town Hall Holiday Closing Schedule 2010

January 1	New Year's Day
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
May 31	Memorial Day
July 5	Independence Day
September 6	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Day After
December 23 & 24	Christmas Eve Christmas Day

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

By Mark A. Davis

Fire House Renovation: In our last newsletter I mentioned the renovation of the upstairs of the old fire house should be completed some time around November. Unfortunately with all the cut backs within the county's building department, the permitting process took about two months longer than usual. Therefore we got a late start. However, everything is moving right along and looking good.

A public restroom has been a large request item from park users and is almost complete as is the rest of the upstairs renovation. Renovation also includes a new roof, new windows, stucco, and painting.

Storm Water Project Update: The multiphase storm water management project has finally been completed. The town's storm water system is about ninety percent renovated as of now. I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding while so much disruption was taking place for such a long period of time. Everyone can enjoy the holiday season without the sight and sounds of heavy equipment this year. With your new system in place, we can expect trouble free storm drains for the next forty to sixty years as this is the life expectancy of these types of infrastructures under normal conditions. The Town has been extremely blessed to have had some of the best contractors in the business working in our back yards, giving us quality work.

Town Park Shelter: The shelter in Town Park is scheduled to be replaced after the holidays. New steel is being fabricated to replace the approximately twelve year old structure currently in the park. Everything will be galvanized to slow the corrosion that results from the salt air and a concrete floor will be installed.

Causeway Beautification: The north side of 161st Avenue Causeway has been completed. New plant beds, vegetation, and washed shell is now in place along with a new irrigation system. Four new large planters are also in place at each end of the causeway for ascetics. As a final touch, we are currently looking to locate some boulders to place in the planting areas for focal points.

Special Thanks: I would like to take this opportunity to thank town resident, Rob Stockton for his hard work and assistance. Rob worked for the Public Works Department for three months while public works assistant, Terry Dillon was out temporarily after having knee surgery. Rob is a hard working young man and was a tremendous help. We all wish Rob the best of luck in life. And we would like to welcome back Terry.

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- Trim and clean, near ground level, any shrubbery that provides hiding cover for coyotes to prey. Fencing your yard could deter coyotes. The fence should be at least 6 feet high with the bottom extending at least 6" below ground level for best results.
- Don't leave small children unattended outside if coyotes have been frequenting the area.
- Don't allow pets to run free. Keep them safely confined and provide secure nighttime housing for them. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night. Provide secure shelters for poultry, rabbits, and other vulnerable animals.
- Discourage coyotes from frequenting your area. If you start seeing coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, or throwing rocks.

These steps may decrease the frequency of coyote sightings in your area if practiced continuously. However, coyotes are adaptable to change and are quick to learn new ways of survival. Occasional sightings most likely will continue. By making life for coyotes in your neighborhood more difficult, you will increase the likelihood that they will go somewhere else.

NPDES NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

By: Mark A. Davis

If you are a regular reader of our Town's quarterly newsletters, you will have noticed in each issue, the section titled NPDES. As I have mentioned previously, the Town of Redington Beach is required by the EPA to educate our residents of the importance of not polluting our environment. Since Redington Beach is a water front, coastal community that directs storm water directly into a federal body of water, (Boca Ciega Bay) it is crucial for everyone to take part in keeping our natural resources clean and healthy, not only for ourselves, but also for generations to come after us. If we are unable to live in harmony with nature, how can we continue to exist?

STORM WATER RUNOFF

- Direct downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, or containment areas.
- Plant groundcovers or use mulch on thinly vegetated areas to decrease erosion.
- Use mulch, bricks, flagstones, gravel, or other porous surfaces on walkways, patios or drives.
- Collect and use rainwater to irrigate plants.
- Create swales or terracing to catch and filter stormwater.
- Pick up after pets to reduce bacterial and nutrient pollution in storm drain systems.
- Clean up oil spills and leaks using cat litter on driveways.
- Sweep grass clippings, fertilizer, and soil from driveway onto law. Remove trash from street gutters.

ON THE WATERFRONT

- Remove invasive exotic aquatic plants by cutting, pulling, or raking. Remove dead plant material from water after using herbicides to reduce pollution.
- Protect your mangroves. All pruning must be in compliance with existing laws.
- Establish a border of low maintenance plants between your lawn and shoreline/seawall to absorb nutrients and to prove wildlife habitat.
- Establish a 10-30 foot "no fertilizer" zone along your shoreline.
- Where feasible, plant native vegetation in the littoral zone in front of your seawall or along shoreline.
- Decrease wave action and increase habitat by placing clean, native limestone rock in front of your seawall.

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.

The Redington Beaches and Indian Shores Annual Holiday Boat Parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 20th, starting at the Tom Stuart Causeway at 6:00 pm and ending at The Pub in Indian Shores. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 727-391-3875.

CRS: Community Rating System

By: Mark A. Davis

The CRS program is a system in which our community is rated and determines whether or not our Town residents receive a discount on your flood insurance rates and how much of a discount you do receive. This is a process in which all communities take part in through an annual report showing that recommended criteria has been implemented and performed by your city staff. You should be pleased to know your town employees have maintained an A-1 rating for you and residents have been receiving their substantial discounts through these efforts.

Below are some helpful tips and some very important information in the event you do suffer a flood. You might want to keep this information as a guide, just in case.

Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other type of natural disaster. You may order a manual for design and retrofitting Flood prone residential structures, free of charge by writing to: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Attn: Publications P.O. Box 70274, Washington, DC 20024.

TIPS ON HANDLING YOUR FLOOD INSURANCE CLAIM

You've suffered a flood. Your home or business and contents within have been damaged possibly destroyed.

WHAT DO YOU DO NOW? Contact your insurance company or agent as soon as possible. Tell them you've suffered a loss and will be filing a claim. Make sure to tell them where you can be reached, especially if you are unable to stay in your home.

Your insurance agent will move quickly to help you get back on your feet as soon as possible. The first step he or she takes will be to assign your claim to an adjuster, who will be an insurance company employee or an independent adjuster hired by the company. Your adjuster will inform you of the steps you need to take to file your claim. The adjuster will also provide you with any required forms.

ITEMIZING YOUR POSSESSIONS It's a good idea to be prepared in advance, if possible. One way to do this is to make a thorough, detailed list of all of your possessions within your home or business. Go room by room and take an inventory of all the items inside, sofas, chairs, beds, dressers, etc. Describe the items, and include the serial numbers, model numbers, and the date purchased. Include everything, and don't forget items such as pictures, contents of drawers and cupboards, plants, etc.

When you purchase an item of lasting value, save the receipt. Store the list and the receipts in a safe, dry place, secure from any flood threat. An excellent place to store such documents is a bank safe deposit box.

Another good way of documenting your possessions is to take photos and/or videos of your home or business. Again, go room by room and take a photographic inventory. Include these photos or videos in your "flood file" and store them in a safe, dry place, too. Storing this information will help you if you ever need to document your claim. This exercise will also give you a good idea of how much insurance coverage you need.

It is important to make a list of your possessions now because in some floods, people lose many and in some cases, all of their possessions.

Make a thorough, detailed list beforehand, including the quantities and approximate value of each item, and the date purchased or acquired, will help you file a full flood insurance claim.

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AFTER THE FLOOD: Clean up should begin as soon as the flood waters recede. When it is safe to enter your home, go room to room and separate damaged from undamaged items. Separate and dry wet items, such as clothing and linens. Often, these items can be restored by cleaning or making minor repairs.

Make a detailed list of all damaged or lost personal property. Take photos of any water in the house. Save damaged personal property, and take photos or a videotape of it. Do not throw out any damaged property without your adjuster's agreement.

WORKING WITH AN ADJUSTER: Insurance companies employ adjusters to help people who have suffered losses in establishing the benefits due them under their insurance policies. Work with the adjuster, his or her job is to assist you and review your claim. The adjuster will inspect your itemized list of damaged and/or destroyed property. The adjuster will work with you to calculate the value of the items on the list. He or she will also prepare a repair estimate of the damage to the property.

OBTAIN A REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT ESTIMATE: In most cases, adjuster who routinely handle property losses are capable of estimating simple building losses. They are also able to complete their own estimates and settle on these estimates sometimes on the first call.

When the adjuster visits the site to inspect the damage, make sure you or a trusted adviser are there to work with the adjuster.

When working with the adjuster, it is important that you both come to an agreement about the "scope of damage", meaning an agreement about what needs to be repaired or replaced without a dollar amount.

Make sure you know what needs to be done next and why. If you do not, ask the adjuster for instructions in writing.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR CLAIM: Using the above information, you can manage your claim so that you receive the insurance benefits due you and have your home and possessions, restored successfully. But if a major problem arises, you have other sources of assistance. You can consult your insurance agent or local company representative. In addition, every state government has a department of insurance, regulated by the state insurance commissioner's office. These offices have policy holders service sections, designed to assist insurance policy holders.

For more information about the NFIP and flood insurance, contact your insurance company or agent, or call the NFIP at 1-8888-CALL-FLOOD, ext. 314.

USE CROSS WALKS

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

USE CROSSWALKS

1. Be Alert, watch cars carefully, walk facing traffic.
2. Make yourself more visible, wear bright colored clothing during the day and reflective light clothing and carry a flashlight when walking at night.
3. Use sidewalks, if no sidewalks are available, walk in the roadway and walk on the left side facing traffic.
4. Be aware of turning vehicles, make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of their vehicle.
5. Never step into the road from behind a parked car or other obstacle.
6. Cross with a group or crossing guard. If you must cross the street without a crossing guard, look in all directions before crossing.

7. USE CROSSWALKS

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

NPDES:

By: Mark A. Davis

All storm drains in the Town flow directly into Boca Ciega Bay. It is a crime to dispose of or to dump anything other than clean water into the Town's drainage system. If you are aware of any illicit discharges into the storm sewers, please contact Town Hall or Code Enforcement at 727-391-3875. We are all custodians of our environment, lets all do our part. Please do not contaminate our bay and surrounding waters of the Gulf of Mexico by putting chemicals, waste water, or anything else other than rain water into any of the storm drains. Illicit dumping affects marine life negatively, which in turn has a great impact on us humans as well. Any suspicious activity should be directed to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas County Environmental Department or Redington Beach Code Enforcement.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Resources:

Pinellas County Utilities, Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center
2990 110th Avenue N
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
Phone: 727-464-7565
Fax: 727-464-7713

To report illegal disposal of hazardous materials or chemicals, call FL Department of Environmental Protection at 813-744-6100 Tampa, 941-332-6975, Fort Meyers, or 407894-7555, Orlando.

For information on local collection sites, for biomedical waste items, call your local county health department.

For information on local oil recycling sites, call 800-741-4337.

For information on safe handling or disposal of pesticides, call your local county cooperative extension service, Florida Pest Control Association at 800-426-4829, Florida Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control at 904-727-6590, or the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network at 800-858-7378.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP OUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN**Emergency Management**

By: Mark A. Davis

Hurricane season has finally ended. Pinellas County residents were spared this last year with not even a tropical storm or hurricane. This is no reason to let your guard down for future seasons. Now is a good time to make a check list for preparedness and still have time to actually take action and prepare your property and self for the next season.

Don't forget, **www.disasterprepped.com** focuses on helping you prepare for you and your pets potential emergencies or disasters.

I would like to wish everyone a joyous Holiday season and a prosperous new year. Please stay safe and take the time to help someone in need. Happy Holidays.

The Town has once again become a victim of burglary. A bench was stolen from the Town Park. This is the first bench that has been stolen, however earlier in the year, two picnic tables were taken. These items are very expensive for the Town to replace as they were made of recycled material. If you see any suspicious activity in the parks, please call the police and report it. The Town Park closes at 10:00 pm and Friendship Park closes at 7:00 pm.

Code Enforcement: Issues & Updates

By Mark A. Davis

For Code Enforcement Questions, contact Mark Davis, Code Enforcement Officer and/or Terry Dillon, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer at Town Hall – 727-391-3875.

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.

Most code violations are related to vehicles and overgrown property, to name a few. Code enforcement is an integral part of community policing as it protects local property values and helps to build cleaner safer communities. The Code Enforcement Division is dedicated to improving the quality of life of our residents by enforcing ordinances and laws of the community and state.



**From the desk of
... Mark A. Davis**
DPW Director and Code
Enforcement Officer

- Lawns and weeds exceeding 12" in height on residential properties are considered excessive growth. This is applicable to all residential and commercial properties, developed and non developed.
- All boats and/or recreational vehicles may not be parked on any residential street or right of way.
- Utility trailers and commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking in Redington Beach, unless they are parked in an enclosed carport or garage, completely out of view of the public.
- All vehicles must be operable and have a valid tag and registration that is current.
- Don't forget the Department of Environmental Protection has made it mandatory to de-chlorinize any swimming pool water prior to discharging it into the environment. This can be accomplished by not adding any chemicals for at least 48 hours or by adding a neutralizer such as sodium thiosulfate, which can be purchased at your local pool supply store if you need to drain your pool in a hurry, or can't wait the 48 hours required for neutralization.
- Landscaping debris, leaves, grass clippings, and sediment **MUST** be recycled, composted or disposed of properly. They should **NOT** be hosed, swept, or blown into a storm water drain for disposal. This is an ordinance of the Town as well as state and federal "Clean Water Act" regulations.

SHORT TERM RENTALS: Short term rentals (anything less than 181 days) is a zoning violation in Redington Beach and still continues to present problems for our community. Presently the town is engaged in several cases of non compliance through the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Criminal Division and is actively enforcing the Town's zoning Laws.

REMINDER: The Town has four actual parks, 157th Avenue Beach Park, 160th Avenue Beach Park, Friendship Park, located across from Town Hall, and Town Park, located at the corner of 164th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. Please remember animals are prohibited in any of the Town's Parks whether on a leash or not (Sec 4-3). This ordinance also includes the Beach. Violation of Ordinance 4-3 may result in a fine of \$133.00 to \$183.00.

ADOPTED:

Section 12-2(6), Chapter 12, Nuisances, Article 1 has been amended by prohibiting the presence of unlicensed, unregistered, or not mechanically capable automobiles on the premises, in the open or in the street areas adjacent thereto in the Town of Redington Beach

An ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 5, Boats, Docks, and Waterways, Article III, Bulkheads, Docks, etc, in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 5-57, specification for docks, subsection(a)(5), by providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

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Code Enforcement Continued:

Foreclosures: *As many of you are aware, Redington Beach has numerous vacant, abandoned, or empty homes currently, as well as most other communities state wide. Property maintenance has become a serious problem in the community. Unmaintained lawns and homes invite rodents, snakes, vagrants, etc. and brings property values down leaving communities unattractive, and undesirable places to live. Every effort is being made to keep these properties cleaned up and kept mowed and treating unkempt swimming pools with larva-ades to keep mosquito larvae from hatching, causing serious health concerns. Unfortunately this is a problem communities all over the country are now experiencing. New laws and ordinances are constantly being implemented so that legalities are being met while addressing and correcting these new issues. Tracking and locating the property owners and or banks are often difficult and liens have to be placed on them after the town cleans them up, only to start all over again on the same properties.*

If you are aware of any abandoned homes near you, please contact the town hall with the addresses so that we can make sure these properties are not missed. Thank you.

The US Census Bureau is hiring for the 2010 Census. Information is available at Town Hall. If interested you may also visit their website at www.2010censusjobs.gov or by calling 1-866-861-2010. The Census Bureau offers:

Good Pay

Temporary Part Time Jobs

Flexible Hours

Mileage Reimbursement (for Field jobs)

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Info@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: Progress Energy727-443-2641

Water/Sewer.....727-464-4000

Brighthouse.....727-329-5020

Waste Services:.....727-572.6800

Clearwater Gas:.....727-699-1958