Redington Beach Newsletter

January 2009



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Town Hall Holiday
Closing Schedule 2009

January 19 Martin Luther King Day

May 25 Memorial Day

July 3 Independence Day

September 7 Labor Day

November 11 Veteran's Day

November 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Day After

December 24 & 25 Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Mayor's Message

We send our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2009.

In these uncertain economic times, we all may need to do some fiscal belt tightening. In 2008/2009 the Town budgeted for a seawall replacement on the north side of 161st Avenue causeway. The town will try to defer the projected work to a future fiscal year cycle. Your town commission will maintain a conservative spending policy.

Redington Beach, along with the other Barrier Island Communities was allocated funds by Pinellas County for Gulf Blvd Beautification and undergrounding. Our allocation is approximately 1.4 million and can only be used specifically for approved county scope of work along Gulf Blvd. The commission will start the process early in 2009 for funds that will be available from October 1, 2009 through Sept 30, 2014.

The Town has a great staff with Janina and Missy in the Town Hall and Mark and Terry with Public Works and Code enforcement. Feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns.

Nick Simons

Mayor

Janina Patrus; Clerk's Notes

Mark your calendars, March 10, 2009 is municipal election day in Redington Beach. Polling will be in our Town assembly hall, starts at 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. This year we vote a referendum question to amend the Charter, Section 5, Town official salaries. Come out and support your elected officials! Pun intended.

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Emergency Management By Mark Davis

Hurricane season has finally ended this year. The Tampa Bay area has been fortunate once again. Don't be caught with your guard down. Think about familiarizing yourself and your family with a hurricane preparedness plan just in case disaster strikes. Know your evacuation route, plan, shelter locations, which ones will accept pets and how to secure your homes or places of business. It is never to early to have a plan in place. For more information on emergency management in our area, visit your local library, your Town Hall or Pinellas County Emergency Management web site. Surviving the storm is everyone's responsibility.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season and for everyone a prosperous New Year.

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

Several Reminders:

Section 6-92, Display of Permits. All permits issued or authorized by the DPW Director and Code Town **SHALL BE PROMINENTYLY**

From the desk of ... Mark A. Davis Enforcement Officer

and openly **POSTED** and viewable by the public from the street during the progress of the work, until final inspection is performed and approved by the building official, code enforcement officer, or other official authorized by the Town, if such final inspection is required. Failure to properly display all permits may be cause for said official to halt all work until such permits are located and properly displayed.

New building setback regulations for properties bordering Boca Ciega Bay: The building line is now hereby fixed at twenty five (25) feet from the center of the seawall cap.

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUSION DISCHARGE **ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

"ADOPT-A-STREET" Registration Form

Volunteer's Name:	
Address:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
E-mail Address:	

SWFWMD

The Town of Redington Beach has been notified by the Southwest Water Management district to strictly enforce watering restrictions. The district recently adopted <u>a one</u> <u>day per week only</u> watering restriction and does not expect it to get less restrictive throughout the 2009 year. They have informed us it is possible that it may worsen this coming summer. The Town will post any new information as it is received. Since the district has recommended to not issue any first offence warnings for watering violations, it is important everyone follow the watering restrictions closely to avoid any citations. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Residential Lawn Watering Schedule

House Number Ending in Water on 0 or 1 Monday 2 or 3 Tuesday 4 or 5 Wednesday 6 or 7 Thursday 8 or 9 Friday Mixed or No Address Friday

Morning Hours: 12:01 am to 10:00 am Evening Hours: 4:00 pm to 11:50 pm

Watering is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

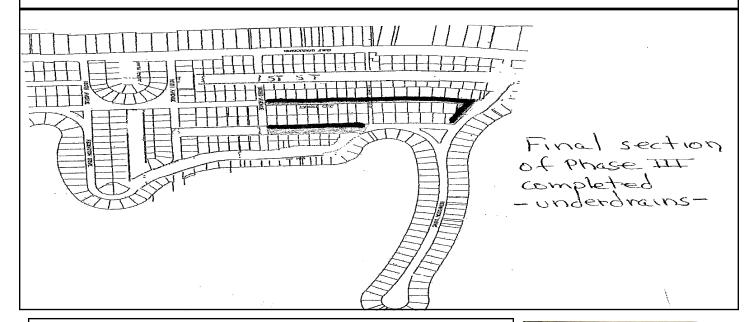
Please remember during construction, at all times a debris container shall be kept at or on the construction site. The area must be kept in a clean, neat, and orderly condition at all times until completion and the site is returned to its preconstruction condition. Trash pick ups through your normal waste service are not acceptable or permitted. The Town has been asked to remind residents that Waste Services crews will not pick up construction rubble from construction sites. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Redington Beach has a leash law. Dogs are NOT permitted to run freely off the owners property and must be on a leash if off private property at all times.

Animals are not permitted on the beach or in Town Parks whether or not they are on a leash and all animal feces must be picked up and removed. Animal feces are known to contain bacteria and diseases and could be a health and safety issue where your children play.

Public Works

Storm Water Project Update: The final completion of Phase III of the Storm Water Management Project is coming to an end. The construction of the south end of Redington Drive has been completed along with the addition of the installation of under drains on the north end of the town. Town officials are in the process of performing a walkthrough, looking for anything that the contractors may have missed. I would like to thank all Redington Beach residents for your patience and cooperation while constructing these much need improvements. I'm certain all will benefit from the results.



NEW ADDITION TO TOWN PARK PLAYGROUND Recently, the Public Works Department installed a new climbing Volcano Wall. This piece of equipment replaced the merry go round that was once there. It is intended for children between the ages of five and twelve years of age. We will be adding a new saddle mate toy and new drinking fountain the first of the new year. Two new picnic tables have also been added for your enjoyment.



New Park Bench has been added and placed under the oak trees in Friendship Park. The bench is in memory of Bob & Helen Buchanan, Parents and Ernest & Maggie Hawk, Grandparents. This was donated to the Town by their family, Bob & Kay Buchanan and Judy & Bill Nay. A bronze plaque will be attached as soon as it is received.

As always, your Park Board members continue to work on beautification projects for everyone to enjoy. The new year should bring many new additions and achievements to the Town's unique parks and green spaces for the enjoyment of everyone.

This year the Town Christmas tree (cedar) has almost doubled in size. Starting out as a small shrub, it has now grown into a beautiful specimen of a Christmas Tree to be decorated each year. Donated to the Town by the Redington Beach's Garden Club members it has become a Town tradition with a lighting ceremony each year. While enduring tropical storms and droughts throughout its beginning here in Redington Beach, it seems to be at home now and is thriving.

Clerk's Notes Continued.....

March 31, 2009, the Town parking stickers expire. In an effort to revamp and make the tags unique to Redington Beach, I did a redesign of the tag. The 2009-2011 tags will be mirror hung poly vinyl tags in aqua blue with the Town Logo. Per town code the tags are replaced every two years. So we will have stick on expiration strips placed on each tag.

As in the past, a 30 day grace period will be extended on the old stickers so that you may come to Town hall and sign up for the new mirror hang tag. Redington Beach issues the tags at no charge; only to Town residents with proof of residency and driver's license.

NPDES NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

As part of the Town's ongoing efforts to follow a Best Management Practices, involving pollutants, please familiarize yourselves with these simple yet important steps:

Stormwater Management

Only Rain in the Drain: If you follow this motto, you're well on your way toward successful stormwater management. Your goal should be to prevent oil, grease, antifreeze, and any other material from mixing with stormwater. Here's How:

- Prevent Spills & Leaks. Visually inspect vehicles entering the facility for leaks. If you see a leak, contain it with a drip pan or absorbent material, (such as dry sweep or kitty litter) and clean up the residue from the ground. When removing vehicle fluids, always use a drain pan, drain tables, or pump or suction system to capture the fluids.
- 2. Clean up Spills Immediately. When spills and leaks happen, clean up as much of the fluid as you can, as quickly as possible. For small spills use shop rags, oil dry, or absorbent materials. For larger spills use absorbent socks, pads, and pillows. Spill kits that include absorbent materials like oil dry and/or absorbent pads, socks, and pillows should be placed conveniently around the shop, and you should know where the kits are at all times. Keep brooms, shovels, or scoops near your spill kit. Place used absorbents in a designated container for proper disposal. Check with your manager before putting used absorbent in a dumpster.
- 3. Handle Fluids Properly. After you remove vehicle fluids, store the fluids in clearly marked containers. These containers should have some type of secondary containment, (such as a larger drum or a concrete curb) to prevent a large spill from spreading. Make sure not to mix oils with antifreeze or solvents that can create a hazardous waste, which can't be recycled and is expensive to get rid of. Also make sure to use the right size funnels when pouring fluids into a storage drum. Check the drums regularly for leaks.
- 4. Drain, Cover, and Contain All Oil Parts Stored Outside. If you store oily parts outside or in vehicles that are outside, ensure they are covered to prevent contact with rain or snow. Inspect these areas regularly for spill and leaks.

Stick to these Practices! It is important to always implement these practices, and to pay special attention to these issues during wet weather. Be proud of the work you do to protect the environment. What you do in the yard matters to your business and to your community. You can Make a Difference!

NOTE: Dumping or pouring anything into storm drains other

than rainwater is prohibited by Federal, State, and Local laws. As of recently, swimming pool water can no longer be drained into a curb/gutter or into a catch basin leading into a storm drain with out first being de-chlorinated. Please report any violations to 727-391-3875

Fertilizer Facts:

Fertilizer is not plant food. Food for plants comes from the sugars the plant makes through photosynthesis. Fertilizer nutrients are used in this process, but a lawn or plant growing poorly in too much shade will not grow better if fertilized.

The truth about "100 percent organic" is that it often refers only to the nitrogen in the bag. Furthermore, the nitrogen can be derived from natural products, such as manure, or it can be from synthetic chemicals, such as urea. Read the label to determine where the "organic" nitrogen is coming from.

Make fertilizer selections based on need. Many fertilizers contain a number of plant nutrients, even though only one or two may be needed. What plant response do you want? Greener growth? More flowers or fruits? Decide which nutrients will give you what you want and then buy only those.

When fertilizer nutrients are in "slow-release" forms, they are available to plants over a longer period of time and less nutrients are wasted or lost as pollutants. Look for these terms on the product or fertilizer bag:

- A. Time released, slow-release, or controlled release
- Water insoluble nitrogen, activated sludge, sulfur-coated urea (SCCU), Isobutylidendiurea (IBDU), Ureaform (UF), Nitroform, or polymer, plastic or resin-coated urea.

Remember to fertilize only when needed to maintain the health of lawns and plants. Do not exceed the rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per application.

As an ongoing program to keep our Town pollution free and to comply with Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection regulations the Town of Redington Beach offers the Adopt a Street Program.

If you would like to Adopt-A-Street, contact Town Hall. The Town will supply you with trash bags and gloves and will remove trash filled bags from a designated pick up area. Drop off the completed registration form (on page 2) and give us a call when you're ready.

The Future Of Fishing Depends On A Clean Environment And That Depends On You!

The Problem

Discarded monofilament fishing line is hazardous to everyone and everything. Every year it causes injury and death to many kinds of marine wildlife. Animals



The Ocean Conservancy

may swallow fishing line. resulting in illness or death. Wildlife may also become entangled, drown, starve, or lose a limb. Fishing line is not just a problem for wildlife; it

can also be a threat to divers and boaters. Divers can drown if they become entangled. Entangled propellers may result in costly repairs. It is illegal to improperly discard fishing line.

The Facts

- From 1980–1999, one in every five manatee rescues was a result of entanglement in monofilament.
- From 1996–2000 (5 years), 163 turtles were found entangled in monofilament line.
- Between 1995-2000, approximately 35 dolphins in the Southeast U.S. died as a result of monofilament-related injuries.
- Researchers have documented over 60 species of fish that have been entangled in or swallowed marine debris.
- During 1999–2000, over 265 seabirds of various species were rescued as a result of hook and line entanglements. Of those 265 seabirds, 92 died.

What Can You Do?

- Don't leave your line behind. If you have unwanted line, store it safely and securely until it can be placed in a recycling receptacle.
- Mever leave fishing line unattended.
- Cast with care! Survey the area before you cast your line to avoid trees, utility lines, bridges, reefs, wildlife, and other anglers.
- If your line gets snagged or should break, make every effort to safely retrieve it.
- Collect discarded line, debris and other abandoned fishing gear when encountered.
- Do not feed wildlife as it encourages animals to approach fishing boats and anglers.
- Participate in a monofilament recycling program and/or local cleanup efforts.
- Obtain and adopt a recycling bin for your favorite fishing/boating area.
- Practice and develop your skills so gear is not lost.



How To Help **Entangled** Animals

Report all entangled marine wildlife to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922). Report all entangled land animals or birds to your local rehabilitation

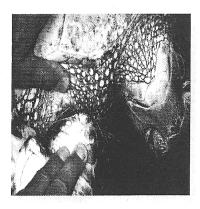
hospital. Do not attempt to disentangle animals as it may result in injury to vourself and/or the animal.



Miami Seaquarium



Tom O'Shea, U.S.G.S. Sirenia Project



FFWCC



FYI: In recent years there are more and more manatee sightings in the bays and in the Gulf of Mexico here in Redington Beach. These animals are very docile and curious creatures. Please be aware of the possibility of their presence while boating. All new storm drain line replacements in the Town have been equipped with safety devices to prevent these animals accidentally becoming stuck or lodged in the pipes which could result in their deaths. This is just one way the Town can help protect our valuable natural resources.

Also, CDS Unites have been installed at various locations throughout the Town. These underground vaults help gather and collect surface contaminates such as floatable items as trash and litter. Yet another way the Town contributes to pollution problems in our area.

Where To Dispose Of Your Monofilament Line

Many
communities
have
monofilament
recycling bins
at bait and
tackle shops,
boat ramps,
marinas, fishing
piers, bridges,
and at beach
access roads.



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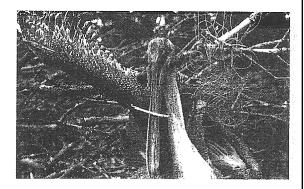
You can also recycle on your own by sending all monofilament line to:
Berkley Recycling Collection Center
1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360-1099
1-800-BERKLEY

How To Report Dumping Of Marine Debris

Call the U.S. Coast Guard at 1-800-424-8802, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922), or your local sheriffs office.

Learn More!

To become involved in special cleanup events or to start a monofilament recycling project in your area, contact the FFWCC Division of Marine Fisheries, 2590 Executive Center Circle E, Suite 204, Tallahassee, FL 32301 www.marinefisheries.org



FYI: Illicit discharges from vehicle and equipment washing operations to municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4's) AKA, storm drains, are considered non storm water discharges and are not authorized to be directed or permitted to be allowed to enter storm drain systems.

If a discharge from vehicles and or washing equipment is discovered or reported, it is the duty of the permittee which is the Town of Redington Beach, to take the appropriate enforcement actions under its illicit discharge program to correct and eliminate the discharge. This is mandated program by the FDEP, Florida Environmental Protection Agency, which requires the Town to adopt, implement, and enforce this ordinance which is also a state statute and authorized by the United States Department of Environmental Protection Agency. Please Don't Pollute.



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RBPOA News:

The Redington Beach Property Owners Association, Inc. (RBPOA) is a resident driven organization in town committed to bringing the community together for fun-filled social events for residents of all ages. In addition, the association provides College scholarships to graduating High School Seniors who excel in our essay contest as well as gifts to all students who compete.

The organization is made up of 10 board members and also includes over 120 households and growing! Current board members are Dale Arfman (Treasurer), Kelly Brubaker, Linda McIlroy, Paula Phillips, Fatima Rapuano (Secretary), Antonio Tamburri, Jackie Tamburri (Vice-President), Paul Warren, Anna Wiggers (President), and Rosalee Yurasko. Membership dues are \$20 per year per household. Your dues help cover the costs for events throughout the year.

On January 23rd 2009, board member elections will be held at Town Hall in conjunction with a potluck Dinner. The evening starts at 6pm. Membership dues renew in January. Look for your renewal forms in the mail. You must be a paid member to vote. If you are not a Redington Beach property owner, you can still join as a social member and participate in events.

Some upcoming events for 2009 include:

Easter Egg Hunt: 4/11/09

Potluck Dinner/Scholarship Awards: 4/24/09

Beach Party: TBD

Beach Cleanup: TBD

Wine Fest: 11/7/09

Holiday Park Lighting: 12/5/09

Each annual event is serving more and more residents. Volunteers are needed to keep pace with that growth. It's an exciting problem to have! We welcome all volunteers and have a job, big or small for anyone interested in being part of this team. All are welcome.

Please contact Anna Wiggers 393-6560 or email rbpoa@tampabay.rr.com for more information. We look forward to the ongoing support of the residents of this town.

Basic Services:

Police: Pinellas County Sheriff

Non Emergency......727-582-6200

Police & Fire EMERGENCY ONLY: 911

Electric: Progress Energy	727-443-2641
Water/Sewer	
Brighthouse	727-329-5020
Waste Services:	727-572.6800
Clearwater Gas:	

E-Mail Addresses

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General: info@townofredingtonbeach.com



The Redington Beach Garden Club is a group of 33 ladies who meet at the Redington Beach Town Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We are a non profit entity and the object of the club is to promote interest in gardens, the study of flowers and plants, and to work for preservation of our natural beauty.

Refreshments are at 9:30, the meeting starts at 10. A fun and/or educational program follows each meeting. We are active and contributing members of this town though you do not have to be a resident to join. Visitors are always welcome.

Contact us at: RedingtonBeachGardenClub@msn.com, find us on the town web page under Town Association or call Anna Reynolds at 392-2865.

Our currently scheduled activities are:

October 16 - Decoupage

November 20 - Committee Fun / Member book update

December 6 - 4:30 - annual park lighting project

December 18- Christmas Party - location TBA

January 15 - Auction Fun

February 19 - Largo Botanical gardens