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

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2010 Census

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Take 10.

The U.S. Census Bureau is sending out a questionnaire with 10 simple questions that will take 10 short minutes. It is important that every household be counted as it ensures that each constituent receive their fair share of federal funding, which includes resources for services such as health care, education and ROADS.

NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS

Please welcome the Town's new commissioners; David Will and Tom Dorgan. Commissioner Will had served on the Town's Board of Adjustment prior to being elected commissioner. Commissioner Will is the Town's new Building liaison.

Commissioner Dorgan, served on the Town's finance committee prior to becoming commissioner. Commissioner Dorgan will be the Town's new Safety liaison.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to building and/or safety, please do not hesitate to contact your elected officials or Town Hall. 727-391-3875.

Mayor's Message

I personally encourage all residents to fill out the census form and send back as soon as possible.

The overall valuation of Redington Beach real property will most likely decline again with the next fiscal year resulting in fewer Ad Valorem revenues. Those who participate in the Homestead Exemption may see the 3% increase in taxable value, those who don't homestead, potentially may see a decrease in taxable value.

We will continue to be good stewards of the Town's assets while trying to continually improve the Town's infrastructure.

Wishing everybody a pleasant and safe spring with the cold winter becoming a distant memory.

Nick Simons

Mayor

NPDES NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

By now, anyone who has been reading the Town's quarterly newsletters should be aware of the Town's obligation to the Federal mandated NPDES permit regulations.

As a reminder, below are a few of the requirements that all residents must adhere to, to prevent enormous fines to the Town of Redington Beach that are imposed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency. Not only is the Town subject to penalties for not enforcing these regulations, but is also subject to penalties for resident violations, that the Town is not aware of, if EPA discovers such. Old habits are often difficult to change, but if we all make a conscious effort for environmental safety, everyone benefits.

Proper Use, Storage, and Disposal of Pesticides

Everyone knows that pest control materials help protect our families, food, and property from destructive pests. But would you want to swim in them? Bathe in Them? Or even drink them? Not Likely!

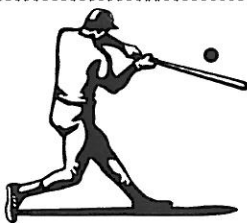
Before using chemicals, PLEASE Read the Label! Look for the environmental hazards section on the labels and follow the directions exactly as listed. Remember, misuse of any pesticide is illegal and most of all very dangerous to our health, including our future generations health.

Do not store them in places where flooding is possible or in places where they might spill or leak into drains, ground water or surface water. Always store pesticides and other dangerous chemicals in an area that is protected from the weather and where they are inaccessible to children.

Reminders: The breaking of ground, excavating, etc, requires the installation of sediment/erosion control fabric also known as silt fencing to be erected, preventing dirt from going into the streets, curbs, gutters, or storm drains.

Nothing except clean water is permitted to be placed in any storm drain.

Swales are intended to filter rainwater contaminants from yards and streets prior to percolating back into the water table. No person or vehicle may park, drive, stop, or alter a swale in any manner so that it will disturb its slope or impede the flow of water. Swales must remain a grassy area. (Ordinance Section 19-4)



Tampa Bay Rays
Gulf Beaches Appreciation Day
Sunday, June 27, 2010

Mark your calendar's for June 27, 2010. The Tampa Bay Rays will be playing against Arizona at 1:40 pm. Ticket prices are \$35.00 (tickets are normally \$48.00) and will include a 2010 Rays cap. Please contact Town Hall for more information. There will be a pre-game ceremony on the field and a Big C Representative will get to throw out the Ceremonial First Pitch.

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. Please return the form to Town Hall if you would like to participate. Thank you!

**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

Elected and Appointed Town Officials

Mayor:.....Nick Simons

Vice Mayor

Parks & Rec. Commissioner:.....Fred Steiermann

Finance Commissioner:.....Mark Deighton

Bldg Commissioner:.....Dave Will

Public Safety Commissioner:.....Tom Dorgan

Board of Adjustments:

Chairman:.....Roger Reese

Members:

Bud Fahs

Wally Hawthorne

Ken Sulewski

Alternates:

Jim Wiggers

Todd Smith

Park Board:

Chairman:.....Bob Fay

Members:

Peggy Akery

Marilyn Barber

Mary Campbell

Antonio Tamburri

Alternate:

Poul Madsen

Friendly Reminder

**Alarm Registration Program
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office**

Effective July 1, 2009, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office began enforcing a new County Alarm Ordinance. The ordinance requires that home and business owners "shall" register their alarm systems with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office or face the possibility of being fined for any false alarms which may occur at that home or business.

There is NO Registration fee to sign up with SHARP.

Fines:

Number of Alarms	Fine Per Alarm
1 to 3	\$175.00
Four	\$200.00
Five	\$250.00
Six	\$400.00
Seven and Above	\$600.00

The forms are available at Town Hall or at www.pcsoweb.com and click on the SHARP icon to fill out the registration form on-line.

E-Mail Addresses

Janina Patrus, Town Clerk:

www.townclerk@townofredingtonbeach.com

Missy Clarke, Deputy Clerk:

www.deputyclerk@townofredingtonbeach.com

Mark Davis, Public Works Director:

www.mark.davis@townofredingtonbeach.com

Mayor & Commissioners:

www.info@townofredingtonbeach.com

Public Works**By: Mark Davis**

I am happy to announce the old upstairs fire station renovation has been completed and the new public restroom is now open for public use.

The issue of not having a public restroom available to use while visiting the Town Park or during outside events throughout the year, has been a long time request. Well, now a restroom is finally available. Located on the Southwest corner of the public works building, on 1st Street and 164th Avenue, right across the street from the Town Park and playground. The new facility is for everyone's use and benefit. It is yours. Please help us in keeping the facility clean and sanitary.

I'm certain you've noticed, we have had an actual winter this year. For the first time in over a decade, the temperatures have dropped below freezing on several occasions causing considerable plant damage. While some of us have lost some plants, some may just need to be cut back. Although it may take several months to look healthy once again, just be patient. Pruning should be postponed until spring or until you notice any new buds or leaves. Usually by the middle of March there is no longer any chances of any more freezes. If you need specific advise on pruning, planting, etc, the Pinellas County Extension Service's Horticulture Department is very helpful. They are located in Largo and their phone number is 727-582-2100.

Please join me in welcoming Chelon Glass aboard. Chelon is the Town's new gardener and has replaced Cindy Repetto. Chelon takes great pride in her work and is doing a wonderful job. If you happen to see her in the Town's green spaces, stop and say hello.

New Park Shelter Update

The new shelter for the Town Park has been fabricated and also galvanized. Being exposed 24/7 to salt air and the elements, the structural integrity should remain for many years longer than the original. The new shelter will also have a new concrete slab floor. Installation and completion is scheduled for April 2010.

Code Enforcement**Issues & Updates****By Mark A. Davis**

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

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.

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

I would like to remind everyone once again, utility trailers kept in the open, outside of an enclosed carport or garage, is a Redington Beach ordinance violation and is prohibited. They must be completely out of view from the public.

The Town receives many complaints on these violations and there are numerous courtesy notices being issued on a regular basis.

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Please keep in mind a temporary "14 day only" permit may be obtained from Town Hall free of charge and must be placed on the trailer where it can be seen from the street, otherwise a warning or actual citation may be issued. Repeated offenses will result in a monetary fine along with a mandatory court appearance at the Pinellas County Criminal Court Complex in Clearwater.

Please be advised, as a result of non compliance of Ordinance Number 21-46, Redington Beach Code Enforcement will be targeting the illegal parking of utility trailers, commercial vehicles, and recreational vehicles once again. Thank you for your cooperation.

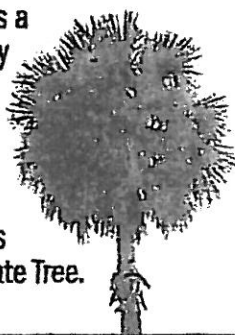
Reminders: The following are Prohibited by Redington Beach Codes

- Commercial Vehicles Stored or parked in residential areas of Town are Prohibited.
- Noisy Animals (barking dogs, excessive)
- Expired License tags and/or registrations in the open view of the public, outside an enclosed garage.
- The storage or parking of utility trailers, in the open view of the public, outside an enclosed garage
- Parking on, and/or driving on or across swales.
- Portable storage units, longer than seven days.
- All Construction sites must have a dumpster or container for trash on site and kept in a neat and orderly condition at all times.
- Current watering restrictions may apply. (Please see Page 6 for current regulations)

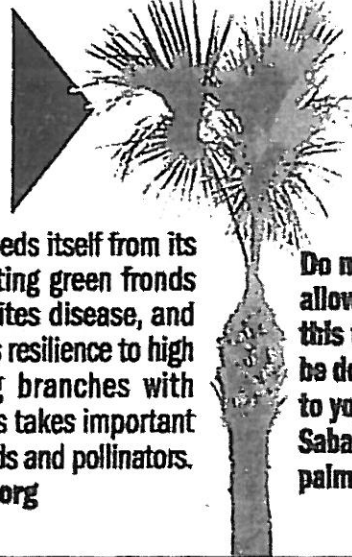
Gardening Tip of the Month

**NOT HEALTHY!
DO NOT DO THIS**

THIS is a healthy Sabal palm. The Sabal palm is our State Tree.



The Sabal palm feeds itself from its green fronds. Cutting green fronds stunts growth, invites disease, and reduces the palm's resilience to high winds. Removing branches with flowers and berries takes important food away from birds and pollinators. MORE: www.afnn.org



Do not allow this to be done to your Sabal palm!

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE

PHASE II WATER USE RESTRICTIONS EXTENDED

At its meeting on February 22, 2010, the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District voted to extend current Modified Phase II restrictions (Water Shortage Order No. 07-02, as modified) through June 30, 2010, and modified the restrictions on pressure washing. The following is a summary of the pressure washing, irrigation and other restrictions.

Pressure Washing:

- Buildings and other structures may now be pressure washed once a year for any reason. Including community aesthetic standards.
- Buildings and other structures may continue to be pressure washed as needed when part of necessary maintenance (such as preparation for painting or to maintain a warranty).
- Sidewalks, driveways, and other impervious surfaces may continue to be pressure washed once a year or when part of necessary maintenance. Removal of grass clippings and other debris should be done with a broom or blower instead of water.

Lawn & Landscape Irrigation:

- A once per week lawn watering schedule remains in effect; contact your water utility or call 1-800-848-0499 if you do not remember "your" day. (Town Hall also has this information. Please call 391-3875.)
- Unless otherwise restricted by a more stringent local ordinance, lawn watering remains limited to the hours of before 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm. On the allowable day.
- Unless otherwise restricted by a more stringent local ordinance, hand watering and micro-irrigation of non-lawn areas may occur on any day and at any time, if needed.
- Special allowances for new plant material, vegetable gardens, and chemical application continue to apply.
- Residents are encouraged to water only if their lawn and landscape needs it and turn off their irrigation system if it has rained.

Other Water Uses, unless otherwise restricted by a more stringent local ordinance:

- Large fountains remain limited to 8 hours of operation per day
- Car washing is still limited to once per week.
- Agricultural irrigation, golf course watering and industrial/commercial activities remain subject to additional Phase II measures; contact the District for details.

www.watermatters.org or 1-800-423-1476

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

Redington Beach Mission Statement: Promoting the health, happiness, safety & welfare of Town Residents.

FLOOD SAFETY: When local flooding occurs in the area, it happens within a short period of time. This flooding can be dangerous. Even though it appears to be moving slowly, a flood 6" deep is moving at 3' per second and can knock people off their feet; a flood 2' 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.** Some actions such as a mitigative retrofit and elevation of structures may qualify for grant monies.

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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM): The FIRM is a map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that is used by the Town, 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 must 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 either a VE or AE Zone. The Town has two Base Flood Elevation 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 at 727-391-3875.

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 those certificates, and can provide copies to anyone as per availability. As well, Town elevation certificates are posted on line. Visit the Town's web site at www.townofredingtonbeach.com. (Elevation certificates became mandatory after 1992 construction)

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.

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 8 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 at 8, we enjoy a 10% reduction. If you haven't already done so, you need to advise your insurance agent that Redington Beach has a NFIP/CRS rating of 8 at this time, so you receive the proper discount. Insurance writers should know this now, but it is best to check. Remember normal home owners insurance does not cover flood damage. Also, you must have flood insurance 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, education projects such as this newsletter, for which we are allowed points. 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 intra coastal waters and affect beaches.

As a participant in the NFIP and NPDES the Town has adopted ordinances on building construction, storm water drainage, filling, grading, and excavation. If you see any construction or excavating done without a permit posted, contact the Code Enforcement Officer at Town Hall.

BE ALERT FOR GAS LEAKS: Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated. Before evacuating, make sure the gas has been turned off.

THE TOWN'S PART: Building permits for the Town are processed through the Pinellas County Building Department. You may pick up forms at Town Hall, complete them and attaché your fee; a courier stops by Town Hall daily to pick up the paperwork OR you can go directed to 310 Court Street, Clearwater, 727-464-3930.

FREE sandbags are available at Town Hall, each residence is allocated 20 bags. Visit or call Town Hall for more information. FREE of charge; information on FIRM, Hazardous recovery information, and brochures are available at Town Hall the Gulf Beaches Library, 200 Municipal Way, Madeira Beach.

Check out the Town's web page: www.townofredingtonbeach.com for links to pertinent governments sites; i.e. FEMA, State County and Emergency Responders as well as for residents there are local links to utility companies. Town Associations and sheriff's offices.

Available Grant Programs include: Flood Mitigation Assistance, (FMA) Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL). Other information on retrofitting existing homes along with the above program information is available at Town Hall. The Town can help once all of the information is gathered by electronically submitting the application.

Janina Patrus, Town Clerk

Redington Beach EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE/TRANSPORTATION (must be submitted annually)

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt: _____

Complex Name: _____ Bldg: _____ Floor: _____

Phone: _____

Hearing impaired (Y/N): _____

"In case of" emergency contact: _____

Contact phone # _____

Relationship: _____

Citizen need (be specific): _____

Oxygen Required (Y/N): _____

Liters per minute: _____

Dependent on Life Support System (Y/N): _____

Can walk w/o assistance (Y/N): _____

w/ assistance (Y/N): _____

Require a wheelchair (Y/N): _____

(must have your own)

Bedridden (Y/N): _____

Can be moved via wheelchair (Y/N): _____

has wheelchair (Y/N): _____

People to accompany: _____

Relationship: _____

Request submitted by (print): _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Basic Services:

Police: Pinellas County Sheriff
 Non Emergency.....727-582-6200
 Fire: Non Emergency..... 727-391-3400
 Police & Fire EMERGENCY ONLY: 911

Electric: Progress Energy	727-443-2641
Pinellas County Water & Sewer	727-464-4000
Cable: Brighthouse	727-329-5020
Garbage: Waste Services	727-572-6800
Clearwater Gas:	727-699-1958