

Redington Beach Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

To all Redington Beach residents,

Autumn is a great time of year to enjoy our Town's parks, green spaces and beaches.

Redington Beach parks have something to offer all ages and range of activities. Within the recently expanded **Town Park**, for our youth we have 2 half-court basketball courts, volleyball net and soccer goals, and the children's playground which will soon be upgraded. If you haven't checked out our adult exercise stations, I encourage their use as the temperature cools. We have added a new picnic shelter which allows for two separate functions to occur at the same time.

Friendship Park is a haven from the hustle and bustle of everyday distractions. Nicely landscaped with opportunities to enjoy the serenity and peacefulness of the Park, it abuts the Bay and honors our country with a Memorial to 9/11.

Beach Park and Moon Park are on the West side of Gulf Blvd and offer parking and beach access respectively. With falling temperatures and humidity, the Gulf beckons you to enjoy spectacular sunsets and lots of walkable beach.

Our Town triangles and cul de sacs offer benches, with many of them shaded, to enjoy reflection, reading or other quiet activities. The 161st Avenue Causeway provides great Bay fishing opportunities as well as benches on either side.

With school back in session, please be mindful of our students walking to and from the bus stops.

Lastly, a shout out to the outstanding work of our Town staff: Missy, Adriana, Dave and Mike.

Thanks and happy fall!

Nick Simons



SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS MAY 1—AUGUST 31

SEA TURTLE HATCHING SEASON IS JULY 1—OCTOBER 31

LIGHTS OUT FOR SEA TURTLES!!

Ask the Town Clerk...



Can I park my boat on a trailer in my driveway?

YES! According to (Code 1980, § 17-21; Ord. No. 2013-01, 4-16-13), you are allowed to park **one** boat on a trailer in your driveway, as long as the vessel and the area around it is kept neat and tidy at all times. All trailers must have a current, valid license plate and registration.



Branch from neighbor's tree hanging over adjacent neighbor's fence.



WRONG!! Woman reaching over fence onto neighbor's property to trim neighbor's tree.

There's a branch from my neighbor's tree growing over my fence. Can I trim it back?

The answer is yes! The common law rule states: *A possessor of land is not liable to persons outside the land for a nuisance resulting from trees and natural vegetation growing on the land. The adjoining property owner to such a nuisance, however, is privileged to trim back, at the adjoining owner's own expense, any encroaching tree roots or branches or other vegetation which has grown onto his property.*

You may trim the vegetation, but keep in mind, that you may only trim UP TO the property line, and you are responsible for properly disposing of any cuttings.



We are renovating our home and would like to rent a portable storage unit to store our belongings while the work is being done. Is this allowed?

Yes, portable storage units are allowed but with restrictions. According to Ord. No. 08-10, § 1, 9-16-08, the unit must be no larger than 8 feet wide, 16 feet long, and 9 feet high. It must be parked in the driveway or an approved parking area, not in the right-of-way. For residential use, the maximum is 7 (seven) calendar days, including day of delivery and day of pick-up.

Other restrictions apply and can be read through the ordinance page of the Town's website, TownofRedingtonBeach.com.



What about my recreational vehicle? Can I park it in my driveway?

Again, the answer is yes, but with restrictions. Per Code 1980, § 17-20; Ord. No. 2004-07, 7-20-04, a recreational vehicle or equipment may be parked in the driveway to load, unload or repair it for a maximum of 4 days, whether consecutive or not, within any 20 day timeframe.

A temporary permit can be requested from the Town Clerk for a maximum of 14 consecutive days in any 12 month period.

A recreational vehicle parked in a garage or enclosed carport is not subject to the above restrictions.

Important Mosquito Prevention Tips - Dump and Drain

In light of an ongoing investigation relating to a non-travel related case of Zika virus, Pinellas County Mosquito Control and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas are reminding residents of important prevention tips as they continue joint efforts against mosquito-borne illnesses.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control is continuing to employ an aggressive operational and educational approach in our fight against mosquito-borne illnesses such as Zika. The crews are continuing to respond to citizen requests and treat known mosquito breeding areas in the county.

Prior to the storm, please inspect your yards and remove any containers that may hold water. After the storm, once it is safe to do so, please empty containers of any standing water in your backyards. These actions will help prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your yards.

Additional steps you can take include:

- * Flush birdbaths and wading pools weekly.
- * Flush ornamental bromeliads or treat with BTI, a biological larvicide available at home stores.
- * Clean roof gutters, which can become clogged and hold water.
- * Change the water in outdoor pet dishes regularly.
- * Keep pools and spas chlorinated and filtered.
- * Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
- * Cover rain barrels with screening.
- * Check for standing water under houses, near plumbing drains, under air conditioner drip areas, and around septic tanks and heat pumps.
- * Eliminate standing water, improve drainage and prevent future puddling.

Mosquito bites can irritate skin and potentially spread disease. Residents are urged to protect their skin from mosquito bites when outdoors by wearing mosquito repellent (products containing DEET, IR3535, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus) and loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and pants. These simple preventive measures can help reduce the number of mosquitoes in Pinellas County and minimize mosquito-borne diseases. For more information, please visit www.pinellascounty.org/mosquito.



CRS COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

The CRS program determines whether or not community residents receive a discount on their flood insurance rates. Currently all residents in Redington Beach receive a fifteen (15%) percent discount due to the various activities and documentation that your Town Staff and Public Works Team perform on a daily basis. Our goal is to get our residents an improved rating, which will result in a twenty (20%) percent discount. In the months ahead we will strive to continue upgrading the programs' objectives so that we can achieve this greater discount for our residents. This is just another way your Town employees are working for the residents of Redington Beach.

KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

You may be flooded one day. The streets of Redington Beach were flooded during Tropical Storms Colin and Hermine. **All** properties in Redington Beach are in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

Here are some things you can do to protect your family and property from flooding:

- Contact your property insurance agent to purchase a flood insurance policy. Most homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage caused by water flooding. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so do not wait until a storm threatens before you purchase flood insurance.
- Do not walk or drive through flood waters. Currents are deceptive – six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Talk to us about protecting your home. There are ways to modify your building to minimize flood damage. Retrofitting non-compliant buildings is a recommended approach to flooding because the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Several approaches to retrofitting are:
 - Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
 - Construction of barriers (floodwalls, berms)
 - Dry flood-proofing (water tight floor and wall systems)
 - Wet flood-proofing (construction that allows the entry and passage of flood water and also removing or relocating items of value to higher elevation levels)
- The Town enforces the flood regulations to minimize the potential of flood losses. The Town's Building Department reviews all permits for compliance with the flood regulations. Call the Building Department at 727-202-6825 before you build on, alter, regrade or fill on your property. These regulations are designed to protect your property from flood damage and to make sure you don't cause a water problem for your neighbors.
- Town Public Works staff patrol the streets after rain events to make sure the storm water inlets and pipes are clear of debris, sediments and pollutants. Removal of debris and pollutants from the storm water system keeps them from discharging to the Bay and helps reduce street flooding. The Town also makes sure that the beaches and parks are patrolled to remove litter. These efforts help keep the Bay and the Gulf clean.

NPDES: NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

The Stormwater Management Program is part of the NPDES Program. Its purpose is to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practical to and from the Town's municipal stormwater system using management practices, control techniques, system design, 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 to which we have to adhere and enforce to be able to provide the documentation of compliance by the Town with the proof of enforcement. Through these quarterly newsletters, readers can become more conscientious of the importance of keeping our environment free of pollution and harmful contaminants. As care takers of this land on which we live, it is important we all do our part, not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

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 increased 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 provisions 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.*

Sect 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 runoff.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The certified stormwater management inspector shall maintain detailed records of all site plans and inspection 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.
- (6) 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 to any contractor or property owner for non-compliance with the provisions of this section.

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

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 this 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 welfare or injurious to property of 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 offence. 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.
- (3) For all new construction and major alterations, a drainage plan drawn by a registered or licensed architect or engineer shall be included as part of the package submitted to the building department prior to issuance of a building permit.
- (4) 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.

If you would like to participate in the ADOPT –A– STREET Program, gloves and trash bags will be provided, and litter drop-off locations will be assigned. Fill out the form below and return to Town Hall.

"ADOPT-A-STREET" Registration Form

Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL!



FERTILIZER USE

THE EASIEST SOURCE OF POLLUTION TO CONTROL BY HOME OWNERS

For those who choose to fertilize, the Pinellas County Fertilizer Ordinance restrictions change on **October 1, 2016**.

From October 1st through May 30th, the following conditions apply to fertilizer use:

TOTAL NITROGEN CONTENT:

- 50% or more must be Slow Release Nitrogen

TOTAL PHOSPHORUS CONTENT:

- Zero (0) phosphorous fertilizers must be used unless a State-certified laboratory soil test indicates a deficiency.
- Florida soils have naturally occurring phosphorous and application of phosphorous fertilizer may not be necessary.

APPLICATION

- Granular fertilizers: Up to one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet per application
- Liquid fertilizers: Up to one-half (0.5) pound of water soluble nitrogen per 1000 square feet per application
- Annual limit: Up to 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet
- No nitrogen application within 30 days of newly-installed landscape Deflector shields must be used on fertilizer spreaders to keep granules off impervious (hard) surfaces and out of waterways

While not the only source of excess nutrients in our local waters, reducing our personal contribution to pollution is an important step in improving water quality. We don't want our waterways to be choked with algae (like parts of South Florida!)

Seasonal reclaimed water restrictions effective Oct. 1

Pinellas County seasonal reclaimed water restrictions take effect on Saturday, Oct. 1, and run through Wednesday, Nov. 30. Due to supply fluctuation in both the north and south county reclaimed water systems, the restrictions schedule for reclaimed water users will be different for north and south county customers during this period.


South county reclaimed water customers may irrigate three days per week based on property address according to the following schedule:

- Addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) may water on Tuesday, Thursday and/or Saturday.
- Addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may water on Wednesday, Friday and/or Sunday.
- Parcels with mixed or no address, such as common areas associated with a residential subdivision, may water on Wednesday, Friday and/or Sunday.

Lawn irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on all authorized days.

Lawn irrigation is also prohibited on Monday.


Unauthorized watering hours have been extended until 6 p.m. to allow for storage tank levels to recover, with the goal of maintaining an adequate supply and pressure for customers during allowable irrigating hours. If south county customers experience low pressure, they should try irrigating at a different time during authorized hours until they find sufficient pressure for their system to operate efficiently.



DEBORAH CLARK, PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2016

ALL VOTERS WILL RECEIVE A 2-SIDED BALLOT WITH 11 BALLOT QUESTIONS




3 WAYS TO VOTE

- ☒ **Vote by Mail:** All voters are eligible to vote by mail
 - Request a mail ballot at VotePinellas.com or call (727) 464-VOTE (8683)
 - Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at any drop-off location
 - Drop-off location days and times vary - check locations at VotePinellas.com
- ☒ **Vote Early:** October 24 - November 6, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Bring photo and signature ID to avoid delays
 - Early Voting Locations: All three Supervisor of Elections Offices, Gulfport Neighborhood Center and Centre of Palm Harbor
- ☒ **Vote on Election Day:** Voters are required to vote in the precinct where they live
 - Polls Open 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - To find Election Day precinct and polling place information, visit VotePinellas.com or call 727-464-VOTE (8683)
 - Bring photo and signature ID to avoid delays

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Along with casting your vote for President of the United States, there are decisions to be made on the state and county levels, school board and a local referendum.

Recently the Town of Redington Beach purchased 2 lots adjacent to Town Park, thereby increasing the green space in the Town. As a resident of Redington Beach, you will decide upon which Zoning category which these 2 newly acquired lots will lie. Currently they are deemed Residential Medium, the zoning category reserved for multi-family dwellings or apartments. If the question passes, the zoning will change to open space. The referendum question on this year's ballot reads as follows:

Shall the Town's Code of Ordinances be amended to change the zoning of Lots 7 and 14, Block 18, Third Addition to Redington Beach Homes from multi-family dwellings or apartments to recreation / open space? Vote Yes, if you want the zoning to be Open Space and vote No if you want to keep the zoning to Residential Medium.



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

The Board of Parks and Recreation members have been working on upgrading Town Park. The newest addition is the shelter that has been erected. A dedication ceremony will be held in the near future thanking the Yount family for their generous donation of the shelter. A rock and plaque will also be installed.

The next project that will be commencing in the park will be the installation of new playground equipment for both playgrounds. This will begin at the end of October or early November. The playgrounds will be closed for approximately five days for the installation to occur. We apologize for the inconvenience, but it will be worth the wait when the new equipment arrives.

Some of the new items that will be installed are: a new play structure with slides, a "generation" swing, which allows the adult and child to swing together facing each other, a "spinner" (similar to a merry go round) and a new teeter totter.

Also installed will be handicapped accessible ramps and mulch. Much of the equipment being installed is handicap accessible.

You will soon enjoy refreshing water from the new, chilled water fountain. A new grill has been ordered to be installed near the new shelter. New picnic tables have been purchased to replace the current picnic tables under the shelters.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

The Town would like to thank the following residents for their generous contributions:

The Yount Family for the new shelter at Town Park

Dave Will for the newest bench at Beach Park

The following families dedicated a brick in Friendship Park:

The Graham Family

The Neefus Family

The O'Brien Family

Contribution Opportunities

Benches: Would you like to donate a bench to help beautify the Town? Benches are available to be purchased at the town's cost. A plaque acknowledging your donation will be added to the bench. Please contact Town Hall if you are interested in purchasing a bench.

Bricks: Have you seen the engraved bricks in Friendship Park at the Twin Towers Memorial? These special pavers can memorialize a birthday, anniversary, or memory of a loved one and cost just \$50. Order forms are available at Town Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to monetary contributions, there are many ways you can volunteer your time to help your local community.

- ◆ Join the Redington Beach Property Owners Association—dues are only \$25 per year and helps fund events that develop and promote Redington Beach.
- ◆ When vacancies are announced, apply for a position on a Board—the Planning Board, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Board of Adjustments—meetings are usually held monthly.
- ◆ Santa's Angels is a non-profit organization based in Redington Beach which provides Christmas presents for disadvantaged children through fundraising events. Visit santasangels.org for more information.



TOWN HALL CLOSURES:

NOVEMBER 11	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 24 AND 25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 23 AND 26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
JANUARY 2	NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

REMINDERS:

The Board of Commissioners meeting days have changed from the first and third Tuesdays, to the first and third WEDNESDAYS of the month.

The deadlines for submitting Variance applications are:

October 17 for the November 17 Board of Adjustment meeting
 November 21 for the December 15 Board of Adjustment meeting
 December 19 for the January 19 Board of Adjustment meeting

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 1 : Oktoberfest at Friendship Park 7pm
OCTOBER 21 and 22: Town-wide Garage Sale
NOVEMBER 5: Wine-Fest at Friendship Park 6pm
NOVEMBER 8: Election Day
DECEMBER 3: Holiday Tree-lighting at Town Park 4:45pm
DECEMBER 11: Boat Parade



Basic Services:

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

**Police & Fire
 EMERGENCY ONLY: 911**

Electric: Duke Energy(800) 282-4067
Water/Sewer: Pinellas County Utilities.....(727) 464-4000
Cable: Brighthouse.....(727) 329-5020
Trash: Progressive Waste Solutions.....(727) 572-6800
Gas: Clearwater Gas:.....(727) 562-4980

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