



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

August 2013

City of Belleair Beach

Mayor

Rob Baldwin

Vice Mayor

Leslie Notaro

Councilmembers

Jeril S. Cohen

David Dumville

Mitch Krach

John Pietrowski

Wanda Schwerer

City Manager

Nancy G. Gonzalez

City Clerk

Patricia A. Gentry, CMC

Finance Officer

Melanie Neumann

City Attorney

Paul J. Marino

Community Services

Allen Godfrey

Administrative Assistant

Pamela J. Nightingale

Community Services Staff

Howard Chavis, Supervisor

Jana Mastilovic

Community Improvement Officer

John Ouimette

Upcoming City Council Meetings

August 5, 2013 - Workshop -
5:30 pm with Regular Council
Meeting immediately after

City of Belleair Beach
444 Causeway Boulevard
Belleair Beach FL 33786
727.595.4646
727.593.1409 FAX

Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm M-F

www.cityofbelleairbeach.com

Sandbags

City Hall has had calls regarding sandbags.

Sand and bags will be available to Belleair Beach residents when a declared flooding event occurs. There will be a limit of 10 bags per household.

Proof of residency will be required as these items are for Belleair Beach residents only.



Bags and shovels will be available at Bayside Park when staff is stationed there. Sand and bags will be available after staff hours, but you will have to provide your own shovel.

Bayside Park is located behind City Hall. East on 9th Street from Gulf Boulevard, and follow the curve north to Bayside Park.

2013 Sales Tax Holiday

The Tax Holiday typically coincides with the upcoming school year shopping.

This year the tax exempt days will be Friday beginning at 12:01 am, August 2nd through Sunday, August 4th at 11:59 pm. The exemption will apply no matter how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

Items that are included are:

- Clothing
- Footwear
- Certain Clothing Accessories
- Certain School Supplies
- Personal Computers and certain related accessories for personal use.

The exemption does not apply to any item of clothing selling for more than \$75.00, to any school supply item selling for more than \$15.00, or to any personal computer or related accessory selling for more than \$750.00.

For more detail on the tax holiday, go to www.myflorida.com/dor (This is a PDF file.)

Highlights from City Council's July Meeting

Ms. Martha Vasquez stated she had started an e-neighborhood site for Belleair Beach.

Community Services Director Allen Godfrey explained the renewal of the contract to provide maintenance for the traffic devices in the city was the purpose of renewing the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Pinellas County. The Council approved the City Manager's acceptance of the contract in a 6-0 vote.

Community Services Director Godfrey stated the City had not received the debris management contract from the vendors, and that Staff would be meeting with Shayla Prezas, emergency management coordinator for Pinellas County. He let Council know he would be presenting a complete Emergency Operations Plan at the August meeting.

Council discussed the possibility of a referendum change to add an option of Special Magistrate to the Charter in order for Residents to have a hearing of their variance requests should a quorum not be available for the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Baldwin welcomed Corporal Euler, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Councilmember Krach suggested an annual permit for alcohol consumption on the beach. Discussion followed regarding concern for the ability to enforce, and the liability to the City by having a permit for unlimited consumption and what could follow.

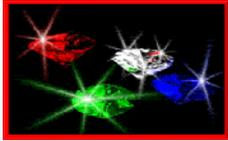
Councilmember Dumville asked if the City had received the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Certification of Taxable Value. He asked the City Attorney if the referendum could be in conjunction with another election to save costs. The residents not having a timely hearing still remained.

Vice Mayor Notaro stated Sheriff Gualtieri had attended the BIG-C and advised there are over 3, 080 sheriff's offices in the U.S. with Pinellas County being the 15th largest. He stated synthetic marijuana is one of the biggest issues facing Pinellas County at this time. The Sheriff requested that cities consider Safe Harbor during their budget process.

Vice Mayor Notaro also asked about parking fees at the Marina. City Manager Gonzalez stated that she and the Community Services Director had discussed the fees.

Mayor Baldwin advised a letter had been sent regarding the DEP rule change to municipalities on both coasts and to the rule committee. He stated the City had received some letters of support.

City Manager Gonzalez advised she had emailed the Floodplain Management Progress Report to Council. She stated she had given everyone a budget schedule and went over the schedule.



John's Gems

Community Improvement Officer—John Duimette

SCOOP IT!



Sec. 6-38. - Retrieval and disposal of animal excrement; exceptions.

A) All pet animal owners within the city shall be responsible for and have available to them a means for retrieving and disposing of, in a sanitary manner, all excrement from any pet animal under the owner's temporary or permanent custody and control.

B) All pet animal owners who shall have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a pet animal who is under his custody has defecated on public or private property within the city shall immediately retrieve all such excrement and dispose of such excrement in a sanitary fashion.

C) This section shall not apply to a pet animal which defecates on its owner's private property; provided, however, that this exception is not intended to permit the accumulation of pet animal excrement on private property in a manner which creates a health hazard or public nuisance.

To report a violation, you can use the Sheriff's non-emergency number. 727.582.6200 or contact City Hall during business hours at 727.595.4646 ext 133.

Working longer than you thought?

If the date you expect to retire seems to be getting further away rather than closer at hand, join the club.

The average age at which Americans expect to retire has been steadily creeping up since the mid-1990s, and has now reached 67 years old, according to a Gallup poll.

Baby boomers take heart: For every year you put off retirement, your chances of developing Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia are cut by 3%.



The findings are the result of a massive French study, which looked at the records of 429,000 workers. The scientists presented their results mid-July, at the Alzheimer's Assn. International Conference in Boston.

"For each additional year of work, the risk of getting dementia is reduced by 3.2%," Carole Dufoil, a scientist at INSERM, the French government's health research agency says.

The findings underpin the often repeated advice to prevent mental decline: "Use it or lose it." Doctors have said that keeping the brain mentally challenged is one way to prevent dementia and related diseases.

The French workers that were part of the study were age 74, on average, and had been retired for an average of 12 years. The study found that nearly 3% had developed dementia, but that the risk of developing the disease was lower for each year of age at retirement.

For example, someone who retired at 65 had a 15% lower risk than someone who retired at 60, Dufouil said.

Instead of dreading the long wait until retirement, consider it an investment in not only your finances, but your mental health too.

Get Ready, It's Almost Back to School Time!



- Monday, August 19 All schools open. All classes begin.
- Monday, September 2 Labor Day Holiday - schools closed for staff and students
- Friday, September 13 School-based Professional Development Day - schools closed for students
- Friday, October 25 School-based Professional Development Day - schools closed for students
- Monday, November 25(a) Teacher Work Day/Professional Development Day* for 235-day staff -schools closed for students
- Tuesday, November 26(a) Teacher Work Day/Professional Development Day* for 235-day staff - schools closed for students
- Wednesday, November 27- Friday, November 29 Thanksgiving Holidays - schools closed for staff and students
- Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3, 2014 Winter Holidays - schools closed for staff and students
- Monday, January 6 Schools reopen. Classes resume.
- Friday, January 17 Teacher Work Day/Support Services Catalog of Choice Day - schools closed for students
- Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday - schools closed for staff and students
- Tuesday, January 21 Second semester begins
- Monday, February 17 District-wide Professional Development Day- schools closed for students
- Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28 Spring Holidays - schools closed for students
- Monday, March 31 Schools reopen. Classes resume.
- Friday, April 18 School-based Professional Development Day - schools closed for students
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day Holiday - schools closed for staff and students
- Wednesday, June 4 Last day for all students (with the exception of Adult students at the Postsecondary Centers)



An afterschool treat you *and* the children will like.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Brownies

- 1 box brownie mix
- 1 pouch chocolate chip cookie mix
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 container chocolate frosting, if desired

Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Spray bottom only of 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray, or grease with shortening. Make brownie mix as directed on box. Spread in pan.

Make cookie mix as directed on pouch, using butter and 1 egg. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls evenly onto brownie batter; press down lightly.

Bake 42 to 47 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool on cooling rack 30 minutes. Frost with frosting. For brownies, cut into 7 rows by 6 rows.



Out 'n About



Theater

Project: Shattered Silence
Shut Up and Laugh with Bruce Bruce
Kevin James

Ruth Eckerd Hall
Mahaffey Theater
Mahaffey Theater

August 1, 2013 - 7:30 pm
August 16, 2013 - 8 pm
August 24, 2013 - 8 pm

Concerts



Whitesnake
Adam Ant
Chick Corea and Béla Fleck
Toni Braxton
Hippiefest

Ruth Eckerd Hall
The Palladium, St. Petersburg
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Mahaffey Theater
Ruth Eckerd Hall

August 1, 2013 - 8 pm
August 9, 2013 - 7:30 pm
August 23, 2013 - 8 pm
August 24, 2013 - 7:30 pm
August 24, 2013 - 7 pm



Events/Crafts/Exhibits

25th Annual Ladies Fishing Tournament
Crab and Music Festival
Making Waves Speaker Series
Wearable Art Party at DFAC
Mad Beach Motorcycle Show
5th Annual Gecko Ball
Zoo Run Run 5K
13th Annual Geckfest

Madeira Beach Municipal Marina
Vinoy Park, St. Petersburg
Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Dunedin Fine Arts Center
15004 Maderia Way, Maderia Beach
Gulfport Casino Ballroom
Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa
Gulfport Waterfront Village

August 1 - 3, 2013 - 7 am - Sunset
August 10, 2013 -
August 15, 2013 - 6 pm - 8 pm
August 17, 2013 - 7 pm
August 18, 2013 - 10 am - 5 pm
August 24, 2013 - 6 pm - 11 pm
August 24, 2013 - 6:30 am
August 31, 2013 - 10 am - 10 pm

Are You Safe?

Backpack Safety from the National Safety Council

Overloaded backpacks used by children have received a lot of attention from parents, doctors, school administrators and the media in recent years. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates there are more than 7,300 backpack-related injuries annually treated by hospitals and doctors. Injuries include bruises, sprains and strains to the back and shoulders and fractures.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that a child's backpack should weigh no more than 10 to 20% of the child's body weight. This figure may vary, however, depending the child's body strength and fitness.

Warning signs a backpack is too heavy

- Change in posture when wearing the backpack
- Struggling when putting on or taking off the backpack
- Pain when wearing the backpack
- Tingling or numbness
- Red marks

Tips for safer backpack use

Lighten the load

A heavy backpack forces the wearer to bend forward. Choose to carry only those items that are required for the day. Each night remove articles that can be left at home. When organizing the content of the backpack, distribute the width evenly. Keep the heaviest items on the bottom.

Wear both straps

Use of one strap shifts the weight on to one side, causing muscle spasms and lower back pain. This is true even with one-strap backpacks that cross the body. By wearing two shoulder straps, the weight is better distributed.

Wear the backpack over the strongest midback muscles

The size of the backpack should match the size of the child. It is also important to pay close attention to the way the backpack is positioned on the back. It should rest evenly in the middle of the back. Shoulder straps should be adjusted to allow the child to put on and take off without difficulty, making sure the straps are not too loose and that the backpack does not extend below the low back.

