



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

Fall 2014

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

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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

Sept. 8, 2014. 1st Public
Hearing on Budget-5.05 pm
Regular Council Meeting to
follow

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

City Wide Yard Sale

It's That Time Again!

The City Wide Yard Sale will take place on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014

FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

The community yard sale is a great way to meet your neighbors, de-clutter your home and make a little extra cash.



Call to have City Hall Staff put a sign at the end of your street.
727.595.4646.

Rate Adjustments



The City Council passed recommendations to modify some City fees beginning August 1, 2014.

The following fees have been changed.

Parking Ticket Fees:

The parking ticket fine will be \$35 if paid within 15 days, and \$70 if paid after 15 days.

Credit Card Fees:

The City has found it necessary to charge a convenience fee for credit card use. There will be a 2.75% fee added to amount of credit card purchases with a minimum fee of \$1.50 and minimum purchase price of \$10.00. (does not apply to Parking Meters)

Parking Meter Fees:

Beginning in August, parking meter rates will be \$1.75 per hour or \$15.00 a day on weekdays.

Rates will be \$2.00 per hour and \$20 per day on weekends and holidays.

Making a Difference

You too can make a difference!

The City is looking for volunteers and alternates to assist the Board of Adjustment and the City Planning Board.

Park and Recreation Board – acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Council on parks and beautification matters. The Board is a five-member board appointed to two-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis.

City Planning Board – acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on rezoning and development regulations, and monitors the implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The five members serve three-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis.

PLEASE contact Patti Gentry, City Clerk at 727.595.4646 ext. 124 or by email at pgentry@cityofbelleairbeach.com



Notes from the May City Council Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Wisniowski spoke about an oil spill they observed from a bobcat used to repair sidewalks near the City Marina. The bobcat had been undergoing repairs when the spill occurred. Mr. Allen Godfrey advised that the use of the bobcat had been approved by the DEP, Water and Navigation, and NPDES for the dredging of Dan's Island which is next to the City Marina. He said he would consult with the Wisniowski's regarding a paper trail to follow for such incidents. Mr. Godfrey also stated that the Dredging Company had been notified to clean the area.

Several Proclamations were approved.

- Proclaiming May 4 through May 10, 2014 as Municipal Clerks Week
- Proclaiming the month of May, 2014 as "Older Americans Month"
- Proclaiming May 18 through May 24, 2014 as National Public Works Week

Mr. Drew Copley gave his presentation regarding design, color location and cost estimate for the bicycle racks. Discussion followed regarding annual cost of new lighting; bike racks in the County right-of-way and that the bike racks would be functional and safe. The motion passed to approve the funds and move ahead with the project.

The Gulf Boulevard Safety & Beautification Committee recommended a sub-committee to look at alternate ways to finance the undergrounding of utilities.

The City Council approved the City Manager's acceptance of the memorandum of understanding with the Suncoast Fire and Rescue District.

City Council approved a first reading of an Ordinance that brought Chapter 10 of the City Code into compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Community Services Director Allen Godfrey advised that the Park and Recreation Board had met and had discussed a Lighting and Notification System. The Board recommended that the funds be used for other projects since the cost was prohibitive. They also asked for staff to research improvement for the walking easements such as lighting and smoother walking areas.

The Council approved the reappointment of Mr. J.C. Imfeld to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Wanda Schwerer attended the BIG-C for the installation of new officers.

Councilmember Pietrowski thanked Mr. Godfrey for his work on the Ordinances and thanked the Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies for keeping the landscaping trucks from parking in the Gulf Boulevard median.

Vice Mayor Notaro thanked the Park & Recreation Board for their effort and Mayor Baldwin asked if there was interest in a Master Plan in developing the 3 lots on the Intracoastal. It was decided to add it to the June Agenda.

Mr. Godfrey advised Council to include the Park and Recreation Board on the discussion.

Notes From the June City Council Meeting

City Council approved a second reading of an Ordinance that brought Chapter 10 of the City Code into compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Drew Copley of Copley Designs Inc. provided facts to clarify the direction of the bike rack project. He stated that the recommendations are based on guidelines, codes and regulations which have to be followed. He discussed cost, safety; location being based on Pinellas County Driver and Pedestrian visibility triangle. He asked that everyone remember bike racks will be on Pinellas County right-of-way, not on private property and that the locations of the bike racks are based on regulations set forth by DEP in how close they must be to the beach assesses to meet the requirements for beach renourishment.

Council inquired about the use of pavers in the County right-of-way in place of concrete to secure the bike racks in relation to underground utility right-of-ways. Mr. Copley explained that pavers are more easily removed and replaced.

Discussion from the Public followed with comments regarding the design; impact to the roadway; the likelihood and ability to use the bike racks, and the burden on the condominium properties as opposed to the greater public for the access. The visual impact of many bicycles on the racks were a concern. The multi colors were also discouraged.

Mayor Baldwin advised there would be another Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee Meeting on July 7, 2014, City Council agenda as opportunities for further discussion. He pointed out that the bike racks were being considered, as all other options had been explored but could not be done.

Ordinance 14-4 was amended to correct scrivener's errors.

Councilmember Krach asked if there were any interest in having an annual permit for alcohol on the beach.

A Resolution was approved expanding the scope and jurisdiction of the Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee; authorizing the establishment of a Sub-Committee to investigate the feasibility of an underground utility system for the City.

The Council approve the reappointment of Mr. Thomas Buonasera and Ms. Julie Chandler to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Council passed a Resolution making June, 2014 Hurricane Awareness Month.

They also passed a Resolution urging Governor Rick Scott to sign legislation appropriating funding for Beach nourishment of 2014-2015 Budget Year to protect and preserve Florida's Critically eroded beaches.

A reminder:

The most recent Council Meetings can be viewed on demand on the City website cityofbelleairbeach.com or a complete minutes document can be requested from the City Clerk, Patti Gentry. You can reach her at 727.595.4646 ext 124 or by e-mail at pgentry@cityofbelleairbeach.com

Notes from the July City Council Meeting

City Council passed an Ordinance amending the City Code as it relates to Prohibited Activities on Public Beaches.

Council also approved the color and design style of bicycle racks to be installed on Gulf Boulevard. This design will be submitted to Pinellas County for approval. Should it not be approved, City Council has the option to change to a different style.

The Finance Officer, Melanie Neumann stated revenue from increased parking fees, fines, and tickets would help offset the cost of additional cleanup and part-time help needed on the beaches for holidays and weekends. The convenience free for debit and credit cards was to offset the processing fees charged to the City by the bank.

The motion was approved by City Council.

The City Council also appointed Todd Gould to the Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee.

City Manager, Nancy Gonzalez stated the budget packets were with the agendas and thanked Finance Officer Neumann, Staff, Community Services Director Godfrey and City Clerk Gentry.

August City Council Notes

City Council approved Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an Agreement between the City and Bob Gualtieri, as Sheriff of Pinellas County for the City's Law Enforcement.

City Council approved Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an Agreement between the City and Waste Management Inc. of Florida for refuse pick up.

Consideration of a revised Interlocal Agreement for the formation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization by and between the Florida Department of Transportation; the County of Pinellas and the Cities of the County was approved.

Renewal of the Cooperation Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant Program with Pinellas County was approved.

City Council can act as Belleair Beach Park & Recreation Board if a quorum cannot be found for the regular Park and Recreation Board.

City Council approved an Ordinance pertaining to Stormwater Drainage and Discharge prohibited.

An Ordinance amending City Code pertaining to setback for swimming pools was approved.

City Council approved an Ordinance pertaining to Concurrency Evaluation.

An Ordinance pertaining to retaining walls, sidewalks and driveway in regulated floodways was approved.

City Council approved an Ordinance of Applicant responsibility pertaining to installation of Utilities.

An Ordinance pertaining to Definitions in creating an Ordinance dealing with Landscaping Permits and Exceptions. Code Enforcement, Violations and Penalty. Grading; fences, walls and hedges was approved.

*All Ordinances were approved on their first reading.

A Resolution was passed by City Council to enter into a cooperation agreement with Pinellas County for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

City Hall Closings

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014 for Labor day.

More upcoming closings:

Veterans' Day – November 11th

Thanksgiving Day – 4th Thursday in November

Friday following Thanksgiving – 4th Friday in November

2014 FITNESS CLASSES AT THE BELLEAIR BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
444 Causeway Blvd.
727.595.4646
Open to the PUBLIC
Fall Schedule

INDOOR YOGA
Stretch and Flex Yoga
Instructor Cheryl Champagne teaches an open level class on **Fridays 9:15 until 10:15 a.m.** The open level class designed to increase your flexibility while making your body a more spacious home. The cost is \$10 per class. Classes will begin again **September 19th, 2014.**



FIT FOREVER
Instructor N.J. Moreno, is here on **Monday and Wednesday's 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** This exercise program is designed for 50 + seniors. Weight, palates, yoga and stretching for a full body workout. Please call N.J. for more information at 727.434.7777. The cost is \$7.00 per class or \$12.00 for two classes in the week. **N.J. will return on September 9, 2014.**



ZUMBA
Have fun dancing your way to fitness with Zumba. The class consists of music and moves from Salsa, Merengue, & Cha Cha, to Belly Dance, Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, etc. This is the class for you if you want to improve your rhythm, exercise, lower your high blood pressure or high cholesterol, or if you just love to dance.
Lose your Inhibitions - No experience necessary and all ages welcome! Classes resume in October!
The cost is \$6.00 a class.
For more information call Angelique at 727.768.5828



Tennis Program
Instructor Julie Panton, PTR Certified Tennis Professional will be teaching basic tennis. All ages and returning tennis players are welcome.
Junior Clinic - Sunday 5-6 pm Cost - \$12.00 per person
Call Julie at 727.744.6966 or e-mail globalcommunitytennis@gmail.com for Scheduling.



Tennis Classes
Instructor Jim Rudolph will be teaching all levels.
Please call Jim Rudolph for scheduling and more detail at 727.458.6727.

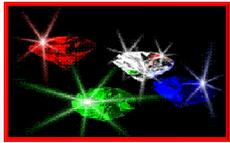


Turtle Nesting

In Florida, sea turtles come ashore to nest beginning in *May and hatching continues until late October.* A female can lay several nests during one season and only nests every two or three years.

Respect zones around nests and on the dunes. Remember to keep back to avoid accidentally stepping on the eggs. Do not disturb females while they nest. Keep the beach clear. Do not litter or leave behind beach equipment fishing line, plastic beer can rings or anything that can entrap turtles or hatchlings.





John's Gems

Community Improvement Officer—John Quimette

Our Birds



Sec. 6-71

- (a) The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the city shall be designated as a bird sanctuary.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, shoot or attempt to shoot or molest, in any manner, any bird or wild fowl or to rob bird nests or wild fowl nests; provided, however, if starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they constitute a nuisance or menace to health or property in the opinion of the proper health authorities of the city, the health authorities shall then meet with representatives of the Audubon Society, bird club, garden club or humane society, or as many of such clubs as are found to exist in the city, after having given at least three days' actual notice of the time and place of the meeting to the representatives of such clubs. If, as a result of the meeting, no satisfactory alternative is found to abate such nuisance, the birds may then be destroyed in such numbers and manner as is deemed advisable by the health authorities

For more information regarding the City of Belleair Beach Code of Ordinances, please visit https://www.municode.com/library/fl/belleair_beach.



A clean and abundant water supply is vital to the quality of life we enjoy here in the Sunshine State. Fortunately, rainfall is a common occurrence, but the resulting stormwater runoff could be harmful to the water resource.

Stormwater runoff is simply the water that flows down the street, or across the yard, or into the storm sewer following a rain shower. There is an inseparable relationship between land use and stormwater management. When streets or parking lots are paved, an impervious surface is created -rain cannot soak into the ground. This also causes peak discharge rates to increase, meaning it takes longer for stormwater to dissipate and the chance of local flooding problems increase.

Stormwater is also a significant source of pollution. Just look around at the litter and debris as you drive along the streets. When it rains, this debris, along with the oils and fluids on the road, is washed into the stormwater system. As the runoff flows through pipes, culverts, ditches and swales, it carries this pollution with it, which eventually discharges into Boca Ciega Bay or the Gulf of Mexico. Stormwater runoff causes the following problems:

- ✦ Sediment build-up in water bodies
- ✦ It carries nitrogen and phosphorous into water bodies. These substances can cause the conditions that lead to fish kills algae blooms, as well as increasing undesirable aquatic plants
- ✦ 80-95 percent of heavy metals in our waterways come from stormwater. Rubber from tires, asbestos from brakes, hydraulic fluid, gasoline, oil and grease, as well as lead, zinc, copper, chromium and other metals. All flow off the streets and parking lots into our waterways.

It costs money. Pollutants in stormwater can increase water treatment costs. Fish kills and algae blooms can close swimming and beach areas, and other recreational areas. This can result in lower property values for homes. Stormwater also decreases the productivity of fisheries and shellfish areas.

City Services

POLICE

Belleair Beach contracts with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for round-the-clock police protection. In an emergency, Dial 911. For non-emergency call, the number is 727.582.6200. Follow this link to their website: [Pinellas County Sheriff's Office](#).

FIRE

Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue serves Belleair Beach. In an emergency, Dial 911. The non-emergency number is 727.595.1117.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue serves Belleair Beach, for an emergency, Dial 911. The non-emergency number is 727.595.1117.



BUILDING PERMITS / INSPECTIONS

The Pinellas County Building Department has the contract to issue all building permits and enforce building and zoning codes in the City. The building official assigned to the City is Glenn Wardell - phone number 727.464.3752.

MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS

City Hall issues the following permits: Hurricane re-entry permits, resident parking permits, on-street parking permits, garage sales and temporary storage units (PODS).

TRASH COLLECTION

Waste Management is responsible for trash collection. Residential trash is picked up every Monday and Thursday with Recycle being picked up on Friday. Condo trash collection on Tuesday and Friday, with recycle collected on Friday. Large item pick-up is scheduled directly with Waste Management. The Customer Services number is 727.572.8779.

Click here for the <http://wwwRecycle Guide>

WATER AND SEWER

The Pinellas County Utilities Department provides water services and sewage treatment for our area with fees paid directly to them. They also bill the waste collection by Waste Management. To report leaks or have billing questions, call 727.464.4000. For sewer problems, call the Community Services Director at 727.595.4646 ext. 123. Reclaimed water is also available from Pinellas County Utilities - 727.464.4000

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com/index.php/home-page/city-staff/other-services> or call us at 727.595.4646.

Fast Facts—Floods

Since we still have some time before we see the end of hurricane season, it makes sense to keep these facts in mind.

In the past 5 years, all 50 states have experienced floods or flash floods.

Everyone lives in a flood zone.

Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.

If you live in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) or high-risk area and have a Federally backed mortgage, your mortgage lender requires you to have flood insurance.

Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

Flash floods often bring walls of water 10 to 20 feet high.

A car can easily be carried away by just two feet of floodwater.

Hurricanes, winter storms and snowmelt are common (but often overlooked) causes of flooding.

New land development can increase flood risk, especially if the construction changes natural runoff paths.

Federal disaster assistance is usually a loan that must be paid back with interest. For a \$50,000 loan at 4% interest, your monthly payment would be around \$240 a month (\$2,880 a year) for 30 years. Compare that to a \$100,000 flood insurance premium, which is about \$400 a year (\$33 a month).

Homes and businesses may qualify for the low-cost Preferred Risk Policy, with premiums starting as low as \$129 for a home and its contents and \$643 for a commercial building and its contents.* *\$129 residential annual premium provides \$20,000 building and \$8,000 contents coverage. \$643 commercial annual premium provides \$50,000 building and \$50,000 contents coverage.

You are eligible to purchase flood insurance as long as your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Check the Community Status Book to see if your community is already an NFIP partner.

In most cases, it takes 30 days after purchase for a policy to take effect, so it's important to buy insurance before the storm approaches and the floodwaters start to rise.

In a high-risk area, your home is more likely to be damaged by flood than by fire.

Even though flood insurance isn't federally required, anyone can be financially vulnerable to floods. In fact, people outside of mapped high-risk flood areas file nearly 25% of all National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance claims and receive one-third of Federal Disaster Assistance for flooding.

From 2003 to 2012, total flood insurance claims averaged nearly \$4 billion per year.

When your community participates in the Community Rating System (CRS), you can qualify for an insurance premium discount of up to 45% if you live in a high-risk area and up to 10% in moderate- to low-risk areas. Belleair Beach does participate.

Since 1978, the NFIP has paid more than \$48.1 billion for flood insurance claims and related costs (as of 7/8/13).

More than 5.5 million people currently hold flood insurance policies in more than 21,800 communities across the U.S.

The two most common reimbursement methods for flood claims are: Replacement Cost Value (RCV) and Actual Cash Value (ACV). The RCV is the cost to replace damaged property. It is reimbursable to owners of single-family, primary residences insured to at least 80% of the building's replacement cost.



Pensacola—April 2014

Are You Safe?

Getting there

Many of us remember a time when walking and bicycling to school was a part of everyday life. In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, however, the story is very different. Fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling, one-quarter are made on a school bus, and over half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles.



This decline in walking and bicycling has had an adverse effect on traffic congestion and air quality around schools, as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. In addition, a growing body of evidence has shown that children who lead sedentary lifestyles are at risk for a variety of health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Safety issues are a big concern for parents, who consistently cite traffic danger as a reason why their children are unable to bicycle or walk to school.

Livable communities are a high priority of the U.S. Department of Transportation and Pinellas County. A livable community is one that provides safe and convenient transportation choices to all citizens, whether it's by walking, bicycling, transit, or driving.

Analysis shows that more than 40% of pedestrian crashes are concentrated along less than 5% of the Pinellas county major roadways. As a means to improve pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the county, the following are some of the goals underway by Pinellas County in cooperation with the local governments.

- ◆ Improve transportation infrastructure
- ◆ Install raised medians or traffic control island along major roadways
- ◆ Reduce the average number of pedestrian crossing conflicts and pedestrian exposure at intersections along the major roadway network
- ◆ Implement strategies to reduce travel speeds along urban collector and minor arterial roads through geometric design and traffic signal coordination.
- ◆ Provide high quality continuous sidewalks within the urban service area.
- ◆ Improve awareness of adult pedestrians and motorists about the legal rights of pedestrians.
- ◆ Ensure younger generations of pedestrians and future drivers have an understanding of pedestrian and driver rights and responsibilities.

Pedestrian safety is an issue that affects the entire community; young and old, drivers, cyclers and walkers, during the day and at night. Many unnecessary injuries and fatalities occur as a result of intoxication or inattentiveness of either the driver or the pedestrian. The roadways should be safe places for everyone regardless of their transportation mode. To reach this goal, we all must work together to educate as many as possible about the problems facing pedestrians and bicyclists and how they can help make the road a safer environment for those traveling along the road.

Walk Smart! Ride Smart! Drivers, Do your Part!