



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

Fall 2016

City of Belleair Beach

Mayor

Leslie Notaro

Vice Mayor

Wanda Schwerer

Councilmembers

Julie "Jewels" Chandler

Jeril S. Cohen

Pam Gunn

Mitch Krach

John Pietrowski

City Manager

Nancy G. Gonzalez

City Clerk

Patricia A. Gentry, CMC

Finance Officer

Melanie Neumann

City Attorney

Paul J. Marino

Community Services

TBA

Administrative Assistant

Pamela J. Nightingale

Community Services Staff

Howard Chavis, Supervisor
Jana Mastilovic

Community Improvement Officer

Jack White

Upcoming City Council Meetings

First Public Budget Hearing
September 7, 2016 –5:05
September 7, 2016-5:30 pm

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

Undergrounding

Undergrounding Survey

Have you received your survey request? If so, have you responded?

In mid-August, all property owners were sent a survey postcard. It gave several options to let your opinion on undergrounding known.



CITY OF BELLEAIR BEACH
PROPERTY OWNER SURVEY

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

The City of Belleair Beach is gauging citizen opinion around the key issue of undergrounding electric and communication cables within the city.

You can email CitizenSurveyResearch@gmail.com for a link to the online survey or send by mail to City of Belleair Beach at 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, FL 33786

June Council Notes

Fire Chief D'Angelo spoke regarding the existing non-ad valorem fire assessment fixed flat fee and the proposed referendum question to add an ad valorem tax; capital project—such as a station in Belleair Beach. He also stated they are operating in the red and without the tax increase, Station 26 would be the first to close.

Ms. Jeanine Bittinger, CPA, CPPT of Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., Certified Public Accounts participated via telephone advising the City had received a "clean" opinion, the "highest opinion they can render. She advised revenues were up. She also stated staff had done a good job of adhering to the budget and surpassed the expectations. City Council approved to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015.

The motion to approve the City Manager to enter into a proposal with the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government to conduct a survey of Belleair Beach Property owners, at a cost not to exceed \$14,187.50 regarding undergrounding utilities of city-wide streets passed with a 5-2 vote.

Community Improvement Officer, Jack White gave an update on illegal short-term rentals, contractor compliance, silt fences, stop-work orders, parking on lawn, and boat parking. He advised that he and City Manager Gonzalez had discussed increased fines for repeat violations, from parking ticket to code violations.

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Mayor Leslie Notaro advised that she and City Attorney Marino had discussed restructuring the Code Enforcement Officer position to Town Marshall with the power to issue citations.

Attorney Marino asked for a consensus to draft an ordinance to send to the Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission for their review outlining the parameter of the position. Council agreed.

Councilmember Chandler inquired about signage at City Hall announcing meetings. Community Services Director Godfrey advised that a digital sign from Suncoast LED Displays ranged from \$11,664 to \$14,000 based on the number of pixels in the display, which could be proposed in the new budget. There was a possibility of a grant based on usage of the sign for emergency management announcing sandbags, road closures, etc.

July Council Briefs

Presentations were made to Mayor Leslie Notaro for completion of Advanced Institute for Elected Municipal Officials held April 29-30, 2016. Also for graduating with honors from the twenty-fourth class of the Pinellas County Citizen University. This was a 10-week course from March 24 through May 26, 2016.

A motion was approved to renew a five year agreement with the Davidson, Jamieson & Cristini, P.L., Certified Public Accountants to provide annual audits for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$17,100.00, years ending September 20, 2017 and 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$17,300.00 and years ending September 30, 2019 and 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$17,500.00.

A motion was approved by City Council to donate the Generac 130 KW Generator to the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District to be used by the City of Belleair Beach when necessary.

By unanimous vote, Mayor Leslie Notaro became the Voting Delegate for the 90th Annual Florida League of Cities Conference to be held in Hollywood, FL from August 18—August 20, 2016.

A Resolution was approved by the City Council to support the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Boards Endorsement of "Housing First" and Coordinated Entry System.

An update of signalization plan (mast arms) at the intersection of Gulf Boulevard and Causeway Boulevard was given by Community Services Director Allen Godfrey. He stated that the backup of traffic at the Gulf Boulevard intersection was signal light timing and was being adjusted. He also stated the installation of the mast arms should begin in October.

Mr. Godfrey also advised he had met with Deuel & Associates Engineering regarding the size of the parking spaces at Morgan Park. The City continues to work with County Commissioner Karen Seel, County Administrator Mark Woodard and Pinellas County staff to resolve parking issues at Morgan Park.

August City Council Summary

A motion was approved by City Council to enter into an Agreement between the City of Belleair Beach and Bob Gualtieri, as Sheriff of Pinellas County, for a renewal period of one year.

Ordinance 16-03 was approved by Council adding the designation of Town Marshal to Code Enforcement. (1st reading).

The appointment of Mr. Rudy Davis was approved by City Council for the Planning and Zoning Board.

The reappointment to the Belleair Beach Board of Adjustment was approved for Mr. Marvin Behm, Ms. Carol Conry, Ms. Daun Fletcher, and Mr. Ronald Lynch.

City Manager, Nancy Gonzalez thanked staff for their work on the budget and thanked Finance Officer Kruszona for making the changes needed. The Council thanked Council for their support on the budget.

November 6, 2016 - Daylight Saving Time



Belleair Beach City-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, November 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Rain Date—November 12, 2016

Code Enforcement Comments - Jack White, Code Enforcement Officer

Sec. 94-213. - Rentals.

Specifically Short Term Rentals



(a) Within RL district II, residential homes may be rented, leased or otherwise occupied through a *rental* agreement with the registered owner(s) on a periodic basis from time to time for **not less than a three-month occupancy period**. An individual portion of a single-family home shall not be rented, leased, or otherwise occupied by a *rental* agreement with the registered owner(s) on a periodic basis as a separate part of the family unit.

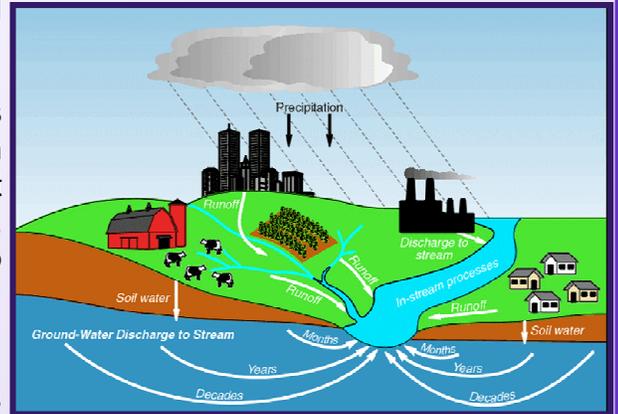
The Effects of August Rains

As we know, August was a really wet month. It was probably the wettest August we have had in a long time. Not only did it cause you to mow more grass, it will have significantly added to our stormwater levels.

Stormwater consists of rainwater and other water sources (such as water from hoses, industry or agriculture) that run across impervious surfaces and saturated soil into street gutters and storm drains, streams, rivers, and finally the gulf. It carries with it chemicals and toxins that are picked up along the way, becoming a source of pollution.

For many of us, the connection between rainwater and stormwater is an "Ah Ha!" moment. Of course! Stormwater is rainwater that has fallen on impervious surfaces (such as roofs, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, streets) and is allowed to run freely, picking up pollutants and toxins, until it falls into a stormwater drain system, most often released into surface waters untreated. Stormwater is rainwater that has not been captured for use or infiltrated into permeable surfaces. Stormwater is rainwater that is unmanaged at the source, and so must be managed further down the line by stormwater systems. The EPA has designated stormwater as the greatest source of water pollution in the United States.

Fortunately, Low Impact Design/Development (LID) strategies recognize the importance of managing rainwater where it falls by capturing it for use in landscaping, toilet flushing, clothes washing, commercial and industrial purposes. With appropriate filtration dependent on end use, rainwater can even serve *real* potable water uses such as bathing and drinking. Stormwater managers ranging from individuals to the Federal EPA are utilizing rainwater harvesting (RWH) as a primary strategy for stormwater



Around the County This Fall

<u>September 30 - Oct. 2, 2016</u>	Clearwater Super Boat Races	Pier 60
<u>October 13 - 16, 2016</u>	Clearwater Jazz Holiday	Coachman Park
<u>October 27, 2016 - 30, 2016</u> Madeira Beach, FL 33708	John's Pass Seafood & Music Festival	150 John's Pass Boardwalk
<u>October 21, 2016 - 23, 2016</u>	Oldsmar Oktoberfest 2016	11225 Race Track Rd Oldsmar, FL 33626
<u>November 2 - 6, 2016</u>	St. Pete Wine & Food Fest	Downtown St. Petersburg St. Petersburg, FL 33701

City Services

POLICE

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

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.

Check here for the Pinellas County recycle guide. [http://www.Recycle Guide](http://www.RecycleGuide.com)



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 Natural Gas contact Clearwater Gas at 727-562-4980.

For questions or comments about these issues, or issues not listed here, please contact City Hall at 727.595.4646.

Save Me

Are You Safe?

From the Heat...

Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services workers are responding to more heat-related calls this summer compared to last, with a 28 percent increase in calls and 34 percent increase in patients requiring transport by ambulance due to heat-related illnesses.

"We are asking residents and visitors to take necessary steps to protect themselves during excessive heat events," said Craig Hare, director of Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services and Fire Administration. "Never leave children, pets and older disabled adults in a parked car. Temperatures in a car can become dangerously high in just a matter of minutes."



Residents are urged to take the following precautionary measures to prevent heat-related illnesses, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration suggests to:

- **Avoid the Heat.** Stay out of the heat as much as possible. Spend time in an air-conditioned space. Only two hours a day in an air-conditioned space can significantly reduce the risk of heat-related illness. Remember, electric fans do not cool, they just blow hot air around.
- **Dress for the heat.** Wear loose-fitting clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Lightweight, light-colored clothing that reflects heat and sunlight and helps maintain normal body temperature. Protect your face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat. Avoid too much sunshine. Sunburn slows the skin's ability to cool itself. Use a sunscreen lotion with a high SPF rating.
- **Drink FOR the Heat.** Drink plenty of water and natural juices, even if you don't feel thirsty. Even under moderately strenuous outdoor activity, the rate your body can absorb fluids is less than the rate it loses water due to perspiration. However, if you have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restrictive diets; or have a problem with fluid retention you should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
- **Do not drink IN the Heat.** Avoid alcoholic beverages and beverages with caffeine, such as coffee, tea, and soda. Alcohol and caffeine constrict blood vessels near the skin reducing the amount of heat the body can release. Although alcoholic beverages appear to satisfy thirst, they actually cause further body dehydration.
- **Eat for the Heat.** Eat small meals more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein because they increase metabolic heat. Avoid using salt tablets, unless directed to do so by a physician.
- **Living in the Heat.** Slow down. Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous activities such as running, biking and lawn care work when it heats up. The best times for such activities are during early morning and late evening hours.
- **Do not leave children in a closed vehicle, even for a few minutes.** This is a "No-Brainer". Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can reach 140°F-190°F degrees within 30 minutes on a hot, sunny day. However, despite this common sense rule, deaths from heat occur almost every summer when someone leaves their child in a closed vehicle.
- **Learn the symptoms of heat disorders and know how to give first aid.**
- **When outdoors, protect small children from the sun.**

Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year and even more heat-related illnesses. It is important to know the symptoms of excessive heat exposure and the appropriate responses.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, weakness, fainting and vomiting. Heat stroke is considered a severe medical emergency. The symptoms of heat stroke include hot dry skin, rapid and strong pulse and possible unconsciousness. Seek emergency medical assistance immediately if suffering from heat stroke.