



# ***THE BELLEAIR BEACH*** ***BREEZE***

Fall 2015

## **City of Belleair Beach**

### **Mayor**

Rob Baldwin

### **Vice Mayor**

Leslie Notaro

### **Councilmembers**

Jeril S. Cohen

Pamela Gunn

Mitch Krach

John Pietrowski

Wanda Schwerer

### **City Manager**

Nancy G. Gonzalez

### **City Clerk**

Patricia A. Gentry, CMC

### **Finance Officer**

Melanie Kruszona

### **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**

Jack White

### **Upcoming City Council Meetings**

September 16, 2015

1st Public Budget Hearing  
5:05 pm

Regular City Council Meeting  
will immediately 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

[www.cityofbelleairbeach.com](http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com)

## **A Make Over**

The house on Cedar Drive, the place City Hall called home for approximately 18 months as the new Building was being constructed, has had a major make over. Roof repair, new paint, all unused or unusable equipment and parts were removed.

The painting was done by A-Plus Burke Painting near the beginning of August. The plan was to match the colors of the current Community Center.

The City's utility workers, Howard Chavis and Jana Mastilovic gathered and removed all the equipment, etc. that needed to be eliminated and filled at least 2 dumpsters with metal recycling. This was in addition to other City duties.

Some still usable items were donated to Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue.

## **All That Rain**

July 2015 had more than its fair share of rain.

In addition to the flooded conditions we saw, stormwater also took a beating. Water from rain either seeps into the ground or "runs off" to lower areas, making its way into the bay. On its way, runoff water can pick up and carry many substances that pollute water.

Some - like pesticides, fertilizers, oil and soap - are harmful in any quantity. Others - like sediment from construction, bare soil, or agricultural land, or pet waste, grass clippings and leaves - can harm creeks, rivers, lakes and the bay in sufficient quantities.

Polluted runoff generally happens anywhere people use or alter the land. For example, in developed areas, none of the water that falls on hard surfaces like roofs, driveways, parking lots or roads can seep into the ground. These impervious surfaces create large amounts of runoff that picks up pollutants. The runoff flows from gutters and storm drains to streams. Runoff not only pollutes but erodes streambanks. The mix of pollution and eroded dirt muddies the water and causes problems downstream.

Polluted water hurts the wildlife in creeks, streams, rivers and the bay. Dirt from erosion, also called sediment, covers up fish habitats and fertilizers can cause too much algae to grow, which also hurts wildlife by using up the oxygen they need to survive. Soaps hurt fish gills and fish skin, and other chemicals damage plants and animals when they enter the water.



## June City Council Briefs

During Citizen Comments, residents expressed concern for the volume of traffic now being seen on Gulf Boulevard. Mayor Rob Baldwin suggested residents should attend the June 15, 2015 Workshop.

Council approved a motion Proclaiming Monday, June 15, 2015, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

The Design Concept the of Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project as prepared by Copley Design Associates, Inc. was also unanimously approved.

Council approved a motion to amend the Temporary Roof Repair portion of City Code.

It was approved by Council to approve ConServ Building Services, Inc., for the installation of a new HVAC System at the Community Center to replace the faulty unit.

City Council approved adopting the 2015 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy, making the Local Mitigation Strategy Function as the City of Belleair Beach's Floodplain Management Plan.

A motion made to amend the Date for the Annual Municipal Election to coincide with State or National Election was approved by City Council. This was the first reading.

Another motion was passed 7-0 to amend Section 86-66 of the City Code pertaining to removal of signs.

To read the complete minutes of the meeting, you can find them at [www.cityofbelleairbeach.com](http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com).

Or you can request a copy of the audio tape by contacting the City Clerk, Patti Gentry at [pgentry@cityofbelleairbeach.com](mailto:pgentry@cityofbelleairbeach.com)



## July City Council Notes

A motion passed unanimously to amend the Temporary Roof Repair Ordinance.

City Council approved the Ordinance changing the date for the Annual Municipal Election to coincide with State or National elections.

It was also approved to amend the City Code which pertains to the removal of signs.

City Council voted in the affirmative to approve July 26, 2015 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness day.

Vice Mayor, Leslie Notaro volunteered and was approved by City Council to represent Belleair Beach at the 89th Annual Florida League of Cities Conference to be held in Orlando, from August 13 through August 15, 2015.

A motion was made and approved to dissolve the Gulf Boulevard Safety and Beautification Committee and Sub-Committee by repealing Resolutions 2103-06 and 2014-03.

A resolution to encourage the Florida Legislature to remove barriers to Customer-Sited Solar Power; and expressing support for the Floridians for Solar Choice Ballot Initiative; and the development of Microgrid Technology was approved by Council in a 6-1 vote.

Mayor Baldwin stated because of the dissolution of the undergrounding committee, he would like to keep the discussion on undergrounding going and continue to look for funding options. City Attorney Paul Marino stated to approach the undergrounding of utilities on a city-wide basis would be as a 30-year bond—as an assessment on a resident's tax bill which would run in perpetuity with the land. There was a consensus to continue discussions.

## *August City Council Recap*

City Council approved authorization 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 commencing on October 1, 2015, and concluding September 30, 2016.

Code Enforcement Officer, Jack White gave an update on the several foreclosed homes in town.

Mr. Alan Mintz was reappointed to the Belleair Beach Park and Recreation Board.

Ms. Martha Vasquez was reappointed to the Belleair Beach Board of Adjustment.

City Council discussed undergrounding with possible funding sources to be discussed at the September meeting.

# Gulf Boulevard Beautification

These are sample shots of what these locations will look like after the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project is completed.



**Before:  
Causeway and Gulf  
Boulevard Intersection**



**After:  
Causeway and Gulf  
Boulevard Intersection**



**Before:  
North Entrance to the City**



**After:  
North Entrance to the City**

# CODE ENFORCEMENT Tid Bits

By Jack White

## Roof Repairs

Sec. 10-77(3)

Roofs shall be covered with roofing material suitable for exposure to the elements pursuant to the building code. Roofs and roof coverings shall remain structurally sound and watertight and shall not contain visible holes, rips, tears, breaks, or the like. Roofs shall be repaired using like materials to the existing materials. **Temporary repairs to a defective roof shall be completed within thirty(30) days of the installation of a protective tarp.**



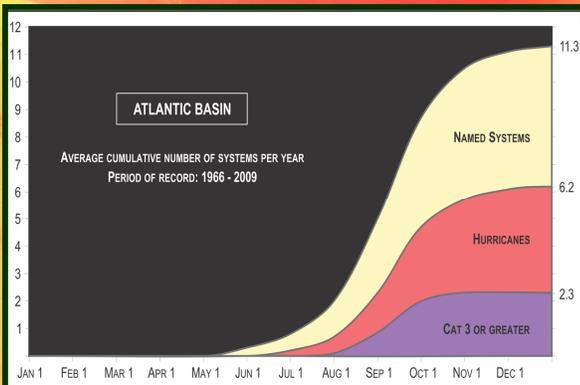
## Atlantic Climatology - From the National Weather Service

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th. The Atlantic basin includes the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico.

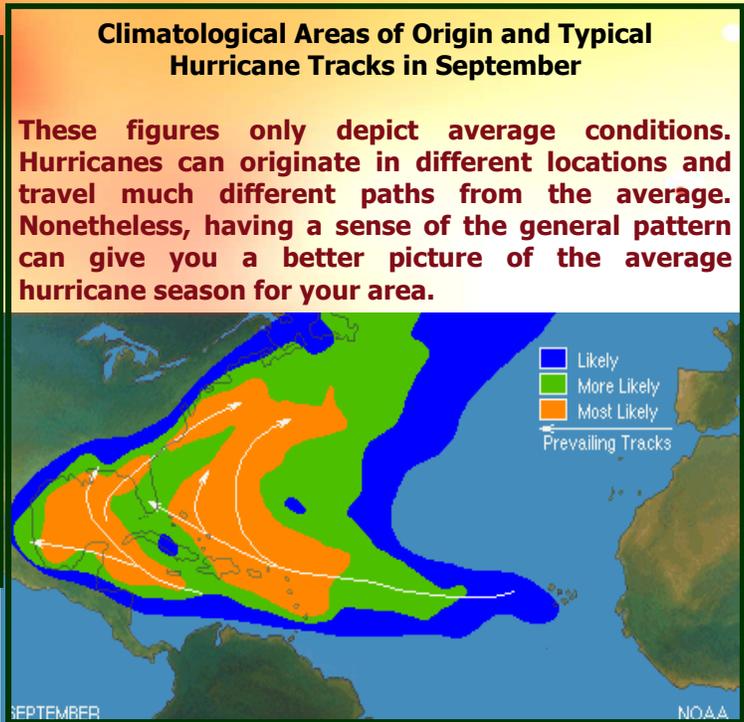
The following figures and tables describe the progress of a typical hurricane season in terms of the total number of tropical systems and hurricanes produced throughout the year in the Atlantic.

In the figures, curves represent the average cumulative production of all named tropical systems, all hurricanes, and those hurricanes which were Category 3 or stronger in those basins.

*For example, by the beginning of September in an average year we would expect to have had four named systems, two of which would be hurricanes and one of which would be of category 3 or greater in strength.*



The table list benchmark dates when a given number of tropical systems, hurricanes, or category 3 storms should have been generated.



# Stay Prepared

## City Services

### POLICE

Belleair Beach contracts with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for round-the-clock police protection. In and 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.

Click here for the [http://wwwRecycle 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 questions or comments about these issues, or issues not listed here, please contact City Hall at 727.595.4646.



# Around Town

### Train Weekend!

**Sep 05, 2015 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Largo Central Park  
101 Central Park Dr  
Largo, FL 33771



As this is a popular event, the lines can sometimes be long. However, we have scheduled local non-profit organizations to provide refreshments. They raise money for their worthy causes while satisfying your hunger and quenching your thirst. Everybody wins!



### Octoberfest

Live Music, Family Fun International Food  
Indian Rocks Beach

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

**11am to 7pm**

at Kolb Park

FREE ADMISSION!

### Halloween Spooktacular Event at Largo Central Park!

**Oct 24, 2015 from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Plan on a good time at this year's Halloween Spooktacular event held at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive. This widely popular, family-friendly event takes place on Saturday, October 24 from 12-5pm and includes fun and games for kids 14 and under. Enjoy a trick-or-treat trail (12-4pm only), inflatables, a hay maze, games, music, activities and much more. Bounce houses, a petting zoo and strolling entertainment are just a few of the activities that make this a great event for the whole family. Wristbands are needed for most activities. Dogs are not permitted in the park during large events.



### Pumpkin Carving & Haunted House for Children - October 24, 2015

This event takes place at the IRB City Hall Auditorium and is geared toward children 12 years and under. **October 24, 2015 at 9:00 am** There are pumpkin carving activities, face painting, and a haunted house at 7:00 pm for the children to enjoy.

### Heritage Village Jubilee!

**October 24, 2015 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The 36th Heritage Village Country Jubilee is the first place to search for gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Giant flea market and book sale a special feature. Handmade holiday crafts, paintings, jewelry, stained glass and wooden treasures are among the offerings as well as musical entertainment, tours of historical homes, and demonstrations of traditional crafts. Presented by the Pinellas County Historical Society.



***Fall driving can be unpredictable because of weather changes and the end of daylight saving time. To be safe and aware on the roads this fall, follow these guidelines:***

- ✦ **Watch out for leaves:** Once leaves become wet, they can present slippery and dangerous driving conditions. Be sure to watch for patches of wet leaves on the road or on road lines. Dry leaves can also present a problem to your vehicle. Avoid parking your vehicle near leaf piles to prevent fires that could start from your vehicle's catalytic converter.
- ✦ **Stay alert on the road:** The end of daylight saving time means reduced visibility on the roads, which can create unfamiliar driving conditions. Even on familiar roads, it's important that motorists use additional caution and adjust their driving habits to watch for pedestrians, cyclists and other roadway users who will be less visible, especially during the first week of the change.
- ✦ **Check your tire pressure:** With frequent weather and temperature changes, tires can expand and contract, causing them to lose air pressure. Make sure tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.
- ✦ **Avoid sun glare:** With the change in time you may need to adjust to the different morning or late afternoon glare from the sun. The glare can cause reflections off car windows and hoods and decrease your visibility. Have a good pair of sunglasses readily available to counter daytime glare, and consider lenses with anti-reflective coating to reduce glare when night driving can't be avoided.
- ✦ **Plan ahead for wet conditions:** Fall often brings rainfall, which can decrease visibility and cause hydroplaning. Make sure your windshield wipers are in good working condition. If driving on a road with excess water, slow down and avoid sudden movements with the steering wheel or brake pedal. If you feel like you're floating steer straight and gently release the gas pedal until you feel the tires make contact with the road surface. In an especially heavy downpour you may want to pull off the road until it's safe to continue.

