



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

February 2013

City of Belleair Beach

Mayor

Kathy Mortensen

Vice Mayor

David Dumville

Councilmembers

Rob Baldwin

Jeril S. Cohen

Leslie Notaro

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

February 4, 2013 - 6 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

No Local Election

The following Candidates have qualified for the March 12, 2013, municipal election.

Mayor:

Rob Baldwin

Councilmember:

Jeril S. Cohen

John Pietrowski

Wanda Schwerer

As there is one qualified candidate for Mayor, and three qualified candidates for the three open Councilmember positions, there will not be an election.

Street Lights

Street Light Repairs

Progress Energy provides the repair of street lights in Belleair Beach. They have a page on their website to report outages directly to Progress Energy at <http://www.progress-energy.com>

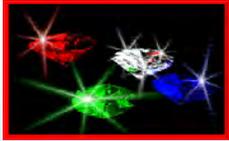


Here you can report most any type of outage yourself, including street lights.

Please provide all the information you can about the location and pole number if possible.

The alternative is to contact City Hall at 727.595.4646 either extension 120 or 123.

City Staff will report the outage for you online.



John's Gems

Community Improvement Officer—John Duimette

*High Grass -
When is it a code violation?*



Sec. 22-33. - Prohibited conditions; declaration of nuisance

17) Excessive growth or accumulation of weeds, grass, undergrowth or other similar plant materials, reaching a height of **12 inches or more on an undeveloped property** and **seven inches or more on a developed property**, or the accumulation of trash/debris/litter upon property within the city;

To read more on lawn conditions that are considered violations, please visit www.municode.com.

Submerged Dangers?

Prior to 2011, about \$10 million was supplied from the Inland Protection Trust Fund for the Inspection of underground petroleum storage tanks (USTs).

With the state facing difficult economic times, legislators must decide on budget cuts. Among these cuts are funds to inspect these USTs. For 2013 the budget has been cut to 5.9 million. These cuts threaten regular inspection of the underground storage tanks.

Releases from these tanks caused by spills, overfills or leaking tanks and piping can cause fires or explosions that threaten human safety, or contaminate groundwater. Human exposure occurs through ingestion of contaminated drinking water, inhalation of vapors, and contact with the skin. Benzene and other dangerous chemicals found in petroleum products have been shown to cause cancer.

Preventing just one release could save \$400,000—the average cost to clean up a contaminated site.

Florida has been inspecting these USTs yearly since the program began in the early 1980's. Due to budget cuts in 2012 the program was reduced to every other year.

Further cuts this year may reduce inspections even further. Hooshang Boostani, Director of Waste Management, Hillsborough County states that when you reduce oversight and compliance inspection, you increase risk.

Anytime you increase risk we are concerned.



Drilling Increases In the Gulf of Mexico

Two years after the Deep Water Horizon oil spill, offshore operators and drilling rig contractors are gradually increasing their exploration and production activities in the Gulf of Mexico. The deepwater rig fleet is on its way to reaching pre-Deep Water Horizon drilling levels, and is expected to reach that point by sometime in 2013.



The deepwater drilling moratorium was officially lifted in October 2010. At that time, six semisubmersibles and one drill ship were working. By the end of February 2011, when the first plans of exploration and applications for permit to drill were beginning to be approved, seven semisubmersibles and three drill ships were working. Six months later, at the end of July, 12 semisubmersibles and six drill ships were working; and by February 2012, drilling contractors had 15 semis and nine drill ships working.

A recent analysis by EIC Consult, the market research and consultancy arm of the Energy Industries Council, predicts that deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico is on its way toward "regaining the momentum" it had before the BP incident.

The report indicates that there are 5,981 active leases in the Gulf, and following the issuance of the new permitting regulations, more than 130 new well permits have been granted, mostly in waters greater than 5,000 ft. Plus, there are many more applications pending.

The next proposed (Outer Continental Shelf) OCS lease sale schedule covering the five years from 2012-2017 includes a total of 15 sales, 12 of which are in the Gulf of Mexico. These include five each in the Western and Central Gulf, and two proposed sales in the Eastern Gulf that are not currently under Congressional moratorium.

St. Valentine's Day

Every celebration is representative of a past event or an occurrence which may have happened on the 'date' some years, months or days back. The occasion of Valentines Day on February 14 has a similar association with it. It is understood to have originated as a Christian religious festival honoring a Saint. This is another reason for it being referred to by the name of Saint Valentine's Day or St. Valentines Day. Its origins date back to ancient Rome of 270 AD. It was due to the rebellion and sacrifice of a catholic priest with the same name that this day came to be celebrated. Saint Valentine supported lovers or couples in love by getting them married against the wishes of the then Emperor Claudius.



The present day context of this festival is as a day that honors love, commitment and promises for a life together. And understandably so, since we as a people long for those things that are usually lacking in the world around us. This is a major reason for this craze regarding love and romance. Though, there is a rising trend of 'celebrating love in all its forms', this festival mainly retains its initial relevance to romantic love. It is still known more for its affiliation to romance and sensuousness than for any other kind of bond.

Valentine's Day has also undergone a transformation from a quiet, unassuming observance to a loud commercialized affair. There are different takes on this aspect among the world population. Some people celebrate this day with pomp and gaiety whereas others keep it a private affair. This approach to festivities of Valentines Day depends on two factors, one of which is the cultural and familial influences, the other is the age factor. There is an age and stage for these celebrations, but then some people never lose their innocent approach to love and life.



Romantic Ideas

St. Valentine's Day falls on a Thursday this year. Many are working on Thursdays or busy in other ways during the week. The following are last minute and/or inexpensive ways to let your loved one know you remembered, even though you were busy.

- Write a poem.
- Give a full-body massage.
- Pack a sunset picnic.
- Pick wildflowers on the way home.
- Burn a CD with love songs.
- Read poetry together.
- Leave little love notes everywhere.
- Send a love email.
- Take a moonlit walk on the beach.
- Take a walk down memory lane — visit some of the special places from your early days of dating.
- Make a list of everything you love about him or her.
- Write a love letter.
- Clip or email things that make you think of him or her.
- Slow dance to romantic music.

Mocha Fondue Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 package (11-1/2 ounces) milk chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
- 4 teaspoons hot water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Dash ground cinnamon
- Strawberries or other tasty fresh fruit and cubed pound cake



Directions

In a heavy saucepan, melt chocolate chips with cream over low heat, stirring constantly. Dissolve coffee in water; stir into chocolate mixture. Stir in vanilla and cinnamon.

Keep warm. Serve with fruit and cake cubes. Yield: 1-1/3 cups.

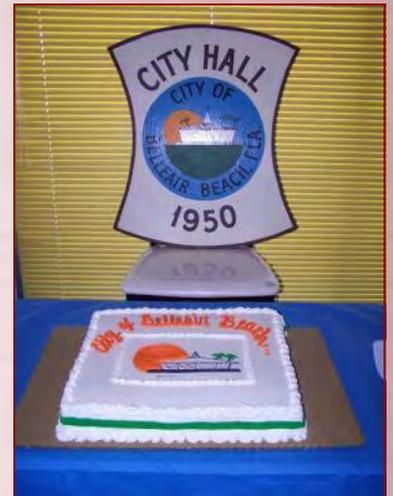
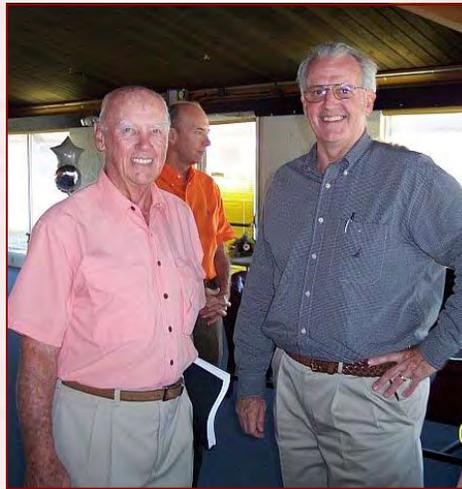
Prep/Total Time: 15 min.

Yield: 5 Servings

HAS IT REALLY BEEN THAT LONG?

Five years ago this month, we bid farewell to the old building. Staff moved into the small house on Cedar Drive awaiting the completion of the current Community Center.

Below you will find pictures of our farewell party from February 2008.





Out 'n About



Theater

Robin Williams
 South Pacific
 Early Release Day Movies
 The New Shanghai Circus
 Hooray for Hollywood
 A Chorus Line

Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Largo Community Center, Alt Keen Rd.
 Largo Library
 Largo Cultural Center
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Ruth Eckerd Hall

February 1, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 2, 2013 - 7 - 9 pm
 Wednesdays in Feb. 2:30 - 4pm
 February 16, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 17, 2013 - 2 pm
 February 26, 2013 8 pm

Concerts



The California and Montreal Guitar Trios
 Arlo Guthrie
 Willie Nelson
 Bright Stars Senior Talent Show
 An Evening With Richard Marx
 Yesterday and Today, Beatles Experience
 Merle Haggard
 The Classics IV
 Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
 Buddy Holly Tribute
 Carme's Vintage Vegas
 Steve Miller Band
 Jane Monheit
 Jim Stafford
 Travis Tritt

Largo Cultural Center
 Capitol Theatre
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Largo Cultural Center
 Capitol Theatre
 Largo Cultural Center
 Mahaffey Theater
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 Capitol Theatre

February 2, 2012 - 8 pm
 February 2, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 February 2, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 6, 2013 - 7 pm
 February 7, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 8, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 8, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 9, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 9, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 10, 2013 - 7 pm
 February 11, 2013 - 7 pm
 February 13, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 14, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 February 15, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 19, 2013 - 7:30 pm



Events/Crafts/Exhibits

Largo's Open Air Market
 Library Books on your Kindle
 Rock the Arts
 Touch-a-Truck and Florida Clown Day
 My Little Valentine

Largo Community Center
 Largo Public Library; Jenkins Community Wing
 Gasoline Alley - 14042 66th St. N., Largo
 Largo Central Park
 Southwest Recreation Complex, Largo

February 2, 2013 9 am - 2 pm
 February 7, 2013 3 - 4 pm
 February 9, 2013 - 8 pm
 February 9, 2-13 - 11 am - 4 pm
 February 13, 2013 - 11 am

Are You Safe?

Public Safety Complex

From the Desk of Sheriff Bob Gualtier



It is an exciting time here at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office! Anyone driving along Ulmerton Road and Seminole Boulevard in Largo -over the last few months- has probably already noticed a great deal of construction activity and may have wondered what is going on?

Well, this year, a new Public Safety Complex is rising next to the current Pinellas County Sheriff's Administration Building. The 40-acre site at 10750 Ulmerton Road will soon be home to five new structures that will be built to withstand a category 5 hurricane.

The new Administration Building, a three story, 218,330 square foot building, will house the majority of the Sheriff's Office operations, as well as a consolidated communications center made up of the Sheriff's Office Dispatch, 911 Emergency Communications and County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the County's new Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The Vehicle Maintenance Building will be a 25,452 square foot facility for agency fleet and communications maintenance.

The Communications Building, a 2,203 square foot building will be at the base of a 300 foot tall communications tower. The new complex will also have a four story parking garage with 687 parking spaces. Parking will be augmented with 566 surface parking spaces for a total of 1,253 spaces.

A 23,000 square foot Central Energy Plant completes the list of new structures. It will cycle ground water through the system for more energy efficient cooling of all facilities without affecting water quality.

The only existing building that will remain standing will be Building 400, which is the current home to Human Resources. This building will be renovated and will bring Sheriff's Office units that are currently in leased spaces back to the Sheriff's Office complex.

Other Pinellas County Government components will be located on the new Public Safety Complex campus - primarily, the Emergency Management Center, (EOC) and the Consolidated Communications Center.

We are pleased to report to residents of Pinellas County that construction is moving forward and on schedule. The timetable is as follows:

The Vehicle Maintenance Building, the Parking Garage, the Communications Building and the Central Energy Plant are all set for completion by fall of this year. Plans are to have the Administration Building ready for occupancy by March of 2014.

The total cost of the project is \$81,403,306 and is being funded through the Penny for Pinellas referendum.

We invite citizens to track the progress of the construction project by visiting the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office website at www.pcsoweb.com.