



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

May 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

May 6, 2013 - 6 pm

City of Belleair Beach
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Belleair Beach FL 33786
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Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm M-F

www.cityofbelleairbeach.com

The New Vice Mayor



Leslie Notaro was elected by City Council to serve as the Vice Mayor for the remainder of her term in office.

Leslie has served on the City Council since March of 2010.

Leslie is from the Chicago area. She and her husband Mike Notaro bought in town in 1995 and became full time residents in 2002. She and Mike have been married for thirty-four years.

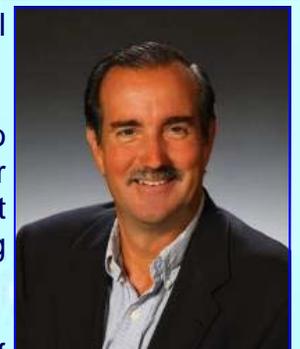
Leslie practiced law in Illinois before moving to Florida, and has her Florida license to practice law. She currently works as an Independent contractor practicing law.

Leslie was also one of our City Councilmembers who researched and represented Belleair Beach at the proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners when Beach Renourishment was on the agenda.

Welcome Back

In a 5-1 vote, Mitch Krach was instated to the Council seat left by Rob Baldwin.

Mitch served on the City Council from May of 2007 to March of 2012. He has also served as a member and Chair of the Belleair Beach Code Enforcement Board and served on the City Hall Building Committee.



Mitch and his wife Nina have been residents of Belleair Beach since 1999. After relocating here, Mitch went to work with The Grand Hyatt Regency in Tampa. They have two grown sons.

Currently Mitch is the General Manager/COO of Big Cypress Golf Club and the community of Cypress Lakes in Lakeland. He oversees all the community operations, the golf courses as well as the food and beverage.

Highlights of the April 2013 City Council Meeting

Congratulations to Mary G. Robinson, resident who celebrated her 100th birthday on April 25, 2013.

April 9, 2013 was proclaimed Mayors' Day of Recognition for National Service.

The month of April has been proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mitch Krach and Stan Sofer submitted applications to be considered to fill the vacant Council seat of Rob Baldwin. Both applicants gave an opening and closing statement and answered questions from Council. After a ballot vote, Mitch Krach won by a 5-1 vote to fill the 2 year unexpired term of Councilmember Baldwin.

Allen Godfrey, Community Services Director introduced Connor Oursler, a 13 year Belleair resident whose family has enjoyed the numerous amenities that Bayside Park offers, for many years.

He is working towards his eagle scout rank. He will installing a bench swing in Bayside Park and is performing a service project to benefit the community in an aspect that will serve the public.

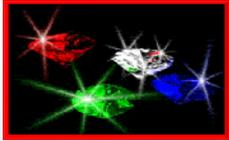
He will also install ground covering, native plants and a walkway. He is accepting donations to pay for the swing. City Council approved a \$500.00 donation towards the project.

Allen Godfrey discussed street lighting issues in City Parks and City streets and will be working with Progress Energy.

Mayor Rob Baldwin was appointed as voting delegate, Councilmember Jeril Cohen as Alternate I and Councilmember Wanda Schewer as Alternate II to the Barrier Islands Governmental Council. (BIG-C)

Vice Mayor Leslie Notaro was appointed Board of Director and Councilmember Wanda Schewer as Alternate to the Suncoast League of Cities.

Sergeant J. Daniels and Corporal Kenneth Euler attended the meeting to introduce themselves to City Council. They work the 3 pm to 11 pm shift.



John's Gems

Community Improvement Officer—John Duimette

Turtle Season
Starts **NOW**



Sec. 6-80.

The purpose of this article is to implement the provisions of Section 161.163, Florida Statutes, which requires the State of Florida to designate coastal areas utilized, or likely to be utilized, by sea turtles for nesting, and to establish guidelines for local government regulations that control beachfront lighting to protect hatching marine turtles.

This article is also intended to ensure that all new and existing developments, construction, properties, erected or maintained outdoor lighting does not cast glare or spill light where it may deter adult female turtles from nesting or disorient turtle hatchlings as they return to the sea from **May 1 through October 31** of each year.

For more detail about the lighting restrictions, in the City Ordinance, please visit www.municode.com

For the Turtles

In addition to Florida being a great place to enjoy the sun and surf, Florida's beaches are important nesting areas for sea turtles, and the sand dunes are home to many unique plants and animals.

The sea turtle nesting season in Florida runs from May through October on the Gulf coast. During the sea turtle season, please remember a few simple things to help protect these magnificent creatures and their habitat:

It is against the law to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings, or their nests. Sea turtles are protected by both the Federal Endangered Species Act and the Florida Marine Protection Act.

If you see an injured or dead sea turtle, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or *FWC from your cell phone.

Please be prepared to answer the following questions: What is the exact location of the animal? Is the turtle alive or dead? What is the approximate size of the turtle? Is the turtle marked with spray paint? (This indicates that the turtle has been documented.) What is the location of the closest access point to the turtle?

Turtles Dig the Dark

- **Minimize beachfront lighting during the sea turtle nesting season by turning off, shielding, or redirecting lights.**
- **Close blinds and draperies in oceanfront rooms at night during the nesting season to keep indoor lighting from reaching the beach.**
- **Do not construct campfires on the beach. Sea turtle hatchlings are known to be attracted to the light emitted by campfires and crawl into fires and die.**
- **Use your natural vision when walking on the beach at night. The use of flashlights and flash photography can deter turtles from coming ashore to nest or cause them to abort nesting attempts.**



Happy May Day!

May Day is related to the Celtic festival of Beltane and the Germanic festival of Walpurgis Night. May Day falls exactly half a year from November 1, another cross-quarter day which is also associated with various northern European festivals and it has traditionally been an occasion for popular and often raucous celebrations.

In the U.S.A.— May Day was also celebrated by some early European settlers of the American continent. In some parts of the United States, May Baskets are made. These are small baskets usually filled with flowers or treats and left at someone's doorstep. The giver rings the bell and runs away. The person receiving the basket tries to catch the fleeing giver. If they catch the person, a kiss is exchanged. Sadly, this seems to be a dying tradition.



Mother's Day is May 12

Mother's Day in the United States is an annual holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well the positive contributions that they make to society.



Although many Mother's Day celebrations world-wide have quite different origins and traditions, most have now been influenced by the more recent American tradition established by Anna Jarvis, who celebrated it for the first time in 1908, then campaigned to make it an official holiday. Previous attempts at establishing Mother's Day in the United States sought to promote peace by means of honoring mothers who had lost or were at risk of losing their sons to war.

Traditions on this day include churchgoing, the distribution of carnations, and family dinners.

The holiday has been heavily commercialized by advertisers and retailers.

Spring Vegetable Soup

May is named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. To take advantage of the veggie selections in May, here is a tasty soup recipe.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped broccoli
- 1/2 cup frozen corn
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 1/4 cup chopped cabbage
- 2 (32 fluid ounce) containers chicken broth
- 6 ounces egg noodles
- 1 cup canned white beans

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat, and cook the onion and garlic until tender. Mix in potato, broccoli, corn, spinach, mushrooms, carrots, and cabbage. Pour in chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 20 minutes, until potato is tender.

Stir egg noodles and white beans into the pot, and continue cooking 7 minutes, or until noodles are tender and beans are heated through.

Memorial Day May 27th

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

Local Observances Claim To Be First

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Mississippi, April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, GA, claim the title, as well as Richmond, VA. The village of Boalsburg, PA, claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Today Memorial day is celebrated on the last Monday in May. It also loosely signifies the beginning of Summer.

Note: City Hall will be closed on May 27, 2013 in remembrance of Memorial Day





Out 'n About



Theater

Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits
Three Little Pigs
Ben Taylor (son of James Taylor)
SINGsation - what karaoke should be

Eight O'clock Theatre
Largo Cultural Center
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Eight O'clock Theatre

May 3-12, 2013 - 8 pm
May 4, 2013 - 11 am
May 4, 2013 - 8 pm
May 17, 2013 - 7-11pm

Concerts



Willie Nelson
Boz Skaggs
Crosby, Stills, & Nash
Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers

Ruth Eckerd Hall
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Mahaffey Theater

May 1, 2013 - 8 pm
May 4, 2013 - 8 pm
May 7, 2013 - 8 pm
May 23, 2013 - 7:30 pm



Events/Crafts/Exhibits

3rd Annual Bark In The Park
Diggin' the Arts
John Levique Pirate Days
Historical Writing Workshop
Red, White and Craft Brews Fest
For God and Gold
Memorial Day Family FunFest

Freedom Lake Park, Pinellas Park
Botanical Gardens, Largo
John's Pass Village & Boardwalk, Madeira
Heritage Village, Largo
Armed Forces History Museum, Largo
Heritage Village, Largo
Armed Forces History Museum, Largo

May 4, 2013 10 am - 2 pm
May 5, 2013 - 10 am
May 10, 2013 - 10 am
May 10, 2013 - 10 am
May 18, 2013 - 5 pm
May 19, 2013 - 12 noon
May 27, 2013 - 10:00 am

Are You Safe?

On the Road



Whether it's a flat tire, breakdown or an accident, there's a good chance you'll experience some sort of roadside emergency in your lifetime. And if it happens on a busy street or freeway where you have to contend with heavy traffic, a bad situation can quickly become worse.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, every year there are roughly 4,000 pedestrian fatalities, accounting for 12% of all traffic fatalities and 59,000 pedestrian injuries from roadway crashes. Practicing smart roadside safety techniques can help prevent you from becoming an unfortunate statistic.

If you have an emergency while driving, your personal roadside safety should be your first priority. These are recommendations from the Insurance Information Institute to help prevent one accident from becoming two.

Move to Safety

Never get out of the vehicle to make a repair or examine damage on a busy highway. Get the vehicle to a safe, out-of-the-way spot, and then get out of the car. If you've been in an accident, motion for the other driver to do the same.

If you have a tire blowout or a flat, good roadside safety calls for moving your vehicle to a safer place out of harm's way before attempting a repair, even if it means destroying the wheel. The cost of a new tire, rim or wheel is well worth it when it means ensuring your safety.

Call for Help

If your car won't run or if it's so badly damaged that it can't be driven, stay in the vehicle and use a cell phone to call for help. Don't stand outside the vehicle in the flow of traffic.

If you break down in a dangerous area, call the police and stay in your car with the doors locked until help arrives.

Be Prepared

Carry flags, flares or reflective triangles in your vehicle so you can mark your location in the event of an emergency, even during the day. Remember to turn on your hazard lights so that other drivers have advanced warning of a problem ahead.

Be sure to always carry roadside safety kits for emergencies. Your kit should include:

- Jumper cables
- Canned instant tire inflator
- Heavy-duty rope
- Gloves and warm blanket for winter breakdowns
- First aid kit

There are many safety kits available on the market conveniently packed together.

