



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

October 2013

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Upcoming City Council Meetings

October 7, 2013 - 6:00 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

Belleair Beach Referendum Election



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11/5/2013

Voter Registration Deadline: 10/07/13

NO polling places – All mail ballot election



CHARTER AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI

SECTION 6.03

Amending the City Charter to Appoint Special Magistrate for Board of Adjustment Variances as Needed

Shall section 6.03 of the Belleair Beach City Charter pertaining to the board of adjustment be amended by adding the appointment of a special magistrate by the city council to adjudicate requests for variances and other duties assigned by the city code to the board of adjustment under certain circumstances?

YES

NO

Belleair Beach Mail Ballot Referendum Election Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this election being conducted by mail?

The City of Belleair Beach asked the Supervisor of Elections to conduct a "Mail Ballot" Special Referendum Election on November 5, 2013, pursuant to Florida Statute 101.6102

Do I have to be a registered voter to participate in this election?

Florida law states that ALL registered voters with the election area (City of Belleair Beach) are eligible to vote in the election. Voter registration deadline is October 7 for this election.

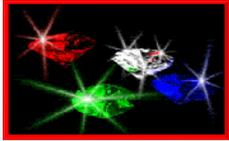
Do I have to request a ballot for this election

NO. All registered voters in the City of Belleair Beach will be mailed ballots as follows.

September 20 – Overseas and military ballots will be mailed [FS 101.6103(7) and 101.62(4)(a)]

October 16 – Domestic ballots will be mailed to ALL registered Florida voters living in the City of Belleair Beach. Voters DO not need to request a ballot. [FS 101.6103]

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John's Gems

Community Improvement Officer—John Duimette



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

The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving or permitting to be or remain of any of the items described in subsection (b) of this section on any canal, or other navigable waterway, lot, tract or parcel of land, improved or unimproved, or in any building thereon, in the city, is declared to be and constitute a nuisance and shall be prohibited.

The existence of any of the following specific conditions or conduct is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance. For purposes of this article, a public nuisance includes, but is not limited to, the following actions or omissions:

- (1) Failure to maintain property in accordance with the standards set forth in section 22-34 of this article;
- (2) A condition or use that causes a substantial diminution of value of property in the vicinity of the condition or use;
- (3) Any accumulation of weeds, debris, trash, litter, junk, unused building materials or other building debris, untended growth of vegetation, or any other refuse of any nature;

To Read More on This Ordinance, please visit http://www.municode.com/library/FL/Belleair_Beach

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Why the Election?

To get permission from the City to build outside Ordinance prescribed boundaries, residents may apply for a variance.

This application is heard by the Board of Adjustment for approval or denial.

The City has had difficulty seating a voting quorum to hear these requests in a timely fashion and the Mail Ballot Election if approved, will allow a Magistrate to hear the variance request should the City not be able to seat a voting quorum.

If you still have questions, please contact Patti Gentry, City Clerk for more information at 727.595.4646 ext 124.

Did you know?

The City of Belleair Beach has all the available Elevation Certificates hosted on the website. You may be able to find yours here.

http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com/?page_id=629

The City does not have Elevations for all properties in the city. If your house was built after 1999, your Elevation Certificate might be with the Pinellas County Building Department. 727.464.3169.

MUMMY DOGS



These mummy dogs are super easy to make, as they use breadstick dough instead of the biscuit dough called for in most recipes. So your dough will already be perfectly suited to making mummy wrappings. This will be one of the kids' favorite Halloween treat recipes, without a doubt.

Serve these on a cute festive Halloween tray with ketchup "blood" dipping sauce and green food-colored mustard "bile" dipping sauce, and listen to the oohs and ahs of appreciation. They're really cute and fun to eat.



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013
8 AM TO 2 PM**

CALL CITY HALL TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE PARTICIPATING SO STAFF CAN PUT A SIGN FOR YOUR STREET'S YARD SALES ON GULF BOULEVARD.

595.4646 EXT 120

Flood Insurance Rate Increase Information Resources

The following are useful resources for questions and help with the Flood Insurance Reform Act (BW-12).

What is it?

In July 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) which calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other agencies, to make a number of changes to the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is run. Some of these changes already have occurred, and others will be implemented in the coming months. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates impact policyholders. The changes will mean premium rate increases for some—but not all—policyholders over time. Homeowners and business owners are encouraged to learn their flood risk and talk to their insurance agent to determine if their policy will be affected by BW-12.

The City of Treasure Island hosted a **forum concerning the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act**. The format for the forum was a panel discussion with a question and answer session.

They produced a very useful power point program you can view below. It requires the [Adobe Reader](#) to view. (a free download).

http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com/?attachment_id=2574

MUST READ ARTICLE, Tampa Bay Times, September 2013

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/banking/anxiety-spreads-over-soaring-flood-insurance-rates/2140996>

Get Your Property's Flood Zone Rating. Instantly!

<http://floodbuddy.com/quote.html>

If you are in need of information regarding the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012, Pinellas County Property Appraiser Pam Dubov recommended contacting Patty Latshaw of Wright National Flood Insurance. Ms. Latshaw can be reached at patricia.latshaw@weareflood.com.

Your Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce continues to work on this issue on behalf of its membership and communities. Our message to Congress is to lessen the ramp up of these increases and look at alternatives.

**Packages with petition signatures, resolutions, and letters were shipped and emailed to the offices in Washington, DC of: Rubio, Castor, Nelson, Young and Bilarakis.*

**Check and Share this link for updates and tools to use: http://www.tampabaybeaches.com/chamber/government_affairs.aspx*

**We have done interviews with all media outlets and have connected them to resources for articles regarding this issue. The most recent is by John Romano in the Tampa Bay Times: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/realstate/new-flood-insurance-rules-have-consequences-for-floridas-economy/2140618>*

Be sure to contact your insurance agent about how the Insurance Flood Act will affect you.



Out 'n About



Theater

Larry The Cable Guy
 Xanadu
 Over The River And Through The Woods

Ruth Eckerd Hall
 SPC Clearwater Campus
 Early Bird Dinner Theatre - 13355 49th St. N,

October 12, 2013 - 8 pm
 October 16-20, 2013 - 7:30
 Through October 27, 2013 - 4 pm

Concerts



Cheap Trick
 Kellie Pickler
 Kris Kristofferson
 TFO - The Classical Mystery Tour
 Cristian Castro
 Barenaked Ladies

Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 The Palladium
 Mahaffey Theater
 Mahaffey Theater
 Ruth Eckerd Hall

October 4, 2013 - 8 pm
 October 11, 2013 - 8 pm
 October 16, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 October 18, 2013 - 8 pm
 October 23, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 October 28, 2013 - 7:30 pm



Events/Crafts/Exhibits

IRB Scavenger Hunt Pub Crawl
 IRB Oktoberfest
 Sun Coast Exotic Bird Fair
 Halloween Spooktacular
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 5th Annual Florida Halloween Halfathon & 5K
 Owl-O-Ween

Kolb Park, Indian Rocks Beach
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 Minnreg Hall , 6340 126th Ave N Largo
 Armed Forces History Museum, Largo
 Largo Central Park
 Ft. DeSoto Park
 George C. McGough Nature Park, Largo

October 5, 2013 - 11 am - 1 pm
 October 12, 2013 - 11 am - 7 pm
 October 13, 2013 - 9 am - 4 pm
 October 26, 2013 - 11 am - 2 pm
 October 26, 2013 - 12 - 6 pm
 October 27, 2013 - 4:05 pm
 October 29, 2013 - 6-8 pm

NOTE: Indian Rocks Beach will NOT host a pumpkin carving this year due to a renovation project.

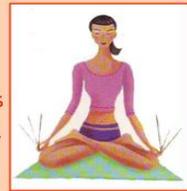
Fall Fitness Classes At Belleair Beach Community Center

**FALL 2013 FITNESS CLASSES AT THE
BELLEAIR BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
444 Causeway Blvd.
727.595.4646**

Open to the PUBLIC

INDOOR YOGA Stretch and Flex Yoga

Instructor Cheryl Champagne **Fridays 9:15 until 10:15 a.m.** An open level class designed to increase your flexibility while making your body a more spacious home. The cost is \$10 per class.



TENNIS CLINICS

Instructor Jim Rudolph. Classes will be held at the Belleair Beach Tennis Courts. Beginning and entry level children. Beginning and entry level adults. Intermediate and developing level children. Intermediate and developing level adults. Private coaching for individuals and groups. Call Jim Rudolph for schedule and pricing at 458.6727.



FIT FOREVER

Instructor N.J. Moreno, RETURNS September 9, 2013 every **Monday and Wednesday's 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the Belleair Beach Community Center located at 444 Causeway Boulevard. 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.

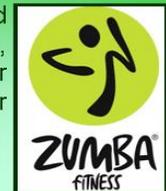


ZUMBA!

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!

Thursdays at 10:00 am. The cost is \$6.00 a class.

For more information call Angelique at 727.768.5828

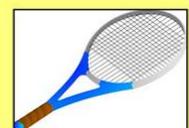


Tennis Program

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 - \$10.00 per person
Adults Clinic - Sunday 6-7 pm Cost - \$15.00 per person

Call Julie at 727.744.6966 or e-mail globalcommunitytennis@gmail.com for more information.



Are You Safe?

October is Fire Safety Month



The U.S. Fire Administration reports that fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and approximately injure 20,000 more. U.S. fire departments respond to nearly 2 million fires each year, with three-quarters of them occurring in residences.

A home is often referred to as a safe haven. This month, make sure your home is protected from (and your family is prepared for) a fire. Here are 10 simple tips to help you avoid fires and reduce the risk of injury should one occur:

- 1) **Smoke Alarms** – These are still a very important addition to your home. Smoke alarms are widely available and inexpensive. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.
- 2) **Prevent Electrical Fires** – Don't overload circuits or extension cords. Cords and wires should never be placed under rugs or in high traffic areas. Avoid loose electrical connections by checking the fit of the plug in the wall outlet. If the plug loosely fits, inspect the outlet right away. A poor connection between the plug and the outlet can cause overheating and can start a fire in minutes.
- 3) **Keep Plugs Safe** – Unplug all appliances when not in use. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions and use your senses to spot any potential disasters. If a plug is overheating, smells strange, shorts out or sparks – the appliance should be shut off immediately, then replaced or repaired.
- 4) **Alternate Heaters** – Make sure there is ample space around any portable heating unit. Anything that could catch fire should be at least three feet away. Inspect your chimney annually and use fire screens to help keep any fires in the fireplace.
- 5) **Fire Safety Sprinklers** – When combined with working smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire. Sprinklers are affordable and they can increase property value and lower insurance rates.
- 6) **Create An Escape Route** – Create and practice your escape plan with your family from every room in the house. Practice staying low to the floor and checking for hot doors using the back of your hand. It's just like a routine school fire drill – but in your home.
- 7) **Position Appliances Carefully** – Try to keep TV sets, kitchen and other appliances away from windows with curtains. If there is a wiring problem, curtains can spread a fire quickly. Additionally, keeping your appliances away from water sources (like rain coming in from windows) can help prevent wiring damage which can lead to a fire.
- 8) **Clean Dryer Vents** – Clothes dryers often start fires in residential areas. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil. Clean the exhaust duct with a good quality dryer vent brush to prevent blockage & check for lint build up behind the dryer at least twice a year.
- 9) **Be Careful Around the Holidays** – If you fill your home with lights during the holiday season, keep them away from anything that can easily catch fire. Check all of your lights prior to stringing them up and dispose of anything with frayed or exposed wires.
- 10) **Conduct Regular Inspections** – Check all of your electronic equipment and wiring at least once a month. Taking a little time to do this each month can really pay off.

Following these simple tips could potentially save your life or the life of a loved one. Pass this list on to your friends and family and make this fire prevention month count!