



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

Spring 2014

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

April 7, 2014 - 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

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Flood Insurance

The House last Tuesday voted to scale back flood-insurance rate increases instituted less than two years ago, backing a compromise plan advanced by House Republican leaders and supported by most Democrats.



The measure, which passed with a 306-91 vote, would ease the bite of the Biggert-Waters law. That 2012 law attempts to shift more of the risk of holding property in flood-prone areas to owners by phasing out federal subsidies and discounts funded by U.S. taxpayers. Republican leaders, in a move that bypassed conservative party members opposed to changing the law, worked with Democrats to reach a compromise that could make it through the House.

Republicans were split on the vote, with 126 supporting the legislation and 86 voting no. Only five Democrats opposed it.

At this time, it still needs to pass the Senate and requires the President signature. Hope is on the way!

January Council Notes

Code Enforcement was discussed with several residents commenting on the state of disrepair of a few local properties. Comments to the Council asked what could be done by City Council to abate the problem properties.

The City Attorney explained what would be needed from the Code Enforcement Officer or the Building Official in order to proceed on the matter.

Ordinance 13-10 was confirmed by 7-0 vote to amend the City's Code affecting Setbacks for Swimming Pools.

Daun Fletcher was appointed by City Council to a voting member of the Board of Adjustment from an alternative member and John Green was appointed to the same Board also as a voting member.

Resolution 2014-01 was passed 7-0 amending the Capital Projects Fund Appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Council also approved Susan More's appointment as Board of Adjustment Special Master through February 28, 2014.

February Council Notes

Mr. Drew Copley, Copley Design Associates, made a presentation and answered questions regarding the Gulf Boulevard pedestrian median planting concept. The suggestion was for palms and confederate jasmine vine. Mayor Baldwin said he felt the project was going in the right direction.

There was discussion about giving "teeth" in the ordinances which would allow Code Enforcement to deal with issues in the way Council wants them dealt with. City Attorney Paul Marino explained all the legal barriers the City would have to meet to demolish a derelict property. Councilmember Krach felt it was important to strengthen the definition of *nuisance condition* in the code. Vice Mayor Notaro stated the City does not have any authority to take action based on the interior of a resident or building. She felt the existing codes covered the issue and that no new ones would be needed.

The City Attorney advised that it would take a number of legal and administrative steps to get to a point where a structure could be declared such a public nuisance that it needed to be demolished by a government authority. He also stated that putting more teeth in the ordinance would not change the due process right of the property owner.

Community Improvement Officer Ouimette distributed pictures to Council of 804 Harbor Drive. He stated the residence had a newer tile roof, the exterior had been painted, and the taxes are being paid. He advised that he was able to go to the front door and anything he observes in going to the front door is within his authority. He also stated that 2701 Bayshore Boulevard is being maintained. It is in court now, as there was a fraudulent transfer of ownership.

Mr. Ouimette stated that in his opinion there were no homes in the City that need to be condemned. Based on the pictures, the City Council agreed.

A motion was passed by City Council to change the enforcement method to a Notice to Appear if citizens do not comply within a certain time period.

March Agendas

City Council Workshop Agenda

1. Discussion on Biggert-Waters: Flood Insurance Reform presented by Pinellas County Property Appraiser Pam Dubov. (see backup)

Adjournment

City Council Regular Agenda

Presentation: Mrs. Barb Haselden, Campaign Manager and key spokesperson for No Tax for Tracks will present an opposing position to Greenlight Pinellas.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of February 3, 2013, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Citizens Comments. (Each speaker will be recognized once and will be limited to a (3) three minute presentation on any subject that is not on the Agenda)

Public Hearing:

4. Consideration of Ordinance 14-01, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Providing for Legal Counsel for City Officials and Staff in Litigation; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. Second Reading. (see backup)

Consent Agenda:

5. Proclamation: Proclaiming April 1, 2014, as Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

Regular Agenda:

6. Consideration of Ordinance 14-02, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Definitions and Rules of Construction; Providing for Code Enforcement Officer; Providing for Inspections; Providing for Indemnification: Providing for Notice of Violations; Providing for Enforcement; Providing for Condemnation; Providing for Applicability; Providing for Administration; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. First Reading. (see backup)
7. Consideration of Resolution 2014-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida, Amending Provisions of Resolution 2013-03 and Resolution 2013-11 Pertaining to the Fees Related to the Community Center Use; and Establishing an Effective Date. (City Clerk) (see backup)
8. Consideration of Proposed Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. (Finance Officer) (see backup)
9. Mayor and Council Comments.
10. City Attorney Comments.
11. City Manager Comments.

Adjournment

Though the minutes of this meeting will not be published when you receive your e-mail, you can watch the March meeting on BrightHouse channel 615 and Verizon channel 40 at 7:00 pm nightly. Or on our website anytime at <http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com/index.php/councilmembers/council-meeting-video>



John's Gems

Community Improvement Officer—John Duimette

TRASH



Sec. 46-2. Definitions.

Trash means any refuse, other than garbage or putrescible material, including lawn cuttings and leaves. Such term shall not include earth, wallpaper, roofing material, plaster, concrete or other substances which may accumulate as a result of repairs to land or buildings, an initial clearing of lots or building operations unless such items are placed in dumpsters or roll-off containers.

Sec. 46-6. Unlawful practices.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to do, or permit to be done, any of the following:

- (1) Deposit on or bury in, or cause to be deposited on or buried in, any land, public square, street, alley, vacant lot or unoccupied lot, the waters of Clearwater Harbor, the Gulf of Mexico or any other creek, watercourse or ditch within the city limits any garbage, trash or waste materials;
- (2) Deposit or place, or cause to be deposited or placed, for collection any materials other than garbage, trash or recyclables as defined in this chapter;
- (3) Place, or allow to be placed, on the streets, alleys, curbing or sidewalks of the city any rubbish, sweepings, debris, trash or waste materials of any kind which might be a menace to traffic or which endanger the proper operation of the city sewer or drainage system;
- (4) Violate any of the provisions of this chapter or a reasonable interpretation of the requirements of this chapter.

March for Babies - Pinellas County 2014

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014

Time: 9:00AM

Registration Time: 8:00AM

Safety Harbor Marina

110 Veterans Memorial Lane

Safety Harbor, FL 34695



We're getting ready to walk in March for Babies! It promises to be a fun day out with people who share our passion for improving the health of babies. There'll be family teams, company teams and people walking with friends - it's a great feeling knowing we're all helping real families. Join our event and walk with us to raise money for babies right here in our community!

For more information, call (813) 287-2600

Indian Rocks Beach Easter Egg Hunt

Dates: Saturday, April 19, 2014

Time: 10am

Cost: FREE

Location: Indian Rocks Beach Nature Preserve on Gulf Blvd between 9th and 10th Avenues, Indian Rocks Beach

Summary: All children 10 years and younger are invited to participate in the fun: games, arts, crafts, a clown and, of course, the guest of honor: THE EASTER BUNNY HIMSELF!

Contact: (727) 595.7624



Sugar Sand Festival

Located just south of Pier 60 on Clearwater Beach, 1,000 tons of Clearwater Beach's world famous sugar sands will be creatively carved into the Sugar Sand Walk Exhibit, an artistic walk-through display in a 15,000-square-foot tent. The ten-day festival will also include a variety of free activities on

Clearwater Beach including a professional sand sculpting competition, sand sculpting clinics, speed sand demonstrations, a children's play area, extended hours for Sunsets at Pier 60, and entertainment.

The event is open daily 10am to 10pm and cost of admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for Seniors, and \$4 for students. *April 4, 2014 - April 13, 2014*



City FAQ's

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, temporary storage units (PODS), boat detailing permits, and NPDES permits.

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 is on Tuesday and Friday, with recycle collected on Friday. Large item pick-up, and new service is scheduled directly with Waste Management. The Customer Services number is 727.572.8779.

Click here for the [http://www.RecycleGuide](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.

April is Water Conservation Month

Although many Americans live in regions where April showers bring May flowers, some parts of the country know April as one of the least drought-resistant months of the year. In Florida, April is not only one of the driest months of the year, but is also a peak demand month for use of public water and other water sources.

Floridians can now highlight April as a time to conserve our planet's most precious resource. Several counties and municipalities have officially designated April as Water Conservation Month. In a state where thousands begin their outdoor lawn care and irrigation activities in April, many sources have given Floridians new ways to reduce water use.

The Southwest Florida Management District is asking residents to pledge to conserve water using specific techniques such as replacing high-use shower heads. The American Water Works Association in Florida (AWWA) also offers suggestions for ways residents can conserve through April and beyond.



Discover Pinellas

March 22 - Backyard Habitat Serices Part 1: Learn to create a habitat that encourages wildlife in this class. By making a few basic changes to landscaping plans a yard that will provide habitat for a variety of wildlife can be created. Free. 10:am to noon. Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs. 727.453.6800.

March 26-Florida's Fabulous Bats: Join UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension specialists to learn about these mysterious nocturnal hunters. Bats play an important role in the health of our natural ecosystems. Free 10:30 to noon. Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Rd. Dunedin. 727.453.6800.

March 27 - Book Time at Brooker: Children 3 to 5 connect to the wonders of the natural world through stories and craft. Free; advance registration. 10:30 to 11:15. Brooker Creek Preserve, 3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs. 727.453.6800.



More of Discover Pinellas

April 5 - Great Bugs and Butterflies: James Stevenson provides an introduction to the wonderful world of bugs and butterflies found at Weedon Island Preserve. All ages. 10 - 11:30 am. Free. Weedon Island Preserve. 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg. 727.543.6500.

April 10 - Wee Time at Weedon-Designed to introduce preschool children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. A variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. Recommended for ages 3-5. 10:30-11:15 am. Free. Weedon Island Preserve. 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg. 727.543.6500.

April 19 - Big Birds for Beginners: Designed for those curious about the large birds seen in Pinellas County Lynn Sumerson helps identify these large birds and how they can be easily identified. Good for all ages. Free; 10:30 am to noon. Brooker Creek Preserve, 3740 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs. 727.453.6800.

April 26- Wildflower Garden Club: Join the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve and get gardening hands dirty in the preserve's wildflower garden. Bring gloves and hat. Morning snacks are usually provided. Free; advance registration required. 9-11 am. Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center, 3940 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs. 727.453.6800

For more activities, please visit Discover Paradise in Pinellas County Events.

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/events/pdf/calendarofevents.pdf>



Out 'n About



Theater

Thoroughly Modern Millie
 Aziz Ansari- Modern Romance
 Claddagh
 Pilobolus
 Hansel & Gretel
 The Baby Boomer Comedy Show
 Largo Teen Idol

Eight O'clock Theater
 Mahaffey Theater
 Largo Cultural Center
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Largo Cultural Center
 Largo Cultural Center
 Largo Cultural Center

Through Mar. 16, 2014 - 8 pm
 Mar. 16, 2014 - 7 and 10 pm
 Mar. 17, 2014 - 7 pm
 April 3, 2014 - 8 pm
 April 12, 2014 - 11 am
 April 12, 2014 - 8 pm
 April 17, 2014 - 9 pm

Concerts



Take Me Home with John Curry
 Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes - Jason Petty
 Jake E. Lee's Red Dragon Cartel
 Paul Anka
 Million Dollar Quartet
 Todd Rundgren
 Air Supply
 Santana

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

Mar. 20, 2014 - 7 pm
 Mar. 22, 2014 - 8 pm
 Mar. 28, 2014 - 8 pm
 April 4, 2014 - 8 pm
 April 11, 2014 - 8 pm
 April 13, 2014 - 7:30 pm
 April 14, 2014 - 7:30 pm
 April 29, 2014 - 8 pm



Events/Crafts/Exhibits

Florida Antiquarian Book Fair
 Classic Car Show
 St. Patrick's Festival on Mad Beach
 3rd Annual All American Grunt Hunt
 Treasure Island Blues Festival

The Coliseum (St. Pete)
 2050 34th Way N., Largo
 15004 Madeira Way, Madeira Beach
 503 150th Ave., Madeira Beach,
 On the Beach at 104th Ave. & Gulf Blvd.

March 14-16, 2014 10am -5 pm
 March 15, 2014 - 10 am - 5 pm
 March 15-16, 2014 - 10 am - 5 pm
 March 20-22, 2014 - 7 am - 9 pm
 April 26, 2014 - 9 am - 10 pm

Are You Safe?

Spring Cleaning

As you dust, clean, organize and beautify your home this spring, be mindful of all of the places and ways you can accidentally slip, trip or fall. The most common locations for falls around your house and yard are in doorways, on ramps, in cluttered hallways, areas of heavy traffic, uneven surfaces, wet areas, unstable surfaces, on ladders and on stairs.



Springtime makes us feel as though we need to get lots done, and therefore we tend to do too much too soon, says Dr. Michael A. Flippin, a spokesperson for the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Rushing takes our focus off our safety, and that doesn't end well.

The top five (5) Spring Cleaning Injuries are:

1. Sprains often happen when doing intensive cleaning, moving heavy furniture or slipping off steps or on wet floors.
2. Skin reactions can be caused by many of the hundreds of cleaning chemicals and detergents available on the market.
3. Eye irritation is very common due to the fact that cleaning chemicals are designed to get rid of dirt and mainly come in a liquid, powder or gel format. Splashes, odors and spills are bound to happen and your eyes are often in the firing line.
4. Cuts and abrasions are common place, mainly in the kitchen.
5. Breathing issues mainly occur due to overexertion when cleaning but can also happen due to allergies and asthma.



And Outside....

The painstaking grounds and well-manicured flowerbeds of great gardeners can come at a cost. Some of the most common complaints of avid gardeners are backaches, repetitive motion injuries, muscle soreness, and blisters. Here's how you can avoid some aches and pains:

Start out slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your muscles that are not use to this activity," says Anne Meyer, MD who focuses on sports rehabilitation medicine. Warm up stretches can help reduce the tightness that can come from using or overusing certain muscle groups.

Be sure to use the right tools. Gloves will protect your hands from calluses, blisters and cuts and wearing supportive shoes can provide a basis for proper posture during gardening. A wheelbarrow will make moving heavier objects easier and long-handled tools can help reach hard-to-get areas. Lighter weight tools (with smaller blades) may also help you avoid straining your muscles.

If you feel stiff or sore after a long day of reaching, bending and lifting, Dr. Meyer recommends minimizing physical activity, elevating an injured arm or leg, and treating the first sign of muscle pain by applying a quick absorbing topical muscle pain reliever.