

CITY GOVERNMENT

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City Council

The City of Belleair Beach operates under the Council-Manager form of government. The City Council is the legislative body of the City and is empowered by the charter to make policy. The Council is composed of a Mayor and six Councilmembers elected at large on a non-partisan basis.

Elections are held on the second Tuesday of March each year. The Mayor and six Councilmembers are elected for three-year overlapping terms. The council meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM and may hold special meetings and workshops at the call of the Mayor or three Councilmembers. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Community Center, 444 Causeway Boulevard. Notices of meetings are posted on the City marquee on Causeway Boulevard, and on the City's web site at cityofbelleairbeach.com. The public is welcome to attend. For information, or to contact the Mayor and Council, call the City Clerk at 727-229-8434 or e-mail cityclerk@cityofbelleairbeach.com

Residents can access and view City Council pre-recorded meetings on the City's web site.

City Manager

The City Manager is the chief executive officer charged with running the daily general operations of the City in accordance with local ordinances, laws, and policies established by the elected Mayor and Council. The City Manager sees that the day-to-day business of city government runs smoothly and efficiently. Some of the more important functions of this department include:

- Communicating with Mayor, Council, Residents, Employees, and the Media
- Responding in a timely manner (either verbally or written) to citizens regarding their complaints, problems, and inquiries
- Preparing agendas for council meetings
- Presenting to Council the City's proposed annual budget
- Forwarding plans and recommendations to Mayor and Council for action

City Manager Lynn Rives can be contacted at 727-229-8431 or by email at Lynn.Rives@cityofbelleairbeach.com.

City Boards and Committees

Each City Board is made up of volunteers from the City who are approved to serve by the City Council. We are always looking for volunteers to join our City Boards, so please give some thought to an area you would like to participate in. The City Boards are as follows:

- Park and Recreation Board – acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Council on parks and beautification matters. The Board is a five-member board appointed to two-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis.
- City Planning Board – acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on rezoning and development regulations, and monitors the implementation of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The five members serve three-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis.
- Board of Adjustment – Responsible for granting/denying variances to City land development codes as well as hearing appeals to administrative determinations concerning the land development codes. It is a seven-member board, with members appointed to three-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis.

Elections

The City general election is held on the second Tuesday of March every year. The polling place is located at 444 Causeway Boulevard, for all elections that involve the City’s precinct. Voters must reside in Belleair Beach in order to vote in this precinct and must be registered no later than thirty (30) days prior to any election. For information on voter registration, please call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections at 727-464-3551. For information on running for office in Belleair Beach or volunteering to be a poll worker, please call the City Clerk at 727-229-8434.

CITY SERVICES

Garbage and Trash Services

Sanitation services are provided by Waste Management through a contractual agreement. Single family residences are provided with collection service on Monday and Thursday with recycle pick-up on Wednesday. Condominiums will have their pick-up on Tuesday and Friday with recycle on Friday. All garbage should be placed curbside prior to 7:00 AM on collection days. Holidays for Waste Management are Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. If the holiday falls on a regular pick-up day, trash will be picked-up the following scheduled pick-up day.

If you have any physical limitation affecting your ability to place your garbage at the curb, side-yard service may be requested by calling 727-595-4646. Supporting documentation for this service may be requested by City staff.

Yard waste, such as tree trimmings and yard cuttings, must be placed at the curb prior to 7:00AM on Monday and Thursday. Loose yard debris must be placed in a container (boxed, bagged, or bundled) for removal. Larger yard waste should be cut into manageable lengths (no larger than 4 feet) and bundled before being placed at the curb for removal. Waste Management will pick up approximately one truck-hopper full of yard waste. Each unit to be collected must weigh less than 60 pounds.

For items weighing more than 60 pounds or requiring a special collection, residents may contact Waste Management at 727-572-8779 to request a 'Bulk Item' pickup. A separate charge will be assessed by Waste Management for this special collection service.

Please do not place tires, oil, car batteries, paint or other environmentally hazardous materials at the curb, as these items will not be picked up by Waste Management. Pinellas County Solid Waste Operations offers the Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC³) program to collect these materials. They also offer HEC³ Mobile Collection events periodically throughout the year. They may be contacted at 727-464-7500.

Recycling

Recyclables will be collected on Wednesday. All recyclable materials should be set out in approved containers prior to 7:00AM. Recycling bins are available, free of charge, at the Community Center during office hours. Recyclable materials that are collected include glass, plastics, newspapers and aluminum or tin cans, office paper, phone books, and cardboard.

Potable Water (Drinking), Reclaimed Water and Sanitary Sewer

Pinellas County Utilities provides the City with potable water, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer services. If you have questions regarding your bill or service, please call 727-464-4000 or e-mail custsrv@pinellascounty.org

To activate potable water, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer services, please call Pinellas County Utilities at 727-464-4000 for assistance.

Watering Restrictions

For the most current information call Pinellas County Utilities at 727.464.4000, or visit their web site at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/water-restrict.htm>

Electric Service

Electric Service is provided by Duke Energy. For Duke Energy’s Customer Service Line, please call 727-443-2641. This service is billed separately by Duke Energy.

Library Services

The City of Belleair Beach is not a member of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. However, the City has budgeted funds to provide library services to residents of Belleair Beach through a reimbursement policy. Residents can purchase a library card for \$100.00 at the Largo, Seminole and Clearwater Libraries which are in the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. After the card is purchased, the card and receipt may be brought to the Community Center and a reimbursement check in the amount of \$50.00 will be sent to you.

The nearest libraries are:

- Largo Library: 120 Central Park Drive, Largo
- Clearwater Main Library: 100 N Osceola Avenue, Clearwater
- Clearwater Beach Branch: 69 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater
- Seminole Community Library: 9200 113th Street N, Seminole

Parks and Recreation

Belleair Beach has numerous Parks throughout the City, Bayside Park (metered parking) at the Community Center (adjacent to the tennis courts), with a children’s playground, basketball court, small jogging/walking trail and access to the Causeway beach; and Morgan Park, which has a pavilion, picnic tables, grills, restrooms and has metered parking. Residents may park at no charge with a city issued beach easement decal.

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| Bayside Park | 2nd Street Park |
| Belle Isle Park | 7th Street Park |
| Crossman Park | 16th Street Park |
| Hibiscus Drive East Park | 20th Street Park |
| Morgan Park | 25th Street Park |
| South Park | |

The City also maintains three beach access Parks located along Gulf Boulevard, 6th Street, 12th Street and 19th Street, which are owned by the Town of Belleair Shore. Belleair Beach residents are welcome to enjoy these areas and may park their vehicle by ‘Permit Only’.

Tennis Courts and Exercise Facilities

The courts are lighted and are open from 6:00AM until 9:00PM daily. Parking is available in the City Hall parking lot. Residents may park at no charge with a city issued beach easement decal.

Bayside Park is accessed by traveling east on 9th Street and turning left at Harbor Drive or the walking path from the south side of the City Hall parking lot.

Public Schools

Pinellas County Schools is an award-winning, national and state recognized school district. They offer a wealth of educational choices, including 70 application programs suited to students' interests, talents and abilities. They provide dozens of career-focused programs, ranging from culinary arts to criminal justice. Students of all ages have opportunities to participate in award-winning arts and music programs that prepare them to be well-rounded citizens. They continue to launch exciting and innovative programs based on feedback from families. You may contact them at 727-588-6000 or visit their web site at www.pcsb.org

Law Enforcement or Fire Emergencies

If you have a law enforcement or fire emergency, call 911. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office provides public safety protection for the community, as well as a number of other services including house checks, neighborhood patrol, traffic enforcement, beach patrol, and crime prevention programs. To arrange for a Sheriff's Office House Check when you are away from home, contact the Community Center at 727-595-4646. Should the Community Center be closed, contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office directly at 727-582-6200.

For non-emergency law enforcement services, please contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at 727-582-6200. For non-emergency fire issues, please call 727-595-1117.

Smoke Detectors

The Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District provides fire/rescue service for the City. District fire personnel encourage each home to have properly working smoke detectors. If you need help in checking or replacing the batteries in your smoke alarm, or advice on the proper location to install them, please call the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District at 727-595-1117 and they will be happy to assist.

Marina

Belleair Beach maintains a Marina. It has 20 slips of varying sizes and locked gates for security. Please contact the Community Center at 727-229-8434 to check availability and/or be placed on the waiting list.

Beach Access Parking Permits

Beach Parking permits (Beach Stickers) are required. There is no fee and requires a valid driver license and valid vehicle registration(s) for issue. Renters are also required to provide a valid lease. The documents can be faxed to City Hall at 727-593-1409 and your parking permit will be mailed to the address requested. Vehicles parked in marked areas without a permit will receive a parking citation. Please contact the Community Center for questions at 727-595-4646 (**Note:** Morgan Beach Park is a public beach. Residents may still park in any available space at no charge with a valid decal).

Evacuation Re-Entry Pass

Evacuation Re-Entry Passes are available at the Community Center. These are provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. The pass will help to speed up re-entry to the City following an evacuation once Emergency Management authorities have issued an 'All Clear'. However, please be aware that in the event of any significant damage, it may be several days before the situation has stabilized sufficiently to allow residents back on to the barrier island. Law enforcement and emergency personnel will be on the ground to protect your property and to ensure no unauthorized individuals are in the City.

Portable Storage Units

Portable storage units are permitted for temporary use in the City for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the time of delivery until the time of removal. The time limit imposed on the use of any such storage unit within the City may be extended an additional twenty-four (24) hours under special circumstances if approved, in writing, by the City Manager.

Any property owner in the City who desires to temporarily place a portable storage unit on their property shall first obtain a Temporary Structure Permit at the Community Center during business hours. The fee for the permit is \$10.00 and an owner shall only be entitled to obtain one permit within a ninety-day period.

The portable storage unit shall only be used for non-commercial purposes and should be placed only in the driveway of the property.

Permits Required

City Code requires City-issued site plan reviews for any work that will disturb the ground; such as setting pavers, brick, resodding, or installing a patio or walkway, new home construction. Please check with the Community Center before embarking on any exterior home improvement project to determine if it will require a permit. Contact City hall for more information at 727-595-4646.

The Pinellas County Building Department requires, and issues permits for most home remodeling projects, roofing, installation of fences, plumbing, electrical work, etc. They may be contacted at 727-464-3169.

Stormwater Drain System and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

The City's stormwater drainage system is regulated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Please assist the City in keeping pollutants from being discharged into the receiving water bodies of the Gulf of Mexico and the Intracoastal Waterway. If you have questions, please contact the City's Community Services Director at 727-595-4646, ext. 123.

City of Belleair Beach Web Site

The City's Web Site is <http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com/> Updated frequently, it has pre-recorded video of City Council meetings in addition to information regarding City Departments, City News, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Information and the City Codes.

City of Belleair Beach Newsletter

The City's Newsletter is available online at <http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com> and you may also sign up there to receive the newsletter by email.

CITY CODES

The City Council and Staff are working to maintain an aesthetically pleasing, high quality community for its residents, which requires the cooperation of all citizens of Belleair Beach. Help us and your neighbors maintain the quality of life of the community. The following information provides ways that each resident can help.

Vacant Lots

Maintenance of vacant lots, in accordance with the City Code, is the responsibility of the property owner. Please keep your lot clear of debris or other items and make arrangements to mow and edge on a regular basis. Grass/weeds must be kept at a height of less than seven (7) inches and no vegetative growth is allowed beyond the curb. Please do not store vehicles or other items on a vacant lot.

Property Appearance

After collection, place trash containers behind a wall or other screening material so as not to be visible to the general public. This also applies to air conditioning units. Please keep your yard and hedges trimmed – the height of grass on developed property shall not exceed seven (7) inches – and do not allow junk and debris to accumulate.

Also, certain types of plants/planting materials are prohibited for use within the County. You can check those plants with Pinellas County Extension Service – University of Florida Extension. sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/pinellas/ or by phone at (727) 582-2100.

Pets and Animals

All animals must be vaccinated against rabies and be properly tagged at all times when off the owner's property. Dogs must be on a leash while off the owner's property. The leash cannot be longer than eight (8) feet in length. Animal owners must observe the "Pooper Scooper Law." Owners must pick up after their animals. Animals are not permitted to roam free and trespass on other residents' property.

City parks are for the enjoyment of all residents. Please exercise common courtesy and clean up after your pet to avoid a citation. Excessive noise from animals is prohibited. The owner of animals that continually disturb the peace and tranquility of the community will be cited.

Beaches and Waterways

Launching and retrieval of motorized watercraft from the Causeway beach area is prohibited. Consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on all City-owned property, including beaches.

There are "No Wake" zones in the finger inlets. These areas are idle speed only. A "No Wake" zone also applies to four hundred (400) feet out from the shoreline on Clearwater Harbor. A safety zone has been established along the Gulf Beaches extending one hundred (100) yards out from the shoreline and running parallel to the City's shoreline.

Boats, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles

The parking of boats/trailers is not allowed in a driveway or front yard. They must be parked within the setback limits along the side or rear of the home and must be obscured from view by an adjacent property owner by the use of a fence or a living fence.

Recreational vehicles are also prohibited from being stored at your home, unless they are inside a garage. A recreational vehicle may be parked in the owner's driveway for a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours. Please notify the Community Center prior to parking your recreational vehicle in your driveway. For any exceptions or additional information, please contact the Community Center.

Vessel Detailing

The temporary parking of a boat in a residential driveway is permitted for no more than 48 hours, three (3) times per year for washing, cleaning or detailing. This requires a permit issued by the City Manager. The vessel may not be parked in the driveway for repairs to the boat or engine and must not block the sidewalk or walkway. The boat owner must make every effort to reduce or eliminate any cleaning chemicals from being flushed into the city's storm water system.

On-Street Parking

On-Street Parking is prohibited and is strictly enforced. This includes vehicles parked partially in the right-of-way and partially in the street. Only service people making repairs or installations, and lawn services are exempt.

Residents having a social event at their home may call the Community Center to arrange for their guests to park on the street. Contact the Community Center at 727-595-4646 to request On-Street Parking.

Rental Property

It is required by City Code to register each property available for rent. The form used to register is available on the [City's Website](#). Failure to complete a rental registration will cause the owner to be subject to a violation fee of \$100.00.

Single family homes are restricted to a minimum of a 90-day rental term and condominiums are governed by their condo association's restrictions.

There is an annual registration fee due to the City of Belleair Beach based on a fiscal year. The City's operating year is October 1st through September 30th. Invoices are sent to registered property owners in late August or early September.

Traffic Information

- The center lane of Gulf Boulevard is for turns only. It is not a travel or passing lane.
- Excess noise from a car or motorcycle stereo system, or modified exhaust system is strictly enforced.
- Remember to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. The pedestrian has the right of way. This law is strictly enforced.

Permits

Pinellas County Building Code requires permits for most home remodeling projects, roofing, installation of fences, enclosures, plumbing, electrical work, etc. Permits are issued by the Pinellas County Building Department. You may contact them at 727-464-3169 to determine if your project will require a permit.

Miscellaneous Information

- Certain types of solicitations are prohibited within the City. Please contact the Community Center for additional information.
- It is unlawful for any person or business to engage in solicitation for business within the city limits of Belleair Beach without first obtaining a permit from the Community Center for such sales or solicitation.
- The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will conduct House Checks while you are away from your home. Please call the Community Center at 727-595-4646 to arrange for your House Check, or for additional information.

For code inquiries or concerns, contact Code Enforcement at 727-595-4646.

Sec. 30-144. Prohibited activities.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any of the following prohibited activities while using or entering upon any **PUBLIC BEACH** within the city, except as may otherwise be provided in chapter 38 of this Code:

(1) *Pets or other animals.* Dogs, cats or other animals of any kind shall not be permitted on any beach, whether on a leash or running free, except for Seeing Eye dogs required by persons who are blind.

(2) *Motorized vehicles.* Motorized vehicles shall not be permitted on any beach at any time, except for authorized police, fire or rescue emergency vehicles, public vehicles required to perform services on the beach or commercial vehicles contracted by the city to perform services on the beach.

(3) *Motorized watercraft.* Motorized watercraft shall not be permitted to be launched, retrieved, moored or docked at any beach at any time, except for authorized coast guard, police, fire or rescue watercraft. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the temporary launching or mooring of any watercraft propelled exclusively by human power or the wind. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "temporary mooring" means mooring from sunrise to sunset.

(4) *Open fire or grills.* Open fires or electric, gas or charcoal grills shall not be permitted on any beach at any time.

(5) *Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of glass containers.* A person shall not enter upon any beach while such person is in possession of any alcoholic beverage, or consume any alcoholic beverage, except as permitted by the mayor. Further, no person shall enter upon any beach while such persons is in the possession of any glass container.

(6) *Live music, parties or special events.* Live music of any kind shall not be permitted on any beach, nor shall any social event, party or similar event be held on the beach without first having obtained prior written permission from the city manager.

(7) *Tents, cabanas, canopies, umbrellas and game equipment.* The placement of tents, cabanas, umbrellas and game equipment shall be permitted on the beach only during the period from sunrise to sunset.

(8) *Motion picture or television production.* Motion pictures or television productions shall not be permitted on any beach without first having obtained prior written permission from the city manager. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit members of any news media from videotaping or conducting a live broadcast from any beach in connection with a scheduled activity or a current news event.

(9) *Aircraft operation.* A person shall not take off or land any aircraft of any kind on any waters adjacent to the beach or on the beach, including model or remote operated aircraft, except for police, fire, rescue or air med-evac aircraft, without first having obtained prior written permission from the mayor. No person shall operate any aircraft over any beach area at an altitude below that authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(10) *Fireworks.* A person shall not enter upon any beach while in possession of any fireworks, sparklers or other incendiary devices or objects; nor shall any person cause any fireworks, sparklers or other incendiary devices to be ignited or exploded over, on or into any beach without first having obtained prior written permission from the city manager.