

REDINGTON SHORES



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011



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MAYOR Bert Adams

I'd like to thank the residents of Redington Shores for their support of the three beach walkover projects in town that have been recently completed. We have received many compliments from residents and visitors regarding their appearance and use.

The Gulf Boulevard crosswalk that will be located at Redington Shores County Park is in the engineering phase.

The finances for Redington Shores are on sound footing, even with the declining property values. For this, I would like to thank our staff and Commission for belt-tightening and hard work.

The July 4th fireworks were another success. Thanks to those who contributed and also to Mayor Bill Queen and the Town of North Redington Beach for their financial support.

And last, but certainly not least, Mike "Tex" Loy is retiring July 31. You've probably all seen Tex at one time or another pushing a mower or cleaning the beach. Tex has been with the Town for 19 years, and will be truly missed. Thanks, Tex, for your devotion to our Town.

District One - Commissioner Tom Kapper

The Town's Public Works crew has been very busy since the first of the year. Once again, they are improving our parks and residential neighborhoods. Floriculture Plus, a professional lawn fertilization and pest control company, has been engaged to perform their services six times per year. Please notice how green and plush our grass looks!

We planted ornamental peanut plants at Town Hall, which unfortunately were destroyed by the frost. They were replaced with west coast dune sunflowers, which can withstand the cold winters.

The kayak dock has been replaced with a permanent structure. Also, the fishing dock at Del Bello Park has had the railings and planking replaced.

All of the Town's dumpsters have been enclosed; and we are in the process of repairing or replacing street signs. All of the palm trees at the Town parks and the County park will be trimmed.

The Town's residents should be proud of the hard working Public Works staff, all of whom continue to maintain our beautiful streets and parks. Thank you for your support.

District Two – Vice Mayor

John Branch

We lost a former Commissioner, Bob Holthaus, last month, from his sudden passing. God bless Bob's family.

The televising, cleaning, and relining of sewers in Districts 1 and 2 is completed. The area in 182nd – 180th Ave. E. will be done next year. The lift stations were updated, and most storm sewers and CDS units were cleaned at a cost of \$350 each, plus the efforts of 2 of our Public Works crew. This is why it is unlawful – and subject to fines – to allow anything to go into the gutters and drains. Grass clippings, mulch and any yard waste must be picked up or blown into your yard. Redington Shores is almost level, so with full moon, high tide and rain you may see unavoidable standing water.

Commissioner Wojcik worked hard on the Town's Disaster Plan to prepare for hurricanes. The late Dick Fletcher said that all you have is "stuff"; it is not worth your life. If we are told to evacuate – GO.

Please remember to read the Town bulletin boards for important information.

Remember, you live in paradise; not all people think the same, so let's work together. Mayor Adams, the Commissioners and Town

Staff work hard to make Redington Shores a great place to live and visit – thanks!

District Three – Commissioner

Casey Wojcik

Thanks to all of the people who participated in, presented, or attended the Town of Redington Shores Hurricane Awareness meeting this year. We learned evacuation procedures; special needs people were reminded to register for evacuation assistance. Special guests discussed how to harden your property against the effects of hurricanes while you are repairing or remodeling your homes, describing items designed to strengthen roofs, windows, siding, and soffits. The information shared with the audience in Town Hall and on our local TV station, Brighthouse channel 615 was well received and I hope brings value over the years. During hurricane season: create a family emergency plan; prepare home, possessions, documents; know your evacuation route and destination; plan for pets; review insurance policies; get a re-entry pass at Town Hall. Remember – 12-18 named storms are predicted with 6-10 becoming hurricanes. Make a plan. Follow your plan. Survive the storm!

District Four - Commissioner

Lee Holmes

To all of you that worked on your landscaping and cleaned up your areas, thank you. For those of you who are still working on it, it seems that as we enter the second two months of Hurricane Season that mother nature has given us some more time to get it done. It is important for us to remove any damaged limbs, trim palm trees and generally remove any trash items, and be ready to properly store light weight lawn and recreation items that may become missiles and thus dangerous to life and property during a Hurricane or lesser storm. I encourage you all to inspect your property

and see where you may be able to make your property less vulnerable to storm damage. If all of us would do our best to clean up our areas it would make the entire town less vulnerable to future storms and insure that we would be able to have more to return to. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Building Official Steve Andrews

“If it flies or floats, put it away, take it off the island or nail it down.” This is what I tell all contractors that have jobs in progress when we receive hurricane watches. Port-a-lets, dumpsters, scaffolding boards and other construction materials can become floating or flying hazards, and will be subject to inspection prior to a hurricane warning, red tagged and subject to removal by the Town. Homeowners can also make preparations by servicing shutters, storm panels or plywood protection for doors and windows. Three days before a hurricane is not the time to try to find protection or call a repair man for mechanical shutters.

A Message from Maintenance Staff

The Town maintains all storm drains as well as the sewer system. The drains are cleaned on a quarterly basis at which time inspections denote which ones are in need of repair and which ones need extensive cleaning. Do not let paint, grease, old rags, etc, get into your drains or sewer. This causes all kinds of problems that add up to inconvenience to you, the homeowner, and are quite costly to maintain. It is also a violation of NPDES regulations to let grass clippings enter the drains – please sweep or blow clippings onto your lawn when you mow. Keep all trash cans, bags etc. away from the openings to the storm drains! Town Ordinances require all dog litter must be removed and disposed of, and dogs and cats must be on a leash. Please adhere to these ordinances. You’ll notice the new dog

waste disposal stations around Town. We are making every effort to help the residents adhere to the law, and to keep our yards clean.

Clerk’s Corner

We hope you all enjoyed the July 4th Fireworks Display last year. We would like to thank all who donated to help us all remember those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

Just in case you have not heard we do have a town access channel, channel 615 and also our town web site www.townofredingtonshores.com where much information is listed. Please visit these sites for up-to-date information.

The 2012 Municipal Election for District One (Two year term) and District Three (Two year term) and Mayor (At large). Qualifying begins December 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., ending Friday, December 16th, 2011 at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested should contact Town Clerk Mary Palmer

Pedestrian Safety – Florida Laws

FS 316.130(2): Pedestrians must obey traffic signals.

FS 316.130(3): Pedestrians must walk on the sidewalk, not the roadway.

FS 316.130(7): When no traffic lights exist at a marked crosswalk, vehicles shall STOP and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

FS 316.130(11): Where signals are present, pedestrians shall not cross at any other place other than a crosswalk.

Maggie Cinella, Gulf Beaches Library Director

Gulf Beaches Public Library is the place to be this summer. Programming is in full swing and activities are geared for everyone of all ages. The summer reading program for elementary school-aged children meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm and the hours they read go towards adopting a great horned owl who lives at Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary.

The goal is to read 40,000 minutes and they're well on their way! For adults, a weekly 'Great Book, Great Movie' series meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm. Free popcorn and refreshments are provided. Also, there are a few more weekly drawings to win prizes by reading books and telling us about them. Prizes include Barnes & Noble gift cards, free food from Chipotle and one of the grand prizes is a signed photograph from Tampa Bay Lightning captain, Vincent Lecavalier.

A new roof was put on the building back in May because it was in desperate need of being replaced. It took ten days and now the building is leak-free and looks more updated and modern. The roof was partially paid for using money raised from the annual Food For Thought fundraiser.

Music from the Sony digital catalog is now available through a service called Freegal. All library card holders are entitled to download three free tracks per week. Other downloadable products available through the library include e-books and audio books. For more information on all the downloadable products, visit the library's website at <http://gulfbeacheslib.org>.

Summer is a great time to visit and check out all there is to offer. The library is located at 200 Municipal Drive in Madeira Beach.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Household/Chemical Disposal 464-7500

Watering Restrictions 1-800-848-0499

Mosquito Problems 464-7503

Water/Reclaim Emergencies 464-4000

After Hours Lift Station Alarm 595-5414

Town Sprinkler Issues 595-5414

Pinellas Co. Animal Services 582-2600

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Town Picnic – October 8

Fall Garage Sale – November 18-19

Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4

Annual Boat Parade – December 10