

WORKING TOGETHER

A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach

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Gregg Mims, City Manager

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM CITY MANAGER MIMS

As your CAO, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family the very best 2019. Each of you make our community widely known as a friendly place with small town values. The volunteer spirit in the City of Indian Rocks Beach continues to amaze me. The majority of our residents do not ask *for* help; they ask what they can do *to* help.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we look forward collectively as members of this great city. And as your City Manager, I am thankful for the role that each city employee plays in the life of our city. Our partnerships with Action 2000 (A2K), IRB Homeowners' Association and the IRB Rotary benefit all of us and enhance our quality of life. Last but not least, I want to thank our City Commission for working with the Administration in a positive, team-like manner.

Best wishes and a safe and happy New Year to all!

GULF BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE SAFETY STUDY WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR THE FEBRUARY 12, 2019 CITY COMMISSION MEETING



Pinellas County retained the ICON Consultant Group, Inc. to conduct a Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Study for the segment of Gulf Boulevard from Walsingham Road to the southern end of the Sand Key Bridge. The Study included pedestrian and bike volume counts, crash analysis, and field observations to evaluate the existing pedestrian and bike facilities. The consultants recommended a number of changes to pedestrian crossings in Indian Rocks Beach.

The City of Indian Rocks Beach has scheduled a workshop to review, in detail, the Study results for the IRB section of Gulf Boulevard. ***The workshop is scheduled for February 12, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the City Auditorium.*** Pinellas County representatives will present the information and then the IRB City Commission will discuss a path forward.

Any changes to the current pedestrian crossings will require funding from the City of Indian Rocks Beach. If the City agrees to participate in the cost, it is hoped that we can secure outside grants to cover part or all of the expense. All residents are encouraged to participate in this informational workshop.



WORKING TOGETHER we can provide safe pedestrian access along Gulf Boulevard.

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

The City of Indian Rocks Beach's Curbside Recycling Program will see new enhancements during the early part of 2019.

Recycling is voluntary in Indian Rocks Beach, but the City encourages everyone to do so. The City is in the process of trying to make it easier to recycle by introducing new 65 gallon recycle carts on wheels.

Specifically, the City will be replacing the 18 gallon bins with new 65 gallon carts (w/lids) on wheels. The new carts will have educational ma-



terial placards placed onto the lids so that IRB residents can "Recycle the Right Way".

A direct mail program is tentatively scheduled to precede the rollout of the new recycle carts. The City is hopeful that this voluntary program will be made as easy as possible so that all residents will participate. The recycling is picked up weekly by an outside contractor and the cost for this service is included in each resident's monthly garbage fee.

For additional information about this program enhancement, please contact the Public Services Department at 727/595-6889.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2018/2019 STREET & CURB REHABILITATION PROJECT

The City of Indian Rocks Beach 2018-19 Street & Curb Rehabilitation Project is tentatively scheduled to start January 7, 2019, and will involve total curb replacement, grading/leveling, road milling and repaving.

The first phase of the project will be the removal and re-installation of the new curb work followed by the second phase being the road milling and repaving. Areas scheduled include:

*2nd Street – 28th Avenue to Bay Boulevard
Bay Pine Boulevard – 12th Avenue to 15th Avenue
Bay Palm Boulevard – 12th Avenue to 15th Avenue
1st Street – 14th Avenue to 15th Avenue*

"STATE OF THE CITY FINANCES"

The City is off to a good start for the current fiscal year 2019 Budget with all departments and projects working within their approved budget appropriations. The first report to the City Commission on the FY 2019 Budget and related expenditures will be in February 2019 covering the first quarter FY 2019 activity.

Key areas within the approved FY 2019 Operating and Capital Budget include a balanced budget for all funds including the reduction in the mill levy assessed on taxable property, maintaining stable reserve funds, a decrease in total staffing numbers, increases to the Solid Waste collection fees, and the continued funding effort towards maintaining capital infrastructure throughout the City including parks, roadways and storm-water drainage.

There are a several activities currently underway surrounding the FY 2017 and FY 2018 Annual Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or CAFR. *The City received the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" Award, from the Government Finance Officers Association (or GFOA), for the FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (or CAFR).*

For the FY 2018 Audit, year-end work is completed with all adjusting and closing entries to the ledger finished and all required subsidiary ledgers and schedules also complete. The required independent review and audit was completed the week after Thanksgiving including a site visit from the City-contracted audit firm of Moore Stephens. During this site visit, all City financial records, policies, and procedures were tested and reviewed for compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (or GAAP). Next in the process, staff will work to prepare the CAFR for FY 2018 with a scheduled presentation to the City Commission and Finance & Budget Review Committee after completion in March/April of 2019.





FEMA — COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

DID YOU KNOW that the City of Indian Rocks Beach participates in FEMA’s Community Rating System? The system rewards those communities that participate in flood mitigation-related activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards.

A flood insurance premium rate reduction of 20% is available to all residents and business owners in the city located in the Special Flood Hazard Area. That’s any flood zone beginning with the letters “A” or “V”. Voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policyholders in the city more

than \$597,000 in premium discounts annually.

It is important to note that a reduction in flood insurance rates is only one of the rewards communities like ours receive from undertaking the activities credited under the Community Rating System; others include:

- √ *increased public safety*
- √ *reduction of damages to property and public infrastructure*
- √ *avoidance of economic disruption and losses*
- √ *reduction of human suffering, and*
- √ *protection of the environment*

If you don’t already have flood insurance to protect your building and its contents, please consider purchasing a policy today! Call your insurance agent, or (888) 379-9531 to find an agent, and be sure your premium includes the 20% discount. You can find more information about flood insurance at www.FloodSmart.gov or the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at www.indian-rocks-beach.com and click on *Flood Information*.

BEACH ACCESS PARKING PERMITS

Residents will need to obtain their new Beach Access Parking Permits beginning in January 2019.

Parking Permits are provided **FREE** to **IRB residents ONLY** upon presentation of a **current/valid** vehicle registration (proof of ownership of vehicle), and proof of residency, (i.e. Driver’s License, utility bill i.e. cable, electricity, phone, water/sewer or Property Tax bill); all indicating the resident’s name and the resident’s IRB address.

Parking Permits are issued for a **Two (2) Year period ending in December of the second year**. One (1) resident permit per vehicle is issued for parking on the Beach Accesses.

The resident parking permit decal must be permanently attached to the rear of the vehicle in a visible location, (i.e. rear window or bumper).

The resident parking permit is not valid at the Indian Rocks Beach/Pinellas County Park (1700 Gulf Boulevard).

PICKLE BALL COURTS

The City is pleased to inform residents that construction of two new Pickle Ball Courts is tentatively scheduled to commence in Spring 2019 at the northwest corner of Kolb Park. Nidy Sports Construction Company, contractor, has indicated that construction will take approximately 75/90 days to complete.



You can view each recorded IRB City Commission meeting by following the link on the City’s website at: www.indian-rocks-beach.com


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Nick Palomba, Commissioner

Philip M. Wrobel, Commissioner

CITY MANAGER

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2019 QUARTERLY *EVENTS* CALENDAR

Mon - Wed	02/04 - 02/06		Community Clean Up	City of IRB	Citywide
Sat	02/16	7:00p - 10:00p	Venetian Carnival	Beach Art Center	Beach Art Center
Sat	02/16	10:00a - 4:00p	Winterfest	Calvary Episcopal	Calvary Episcopal
Tue	03/05	6:00p	Shrove Tue Pancake Dinner	Calvary Episcopal	Calvary Episcopal
Tue	03/12	7:00a - 7:00p	Municipal General Election	City of IRB	Auditorium
Sat	03/16	9:00a - 12:00Noon	Great American Clean Up	City of IRB	
Sat	03/23	10:00a - 5:00p	Greenfest	Church of the Isles	Church of the Isles
Sat	03/23	7:00a - 11:00a	Pancake Breakfast	Rotary Club	Calvary Episcopal
Sat	03/23	12:00Noon	Historic Museum Lunch	IRB Hist. Museum	IRB Hist. Museum