

Quarterly CITY NEWS

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Gregg Mims, City Manager

CITY MANAGER HIRES NEW LIBRARIAN

We are pleased to announce the employment of our new City of Indian Rocks Beach Librarian, Ms. Lee Miller. Lee holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington-Seattle; Educator's Endorsement Teaching Certificate and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from San Francisco State University.

Lee has many years of library experience and was most recently employed as Library Liaison/Library System Volunteer Coordinator for the Friends of the Library for the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library.

Representatives of the IRB Friends of the Library assisted in the vetting process. Many thanks to the IRB Friends for their continued partnership with the City.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR PUBLIC RECORDS

What is a Public Record?

Public record means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by the City.

Who Can Request Public Records?

Florida's Public Records Law requires that City records shall be open for personal inspection by ANY person.

Requests for public records can be made in writing, but they can also be made verbally, whether in person or by telephone. Public records requests sufficient to identify the records sought must be honored regardless of how the request is made.

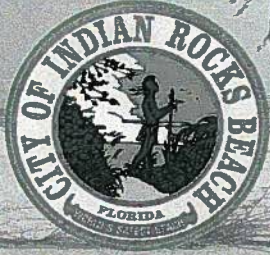
Persons requesting public records are not required to disclose their name, address, telephone number or other identifying information, unless the City is required by law to obtain this information prior to releasing the records.

The City charges \$.15 for paper copies up to 8-1/2 inches plus an additional \$.05 for a two-sided copy.

Requests for Information vs. Requests for Records

Florida's Public Records Law requires the City to provide access to public records; it does not require that the City provide information from their records.

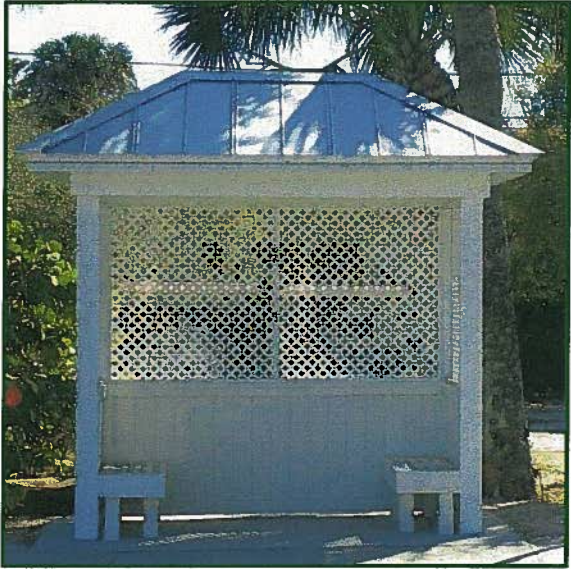
For further information on public records, or for a public records request, please contact Deanne B. O'Reilly, City Clerk, at 727/517-0204, or e-mail doreilly@irbcity.com.



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PSTA BUS SHELTER PROJECTS

The City recently completed the installation of two new bus shelters located at 109 and 813 Gulf Boulevard.

These shelters were 100% funded by IRB Action 2000, Inc.

CITY HALL PROJECT

On Tuesday, February 14, the City welcomed the public to an Open House for the newly renovated Library, Civic Auditorium and Public Services Administrative offices.

SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS RELOCATION

The City recently completed the relocation of the Solid Waste Operations to the new facility in Largo with operations commencing on Monday, February 20. The former site, at 201 Miami Avenue, will be the location for the new IRB Community Center.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE PROJECTS

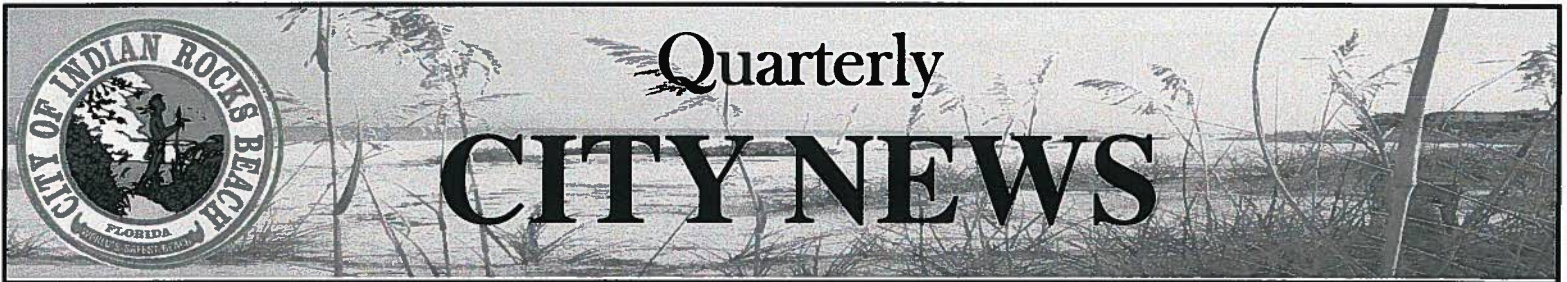
This project currently is in the design phase with the intent to institute stormwater management techniques such as run-off mitigation, attenuation and filtration, as well as provide the opportunity to update the stormwater discharge from the area (454 20th Avenue and 2038 20th Avenue Parkway) to current environmental standards.

This project is part of the City's 2017 Capital Improvement Budget and is also cooperatively funded through a reimbursable grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFMWD) in the amount of \$134,395.

2017 IRB STREET REHABILITATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This project is approximately 50% complete at this writing; the project location is 1st Street, from 16th Avenue to 22nd Avenue; project completion is tentatively scheduled for the end of May.





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PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The City of Indian Rocks Beach was recently notified that the Walsingham Road/Gulf Boulevard intersection project has been awarded the “Project of the Year—Transportation” by the Florida West Coast Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA). According to APWA, *“this is a special honor that is reserved for the elite of Public Works Professionals, Projects and Vendors in the Tampa Bay Region of Florida”*. The award-winning project has been forwarded for consideration for a statewide award. The Florida West Coast Branch of APWA is comprised of seven counties in the Tampa Bay Region.



KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Take advantage of these free city services. Call City Hall at (727) 517-0404 today to find out:

- ◆ *In which flood zone your property is located;*
- ◆ *If your property is subject to special flood-related hazards, such as coastal erosion;*
- ◆ *If your property is located in an area that has previously had flooding problems;*
- ◆ *If your property is located near an area that should be protected because of its natural floodplain functions;*
- ◆ *If an Elevation Certificate is on file for your building;*

Call the Indian Rocks Beach Building Department, at (727) 517-0404, for information on what would be an appropriate flood protection level for your property. The Staff can discuss property protection measures and/or review existing problems and make a site visit.

Pinellas County flood warnings are broadcast by local television stations including PCC-TV (Bright House 622, WOW! 18, Verizon 44) and local radio stations, as well as by the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Radio and The Weather Channel. Tune in to these media stations for instructions during times of possible flooding or storms. Listen for weather updates, evacuation orders and expected storm arrival times. The City of Indian Rocks Beach is in Evacuation Zone A.

Sign up for *Alert Pinellas*, a free emergency notification service at www.pinellascounty.org/AlertPinellas, or call (866) 484-3264 if you do not have internet access.

Be aware of these personal safety steps:

- √ *Heed warnings from officials – evacuate when orders are given;*
- √ *Well before an evacuation order is issued, know your hurricane evacuation zone, know your evacuation routes, and plan where you will go;*
- √ *Be especially cautious at night during flooding, being aware of downed power lines and electrical wires;*
- √ *Have battery-operated flashlights and radios in working condition and have extra batteries;*
- √ *Do not drive or walk into flooded areas.*

Turn Around; Don't Drown!

2017 QUARTERLY *MEETING* CALENDAR

Tue	04/11	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	04/18	700p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Tue	04/20	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning Board
Tue	05/09	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	05/16	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Tue	05/18	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning Board
Mon	05/29		Memorial Day - City Hall CLOSED
Tue	06/13	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	06/15	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning Board
Tue	06/20	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals

2017 QUARTERLY *EVENTS* CALENDAR

Sat	04/01	5:00p - 8:00p	Food Pantry Grand Opening	Calvary Church	Calvary Church
Sat	04/01	12:00 Noon	Boat Club Fish Fry	Keegan Clair Park	IRB Boat Club
Sat	04/08	10:00a - Noon	Easter Egg Hunt	Nature Preserve	City of IRB
Sat-Sun	04/08-04/09		Citywide Garage Sales	Citywide	City of IRB
Tue	04/11	7:30a-9:00a	Coffee with a Cop	Crabby Bill's	City of IRB
Sat	04/22	10:00a-4:00p	Art Fest	Kolb Park	Beach Art Center
Sat	04/22	7:00a-11:00a	Pancake Breakfast	Calvary Church	Rotary Club
Sat	04/22	11:00a-9:00p	IRB Beachfest	17th & 18th Avenues	City of IRB
Wed	05/10	6:00p - 8:00p	May Mixer	Historical Museum	Action 2000 Inc.
Mon-Wed	05/08-05/10		Community Clean Up	Citywide	City of IRB
Sat	05/20	11:00a	Hands Across the Sands	Public Beach	
Sat	05/20	10:00a-4:00p	Summer Sizzle	Kolb Park	Beach Art Center
Tue	06/14	12:00 Noon	Flag Day Ceremony	Chic A Si Park	City of IRB