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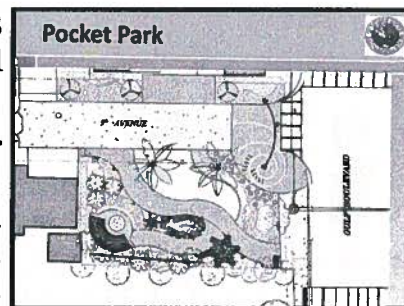
## CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

### IRB POCKET PARK

The City of Indian Rocks Beach accepted bids, on June 30, 2016, for the new IRB Pocket Park which will be built at the main intersection in IRB (Gulf Boulevard and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

Kloote Contracting was the low bidder, with construction beginning in October and completion anticipated by the end of 2016.

Action 2000, Inc. and the IRB Homeowners' Association have agreed to fund elements in the park such as the pergola, flag pole and a share of the new IRB Entrance/Event sign. In addition, friends of Brian Whitaker are sponsoring a seating area in the park.



### RELOCATION OF IRB SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS & CONSTRUCTION OF IRB COMMUNITY CENTER



The relocation of the IRB Solid Waste facility is underway! The City of Indian Rocks Beach has leased land from the City of Largo from which to operate this municipal function. The process of moving the Solid Waste facility is anticipated to be completed by mid-December 2016.

Following the relocation, the demolition of the current Solid Waste facility will take place and subsequently, the new community center should be designed, constructed and opened by the summer of 2017. Once opened, the center will provide space for civic association meetings, city-sponsored events, exercise programs, rental for weddings, birthday parties, etc.

## CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH EVENTS

### IRB COFFEE WITH A COP

Tue, Oct 4, 7:30-9:00 a.m. @ Crabby Bill's

This semi-annual event provides residents with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies. Coffee and other light refreshments are served. Take advantage of this informal meet & greet !

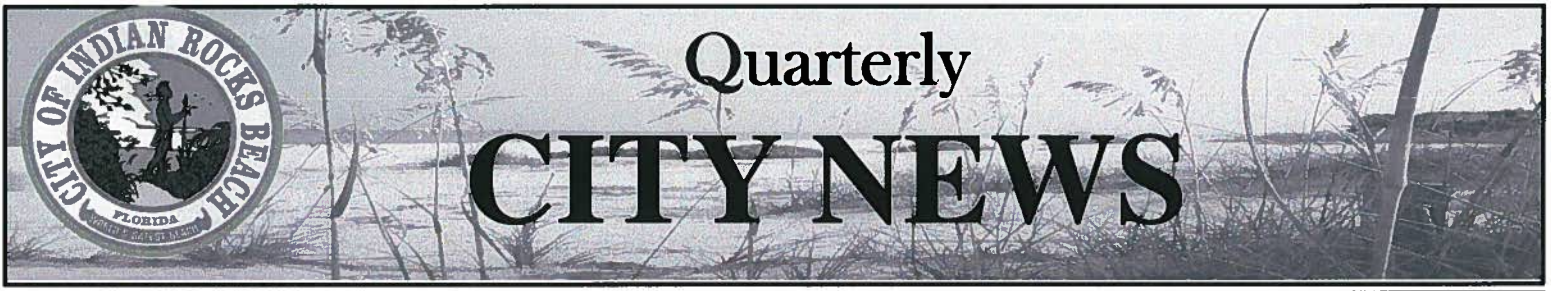


### FLORIDA COASTAL CLEANUP

Sat, Oct 15, 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Meet at the Pinellas County Beach Access, located between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenues, at 8:00 a.m. and join with fellow IRB residents to clean up the beach. All you need to bring is a great attitude and in return, you reap an enhanced beach environment.





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### IRB HALLOWFEST

Sat, Oct 22, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. @ City Hall/Kolb Park

Goblins and ghouls and ghosts ... Oh my! When the leaves fall and a chill is in the air, spirits come out of the shadows! Kids can enjoy the atmosphere of Halloween at the IRB Hallowfest as they participate in pumpkin carving, face painting, bounce houses, petting zoo, pony and train rides and games.



### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Mon - Wed, Nov 14 - 16

The City of Indian Rocks Beach Solid Waste Department provides residents with an additional pick up of any non-hazardous waste materials 4 times a year! Place your disposable items at the curb by Wednesday and Solid Waste employees will be sure to have it removed by that Friday.



### CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Sat/Sun, Nov 26 - 27

This is another chance to "sell your wares"! The City of Indian Rocks Beach provides 2 annual "garage sales" (one in Spring and one in Fall) for residents to market household items to interested buyers. No permit is necessary for the Citywide Garage Sale days – all you need do is set up your items for sale and get ready to negotiate!



### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Fri, Dec 2, 7:00 p.m. @ the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park

An annual Indian Rocks Beach tradition that launches the season of giving! Come out to the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park, on Gulf Boulevard, join the carolers and watch the lighting of the City's Christmas tree amid an Indian Rocks Beach "snowfall"! You may need a second cup of hot chocolate as the "snowflakes" fall.



### HOLIDAY STREET PARADE

Sun, Dec 4, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This is your chance to welcome Santa to IRB! The Grand Marshal heads up the parade as it winds through the neighborhoods of Indian Rocks Beach. See how many throws you can collect as the parade revelers toss them to outstretched hands! At the conclusion of the parade, Santa arrives at City Hall to greet and hear Christmas wishes from the children.



### HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Sat, Dec 17, 6:30 p.m. @ the Holiday Inn Harbourside

Tap into your creative energy and light up your boat! For those who enjoy a *nautical* Christmas Parade, launch your boat and cruise the IRB inlets along the Intracoastal Waterway as judges vote for their favorite decorated craft. To watch the parade, grab a chair and get acquainted with your neighbors and watch from the seawall as the boats light up the night with unique designs and themes. It is THE event to cap off the 2016 holiday season!







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***If you reside or own a business in the City of Indian Rocks Beach, your property is in an area that is subject to flooding. The City has an active program to help you protect yourself and your property from future flooding.***

***Consider these property protection measures:***

- ◆ *Retrofitting structures to make them flood proof is a different approach, as the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building on it is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Call the Indian Rocks Beach Building Department, at 727-517-0404, for information on what would be an appropriate flood protection level. The Staff can discuss property protection measures and/or review existing problems.*
- ◆ *Check your building for water entry points such as doors, low windows and dryer vents. These can be protected with low walls, berms or temporary shields.*
- ◆ *Install a floor drain plug, standpipe, overhead sewer or sewer backup valve to prevent sewer backup flooding.*
- ◆ *Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas such as garage doors.*
- ◆ *Mark your fuse or breaker box to show the circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power before a flood can reduce property damage and save lives.*
- ◆ *Elevate furniture and other valuables above flood stage levels.*

Find more information at FEMA's website, [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods), and at the Indian Rocks Beach Public Library. Note that some flood protection measures may need a building permit and others may not be safe for your type of building, so be sure to talk to the City's Building Department at (727)517-0404.

Financial assistance may be available for property protection measures. Mitigation of the flood risk to properties will reduce the overall costs of flood insurance claims to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as well as to individual homeowners. Below are a variety of funding sources to help property owners reduce their exposure to flood damage:

- ◆ *FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.*
- ◆ *Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) provides funds for the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster. The goal of the PDM program is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures while at the same time also reducing reliance on Federal funding from actual disaster declarations.*
- ◆ *The Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) provides funds to reduce the risk of flood damage to individual properties insured under the NFIP that have had one or more claim payments for flood damages.*
- ◆ *Purchasing a flood insurance policy will help pay for repairs after a flood, and in some cases, it will help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building.*
- ◆ *You can visit FEMA's website, [www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance), for information about these grant programs.*

***Purchase a flood insurance policy today!***

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Because our community participates in the NFIP, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. You can purchase flood insurance for your building and/or for the contents of the building. This insurance is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. Because our community participates in the Community Rating System, you will receive a discount on the insurance premium.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. Be sure you have contents coverage.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before the National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage, or visit the [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov) website to learn more and to find an insurance agent near you.

## 2016 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

|         |             |       |   |
|---------|-------------|-------|---|
| Tue     | 10/11       | 7:00p | City Commission Meeting                     |
| Tue     | 10/18       | 7:00p | Board of Adjustments & Appeals              |
| Thu     | 10/20       | 6:00p | LPA/Planning & Zoning Board                 |
| Tue     | 11/08       | 7:00p | City Commission Meeting                     |
| Fri     | 11/11       |       | <i>Veterans' Day - City Hall CLOSED</i>     |
| Tue     | 11/15       | 7:00p | Board of Adjustments & Appeals              |
| Thu     | 11/17       | 6:00p | LPA/Planning & Zoning Board                 |
| Thu-Fri | 11/25-11/26 |       | <i>Thanksgiving - City Hall CLOSED</i>      |
| Tue     | 12/13       | 7:00p | City Commission Meeting                     |
| Tue     | 12/15       | 7:00p | LPA/Planning & Zoning Board                 |
| Thu     | 12/20       | 6:00p | Board of Adjustments & Appeals              |
| Fri/Mon | 12/23-12/26 |       | <i>Christmas Holiday - City Hall CLOSED</i> |

## 2016 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

|     |                |         |                             |                         |
|-----|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat | 10/01          | 4:00 p  | Pub Crawl                   | IRB Homeowners' Assoc.  |
| Tue | 10/04          | 7:30 a  | Coffee With A Cop           | City of IRB             |
| Sat | 10/08          | 11:00 a | Oktoberfest                 | Action 2000, Inc.       |
| Sat | 10/15          | 8:00 a  | Florida Coastal Clean Up    | Keep Pinellas Beautiful |
| Sat | 10/22          | 10:00 a | Hallowfest                  | City of IRB             |
|     | Mid-Oct to Nov |         | Halloween Home Contest      | IRB Homeowners' Assoc.  |
| Sat | 11/05          | 4:00 p  | Taste of IRB                | IRB Homeowners' Assoc.  |
| M-W | 11/14 - 11/16  |         | Community Clean Up          |                         |
| S-S | 11/26 - 11/27  |         | Citywide Garage Sales       |                         |
| Fri | 12/02          | 7:00 p  | Holiday Tree Lighting       | City of IRB             |
| Sun | 12/04          | 1:00 p  | Holiday Street Parade       | City of IRB             |
| Sat | 12/10          |         | Holiday House Tour          | IRB Homeowners' Assoc.  |
| Wed | 12/14          |         | HOA Toy Drive               | IRB Homeowners' Assoc.  |
| Sat | 12/17          | 6:30 p  | Holiday Lighted Boat Parade | City of IRB             |