

WORKING TOGETHER

A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach

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The City of Indian Rocks Beach Reminds Everyone

DON'T BLOW IT!

Don't let illegal fireworks ruin the holidays !

New Year's Eve and the Fourth of July are times to celebrate with family and friends. No matter how great the party is, it is *illegal* to violate the City of Indian Rocks Beach City Code, Pinellas County regulations and State law in the use of fireworks.

In the City of Indian Rocks Beach and Pinellas County, the following reminders are offered:

- ◆ *Ban on the retail sale, purchase or use of fireworks that project into the air or explode;*
- ◆ *Use of sparklers, fountains, snakes and worms remains legal;*

Safety

Sparklers and fountains remain legal, but they can be dangerous, reaching temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. Only those over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Youth often get burned by sparklers every year, so responsible adult supervision is necessary at all times. Officials urge extreme caution and advise residents to follow basic safety recommendations:

- ✓ *Read and understand all product warnings;*
- ✓ *Never place any body part directly over a device when lighting the fuse;*
- ✓ *Use sparklers only as intended outdoors;*
- ✓ *Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap;*
- ✓ *After using these devices, douse them with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding;*

Residents who witness the use of illegal fireworks are asked to call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office non-emergency telephone number 727/582-6177. ***Residents should call 911 ONLY in the event of an emergency.***

Environmental issues

Fireworks create an enormous amount of waste. The City of Indian Rocks Beach Team collected twenty-two (22) truckloads of debris from July 4, 2019.

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727/595-2517

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727/595-6889



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY !

Story time Extras!

Story time with Ms. Lee and Play and Grow Music with Ms. Shalini continue with the support of the Friends of the IRB Library. These programs are for kids between 0-6 years old. Join us for a story, a song, finger plays, movement and music. It is scientifically proven that these activities are great for our kids' developing minds and bodies. See you on Fridays at 11 AM. These programs are FREE.

****On January 31st at 11 AM, Story time will a host a very special guest reader - Azora the Mermaid will be in the library sharing a couple of her favorite stories about her friends in the sea. Don't miss this swimmingly great time! Wear your mermaid tales!**

On the Rocks Library Book Club

The "On the Rocks" Book Club announces that the book selection for January is "**Ribbons of Scarlet**" and copies are available at the Library. The Book Club will meet at the Library on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5 PM.



Ukulele Introduction with the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society

The Library will offer an introduction to the ukulele for those interested starting in January. If you are interested in learning more about playing the ukulele, please sign up at the Library. Don't have a ukulele? Come anyway! You can check out ukuleles from the IRB Library or the Largo Public Library; please check with the libraries for more information. The ukulele classes will be on Tuesdays, January 21, February 4 and 18, March 3 and 17 at 5 PM. This is a FREE class and ages 10-99 are welcome.

For further information, please contact Librarian Lee Miller at 727/596-1822 or via e-mail at lmiller@irbcity.com.

WORKING TOGETHER ... WE ARE TAKING PRIDE IN INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

For the benefit of all residents as well as our visitors, the City of Indian Rocks Beach is committed to neighborhood maintenance and upkeep. In an effort to keep IRB beautiful, we would like to make you aware of some city ordinances concerning property maintenance. Our goals are to develop and establish standards which ensure positive effects on property value and community appearance. Working together we can achieve these goals.

- * All vehicles on residential property must be in running condition and have current tags.
- * Boats, trailers and campers with current tags may be parked in yard or driveway.
- * Openly storing lumber, building materials, appliances, auto parts, trash, debris, etc. is prohibited.
- * Grass should be no higher than 6"; weeds, bushes and trees must be kept trimmed.
- * Trash and recycle carts should be placed at curbside after 6:00 PM the night before scheduled pickup and removed from the curb by 7:00 PM on the day of collection
- * Trash and recycle carts must be concealed from public view from the streets of the city. Carts must be kept in back or side yards, carport or garage, or concealed by fencing, shrubs or hedges.

In an effort to clean up and beautify our neighborhoods, the Indian Rocks Beach Code Compliance Department will begin enhanced enforcement of these ordinances. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the City of Indian Rocks Beach Code Compliance Department at 727/595-2517.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance with the Indian Rocks Beach municipal code requirements. The entire IRB Municipal Code can be found on our website at: www.indian-rocks-beach.com.

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

COYOTES IN FLORIDA



This is to inform you of the presence of coyotes in IRB and request increased awareness to keep our neighborhoods and pets safe. Coyotes are very common throughout the U.S. (even in urban settings) and tend to be fearful of humans, but they are opportunistic and adaptable. Education along with small changes in our daily routines can have a very positive impact.

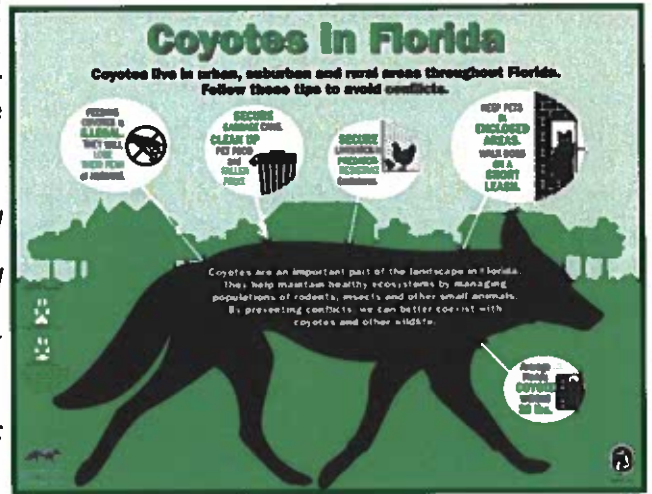
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Coyotes are present in our neighborhoods, Pinellas County and the state of Florida;
 Coyotes are omnivores, eating almost anything including cats and small dogs;
 Pinellas County Animal Services does **not** trap or remove coyotes;

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Avoid feeding all wild animals or leaving food outside for domestic animals;
 Secure lids on garbage cans and put garbage out the morning of pick up; Keep pets indoors at night;

Educate yourself and raise awareness in the neighborhood by sharing this information.



WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE RECYCLED

YES

RECYCLING ONLY

Deposit Only These Clean Items:

Clean paper, Milk Cartons, Cardboard (limit 18 x 24) Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons, Cereal Boxes

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books

Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no caps) Plastic Dairy Tub (yogurt, margarine, etc.) **no lids**

Aluminum Cans, Steel or Tin Cans

Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs

NO

No Pizza Boxes

No Aerosol Cans

No Hoses

No Plants

No Toys

No Dishes/
Paper Plates

No Juice Boxes or Pouches

No Tires

No Styrofoam

No Clothes Textiles/
Carpet

No Batteries

No Plastic Bags

No Electronics

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Brently Gregg Mims

2020 QUARTERLY *EVENTS* CALENDAR

JANUARY

Sat	01/25	9:00a-11:00a	Service Saturday	Action 2000 Inc	10th Ave Park
Wed	01/29	6:30p- 7:30p	Recycle Right Community Mtg	GreenTown Kids	Civic Auditorium

FEBRUARY

M-W	02/03-02/05		Community Clean Up	City of IRB	Citywide
Sat	02/15	7:00p-10:00p	BAC Fundraising Gala	Beach Art Center	1515 Bay Palm Blvd
Sat	02/15	9:00a- 4:00p	Winterfest	Calvary Episcopal	1615 1st Street
Sat	02/22	9:00a-11:00a	Service Saturday	Action 2000 Inc	County Park

MARCH

Sat	03/14	9:00a-11:00a	Service Saturday	Action 2000 Inc	Beach Clean Up
Sat	03/21	9:00a-11:00a	Great American Clean Up	City of IRB/GTK	County Beach Access
Sat	03/28	10:00a- 5:00p	Greenfest	Church of the Isles	2401 Bay Blvd