



A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach

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## CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

**Stormwater Drainage Projects: 454 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 2038 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parkway-** These projects are complete. This modern stormwater management project improves run-off mitigation, attenuation, filtration and means to update the stormwater discharge from the area to current environmental standards. The project was cooperatively funded through a reimbursable grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District in the amount of \$134,395.

**Pocket Park - Entrance / Gateway Sign Project** - The Entrance/Gateway Sign Project is complete. It was cooperatively funded by Action 2000, Inc., Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners' Association and the City.

**Curb Replacement & Street Resurfacing** - This project ended in April and included 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Gulf Boulevard to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and South Harbor Drive, from Maxwell Place to the cul-de-sac.

**Restroom Enhancement Project - Kolb Park and Nature Preserve** - this project commenced in March and includes exterior siding replacement, soffit replacement, plumbing fixture replacements and painting of the structures.

**City Hall Renovations - Phase III Project** - This project begins in May and will include interior improvements to the Administrative Offices of the City Hall Complex.

**1<sup>st</sup> Street Boardwalk Project** - This project began in March and includes the demolition and reconstruction of the Boardwalk along 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

**Decorative Street Sign Project** - This project is currently ongoing and includes the replacement of the sign posts at each beach access, and within the secondary streets east of Gulf Boulevard.

**Poured-In-Place Playground Material - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park** - This project commenced in March and includes the replacement of several pieces of playground equipment and the installation of rubberized impact material underneath all playground equipment .

**New Sand Volleyball Court** - A new sand volleyball court will be installed near the IRB Dog Park in the Nature Preserve. Construction will begin in April.

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## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - BEFORE and AFTER A DISASTER**

*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.*

Did you know that 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.

**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. For more information on grants, you can access the FEMA website at [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov).

**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. Local governments can sponsor grant applications on behalf of homeowners.

**The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** enables property owners to purchase flood insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages in the city. Purchasing a flood insurance policy will help pay for repairs after a flood. Just an inch of water can ruin the floor coverings in your building or business.

**Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC).** If your home or business is substantially damaged by a flood, you may be required to meet certain building requirements in your community to reduce future flood damage before you repair or rebuild. To help cover the costs of meeting those requirements, the NFIP includes Increased Cost of Compliance coverage for all new and renewed Standard Flood Insurance Policies. An ICC claim is adjusted separately from the flood damage claim you file under your Standard Flood Insurance Policy.

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** disaster loans. Whether you rent or own your own home or own your own business and are the victim of a disaster, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the SBA. You can apply for a low interest Home Disaster Loan, a Business Physical Disaster Loan, Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Mitigation Loans. Learn more at [www.SBA.gov](http://www.SBA.gov).


### **DID YOU KNOW ...**

The current mill levy, at 1.93%, ensures our ranking among the lowest mill rates in Pinellas County, and one of the lowest in the State of Florida. All other revenue sources are stable, or rising slightly, which allow us to accurately make future projections. Our reserve fund remains strong and is significantly higher than the national average. The City's unassigned reserves balance is approximately \$2.72 million. In addition to the General Fund reserve account, the budget includes an updated IRB Five Year Capital Plan with an estimated reserve balance at the end of the five year period of approximately \$586,000.




## CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH LIBRARY

We are celebrating Spring with a couple of new *FREE* programs for residents and guests!



**Sahaja Meditation** will be offered at the Library, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the first and third Tuesday each month through June. Please sign up at the Library; space is limited to 12 participants. These sessions explain the benefits of meditation and how to start your own practice.


The “**On the Rocks**” **Book Club** meets the last Tuesday of the month at the Library at 5:00 p.m. A copy of the book club titles will be available on Overdrive for downloading to your devices.



**Story Time** for kids, ages 1 through 5, continues with Miss Lee on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Join us for songs, finger plays and a story.

Be sure to check out the Indian Rocks Beach “*Take A Book, Leave A Book*” Libraries located at the 4th, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pinellas Co. Park Beach

Accesses.



Volunteers wanted! We are always looking for volunteers especially for Fridays and Saturdays. Please stop by the library and complete an application.

For more information about the IRB Library, membership and programs, please contact:

**LEE MILLER**, Librarian, at [lmiller@irbcity.com](mailto:lmiller@irbcity.com), or 727/596-1822.

## SOLID WASTE DEPT - INFORMATION & SCHEDULING

Please place **residential trash** at curbside by 7:00 a.m. of your scheduled pickup day, which is:

**West side** of Gulf Blvd – Mondays & Thursdays; **East side** of Gulf Blvd – Tuesdays & Fridays

**Commercial and multi-family dwellings** – Days will vary depending on the service level required, size of container/dumpster and number of days necessary.

Please place your **recycling** AND **yard waste** at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday (All residential, multi-family and commercial).

Bulk Items such as furniture, appliances or other items that do not fit in the trash will need to be scheduled, and may incur a **Special Pick-Up Fee**.

The Community Clean-ups occur, annually, in the months of February, May, August and November and entail picking up items placed curbside that may normally incur a fee.

Hazardous waste such as paints, chemicals, pesticides, as well as electronics that contain hazardous metals, should be taken to Pinellas County Solid Waste's HEC3 Center, located at 2855 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, St Petersburg, or to one of their mobile collections throughout the year at various locations.

Solid waste collection does **NOT occur on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day**. However, residential pickups will still occur twice in those weeks.



# CITY COMMISSION

Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Mayor-Commissioner  
Edward G. Hoofnagle, Vice Mayor-Commissioner  
Phillip J. Hanna, Commissioner  
Nick Palomba, Commissioner  
Philip M. Wrobel, Commissioner

# CITY MANAGER

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## 2018 QUARTERLY *EVENTS* CALENDAR

Sat-Sun	04/07-04/08		Citywide Garage Sales	City of IRB	
Tue	04/10	7:30a - 9:30a	Coffee With A Cop	City of IRB	Crabby Bill's
Tue	04/14	7:00a - 12:00 Noon	Rotary Runs the Beach	IRB Rotary Club	Co. Beach Access
Sat	04/21	11:00a - 9:00p	IRB Beachfest	City of IRB	Co. Beach Access
Sat	04/28		Service Saturday	Action 2000 Inc	10th Ave Park
Mon-Wed	05/07-05/09		Community Clean Up	City of IRB	
Wed	05/09	6:00p - 8:00p	May Mixer	Action 2000 Inc	IRB History Museum
Sat	05/19	12:00 Noon	Hands Across the Sand		Co. Beach Access
Thu	06/14	12:00 Noon	Flag Day Ceremony	City of IRB	Chic-A-Si Park