



City of Indian Rocks Beach

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Cookie Kennedy	Vice Mayor
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City Manager	Brently Gregg Mims
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CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City of Indian Rocks Beach has been recognized for excellence in financial reporting. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a local government and its management.

In order to earn this Certificate, the City had to meet rigorous and mandatory criteria within the GFOA program which reach beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting practices.

One of the steps involved in attaining a Certificate of Achievement is the compilation of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A CAFR is a set of financial statements of a governmental entity which complies with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. CAFRs are considered to be the most sophisticated means of governmental financial reporting.

The GFOA was organized in 1906 and currently has more than 72,000 members dedicated to the professional management of government finances.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even though sky lanterns have become an increasingly common celebratory device, history and data reveals dangers associated with their use.

The lanterns are prohibited by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1 Fire Code). This standard was adopted by reference in the 2010 Florida Fire Prevention Code and passed into law by the Florida Legislature.

The use of sky lanterns in not permitted within the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District.

**Lanterns are made of oiled rice paper with a bamboo frame, both of which can easily catch on fire;*

**A candle or wax fuel cell is used;*

**The lit flame heats the inside of the lantern causing it to rise;*

**Once lit and airborne, it can travel over a mile;*

**Wind can affect the lantern, blowing the sides and forcing the hot air out sending the flaming lantern back to the ground;*

**A flaming lantern can drop onto a rooftop, field, trees or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished;*

**A destructive fire can result when a lantern reaches the ground during dry conditions;*

2014 CALENDAR

Tue	Mar 4	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Mon	Mar 10	1:00p	Special Magistrate Meeting
Tue	Mar 11	7:00a - 7:00p	Special General Election - <i>U.S. House of Representatives Seat 13</i>
Sat	Mar 15	8:00a - Noon	Great American Clean Up
Thu	Mar 20	6:00p	Planning & Zoning Board
Tue	Mar 25	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Tue	Apr 1	7:30a - 9:00a	"Coffee With A Cop"
Tue	Apr 1	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Fri	Apr 4	6:30p	Gulfside Gallop
Sat	Apr 5	11:00a - 7:00p	Beauty & the Beach
Tue	Apr 8	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Sat/Sun	Apr 12-13		Citywide Garage Sale
Thu	Apr 17	6:00p	Planning & Zoning Board
Sat	Apr 19	10:00a	Easter Egg Hunt
Tue	Apr 22	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Sat	Apr 26	4:00p - 10:00p	Biggest Beach Party



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IRB LIBRARY

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The City of Indian Rocks Beach is pleased to announce the following upcoming events on Wednesday mornings, at 10:00 a.m., in the Children's Reading Room of the Indian Rocks Beach Library.

MARCH

5 – **Identity Theft:** a representative from the Pinellas County Consumer Services Division will explain how to protect your information and defend yourself against identity theft.

12 – **Author Carol Fragale Brill** will be here to discuss her books, "Cape Maybe" and "Peace by Piece".

19 – **ABC's of Medicare:** demystifying the Medicare maze.

APRIL

2 – **Where Do Tax Dollars Go:** A representative from Pinellas County Tax Collector Diane Nelson's office will explain how your local property taxes and tourist development taxes are spent.

9 – **Author Tim McGee** will discuss his novel "Worthy McGuire".

16 – **Tim Bradshaw and Ernie.** Ernie, a Cairn Terrier, is a therapy dog and a service dog who will strut his stuff while Tim discusses the secrets of service dogs.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPT.

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As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants.

Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of the stormwater.

Vehicle and Garage

- ◆ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- ◆ Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Home Repair and Improvement

- ◆ Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- ◆ Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.

PUBLIC SERVICES (CONT'D).

Home Repair/Improvement(cont'd)

- ◆ Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label.
- ◆ Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products whenever possible.
- ◆ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- ◆ Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

Pet Care

- ◆ When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.

Swimming Pool and Spa

- ◆ Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system.
- ◆ Properly store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

The information above was derived from the WatershedED Newsletter and provided through the City of Indian Rocks Beach Public Services Department.