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A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks

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A NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM CITY MANAGER MIMS



As your CAO, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family the very best 2022. The City of Indian Rocks Beach enjoyed another amazing holiday season. The season was observed by the City hosting the annual IRB Christmas Tree Lighting, Street Parade and Boat Parade. All were successful and were enjoyed by the IRB residents and visitors.

Capital Improvement Projects Updates

Bay Boulevard Street Reconstruction Project is underway. Project scope includes Bay Boulevard from 18th Ave to 23rd Avenue. This project should be completed in February 2022.

Storm Water Plan Update. CivilSurv was designated by the City Commission as the engineer for this project in October of 2021. The kickoff meeting to begin the process of updating the City's Master Storm Water Plan was held in December with CivilSurv. The cost of the update will be funded from a portion of the money received from the American Rescue Plan. The project ensures compliance with an unfunded mandate that was part of the House Bill 53 which was passed by the Florida Legislative in 2021. Engineers will present their findings and updated stormwater report to the City in mid-2022.

Allocation of funds received from Frontier Communications. As discussed at the City Commission Meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2021, the city received a check from Frontier Communications in the amount of \$110,523.12. The funds received were the result of an overestimation of the binding cost estimate for Frontier's portion of the IRB Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding Project Phase I. After discussions and negotiations with Pinellas County, the county will allow the City to add the refund amount to the next phase of the Gulf Boulevard undergrounding Project. The added funds bring the total project budget for the IRB Gulf Boulevard Phase II project to \$5,807,393.



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727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Services/Solid Waste
727/595-6889



FLOOD INFORMATION

Pinellas County and Indian Rocks Beach enforce specific building regulations in the Special Flood Hazard Area (all of Indian Rocks Beach is in the SFHA) to help protect people and buildings from flooding.

Here is some important information for you to consider:

- **Renovate Responsibly** - It is illegal to add plumbing or electrical or to convert the space below an elevated home into living space.
- **Be aware of substantial improvements/damage rule** - There are specific requirements if the cost of the improvement or damage repair is equal to or exceeds 50% of a building's market value prior to the improvement.
- **Plan for proper drainage and use low impact development (LID)** - Along with physical traditional facilities, practices such as rain gardens, pervious pavers, bioretention systems, green roofs, non-invasive vegetation on your property, and vegetative buffers can help reduce the impact of flooding.
- **Protect Natural Floodplain Functions** - Only Rain Down the Drain. It is illegal to dump anything into storm drains, waterways or waterbodies. Do not open manholes and allow water into the systems. This will overload the system and cause backups or overflows.
- **Do not remove sand from the beach or disturb dunes to fill sandbags** - Doing so will cause more harm to property owners. This message is very relevant to Pinellas County, which is home to some of the most popular beaches in the nation. Beaches and dunes provide a natural buffer from storm events to lessen flooding during coastal storms. In addition, removing sand from beaches or dunes may violate federal, state or local law.





CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year! In 2022 we will welcome back our "On the Rocks" book club on the 25th of January at 4 PM. The book we are reading is "Its Always the Husband" by Michelle Campbell. Join us! Copies are available at the library first come first served.

2022 will also see the return of STORY TIME at the IRB Library. We will meet in the children's area for a story and a song on Wednesdays at 11:30 AM starting January 12th. PLEASE sign up either at the library or call 727-596-1822. Space is limited. This event is targeted for early and pre-readers, but everyone is welcome. Ms. Kathy Breland will be our story time leader.

The IRB Library continues to offer curbside pickup, please call the library for more information.

Little lending libraries are located at 12th Avenue and 22nd Avenue beach accesses and don't forget to check out the borrowers' boat outside City Hall.

Looking ahead in 2022, we will have summer reading for kiddos, the theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities." We will be exploring all the creatures living in the oceans and learn about protecting their habitat. Summer Reading will start in June.

CITY ELECTION NEWS

The City of Indian Rocks Beach will not hold an election in March this year.

The following candidates were unopposed and will be sworn in on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor-Commissioner-elect Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy

Commissioner-elect Jude Bond

Commissioner-elect Joe McCall



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 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

Denise Houseberg
 Commissioner

CITY MANAGER
 Brently Gregg Mims

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon	01/17		City Hall Closed	Martin Luther King Day
Sun	01/23	Noon– 2:00p	New Year Clean Up	Greentown Kids 17th Ave BA
Mon-Wed	02/07 - 02/09		Community Clean Up	City of IRB
Mon	02/21		City Hall Closed	Presidents' Day
Sat	02/19	10:00a– 4:00p	Winterfest	Calvary Episcopal Church
Sat	02/26	6:30p -10:00p	Boots & Brushes	Beach Art Center