



City of Indian Rocks Beach

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CITY MANAGER
Brently Gregg Mims

2022 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 8th - Kolb Park - 12 P.M. - 6 P.M.
Sponsored by Action 2000 and the City of IRB

Children's Annual Hallowfest - Saturday, October 29th—Kolb Park -10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
A City of IRB Event, sponsored by the Original Crabby Bills

NOVEMBER

Community Clean Up - November 7, 8, 9

Give Thanks for a Clean Beach— International Coastal Cleanup—
Saturday, November 6th—18th Avenue Beach Access—Noon ~ 2 P.M.
Sponsored by Greentown Kids and Keep Pinellas Beautiful

Taste of IRB— Saturday, November 5th - 3 P.M.—9 P.M. Chic-A-Si Park
Sponsored by IRB Homeowners Association and the City of IRB

City Wide Garage Sale - November 19th & 20th

CITY OF IRB CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Tree Lighting - 12th Ave. Park - Friday, December 2nd - 7 P.M.

Christmas Street Parade - Sunday, December 4th - 1 P.M.

Christmas Lighted Boat Parade - Saturday, December 17th— 7 P.M.



A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks

Oct/Nov/Dec 2022 www.indian-rocks-beach.com Gregg Mims City Manager

CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH ADOPTS 2021-22 BUDGET

The City of Indian Rocks Beach team started the budget season in March of 2022. The City Manager's proposed 2022-23 Budget and updated Five Year Capital Plan were recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee and approved unanimously by the City of Indian Rocks Beach City Commission with minor changes.

FY 2022-23 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ In accordance with state law, the adopted budget is balanced, which provides a proactive budget plan while incurring no debt.
- ▶ The City of Indian Rocks Beach is debt free
- ▶ Maintains the current millage rate of 1.8326%. One of the lowest in Pinellas County and Florida
- ▶ Maintains a city reserve fund of \$3.5 million
- ▶ \$100 per month raise for each City Commissioner (effective after the March 2023 election) Subject to the approval of an ordinance.
- ▶ 5 % across the board raise for all team members
- ▶ Continued allocation of \$50,000 for proactive drainage maintenance
- ▶ Continued funding for the installation of solar powered lights at beach accesses
- ▶ 4.77% increase in our Pinellas County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Service Contract
- ▶ Installation of adaptive playground equipment
- ▶ Allocation of \$29,000 to develop a new city website
- ▶ Conversion of a part time Code Enforcement position to full time

Providing Outstanding Solid Waste Operation

- ▶ Continued reduction of 25% of the cost allocation from the Solid Waste Budget to the General Budget
- ▶ 5% cost of living increase for all employees
- ▶ 6% rate increase for both residential and commercial customers
- ▶ 6.8% increase in Pinellas County Tipping Fee
- ▶ Replacement of and purchase of one (1) packer truck

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- ▶ Annual funding for road milling, resurfacing, curbing & drainage
- ▶ Allocation of \$4,035,033 from Pinellas County Penny to Gulf Blvd. Undergrounding Phase II.
- ▶ Allocation of the majority of the City's estimated American Rescue Plan funds (\$2,019,688) to future drainage enhancement projects.
- ▶ \$600,000 for stormwater reconstruction projects (half of the total is funding by SWFWMD Grants)
- ▶ Annual funding for park maintenance and upgrades

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Administration
727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Works
727/595-6889

City Park Upgrades 2022 Include:

- ▶ Rehab of the IRB Nature Park Boardwalk (a multi-year effort). Wood decking and railing will be replaced with recycled composite material. In addition, support repair will be completed.
- ▶ Electrical improvements including decorative lighting at Chic-A-Si Park & 12th Avenue Park to accommodate gathering and events.
- ▶ Fencing Replacements

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of Indian Rocks Beach Code Enforcement Division's responsibilities include such items as inoperative vehicles, trash, debris, overgrown yards, vacation rental complaints, commercial/ recreational vehicles in residential areas, minimum housing standards and the land code provisions, including sign regulations. Call Code Enforcement 727-595-2517 to report a violation or visit the City of Indian Rocks Beach website: Indian-Rocks-Beach.com

Contact Us- to fill out a Citizen Complaint Form and email to mkelley@irbcity.com.

For noise complaints & dogs on the beach please contact:
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office non-emergency # 727-582-6200.

Other Enforcement contact information:

To Report alleged unlicensed or non-permitted construction activity:
Please call the Pinellas County Hotline 727.582.6767

CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS PROHIBITED FROM ACCEPTING ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS

Code Complaints: Pursuant to Laws of Florida Chapter 2021-167 (codified at Florida Statutes §§ 125.69(4) (b) 162.06(1)(b), and 162.21(3)(b)), City of Indian Rocks Beach Code Enforcement and Pinellas County Code Inspectors generally may not investigate anonymous complaints. A complainant must provide his or her name and address before an investigation may occur.

See <https://flsenate.gov/Committees/BillSummaries/2021/html/2340>.

WHAT GOES WHERE?

RECYCLING WORKSHOP!

October 11, 2022 @ 7:00PM
(Held at end of regular meeting)

For more information contact Dean Scharmen, Public Works Director
727.595.6889 Or Email :dscharmen@irbcity.com

Everyone is welcome.
We encourage residents, businesses, and property owners to take part in the discussion.

We want to hear your thoughts on the Recycling.



NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

The N.P.D.E.S. (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) regulations require municipalities to demonstrate adequate legal authority to prohibit illicit discharges to our storm sewer systems, provide maps of our storm sewers and outfalls, provide monitoring data showing the quality of runoff from local areas of various land use types, propose a management program that includes control measures to reduce pollutants in runoff, provide a program to detect and remove illicit discharges to our system, provide a program for monitoring compliance and the success of our programs, and provide an accounting of our fiscal resources available for carrying out this program.

In April 1994, the City of Indian Rocks Beach participated, along with other cities in Pinellas County, in jointly applying for our N.P.D.E.S. permit through Pinellas County. The cities, FDOT and Pinellas County work to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare through the management of storm water runoff, and to continue the existing relationships and responsibilities for control of discharge to municipal storm sewer systems (MS4) as outlined in 40 C.F.R., Section 122.26.

The City made a conscious decision, rather than creating new City positions to track and investigate illicit discharges to our storm sewer system, is to utilize existing staff to carry this out as part of their normal duties. **This is where you, as a resident, can help.**

WHY ARE WE INSPECTING FOR ILLICIT DISCHARGES?

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is basically responsible to ensure that our storm water discharges do not pollute the waters of the United States. The regulations require that we adopt an ordinance to prohibit illicit discharges. In May 1994, the City enacted Ordinance No. 545 specifically dealing with storm water sewers.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I FIND A SUSPECTED DISCHARGE?

You should report it to the City of Indian Rocks Beach Public Works Department, at 727/595-6889, or the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, at 727/582-6200. They will then decide whether to report it further and to whom. They will also decide, based on your observation, if it is an emergency that needs to be stopped right away.

LEGAL DISCHARGES

Some discharges are not considered illegal under the City's Ordinance include:

- ▶ Flows from firefighting ▶ Irrigation water ▶ Diverted stream flows ▶ Rising ground waters
- ▶ Water line flushing and other contributions from potable water sources
- ▶ Uncontaminated pumped groundwater, Foundation and footing drains
- ▶ Water from crawl space pumps ▶ Uncontaminated air conditioning condensation
- ▶ Individual residential car washings ▶ Springs ▶ Flows from riparian habitats and wetland
- ▶ Swimming pools direct infiltration of ground water to the separate storm sewer system

HOLIDAY SOLID WASTE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving- Thursday, November 24, 2022 – No Service

Thursday's route will be collected on Wednesday, November 23, 2022

No Yard Waste Collection during the week of November 21 – 25, 2022

No change to household service: Christmas and New Year's