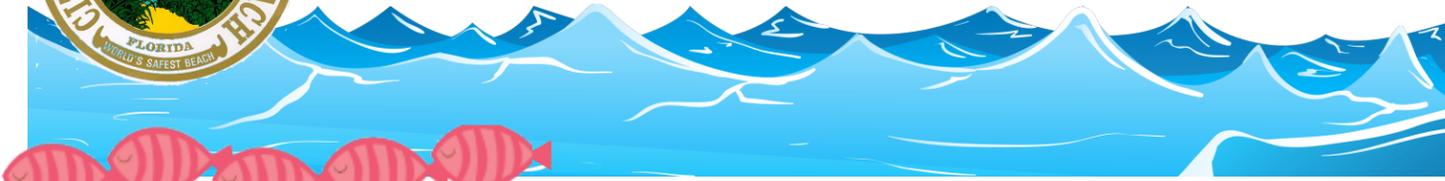




# City of Indian Rocks Beach

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Commissioner

**CITY MANAGER**  
**Brently Gregg Mims**



## 2023 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

**Oktoberfest**  
Saturday, October 14th 12 P.M.~ 6 P.M. at Kolb Park  
Sponsored by Action 2000 & the City of IRB



**Children's Hallowfest**  
Saturday, October 28th from 10 A.M. ~ 1 P.M. at Kolb Park  
A City of IRB Event, Title Sponsor the Original Crabby Bills

### NOVEMBER

**Give Thanks for a Clean Beach– International Coastal Cleanup**  
Sunday, November 4th from 8:00 A.M~11:00 A.M.  
at 18th Avenue Beach Access  
Sponsored by Greentown Kids and Keep Pinellas Beautiful

**Taste of IRB**  
Saturday, November 4th from 3 P.M.~ 9 P.M at Chic-A-Si Park  
Sponsored by IRB Homeowners Association and the City of IRB

**City Wide Garage Sale** - November 4th & 5th

**Community Clean Up**  
November 6th,7th and 8th.  
Place your debris out on your garbage day, and yard debris on the 8th

### DECEMBER CITY OF IRB CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Friday, December 1st, starting at 7 P.M  
at 12th Avenue Park

**Christmas Street Parade**  
Sunday, December 3rd, starting at 1 P.M.

**Christmas Lighted Boat Parade**  
Saturday, December 16th starting at 7 P.M.  
beginning at the Holiday Inn Harborside



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Gregg Mims , City Manager

### CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH ADOPTS 2023-24 BUDGET

The City of Indian Rocks Beach team started the budget season in March of 2023. The City Manager's proposed 2023-24 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. The new budget goes into effect on October 1, 2023.

#### Highlights of the proposed general fund budget include:

- **Reduction of the existing mill rate of 1.8326% to 1.73%.**
- **Elimination** of the cost allocation from the Solid Waste Budget to the General Fund Budget. Savings to the Solid Waste Budget of \$148,000.
- 4% cost of living increase for all team members.
- Continued allocation of \$50,000 for proactive drainage maintenance.
- Funding for a magistrate and associated legal counsel.
- Two new full-time team members. One Code/Solid Waste Enforcement Officer and one Revenue Officer.
- 7.9% increase in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Service Contract.
- Installation of adaptive playground equipment.
- Permitting & Inspections Budget eliminated.
- 20% increase in property casualty insurance.
- **0% Medical Renewal Rates**
- Purchase portable message board for construction projects, public messaging and use during emergencies.
- Public Works divisions formed into one budget for clarity & transparency.



#### Highlights of the Solid Waste Budget include:

- Elimination of the cost allocation from the Solid Waste Budget to the General Budget.
- 4% cost of living increase for all team members.
- 7% 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 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan:

- Annual funding for road milling, resurfacing, curbing & drainage.
- Allocation of \$4,431,480 from Pinellas County Penny to Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding Phase II. Work in process. Scheduled to be complete by 2025.
- Allocation of the City's American Rescue Plan funds (\$1,950,590) to future drainage enhancement projects. Projects to be designated by the City Commission upon review of the updated City of Indian Rocks Beach Storm Water Master Plan.
- \$328,020 for stormwater reconstruction projects (half of the total is funded by SWFWMD Grants).
- Annual funding for park maintenance and upgrades.

#### City Park Upgrades

- Continued rehab of the IRB Nature Park Boardwalk (a multiyear effort). Wood decking and railing will be replaced with recycled composite material. In addition, support repair will be completed.
- Brown Park fence replacement.
- Adaptive Playground Equipment Installation.
- Miscellaneous park improvements.

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**Administration**  
727/595-2517

**Library**  
727/596-1822

**Public Works/Solid Waste**  
727/595-6889

## 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. **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



### Library News

The IRB library is open 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday.

On the Rocks Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4 PM, in the library.

For more information on the club and book selections please contact the library.

Pre-readers story time is on Wednesdays at 11:30 AM.

Join us for a story, songs, and activities.

The library is located at 1507 Bay Palm Blvd in IRB.

The phone number is 727-596-1822



The City of Indian Rocks Beach and IRB Chairs unveiled a beach inspired postcard at the IRB Pinellas County Beach Access. The postcard provides locals and visitors photo ops with our beach serving as a backdrop.

# LIFE SIZE POSTCARD



The installation of this life-size postcard is a joint project of the City of Indian Rocks Beach and IRB Chairs. City Manager Gregg Mims stated, "IRB Chairs provides a valuable service to our residents and visitors and continues to be an important team player with the City of Indian Rocks Beach". "This installation highlights the importance of our beach and the memories made by everyone who steps on the sand".

## SOLID WASTE SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 23, 2023 – No Service

- Thursday's route will be collected on Wednesday, November 22, 2023
- No yard waste collection during the week of November 20 – 24, 2023

Christmas: Monday, December 25, 2023 – No Service

- Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, December 26, 2023
- Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, December 27, 2023
- No yard waste collection during the week of December 25 – 29, 2023

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1, 2024 – No Service

- Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, January 2, 2024
- Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, January 3, 2024
- No yard waste collection during the week of January 1 – 5, 2024