



**The Hurricane of 1921**



*Downtown St. Petersburg after the Hurricane of 1921. Photo courtesy of the St. Petersburg Historical Society*

In late October of 1921, towards the end of hurricane season, although no one called it a season then, the storm made landfall. There were no televisions to issue weather warnings. Early radio stations only reported the news of the day, after it happened. The area residents were surprised by the area's first hurricane since the 'Gale of 1848'.

The storm took a typical late fall storm course. It formed in the western Caribbean, moved west of Cuba and curved toward the Florida peninsula. By October 24th, the storm had strengthened to a category 4 with winds of 140 MPH. Fortunately, when it made landfall between Clearwater Beach and Tarpon Springs, a day later, it had weakened to a category 2, with winds between 80 and 90 MPH.

As a ship captain, Capt. Lowe, 91 living on the Intracoastal in Anona, knew about hurricanes. His grandson Milt Logan, only 11 at the time, said "Granddad could tell from the readings on his ship's barometer that the storm was going to be a bad one." The Mai family lived next door to them. Their house was on stilts over the water. "We woke up to find water knocking at our door," says Gus Mai. Jefferson Lowe, one of Capt. Lowe's sons, paddled a small boat to us, in the high winds, to help the entire family of 8, escape.

Johnny Hendrick's Intracoastal fish camp, Johnny Rocks was south of the Indian Rocks bridge. Built on stilts over the water, it collapsed during the storm and collected under the bridge's center section, which had been left open. It took weeks to remove the building and reopen the bridge. Johnny's dad, Harvey "Dad" Hendrick, reopened the 'Squaw', his old ferry, to get people to the island. The Squaw required a poling oar to propel it across the narrows. Resident Mrs Dyrenforth, whose horse and buggy had been stranded on the island, began offering one-horse

taxi service for the ferry passengers.

Haven Beach's Captain Warner and his wife became so concerned during the hurricane that they decided to leave, and walked a mile to the old bridge. When they got there, the winds were so high they crawled across the wooden span trying to avoid being blown in the water and swept away. They made it across and spent the night at C.B. Brandon's house on the mainland.

The Pavilion, a large wooden building, built in 1915, about the time the old bridge was built, was knocked off its foundation. The building was half full of sand and the dance floor was tilted. Raymond Brandon bought the Pavilion after the storm, hired people to shovel the sand out, jacked it up and reopened it as Brandon's Pavilion.

The storm caused \$10 million dollars in damage, which is the equivalent to \$122 million today. Agricultural alone lost over \$1 million. There were 10 deaths, 7 of which were people never found. Every bridge in the area, except for the smaller, turn-style bridge located in Indian Rocks Beach, was damaged or destroyed. The newly built Clearwater Beach bridge, just four years old, was severely damaged.

Before the storm, Caladesi Island and Honeymoon Island were connected. The hurricane cut the island in half, creating today's 'Hurricane Pass'. To the south, it also created a pass at Passage Key and another at the north end of Longboat Key.

The next morning the St Petersburg Times' headline read, "Tropical Storm Sweeps City...Pass-A-Grille Wiped Out." The paper reported the island was flooded and up to 150 people were dead. Actually, the bridge connecting them to the mainland had been destroyed, and the island had up to 8 feet of water, but no one died. The newspaper later corrected their report with the headline "No Lives Lost At Pass-A-Grille."

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**The barometer Capt. Lowes used during the storm**

Story By: Bob Griffin, Publisher

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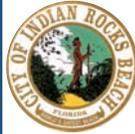
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**2010 CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

- Labor Day . . . . . 6
- Homeowner's Poker Run/Bar Crawl 11
- Household Chemical Cleanup (Largo) 11
- Bucs First Game . . . . . 12
- Grandparents Day . . . . . 12
- Boat Club Meeting . . . . . 16
- Yom Kippur Begins . . . . . 17
- Boat Club End of Summer Island Party 18
- Yom Kippur . . . . . 18
- Sand Key Triathlon . . . . . 19
- Homeowners Happy Hour . . . . . 23
- Autumn Begins . . . . . 23
- IRB Historical Society Fall Luncheon 25

**OCTOBER**

- IRB City Occupational Licenses Due 1
- Clearwater Offshore Racing . . . . . 1-3
- Blessing of the Animals . . . . . 2
- PSTA & Beach Trolley Rates Increase 3
- Movies in the Park . . . . . 9
- Boat Club Intracoastal Clean Up . . . 9
- Columbus Day Holiday . . . . . 11
- Homeowners Happy Hour . . . . . 14
- Stone Crab Season Starts . . . . . 15
- Blood Drive - IRB Post Office . . . . 15
- Clearwater Jazz Festival . . . . . 14-17
- Oktoberfest . . . . . 16

- Pinellas Coastal Clean Up . . . . . 16
- Early Voting Nov. Election Begins 18
- Boat Club Meeting . . . . . 21
- Commitment to Excellence Awards 23
- Country Jubilee Heritage Village . . . 23
- Pumpkin Carving City Hall . . . . . 30
- Haunted House City Hall . . . . . 30
- Johns Pass Seafood Festival . . . . . 30-31
- Halloween . . . . . 31
- Sea Turtle Nesting Season Ends . . . 31

**NOVEMBER**

- Property Tax Bills Mailed . . . . . 1
- Loggerhead Turtle Season Ends . . . 1
- General Election 2010 . . . . . 2
- Taste of IRB . . . . . 6
- Veterans Boat Parade (Madeira Bch) 6
- Daylight Savings Time Ends . . . . . 7
- Veteran's Day . . . . . 11
- Homeowners Happy Hour . . . . . 11
- America Recycles Day . . . . . 11
- Iron Man / Clearwater Beach . . . . . 13
- Community Clean Up Week . . . . . 15-17
- Homeowners Quarterly Meeting . . . 18
- Boat Club Meeting . . . . . 18
- Schools Out for Thanksgiving . . . . 22-26
- Thanksgiving . . . . . 25
- IRB Garage Sale . . . . . 27-28

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## HURRICANE OF 1921, continued

The damage in downtown St Petersburg was extensive. The city's waterfront was littered with the remains of disabled boats. All four piers that had extended from the waterfront were destroyed, including the Steamship Pier and the Recreation Pier, one of the city's main attractions.

Back then, the county was covered with citrus groves. When the storm hit, the mature fruit was about to be picked. It was estimated that 50 to 60% of the crop was destroyed.

With rainfall in nearby Tampa measuring 8 to 9 inches and a storm surge of 10 to 12 feet, there was massive flooding. Three people there died from drowning or flying debris.

1921 was also the beginning of a major land boom in Florida. Speculators and developers were afraid the hurricane news would spread to the north, stopping the housing momentum. Because of that, developers and business owners immediately began the clean up. A campaign to rebuild a new 'million dollar pier' started quickly. The pier reopened in 1926. They did not start naming hurricanes until 1950, so residents began to refer to this hurricane by its year, 1921, which continues today.

There have been other area hurricanes since 1921. We had near misses in 1944, 1946, 1950, Donna (1960), Betsy (1965), Alma (1966), Gladys (1968), Agnes (1972), Elena (1985) and in 2004 with Frances and Jeanne. The hurricane of 1921 though, was the last major hurricane to directly hit Pinellas County. That was 89 years ago.

## CHART SMART BOATING COURSE

by Charlie Neilson, Indian Rocks Beach resident

I am a member of the IRB Boat Club. At a monthly meetings, the guest speaker was a captain from the Clearwater U.S. Power Squadron talking about "Rules of the Road" and other crash/sinking/safety measures. After hearing him speak, I decided to take their "Chart Smart" course to learn what all the symbols on the charts mean.

Most of us can look at a chart and get a general idea of what the symbols mean, but the "Chart Smart" course takes it to a new level. Its eye opening instruction clears up any questions a skipper might have when looking at a chart. You learn to read ALL the information such as beacons, buoys, lighted markers and flash sequences, type of bottom, depths, magnetic vs. true course, how to plot a course and determine distance, time and speed. You will learn the chart scale, adjustments needed to correct for magnetic variations, nautical miles vs. statute miles, knots vs. mph, latitude, longitude, bearings, fixes, compass readings, etc. The instructors have vast experience and can answer most any nautical question.

Even after completing the course you're still going to run aground, because, as the old adage goes, there are only three types of boaters (a) those that have run aground (b) those that are about to run aground, and (c) liars. At least, you will be able to plot your position so that you can call for a tow.

The U.S. Power Squadron is located at 1000 Cleveland St. in Clearwater. The course costs \$45 with 6 classes, 2 nights a week. The \$45 includes the book and plotting tools. Even if you have a GPS plotter, it's wise to have this knowledge just in case the machine blows a fuse.

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## Did You Know....

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**TIME FOR FLU SHOTS** Get prepared for flu season, which runs from October through February. The Walgreens at 14004 Walsingham Road, Largo is offering flu shots for \$29. They will bill your insurance company and/or Medicare. No appointment is necessary. Call the pharmacy at 596-5728 for more information.

**CHANGING DEPUTIES** After 8 years of patrolling our beach, Deputy Steve Wolcott is transferring to the Seminole area. Although he loves working on our beach, he wants to work with the canine unit, which isn't available here. His last day in Indian Rocks is Sept. 11.

**LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION OPENS** They are signing kids for Fall Ball now. If you have an interested Little Leaguer, call Mike Kelly at 735-4574 for information. They always need coaches, umpires, and volunteers to work concessions.

**FREE LIGHT BULBS** The Pinellas County Extension Service is holding classes to help people how to lower their electric bills. Participants will receive free energy saving lightbulbs. The next session is September 25th at 10:30am at the Extension Office in Largo. Call Margaret Deller at 582-2460 to reserve a seat.

**OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACES RETURN** Frank Chivas, owner of Bay Star Restaurants including Salt Rock Grill, is once again planning the Oct. 1 - 3 racing week-end. Enjoy a concert and see the boats up close in Coachman Park on Friday. There will be two races on Sunday. The smaller boats race at 11am, and the larger boats at 1pm. The starting and ending point is opposite the Sand Pearl Resort. The Pier is a great place to see the south turn. The Clearwater Beach Chamber will be selling VIP tickets, for \$100, for use during the festival, including VIP seating at the Concert, VIP viewing stations, and entrance to all parties. For information visit ClearwaterSuperBoat.com.



Photo by Bob Griffin

**ERNIE THE DOG** For over four years, Tim Bradshaw, a resident of Indian Rocks Beach, has traveled to All Children's Hospital every Friday with his dog, Ernie, and entertained the kids. They are part of the Dog Therapy Program. Besides being entertaining, Ernie's tricks help the kids keep their minds off their medical issues. They also visit Barrington Terrace in Seminole entertaining the seniors. Ernie is certified through Therapy Dogs International, Inc.



**HELP WITH ELECTRIC BILLS** With our recent high temperatures, many people have high bills, too. Pinellas County provides assistance of up to \$600 to senior citizens unable to pay their power bills. Funds from the Area Agency on Aging can help residents, 60 and older in danger of having their power disconnected. Seniors must have a delinquent notice from the power company, and can only receive help twice a year. There are income limitations. Call Annie Shaw in Clearwater at 464-8400.

**NEW INDOOR FRESH MARKET** A new farmers market opened inside Seminole Mall. With over 40 vendors, they are open Thursday - Sunday from 10-3pm. Get farm fresh produce, gourmet foods and cheeses, fresh seafood, baked goods, plants & herbs, organic products, jewelry, crafts and more - all inside with air conditioning!

**NEW PRINCIPAL** When the kids returned to school at Anona Elementary on Indian Rocks Road last month, they met Gaye Lively, their new principal. She comes from Bay Point Elementary and replaces Marsha Jordan. Anona expects to have 437 children attending school this year.

**ID IS NEEDED TO RETURN AFTER EVACUATION** To re-enter Indian Rocks Beach, after a mandatory evacuation, residents are required to show a Florida Driver's license or ID with an Indian Rocks Beach address. If you are a part-time resident, or your ID lists a different address, you won't be allowed on the island until the emergency is past. This is to help keep damaged homes secure and prevent looting. For more information on what you need to do, contact City Hall, 595-2517.

**EVACUATION CENTER** IRB's closest hurricane shelter is inside Seminole's Bauder Elementary School, 12755 86th Ave., across the street from Seminole High. They do not accept pets. Largo High School is another nearby shelter.

**NEW SAFETY FLAGS** The Barrier Island Governmental Council approved a new safety flag program along Gulf Blvd, from Clearwater Beach to Pass-A-Grille. Part of a \$6 million state program, the program will provide yellow flags at 39 crosswalks, for pedestrians to wave as they cross Gulf Blvd. The flags will be in a container at the crosswalks, and after crossing, they are to be deposited in the container on the other side of the street. Pinellas County workers and the FDOT will provide the container installations. Key to the program's success is the education of motorists and the pedestrians. Florida has the nation's highest pedestrian fatality rate. Look for the yellow flag to begin popping up in IRB soon.





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### THE POLITICS OF REAL ESTATE

By Gordon Obarski, Broker Associate  
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Non-waterfront properties in 33785 were the shining stars from Jan. 1-Aug. 15 this year as compared to the same period in 2009. The average sale price of a NON-WATERFRONT, single-family home increased 3% while their WATERFRONT counterparts dropped 14%. The average price tag for non-waterfront condos increased even more than non-waterfront single families—up a whopping 28% from year to year! By contrast, condos on the water sold for about 7% less in 2010. The total number of units sold, homes AND condos both on and off the water, dropped 13%. The average sale price of all units sold declined 8%, so waterfront losses more than offset non-waterfront gains.

Why isn't recovery happening as quickly as we would like? The biggest culprit: a sluggish job market. There is good news in that Florida's June 2010 unemployment figure (11.4%) marked the third month of slight improvement; however, Florida still ranks 5th among states with high jobless figures.

State and national politics are also factors. Nationally, fear that the Bush tax cuts may not continue and the potential effects of the Financial Reform Bill are retarding real estate activity. Concerns a little closer to home like the Gulf Oil Spill, Amendment 4, and the election of a new governor are impeding recovery in the Sunshine State and in zip code 33785—a trend that is likely to continue for at least several more quarters.

Source: Pinellas County Multiple Listing Service

### SEA STAR MOTEL FOR SALE

The Sea Star Motel, at 1805 Gulf Blvd., is for sale. Bruce and Betty Ann Tripke have owned it for 10 years. They want to retire and move to Pennsylvania to be full-time



grandparents. The motel has 13 units and includes a house plus 23 parking spaces. The sale price is \$974,000. Call Jack Soifer at Keller-Williams Gulfside at 458-3601 if you are interested.

### NEW REALTOR'S OFFICE

Prudential Tropical Realty has bought the building at 1501 Gulf Blvd, just north of the Red Lion Pub. Dan Bitza is the managing broker. Frank Ambrosio is in charge of Career Development.



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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

By Marshal Eiss, Fire Inspector, Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue

When most folks think of Fire Prevention Week, they think of kids getting fire truck rides, sticker badges, coloring books and learning ways to keep themselves and their families safe. While that is true, Fire Prevention should not just be a week in October for kids, it should also be something adults think about as well every time they fire up the grill, plug in that new electrical gizmo or any one of number of other things they do daily.

Fire Prevention Week is October 3 through 9 and Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue will be at area schools promoting fire safety to the kids. Our slogan again this year will be "In case of fire, Get out and Stay out!" reminding kids that once they get out of the house they should not go back into the house and that they should have a place for their family to gather in an area safely away from the house.

Adults can help their kids by following some simple rules:

- Make sure smoke detector are always working properly
- When firing up their grills make sure that grill is at least ten feet from any structure and not placed under any overhangs or on porches. Most structures on or near the beach are wood, most have been around for a long time and the wood is drier than most folks think.
- While the new electronic gizmo you just bought should be plugged directly into the wall, if you need it to be away from the closest plug, use power strips with the reset buttons and not extension cords!
- Help kids develop a plan of what to do if fire strikes, having two ways out of the house and having a safe place to meet outside the house.
- Remember that all outdoor lighting should be approved for outdoor use and installed properly
- Turning pot handles inward on the stove to keep kids from being burned
- Always make sure candles are extinguished when leaving the room
- Make sure screens are used with fireplaces to prevent sparks from coming into the living area
- Clean drier lint filter after every use
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of small children
- Don't allow newspapers to pile up

Remember, fire safety only takes minutes but can last a lifetime!

## THE BEACH ART CENTER

On September 10, the exhibit "Surfing the Surface: Tampa Bay Surface Design Guild Member Exhibition" opens with a reception from 6 to 8pm. The exhibit runs through October 22. The public is invited to the reception and to the exhibit, and both are free.

Surface design is the coloring, patterning, structuring and transformation of fabric, fiber and other materials. Processes can include dyeing, painting, printing, stitching, embellishing, quilting, weaving, beading, papermaking and more.

Four workshops related to the exhibit are available:

- Silk Dyeing and Painting, September 25th
- Creative Fiber Collage, September 25th
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## INDIAN ROCKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

by Wayne Ayers, President

All are invited to the historical society's fall luncheon on Saturday, September 25, which features a presentation on an intriguing topic. R. B. Johnson, who is a member of our board (as well as the city's mayor!), will be speaking on the changing nature of our local passes and how they have reshaped our barrier islands.

Join R.B. as he explores the mysteries behind the passes that provide access between the Gulf and Intracoastal Waterway in Pinellas County. These passes have opened, closed, and shifted over the years, shaping the development of our beach communities.

Using maps and other images, R.B.'s presentation covers the history of these changes, beginning with the Spanish exploration force led by Narvaez in the 1500s.

Some things you'll learn:

- How our coastal areas came into being
- Why many of the passes have moved around through the years
- Passes that were created and destroyed by storms
- Interesting stories related to the passes

As usual, we'll have a fabulous potluck luncheon starting at noon. Bring a dish to share – we provide beverages, plates and utensils. It will be at the museum, 203 4th Ave.

### NEW IRB PICTORIAL HISTORY COMING IN OCTOBER

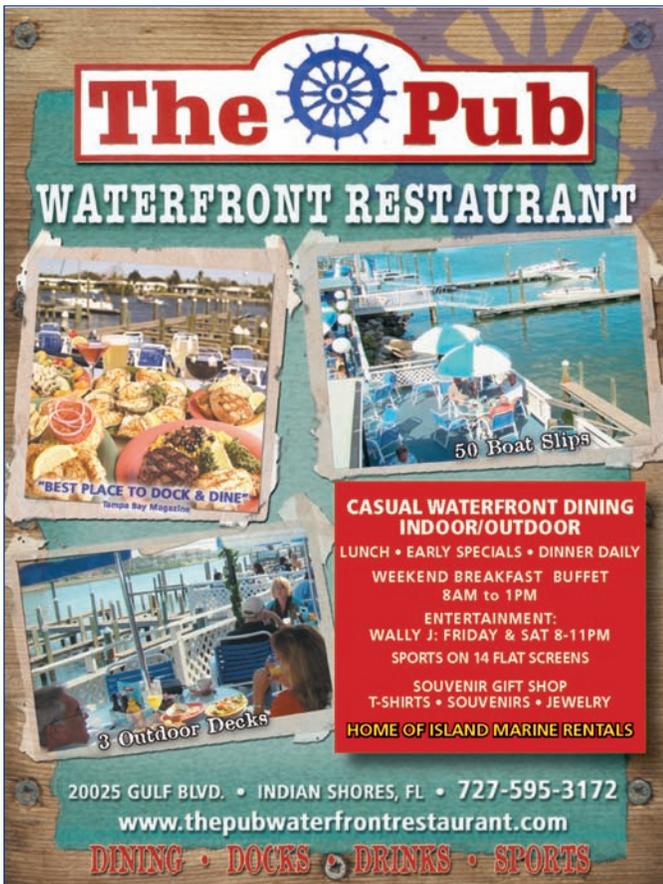
The historical society's new pictorial history book is scheduled to be released in early October!

Jan Ockunzzi, Wayne Ayers and Nancy Ayers authored the book, which is a part of the "Images of America" series by Arcadia Publishing. It includes many pictures of old Indian Rocks that have never been published before, along with some old favorites.

The charm and character of our little seaside community is evident in these historic photographs, from the days when the old swing bridge was the center of activity, to the booming post-World War II era when tourists and residents proclaimed Indian Rocks Beach as their special place.

We are fortunate to have outstanding photographs donated by many members and friends of the museum that bring our history to life. Proceeds from the book, including the authors' royalties, will benefit the museum.

Come by the museum in October to pick up a copy, or see us at Oktoberfest in Kolb Park on October 16.



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## FROM LONDON TO IRB, BRITS GET US CITIZENSHIP

Keith and Trudy Metcalfe left England six years ago. Until August, they were still considered visitors. But, on August 20th, the Metcalfe's received their U.S. Citizenship. They held a party to celebrate at their favorite English pub, The Red Lion.

Keith, owner of Metcalfe Plumbing, was born in England in 1948. He and his wife Trudy, first moved to Clearwater. They discovered Indian Rocks Beach and fell in love with it. "England is made up of many little villages," says Metcalfe. "Indian Rocks is like one of those villages."

Trudy, is a registered nurse at Morton Plant in invasive radiology. "That is what started the whole process of becoming a citizen," says Trudy. "I had to get a work permit, then a green card, then we decided to become citizens." The process cost about \$10,000. "We had a good lawyer," Keith adds. "Some people have to pay as much as \$50,000 to do the paper work."

"We love it here in IRB. The people are great. There are lots of Brits living here on the beach and there are many who frequent the Red Lion, too." They live on Bay Pines Blvd.

Welcome Keith and Trudy, official US Citizens!



**FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF JIM COATS**

*The dangers of distracted driving*

Have you ever noticed what other drivers are doing while on the road? Some are talking on the phone, texting, eating and drinking, applying make-up, changing the radio, searching for something, getting the kids attention, or even attempting to read. Sadly, everyday driver distractions lead to motor vehicle crashes that may cause serious injury or even death.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2008, nearly 6,000 people were killed where distracted or inattentive driving was a factor. It is believed it may even be higher because distracted driving data is often difficult to collect.

While Florida has no bans on cell phone use or texting while driving, 30 states plus the District of Columbia and Guam have banned texting for all drivers and 8 states, have prohibited the use of handheld cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. For a list of state laws regulating texting and cell phone use while driving, visit: [www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html).

At the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, we believe raising awareness about the issue is the best way to address it. We are taking various steps to bring this issue to the forefront, especially through the education in our "Teen Driver Challenge" program.

The two-day course, experience emphasizes road safety and helps teens build the foundation for safe driving. "Distracted driving" is one segment. The program, supported by the Florida Sheriff's Association, encourages young drivers to develop good habits early in their driving careers. Students are repeatedly reminded to put their safety and the safety of their passengers first; and to consider that the consequences of driving distracted can be serious and tragic.

Students are advised to pull off the road if they must make a phone call or send a text. They are reminded to avoid distractions created by other passengers in the car attempting to share text messages or photos. Students are directed to place 100% of their attention on the road and to safely operate their vehicle.

Deputies also share a true life video, of a young man who was texting while driving and caused a crash that claimed the life of two men, both husbands and fathers.

During the driving portion, deputies have students talk on the cell phone while conducting a reactionary braking exercise. It shows students how distraction may take away from their ability to quickly bring the vehicle to a stop.

The Sheriff's Office has formed partnerships with the local media in an effort to raise awareness among the public at large. The efforts have included public service announcements, which highlight the "Teen Driver Challenge" course.

For further information about the course visit the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office website at [www.pcsoweb.com](http://www.pcsoweb.com) and go to Teen Driver Challenge; or contact Deputy Thomas Kelley at [TKelley@pcsonet.com](mailto:TKelley@pcsonet.com).

The Sheriff's Office is committed to continuing to seek ways to address the very important issue of combating distracted driving and keeping our roads safe.

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## Restaurant News....

### KEEGANS ADDS OUTDOOR SEATING

Keegan's Seafood added seating outside their restaurant. They are also adding an awning to shade the tables. Now they can serve more people, and smokers have a place to eat, too.



### BEEF-O-BRADY'S NEARBY?

The rumor is Beef-O-Brady's is trying to open a restaurant on Walsingham near the new Wal-Mart Neighborhood store. We will let you know, when we know more.



### PAJANO'S SOON CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

IRB's Pajano's Pizza will be 40 years old soon, but they are starting to celebrate now. Look for special offers on their insert in this newsletter. Pajano's won Best Pizza three years in a row in our annual restaurant contest.

### GUPPY'S CLOSING FOR REMODELING

They will be closed Tuesday, September 7th through Sunday, September 12th for painting and a few other things. They reopen Monday, September 13th.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Columbia Restaurant is 105 years old September 19th. Of course not the Sand Key restaurant location, it is the anniversary of their original Tampa store. To celebrate, on that Sunday they will charge 1905 prices. They are planning a special one day only menu, with 5¢ coffee, \$2.95 chicken and yellow rice, \$1.95 f Columbia Original 1905 salad and 95¢ Sangria. The celebration is from noon until 7pm and reservations will not be accepted. Call 596-8400 for information



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- DIVINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**, at 22 North Ft Harrison
- TIO PEPE'S**, at 2930 Gulf to Bay, after 20 years
- JORGES RESTAURANT** at 800 Clearwater Largo Road.
- MY PLACE**, 213 Gulf Blvd. in Indian Rocks Beach
- YA YA'S CHICKEN**, 12000 Indian Rocks Road
- ROSE & CROWN**, 12850 Walsingham Rd., Largo, after 20 years, they closed. They blame the economy.

## More Restaurant News....

**MIKE'S PIZZA** Part-time IRB resident Mike Dodaro, owner of Mike's Pizza on 49th St., is opening what was last Vinny's Pizza at 14477 Walsingham Rd. The store will be co-owned, and operated, by his nephew Sal and wife Jennifer, who are IRB residents. They will offer a complete Italian menu, with delivery to Indian Rocks Beach. Next door is a complete sports bar with 5 big-screen TV's, in a family atmosphere. They plan to have the football packages and will show all the college and pro games. Look for them to open by September 1st.



**MY PLACE - ON THE ROCKS** My Place had barely closed before new owners started preparing to reopen it. Three business men who own the popular Bamboo Beer Garden at the north end of Madeira Beach's Johns Pass Village, bought the Restaurant. They plan to open in October calling it On The Rocks Bar and Grill. They are not changing the structure of the building, but they do plan lots of changes to the decor, kitchen, menu and entertainment. There will be lots of live music. The owners are Allan Crawford, Darrell Heard and new comer Gary Adkinson.

**ROCKY'S ON WALSINGHAM** Tony Houvardas has been trying to open the Geo Pappas Restaurant, on Walsingham Rd., as Rocky's Neighborhood Diner. Unfortunately, he has run into some building permit problems, but hopes to open soon. They plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, with old fashioned home cooking.



**JD'S CLOSING FOR VACATION** They will be closing Tuesday, September 7th (the day after Labor Day) and will reopen on Tuesday, September 21st.

**LAST CALL** Although the county approved an ordinance allowing bars to serve alcohol until 3am, the Indian Rocks City Commission decided to leave our closing time at 2am. Largo and Clearwater Beach approved 3am, while Indian Shores stayed with 2am. Some of the local bar owners are trying to fight it, but for now, last call is still 1:30am.

**TAPAS GARDENS OUTDOOR SEATING** They have recently added more outside seating area complete with shade sails. Enjoy dinner or a glass of wine outdoors.



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## NEED ANY BEACH SUPPLIES?

We wondered what the popular beach supplies were the biggest sellers, so we decided to find out. Here is a survey of our merchants selling beach stuff.

**CRABBY BILL's** - People come in to get their standard Crabby stuff, including their signature shirts. The best beach sellers are bathing suit coverups and hats, specially hats for children and toddlers.



### INDIAN ROCKS TACKLE -

People mostly come in looking for snorkels, fins and masks. They also sell inexpensive fishing rods and reels, as well as expensive one too. Plus, they sell lots of sunglasses.

**ISLAND SURF SHOP** - Their biggest sellers are skim boards. Prices range from \$20 to \$500. They also sell bathing suits, sandals, sunglasses, suntan lotion, IRB T-shirts. They give lessons on skim boarding and paddle boards.



### CVS DRUGSTORE -

Their biggest seller is apparel - hats, shirts and swimsuits. Their Indian Rocks clothing is very popular with area visitors. They sell a lot of ice, ice chests, chairs and umbrellas, sunglasses, suntan lotion and of course beer.

**KEY WEST OUTPOST** - They are located inside the Holiday Inn Harborside, next to Jimmy Guana's. Their biggest sellers are sunglasses and suntan lotions, but they sell a lot of gift items. Things with Indian Rocks Beach and Jimmy Guana's name on them are the most popular.



**NEKTON BOARD SHOP** - Their biggest sellers are sandals and sunglasses. Sandals range from \$10 to \$60 and sunglasses range from \$20 to \$250. They also sell swimsuits, skim boards and of course, surfboards.

**USA GROCERS** - Most people come in for are food and beverages, but find much more. They carry beach umbrellas, toys, hats, fishing stuff, and suntan lotions in addition to beer, wine and ice. Excluding our bars and restaurants, they sell more Budweiser in Indian Rocks than any other business.



## CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG TO BE HONORED

Congressman, Bill Young (R-Indian Shores) will be the honoree at the 8th Annual Commitment to Excellence Gala hosted by the Indian Rocks Volunteer Firemen's Association of Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue.

The event celebrates the lives of Pinellas County residents who are making a positive difference for our community. Congressman Bill Young was chosen this year because of his long record of support for critical health care services both in Pinellas County and nationwide. He has also been a strong voice on behalf of members of the armed forces and veterans. Bill Young lives in Indian Shores.

The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Harborside, Indian Rocks Beach, Saturday evening, October 23rd, beginning at 6pm. Seating is limited to 230 persons, and usually sells out. Call Father Bob at 510-6153 for more info.

## LIBRARY NEWS

IRB Library has a brand new look. The final stage of renovation was completed at the end of August. All are invited to check out: the new computer room, adjoining area dedicated to wireless use and leisure reading, spacious children's/media room with additional table for laptop users and new carpeting throughout. Penny for Pinellas funding made the makeover possible.

Now, there is a dedicated website linked on the city's web site, [www.indian-rocks-beach.com](http://www.indian-rocks-beach.com), providing members access to their library accounts including items checked out and outstanding fines. Members may renew or reserve items through the web site.

Copies of the current Sunshine State Readers for grades 3-5 and 6-8 are available for checkout. Preschool story time is 4pm, Mondays. The IRB Library book discussion group begins its fall schedule September 14 at 2pm. Selections for September, October, November and December are, respectively: *Someone Knows my Name* by Lawrence Hill, *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks, *Little Face* by Sophie Hannah, and *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire. The groups meet at 2pm, the second Tuesday of each month.

## IRB RESIDENT RUNNING NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

Hello! My name is Anna Thayer and I am a resident of Indian Rocks Beach. I have received the opportunity to run the New York City Marathon in November with Team LIVESTRONG. To run the race all participants are seeking donations with a goal of \$3,500 to support LIVESTRONG, which benefits improving the lives of cancer survivors. I am running this race to support those who would do anything to put their running shoes back on but who are unable to due to illness or cancer. I am passionate about running and very enthusiastic for this event! To help me reach my \$3,500 goal, please visit: <http://fundraising.livestrong.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=325632&lis=1&kntae325632=F7733F7F875F4153BBA9E8E965489AEE&supld=297996631> You can e-mail me at [aethayer@gmail.com](mailto:aethayer@gmail.com) for further information/donation. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for help! Feel free to wave as I run around the neighborhood while training!



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## CLOTHES TO KIDS, IS READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Do you remember the first day of school each year? Picture yourself. You probably had new clothes, new shoes and you were proud. You looked in the mirror and you felt good about yourself. You fit in. This is not the case for many children in our community. Many families struggling to provide food and shelter cannot afford clothing for their children. Teachers tell us hundreds of children come to school wearing soiled or ripped clothes, clothes that don't fit and shoes that are too tight or too large. Some wear the same outfit every day.

Last year, based on Pinellas School's data, out of 108,086 students, 45% were considered at or below poverty level. Research indicates that many children without adequate clothing and shoes suffer from low self esteem, poor social skills and lack of concentration in school. The Clothes To Kids is eager to serve these students with a Back to School shopping experience.

In 2009, Clothes To Kids (CTK) provided 8,740 wardrobes to Pinellas school children, free of charge. In 2010, nearly 5,000 needy children have received wardrobes. From July until November, CTK will distribute 500 more wardrobes.

-To be eligible for free clothing, a child must be Kindergarten

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Shopping at Clothes To Kids is a special experience. CTK is like a department store, designed to be bright and cheery with private dressing rooms. Clothes are arranged by size and type and mannequins are dressed in school appropriate clothing, creating a positive shopping experience. Each child selects a wardrobe that consists of 5 new underwear, 5 pairs of new socks, 4 bottoms, 1 dress, 1 pair of shoes and a jacket in season.

Listen carefully and you can hear the heartwarming comments of some of our student shoppers:

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*"You know why I look so handsome? I got this shirt at Clothes to Kids " - High School Shopper*

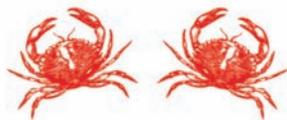
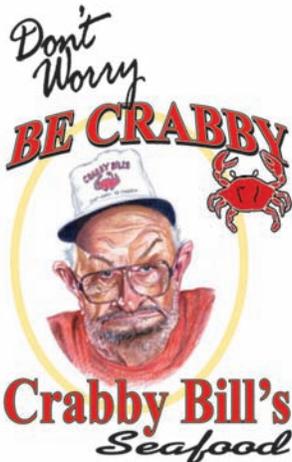
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CTK appreciates donations of new or gently used clothing. Donations can be dropped off between 9 am and 5 pm Monday-Friday at 1059 N. Hercules Ave., Clearwater. Cash donations are needed to purchase underwear and clothing in short supply. Currently, our greatest need is boys pants and jeans, school uniforms, khaki or navy pants & shorts plus white, light blue or navy uniform polo shirts.

Volunteers are always needed. High School Service Learning Hours are available in the summer and every afternoon. Clothes To Kids is open Monday - Friday and alternate Saturdays. Please help us serve our Pinellas children and donate your time, clothing and money. Call 441-5050 or see ClothesToKids.org for more details.

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## TURTLE SEASON CONTINUES

Loggerhead turtle season began May 1st. That means female turtles are appearing on our beaches to lay their eggs, nightly. The year's first nest was found May 23rd on Sunset Beach in Treasure Island. By mid August, 115 nests had been found. In our area, who has the most?

Belleair Beach	4	Belleair Shores	18
Clearwater Beach	13	Sand Key Beach	7
Indian Rocks	14	Indian Shores	9

The Sunset Beach nest was also the first to hatch on July 21st with 86 Hatchlings making their way to the Gulf. By mid August, 32 nests had hatched with 2240 hatchlings.

In other areas, when the nests are ready to hatch, the nest is covered with a cage. Volunteers sit with the nest from 10 pm until 2 am. The cages are to protect them from the beach development. The turtles emerge from the nest at night and head toward bright lights. The cage makes sure they do not head in the wrong direction, but make it to the water safely. They are trying a new program in Indian Rocks and are not using the cages. They are trying to allow the turtles to hatch naturally.

Our last nest will usually hatch by the end of October. Our area averages about 120 nests each year, with about 100 to 110 eggs in each nest. You can see a list of the nests, with the dates of their discovery and hatching, at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Web site, [www.seewinter.com](http://www.seewinter.com)

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Pinellas County's Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center is located at 2855 109th Ave. N., off 28th Street North in St. Petersburg. For information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities) or call (727) 464-7500.

## WILL LARGO CLOSE McGOUGH NATURE?

McGough Park, formerly known as The Narrows Park, is just across the Walsingham Bridge, on the north side of the road. It is owned by the City of Largo. Inside the park is a Nature Center with local plant and animal exhibits. Many school children visit the center on field trips.

Although it is not final, Largo has proposed closing the Nature Center because of budget short falls. A newly formed group, 'Friends of McGough', is trying to raise outside funds that will allow the learning center to stay open. In addition, they are lobbying city commissioners and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to find money to save the center. But even if that money is found, it might not be available until January. The closure will be decided at a Largo Commission meeting on October 1st.

If you'd like to help, call Pat Edmond with Friends of McGough, 593-1796 or Barbara Stalbir, a park manager, 518-3047 for information, or visit [www.Largo.com](http://www.Largo.com)



# CHOOSING THE RIGHT FISH FOR DINNER

## REEF FISH

Reef fish are made up of many different species of fish that live in or on a reef environment. These fish do not swim long distances, therefore their muscles are not constantly strained. The meat of these fish is always white in color, flaky and mild in flavor—in other words, not fishy tasting. Some common reef fish are:

**Black Grouper** — considered the “Best of the Groupers.” The filets are thicker than the more common Red Grouper and the meat is white, flaky and mild in flavor. They can commonly grow to 40 pounds.

**Red Snapper** — called the “Jewel of Reef Fish.” It is found mostly in deep water and is more plentiful off the Florida Panhandle than in south or middle Florida. The meat is similar to Black Grouper.

**Hog Snapper** — the most delicate of the reef fish, it is widely recognized as the best tasting seafood of all the reef species. It cannot be caught by hook and line and, as they only eat coral, fisherman must dive for them. They average from two to four pounds.

## GAME FISH

Game fish are made up of many different species living in the open, deep water. They are constantly swimming in search of food, which causes their muscles to be strained. These fish are larger in size, therefore we are able to make steaks out of the filets. The color of the meat can vary from white to red depending on the species. Game fish have a fishier taste and a firmer consistency than reef fish. This is due to their overused muscles.

Some of the common game fish served in our area are:

**Amberjack** — sometimes called Gulf Tuna, is actually in the jack family. It is usually cut as a thick filet. Amberjack has tan flesh that is off-white when cooked. It is semi-mild in flavor and quite tender.

**Cobia** — looks like a big cat fish. It will usually be cut as a thick filet like Amberjack. It has off-white flesh that is white when cooked. Its consistency is like Amberjack but more mild in flavor. They commonly grow to 30 pounds.

**Kingfish and Mackerel** — a common name applied to a number of different species. They are an oily fish prized for their meat because it is quite tender and flavorful. Usually



cut as a filet, it has a gray flesh that is off-white to gray when cooked. Kingfish filets may be quite thick.

**Mahi Mahi** — is a Hawaiian word that means “strong-strong” for dolphin fish. It is an exceptionally versatile fish, having firm, white meat and a delicate flavor, but because it is a skinny fish it will always be cut as a filet. Mahi has tan flesh that is off-white when cooked. It is not too firm, but is a very flavorful fish.

**Salmon** — is king when it comes to netting the health benefits of fish oil. They are born and bred in fresh water, but spend their life in saltwater. Salmon may be served as a steak or filet and has a flavorful, orange flesh.

**Swordfish** — is a highly recognized game fish. This is usually cut as a thick steak. The flesh is off-white to white when cooked and is tender and very flavorful.

**Wahoo** — a lean fish, it has very little fat, therefore it is firm and the flavor is not too strong (flavor comes from fat in any kind of fish or meat). It has off-white flesh that is white when cooked and is always cut in a steak.

**Yellow Fin Tuna** — one of the premier tunas is the “Black Angus of Tuna.” It will always be a steak cut. The flesh has a deep red color, which becomes brown when cooked. Tuna is eaten at cooking temperatures the same as a beef steak — medium, medium rare and rare.

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**INDIAN ROCKS BEACH  
 HOMEOWNERS  
 ASSOCIATION NEWS**



**2010 HAPPY HOURS**

Homeowners Happy Hours continue at the following restaurants:

September 23: Guppy's October 14: Jimmy Guana's  
 These FREE Happy Hours are 6-7:30 pm the second Thursday of the month. Visit [IRBhome.com](http://IRBhome.com) for info.

**SEPTEMBER HAPPY HOUR DATE CHANGED** - Guppy's will be closed the originally planned date - the new date is September 23rd

**POKER RUN BAR CRAWL SEPT. 11TH**

Visit your favorite IRB restaurants and bars, followed by the after party at Crabby Bill's Loading Dock. Early registration ends Sept. 10 at [www.IRBhome.com](http://www.IRBhome.com), or register the day of at the City Hall Auditorium 12-2pm. Remember, Don't DRINK & DRIVE!



**DONATIONS** - Ever wonder what the HOA does with the money it earns at their events? Here is a list of some of the more recent things they have done:

- Donated \$300** to Tampa Bay Watch
- Donated \$1,400** to the city to install a permanent metal platform on the existing Osprey Platform.
- Donated \$625** to the city for beach signs
- Donated \$2,900** to the city to light the bocci ball court.
- Donated \$300** to Little League to sponsor a team
- Donated \$1500** to the IRB Lighted Boat Parade
- Donated \$1500** to the Beach Food Pantry
- Donated \$100** to Hospice
- Sponsored** the City Employee Spring Cook-out
- Sponsored a team** in the SPCA bowl-a-thon that raised over \$25,000

**FOURTH ANNUAL TASTE OF IRB** is November 6th. Over 20 restaurants will be serving their specialties while the HOA serves beer & wine. Plan to dance the night away with great music by Espre deKor.

**IRB BOAT CLUB NEWS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- End of Summer Island Party: Saturday, September 18th*
- Clearwater Offshore Super Boat Races, October 3*
- Intracoastal Clean Up, Saturday, October 9th*
- Veteran's Boat Parade, Saturday, November 13th*

**MEETINGS** - The Boat Club participated in a pre-oil disaster clean up of the Intracoastal Waterway near Indian Rocks Beach last month. Many IRB residents, even those without boats, turned helped.

Peter Clark, Executive Director of Tampa Bay Watch was their guest speaker in August.

Join them at Jimmy Guana's, the third Thursday each month. The next meetings are Sept 16 and Oct 21. Happy Hour starts at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7. Everyone is welcome and there are no dues. If you have questions, outings ideas or guest speakers, email [BoatClub@IRBhome.com](mailto:BoatClub@IRBhome.com).



Ready to clean the Intracoastal

## SHELTER FROM THE STORM

by Commission Chair Karen Williams Seel

Pinellas County is a beautiful place to call home. With our sunny beaches, diverse habitats and ample opportunities for recreation, it's no wonder that people from around the country – and the world – come to visit us.



While we live in a paradise, we also have to keep in mind that we do live on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico in the most densely populated county on a vulnerable peninsula connected to the rest of Florida by several bridges. That means we face tremendous risks from the potential landfall of a hurricane.

September is the busiest month for hurricanes in the Atlantic basin. By now, I hope you have developed a survival plan for you and your family. This should include knowing your evacuation zone, stocking up on non-perishable food, medications and important paperwork.

Should a storm threaten, where will you go if you have to evacuate? Your first thoughts may be to leave the area, get a hotel somewhere safe or stay in a public shelter. While these options will be safer than staying in an affected evacuation area, your best option may be to choose a host home.

The host home program is quite simple – people living in an evacuation zone stay with those who live in non-evacuation zone. Coworkers, members of the

congregation of a place of worship, members of civic groups, friends, relatives ... all can potentially serve as hosts for those who have to evacuate.

What makes host homes a better alternative? A friend's house will be far less crowded than a public shelter, you won't have to drive very far to get to their home and you will have more space available to you. Accommodation arrangements can also be made to custom-fit your needs. For instance, smokers stay with people who can accommodate them, pet owners can stay with people who will accept their pets and families with children can stay with other families with children who can entertain each other. Most importantly, you will be riding out the storm with people you know and are comfortable with. Passing that anxious time with friends can make the situation more bearable.

Pinellas County doesn't maintain a database of homes that have agreed to host others, but we do offer the materials you can use to set up a host home program of your own. Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hosthomes.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hosthomes.htm) where you can find an informational packet about how to set up a program, including a checklist of actions to take to set up a program of your own and sample survey forms you may want to send to members of your organization to determine participation.

While preparing for a hurricane may seem like a hassle, making preparations well in advance of storm's approach can mean the difference between life and death. Remember that surviving the storm is everyone's responsibility.

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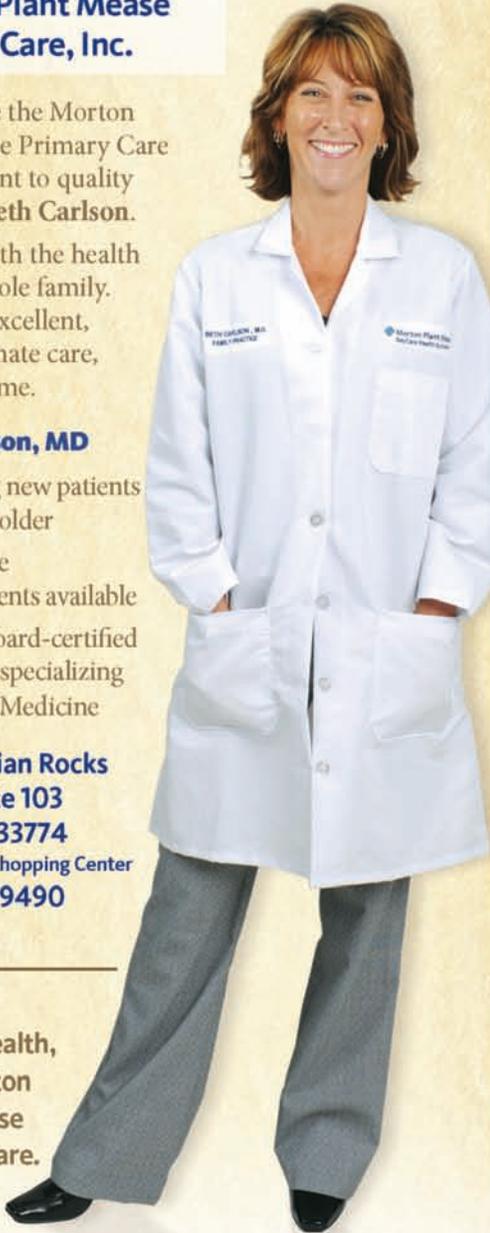
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## Business Briefs....

**SHELL'S GOT GAS** The IRB Shell Gas Station, at the corner of Gulf Blvd and Walsingham has finished the long awaited removal of their old underground gas tanks and installed new ones. They plan to be up and pumping by the time you read this. They want to thank everyone for their understanding and look forward to serving you soon.



**BELLTECH COMPUTER REPAIR** BellTech, located at 14219 Walsingham Road, next to Hungry Howies Pizza, specializes in PC repair. If you need virus removal, data recovery, laptop repairs, security or custom add-ons, call them. Owner Larry Bell has been in this kind of repair business for 8 years. Call him at 595-5000.

### ARMY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HomeBanc was one of the sponsors of the American Army's 235th Anniversary Celebration. This year's featured speaker was General Ann Dunwoody, the first female four-star general. Many veterans, as well as the Wounded Warriors from our



current wars, attended. "It was a great event to get the citizens involved in our military, and to thank our troops for their support," says Mike Alea, Indian Rocks Beach resident and senior Vice President and Regional Manager of HomeBanc in Belleair Bluffs. Pictured here is Mike, with wife Stella and General Patreaus.

**BILLY THE TREE** Robin Weber recently opened a jewelry store at 2617 Jewel Road, behind the Belleair Food Mart. Called Billy The Tree, he sells watches, jewelry and gifts. Products range from \$10 to \$250 and are fine, quality items. Call him at 581-1848.

**BELLEAIR BEE WINS AWARDS** In June, Tampa Bay Newspapers, who owns the Belleair Bee, won 11 awards in the Florida Press Association's 2009 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest. In an addition to an award for an article by Editor Alexandra Caldwell, the staff won an award for their annual "Welcome Back" section. Dan Smith, a local cartoonist, also won an award for his editorial cartoons..

**INCREDIBLE EDIBLES** is moving into the Bonfish Plaza, just west of Maggie Mae's Cafe. Owner Carol Williams' storefront is currently on Lakeview Road in Clearwater. They hope to be open by September.

**MORE NEWS WANTED** If you have news or suggestions for this newsletter, let us know. Call us at 517-1997, or E-mail Bob@GriffinDirectories.com.

**ROTARY NEWS**  
"SERVICE ON THE ROCKS"



**OKTOBERFEST AND THE "BIG GAME RAFFLE" ARE COMING!!**

Oktoberfest and the "Big Game Raffle" are coming! Help The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach and Action 2000 celebrate the 9th Annual Oktoberfest on the Beach, our unique version of the German tradition on Saturday, Oct 16th. Enjoy food, games, music, beverages and shopping at numerous vendors. Your participation enables our organizations to fund our local, national and international projects.

You'll have a 'super' time if you win our raffle to the Big Game in Dallas on February 6th 2010. You'll receive 2 game tickets, 4 nights accommodations and \$1000 travel/spending money. Last year's winner was Pike Randolph from Tampa.

Chances are available for 5/\$20 or \$5 each from any IRB Rotarian or from our website ([www.irbrc.com](http://www.irbrc.com)). This year's drawing will be held at Crabby Bill's Loading Dock on December 19th. There will be a full day of fun and drawings culminating in the Big Drawing during half time of the 2nd game (approx. 5:30 PM). For more info, call David Kline at (727) 593-2605. You don't need to be present to win.

On August 14th, the Rotary Club participated in the quarterly Adopt-A-Mile program on Gulf Blvd. For the first time, we extended our "mile" to the Narrows. The flat surface to the seawall allows trash to easily collect in the mangroves. We picked up nearly 100 pounds of trash along the seawall and the mangroves.



Do you have a high school student interested in foreign culture? Check into the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program ([www.ryeflorida.org](http://www.ryeflorida.org)). Students selected for the program spend an entire school year in a country of their choice. Host families are also being sought. The only requirement is a desire to share your home with a student from another country.

Our last host family was Lou and Maria Gregor of Gregor Marine. Lou and Maria hosted Cansu Yanick from Turkey. The bonds they formed will continue for the rest of their lives and the stories Lou brought to the club about their experiences were a constant source of entertainment at our meetings.

If you are interested in any of our programs and making your community and the world a better place, visit us at any club meeting every Wednesday morning, 7:15 AM at Jimmy Guana's inside the Holiday Inn Harbourside or call (727) 403-4060 for more information.

To find out more about Rotary, or any of our events, join us at one of our weekly meetings every Wednesday at 7:15 am inside Jimmy Guana's at the Holiday Inn Harbourside, or call (727) 403-4060. Your first breakfast is on us! [www.irbrc.com](http://www.irbrc.com).

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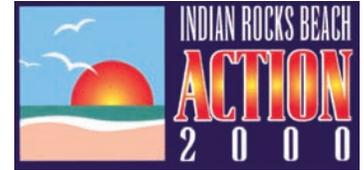
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## ACTION 2000 NEWS



### OBSERVATION OVERLOOK PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

What once was a spectacular view at 6th Ave. and Gulf Blvd, is now open again from Gulf to Bay. It is a perfect spot for taking pictures with a view of the Basin and Intracoastal Waterway.



Whether driving, walking or biking it is a delight to be able to catch a glimpse of the water along the long stretch of concrete along Gulf Blvd.

### OKTOBERFEST PLANS UNDERWAY.

All Action 2000 members are busy getting ready for our annual event "Oktoberfest on the Beach."



Mark the date, you won't want to miss it:  
**October 16, 2010 from  
 11am to 8pm**  
 Kolb Park, 16th Ave,  
 Indian Rocks Beach.

Activities and fun for all:

- Kinderfest for the children 11am to 2pm
- Great food and beverages all day long
- Music provided by Lor-e-Loi band 11am-5pm
- Caribbean Cowboys entertaining from 5- 8pm
- Vendors will be displaying art, jewelry etc for sale.
- Silent auction tent with over \$15,000 in valuable items.

**Don't miss this one:** the DUNK TANK is back! Starting at 3pm, come by and try your luck at dunking our mayor and commissioners. What great sports they are to volunteer for this one!!

Raffle tickets will be on sale for a wide screen TV, and for a special getaway to Key West, including airfare, accommodations for two nights plus dinner.

If you are looking for a way to support our community here is your chance; be a sponsor, vendor, donate a silent auction item, and or volunteer.

For more info, visit [www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com](http://www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com) or call Diane Flagg at 727-612-9454.

Next Action 2000 meeting - September 13th at 6:30pm at the Beach Art Center. All are welcome to attend.

Hope everyone in Indian Rocks had a safe and enjoyable summer and see you at Oktoberfest!

Eric Meyer, President IRB Action 2000  
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## AN EXPLOSIVE COMBINATION

By State Representative Jim Frishe, District 54

We are a nation of cell phone users. The cell phone has become almost an extension of our ears. There is much to be said (both pro and con) regarding cell phones and their usefulness. However, this article is about a dangerous (life threatening) use of cell phones.



Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which cell phones were the cause of igniting fumes during fueling. In one case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid while the driver was pumping gasoline into his automobile's gas tank. The phone rang and caused a fire destroying the automobile as well as the gasoline pump.

In another instance, an individual answered an incoming call while refueling their car. When the fumes ignited, the person suffered facial severe burns. In a third instance, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin area when their cell phone (which was in their pocket) rang and ignited fumes while they were pumping gasoline into the automobile.

Mobile Phones CAN ignite fuel or fumes. Phones that light up when switched on or when they ring, release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition. Do not have your cell phones turned on when you fueling your car or even your lawn mower.

Cell phones should not be used (or should be turned off) around flammable or explosive fumes or dust such as solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc.

### Four safety tips for refueling:

1. Turn off engine.
2. Don't smoke.
3. Don't use your cell phone – leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off.
4. Don't EVER re-enter your vehicle during fueling. If you MUST get back in the car while the gas is pumping, when you get out and close the door TOUCH THE METAL, BEFORE you remove the gas nozzle from the tank. This way, the static from your body will be discharged before you remove the nozzle.

Please share this information with family and friends, especially those who have children in the car while pumping gas. If a fire were to happen with the children in the car, there may not be time to get the children out.

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## THE ORCHID LADY

Not many people know about Beach Tropicals, but it is located in Indian Rocks Beach, a block off Gulf Blvd, in front of the fire station. In 1984, Susan Roney opened the business next to her IRB home. Born and raised in St Petersburg, she has always loved plants and just evolved into this business. In October, her nursery will be 26 years old.

Susan raises orchids, native and beach plants along with fruit trees, all of which are for sale. She is the only nursery on the beach. Most of the plants she sells are designed to live in our beach environment. She also sells sea oats. They come in 6" pots and sell for around \$4 to \$5 each, depending on their size. Many beach front residents have bought some from her.

"I bought some of my first sea oats there," says Mayor R.B. Johnson. "This was before I lived here permanently, around 1988 or '89. She's been here longer than me."

Susan has 8 to 10 varieties of orchids. There are hundreds of species, but she only raises the ones that will survive in our beach weather. Most of her orchids are priced between \$15 and \$50, but a few cost close to \$100.

Located at 305 1st Street, Beach Tropicals is open Tuesday - Saturday, 9am to 5pm. Their phone number is 596-9003

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