

CLEARWATER BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD

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Newsletter 20-25



CLEARWATER BEACH'S LIFEGUARDS

Did you always want to be a lifeguard when you were growing up? Getting paid to spend all day on the beach watching the girls or guys while catching some rays sounds great. "Well, there is a little more to it than that," says Patrick Brafford, Water Safety Supervisor of the Clearwater Beach Patrol for the last two years.

Patrick and his wife moved here from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where he was a lifeguard and part of the Police Department's public safety. They live on the north end of Clearwater Beach.

Patrick oversees a staff of twenty employees - sixteen men and four women. Five are full time personnel; the rest are seasonal, meaning they work eleven months a year. The Lifeguards are part of the Department of Parks and Rec.

Of the twenty lifeguards, a few have been doing this for a long time. Joe Lain, (59) has been part of the group for twenty-six years. Tony Rossi has been a lifeguard since the late 1980s. Some have other jobs too, Brent Armstrong is a trial lawyer when he is not on the beach.

"Myrtle Beach was very seasonal. We worked from Memorial Day to Labor Day," says Brafford. "It's very different here. We are pretty much year round. We are the only year round lifeguard service in Pinellas County."

The Clearwater Beach Lifeguards have five towers covering

the area from Clearwater Pass north to around the Palm Pavilion, where coverage ends. The lifeguards in Sand Key Park are provided by Pinellas County.

"Our most important job is water rescue and handling medical emergencies," Brafford explains. "But we get involved in lots of other things, too. We provide a "luxury service", all year. Minimum training for our lifeguards is that of a first responder, but we also have several EMTs and paramedics on staff."

Clearwater Beach has thousands of visitors, with a wide variety of swimming skills. They range from non-swimmers to people who could train for the Olympics and they all keep the lifeguards busy.

One of their more common jobs is helping to find lost children, and there are many lost kids, especially on a holiday weekend. Lifeguards are the first contact for the parents. "The beach is so densely populated on a busy weekend, it is easy for a child to lose his or her way," Brafford admits. "We try to be proactive and we get involved immediately. When a child is lost, parents normally come to a lifeguard on one of our towers. We ask the parent to stay at the tower. First, we get a description and pass the word to the other towers. Then, we call the Clearwater Police who alert patrolmen on land. We ride the beach in our special utility beach vehicles, looking for the missing child."



Water Safety Supervisor Patrick Brafford

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CLEARWATER BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

This is our 21st Clearwater Beach Neighborhood Newsletter. We started this publication in December of 2009.

You will find articles and local information about the Beach area inside. We call it a Neighborhood Newsletter because it is primarily about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire zip code of 33767 including Island Estates and Sand Key.

We want your input. How did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future issues and articles? We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We call it a "Neighborhood Newsletter" because it is about Clearwater Beach, your neighborhood. It is mailed to about 5,000 households and includes Island Estates and Sand Key. We publish this edition six times a year.

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

JUNE

Hurricane Season Begins 1

CCSC Summer Luau 1

Beach Chamber Annual Dinner 4

Last Day Public School 5

Sunset Run Pier 60 7

Flag Day 14

Sunset Run at Pier 60 14

Antique Appraisal Heritage Village 15

Father's Day 16

First Day of Summer 21

Friday Night Swim Aquatic Center 21

Morton Plant / Mease Triathlon 23

Chamber Tradeshow Safety Harbor 27

Thresher's Chambers Beach Day 28

JULY:

Independence Day 4

Fire Works / Clearwater Harbor 4

Friday Night Swim Aquatic Center 5

Friday Night Swim Aquatic Center 19

Sunset Run at Pier 60 #3 19

AUGUST:

Little League (Register for Fall Ball)

Sunset Run at Pier 60 #4 2

Public School Begins 19

SEPTEMBER:

Labor Day 2

Friday Night Swim Aquatic Center 2

Morton Plant Prostate Awareness 5K 7

Buc's First Game 8

Grandparents Day 8

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RED CROSS The Red Cross, who recently celebrated their 130th year birthday, responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year in the US alone. On Florida's West Coast, the Red Cross has responded to over 250 local emergencies serving over 1,800 people, assisted over 800 military families and trained over 7,600 people in lifesaving skills. They have an office in the downtown St Petersburg area, on 4th Street N. To volunteer your time and get involved in the local chapter, call 813-868-7642. See their web site at www.RedCross.org.

WET GARBAGE The rainy season is right around the corner and Pinellas County Utilities is asking everyone to keep your garbage dry when it is outside. Pinellas County operates one of the largest Waste-to-Energy facilities in the country where garbage is burned and converted to electricity. For it to burn efficiently, garbage needs to be free of moisture from rainfall. Increased moisture causes operational problems and increased air emissions. In addition, water increases the weight of the load resulting in increased disposal fees. The solution is keep the lid closed on garbage containers that are stored outside.

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TIME FOR THE STINGRAY SHUFFLE It is important for beachgoers to do the stingray shuffle when entering beach waters. By shuffling your feet in the sand, you will scare off any stingrays that might be around.



Purple warning flags are flown, as needed, to warn of the danger of stingrays in area waters. If you are stung, see a lifeguard at one of the towers or go to Fire Station #46 at 534 Mandalay Ave.

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DIG INTO READING The Clearwater Public Library system is gearing up for its summer children's reading programs - Dig Into Reading. It runs through the beginning of August. They have a wide variety of summer reading activities and participants receive giveaways just for signing up. Visit www.MyClearwater.com/CPL or call 562-4970.

RECLAIMED WATER USAGE There are no restrictions to the number of days Clearwater residents can use their reclaimed water. Other cities may be asking their residents to limit reclaimed water use due to supply and demand, but these limits do not apply to Clearwater. Reclaimed water use is encouraged and available daily.

MEMBERS WANTED Junior League of Clearwater Dunedin, a group of women building better communities, is recruiting new members. Membership is open to women at least 21 years of age who are interested in serving the communities of Pinellas and Pasco Counties through volunteering. They are holding membership information sessions discussing their mission, as well as the benefits and commitments of membership which include a presentation and salad supper beginning at 6:30 pm on June 27 & 31, July 31, August 7 & 15. To RSVP and for information email info@jlcd.org or call 727-738-5523.

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LIFEGUARDS, continued

Weather is another concern. "Lightning is big here and hard to predict," says Brafford. "It can be really bad because of all this water and so many people. We monitor several TV channels, but it's a tough call when you have to clear a big beach like this. Of course we also have to keep the lifeguards safe, too. In my two years here, we have not had a lightning strike or a person injured, yet. Knock on wood." A person was struck and killed by lightning on May 28, on Belleair Beach, just 3 miles south of Clearwater Beach.

Stingrays are something, the lifeguards have to constantly deal with. "In the past, Stingray season started around March but with the late cold fronts this year, we have noticed that the water has taken longer to warm up, which attracts the rays to our beach," Patrick says. "When they show up we know it. The best cure for a stingray's sting is hot water. We put the swimmer's foot or leg in a bucket of hot water or wrap it with a hot bandage. Hot water seems to break down the toxins."

Now that it is turtle season they watch for nests too. "The Clearwater Marine Aquarium has people on the beach each morning usually before we are. But, sometimes we act as their spotters. We report any new turtle tracks we see."

People worry about riptides on the beach. "Yes we have them, but they are relatively less serious here than I had in Myrtle Beach. Here we have a sandbar just off shore and sometimes the water will run north and south along it when the tides change. All and all, they are not too bad off Clearwater Beach."

Brafford wants everyone to know they don't rent cabanas. "We have nothing to do with them. They are rented and maintained by outside companies, such as, Pier 60 Concessions, The Hilton and other subcontractors."

Brafford's has advice for all those on the beach:

- Always swim near a lifeguard stations.
- Heed the warnings. Pay attention to the flag system warnings posted on the towers.
- Talk to the lifeguards. They are there to help you.

SENIOR LIFEGUARD - JOE LAIN

Joe Lain, 59 has been a Clearwater Beach Lifeguard since 1987, over 26 years. Technically he is retired, but he still works two or three days a week. Lain lives across the bridge on the mainland.

"I work here because I love this job," says Joe. "I love the beach and the people".

We met Joe on Tower #5 near the Palm Pavilion, but he is assigned to different towers. "I go where they need me," he says.

Joe sees a difference between the north end of the beach and the area south of the Pier. "The south is usually full of tourists. The north side tends to have more locals, people from Clearwater and Clearwater Beach. The South end normally is crowded. But, it is really just one big park, and that is why we are here."

He has seen his share of serious rescues, but their frequency cannot be predicted. "You might have one a month. Then sometimes you can go several months without an incident. It just depends."

Joe also recommends you swim near a tower and adhere to the warnings posted on their towers.



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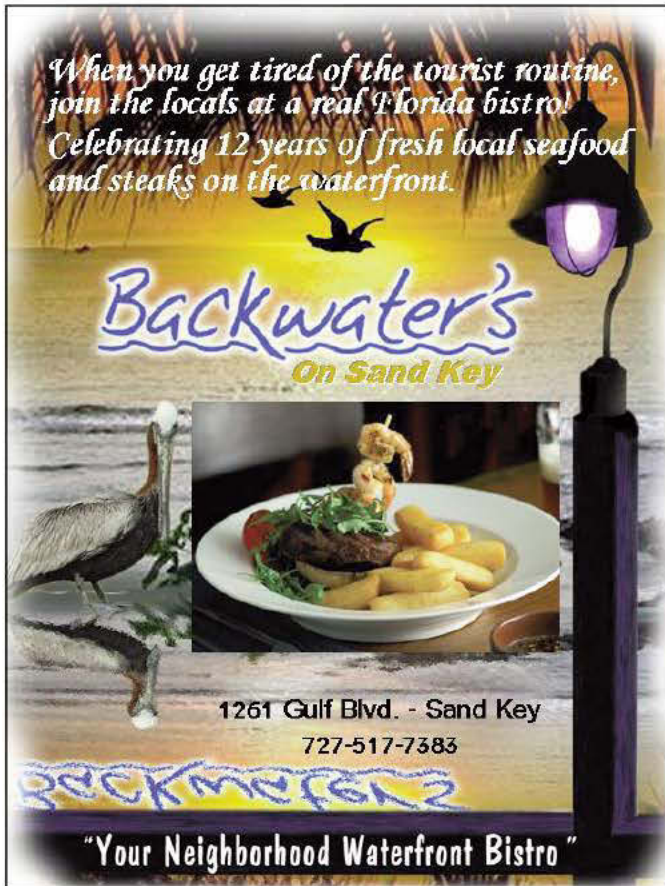
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Steve Westphal, owner of several area restaurants, was recognized by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce as the Top Tourism Professional of the Year at their Annual Tourism Luncheon held at the Sheraton Sand Key. Steve was recognized as a homegrown product of the hospitality industry, starting as a dishwasher at Redington Beach's now closed Wine Cellar Restaurant and advancing through the ranks to become the owner of some of the area's best restaurants - The Pub Waterfront Restaurant in Indian Shores, downtown's 400 Beach Seafood & Tapa House and Parkshore Grill, The Hangar at Albert Whitted Airport and the Café Gala at the Dali Museum. Steve recently announced plans to partner in a new Madeira Beach Gulf front restaurant called the Gulf Grill. The primary reason Westphal was chosen was his willingness to help many local charities with their fundraising needs.



ANOTHER BROWN BOXER OPENS The Brown Boxer in Clearwater Beach, their first location, opened three years ago. To celebrate, owner Jay Thomas has opened a third restaurant in Clearwater's Countryside area at 26111 US 19 N. Just like the Clearwater Beach and Madeira Beach locations, it is open every day and serves food until 2am.

JB'S ISLAND CAFE CELEBRATES 27 YEARS

Julian Bugar has been making pancakes on the beach for 27 years and he to say "Thank You" he is offering all Clearwater Beach residents a 10% discount off your meal - when you mention this newsletter and that you live here. JB's Island Cafe, located at 432 Poinsettia, north of the Sun Trust Bank, is open for breakfast and lunch only and offers all-you-can-eat pancakes, all day, every day.

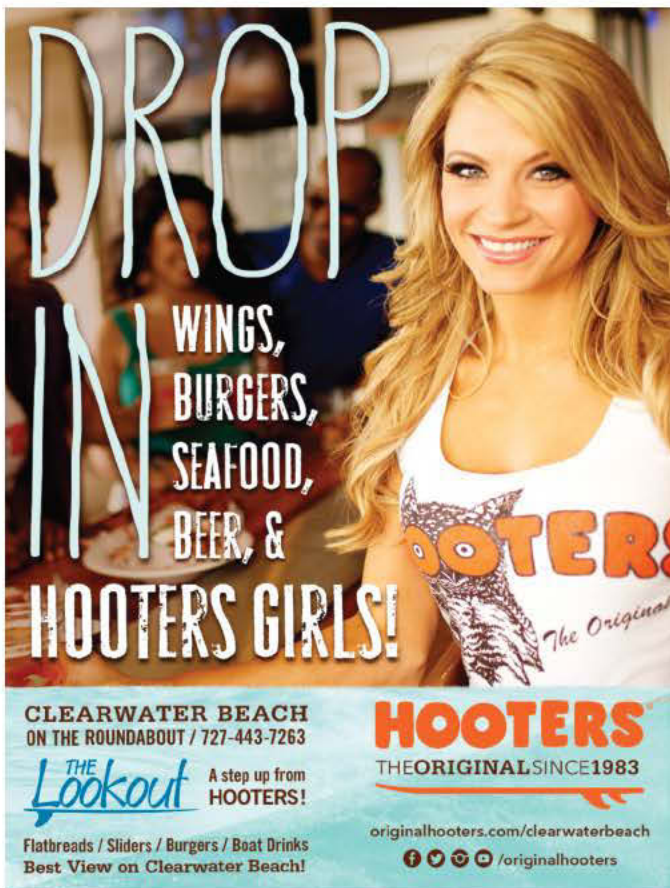


ANOTHER CLEARSKY CAFE Dan Shouvin, co-owner of Clearsky Café and CEO of all the Frenchy's restaurants, is opening a second Clearsky in Dunedin. It will open in the The Living Room's former space at 680 Main Street.

551 STILL FOR SALE The restaurant, formerly known as 551 and Shells and Leverocks and Fisherman's Wharf is still for sale or lease for \$18,000 a month. They have had many lookers but no takers. For information call Sylvia Tzekas with Prudential Tropical at 461-1700.

CLOSED Kelly's on South Beach closed in April. It was owned by Stephen Busch and located at 731 Bayway Blvd.

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HCG has been in use for weight loss since the mid 1950s. It is used in males to help facilitate their bodies' own production of testosterone and in females to treat infertility. The controversy stems from the drastic 500-calorie diet that typically accompanied its use. Most physicians feel that this type of caloric intake is too low and unsafe, and the reason people achieve such drastic weight loss is due to the diet and not the HCG. This is true, as we have seen many patients who obtained nonprescription HCG from the Internet or stores before it was outlawed as unsafe, and they did lose weight; but quickly re-gained all back and more.

My practice is a comprehensive weight loss center and HCG is an option among many other alternatives, with our main goal going beyond pounds lost to long-term maintenance of a healthy weight through education, support and guidance into a healthier lifestyle transformation.

Recent studies have concluded that when HCG is used appropriately, the pounds lost will be composed of a greater percentage of fat mass and less muscle as compared to someone on an identical plan without HCG. The reason why inches are more visibly lost is that fat carries more volume than muscle. We often use HCG to achieve a robust start, when someone in their journey hits a plateau or when someone has stubborn areas of their body that are still holding on to the weight despite the rest of their body being at goal.

While it is not the panacea, it is a credible option in the treatment of obesity when integrated with a comprehensive medical management program. Adequate follow ups and monitoring are essential elements in securing a safe medical use as the patient is integrated in a lifestyle modification plan.

Want the Best Weight Loss Practitioner to answer your question? Submit them to info@cearlaramd.com and visit us online for more valuable information at BestMedicineforWeightLoss.com.

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Sunset Cinema provides free movies on the beach every Friday and Saturday. All the regular pier activities, such as artisans, crafters, street performers and live music also take place. Beach towels, blankets and low lawn chairs are welcome. Movies begin at dusk. Popcorn and beverages will be available on site.

JUNE

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| 21: Surf's Up | 26: Thunder Struck |
| 22: Hook | 27: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey |
| 28: Pirates: Band of Misfits | |
| 29: Land of the Lost | |

JULY

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| 5: ET: The Extra Terrestrial | 2: Dolphin Tale |
| 6: Apollo 13 | 3: The Hunger Games |
| 12: The Goonies | 9: Madagascar 3 |
| 13: Jack the Giant Slayer | 10: Battleship |
| 19: Escape from Planet Earth | 16: Who Framed Roger Rabbit? |
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Business Briefs...

INSTITUTE EXPANDS St Michaels Eye & Laser Institute at 1018 West Bay has expanded. They have been under construction for over a year and hope to move into their new, building by mid-June. The administrative offices will be in the new building, where downstairs their will also be more space for retail sales. They also have created a large parking area on the building's north side. The existing building will be remodeled to match the new building, and contain a larger surgery center. They employ over 25 people and have been in business there for over 50 years. Get more information at www.StMichaelseye.com.



LIZ IS BACK After 38 years in the business and a four year sabbatical for health reasons, Liz Seither of Executive Preferred Properties is back working full time. After many years in Clearwater and Clearwater Beach, Liz now has a new office in Indian Rocks Beach located at 107 13th Avenue on the corner of 13th Ave. and Gulf Blvd, next to USA Grocers. Liz loves the rental & sales market. Give her a call at 461-6000 or visit ClearwaterBeachFL.com



ENGEL AND VOLKERS OPENS NEW OFFICE IN BELLEAIR BLUFFS

Kelly and Steve Kepler are opening their newest location of Engel & Volkers in Belleair Bluffs at 2955 West Bay Drive. The new office which opened in early June, is their third Pinellas



County location for the Keplers. Engel & Volkers, a luxury real estate firm, has 484 locations around the world in 34 countries. This new, premium location offers walk-in opportunities for customers and private offices for agents. Contact Kelly at 515-6887 if you are interested in joining them. See www.EngelVoelkers.com for more information.

NEW LAUNDRY Clean Jeans Laundry opened in the space of the old Coin Laundry, in North Beach. It is owned by Corie, who also owns, the Create You hair salon next door. They are open Monday through Friday 7am to 8pm; Sat & Sun 7am to 6pm for drop off Wash, Dry & Fold, ironing, steaming, and light tailoring. you can do your own on Tues, Thurs and Sat from 6 to 10:30pm. They also offer pick-up and delivery in this zip code. Call at 290-7940 for more information.

More Business Briefs...

FIRST TWO-STORY STORE IN THE US

The first two-story Walgreens in the US is being built on Clearwater Beach. In November, Walgreens decided to make this store a prototype for future stores. It did cause a slight delay in construction while they redid the plans. The store, near the roundabout, will have retail sales on both the first and second floor. It is scheduled to open in October. The store in South Beach will be closed.



BAYSIDE CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

Dr Richard Wallace opened Bayside Urgent Care a year ago with only a few employees. Now, they are one of the few medical clinics open on Saturdays and Sundays. Walk-ins and new customers are always welcome. They are located at 1001 S. Ft Harrison, just south of Publix. Call them 441-5044.

SEVEN YEARS OF RADIANCE

Radiance MedSpa just celebrated their seventh anniversary, and Tiffany Donizetti has been with them since they opened. Tiffany, a clinical esthetician and Medical Assistant, performs medical grade chemical peels, Thermage, Microdermabrasions, Liposonix. She helps patients with their skin and choosing the right treatments and skincare to achieve the desired result. Here are some of her thoughts on her job:



"It's been amazing to see the business grow into what it is today. In the last seven years, Stephanie has always made me feel a part of the business and not just like an employee. I'm so happy to be a part of such a wonderful establishment for this long.

I love helping people and building relationships with them. My mom always told me you know you found the right job when you would work even if you weren't paid. I found that at Radiance Medspa. I find myself and hanging around even after my work day. It's not just a job, it's a family at Radiance. Stephanie has made it into just that. The highlight of my last seven years here has been when Radiance Medspa won business of the year in 2013!"

CLEARWATER BEACH CHAMBER ANNOUNCES BUSINESSSES OF THE YEAR

Large Business of the Year -
Sandpearl Resort

Small Business of the Year -
Things to Do Around Here Magazine

Volunteer of the Year -
Trisha Rodriguez, The Tropics Boat Tours

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Wanna throw a backyard beach party? It helps if you happen to live on the beach, but don't let that stop you. Just ask any "Parrot Head" - beach parties can happen anywhere and any time. Just remind guests to bring beach blankets and have a sprinkler running if you don't have a pool or live on the Gulf. Don't forget the beach balls, colorful decorations, and party lighting for when the sun goes down. If Jimmy Buffett is busy, play some of his music! Fun finger foods, fresh salsas, Summer salads, and "fresh fruity cocktails" make for an easy menu.

I like to feature a "Fresh Fruit Cocktail Bar". Display a chalkboard menu with ingredients so guests can make their own or order from you. I always have a few ready in pitchers with the garnishes on the side. The great thing about fresh fruit drinks is they are so refreshing, they're even good without the alcohol. Here is one of my favorite recipes:

WATERMELON MOJITO

- 1 watermelon, cut into pieces with seeds removed
- 1 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup mint leaves
- 3 cups rum *use 2 cups sprite for non-alcoholic version
- 1/4 cup simple syrup (maple syrup is fine)

Blend watermelon, lime juice and mint in a blender until smooth. Pour through a sieve into a pitcher and mix in rum and syrup. Serve over ice with mint leaves as garnish.

My go-to Summer dishes are salsas and gazpacho. My salads never have use mayo, so they're safe at room temperature and food is served inside to avoid bugs.

Two of my latest "all time favorite" salsas are Tomatillo and Pineapple, and an Aji Verde. Great for dipping with your favorite tortilla chip, topped on quesadilla's, taco's, or grilled chicken, pork or fish. Both are a beautiful light green in color and amazingly delicious.

TOMATILLO AND PINEAPPLE SALSA

- 1/2 lb. fresh tomatillos, husked, rinsed and quartered
- 1/2 lb. fresh tomatillo's, husked and parboiled for 5 min.
- 1 small fresh jalapeno chili peppers seeded
- 1/2 medium white onion, cut into large chunks
- 6 ounces fresh pineapple, cut into chunks
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- Juice of half a lime
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro (optional)

Combine tomatillos, chilies, onion and pineapple in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the chopping blade. Pulse until coarsely chopped. Add cilantro (if using), salt and lime juice and pulse until desired texture.

AJI VERDE SAUCE

- 5-6 jalapeno, seeded
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 tbsp white vinegar (or lime juice)
- Salt (to taste)
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro (optional)

Place jalapenos, garlic and cilantro (if using) in food processor Pulse until chopped small. Add vinegar or lime juice and pulse another few seconds. Add olive oil, and salt pulse until smooth. Should be smooth not chunky, thinner than thicker. Add more olive oil if too thick.

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A TOWERING DESIGN The Lifeguard Towers on Clearwater Beach

With all the improvements on Clearwater Beach including BeachWalk, new hotels and new restaurants, Bill Fisher thought it would be nice to give the beach a facelift, too. He specifically had the lifeguard towers in mind.

"The towers the lifeguards sit on are the most visible structure on the beach, next to Pier 60 of course," says Bill Fisher, President of Fisher and Associates Architects.

"Three years ago, I approached Margo Walbolt, the Cultural Affairs Manager with the City of Clearwater, about replacing the existing lifeguard stations with a creative new design," says Fisher. "She forwarded the idea to Parks and Recreation and they approved the concept."

"Before the lifeguards basically sat on a plywood box. It looked a little like an elevated telephone booth. They even had a rusted-out corrugated metal roof."

"We suggested a series of seven lifeguard towers that would all look different. They would reflect the architecture and feel of different parts of Florida. We held a contest within our Clearwater firm and came up with seven designs, but the city decided to only build five. They are named for the areas they represented. The designs they chose are:

Running South to North

#1 Everglades – at the far south end

#3 Seaside – south of Pier 60

#5 Honeymoon Island – north end near the Palm Pavilion

#2 Key West – which is the most colorful

#4 Crystal River – north of Pier 60

The new towers were built and installed two years ago at a cost of \$20,000 each. They were designed to also provide beach storage for the lifeguard's equipment.

The towers can be picked up and moved in the case of a storm or hurricane. "Last June, Tropical Storm Debby was the first test of their durability," says Fisher. "During the storm, the water came up to the seawalls. Two of the towers were under several feet of water, but they survived as designed."

The Fisher firm designed the towers at no charge to the City. Bill Fisher, a fifth generation Floridian, lives in Clearwater. Fisher Architects have designed many large modern buildings in our area including the majority of the Publix stores in iyr region. Get more info on them at www.FisherArchitects.com.



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BOAT CLUB NEWS



Earlier this month, members gathered at Caladesi Island for a day of food, drinks and fun.

Members helped cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new floating docks in Indian Rocks Beach last month. The 17 FREE boat slips are now open to the public, just south of the Walsingham Bridge, but there is no overnight parking. From there, you can walk to several nearby restaurants or to the beach.

Here are some of their upcoming boat club events:

- June 22: Egmont Key Tour and Island Party
- July 4th: Island Party prior to Fireworks
- August 11: Three Rooker Island Party
- August 31: Geckofest in Gulfport

The IRB Boat Club, part of the Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners Association, is free to join. You do not need to live in Indian Rocks to be a member. call Bob Griffin, 727-517-1997 for more information. See a complete list of Boat Club events, pictures and more at IRBhome.com.

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Summer is here and the timing couldn't be more perfect to have an event. Whether planning a back yard BBQ, a day at the beach or heading out on the boat with friends, En Garde is the place for all of your catering needs. From a casual family get together or for a larger catered event, the folks at En Garde can supply you with all you need so you can do exactly what you deserve... and that is relax!

For a larger or more detailed event owner, Robb Schoonmaker says, "all it takes is just one phone call to get things going. The details are what we love to work on". And with the many events En Garde has done throughout the community, we are sure most of you have tasted, seen or at least heard of the amount of detail that goes into the planning and presentation of their events.

"The floral arrangements that En Garde comes up with are so unique and exquisite", says Blanche Miles of Belleair. Mrs. Miles calls upon En Garde for many family gatherings she has throughout the year. When she's not entertaining at home she can be found in their retail shop picking up that "famous chicken salad" or ordering an entire Beef Tenderloin for a dinner party. She says, "These guys are great! They can provide everything from start to finish, including dessert!"

As trends in food change, so do the daily happenings at En Garde. Beginning in June, they will be moving the freshly prepared foods portion of their retail storefront into the catering center and office around the corner in Suite A of 400 Plaza. The move is temporary as they look for larger space to combine all of their services in one location.

When out and about on a Saturday, you can find En Garde serving lunch at The Emporium on Clearwater Largo Road. Summertime is great for grilling and that's exactly what they are doing. From hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers to grilled sausage, brats or shrimp skewers you can usually find Bill grill side, cooking up a different variety of selections every Saturday from 11am - 3pm.

For your Summer catering needs, reach En Garde at: 400 N. Indian Rocks Rd in Suite A in Belleair Bluffs, call (727) 489-9297 or visit them at www.engardecatering.com or on facebook at www.facebook.com/EnGardeCatering.




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June 23 - Brian Simpson who is releasing a new CD, stops in before heading off to London to tour with Dave Koz; learn more at www.bsimpsonmusic.com.

July 27 - Blake Aaron will present Will Donato. This is Blake's fourth visit and he is always a huge hit here and on the radio with The Blake Aaron Show, visit www.blakeaaron.com

August 25 - Matt Marshak has only two stops in Florida, this is his first Clearwater Beach appearance. Visit www.mattmarshak.com

September 22 - Jeff Kashiwa introduces his hot off the line new CD, Let it Ride. He stops in Clearwater Beach after his European tour and before heading to join the Sax Pack on their new tour, www.jeffkashiwa.com.

Tickets are available at the Lobster Pot Bistro or www.lobsterpotrestaurant.com/2013/03/28/summer-jazz-series and are \$20 each.



THINGS TO DO

Summer begins Friday, June 21st. How will you spend it? Here are some



Enjoy Florida's **BEST BEACH**, right here - Clearwater Beach ● Rent a ● **FLOAT** with a noodle in the Gulf of Mexico ● Enjoy a Sunset at **PIER 60** to see the famous movie star dolphin ● Watch a free movie at **SUNSET CINEMA** ● Visit **CALADESI ISLAND** by boat, ferry or even walk ● 7048 ● Learn to use a **STAND UP PADDLEBOARD (SUP)**, now on Edge ● Go **BOATING** ● Learn to **SURF** inside Surf Style, or just watch other surfers at the Power Squadron, (421-3400) or the Coast Guard Auxiliary, (469-8895). ● Go to Pier 60 ● Go **SKIM BOARDING** in the Gulf. ● Learn to **SAIL** at the Clearwater Sailing Club ● **RUN** one of the Sunset 5K Runs at Pier 60 (June 14, July 19, or August 12) or 5pm to see how many fish the charter boats caught ● Go to a **TARTAR CRUISE** docked in the Clearwater Beach Marina, www.CaptainMemo.com ● **PLAY BOCCI BALL** at McKay Park ● Book a Charter Boat and spend the day including Dream Catcher Explorations with Captain Mike, 804-2291 or Queen Fleet, 446-7666 or The Double Eagle, 446-1653 ● Play **MINI GOLF** from the Library, 69 Bay Esplanade - open 1-5pm Monday through Friday ● **BEACH** ● Volunteer to watch a **TURTLE NEST** ● Enjoy lunch and **LIVE MUSIC** at Clearwater Beach ● Build a **SANDCASTLE** just like you did as a child ● Take your dog to the **DOG PARK**, the closest one, Paw Park is inside Sand Key Park ● Go for a long ride ● Enjoy a **LUNCH OR DINNER CRUISE** on the Starliner every day for \$4.50 www.JolleyTrolley.com ● Go in search of the **BEST GRILL** ● Find many **SUMMER CAMPS**, www.MyClearwater.com/camps ● Take a **COMBO** on the beach, Sand Key has a lot. Find a live Olive Shell, put it in wet sand and bury it in Largo, 539-8371 ● Walk or ride the **PINELLAS TRAIL** which runs through the heart of Downtown St Pete. Dogs on a leash are allowed ● Visit the **FLORIDA MUSEUM** ● Have a **SUNDAY BRUNCH** at one of several local restaurants including Isle of Capri, The Restaurant, Up, Clearwater Beach Marina ● Try the new **CIRCULAR SLIDE** at the city of Clearwater Clearwater Boat Rentals, 442-8601 or Beach Motor Boat Rentals, 441-4444 on Beach Walk or from one of the many other places ● Go to a **CLUB** ● Join the **CLEARWATER SOCCER CLUB** from August through June, 2015 ● Visit the fiberglass dolphins, decorated by local artists you can find in the area ● Visit the Tornadoes, for girls 4-15. Practice begins in July, 799-5230 ● Enjoy the fireworks begins at 4pm and fireworks at dark, FREE ● Buy a surfboard at Mandalay Surf. It's free! 517-1997 ● Visit the **GATEWAY FARMER'S MARKET**, Saturday 10am-2pm ● Visit the **CLEARWATER BEACH SHELL CRAFTERS** Club at the Rec Center, 447-4477 is June 24-July 26 with the season beginning August 4 at the Eddie M. Museum on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Women's Senior Softball (60+) play Tuesdays ● **MEASE** Triathlon - June 23 ● Take a **SUNSET CRUISE** on the Kai Lani at the Hotel or the Hooter's Lookout ● Take a **BOAT TRIP TO CALADESI ISLAND** ● **JET SKI**, Wave Runner Rentals - 445-RIDE or Jet Ski Rentals - 395-4627 on Clearwater Beach or at Clearwater Beach Fitness, 286-8918 or Core Fitness, 403-4034 ● Sea Life Safari, 462-2628, Mega Bite, 724-4299, Little Toot Dolphin Adventure ● Join the **WRITER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at the Beach Library, they meet the first and second Tuesday of each month ● Visit the Dolphin Racer Speed Boat, 412-7993 or the Sea Screamer, 800-979-3333 ● Catered by En Garde Catering & Gourmet Services, 489-9297 ● **VOLLEYBALL** 582-2125 ● Rent a **BIKE, SCOOTER OR MINI-SEGWAY** Fun Ride Rentals



THIS SUMMER

Some ideas of things to do in or near Clearwater Beach. Enjoy and go local!

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PIER 60 ● Go to **CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM** and see Winter,
CINEMA every Friday and Saturday Nights ● Spend the day at **SAND**
● Take a **SEGWAY** tour starting at the Hyatt on BeachWalk, 813-600-
East Shore Drive, 474-5018 ● **WALK** across the Memorial Causeway
others do it ● Take a **SAFE BOATING** class at The Clearwater Sail and
(95). Both have classes in July ● Go **FISHING** in the surf or off the end
at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, Sand Key (517-7776)
(August 2) ● Visit the **CLEARWATER BEACH MARINA DOCKS** at Noon
Tampa Bay Rays **BASEBALL** game ● Ride Captain Memo's **PIRATE**
o.com ● Play **GOLF**, the closest course is the Clearwater Country Club
Spend a day **FISHING** there are dozens are available in the marina
1 or the Tradewinds Sailing Charter, 581-4662 or larger ones like The
MINIATURE GOLF at Captain Bligh's in South Beach ● **READ A BOOK**
Friday ● Learn to **SWIM** ● Play tennis at the city's public courts in North
LIVE MUSIC at the Palm Pavilion or any of the great beach bars on
Mild ● Go **SHOPPING**, act like a tourist and buy a T-Shirt ● Take your
to Park. ● Rent a **HARLEY** from Greg's Custom Cycles, 461-4840 and
Starlite Majesty or the Calypso Queen ● Ride the **JOLLEY TROLLEY** all
GROUPER SANDWICH on the beach ● Sign up for one of the city's
COMPUTER CLASS at the Beach Library, 562-4970 ● Look for **SHELLS**
in the sand and see what happens ● Visit the **ARMED FORCES MUSEUM**
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DA BOTANICAL GARDENS in Largo, next to Heritage Village ● Enjoy
at Island Way Grill and Clearsky Café ● **EAT** at one of over 60 beach
RESORTS and relax by their pool ● **GO PARASAILING** – try Chute Em
the city's Family Aquatic Complex in North Beach ● **RENT A BOAT** from
41-2628 ● Enjoy an **ICE CREAM CONE** at the Barefoot Beach House
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e, 224-4912 ● **SCAVENGER HUNT** See how many of 100 6-foot tall
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at the Lani Catamaran, 446-6778 ● Catch a **SUNSET** from a top the Pier 60
at the Tropics Boat Tours, 442-7433 ● Rent a **WAVE RUNNER OR**
4627 ● Start a new **WORK OUT PROGRAM** at the Rec Center in North
3-4466 both in the Pelican Plaza ● Go in **SEARCH OF DOLPHINS** on
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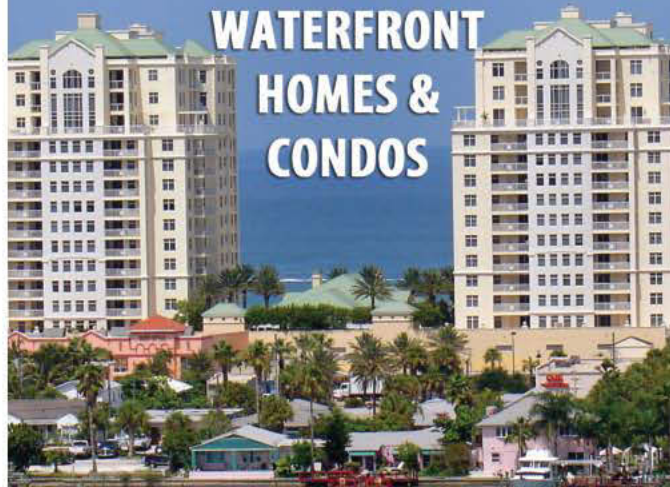
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Organizational News...

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

They held their Spring Social at Island Way Grill on May 14, where they signed up their 400th member for 2013.

Diane Welter, Beautification Director, is spearheading the IECA's effort to improve the appearance of the entryway to Island Estates. They just completed the painting of the fence rails on the entry sides and the planting of new annuals. Repairs to the entry lights is also underway.

Membership is \$50 per year per family and is used to pay more than \$10,000 per year to maintain the entry way to Island Estates. They meet on the second Monday of each month in the new Clearwater Marine Aquarium Classroom Building, but they are taking a recess for the summer. The next scheduled meeting will be September 9th. Call President Mary Lau at 813-335-6770.

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN'S CLUB

Their last meeting of this year was May 21st where they elected a 2013-14 board. There are some new faces and some familiar faces on the board including President Marie Wadsworth, Corresponding Secretary Lynne McCaskill, Publicity Debbie Christofferson, Second Vice President Joan Landreth, Parliamentarian Erma Ferguson, First Vice President Mary Ann Young, Recording Secy Barbara Blakely and Treasurer Phyllis Cox.



The winners of this year's Scholarships are Jenna Troiso and Kasey Braden, both of Clearwater High School. They each received \$2,500 towards their college education.

Meetings will resume in the fall with the first luncheon scheduled in September. Membership has been extended to women that do not live on the Island but would like to be involved in their activities and social events. Joining is easy, affordable and provides opportunities to make new friends and help others. Contact Joan Landreth at 727-812-8078.

CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They have had a busy first half of 2013 with a range of speakers at each of the monthly meetings. Members helped a number of Clearwater Beach causes including the Sugar Sands Festival, Adopt-A-Park, and they sponsored walkers in the Chapel-By-The-Sea Walk. They had a great turnout for their Spring picnic and have made themselves known at many City Commission meetings, where they spoke on subjects including sand dune protection, plus funding Pier 60 improvements, the city pool and the library. They also helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.



There are no Summer meetings. The next meeting will be September 3rd. For membership or event information, contact President Wendy Hutkin wbutkin@gmail.com, 727-216-3274.

FIRST NESTS MARK THE START OF TURTLE SEASON

The first sea turtle nests were found on North Redington Beach and at Fort De Soto Park. That marks the start of our turtle season. The residents and beachfront properties owners are reminded of the "lights out" ban. Most Pinellas County beach communities prohibiting lighting that casts glare onto the beach during turtle nesting season, May 1 to Oct. 31.

Florida's beaches are essential for nesting loggerheads. Our county's beachfront area averages about 120 nests a season and each nest can contain 100 to 110 eggs. The last nest is expected to hatch by the end of October.

Each May and July, the Clearwater Marine Aquarium conducts a beach lighting survey to identify problem lighting that may not be in compliance with turtle protection ordinances. Properties with lights shining on the beach at night are reported to Pinellas County Coastal Management and the local code enforcement agency.

While conducting the lighting surveys, the aquarium staff provides educational posters and brochures to visitors and residents explaining the "lights out" policy during nesting and hatching season.

The aquarium monitors nearly 26 miles of coastline and reports on sea turtle nesting activity. The staff engages in early morning patrols to locate new nesting sites and late night patrols to check existing nests for hatchlings and watches the nests from 10 pm to 2 am to make sure that hatchlings make it to the water safely.

In addition to checking the beaches every morning for signs of nests, the aquarium marks the nests and accounts for false crawls – times when the female comes ashore, but does not complete her nest. Successful nests are roped off

to avoid human disturbance.

As an endangered species, federal law protects loggerhead turtles and bothering their nests is illegal. The nests are caged and volunteers watch the site at night to alert officials when the hatchlings emerge.

By obeying the law and following some simple guidelines, residents and visitors can greatly improve the chances of sea turtle survival, while being given the opportunity to experience first-hand the wonder of their life cycle.

If residents encounter a turtle, eggs or hatchlings:

- Turn off outside lights, draw drapes and avoid using flashlights or fishing lamps on the beach. Turtle nesting season runs from May 1 to Oct. 31.
- Do not approach or harass adult turtles as they make their way back to sea.
- If residents spot turtle tracks or what might be a nest, and it does not appear to be protected by stakes or ribbon, call the Clearwater Marine Aquarium at 441-1790, ext. 224.
- Do not pick up hatchlings heading toward the water, shine lights or use photo equipment with a flash. Hatchlings use starlight and moonlight reflecting off the water to find their way to the ocean, and if they become misled by artificial light, they can become disoriented and die.

For more information on Pinellas County services and programs, visit www.pinellascounty.org, now with LiveChat, or create a shortcut to www.pinellascounty.org/mobile on any smartphone. Pinellas County government is on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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NEW BIRD RESCUE ORGANIZATION: GULF COAST BIRD RESCUE

Gulf Coast Bird Rescue is a newly founded wild bird rescue organization in Pinellas County. The mission is to provide rescue, care and release of injured wild birds in Pinellas County, filling a critical void in our communities that has become apparent since there is no longer a facility rescuing and treating injured birds in Pinellas County. Their mission also focuses heavily on education of the public and youth on native bird appreciation and preservation.

Gulf Coast Bird Rescue founders include Barbara Suto, former Hospital Director at the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary for over 30 years and Robin Vergara, Indian Rocks Beach resident with almost twenty years experience in operations, corporate and non-profit management. Also on the Board of Directors is Lessie M. Davis who has been in the field of wildlife rehabilitation over 25 years and Michele Booth, an attorney for more than 13 years, primarily in the areas of corporate governance, contracting and securities regulation.

Gulf Coast Bird Rescue is pleased to have created partnerships with the City of Largo, City of Clearwater, Audubon Society, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Friends of Largo, Boyd Hill, the Loder family (Crabby Bill's restaurants), Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the SPCA, as well as local and state officials.

The organization is approved to build long-term facilities at McGough Nature Park in Largo, just over the Walsingham Bridge, for the care and rehabilitation of birds on a permanent basis. In the meantime, as the necessary steps are taken and details are put into place for this facility, Gulf Coast Bird Rescue is working to establish a short-term triage location in order to continue to provide critical care to injured wild birds.

How can you help? You can support the efforts of Gulf Coast Bird Rescue by spreading awareness of their efforts within the community. Also, if you know of any vacant facilities that could potentially serve as a short-term, temporary triage facility, please contact Robin Vergara at 727.400.0834. It's also important to be sure you are aware of acceptable interactions with local wildlife. Despite popular practice, it is actually illegal to feed certain wild birds on the beach and NEVER good for any wild birds. This behavior makes the birds too comfortable around humans and dependent on them as a food source and also encourages them to eat food that is not in their natural diet.

Donations are always greatly appreciated and can be made online through our website or by contacting u directly.

For the most up-to-date information about the organization, follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GulfCoastBirdRescue or on their website at www.gulfcoastbirdrescue.org.

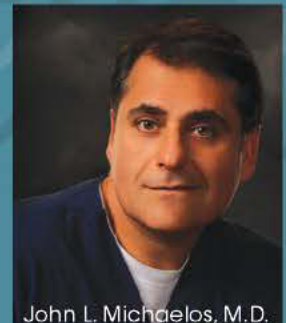
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Clearwater Beach Aquatic Center Staff: Left to right: Ashley Rinaldi, Thomas Hooker, Josh Kowalski, Luke Maloney, Liam Lathan, Ashley Wolpert, Keegan Lathan, and Supervisor JP Atherholt. Luke, Liam, and Keegan are Clearwater Beach residents.

THE AQUATIC CENTER

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The City Pool at the North Beach Aquatic Center is now open for your summer enjoyment. Seven lifeguards work at the pool regularly, with two to four on duty whenever it is open.

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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Now through August 18 they are open Monday through Friday, from 10am to 7pm and Saturday and Sundays, 10am to 5pm. August 19th the hours will change. On July 4th they will be open 10am to 7pm.

ADMISSION FEES:

Anyone can use the pool, but there is a fee unless you have a Play Pass Card. Visit www.MyClearwater.com for a list of fees and membership programs, or call 462-6020.

SWIMMING CLASS:

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JOIN THE SWIM TEAM:

The North Beach pool has a swim team. They compete against other area City pool teams. They practice Monday through Thursdays at 6pm.

WATER EXERCISE:

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The Clearwater Beach Recreation Center is located at 69 Bay Esplanade on Clearwater Beach. It contains an exercise room, tennis courts, basketball courts and a large swimming pool. Prices vary with memberships, residents and nonresidents. Call 462-6138 for more information or see the city's web site at www.MyClearwater.com.

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More Organizational News

BELLEAIR BEACH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

They meet monthly on the second Tuesday. Membership is open to area residents at \$15 a year. There are no meetings through September. To join, call Barbara Chapman, 581-8929.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

This organization works to sustain our Beach Library and Recreation Facilities as a viable part of our community. They meet the third Monday of each month at 10am at the Beach Rec Center. New members are always welcome to attend and share your ideas on how to improve things. Call Ron Delp at 412-2566 or Anne Garris at 446-4410 for more information.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

The group will host their Summer Pot Luck Get Togethers, 11:30am on the first Wednesday of each month, which are July 3, August 7 and September 4. Members and guests are asked to bring a home-made dish to share. Craft projects will be available to make and take. Attire is summer casual.

Formed in 1947, they celebrated their 66th anniversary in February. They meet on the first and second Wednesday of each month at the Belleair Garden Club at 903 Ponce de Leon Blvd. in the Town of Belleair from October to May. Membership is \$50 per year. Guests are welcome. Call Barbara Chapman, 581-8929 or E-mail BChapman1234@Gmail.com, to RSVP.



Belleair Garden Club
Barbara Chapman,
President 2010-2014

CLEARWATER GARDEN CLUB

Located at 405 Seminole Street, they meet on the second Friday, October through May at 9:30am. Dues are \$30 for one or \$35 for two from the same family. There are no meetings until September, however they do have The Saturday Garden Club that meets all year on the third Saturday at 9:30. They have interesting speakers, hands-on events and field trips. New members are welcome! Reach President Cathy Foley at 443-7032.

CLEARWATER ALL AMERICAN SERTOMA CLUB

In April, they inducted their newest member, Ms. Diana Goodwin, Director at Morton Plant Outpatient Speech/Language Services. Over the last 40 years, the Club has been an active supporter of her department with financial and physical involvement. Each year they help provide hearing screening exams at the Long Center for school entry children.



Director of Awards, Don Olson
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SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

On April 29th, Arlene Musselwhite, President, spoke at the Clearwater Community Development Board where developer Brian Taub's plans for The Finale Condos were reviewed. The Association successfully convinced Mr. Taub to change his condo documents to only allow a 3-month minimum rental, instead of the proposed 30-day clause. They also reviewed his landscaping plans. He will be required to install landscaping near the road to not only hide the parking, but also to add to the beauty of the neighborhood. The Association looks forward to working with him and future condo owners.

They meet once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Their next meetings are: July 3 and August 7. You can reach current president Arlene Musselwhite at 644-7524. Their web site is www.SKCA.org.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

They are offering numerous Summer camps including Little Puffs, Pram Camp One, Pram Camp Two, Water Adventure Camp, 420 Camp, Windsurfing and Camp Awesome. The camps are designed for all ages, Camp Awesome is designed for children with special needs. Camps vary in price and the dates of the camps may change. Camp hours are Monday - Friday, 9am to 3pm. The camps are weekly except for the week of July 4th (1-5). The last week of camp is August 12-16. Call 517-7776 or visit www.ClearwaterCommunitySailing.com for info.

CLEARWATER BEACH ROTARY

They are now holding their first meeting of every month at the Hyatt, on the 8th floor where members can catch a great sunset. Called the Roof Top Social Club, the meetings are held at 7pm the first Wednesday (instead of a Thursday) of the month. The next roof top social will be July 3rd. The rest of the month they continue to meet on Thursday at noon at the Shephard's Beach Resort. Call Adam Bottie, President, at 466-8692 or visit ClearwaterBeachRotary.com.

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

On May 11th, they hosted the 20th Annual UPARC Fun Day with over 250 UPARC clients and staff with boat rides courtesy of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. They enjoyed a cookout with food donated by the Venus Restaurant and others. Music was provided by John Jackson of JR Connections. Most importantly, members donated \$6,500 to UPARC.

Anyone can join the Clearwater Yacht Club in Clearwater Beach. Most of their social activities center around parties. Friday Night is dance night. Call 447-6000 or email Communications@CLWYC.org, for information.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

This social club has functions almost every month. Their primary one is planning the annual Lighted Boat Parade, one of the largest and most popular marine events in the Clearwater Area. This year it will be on December 7th

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BEST ENTRÉE

- 1st - Cooters Restaurant & Bar
- 2nd - Frenchy's Rockaway Grill
- 3rd - Pensare Italian Bistro

BEST BARTENDER

Kim Gonzales
Frenchy's Rockaway Grill



Kim Gonzales, Frenchy's Bartender

BEST APPETIZER

- 1st - Frenchy's Rockaway Grill
- 2nd - Cooters Restaurant & Bar
- 3rd - Clearwater Wine & Bar Bistro

BEST BOOTH AT KICK-OFF EVENT

Caretta on the Gulf – Sandpearl Resort

BEST PIZZA

- 1st - Pizza Bizzar
- 2nd - Clearwater Wine & Bar Bistro
- 3rd - Clear Sky Beachside Café

BEST SERVER

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Crabby's Beachwalk Bar & Grill



Amanda DeArmas, Crabby's Beachwalk Bar & Grill

BEST DESSERT

- 1st - Clearwater Wine & Bar Bistro
- 2nd - Island Way Grill
- 3rd - Bobby's Bistro

BEST OVERALL EXPERIENCE

- 1st - Frenchy's Rockaway Grill
- 2nd - Cooters Restaurant & Bar
- 3rd - Clearwater Wine & Bar Bistro

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC CHEF

- 1st John Harris – Rusty's Bistro – Sheraton Sand Key
- 2nd Steve Callender – Lobster Pot Bistro
- 3rd Sean Ragan – Caretta on the Gulf

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HURRICANE SEASON ON THE HORIZON

By County Commissioner Norm Roche

Jimmy Buffett once lamented about "Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season" but there's no reasoning with a force of nature.

June 1 marks the first day of the 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season. As the date approaches, it's important to remember that Pinellas County hasn't seen the full fury of a hurricane for many years.



We've had near misses. Hurricane Elena in 1985 stalled off the coast and delivered bad weather, but barely achieved hurricane status. We were lightly brushed by Jeanne, Francis and Category 4 Charlie, in 2004 — all of which missed us.

Last year, Tropical Storm Debby brought us 10 to 15 inches of rain and sustained winds of 40 mph. Many viewed this storm as a wake-up call due to the extensive flooding, power outages, road closures, major beach erosion, bridge detours, etc. Even so, Debby never got closer to Pinellas County than 89 miles and remained a tropical storm.

The fact is, Pinellas County residents have not seen the full impact of a major hurricane since 1921. Those living along the beaches or other low lying areas need to be especially vigilant and have a plan in place. Remember, storm surge — the rising of water from a storm — is what kills the most people during hurricanes. No shuttering system will prevent damage from the force of a fast moving wall of water. The only safe option is to evacuate.

This year, residents are being reminded to review their insurance policies as a part of preparing for the upcoming Atlantic hurricane season. Review deductibles, exclusions and special endorsements. You may have additional windstorm deductibles, which could leave you owing thousands of dollars if hurricane force winds damage your home.

Make sure your flood insurance provisions cover storm surge as well as fresh water flooding. Don't forget the damage that could occur inside your home if a sanitary sewer backs up because of a flood.

If you have an older house that sustains damage, you'll need to have it rebuilt according to today's more stringent building codes. Your insurance policy will need to have law and ordinance coverage, which will cover the extra expense to rebuild to today's codes.

Renters and condo owners will also want to make sure everything inside their units is protected by insurance. Homeowners should consider sturdy protection for windows, exterior doors and garage doors to increase your home's ability to withstand a hurricane's onslaught.

A special note to horse owners. Due to staffing considerations, the large animal release program previously offered at Walsingham Park is no longer in operation. Horse owners will need to find other accommodations for their animals in the event of a hurricane. The Sunshine State Horse Council has an informative Web page that provides guidance on how to prepare your horse to weather the storm. Visit www.floridahorse.com/hurricane/hurricane.html for details.

Sandbags will not be available from Pinellas County this season as they have been shown to be ineffective in protecting property from storm surge.

For complete information on how to protect your property and keep your family safe, check the hurricane information at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency or call Pinellas County Emergency Management at (727) 464-3800.

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A Look at the St. Petersburg Piers



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St Pete's Pier, will be coming down soon; it has already closed but, this was not the first pier St Petersburg has had that closed. It is just the latest of many.

Years ago, piers were not built with taxpayers' money, instead they were built by businessmen. Our early piers were built for trade; piers built after 1920 were built for tourism.

The first documented pier was built in April of 1854, when Lt C.H. Berryman, a US Navy surveyor, was scouting for an appropriate site for a railroad depot in the area. He constructed a small hamlet with temporary barracks, a smoke house and a short pier east of today's Fifth Avenue N., near the Renaissance Vinoy Hotel. This first pier was abandoned after four months.

In 1868, John Bethel, one of the area's first permanent settlers, built a home on Big Bayou, a few miles south of downtown. He constructed a wharf that extended out until the end was in water that was five feet deep. This attracted traders from Key West and Cuba. Bethel traded pickled mullet, plus vegetables and fruit grown by his family and neighbors.

John Williams, a major area landholder, traveled to Tarpon Springs in 1887 to meet with Peter Demens who was looking for a terminus for his railroad where deep-water boats could meet his train. Williams wanted it in today's downtown area.

Demens had read Lt Berryman's 1855 report and had doubts about building the pier there, but Williams assured him the water was deep enough for large ships. It turns out, it was not deep enough, but Demens brought the railroad here anyway and built a pier far enough into Tampa Bay to reach water twelve feet deep. Completed in 1888, it is where Demens Landing Park is today, at the east end of First Avenue S.

Demens lost money on his railroad from the beginning. He competed with the other railroad magnate Henry Plant, who eventually bought out Demens and his Pier. Plant immediately raised shipping rates. In response, others decided to build piers and compete with him.

D.F.S. Brantley built a long pier off Second Avenue N. (the site of today's pier), in 1896. The Brantley Pier, with wooden rails and a horse-drawn flat car had a bathing pavilion and a toboggan slide. It was a popular swimming area. This prompted Edwin H. Tomlinson to construct a pier in

1901, south of the Demens Pier, known as The Tomlinson Pier, near today's Dali Museum. It was 2,000 feet long with a cottage at the end. After five years, Tomlinson drilled and constructed "The Fountain of Youth" artesian well at the waterfront, west of his pier. It became St Petersburg's must see tourist attraction. In 1966, the Fountain of Youth was moved to a lot at First Street and Fourth Avenue S.

The same year, Frank Davis bought the Brantley Pier and replaced it with the 3,000 foot Electric Pier, lit with power from his power plant and serviced by his trolley primarily to have a port for his newly acquired 150-passenger steamer, the Favorite. Steamer service started in October, 1906.

With the development of these piers, the city started to take a serious look at its waterfront. They found the whole area unsanitary and unattractive with decomposing seaweed, grass and fish all producing disgusting odors. They found neglected docks, boats and rotting piers with undesirable occupants. It was not the image that St. Petersburg wanted to project. So in 1909, the city of St Petersburg signed the first deed to waterfront land that started today's parks. By Christmas, they had acquired all the waterfront land between Fifth Avenues North and South. Seawalls were built and dredging quickly began.

On December 15th, 1913, the city opened the recreational Municipal Pier. The tourist attraction was an extension of 2nd Avenue N, about 10 feet north of the Electric Pier, which was torn down the next year.

October 25, 1921 the most destructive hurricane to hit the area since 1848 hit Pinellas County. Wind gusts exceeded 100 mph. Water was blown into Tampa Bay with a six foot tide surge. It blew down power lines and bridges and damaged or destroyed all three downtown St Pete piers.

Florida and the Tampa Bay area had been in a major real estate boom with the City's pier their marketing focal point. Quickly, area businessmen led by Evening Independent newspaper publisher Lew B. Brown, devised a plan to loan the city \$18,000 to repair the Municipal Pier. It was fixed by January.

"Lew Brown electrified the city with a bold idea to build a new and better pier, out of concrete, this time. It might cost a million dollars. That was a lot of money for a little town, but the citizens of St Petersburg pledged \$300,000, says Walter Fuller, local historian. They also lobbied the city to build the project, which they did. The city even returned the citizen's donations.

..... Over the Years



The Electric Pier in the early 1913

New York's Raymond Concrete Pile Company won the contract to build the new pier and work started on September 8, 1925. On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1926, the city reopened the newly constructed 1400 foot long Million Dollar Pier, which actually cost \$998,729 dollars. Over 10,000 people attended the ribbon cutting.

The new pier included a swimming area called Spa Beach, and a bathhouse with a streetcar line down the middle. The two-story Mediterranean-Revival Casino at the end of the pier had an atrium, an open-air ballroom and an observation deck. It was used for meetings, dancing and other entertainment, but no gambling. There was a drive-in restaurant on the south side.

"While the street cars ran, the big two-story building at the end of the pier bustled with tourist card parties, luncheons, dances, and public meetings of all kinds," say Walter Fuller in his book, *St Petersburg...And It's People* (1972). "Often hundreds of cane poles were held by eager fishermen lining the rails, particularly when the mackerel ran. The pier extended to 28 feet of water. Boats occasionally docked next to it. The Bay Steamers had disappeared by this time."

Within the next couple of years, the city added The Municipal Solarium on the south side of the causeway resembling an Egyptian temple. It was for year-round sunbathing attracting northern tourists until it closed in 1961.

In 1963, the wooden complex surrounding the Spa Pool burned to the ground, and was never rebuilt. Times were not good throughout the 1960s. The Pier Casino was losing money and didn't really have any purpose. In August of 1967, the city demolished the Casino.



The Municipal Pier 1920

The pier, without the Casino, was renamed Pier Park and reopened with picnic shelters, tables, benches, drinking fountains, planters and palm trees on the east end.

In the early 1970s, City leaders decided to revive their once popular city pier, but with a radical new design, today's inverted pyramid, proposed by Architect William Harvard, Sr. It was originally budgeted at \$2 million, but costs had doubled by the time it was completed.



The "Million Dollar Pier"

When the new pier reopened in January 20, 1973, there was a parade, tours and fireworks. The pier contained three restaurants including the Columbia Restaurant, snack bars and many shops.

But fifteen years later, the excitement had faded. Many management companies, restaurants and gift shops had come and gone. Various ideas were proposed, including adding a roller coaster, waterpark and unusual events. But, nothing really brought back the magic.



The Inverted Pyramid Pier

By 2004, City leaders and public works officials started discussing the inevitable demolition of The Pier. The cost of maintaining it had run into the tens of millions. Today's pier replaced the Casino Pier 40 years ago, but on the same concrete pilings. They have been standing in saltwater now for 80+ years. Engineers concluded a complete replacement was needed. Ten years later they are ready to do it.

Two years ago, City leaders voted to demolish the existing pier and build a new one, with new pilings. The Pier closed Friday, May 31st and demolition should begin in the fall. A replacement pier design, "The Lens" has been chosen, but faces voter approval in August.

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Middle and high school kids need a school, government or PSTA issued photo ID to use the Summer Youth Haul Pass. PSTA-issued Youth Photo ID cards can be obtained free of charge at any PSTA Customer Service Center.

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CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Celebrity Golf Tournament being hosted by former NFL Buccaneer player and Clearwater High School Varsity Football Head Coach Donnie Abraham, benefiting their Football program, will be at Bardmoor Country Club Golf course on Saturday, July 13th, 8am.

The day includes golf, lunch, a raffle, meeting and interacting with celebrities plus a silent auction. Celebrities can be included with any foursome for additional donations or you can meet and interact with them during the event.

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A LAWYER'S TAKE

Florida Foreclosure Law HB 87 / SB 1666

by Nickolas C. Ekonomides

My clients in foreclosure, like many struggling homeowners across the country, constantly submit and resubmit paperwork in a bid to get the coveted yet elusive home loan modification. In New York, this delay has lead the Attorney General to threaten suit against Bank of America and Wells Fargo for dragging their feet. These same delays add to the mortgage backlog in Florida courts.

But Florida's response is to give lenders more rights. This new law will only require lenders to notify the judge they have the note, then you will have to prove ("show cause") why the lender should NOT be permitted to foreclose. This is the civil version of guilty until proven innocent. In addition, if you can't afford a lawyer, one will NOT be appointed to represent you.

This law, apparently, is for our own good. If these homeowners are not foreclosed upon sooner, the housing market will continue its drag on all sectors of the Florida economy preventing the economic and employment recovery, which will enable homeowners to afford their mortgages, which will in turn reduce foreclosures.

True, a similar procedure exists in Section 702.10 of Florida Statutes, but cause there is conclusively established by a homeowner filing defense with the court. Instead, the new law allows lenders to argue that no defense of the borrower "raises a genuine issue of material fact" and they should be granted foreclosure immediately.

Those material facts will be tough to come by. The new law reduces time periods from 90 days to as little as 20 days for the homeowner to "show cause" to save their home. Even with an attorney, the homeowner is facing an uphill battle. It all makes the slow home loan modification process more suspect than ever.

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CARLOUEL YACHT CLUB

Since hiring Ian O'Neil as Aquatics Director, the club is the newest branch of the Tampa Bay Aquatics (TBAY) swimming organization, and has introduced several new programs. TBAY, a year-round competitive swim team, offers professional coaching and technique instruction for all ages.

"In addition to expanding the swim program, I am implementing new activities utilizing the bay and gulf waters," said O'Neil. "I'm pleased to offer open water swim lessons, junior scuba diving certification, paddle board classes and kayak excursions. Carlouel's unique location provides many options for aquatic fitness."

Among new faces, is Dunedin Pilates studio owner, Karen Mirlenbrink, who teaches stand up paddle board yoga and Pilates on the bay, with sunset paddles to Caladesi State Park. These workouts pose new challenges for participants on the water and are gaining in popularity, nationally. Visit www.dunedinpilates.com for more information on paddle opportunities at Carlouel.

Carlouel also hosts a Kids Activity Camp for ages 4-12 from June to early August. Campers enjoy crafts, tennis, soccer, swimming, fishing and field trips. Carlouel Yacht Club is a destination private club. For more information, visit www.carlouel.net.

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