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Newsletter

Kolb, Indian Rocks Beach's Central Park



Underneath the ball diamond at Kolb Park is a spring. Its life giving waters, along with those of at least nine other similar springs in the area, sustained the native Tocobaga Indians, who came to the area to hunt and fish.

The spring at Kolb Park was highly sulfurous, to which the Indians were said to attribute medicinal qualities. Some say that was the spring where Indians from inland Florida brought their ailing chief Chic-a-Si. He was miraculously cured, the story goes, and the group returned each year to the place where large rocks surrounded the spring.

That, supposedly, is where Indian Rocks got its name, and where the history of today's Kolb Park begins. The park played a prominent role in the settlement of IRB, though the Kolb name would not be attached to it until 1959.

A train that brought visitors over from Tampa beginning in 1914 had its depot, and termination point, at the southeast corner of the park. A sidewalk ran from the train station through the parkland to the 30-room Indian Beach Hotel (also called Pattison's) on the Gulf. The hotel billed itself as "The Only Gulf Resort Accessible by Train, Boat and Auto."

Kolb Park, originally simply called City Park, was the area's first park. The land was a tract in the center of the Indian Beach development and was deeded to the county by the Joel McMullen family in 1918 for use as a public park. The county later relinquished its claim on the property.

Photos show the park consisting mostly of palmetto scrub with scattered palm hammocks. At the center of the park

was the sulfur spring, which was protected by a shelter. A primitive roadway allowed automobiles to be driven through the property, a feature considered quite an amenity during the early auto age.

The park was a popular site for picnics. Many were sponsored by real estate developers to promote lot sales in three early subdivisions – Indian Beach, Haven Beach, and Indian Rocks South Shore (today's Indian Shores). Articles from the 1925 Indian Rocks Sentry newspaper describe fish fries "with all the fixings" for up to 1,500 people being held at Spring Park in Indian Beach. The ads said, "This is not a lot selling scheme," but the host was Inter-City Realty Company so the purpose could be guessed.

"City Park" remained mostly undeveloped until the 1950s, when Little League teams were formed and an official baseball diamond planned. Once again, the ever-popular fish fries returned to raise funds for construction of the field and installing lights for night games. Also during the '50s, the Civic Association, under the leadership of M.C. "Mac" Kolb, added other improvements to the park, including shuffleboard and horseshoe courts and a picnic pavilion.

The community honored Kolb in September 1959 by giving his name to the park. His influence extended throughout the city, where he oversaw construction of a civic auditorium (now city hall), the widening and straightening of Gulf Boulevard, and the building of the Walsingham bridge.

According to a 1966 newspaper report, Kolb was the only resident who remembered and could locate the site of the old flowing well, capped years before, which had supposedly cured Chief Chic-a-Si. That site is now Kolb Park, which remains today at the heart of Indian Rocks Beach.

Photos and story by Wayne & Nancy Ayers, Indian Rocks Historical Society.

Indian Rocks Beach, a new book from Arcadia Publishing, is available at the historical museum, 203 4th Avenue



INDIAN ROCKS BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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2011 CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

Labor Day	6	Stone Crab Season Starts	15
Homeowners Happy Hour	8	Oktoberfest	15
Household Chemical Cleanup Largo	10	Pinellas Coastal Clean Up	15
Grandparents Day	11	Boat Club Meeting	20
Boat Club Meeting	15	Country Jubilee Heritage Village	22
Beach Art Center Member Show Starts	16	Pumpkin Carving City Hall	29
Boat Club End of Summer Island Party	17	Haunted House City Hall	29
Sand Key Triathlon	18	Johns Pass Seafood Festival	29-30
Autumn Begins	23	Halloween	31
Commitment to Excellence Banque	24	Sea Turtle Nesting Season Ends	31
Clearwater Offshore Racing Starts	30		

OCTOBER:

Homeowners Poker Run	1	Taste of IRB	5
City Occupational Licenses Due	1	Daylight Savings Time Ends	6
Blessing of the Animals Calvary Church	1	Homeowners Happy Hour	10
Historical Society Fall Luncheon	8	Veteran's Day	11
Clearwater Offshore Racing Ends	2	Rib Fest (St Petersburg)	11-13
Boat Club Intracoastal Clean Up	8	Community Clean Up Week	14-16
Columbus Day	10	Boat Club Meeting	17
Clearwater Jazz Festival	13-16	Thanksgiving	24
Homeowners Happy Hour	13	Heritage Village Holiday Decorations	25
		Trees & Traditions Botanical Gardens	25



LOCAL WINDSURFING CHAMPION

What does a 17 year old do for the summer? If you are Margot Samson you go to Zadar, Croatia and compete in the ISAF International Youth World Windsurfing Competition. Then, head to San Francisco for the Junior World Competition.

Margot lives in The Town of Belleair with her parents and sister near the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club. Because her parents are from a small town in the south France, Margot, a Palm Harbor High Senior in the International Baccalaureate program, has a slight French accent. Her father used to windsurf in France, and encourage Margot to try it. She began windsurfing at 14 at Sand Key's Clearwater Community Sailing Center. For a time, Margot taught tennis at the Belleair Rec. Center, but now she spends all her time windsurfing and teaching the sport to others at the Sailing Center.

Margot won her first national award in the 2009 Nationals held on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge, a canyon that stretches for over 80 miles. "The water was very cold," she says. She has also won awards in the local Florida Regatta held in Sarasota and Miami. Lately though, she has

been focusing on international events. Last summer she went to Singapore and competed in the Youth Olympics Games, which only allows one entry per country. She also went to France in 2010 for the Techno World competition. Until recently, Margot was competing as a Junior (under 16), but on her last birthday, she moved into the Youth age group (17-18).

Margot has a RS:X Olympic Class Board. "We use a different type of gear here in Florida," she says. "It is lighter in weight." She says the sport is a little pricey, but far less expensive than owning a sail boat.

When not traveling the world, she trains regularly at the CCSC in Sand Key. "The water and wind in this part of the Intracoastal are great. There is always a sea breeze and the people at the Sailing Center are very supportive." Margot's sister, Charlotte (14), a freshman at Palm Harbor, is following in her sister's windsurfing footsteps and has begun competing.

After this interview, Margot was headed to San Francisco to compete and visit Berkeley and Stanford Universities. Another trip is planned to visit Harvard and Yale. Keep an eye on this young girl. You may see her in the Olympics.



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Did You Know....

GIRL SCOUT BRIDGE

Three young girl scouts from troop 513 asked the City of Indian Rocks if they could build and install a "scouting bridge" somewhere in the city. The city approved installing the ceremonial bridge in the northwest corner of the Nature Preserve, under the spreading oak tree. The bridge is



a ceremonial passage as the girls progress through the levels of scouting. The bridge was purchased and installed by the IRB Rotary at a cost of \$2500. The three scouts are Emily Schulz, Katrina Babitzke and Samantha Harris. The project will earn the girls their Girl Scout Bronze Awards.

LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS The summer is over and with everyone back in school, IRB's Library is looking for people that can volunteer one day a week. Membership is free to residents.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS The Beach Food Pantry would like your bags! They need them to package up the donated food. Collect them and drop them by the pantry at 1615 First St., IRB inside Calvary Episcopal Church. They are also looking for a few volunteers to help shop.

FREE MUSEUM DAY Various St. Petersburg museums, galleries, and performing arts locations will offer free admission Saturday, September 24th. Times and venues will vary. Known participants include: Florida Holocaust Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Dali Museum (Pinellas residents only) Morean Arts Center, Great Explorations and the Pier Aquarium. See StPete.org/ArtsAlive.

NEW SCHOOL IN TOWN

IRB'S COTI Community Christian School added more grades to this year's school curriculum. Formerly only a pre-school, they have now offer elementary school classes up to fifth grade. The ribbon cutting was held August 17th. The new school would not have been possible without benefactors Al and Betty Horton (shown here), who the wing has been named for. COTI, part of Church of the Isles, though



independently run, is located on 23rd Avenue. School begins August 21st. Call them at 517-0775.

KEEP PINELLAS BEAUTIFUL The annual countywide Coastal Cleanup is October 15th. If you want to help clean up our beach, just show up at the 18th Avenue Beach Access at 8am. If you have a group that wants to help, call Public Works at 595-6889. If you want to help clean the Intracoastal on October 8th call Bob Griffin with the IRB Boat Club at 517-1997.

OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACES RETURN**SEPT 30 - OCT 2**

Enjoy a concert and see the boats up close in Coachman Park on Friday, followed by 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. For a full schedule, visit ClearwaterSuperBoat.com.

RECYCLE CONTAINERS ON THE BEACH

Blue plastic recycling containers have been installed on IRB's beaches. The containers were provided by the county and the stands were provided by the Indian Rocks Beach Homeowner's Association. The convenient containers are for recycling aluminum and plastic containers - NO GLASS!, and are located near parking areas so beachgoers can drop items off as they arrive or leave. The containers provide the public with an easy way to recycle beverage containers. Based on a recent beach recycling pilot study, the program is expected to reduce trash volume by at least 50 percent. The study also indicated that 99 percent of beach visitors would recycle if given the opportunity.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM FALL LUNCHEON Saturday, October 8, at Noon the historical society will hold its fall potluck luncheon. You do not need to be a member to attend! Due to the construction, they will meet in the auditorium at Indian Rocks Beach's City Hall. The program for the potluck will be an update on the museum expansion project with Architects Dwight and Scott Holmes giving an overview of the plans, and a member of the historical society's leadership team will report on some of the ideas and plans for upgrading the museum to a top class facility. Bring a dish to share.

POKER RUN BAR CRAWL ON INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

October 1, 12-8pm - Visit any of the 12 participating bars and restaurants, and receive a playing card. At the end of the day, make your best poker hand and turn it in for a chance to win prizes at the Crabby Bill's Loading Dock after party. For information or to register online, visit IRBhome.com. - Cost, \$5 in advance, \$10 day of.

THE DOLPHIN TALE The Hollywood premier of the movie filmed at the Clearwater Aquarium, "The Dolphin Tale" is September 17th. Look for many of the stars, except for Ashley Judd, who is on location filming, will return to Clearwater Beach the week of September 14 -16th. A special local red carpet Aquarium fundraiser will premier the movie at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Wednesday, September 21st. Tickets are on sale from \$150 to \$300. Warner Brothers expect this film to be their most successful family film ever.

MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION The construction project begins in September with raising the elevation of the existing building to meet FEMA requirements. The new addition will extend out to the south from the existing building, and will include detached public restrooms. Tentative plans are to temporarily close the museum in September during the elevation raising, but keep it open afterwards as much as possible through the end of the year. Updated information will be posted to our website.

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Real Estate News

CONDOS, CASH & CONTINUED GROWTH Real Estate Sales Up 35% Over Last Year

By Gordon Obarski, Broker Associate Doiron Realty on the Beach

Total real estate sales in IRB/Indian Shores (33785), Jan-July 2011: 144

► 63% were WATERFRONT

	SALES
Intracoastal	31
Gulf	60
Non-Waterfront	53
TOTAL	144

► 2/3 were CASH sales

	SALES
Cash	93
New Conventional Loan	43
Assumption of Conventional Loan	2
FHA/VA/Private/Other	4
TOTAL	144

► 70% were CONDOS

	SALES
Condos	99
SF Homes/Townhomes	45
TOTAL	144

► CONDO DEVELOPMENTS with highest number of sales

	SALES
Bandit Beach Resort/Indian Shores	14
Bay Shores Yacht & Tennis Club/Indian Shores	5
Reflections/IRB	5

► Sales are UP 35% in the first 7 months of the year from the same period last year...with ALL the growth in CONDOS!

	2010	2011
Total Sales	107	144
Condos	62	99
SF Homes/Townhomes	45	45

Source: Pinellas County Multiple Listing Service

WHAT SOLD IN INDIAN ROCKS BEACH?

JUNE - JULY 2011

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES:

Address	Beds/Baths	WF	Price	Date	Days
2603 1st St.	2/2	N	\$108,000	06/09	134
123 10th Ave	3/2	N	\$225,000	06/21	59
201 10th Ave	4/3	N	\$227,000	06/27	19
2010 Bayview	3/2	N	\$240,000	06/28	62
454 20th Ave.	2/1/1	Y	\$253,575	06/29	187
1501 Bay Pine	4/2	N	\$292,500	07/13	122
306 6th Ave.	4/3	Y	\$409,000	07/15	277
2718 Gulf #1	4/3/1	Y	\$550,000	07/14	12
486 Harbor Dr.	3/2	Y	\$600,000	06/30	55

Bold houses were in foreclosures, WF = Waterfront

CONDOMINIUMS AND TOWNHOMES:

Address	Beds/Baths	WF	Price	Date	Days
1 Windrush #74	2/1	N	\$82,000	07/22	212
107 10th Av #60	2/1	N	\$100,000	06/30	721
102 20th #1	1/1	N	\$107,000	07/01	180
109 16th Av #10	2/1	N	\$147,000	06/27	763
2403 Bay #E	2/2	Y	\$200,000	07/27	57
1600 1st ST #C	3/3	N	\$185,000	06/16	311
2504 Gulf #406	3/2	Y	\$330,000	06/23	227
1000 Gulf #111	3/2	Y	\$335,000	06/27	945
2618 Gulf #104	3/2	Y	\$342,500	07/22	346
1510 Gulf #302	2/2	Y	\$350,000	06/01	166
1912 Gulf #203	2/2	Y	\$378,000	07/08	65
708 Beach Trl #A	3/3	Y	\$858,750	07/06	150

Bold condos were short sales, WF = Waterfront

There are 29 single family homes on the market with 15 under contract. There are 57 condos/townhomes on the market and 17 are under contract

All data obtained through MLS posted by 8/4/11. This report is provided by Sharon James a resident of Indian Rocks Beach who has specialized in beach real estate for 18 years with Very Important Properties, 727-430-1678

IN MEMORY ROSEMARY CHRISTIANSEN

Rosemary was a dear friend, a great mother and a dedicated employee & realtor!

As everyone knows, Rosemary was a Realtor for Century 21 Beggins on Indian Rocks Beach. She was missing for ten years before her body was found three years ago! She was killed by her husband, who was recently convicted of murder, receiving a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole! Even though we would much rather have Rosemary with us, we are happy justice prevailed!

On behalf of Rosemary's family and friends, I along with Century 21 Beggins would like to THANK everyone who helped achieve the results allowing Rosemary to finally rest in peace! We especially would like to thank the Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept! Mostly Detectives Beining & Baily for not allowing this to become a cold case that was never solved! They did a fantastic job. We would like to thank the news media for not letting Rosemary be forgotten and for protecting her reputation!

Rosemary was a wonderful person and it is a shame many of you never had the chance to meet her! But for those that did know and love her, she is sorely missed! I know my friend Rosemary is looking down on everyone who helped her find peace, with a big thank you smile!! Her family & friends have that big thank you, and will never forget all the work, time and thoughts for Rosemary and the justice she deserves!

All the best to everyone and thank you again!

Sincerely, Kathy Mac, Century 21 Beggins and Radinck & Oliver VanVollenhoven

IRB BOAT CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 17: End of Summer Island Party (Saturday)



Jeremiah Carmody, of Carmody Marine spoke at the last meeting about maintaining & buying boat props.

October 2: Clearwater Boat Races

October 8: Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup

October 22: Stone Crab Festival, Clearwater Beach

The Club is a fun way to meet great people who enjoy time on the water. You do not have to live in IRB.

MEETINGS - Join them at Jimmy Guana's, the third Thursday each month. Everyone is welcome and there ARE NO DUES. Next meetings: Sept. 15 and Oct. 20.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE MOLLY BLOOM?

by Marie Shine, www.svMollyBloom.com

Where IS Molly Bloom NOW? Grenada (pronounced Gren – aid – a), not to be confused with Gren – ah – da (a city in Spain). It is about 100 miles north of Venezuela, 12 degrees north of the equator, and generally considered to be outside the hurricane zone (though it did suffer a direct hit by Ivan in 2004). Even aboard Molly Bloom it gets confusing as Grenada is in the West Indies (as are all the islands from the Bahamas south), part of the Lesser Antilles (those smaller islands incorporating the Virgins, Leewards and Windwards), and part of the Windward Island chain.

Known as the Isle of Spice, Grenada produces nutmeg, cocoa, cinnamon, cloves, mace and many other spices often giving off an aromatic scent in its winds. It exports more nutmeg than any other country in the world except Indonesia. Grenada is made up of 3 islands – Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. There is no lack of things to do – diving, snorkeling, hiking in the rainforests beaches, and spectacular waterfalls. The temperature averages around 80 degrees F. all year with very little humidity. Grenadians use the Eastern Caribbean Dollar (2.70 EC\$ to \$1USD) and speak English (though it can take a little work to understand the English they speak).

There is an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables including many new to the Molly Bloom of Indian Rocks. Callaloo, dasheen, breadfruit, soursop, custard apple, cashew apple, tamarind, sapodilla, guava and over 12 varieties of mangos are just SOME of the fruits and vegetables grown and sold locally. In addition, fish, goat, coconut, chicken, beef, macaroni, rice and beans are in abundant supply. Rum of course is available (there are 4 rum factories operating on the main island) and Carib is the local beer of choice. It has been fun discovering the interesting dishes of Grenada – starting with 'Oil Down'.

Oil Down is actually an event as well as the national dish. It is a hearty meal of meat, provisions (root vegetables such as cassava, potatoes, dasheen, arrowroot, yams etc.), stewed in coconut milk and curry over an open fire until the coconut milk releases its rich flavored oil into the pot.

Favorite local meals on board Molly Bloom include Roti, a popular Trinidadian fast food dish of curried vegetables and meats wrapped burrito style in a flat bread and the Jamaican Meat Patty – a flaky shell turnover filled with seasoned beef, chicken or beef. Mangos, coconut, fruit juice and nutmeg are always in the pantry and make great snacks as well as drinks!

Molly Bloom is in St. George's (the capital city) at Port Louis Marina, with a myriad of cruisers and their yachts from around the world. Molly Bloom's crew has all the amenities cruisers dream about including a freshwater pool, private beach, great bar and restaurant, beautiful shower and laundry facilities, within walking distance of the city.

Grenadians are fun loving happy people who love to lime, which is hanging around, being with friends, relaxing – often with rum, beer and very loud soca, calypso, reggae or steel band music. Visitors are always welcome to join in as Grenadians are warm and friendly people, very welcoming of Americans and grateful for the invasion by the US in 1983 that led to the democracy they enjoy today. Molly Bloom is fortunate to be weathering the storm in such a beautiful island paradise and taking it all in – making sure to make time to enjoy the 'lime'.

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ROTARY NEWS

"SERVICE ON THE ROCKS"

The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach recently celebrated the start of the 2011-2012 Rotary year with the Officer Installation Dinner. The new officers are President - Michael Schulz, Vice President - Dan OrRico, Secretary - Paul Burns, Treasurer - Lynn Johler, President Elect Tom Busboom and Past President - Bruce Slobut. New board members are Diana Busboom, Andrea Gregor, Frank Hartzell, Dave Kline, and Rick Walker. Lou Gregor serves as Sgt-At-Arms.

Michael Schulz, incoming President, a Rotarian for over 7 years, brings his experience as owner of German Imports to the Club. Michael has served in several Club positions including Board of Directors, Oktoberfest, Super Bowl Raffle and Pancake Breakfast Committees, and works tirelessly at our many events.



Rotary President Michael Schulz and his wife Cheryl.

The Club is preparing for Oktoberfest on the Beach to be held this year on October 15th in Kolb Park. Along with IRB Action 2000, the Oktoberfest committee is seeking Sponsors, Vendors and Silent Auction donations for the event. This year's Grand Prize is a 46" Sony 3-D HDTV. There is also a raffle for a trip to Key West and a week stay at Jimmy's Buffett's former Key West home is part of the Silent Auction. You can be part of Oktoberfest by volunteering on our planning committee or working the day of the event. The planning committee meets at 7 PM on the first Wednesday of the month at the Beach Art Center. For information, call Bruce Slobut at (727) 403-4060 or visit www.oktoberfestonthebeach.com.

Do you want to attend the NFL's Big Game on February 5, 2012? Club members are selling raffle chances for the Grand Prize for 2 tickets to the game, 4 nights lodging and \$1000 travel or spending money. Chances are 5/\$20 or \$5 each and can be purchased from any Rotary member or on-line at irbc.com using PayPal.

If you would like to be part of a fun, friendly organization that serves the local community, the nation and the world, The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach invites you to visit us any Wednesday morning at 7:15 AM. For more information, call (727) 403-4060 or visit www.irbc.com. Help us make a difference. "Your first breakfast is on us!"



ALL ABOUT JAZZ

The 32nd Annual Clearwater Jazz Holiday is October 13-16. This popular event was first held in 1980. That year, it was held from October 24 to November 2, lasting for 10 days and nights. The first headliner was Woody Herman. Buddy Rich starred in 1981 and Dizzy Gillespie headlined in 1982.

The event was named "The Jazz Holiday" to help attract tourists from around the country and Europe to the Clearwater / Clearwater Beach area in October, which is traditionally a slow month for visitors. Some of the first concerts were held on the back of flat bed trucks in locations scattered around the city.

For today's event, a large dedicated committee of volunteers called "The Jazz Force," plan all year. They present the best of local and regional jazz artists, and instead of offering one main act a year, now offer one each night over the 4 day event.

In addition to sponsoring the event, they do other things for our community. In a partnership with Ruth Eckerd Hall, they host music education outreach programs in area schools. They host fundraising events, such as "The Flavor of Jazz" to assist their educational programs and to fund their local music scholarships. Plus, they host social events with the members of The High Note Society. Memberships cost between \$100 and \$3,000.

The Clearwater Jazz Holiday continues to be the only free jazz festival in the southeastern United States. It is estimated that over 50,000 people attend the four day event. Get more info on this year's show at ClearwaterJazz.com.

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Restaurant News....

CAFE DE PARIS It took longer than expected, but Xavier and Valerie de Marchi have finally opened the south side of their little French Cafe. They now have plenty of inside seating, more display space and a TV area to watch soccer and rugby. Now they are working the northside of their cafe, which will feature lunch items including crepes, sandwiches, soups and salads. They are offering free coffee with any pastry purchased. Cafe de Paris is located at 2300 Gulf Blvd and is open seven days a week beginning at 8am.



E&E CLOSED FOR REMODEL On August 1st, they completely gutted the kitchen and began installing new equipment. They also will reupholster the booths. If things go as planned, the remodel should only take 4-6 weeks and they should reopen in mid-September. Guppy's in Indian Rocks Beach will be serving some of their popular menu items, such as Rodeo Steak and prime rib on Sundays.

VILLAGE INN RETURNS Danny Lehan, the prior manager of Village Inn, bought the closed restaurant on Walsingham Rd. at Vonn Road and reopened it again as a Village Inn. This team



effort includes Danny, his father, and his stepmother. They spent close to \$400,000 to renovate and re-open the restaurant, which seats 125 people. "I've been with Village Inn for more than 20 years, and I know this is a successful location," says Danny. "At one point, this was the #3 store in the country in pie sales." The restaurant has 80 employees. It is open from 6am to midnight, seven days a week.

FINALLY, OPEN!

The owners of Beef O' Brady's are back in business with their new store on Walsingham, near Indian Rocks Road. The new space seats 150 people and has 28 HD TVs. There is a meeting room for



private parties and a game room for the kids. The store has a full bar with 20 beers on tap. They are not just wings and beer anymore; the menu features many new items including sandwiches and salads. They have the MLB and NFL Tickets (everyone gets a free beer when the Rays hit a home run) and plan to show lots of college football, too. The store is open 11am to 11pm. They are located at 13847 Walsingham. Call them at 501-WING.

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More Restaurant News....

COASTERS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

"I was in my new restaurant, putting the final touches on the newly built Coasters Bar & Grill. I had one of our TVs on when the first airplane hit the Twin Tower," says



then co-owner Christian Harms. "I continued to watch as a plane hit the second tower. We were scheduled to open in about a week. I quickly started to wonder if we were making a mistake." Coasters opened in IRB September 21, 2001, 10 days after that fateful day. That location between 13th and 14th Avenues had been many other restaurants. It was the first location for Keegan's Seafood Grille. Prior to Coasters, it was John's Beachside Cafe. Christian and Bob Emerson teamed up to build the bar you see today. "We were searching for a good name and Coasters just came to us," says Harms. "Being near the gulf coast, it had a beachy sound to it and it was one word."

Christian (shown above) left Coasters in 2003 and is part owner of Clearwater Beach's Bait House Restaurant. Emerson sold Coasters in 2004 and is involved with Seminole's Angry Pepper. Today's owner Heather Boles (shown above) bought the restaurant in March of 2009 from Scott and Patti Warner.

Heather lives in Indian Rocks and was a respiratory therapist. Now she is a full time bar owner. "It's a new life experience for me," says Ms. Boles. "There are very long hours, but it is worth it. It is a love-hate relationship, for sure."

Coasters is located at 309 Gulf Blvd and is open seven days a week. They offer food, live music and a full bar

LA CACHETTE SOLD After 50 years of marriage and running several restaurants together, Martin and Buehla Jackson have retired. After moving their French style restaurant, La Cachette de la Plage, from Indian Rocks to Clearwater's 635 Cleveland Street 2 years ago, they have decided it is time to see the world, in their RV. They sold the restaurant to Frenchman, Christopher Poix. The restaurant will close temporarily and reopen as L'Auberge des Artistes (Artists Inn) October 1st.

STONE CRAB SEASON COMING SOON Local fishermen and waterfront residents may start catching stone crabs October 15th. To celebrate, Keegans Seafood Grille will hold its Fourth Annual Stone Crab Fest October 21-23. It isn't a real party, but owners the Schonowski's will be selling their great stone crabs claws at their cost. The family purchased Keegans three years ago.

FOOTBALL IS BACK The season is off and running with the Bucs first home game against the Detroit Lions on Sunday, September 11th at 1pm. We may still have home game blackouts, but there is always college football. There are a few new area spots to watch football including: Slyce Pizza - IRB, Mike's Pizza - Largo, Mako's On the Rocks - Largo and Beef O Brady's - Largo.

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A BEACH HERO LOST

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

For Carol Coakley, September 11th is unlike any other day. It is the day her life changed forever. It is the day her son, Steven, died during the attack on the World Trade Center.

Steven lived part-time in New York and part-time in Madeira Beach. He always wanted to be a fireman. He volunteered at the Wyandanch Volunteer Fire Company at age 17. While there, he was awarded the 'Fire Fighter of the Year' award, twice.

Eventually, Steven became an official firefighter with the City of New York, in the Bedford Stuyvesant Brooklyn area working with Engine 217 Firehouse.

During a visit to a fellow NY firefighter in Madeira Beach, he fell in love with the area. He eventually bought a one-story house in Maderia Beach and began remodeling it. He worked double and triple shifts at the Firehouse, to accumulate time off, so he could fly here and work on his future home. Other NY fire fighters sometimes came with him to work with him on 'Steve's Place'.

Steven loved to fish. It probably began when as a child; his father Vinny took him fishing every weekend. He bought a used 1965 Bertram fishing boat and docked it in his Madeira Beach back yard, working on it too, whenever possible.



On a visit to Gator's Cafe, his favorite place, he met Linda New. They really hit it off and Steven began to think about getting married. On the anniversary of their first date, Steven took Linda to New York City. A friend arraigned for Steven and Linda to visit the World Trade Center at night. When they went to the very top they saw New York at night, in all its glory. It was a sight Linda will never forget.

Steve was 36, and planning to retire to Madeira Beach in five years. On September 10th 2001, Steven flew back to New York for his shift. He worked all night and was just getting off duty when the call came in for his company to go to the World Trade Center. He was on the last engine out. The buildings were already burning. People were jumping out of windows. He rushed inside the lobby. The building collapsed minutes later.

The family kept Steve's Place in Madeira Beach. They finished remodeling it, and his parents, Vinny and Carol, live there now. Inside, near the front door, is a shrine to



their son. On the walls are hundreds of his photos, medals, and plaques. Vinny wanted to build a memorial near the house. He approached Steve Kochick, a former NY firefighter who also lives in Madeira Beach. Kochick then talked to the city commission about the project. "I had heard about Steven's death and wanted to help," says Kochick, now a city commissioner. "I met Steven a few times at different local functions. I was approached by Steven's dad about getting the city's approval. It was approved unanimously. I later spoke at the dedication in 2005. It is a shame we do not have a person like Steven Coakley in our community anymore. He was a very fine young man."

The monument located just west of their house, was dedicated by the city on September 30, 2005. On it is this message:
*"Swim with the gentle dolphins,
 Fish with the mighty pelicans,
 We will never forget..."*



Vinny Coakley created a large display with the names and photos of each of the 343 firefighters who died in the World Trade Center. Most of the time it hangs in his home, but during the week of September 11th, he mounts the display outside Steve's Place at 880 Bay Point Dr., Madeira Beach.



Steve's sister Kara and husband Edmund Walker created *The Firefighter Steven Coakley Foundation*. They sponsor events and collect donations to help the families who lost loved ones during the September 11th World Trade Center disaster. The money is also used for scholarships, firefighting equipment, annual memorial services and donations to local charities that reflect Steven's interests. To get information about the foundation, visit their web site, www.FFStevenCoakley.org, or call 704-996-7485.

The City of Madeira Beach received a large piece of metal recovered from the World Trade Center. It will be installed in the waterfront park on the Tom Stuart Causeway as an additional memorial to those that died this September 11.

SEPTEMBER 11TH - 10 YEARS LATER, IRB'S MEMORIES OF THE DISASTER

September 11th has become one of the dates we will all remember. It happened ten years ago this month, with most of us vividly remembering where we were when we heard the news. Most of us saw it unfolding in real time on our TV sets.

The night before, we attended a meeting of small lodging owners on Indian Rocks Beach. Everyone was complaining that the media coverage of Florida's recent shark attacks was hurting tourism. The next morning my wife, told me to turn on my TV. After a few minutes of watching the events take place, I commented they won't be talking about those shark attacks anymore.

Bob Griffin, Publisher

I was on my way to a County Commission meeting, when the first tower was hit. My mother called to tell me. We were in the meeting when the second tower was hit. I remember fighting back tears and the horror we felt, while we finished our meeting. Immediately, the County increased our security at all our buildings, especially the water and sewer plants. Our tourism industry was hit very hard because of the fear of traveling. It took several years to recover. I remember how patriotic our citizens became and how much they cared for those who were killed and the families left behind.

Karen Seel, Chairperson, County Commission

I was in the middle of a Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue staff meeting when I was told a small plane had hit the World Trade Center. Chief Leahy turned on the TV and said, "that's no small plane, that's a 757!" We quickly learned the wife of one of our firefighters was on a plane, but it was not one of those involved. Like all Emergency Services, Pinellas Suncoast remained at the highest level of alert for some time. We watched as many of our brother firefighters died that day. What I remember most is a deep and pervading sense among everyone I knew that nothing would ever be the same again.

Over the next week, Carol Madura, wife of Fire Commissioner Dan Madura, and I served in the recovery effort at Ground Zero. I was there three days while Carol spent two weeks. Standing in the ruins of the pit and spending time with the brave men and women conducting the search and rescue was an experience I will never forget. My most profound experience was the blessing of the body of a fallen firefighter who was recovered while I was there. I believe he was one of the last to be recovered.

Father Bob, Calvary Episcopal Church, IRB.

I went for my usual walk on the beach that morning and stopped by 810 Gulfside to see The Wilkersons. Mary was there with the TV on and both the towers were burning. It was the first I knew of it. I stayed and watched both towers fall. I lived in NYC during graduate school and it was hard to believe the reality of the events. I was gobbling up every bit of news on the attacks for a long time thereafter.

R B Johnson, Mayor of IRB.

It should have been a day of celebration. We were closing on our new house on Gulf Blvd in IRB. However, on my commute to work all the radio stations were covering the tragic news. I kept changing the stations thinking it was a hoax. It seemed so surreal and incomprehensible that this could happen in our great country. 9/11 is a sad day in our history, but one to be remembered as we honor all the men and women who died, and praise the heroes that kept our American spirit alive.

Diane Flagg, 20th Avenue

I arrived at my office in Largo at 9am. Shortly behind me came our office manager carrying the news. He made an announcement with a rolled-up press sheet in one hand and an ashen look on his face. The grand prize in the "Trip-A-Day" radio contest we had just printed, was for a NYC vacation. The cover of the flyer had a photo of the Twin Towers on it. Another promotion we were doing for a Lakeland country station, offered a \$50,000 Cash Blast. Printed the day before, it showed their on-air staff singed and sooty from a pile of exploded cash. We could no longer mail it. I realized America's worst day was also possibly our finest when WPCV-FM not only reprinted the mailer, but matched the \$50,000 prize money with a contribution to the 911 Fund.

Nancy Orbarski, Beach Trail.

I moved here from New York. For the first time, I was proud to be from the New York metro area. No one cared much for Yankees until then. But at that moment, the country united and its heart was in New York City, with those poor people jumping out of buildings and the firefighters, paramedics and police trying to save them.

Mary Burrell, Public Information Officer, Pinellas County

I was in Houston on assignment. A hotel maintenance person told me a plane hit a building. When I got to work at the Post Office, I learned it was the World Trade Center. Since the Postal Service relies heavily on the airlines for transportation of the mail, it had a serious effect on us.

Sherry Ulrich, Postmaster, IRB

It was a temperate Tuesday morning, not unlike the days prior. Amidst the morning hustle and bustle of office life, there was not a hint of the unthinkable calamity about to strike the U.S. The calm was broken by a colleague's phone call who asked if I was watching the T.V. Somewhat incredulous, I stated "of course not" and "why are you?" He stated that a plane had struck one of the World Trade Center buildings. My initial thought was that something was amiss. Certainly no U.S. commercial pilot would do such a thing. Little did I know while watching the event what was about to unfold.

Shortly after the second tower was struck, I received a phone call from the Governor's Chief of Staff. The Governor's Security Council was convening and my presence was required. Only after a 20-minute drive, working through State House security and reaching the conference room did I realize the magnitude and consequences of what would take place that day. My world, my family's world, and in fact, the world in America had profoundly and permanently changed.

I was struck by the enormity of the losses, certainly the human factor, but also the realization that we had lost so many other things as well – tranquility, peace, security – gone! Trust, confidence, respect – gone! In fact, anger crept in, suspicion followed, and then the ultimate sense that I, and my family, had been personally attacked.

Ten years have tempered my emotions somewhat but that cannot deny our world has changed. I often think of those who lost friends, family and love ones, and how this day must resonate with them. We must never forget, but we mustn't be hostages to the past. To live our lives as prisoners, is another victory for evil. We must continue to press forward and we will prevail because we have hope.

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By State Representative Jim Friske,
District 54,

Now is the time for all interested citizens in the Tampa Bay Area to come to the State of Florida re-districting meetings scheduled for our area.

Last issue I wrote about the purpose of holding re-districting meetings throughout the State and how every ten years this occurs.

On August 29, 2011 from 4PM to 8PM a meeting will be held at the Hillsborough County Commission Chambers located at 601 East Kennedy Blvd. #2 in Tampa.

On August 30, 2011 from 8AM to 11AM the Epi-Center at St. Petersburg College, 13805 58th Street North. Largo, FL 33760 will host a re-districting meeting.

New College, 5845 General Dougher P1 in Sarasota, FL 34243 will be the host for the August 30, 2011 meeting from 6PM to 9PM.

This is a unique opportunity for all interested citizens to appear before their local State elected Representatives and Senators and share their thought and view on how they feel re-districting should occur. Come and present your ideas on how to go about implementing the racial and language minority protections in Amendments 5 & 6 to the Florida Constitution yet remaining consistent with the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

We need to hear your thoughts on contiguity and the various standards of compactness as well as the use of political or geographic boundaries, where feasible.

Remember, traditional redistricting principles (unless they conflict with standards in Federal and State Law are: Preservation of the core of existing districts to, among other things, minimize voter confusion and preservation of communities of interest that do not conflict with the standards in Federal and State Law.

Everyone has the ability to draw their own district lines by following the website, <http://www.floridaredistricting.org/>. Bring your map and present it at one of the area re-districting meetings.

Remember, democracy is a participatory form of government. If you don't participate, it won't work.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these meetings.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE DINNER:

The Indian Rocks Volunteer Firemen's Association of Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue have chosen Monsignor Brendan Muldoon as the 2011 recipient of their Commitment to Excellence in Leadership Award. The honor will be presented during a Gala Dinner at the Holiday Inn Harbourside Saturday, September 24th.

Monsignor Muldoon, Pastor of St Jerome Catholic Church, was selected because of his many years of service to the local community and his longstanding support for the work of the Indian Rocks Volunteers. For dinner reservation, journal advertisements, and further information please contact Father Bob Wagenseil: (727) 510-6153 or frbob.wagenseil@gmail.com

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WHAT GIVES YOUR AGE AWAY?

By Stephanie Schlageter, M.S.

Believe it or not, our mid-20s mark the beginning of a cascade of changes that take place in our skin that produce various common signs of aging.



One of the first aging changes to take place is the loss of collagen and elastin, which are fibers essential for maintaining tight, elastic skin quality. As these key fibers diminish, the skin starts to lose its elasticity, giving way to fine lines and wrinkles. Our first fine lines and wrinkles typically appear around the eyes and mouth in the form of expression lines such as smile lines around the mouth and eyes and frown lines between the brows.

As we approach our late 30s, another dynamic change begins to take place – the loss of facial volume. There are 5 key fat pads in the face that, when we are young, give the face its youthful fullness. As we age, these fat pads diminish and the face slowly, gradually takes on a “deflated” appearance. The loss of these key support structures leads to a hollow appearance around the eyes and cheeks, excess skin on the upper eyelids, and sagging of the lower face creating jowls and loose skin under the chin.

Lastly, sun exposure over the years causes further skin destruction. Brown spots and sometimes redness (rosacea) typically start to appear and accumulate on the skin's surface in our 40s.

Although none of us are immune to the aging process, the timing and severity of these changes vary from person to person and can be significantly affected by genetics, diet, the amount of sun exposure we get as well as habits such as smoking. The good news is, there are numerous treatment options available for turning back time that range from topical serums and antioxidants to laser resurfacing, skin tightening treatments, and injectables. What is really great is many of today's options produce dramatic results with little to no downtime. Most medical skin care professionals will recommend starting small.

Aging doesn't happen overnight and neither does antiaging. Here is a quick list of current treatment solutions to common signs of aging:

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Back to School Road Safety

As we approach the end of school's summer break I would like to remind you that a new school year is about to begin. Later this month, thousands of Pinellas County students will once again begin making their daily trip to and from school in one of the largest school districts in our state. Whether traveling by car, bus, bicycle, or on foot, students may face some challenges as they make their way to and from school in the coming months.



I encourage parents to talk to their children about safety before the new school year begins. Children should be taught about bicycle and pedestrian laws and parents should encourage their children to adhere to them all. In addition, children should be taught to cross streets in marked crosswalks or at intersections, and to make eye contact with drivers of vehicles that are stopped to ensure that they are seen before crossing. If no sidewalk is available, pedestrians should walk facing traffic and bicyclists should ride with the flow of traffic.

School Crossing Guards will be at their posts once again to assist the kids in getting to their destinations. Remind children to remain aware of their presence and follow their instructions.

Drivers can also expect some changes in their daily commutes associated with the start of another school year. The addition of more cars and buses on our

roadways each morning and afternoon will certainly result in increased traffic congestion, particularly near schools and bus stops that have been idle for the past couple of months. School zones will require reduced speeds and brief stops as the crossing guards assist younger students who negotiate busy streets while walking to school.

As motorists, we must also be aware that the location of school crossing zones may change from year to year. There may be a school crossing on your way to work this year where there wasn't one before.

Motorists should plan to add a few extra minutes to morning and afternoon trips, and extra care should be taken when driving near schools, crosswalks and bus stops. Drivers should also be prepared to stop for school buses when picking up or dropping off students. Florida law requires that drivers bring their vehicle to a full stop when approaching any school bus displaying a stop signal. Motorists must then remain stopped and are prohibited from passing the bus until the signal has been withdrawn. This law also applies to motorists driving in the opposite direction of a stopped school bus unless there is an unpaved space of at least 5 feet, a raised median, or some other type of physical barrier.

By obeying traffic laws and remaining alert for children near our roadways, we can prevent serious injuries or deaths related to traffic crashes during the upcoming school year. By following the law and these simple suggestions, you can help us to achieve our goal of "Leading The Way For A Safer Pinellas."

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ACTION 2000 NEWS



OVERLOOK AT YACHT BASIN on Gulf Blvd and 6th Ave gets historic sign. Action 2000 donated the new sign overlooking the Yacht Basin depicting the historical significance of this once well known site. Once the view was open for all to enjoy, it seemed fitting to identify its history. Thanks to Nancy Ayers of the IRB Historic Society, photos and script of this once popular spot in Indian Rocks are on display. When strolling along Gulf Blvd, take a moment to enjoy the view and the history.



OKTOBERFEST ON THE BEACH COMING SOON – MARK YOUR CALENDAR On Saturday, October 15th, from 11-7pm at Kolb Park, Indian Rocks Beach Action 2000 will be hosting the 10th Anniversary of this popular event along with The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach and the City of Indian Rocks Beach. Don't miss a day of fun, food, continuous music, vendors, arts and crafts, and the popular contests like the Stein Carry Contest, starting at 3:00pm. For the children, Kinderfest is 11:00am – 2:30pm.



A SPECIAL REMINDER: MUST BRING I.D. FOR ALCOHOL PURCHASES

This year along we have two great prizes to win: A 46" LED Sony 3D TV and a trip package to Key West, including airfare on Seacoast Airlines.

A special item was donated for our Silent Auction: A One week stay at Jimmy Buffet's Key West House, sleeping 14. Special thanks to Homebanc our event sponsor!

All proceeds from this event go back to the community through IRB Action 2000 and The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach. We need the support of both residents and businesses to make this event happen. Please contact us:

SPONSORSHIPS: Diane Flagg 727-612-9454

Sponsorships start at \$125

VENDORS: Ron and Rebecca Sacra 727-953-7857

SILENT AUCTION: Jo Nocera 727-474-6506

We have designed a new logo in celebration of our 10th Anniversary. A limited amount of t-shirts with the new logo will also be available for sale the day of the event.

For More Information, visit OktoberfestOnTheBeach.com

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INDIAN ROCKS BEACH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

2011 HAPPY HOURS

Homeowners Happy Hours continue at the following restaurants:

Sept 8: Marlin Darlin's Oct. 13: Jimmy Guana's These FREE Happy Hours are 6-7:30 pm the second Thursday of the month. Visit IRBhome.com for info.



BEACH RECYCLE BINS

Pinellas County donated 50 plastic recycle barrels for use on our beach, but did not include any way to install them. The Homeowners Association donated \$1500 to the city to buy the materials needed to make the barrels stands. The new containers, for cans and plastic, will help keep our beach and water clean, eliminate some of the cost of disposing of our trash and help the environment!



POKER RUN BAR CRAWL OCT. 1ST Registration now open! Plan to once again visit your favorite IRB restaurants and bars, followed by the after party at Crabby Bill's Loading Dock. 12 bars and restaurants are participating this year. The theme will be Breast Cancer Awareness, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Morton Plant Foundation's uninsured patient Mammogram Voucher Program. A limited number of T-shirts are available for \$10 each. 400 people participated last year. Register online or order your shirt at www.IRBhome.com or at our September Happy Hour.

NEW PARK LIGHTING PROJECT The Homeowners Association donated \$7800 to have a state-of-the-art lighting system installed in the 12th Ave Park. The fixtures are the same type as were installed in Chic-a-Si Park, and includes 14 brass lights mounted on posts, but the pergola has an entirely new look. A Color Changing System, including 10 LED stainless steel lights, was installed in the structure. It can be programmed to change colors and cast a glow around the pergola based on the day of the week, holidays or events. This is the same lighting that is used by the Chihuly exhibit in St. Pete. Because everything is LED, operating costs will be reduced 85-90% over the previous lighting system and the fixtures last 15+ years. The project was supervised and installed by Wired Island.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE September's happy hour at Marlin Darlin's will include a food drive for the Beach Food Pantry. We are encouraging everyone to bring canned or boxed food items or to make a donation.

FIFTH ANNUAL TASTE OF IRB will be November 5th. Once again, 20 local restaurants will be offering their specialties while you listen to the live music of Espree deKor. If you are interested in being a participating vendor or sponsor, or would like to volunteer to serve beer or wine, please email info@irbhome.com.

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HELPING OUR RESIDENTS

by Commission Chair Karen Williams Seel

When you think about making hurricane survival plans, many things may come to mind. Do I have to evacuate? How much food and water do I need in my kit? Are my important papers all in order?

One of the most important considerations is knowing how you will evacuate should those orders be issued. If you were in Pinellas County during the hyperactive 2004 Hurricane Season, no doubt you remember the approach of Hurricane Charley. The time after an evacuation order is given can be chaotic and emotionally challenging. This is difficult enough for those who can evacuate themselves without assistance, but what about residents whose medical conditions make this an even bigger challenge?

For those residents, there is the Special Needs Evacuation Assistance program. Created after the devastation Hurricane Andrew brought to south Florida in 1992, the state legislature passed a law requiring that each of the state's 67 counties operate an evacuation assistance program for residents who have special medical needs and no way to evacuate on their own. Some of those conditions may be oxygen dependence, mobility impairment or others.

It's simple to participate in this program. Residents who need assistance evacuating due to certain medical conditions can call their local fire department, home health care provider or Pinellas County Emergency



Management at (727) 464-5550. Once connected with a call taker, basic information will be taken and a registration form will be sent. This form will guide users through the process of applying for the program. Once the form is mailed back and received, the data will be reviewed and a follow up call made. Those who qualify will be placed on a list maintained by local fire departments. When an evacuation is ordered, a fire department representative will call to arrange a pick up.

Those who don't qualify for this program can discuss alternate arrangements for evacuation. For some, a ride to a friend or relative's home may be the best option. PSTA will run its regular rush-hour routes during an evacuation, until winds reach 40 miles per hour. Evacuees can take the bus to a shelter or a friend's or relative's home free of charge during this state of emergency.

Residents who need more advanced medical assistance during a storm should work with their doctors to create an evacuation plan that takes their unique needs into consideration. Special needs shelters provide limited additional medical assistance, but can't provide the more advanced care that some residents may need.

The most critical thing to remember about this program is the need to register in advance. Fire department personnel plan their pick up routes well in advance of a storm's arrival, so the time to register is now.

For more information about the special needs evacuation assistance program, call (727) 464-5550 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/specialneeds.htm.

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Business Briefs....

BELLEAIR SMILE STUDIO

Recently, Dr. Son and Dr. Michellien (Lien) Nguyen acquired the dental office at 1180 Ponce de Leon, Suite 801B, east of the Pinellas Trail. Son and Lien grew up in the Tampa Bay area, but practiced in Puget Sound, Seattle for the past 10 years. They obtained degrees at the University of Central Florida and their Doctors of Dental Surgery at Howard University in Washington, DC. They offer a full scope of dental care including simple fillings, implant placement, restorations plus braces and invisalign orthodontic treatment. You may reach them at 517-9599 or visit www.BelleairSmileStudio.com.



IRB BICYCLES MOVED Adam, owner of IRB Bicycles, moved his sales and rental business across the street into the Shell Gas Station. At night, he keeps everything inside the former car wash area in the back. He says the location doubled his visibility and his sales.

CLEVER TRAINING Is a new IRB store for people who want to get in shape. Called Clever Training, it is located in the Keegan's Shopping Plaza at 1519 Gulf Blvd. They sell all the things serious trainers must have including GPS watches, heart rate monitors, compression apparel, performance eyewear, and more. Check it out online at www.CleverTraining.com or call them at 213-0008. Right now they are offering all IRB residents a 10% discount.

DENTIST HELPS FILL FOOD NEEDS

Bonham Dental Arts collected over 550 pounds of food during its "Christmas in July" project. Dr. Christopher Bonham, who has been helping patients and the community in Pinellas County for over 27 years,



continues to make time to give back to his community. He decided to offer patients a percentage discount for every can of food they brought into Bonham Dental Arts during the month of July. He and his staff also served a meal at the Pinellas Hope facility on Wednesday, August 10th. Bonham Dental Arts is located at the intersection of Walsingham and Ulmerton in Largo.

WRIGHT DENTAL CHANGE Great Expressions Dental Centers (GEDC) has acquired Wright Dental Care of Belleair Bluffs. Wright Dental was established in 2004. The Great Expressions network has 24 dental centers in the Tampa Bay area and 181 affiliated offices in seven states allowing them to provide patients convenient office choices and comfort options with sedation dentistry. GEDC will offer additional insurance carriers for Wright customers. Dr Scott Wright and Dr Elizabeth Hevia-Wright remain at the Belleair Bluffs office.

WHO IS YOUR BENEFICIARY?

Noelle Daniel, CFP®, CRPC®

President of Noelle Daniel Wealth Management

Good planning takes into account both the expected and the unexpected. By building your nest egg, you're planning for the comfortable retirement you always hoped for. All it takes to plan for the unfortunate event that something unexpected happens on the way to retirement is to name beneficiaries for all your investments. While it may seem easy to overlook now, the effort may be greatly appreciated by your heirs.

By naming a beneficiary, you're ensuring that your money goes where you want it to go when you die. Employer-sponsored plans are unique in that they generally require that a spouse is the primary beneficiary, unless you elect otherwise and your spouse consents in writing. But other investments, such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs), may not provide this automatic feature.

You may choose to name more than one beneficiary for a particular account. However, you will need to specify the percentage each beneficiary is to receive. If you don't, your assets will be divided equally among your designees. Perhaps your spouse has already passed on, or maybe your spouse's net worth exceeds the current federal estate tax exclusion. If your spouse's net worth exceeds the limit, it may be wise to select another individual — say a child, another relative, or a friend — to receive your assets upon your death.

Keep in mind, your gift may come at a price. Those who inherit your account will be assessed income tax on the amount you leave them. Of course, Uncle Sam would not hit a beneficiary in a lower federal income tax bracket as hard.

Once you name a beneficiary, you may want to review your selection from time to time, perhaps at major life changes like marriage, divorce, or the birth of a child. As your situation changes, you may find that a new beneficiary is appropriate. If you have specific questions regarding your choice of beneficiaries, contact Noelle Daniel, 727-408-5209 to learn about your options.

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BEACH ART CENTER'S ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBIT

PAVA, The Professional Association of Visual Artists, announces the opening reception and awards ceremony for its Annual Members' Exhibit to be held at the Beach Art Center, 1515 Bay Palms Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach, on September 16, 2011, from 6 – 8pm. The exhibit will run through October 28th.

PAVA is a not-for-profit, artist run organization. It is composed of artists from throughout the state of Florida and has been in existence for over 23 years. PAVA hosts several art exhibitions each year including the Cool Art Show and the upcoming 2Cool Art Show. For more information, please visit their web site: <http://www.pava-artists.org>

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OUR CITY PARKS

Our city has eleven sliding boards, nine swing sets and four Tennis courts in twelve different parks in our two and a half mile long city. Here is a summary of what our city's Public Works Department maintains and some people enjoying them.



KOLB PARK

Across the street from City Hall - The park has a large gazebo, picnic tables, two lighted tennis courts (for residents & visitors), a basketball court, a picnic shelter, a skate board park, a lighted baseball field, a hand-ball court, two shuffle board courts, a walking path, a chilled water fountain and restrooms. The playground area has two climbing modules, four swings and a merry-go-round. There is also a recycle station. Many annual events including Oktoberfest and Beauty and the Beach are held there.



BROWN PARK

off Harbor Drive - There are two tennis courts (residents only), a basketball court, two playground modules, two swings, a picnic shelter, and a chilled water fountain. There is a recycle station here, too.



THE BEACH

The city does not own the County Park on the beach between 17th-18th Avenue, or any of the beach area. However, the city maintains the beach access areas, rakes the beach, removes the garbage and helps keep the beach area clean and litter free.



FIRST STREET BOARDWALK

The Boardwalk next to Villa Gallace is city owned. It runs along the Intracoastal and is 340 feet long.

NATURE PRESERVE

900 Gulf Blvd - This park includes a leash free dog park, two picnic shelters, restrooms and a passive play area. There is also a 2100 foot long boardwalk through the nature area overlooking Intracoastal Waterway. An Osprey Nest pole has recently been installed in the park. Adjacent to this park, is the 10th Avenue Park, which has a two children's play modules, swings and slides plus a picnic shelter, water fountain and low level lighting. There is also access to the boardwalk.



27TH AVENUE HABITAT

Located at the east end of 27th Avenue, this passive park was built to control storm water runoff and helps maintain a biological natural habitat. There is a small dock there.

Most parks in IRB are open from 6am to 11pm. All of our facilities are maintained by our city's Public Works Department. Dean Scharmen is the Director. They can be reached at 595-6889.

CHIC-A-SI, Fourth Avenue at First Street The park is home to the IRB Historical Museum. It has a gazebo, picnic tables, a Bocce ball court and low level lighting. The gazebo is available for weddings with a permit fee. The Taste of IRB is held in this park.



24TH AVENUE PARK

Has a bench and a picnic table.

KEEGAN CLAIR PARK

at 3rd Avenue - This area, on the Intracoastal, has 3 docks overlooking the water and two picnic shelters. This is where the city is building the floating docks that will accommodate up to seventeen boats.

15TH AVENUE BOAT RAMP

The city maintains the small boat ramp and fishing dock. It is for IRB residents only.

THE NARROWS

A covered swing recently installed by Action 2000 overlooks the Intracoastal. The city will be installing new landscaping there soon.

PROTECT YOUR BOAT FUEL

by Jeremiah Carmody, Carmody Marine 727/480-1048

If your boat has not been affected by the use of ethanol-enhanced gas, chances are it will be sometime in the future. Mandated under the federal Clean Air Act, today's "gasoline" or "E-10" is an elixir of a gasoline blend with 10% ethanol and refined alcohol.

Ethanol is basically moonshine. It is made in the U.S. by processing corn and distilling it to create the alcohol that we call ethanol. The result is a gas solvent that can cause several problems to your boat engine, if some simple precautions are not taken.

Whether in a storage tank or your boat, Florida's gas has a shelf life of 60 to 90 days. Ethanol is hygroscopic, meaning it will attract and attach to any water in the fuel. It has the ability to absorb 50 times more water than non-ethanol gasoline. It is also a corrosive. Florida's high humidity provides ideal conditions for phase separation, which is the term describing the concentrated water/ethanol layer at the bottom of a boat's gas tank. When as little as 0.5% water has been absorbed, the ethanol and water will separate from the gas blend. Being heavier, it will sink to the bottom of the gas tank, carburetor float bowl or vapor separator in a concentrated, highly corrosive sludge solution. Upon startup, this sludge is the first to be delivered through your fuel system. As it works its way through the system, it can cause o-rings to swell, gaskets to distort and hoses to soften, rot or delaminate, while clogging filters, carburetors, pumps and injectors.

If you suspect you have bad gas, take a fuel sample. It is easy. With the engine NOT running, disconnect the fuel hose from the engine at the primer ball or at the inlet side of the first fuel filter and pump or drain at least a quart or two of gas out into a clean dry glass jar. Cover and let it sit for a while. Gas should be a crisp light yellow. If it looks hazy, really dark, smells like turpentine or water or if sludge collects in the bottom of the jar, it is bad. Do not start your engine or top off your tank and do not add a stabilizer. It is too late! You cannot "work the gas through the system" nor can you re-blend or refresh the gas. Your tank must be drained and the fuel system cleaned out.

The most important thing you can do to avoid fuel related problems is also the easiest; start, run and refuel your boat regularly. This will ensure the gas in the tank is fresh, gets used and doesn't sit in the hoses, pumps, fuel rails, and carburetors long enough to phase separate. Some additional ways to avoid potentially expensive ethanol related repairs are use only non-ethanol fuel, use a fuel stabilizer, refuel often, check your fuel system hoses for softness and change your fuel filters regularly. With a little effort and some fresh gas you'll enjoy a worry free day on the water.

BIG NEW HOUSE COMING

A \$23 million house will soon be built on the Gulf of Mexico in Belleair at 1700 Gulf Blvd. by Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard. His architect predicts with all the special features, including a Venice-style lazy river running from a swimming pool underneath a series of bridges and a bowling alley on the ground level, it may take 3 to 4 years to build. A city ordinance requires completion of a home in 24 months, so a variance was needed. Commissioners said the Howard home would be a welcome addition to the town.



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