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Clearwater Beach Marina - 65 Years of Fun

Boats were there, long before 1952, when the Clearwater Beach Marina was built. They clustered beside an elbow of land, which the State granted to the City of Clearwater to build Memorial Causeway between Clearwater and the "Island." It was clearly an excellent spot for a marina, with deep water, in the center of the island and close to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Marina building was designed to suggest the outline of a pilot boat. The small third story "pilot house" on the west end, was seldom used, despite providing spectacular views. During and after World War II, it provided a look-out from which volunteers held round-the-clock vigils for possible enemy aircraft. At least once during the war, enemy submarines were spotted off Clearwater Beach's shore, but no enemy aircraft. The second story deck at the building's eastern end mimicked a pilot boat's deck.

The new marina's quiet waters, within a short distance of the Gulf of Mexico, made it especially popular with commercial fishing boats. Some were "party" boats where adventuresome tourists lined the rails, holding fishing lines provided by the boat operators. Others were smaller, swifter boats equipped with elaborate rigging designed to bag the big game fish so cherished by serious sportsman. This led the Marina to be host to the largest fishing fleet on Florida's mid-west coast.

It wasn't until 1986, when Sue and Phil Henderson, Sr. brought their dinner boat, Captain Anderson 2, to the Marina, that the mix of boats began to expand to eventually include shelling boats, dolphin watching boats, and water scooters.

In 1978, the Captain Memo Pirate Ship arrived, captained by William Wozencraft, from California. His boat was a beautiful sloop, which began operating as a party ship, but changed to a popular family attraction, complete with children's games, pirate tales, pirate pistols (used for water pistol fights aboard) and a miniature fake cannon fired at a mythical pirate on shore. Eventually the pirate theme became so popular the sloop was

replaced by a "real" pirate ship, designed to accommodate "follow the leader" games for the children and upper decks for parents to avoid the water pistol fights below.

Built to do more than tend boats, the Marina building contained office spaces on the second floor where, in addition to the Harbor Master's office, there was room for such non-nautical entities as a dentist office, a newspaper office and, beach offices for the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. During one period, Mrs. Watkins, the charming Chamber Of Commerce hostess, thought up numerous ways to keep the tourists entertained and happy. One of these was regular square dances on the back deck of the building. Square dancing under the stars became a popular pastime until some authority at City Hall determined that the roof would not sustain the dancers' constant stamping and shuffling of feet, ending the popular activity. Later, inspections determined that the roof was strong enough to survive much more than dancing feet, but the custom was never revived.

A large portion of the lower floor housed the Beach Post Office, a barbershop and a popular restaurant, which specialized in hearty breakfasts for early bird fishermen and bird watchers. "Bird watching" has always been a popular activity at the Marina. When the boat crews clean and fillet their catch beside the boats, pelicans and egrets pose for pictures as they await leftover bits of fish to land in the water.

In the early years, there was a gas station at both the east and west ends of the property. Langford's to the west, was remodeled into a seafood store and restaurant in 1979 by Bill Goodwin who crewed on Marina fishing boats and owned his own fishing boat. The name of the restaurant changed from Clearwater Marina Seafood Restaurant to Crazy Bill's before Mr. Goodwin sold it to the operators of Crabby Bill's.

A smaller building east of the Marina was built in the early 1950s to house the Searama, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's forerunner. Searama was a display of life-like replica's of local marine life, placed on the walls of a room with flickering lighting imitating the underwater environment. It was popular with both residents and visitors. After the Searama closed, the building was replaced with parking.

Story by Anne Garris, Clearwater resident & local historian

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Do you need another copy of this newsletter. You may pick up additional copies of this newsletter at all City Halls, Wildfield Marketplace, Panara Bread, UPS Store and the Belleair Market. Need a lot? Call 517-1997.

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter. We want your input. Did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future articles? Call or email us with your comments, or take our online survey at beachnewsletters.com.

Thank you for reading,

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

Tax Free Days For School Supplies	4-6	Coachman Park Boat Race Festival	29-30
Public School Begins	10	Yom Kippur	29-30
Bluff's Business Assn Mixer	10	Blast Friday	29
Sunset Run #4 / Sand Key Park	11	Boogie 4 Belleair	30
Buc's First Pre-Season Game	11		
Gracie's Big Splash Belleair Rec	12		
Property Appraiser Trim Notices Mailed	14		
IRB Boat Club to Marina Cantina	19		
Largo's Indoor Garage Sale	19		
Lunar Eclipse	21		
Blood Drive Sand Key Sailing Center	30		
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Labor Day - Schools	4	Fire Prevention Month	
Grandparents Day	10	Super Boat Races Clearwater Beach	1
Buc's First Real Game	10	Blessing Of The Animals	1
Patriots Day	11	Rock The Beach Invasion-Indian Rocks	7
Bluff's Business Assn Mixer	14	Belleair Bluffs Wine Walk	7
Seminole Household Chemical Cleanup	16	Hispanic Heritage Concert Coachman Park	8
Rosh Hashanah	20-22	Columbus Day Public Schools Closed	9
Autumn Begins	22	Bluff's Business Assn Mixer	12
IRB Boat Club's Island Party	23	Ocktoberfest Indian Rocks Beach	14
Sheriff's Charity Golf Tournament	25	Largo Household Chemical Cleanup	14
		Stone Crab Season Begins	15
		St Patrick's Catholic School Fun Fair	18-22
		Clearwater Jazz Holiday	19-22
		Stone Crab Festivals	19-22
		Keep Pinellas Beautiful Coastal Clean Up	21
		Blast Friday	27
		Country Jubilee Heritage Village	28
		Johns Pass Seafood Fest	28-29

THIS IS THE BELLEAIR AREA NEWSLETTER'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Wow time really does fly. This is the 10th Anniversary issue of the Belleair Area Neighborhood Newsletter. Seems like only yesterday we started this little ol' newsletter, but it was August of 2007 – 10 years ago that we published the first issue.

If you remember, the first issue's historical story was about the opening of the first Belleair Causeway Bridge in 1950. That is because in 2007, the construction on the new Belleair Causeway Bridge was well underway. The construction was featured in the middle section of that issue. The first issue was much like today's only smaller. That first issue was only 24 pages. Today, while it can fluctuate, it has grown to usually 40 or more pages.

Our plan from the beginning was to provide Belleair residents local information, with a touch of history. We put ourselves in your shoes, and published things residents wanted to know; things we wanted to know. That was easy, since we live nearby. What events are coming up? What restaurants are opening or closing? What is being built on that empty lot? Is a new business opening in that closed storefront? What's going on in nearby Indian Rocks, Largo or Clearwater Beach?

From the beginning, we encouraged local organizations to contribute their news. We invited various government officials to submit their news, which we pass on to you, as they represent you. But now, what started ten years ago as a small part of our business has become the primary thing we do. We print similar newsletters for three other areas - Clearwater Beach, Indian Rocks Beach and Downtown St Petersburg.

We still work out of our house in Indian Rocks Beach, just the two of us, with no other employees. While Bob may be the face everyone sees, collecting information, taking all the photos and conducting interviews, Becky works behind the scenes designing

the ads, editing the stories and pulling all the information together into the format you see each issue.

We realize none of this would be possible without two not necessarily exclusive groups of people. First our advertisers; without their support, there would not be a newsletter. They pay for our printing and mailing costs and some have been in every issue. But more importantly, we want to thank you, our readers.

We reach about 17,000 adults in the Belleair communities, and if you did not read our newsletter, and support our advertisers, there would not be a reason to print it. You are what makes this a Neighborhood Newsletter

We get the most incredible comments, letters and emails from our readers. Most of them warm our hearts and many make us laugh. We have met many people along the way, some of which have become close friends. Thank you for allowing us to do this every day. We hope to continue publishing it for many more years.

We hope you enjoy this issue. If you want to read some you may have missed, find them online at BeachNewsletter.com.

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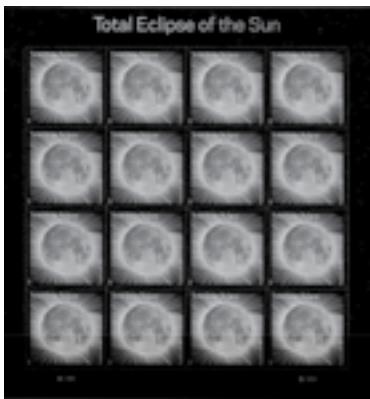
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LOCK 'EM UP! The Sheriff would like to remind those who go to the beach - lock your cars! More than 80 percent of vehicle burglaries in the area occur in cars that are not properly locked. That makes it easier for criminals to help themselves to your wallet, purse, computer and other valuables. Actually, no matter where you are, always take the time to lock your car.

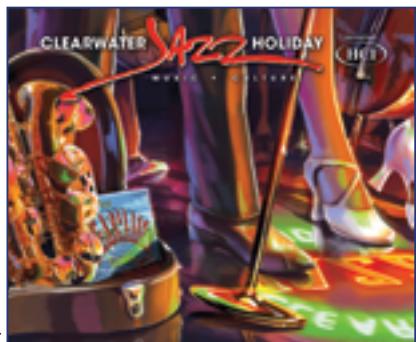
ACCESS PERMITS After an evacuation, such as a major storm or hurricane, residents (and businesses) are required to have a permit to re-enter the beach. Under this program, created by the Pinellas County Sheriff's office, and assisted by the Beach governments, you must sign up in advance to receive their emergency permit. They are free. Two permits will be issued per household. Businesses may request additional passes for employees.

UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT Sand Key's Clearwater Community Sailing Center, is holding a special art exhibit August 12 featuring underwater photographer Craig Dietrich. Dietrich's unique style would be a great addition to any Florida home. Open to the public, everyone is encouraged to view and purchase one of his pieces of art. A portion of the proceeds go to the CCSC. For more information, call 517-7776.

POSTER RELEASED

The 38th Clearwater Jazz Holiday Poster by artist Nate Baranowski has been released. Nate is a street painter, muralist, and fine artist based out of Tampa. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,

where his passion for street painting began. A versatile artist, he is experienced with a range of mediums. After working for several years in the themed design industry, Nate branched out into full time freelance art at the beginning of 2015. Throughout the year, he performs in street painting festivals across the country. The Clearwater Jazz Holiday will be held October 19-22 in Clearwater's Coachman Park. Visit ClearwaterJazz.com for the full lineup and to purchase tickets.



and More...



CUPCAKE CONTEST TIME The now annual and very popular Best Cupcake Contest, returns August 19, at the Morean Center For Clay, located at 420 22nd Street S. in St. Pete. In keeping with the Morean Art Center's Centennial Celebration, they plan to have 100 bakers sharing their goodies. Bakers pay \$15 to participate in the fundraiser, and supply enough cupcakes for one hundred people.

The public pays \$5 admission and receives five ballots to help pick the People's Choice Award and of course cupcakes. Entries are professionally judged on presentation, icing/frosting, texture, and creativity. Winners will receive bragging rights and a special clay trophy from the Morean Center for Clay. If you are a professional or amateur baker, there is still time to enter. Call the Morean at 822-7872 and ask for Promotions.

COUNTRY JUBILEE RETURNS The popular Country Jubilee at Heritage Park (which was canceled last year) is being rescheduled for Saturday, October 28th. It will also include a Flea Market. If you are interested in participating, call 582-2233 now.

ASD WORKSHOP Join a team of ASD experts as they discuss different healthcare options for those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Professionals from multiple disciplines will come together to offer insight and discuss the benefits of various treatment methods. This free workshop, on August 31, from 6-7:30pm at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club, is open to parents and healthcare professionals. For more information or to register, visit eventbrite.com/e/autism-spectrum-disorders-a-multidisciplinary-intervention-approach-tickets-35648149575.

PARKS TO GET FACELIFT Two of Belleair's larger parks, Magnolia Park and Pat Wall Park, are scheduled for concurrent reconstruction and renovation beginning in the Fall. The parks will feature open green space, ADA walking paths, benches, updated landscaping, and public art.

EVENING AT THE ALLEY The merchants of Antique Alley are holding a special night event August 17 with a theme of Health and Beauty. Many of the alley's businesses will stay open late with special sales.

LIONFISH ROUND UP

To encourage area divers to target the spiny, invasive species, FWC's Lionfish Challenge runs through September 4. Catch a minimum of 25 or more lionfish (or 25 pounds for commercial fishermen) to enter the contest. The more you catch, the more prizes you will receive. The FWC says more than 5,000 lionfish have already been caught since the beginning of the competition, which started in May. To enter or get more information, visit www.MyFWC.com/Lionfish.



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YOUR DIGITAL LIFE AFTER DEATH OR INCAPACITY

by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group

Hopefully you have a living trust and/or will along with the other legal documents needed in case of disability or death. But have you also made preparations for the orderly transfer of your digital assets? Who knows where to find the passwords needed to reach these assets? Can these assets be inherited by heirs?



While digital assets include the hardware we use, it is more about the information stored at various websites. How does one access your bank accounts, bill payments, credit cards, frequent flyer information, governmental records, email accounts, Facebook, LinkedIn, Amazon, pictures, etc. at a website?

While technology makes life easier today (who remembers phone numbers anymore), it can make life difficult in the case of mental incapacity or death. The first thing your executor will need is the passwords to your digital life. If you are like a lot of people you have a list somewhere, but will they know where to find it? Do you have it in some type of code that no one else would understand?

A tool that we use personally and we recommend to clients is a password app for your smart phone or tablet. We are not endorsing any of the apps, as you should do your own investigation, but perhaps this will get you moving in the right direction. In short, by using these apps you, your power of attorney, or your executor have access to all of the websites and passwords by simply knowing one password, which opens the app itself.

1Password, LastPass and eWallet are the ones we hear about most often, but there are many others. Most have an unlimited amount of passwords that can be stored, can store credit card numbers, and will automatically fill in the login information when you click on the website. With the need to change passwords on a regular basis most apps will do this if you choose to do so and the passwords they generate are probably stronger than the ones you create for yourself.

Further, there is generally lots of room to make notes within and sometimes a place to store pictures. If you have the app on one device it can often automatically be transferred to other devices. Make sure that whichever app you use that it has high security and AES 256-bit encryption makes security at a bank level.

If you would like to talk more about this part of estate planning, please give us a call for a complimentary consultation.

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Information from Pinellas County / Department of Solid Waste

The pipes in your home are like the arteries in your body. If they get clogged, the flow is reduced and eventually you have a problem. To prevent this, you should not pour grease down your drains.

FOG is an acronym that stands for Fat, Oil and Grease, all of which will clog your home's pipes. FOG, the liquid (and solid) by-products of cooking, may come from beef, pork, lard, shortening, oils, butter, margarine and sauces. It clings to the inside of your home's plumbing and the pipes in the sewer system. Over time, this builds up, like plaque in your body's arteries, decreasing a pipe's diameter and slowing the rate at which waste can pass through, until it eventually prevents all waste from passing through.

It may be hard to notice a problem, until everything stops. The first sign is water slows down and accumulates when going down the drain. Then your sink may back up. The consequence can be an overflow of wastewater into your house (or even the neighborhood). This can be unpleasant, dangerous and unhealthy.

Once a blockage occurs, commercial drain openers are not a good remedy. They inject chemicals into our waste system and these chemicals in your pipes may be tough to remove. The best solution is to call a commercial plumber.

Here is an easy drain cleaning solution you can try: First use a plunger to start some flow. Pour ½ cup of baking soda down the drain. Add ½ cup of white vinegar and cover the drain for a while. The resulting chemical reaction may break down fatty acids and clean out your clog. **WARNING: DO NOT USE THIS** after trying ANY commercial drain opener—the vinegar can react with the drain opener product to create dangerous fumes.

The best way to avoid clearing these backups is to simply not put any FOG's down your drains. To accomplish that, after cooking use a strainer to separate the grease from cooking oil, and scrape the solids into your trash can. Pour the grease and fat into a disposable container. Place that disposable container inside a plastic bag and put that in the trash, too.

Remember, your home's plumbing is only meant to handle water! Your garbage disposal is not capable of handling fats and grease. If you are disposing for grease and oils down your drain, change your habits-- you will save yourself a lot of future grief and expense.

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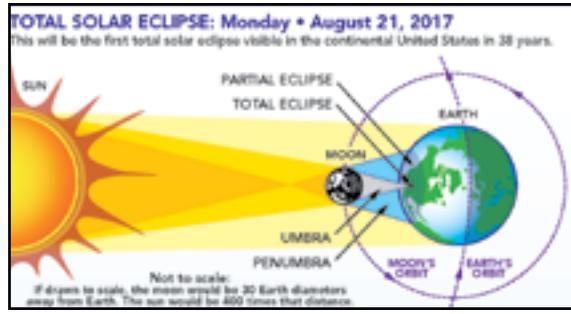
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On Monday, August 21, people across the United States will see the sun disappear behind the moon, turning daylight into twilight, causing temperatures to drop, and revealing streamers of light streaking through the sky around the silhouette of the moon. This is because America will be under the path of a total solar eclipse.

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon's shadow falls on the Earth. It seems like that would happen every month, but



because the Earth's orbit around the sun is not in the same plane as the Moon's orbit around the Earth, it happens rarely. This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.

Being called the Great American Total Solar Eclipse, it will darken skies from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina, along a stretch of land about 70 miles wide. People in this "path of totality" will see one of nature's most awe inspiring sights. As the moon completely covers the sun, the sun's atmosphere, called the corona will be seen. The glowing white corona is the outermost part of the sun's atmosphere and can only be seen by the naked eye during an eclipse. The aura of plasma, that surrounds the sun and other stars, extends millions of miles into space.



This map shows the path of the moon's umbral shadow—in which the sun will be completely obscured by the moon—during the total solar eclipse of August 21, 2017. The lunar shadow enters the United States near Lincoln City, Oregon, at 9:05 a.m. PDT. Totality begins in Lincoln City, Oregon, at 10:16 a.m. PDT. The total eclipse will end in Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:48 p.m. EDT. The lunar shadow leaves the United States at 4:09 p.m. EDT. Outside this path, a partial solar eclipse will be visible throughout the continental U.S., and this map shows the fraction of the sun's area covered by the moon outside the path of totality.

The total eclipse, when the sun is completely blocked by the moon, will last up to 2 minutes and 40 seconds, depending on your viewing location. Our closest location will be South Carolina. In Columbia, SC the whole thing starts at 1:13pm and totality beginning at 2:41pm. The totality ends at 2:44pm and the whole this is over at 4:06pm, all EDT. Observers outside the path will still see a partial solar eclipse, where the moon covers part of the sun's disk.

If you are viewing the sun and the total or partial eclipse, always use special eclipse glasses. NEVER look directly at the sun without appropriate eyewear. Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse. You can order glasses online for less than \$5 each.

If you miss this one, the next total solar eclipse visible over the continental United States will be on April 8, 2024. But if you want to see one at home, on August 12, 2045, a total eclipse will occur over Pinellas County.

SLAUGHTER PLUMBING - 52 YEARS OF FIXING YOUR PIPES

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

John Slaughter, now 74, started Slaughter Plumbing, 52 years ago. Born in Houston, he was the fourth of ten kids - seven were boys.

The family moved to Indian Rocks Beach when John was only six. They lived in the Fox Cottages, which eventually were torn down to build a condominium.

As a kid, John remembers the old swing bridge and its operator Captain Ramson.

"When I was about 11, I used to help Cap Ramson open the old swing bridge. We got to help turn the big key in the middle, that made it swing," he remembers. "All the boys in town did it."

"We used to all hang out at the old L&M Grocery store at the west end of the bridge and of course at the Brandon Pavilion on the beach," John recalls.

"Somewhere around the age of 16, I got a plumbing job. My brother Ron and I went to work at Phillips Plumbing in Largo. Ron went on to marry the boss's daughter, July Phillips," John says.

The Slaughter brothers worked for Phillips Plumbing for six years, until in 1965, John and brother Ron started Slaughter Plumbing. John was only 22.

"Slaughter Plumbing worked all over Indian Rocks, Belleair and most of Largo," John explains. "I remember working on the old IRB Fishing Pier many times. I was there when Hurricane Elena knocked it down. We did a lot of work for the City of Indian Rocks, too," John says. "Ralph Finke was the mayor and he was also a local contractor."

"We did a lot of work at the Blue Lagoon, which is Crabby Bill's today and Dale's Package store that was torn down to build CVS. We used to gas up our trucks at Freddie Geisler's Gas Station next to The Beach Place at 24th Avenue. We did his plumbing, too. We probably were in every house there was back in the 1960s and '70s."

Plumbing seems to be in the Slaughter blood. Two of his brothers started their own plumbing businesses: Ron went on to start Largo Plumbing and brother Franklin Sr. started People's Plumbing, which he now co-runs with son Frank Jr.

John and his wife, Patty, are retired now, living part of the time in Indian Rocks Beach and the rest of the time in Colorado. Their daughter Patricia and her husband Paul Jewel bought the plumbing company in 2004 and have been managing it ever since. If you ever need a plumber, call Slaughter Plumbing at 596-5663.



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SUPERHERO 5K RUN**For Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay**

Attention Superheroes, lace up your running shoes and help abused children in need! The Guardian Ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay invites you to the 3rd Annual SuperHero 5K Run, Walk and Stroller Roll on Saturday, September 23rd at Nolan's Pub, 230 Main St, Safety Harbor, at 8:30 am

Make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child today by participating in the 3rd Annual SuperHero 5K. This event will raise community awareness for the 3,000 children in Pinellas and Pasco Counties who have been removed from their homes by no fault of their own.

Whether you are a competitive runner, a casual walker, or just love the idea of supporting a wonderful cause, participating in the Superhero 5k allows you to show your support for abused and neglected children in Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The family friendly, all ages, and abilities event will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, starting and ending at Nolan's Pub, 230 Main Street, Safety Harbor.

SuperHero costumes are encouraged, but not required. The race course will run along the beautiful Safety Harbor waterway. We will kick off at 8:30 am with the 5K Run. There will be activities afterwards for runners and families. Awards will be given for top qualifiers of the 5K Run. Snacks and water will be provided. A school uniform collection drive will be held to benefit children served by the Guardian ad Litem program.

Registration in advance is PREFERRED for the SuperHero 5K

- Register for the 5K at thesuperhero5k.com.

For those runners and walkers who are unable to attend the race, a virtual option is available.

- Register for the Virtual Race at thesuperhero5k.com

Want to volunteer at the Superhero 5k?

- Register to volunteer at thesuperhero5k.com

They are still seeking sponsorships.

For more information about the Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay contact Amy Foster, Executive Director, AmyF@galf6.org or visit www.herotoachild.org

CLEARWATER/ST. PETERSBURG SKI AND SPORTS CLUB

As Pinellas County's only snow ski club, they are holding their 34th annual kickoff meeting Friday, August 11th at the Clearwater Country Club, 525 North Betty Lane in Clearwater. Starting at 6 pm, this event will showcase their club's four winter ski trips for the upcoming season, and their Spring Bike and Barge trip to Europe.

With trips planned to Steamboat Springs Colorado, Sun Valley Idaho, Whitefish Montana and Snowbasin Utah, there will be trips all season long including Spring Break. Trips are for all levels of skiers at various price ranges.

While at Steamboat, they will be joined by as many as 14 other ski clubs from Florida. They will also be heading to the Netherlands for a Bike and Barge trip during their Tulip season. This is a trip that shouldn't be missed.

Details about the club's trips, our social events, and the Winter Sports Clinic can be found at snowshark.org or on their Facebook page.

The Clearwater/St. Pete Ski Club will be holding their monthly social meetings at Mikes Pizza & Deli Station located at 13560 49 St. in Clearwater Fl. Socials begin at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the months September through February, not including December.

ISLAND COVE BEADS & GALLERY

Having reached the enviable 5-year milestone earlier this spring, Island Cove Beads & Gallery located in Indian Rocks Beach, at 1519 Gulf Blvd, in the Keegan's Plaza, has built up quite a following among Bay area locals and snowbirds alike. And it's no wonder - there's a little something for everyone in this unique bead shop and gift gallery. Proprietors Colleen Ewart and Sue Lennon combined bring 35 years of experience in jewelry design, and with it a flair for nautical and resort style fashion and decor.

Beads & Findings Galore: Island Cove's unique collection of Czech glass beads, gemstones, seashells, pearls, and cords are a bead lovers dream. The owners have quite the assortment of beach-themed charms including mermaids, sea turtles, dolphins, seahorses, and starfish. Also available in the store: vintage glass beads imported from Venice, Egyptian style scarabs, and the world's finest Japanese beading needles.

Indian Rocks Beach local Sheila Cerjanec started shopping at Island Cove five years ago, when she and her husband retired to the area. "I had made and sold jewelry up north, so I was first drawn to the gallery for the beads, but what I ultimately found was a home away from home. Colleen and Sue welcomed me and made me feel as if we had been friends forever."

Jewelry-making Classes & Events: Island Cove offers jewelry making courses in small group settings and individual instruction. Their event calendar is chock full of creative classes throughout the month, but the shop owners will make special accommodations to suit your schedule. They've hosted private birthday parties and girls-night-out events after hours too.

"I love Island Cove for the abundance of reasonably priced, hand picked beads and the easy step-by-step instruction, but mostly because I came through the door a curious customer and left a valued friend," shares Michelle Geller.

Custom Jewelry Design & Repair: Whether you'd like to re-string a family heirloom strand of pearls, or re-size or repair a special bracelet or necklace, the team at Island Cove can breathe new life into your favorite pieces. Alternatively, you can commission a custom piece of jewelry for a special occasion, or order a matching set for your bridesmaids or family members.

Art & Gift Gallery: If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind gift or souvenir, look no further than Island Cove. It's a refreshing change of pace from the typical Tampa Bay souvenir shop. Nothing is mass produced or cheaply made. Instead, browse the works of over 50 local artists whose handmade soaps, pottery, scarves, sculptures and mixed-media paintings adorn the walls. IRB resident Helen Simon says "I can find amazing gifts for any occasion!"

BOOGIE 4 BELLEAIR

The Belleair Community Foundation's premier fundraising event, Boogie 4 Belleair takes place on September 30th at the Dimmitt Community Center, supporting the renovation of Magnolia and Pat Wall Parks. The renovation will include benches, pavers, artwork, and a dog watering station courtesy of the Bluffs Animal Hospital.

The BCF, with Sandy Rule Events, will transform the Dimmitt Community Center into a sophisticated nightclub venue for dancing the night way. DJs, floor show with dancers, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and sophisticated libations await you. Between dances, there is an amazing Silent Auction thanks to the generous donations from our Belleair business neighbors.

A sneak preview of auctions items includes an original acrylic MAX painting donated by Galleria Misto, VIP parking tickets for all Sunday in Belleair concerts, Radiance Med Spa night for four, Cappuccino machine, art from local artists Kelly Nash, Sally Haydon, and Penny Young and so much more.

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ANOTHER RETIREMENT FOR FATHER BOB

Father Bob Wagenseil is retiring again, sort of. He is turning the sailing lines, for his youth sailing program, over to other qualified volunteer leaders, but he will still be around.

Father Bob, now 63, was a member of the Episcopal Church priesthood for 33 years, the last 18 at the Calvary Episcopal Church of Indian Rocks Beach. While at the church, he created the Indian Rocks Family Sailing Program & Summer Camps, which is probably the thing he is most proud of. "It was a dream I had when I first arrived at the waterfront church," says Father Bob. In 2001, through the generosity of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue, the IRB Rotary, the Church, and business leaders, the program was founded. "We bought eight dinghies and completed construction of a dock. Within two weeks, we had ten kids signed up,"

he remembers.

After retiring from the church four years ago, Father Bob continued to run The Sailing Program at the church, until it outgrew the site and it moved to the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). There, with the help of many, Father Bob continued to teach kids the art of sailing—and so much more.



Sailing Camp, a series of two-week camps, runs throughout June and July. Sailing is the "magnet" that draws kids to the program, but it is more than sailing. The kids play, swim, eat, take field trips, watch movies, learn and grow. "They build relationships and friendships," Father Bob explains. "They learn about values and how to work together and help others—in sailing and in life."

The beginning of this year's camp had 32 campers and 17 Junior Advisors. Junior Advisors are past campers. They know a little more about sailing and help teach others how to sail and behave.

Camp is \$150 per session. Scholarships, donated by people and businesses, are available for families who cannot afford the fee.

CYC donates their facilities—inside and out—and at the end of the year,

the Camp gives CYC any profit, which is usually a significant donation. "The CYC shares this commitment to kids and has adopted the program as its own," says Father Bob. "It is a genuine partnership intended to benefit kids and their families. But, this program could not survive without the generous support and financial contributions of area people, clubs, CYC members and businesses," Father Bob wants to emphasize.

Father Bob and his wife plan to move to the Crystal River area, however, he will stay involved with the Sailing Program. The program is still in the good hands. Father Bob turned over the lines to his co-manager Ned Covel, who has been working with the program for about 8 years. Ned will also have the help of Rogers Howard, who has also donated many hours and years to the program.



Ned Covel (Lt), Rogers Howard (Center) and Father Bob (Right).

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LEGENDARY BIRD SANCTUARY IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, one of the oldest and largest wild bird sanctuaries in North America, is in danger of reducing operations due to lack of financial support.

The not-for-profit, bird rescue and rehabilitation facility only has a few days' worth of food on hand at any given time and is no longer able to conduct bird rescues. Monthly operating costs, including the care and feeding of over 110 permanently injured birds on site, still exceed \$20,000, despite cutting expenses to a minimum.

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, a fully independent, successor organization to the previous sanctuary, relies completely on public support to maintain a small, dedicated staff to provide daily care. Seaside has administered critical care to over 1,300 sick, injured, or orphaned birds representing 128 different species in 2017, to date. The compromised birds are brought to Seaside by concerned citizens or were rescued by staff and volunteers from locations within 400 square miles of the Central Gulf Coast of Florida.

"We are at a critical time for the future of this great organization," said Andrew von Gontard, President and Director of Seaside Seabird Sanctuary. "We are only as strong as the support we receive from the Gulf Coast communities, Tampa Bay area, and beyond. Our goal in assuming operations in September 2016 was to continue a long-standing tradition of wildlife care and environmental stewardship, while being transparent every step of the way with our supporters and benefactors. Please help us to continue, the positive and nurturing work of which Seaside Seabird Sanctuary is capable."

While Seaside has made great progress in a short time, unfortunately, the Sanctuary is still not achieving the broad financial support needed to fully operate, much less expand outreach. "While we want to continue the original mission of saving seabirds, we need appropriate funding to do our best for the wildlife," said von Gontard.

The Sanctuary works closely with local partners, including Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue, whose President, Barbara Walker, said, "Every injured or sick bird that is rescued, rehabilitated, reconditioned and released is important to the environment and the balance of nature. The Seaside Seabird Sanctuary isn't just good for the area; it's a metaphorical step in the right direction for the whole world. Rehabilitation work is costly and relies on well-trained, dedicated staff, many volunteers and quality facilities. The Seaside Seabird Sanctuary's mission must continue in order to meet local and global community needs. This large, well-equipped seabird sanctuary is essential to the Tampa Bay area.

For further questions, contact Seaside Seabird Sanctuary by email at office@seabirdsanctuary.com, or by telephone at 727-392-4291.

Ways to help save the sanctuary:

- Online Donation www.seabirdsanctuary.com/donate.html
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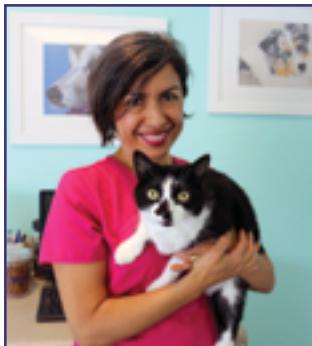
Business Briefs

THE LEGACY CONTINUES



After being sold, Shoes by Beverly re-opened in July. New owner Courtenay Twinam has been working closely with Beverly Halliwell to bring you the footwear and handbag designers you have come to love, along with some exciting new styles. Courtenay worked with Beverly for the past two years before purchasing the business. She started

her retail career as an assistant buyer and department manager with Lord & Taylor in NYC and had a successful clothing and shoe boutique in Franklin, TN for 18 years. She is pleased to have manager Marcy Finn on board. Marcy has extensive experience at Shoes by Beverly and knows each customers tastes and needs. This experienced team is happy to serve you, so stop in soon.



ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF WEST BAY MOVED

Dr. Cynthia Stroup's Animal Hospital, which will be 10 years old later this year, moved. While only moving one block, the Animal Hospital is now inside the city limits of Belleair Bluffs at 2520 West Bay Drive. Stop by to welcome her to the neighborhood or visit WestBayVet.com.

BUSINESS CLOSINGS

GULF LIFE REALTY, located at 305 Indian Rocks Road, in the old milk store, closed. Broker Justin Helmus moved to Berkshire Hathaway in Belleair Bluffs to be their broker when their former broker Susie Trafton moved to Texas. Other agents at Gulf Life also moved to Berkshire.

BELLEAIR BARRE This small dance and exercise shop, located at 760 Indian Rocks Road N., has closed. The space is available by calling 336-2376.

BEACH ZONE The big shopping center, being built at the south end of Indian Rocks Beach will include a Beach Zone. "The store is basically done," says store and the shopping



center owner Steve Luper. "We are just waiting for some final inspections." They are hoping to open any day. As for the other four spaces, Luper says "I have two very interested people, but nothing firm and ready to announce yet."

Business Briefs

BEACH CHAIRS Now, when you go to the beach, you can leave your chairs at home. Mike Fowler's AMI Chairs has taken over the beach chair rental business at the County Park, located on the beach between 17th & 18th Avenue. He has more than just chairs, you can rent umbrellas, cabanas, too. If you live in Indian Rocks Beach, he has a deal for you - after five rentals, your sixth one is free. Check them out at the County Park, online at AMIChairs.com, or call 941-357-6103.



TOWNHOMES COMING SOON The vacant Gulf Blvd. lot between 25th and 26th Avenues, long rumored to be home to a new Publix, will be a new townhome development. The owners have given up on the idea of building a grocery store instead deciding to build condos instead. The city wanted the project to include businesses on the first level, but the owners stated it was not financially feasible. The City issued an exception to allow it to only include residential units. The developers are finalizing plans and starting the long process of build 32 townhouses. For planning purposes, it is being referred to as the Armstrong Village at Indian Rocks Beach.



CASSI AND CO 29 YEARS STRONG

While owner Marsha Uhler bought the store four years ago, Cassi, a ladies' fashion store in The Plaza, opened back in 1988. Most of the store's employees have been there for many, many years. Happy 29th Birthday!

DEJA NEW BOUTIQUE MOVES This small consignment store, owned by Carmen Chase, moved from 1495 Indian Rocks Road to 926 West Bay Drive, across from Publix.

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CLEARWATER JAZZ HOLIDAY OUTREACH CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

The lineup is out! The Bay Area signature tradition turns 38 this year and plans to welcome over 30,000 festival goers again to the waterfront in Coachman Park, October 19-22.

As always, the bill has broad appeal. Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, The Avett Brothers, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, The Temptations, and the Four Tops are among the headliners and fans will also be treated to a wonderful blend of jazz, fusion, funk, rock and soul.

Part of Clearwater Jazz Holiday's special appeal, is its focus on education, outreach, and community. Its growth has enabled its organizer, the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to create a year-round impact with innovative programs, special funding, creative learning experiences, exciting performances, and a dynamic and spirited social community. We caught up with Foundation CEO, Steve Weinberger, to learn about a few new programs.

"Education and outreach are fundamental to the mission, and the theme is now an integral part of our identity," Steve explains. "Our board works hard with staff to seek out new and creative ways to make a difference and provide meaningful experiences at the festival and throughout the year."

Young Lions Jazz Master Sessions:

Launched in December, this one-of-a-kind instructional experience is for Bay Area jazz students with master class group and individual instrument sessions. Held in Ruth Eckerd Hall's state-of-the-art Murray Theatre, Steve describes the program as "exciting and inspiring."

"We have developed a really unique learning environment – less about competition and more about peer-to-peer performance and collaboration. It is thrilling to connect participating, world-class university jazz educators and local professionals with these talented jazz students."

Local professionals and jazz educators from USF, UCF, St. Petersburg College, and Southeastern University were among the participants. The Foundation surprised each school with a \$600 gift to their program.

My Journey with Jazz: New, this music mentoring project complements after-school and summer programs in under-served communities. It consists of four sessions with an educator and special guest musicians who deliver an overview of jazz history, while describing how jazz music has influenced their lives.

Students learn about music from various eras, locations, social issues, jazz music's contribution, and are inspired to play an instrument. The program culminates with

a special performance by professional musicians designed to tell the story of jazz with student participation.

"Our pilot effort targeted 3rd-5th graders at the Clearwater Neighborhood Family Center. It was a learning experience for all and I think will pave the way to grow the project and engage young people," offers Jeni Mitchell, Program Chair, and long-time Foundation Board of Directors member.

Participants included: Bay Area jazz educator Frank Williams, trumpeter and educator Dwayne White, local bass legend and former member of the Duke Ellington Orchestra John Lamb, jazz musician, educator and mentor Butch Thomas, and Sam Hayward, a longtime, local musician and educator and familiar to the community.

"We are so motivated with the growth and wonderful reception of these programs. Our History of Jazz Education Outreach Program is another great example. It is only six years old and already impacts thousands of area students, building a next generation appreciation of the art form," Steve says. "When you visit the festival this year, know you are part of something bigger. Your support not only helps to sustain the festival but also grows a year-round community impact."

To learn about Clearwater Jazz Holiday and the Foundation or to buy tickets visit clearwaterjazz.com.



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sailing and nautical events, and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba.

Ed and a group of Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC) members traveled to Cuba to join in honoring Hemingway International Yacht Club on this anniversary. Commodore Ed Proefke led the excursion and presented his counterpart, Commodore Escrich, with a plaque from CYC that commemorated the historic occasion.

Over 300 people celebrated at the Hemingway International Yacht club on the evening of May 21. CYC members included Commodore Ed Proefke Jr., Nancy Lloyd, Michael Delk, Board member Mary Kay Delk, Vice Commodore Collin Heimensen, Abbey Heimensen, Board member Gerard Kane, Michelle Kane, Deb Mattson, Past Commodore Tim Roberts, Terri Roberts and Past Commodore Tish Wold.

Patrick Hemingway, grandson of Ernest, was present on behalf of his family. Representatives came from France, South America, the Conch Republic, Marine Max, Seven Seas Sailing Association and the Marine Manufacturers Association.

Other yacht clubs in attendance included Sardinia (Italy), Dallas (TX), Old Dominion (Alexandria, VA), Saint Petersburg, Key West, Fort Lauderdale, Marathon Key and Fort Lauderdale. The Cuban Tourism Minister spoke on behalf of the Cuban government.

The group enjoyed their interaction with the Cuban people and being able to honor the shared heritage of the sea with them.

BEACH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Submitted Renee Lee

The Beach Community Food Pantry, once again, will be the recipient of pallets of food donations from "Food for Sharing," a community supported program started Publix, in 2009.

Each spring and fall, donation cards are available to Publix customers at the checkout counter. When the customer selects a donation level, the cashier scans the card, and the amount is added to the customer's total order. Customers have the opportunity to donate any amount they wish to help feed the hungry.

In 2016, customers donated over \$14 million to Food for Sharing, and since 2009, it is totals over \$60 million. These donations were used to purchase specific food items including: peanut butter, grape jelly, green beans, tuna, hams, mashed potatoes, fruit and more. These staples are routinely distributed by BCFP.

Publix ships the cases of food to a store close to the food pantries for pickup. BCFP does not have the ability to transport this quantity of food, so the Home Depot staff (next door) donates their time and vehicles to bring it to the pantry, then unloads and stocks it!

BCFP exists solely on the generous donations from our community. Over 800 people each month benefit from community support. Monetary and food donations are always welcome. Contact BCFP Director Connie, Curran (727-482-6167) or management team members Renee Lee (954-661-2389) and David Kline (727-418-1673) to donate your time, talent or treasure.

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CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS ESTABLISHED 50 YEARS AGO

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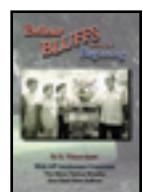
When the city of Largo began trying to annex much of what today we call Belleair Bluffs, some local residents called a town meeting. A move to incorporate was approved by a one-vote margin on March 4, 1963. The group established the Town's municipal limits, a town seal, picked a mayor and five-person town council. When they took their oath of office on March 6, the real work began.

The first town council meeting took place March 9, 1963. In December, they bought a building, at 115 Florence Drive, to use as a Town Hall. Fire Services began in early 1964 with 13 volunteers and a purchased firetruck. A vacant gas station on Indian Rocks Road became the city's fire station.

The creation of Belleair Bluffs town charter was not easy, and lasted many months and included many battles with unhappy residents. It was finally finished in August of 1966 and submitted to the Florida State Legislature who approved it in June of 1967.

Once approved, the Charter was accepted by the Belleair Bluffs voters in an August 1967 referendum. With an approved Charter, Belleair Bluffs officially became a city, with city boundaries of only one-half square mile, making Belleair Bluffs one of the smallest cities in Pinellas.

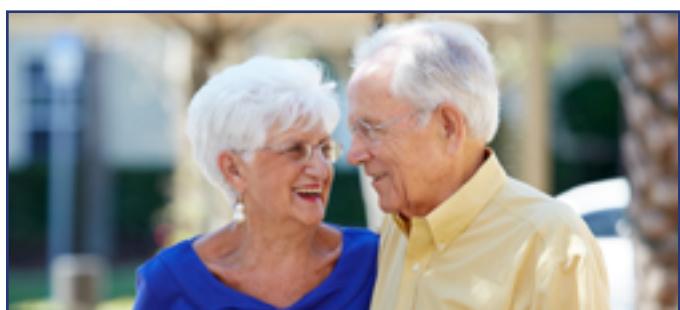
From Wayne Ayers book, "Belleair Bluffs from the Beginning" is available for purchase at the Belleair Bluffs City Hall.



BELLEAIR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

When the Belleair Civic Association disbanded several years ago, the Belleair Community Foundation formed to assume the mantle - with its own twists, of course. The Foundation's first project began with its founder, (now) Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt, as she teamed up with Belleair to raise funds to revitalize, and rename Hunter Memorial Park.

Now, the Foundation boasts many members and supports the Town in even more ways. Last month, the group restored Belleair's historic and replica Fort McHenry flag. Coming up, the Foundation has committed to fund 75% of the cost for the Magnolia/Wall Park renovation. Additionally, the group is throwing the "Boogie for Belleair" fundraiser for the Parks and Recreation Department in September.



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BELLEAIR JEWELRY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

Belleair Jewelry's owner Deborah Wells got her first taste of selling jewelry while working for minimum wage in St. Pete Beach behind the counter at the "House of Charles" jewelry store. She was in her late 20s then. Her low wages included no commission and when she asked her boss why, he replied, "because I don't have to!"



Wells later worked as a night auditor at the Buccaneer Hotel in Treasure Island. The owner gave her a little storefront, she called Debbie's Den that doubled as her office, where she opened a small gift shop. She made small charms, such as painted silver dollars and seahorses. "I was

amazed how many I sold," says Wells. About the same time, she became a registered goldsmith. "That took some time and some training," she adds.

In 1987, Wells leased a small space in the Bluffs' Shopping Center (near today's Cody's) and opened Custom Jewelry Creations. In the beginning, she was the only employee; eventually another sales person and a goldsmith were added.

"I approached the building's owner about buying the entire strip center," Wells remembers. "I did not have that kind of money but I figured I could borrow it." The owner refused, so she found a larger shop across the street in the Bonefish Plaza (before there was a Bonefish) in the space now occupied by Kahwa Coffee. With the move, she changed the name of her business to Belleair Jewelry. She stayed there for about 20 years before moving to her current location, west of Bonefish, seven years ago.

Belleair Jewelry, now in its 30th year, does not just buy and

sell jewelry - they make it too. They are well known for their custom designs. "You bring us a piece of metal and an

idea - and we will make it into something special," Wells says with pride.

"We have three working goldsmiths. Jim has been here for over 14 years. We are here because of our loyal customers. We have had many well-known residents - even movie stars - who keep coming back to Belleair Jewelry. We love the people who live in our Belleair community, but many of our long-time customers come from surrounding cities or are snowbirds who stop by when they are in town."

Belleair Jewelry has been very active in the community as life members of Ruth Eckerd Hall, Festival of Trees, the American Heart Association and numerous other local organizations.

"Debbie is a great boss," says Carol, who has worked with her for 25 years, "and our customers are the best. They come back and recommend us to their friends and family. We see their kids growing up, who are shopping here too. They seem to respect our quality, service and pricing."

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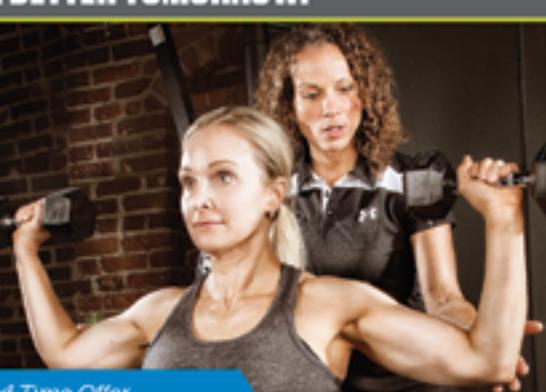
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E&E STAKEOUT CELEBRATES 32 YEARS



Eugen Fuhrmann opened "Eugen's Restaurant" in Belleair Bluffs in September of 1985. In 1995, he changed the name to E & E Stakeout when his friend Chef Erwin Scheuringer became his partner. Eugen and Erwin have worked together many

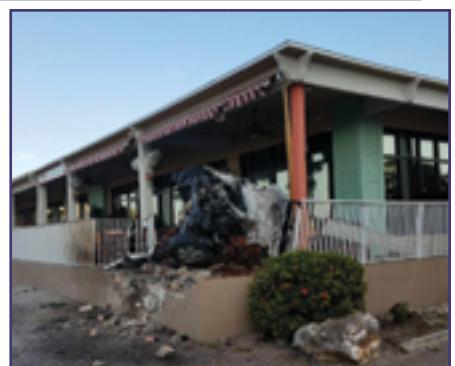
years, starting in Hamilton Bermuda at a restaurant called The Lobster Pot. Fuhrmann also owns Guppy's in Indian Rocks Beach. Find E&E Stakeout at the south end of The Plaza Shopping Center in Belleair Bluffs.

CADDY'S PUB The new owners of The Pub, now called Caddy's Pub, also own Caddy's in Treasurer Island and McDinton's Irish Pub in Tampa & St. Petersburg. They are designing plans to remodel it. The plans, which are still being worked on, include remodeling the entire north end of the restaurant and bar area. A small covered area is going to be added for a band and the outside dining area will be larger and more accessible. They hope to start the project this fall.

BACKWATER'S CHOSEN AS BEST SEAFOOD Major travel web site TRIP.com recently selected Backwaters On Sand Key as Best Seafood Restaurant. The travel web sites visitors that have eaten there gave them a 98% rating. Check them out for yourself at 1261 Gulf Blvd in the Shoppes of Sand Key. They are open 7 days a week, 11am until 11pm. On August 23rd, they will host a party to celebrate their 17th anniversary.

CAR CRASHES INTO CESAR'S!

An 18-year-old driver crossing the Sand Key Bridge, lost control of his car and crashed into the front of Cesars On the Gulf restaurant in the early hours of a Saturday morning. No one was critically hurt, but Cesare's building was damaged.



The car missed the left turn, headed towards the shopping center, hit the big boulder on the corner, flipped and landed on Cesare's patio, which is about 5 feet off the ground breaking one of the large windows was broken. Joggers and employees from The Floridian Café helped rescue the driver from the burning car.

The driver was treated at Bayfront Medical Center before being transported to the County Jail, where he was charged with grand theft auto, possession of marijuana, driving under the influence, reckless driving and property damage. "We had a lot of damage, but were able to reopen for business the next day," says Carlo Tini, co-partner with Cesare Cenditto. "Fortunately, we were closed when it happened. The property owner is fixing the damage."

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MAGGIE MAE'S VOTED BEST LUNCH Last year they were voted Best Breakfast; this year they were voted Best Lunch. "I guess the customers are sleeping later," chuckles Allen Edger, owner of Maggie Mae's in Belleair Bluffs. No matter how you look at it though, customers love their food! Maggie Mae's located next to Bonefish Grill at 2961 West Bay in Belleair Bluffs, was voted #1 Place for Lunch by the Readers of the Belleair Bee (Tampa Bay Newspapers).

SWANKY COMES TO CODY'S Swanky kids recently visited Cody's Original Roadhouse in Belleair Bluffs to learn about cooking and service at their restaurant. Swanky Swine is a summer camp for young children interesting in cooking and restaurants. The students were given a tour of the restaurant, watched the chef bake fresh bread, helped set up the tables for that day's business, recorded actual food orders on Cody's computer—and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Everyone had a great time and proudly wore the Cody's hat.

VOTED BEST CUBAN The votes are in and Belleair Market has been awarded the Readers' Choice Award Runner Up for the Best Cuban Sandwich in Pinellas County. It is the second straight year they have earned this honor. If you haven't tried their authentic Tampa style Cuban, stop in at 510 Indian Rocks Rd. N in Belleair Bluffs to try what many are saying is the best Cuban Sandwich in the Bay area.

When asked what makes Belleair Markets's Cuban sandwiches so good, owner Chris Scott explains, "It's the combination of authentic Cuban bread, baked daily in Ybor City, our homemade sauce, slow roasted, thinly sliced Pork marinated in my own recipe of rubs and spices, plus high quality salami, ham and Swiss cheese. Then, its all pressed with a little butter and garlic." Belleair Market is open 7 days a week, 7am to 9 pm.



CLOSED The final last call happened for The Sandbar in Indian Rocks Beach. The small pub / restaurant at 1309 Gulf Blvd, next to Nekton Surf Shop, lost their lease and closed in July. Owner Heather Boles, is returning to her previous health care profession. She donated all the restaurant's dishes and kitchen wares to the nearby VFW Post on Walsingham Rd.

GROUPERS IRB CLOSED DURING AUGUST After only six months, this small casual restaurant in Indian Rocks Beach specializing in steamed shrimp and \$1.75 beers has closed the rest of the summer. Located at 1401 Gulf Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach, it remains to be seen if it will reopen.

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PIZZA SHACK CELEBRATES 35 YEARS It's billed as "Largo's Best Kept Secret," but it really isn't. Everyone knows and loves the Pizza Shack. In August, this family owned business will celebrate its 35 anniversary. Darrell and Elaine Youness have owned the restaurant for the past 13 years. Even their daughter and other family members work there. "We make our food from scratch," says Darrell. "Our pizzas are hand-tossed and many of the recipes came from family members. We want it to be a place people can come for a nice dinner and a good time."

Pizza Shack has a lot more than just pizza. They have a complete Italian menu with 21 different wines and 26 beers (12 on tap). Find them just across the bridge at 11963 Indian Rocks Road. Call 596-6780 for pick-up.

A TOP 100 RESTAURANT Guppy's On the Beach, in Indian Rocks Beach, was recently selected as a TOP 100 Restaurant "with outdoor seating"—as voted by actual diners with OpenTable, an online nationwide restaurant reservation service founded in 1998. The service is used by over 40,000 restaurants, which combined, can seat over 23 million diners per month. Guppy's recognition was calculated by people who actually dined there and had used OpenTable to make their reservations. For more info on OpenTable, go to www.OpenTable.com. Visit www.3BestChefs.com to see Guppy's full menu.

VOLUNTEER ARMY During the recent 4th of July holiday, Crabby Bill's in Indian Rocks Beach assembled a "Crabby Army" to participate in a "post-holiday" beach cleanup. Volunteers passed out biodegradable trash bags to visitors on 4th of July at various accesses. Then the next morning, they hit the beach to pick up anything leftover. Bags and gloves were handed out at Crabby Bill's office that morning. When they were done, volunteers were treated to a free breakfast buffet hosted by Crabby's.

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BROKEN EGG OPENS! This breakfast and lunch café, on the east side of the Clearwater Beach's new parking garage, is part of a New Orleans franchise started in 2006. It is the chain's third Tampa Bay location. The menu is a mixture of New Orleans/American cuisine, with a wide range of breakfast specialties served all day—from 7am to 2pm. They serve a variety of alcoholic drinks including Bloody Marys. If you park in the new parking garage (\$2 for 2 hours), show your receipt for a free beignet with your meal, a \$5 value. Find them at 470 Poinsettia Avenue, Clearwater Beach.

THE JAMES MUSEUM CELEBRATES CEREMONIAL "TOPPING OUT"



At the end of July, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman and James Museum co-founder and Chairman Tom James marked the milestone occasion of the "Topping Out" of the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art when the final steel beam was raised, completing the 219 ft. tall steel frame, which will anchor the 105 ton stone mesa that will frame the building's entrance along the 100 block of Central Avenue, downtown St. Petersburg.

St. Pete Mayor Rick Kriseman stated, "The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art will be a remarkable addition to the culture of the Sunshine City and is sure to become a new hub of activity and learning in our already bustling downtown."

St. Petersburg has been James' home virtually all his life and when he and wife Mary decided to build a museum to house the best of their art collection, they wanted it in the heart of the city they call home.

"The Downtown Partnership is glad to see these new jobs coming downtown, but also the space for community gatherings that we need for the entire city," says Joni James, CEO of the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership.

The James Museum will be the new, permanent home of 400-500 premier works of art selected from the more than 3,000 pieces acquired by Tom and Mary James over their 50 years of collecting. The 84,000 square foot museum will be bigger than the Dalí and include over 30,000 square feet of gallery space; a double height lobby with water feature; a Native American Jewelry collection, 6,000 square feet of rental event space, supporting both large events and break-out sessions; a commercial catering kitchen; a museum store and café; as well as all the spaces required to support and operate a 21st Century museum of this scale.

Project design director, Yann Weymouth, said, "The unique, never-before-seen design of the Museum has been directly inspired by Tom and Mary's extraordinary collection and vision. The architecture and the art both gloriously tell the story of the American West."

The James Museum's roots are from Tom and Mary James' undivided love both for culture and the city of St. Petersburg that has been their home. Tom began collecting while a student and when their travels took them west, they were captivated by the art, landscape, and wildlife of the West. They began to collect what moved them — art of action and attention to place made by contemporary artists. They collected for their pleasure, though with an aim to help living artists live by their art alone. Many of the artists became personal friends. Their collection is further enlivened with many works by local artists and their intended programming includes regional artist spotlights and guest lectures from renowned western and wildlife artists including members of the Cowboy Artists of America™. In addition, The James Museum intends a strong educational element in both adult docent education and youth education in the history of the American West and in wildlife.

The building also includes almost 35,000 square feet of leasable space, situated on the east and west sides of the project, which will activate both of those corners along Central Avenue.



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To help prepare citizens and encourage safe, responsible boating, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office sponsors programs like "Operation Kid-Float," a boating safety education and personal flotation device (PFD) loaner program. Florida law requires that one PFD, or "lifejacket," per passenger be readily accessible on the vessel at all times, and children under age 6 must wear PFDs while underway. Through Operation Kid-Float, boaters can pick up available PCSO-owned PFDs at popular boat ramps throughout the county, including Dunedin City Marina, John Chestnut Park in Palm Harbor, and Fort De Soto Boat Ramp in Tierra Verde. The PCSO Marine Facility in Indian Shores is also available for drop off only.

In addition to the operation's message board kiosk locations, marine deputies carry loaner PFDs onboard to distribute as necessary during boat safety equipment inspections.

When marine deputies are patrolling Pinellas County's nearly 588 coastal miles on busy holiday weekends, they also keep an eye out for children who are already sporting their PFDs and reward them with Operation Kid-Float t-shirts.

PFD possession is only one way to stay safe on the water. Before you boat, adhere to these key safety tips:

1. Complete a safe boating course: Driving a car and a boat require different skill sets and knowledge about entirely different rules and regulations. Enrolling in an in-person or online boaters' safety course is a great way to learn the rules of the water and familiarize yourself with basic boating principles. Visit the National Safe Boating Council website at www.safeboatingcouncil.org for links to several approved online courses.

2. Know your boat: Before you set sail, get familiar with the vessel you are operating and the area you are navigating, including water depth, tides, weather, slow or idle speed requirements, and swim exclusion and restricted zones.

3. Get equipped: PFDs aren't the only required boating gear. Visit the FWC's website for a list of other mandatory items based on what type of boat you have: <http://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/equipment/>.

4. Scan constantly: There are no stop signs or traffic lights on the water. You MUST constantly scan the water for other boaters, swimmers, water skiers, or stumps and other things jutting up from the water that can damage your boat or cause harm.

5. File a "float plan": Share your trip details – where you're going, when you plan to return, passengers' names, and boat information – with a responsible person before you launch, in case you lose contact in an emergency. Make sure to contact that person when you return safely.

6. Don't boat under the influence: Remember, operating any vehicle – including a boat – while impaired by drugs or alcohol is illegal and can end in a lot worse than a citation. Just as you would before a night out on the town, designate a sober driver for days on the water.

For more boating safety tips, visit the FWC, National Boating Safety Council, and the BoatUS Foundation websites. And, of course, don't forget the sunscreen!

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MY NEW BOOK "LIVE BIG"

By Richard Preece

"Live Big – Creating the life you never dared to dream" is based upon the Ten Priorities that I discovered while my children were attending Hyde School in Maine. They provide a tremendous practical framework for real life leadership, whether at work or at home. My goal in writing "Live Big" was to help anyone struggling to confront the tough realities that block them deep down from being the parent, spouse, or leader they aspire to be. Through sharing real life experiences, both my personal stories and those of others, the book provides a practical approach to handling day to day challenges at home or at work and creating the life you never dared to dream. It worked for me!

I currently work as an executive for a global investment management company. I have worked in Information Technology in leadership roles for over 35 years across diverse industries and geographies. During my career my passion has been "helping people be the best they can be." I am a firm believer in the philosophy of "having the right people in the right roles with leadership coaching and support results in passionate team members and delighted customer's." For many years I searched far and wide for leadership development tools and techniques; I read countless books, attended training classes, connected with senior leaders as mentors, but unfortunately none truly gave me what I was looking for. Until I found the Ten Priorities – then it all changed. After sharing with others at work and facilitating workshops around the world, the feedback I received was so positive I thought the best way to "get the good word out" would be to write a book.

Douglas Preston, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author had this to say about the book: "Live Big by Richard Preece is an absolutely life-transforming book. Based on the remarkable and effective principles developed over decades at the innovative Hyde School in Bath, Maine, Richard elucidates and enlarges on these principles through telling real-life stories about family, career, life struggles, and the search for meaning. If you feel vaguely dissatisfied with your life, if you are a parent struggling with family challenges, if you are stymied in your career and feel your life lacks meaning, then you will discover this book is going to change your life. I myself went through the Hyde program with Richard, and I can only repeat what he says in the beginning of this wonderful book: *I had a reawakening that I'd love you to experience.*"

Note: Richard and his wife Amber have been Indian Rocks Beach residents for nearly four years now and absolutely love it! He says, "Living on an island with a Key West vibe only 30 minutes to from his office is like heaven on earth." Live Big is now available on Amazon.

HISTORIC PROPERTY GRANT

The Town of Belleair was awarded a \$50,000 historic survey grant from the state of Florida and will soon begin the bidding process to hire a contractor to survey the town's historic properties and histories in order to preserve any significant structures and/or stories. The last historic survey the Town conducted was in 1997, and since the cutoff for historic designation of any structure is 50 years, this updated study will allow for the Town to capture events and structures between 1947 and 1967, which is in-line with the Town's housing boom.



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GRACIE'S BIG SPLASH XI AUGUST 12 - 5:30 - 9:00 PM

The eleventh Annual Gracie's Big Splash will be held Saturday, August 12th, from 5:30 to 9 pm at Belleair's Dimmitt Rec. Center. Gracie's Big Splash XI will be hosted in memory of Llisiana or Martin Purdy's beautiful daughter, Gracie. As with all previous Gracie's Big Splashes, funds will go to The Gracie G. Purdy Foundation to continue to help families whose children have been diagnosed with terminal or catastrophic illnesses, as well as donate towards pediatric cancer research and fund other youth oriented projects in Gracie's memory.

Come out and get wet and wild enjoying the huge water slides, bungee jumper and rock climbing wall. Parti Marti and Spanky the DJ will be providing the entertainment. Mark the Balloon Guy will be making his amazing balloon hats and there will be raffle prizes and silent auction and a yummy bake sale. The Largo Fire department will be bringing the Splash at 7PM!

The Purdy Family extends their appreciation and thanks to all of the past and present committee members, sponsors, Rec Center staff, volunteers, attendees, generous donors, The Town of Belleair and the Largo Fire Dept. The first Gracie's Big Splash was held in 2007 to help Gracie and her family after she was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor. Kathy Helmus and Karla Rettstatt, along with a committee and an army of volunteers, worked to put on the first Splash. They will always be grateful to Kathy and Karla who have given so much of their time and resources throughout the years.

Thank you for all your continued support and they hope to see you all at Gracie's Big Splash XI. For more information about the Splash or if you would like to make a donation to The Gracie G. Purdy Foundation, please contact: Llisiana or Martin Purdy by calling 727-559-0993 or e-mailing Llisiana at GBS112017@gmail.com.

BLUFFS WINE WALK RETURNS

The Bluffs Business Association will host the Bluffs Wine Walk on Saturday, October 7th from 4 to 8pm. Guests will pay \$20 in advance or \$30 day of event for the opportunity to taste wine and appetizers at approx. 40 businesses in the Belleair Bluffs community.



Guests will check-in at one of four sponsor locations: Belleair Market at 510 Indian Rocks Road, Creative Design Team at 321 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Dental at Bluffs City Hall at 2747 Sunset Blvd, or Radiance Medspa at 2894 West Bay Drive. Guests will receive a souvenir wine glass, 25 wine tasting tickets, a wristband and a map showcasing all of the wine walk stops. The Jolley Trolley will shuttle guests to participating merchants on Indian Rocks Road between West Bay Drive and Mehlenbacher Road and on West Bay Drive from Indian Rocks Road west to Sunset Blvd.

Free parking is available at several locations throughout Belleair Bluffs. See the map on the website for the wine walk stops and parking locations.

Wine walk tickets are only available for purchase in advance online at BluffsBusinessAssociation.com. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event with a credit card only (no cash) at the City Hall check-in location.

FINDING HAPPINESS IN SPITE OF CANCER

By Joe Harless

Adalyn "Addy" Wallace was three years old when her family found her tumor. It was October 2015, and her parents Jared and Melissa had taken Addy to a Sarasota hospital after finding blood in her stool. Doctors felt a mass in Addy's stomach and ordered a CT scan, which revealed that the family must make an immediate trip to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, where Addy was admitted with a diagnosis of a Stage 3 Wilms' Tumor on her right kidney.



The diagnosis was especially jarring for Melissa, a professional nurse. "Hearing the medical terminology being used to describe my daughter's health was harrowing."

A rare form of kidney cancer that primarily affects children, Wilms' Tumor tends to be diagnosed in children under 5. To save Addy, her entire left kidney had to be removed and a three-phase treatment process including chemotherapy began.

"Addy kept smiling through it all and cheering up all those around her," Melissa said.

The treatment efforts bring new challenges for the family. At the first sign of a fever, Jared and Melissa have to pack up Addy in the car and make the two-hour drive from their Ft. Myers home to the Tampa Bay area. At the halfway point, they stop to check her temperature. If it's going down, they head back home. If not, they continue to Johns Hopkins where their team of doctors and nurses will be waiting to help Addy. This will be an ongoing challenge, as Addy's treatment will continue for the next year.

Sometimes, Jared said, it seems like all the family does is drive back and forth to St. Petersburg. "Once we see the roof of Tropicana Field, a weight falls off our shoulders. We are so thankful to be in the hands of such capable people who take care of our little girl."

In addition to the removal of her kidney, Addy also had surgery on her lung to remove a lesion, and the family is concerned about the disease's spread.

Jared, a fifth-grade science teacher, has used up his leave time, and Melissa has faced the same struggles with her job, but together the couple has endured and strengthened their relationship.

Fundraisers held in Florida and their home state of Michigan by friends and family help with the mounting bills and whenever they are in the Tampa Bay area for Addy's treatments, they come to the Ronald McDonald House.

"When we're at home, we are worried about not being close to the hospital. We feel safest when Addy is in the care of her specialists" Jared comments. "RMH feels like our home now, and has made us realize that everyone is going through something."

Like any child, Addy hates all the poking and prodding that comes with her treatment, but she remains a happy and active child who looks forward to playing with other kids at RMH. Tough, goofy, and optimistic, she shrugged off her hair loss due to chemotherapy and retains a natural ability to make friends with others at RMH, which helps her through treatments stronger than most adults endure.

Through it all, the family has become closer to each other and closer to God. They welcomed a new daughter, Lily, in April 2017. They celebrate the victories and hold tight when things do not go as expected, which has made Jared reflective and thankful for how far Addy has come and for what the future may bring for them.

"In challenging times, I urge you to choose happiness. It's easier said than done, but I think you will find that it makes the whole process easier. Find the littlest things to celebrate and do just that."

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGES

by Congressman Charlie Crist

Floods can happen anywhere and at any time. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has provided peace of mind and economic security to millions of families and property owners for nearly five decades. For many, NFIP is the only choice they have for protection against floods.



Here in Florida, we are ground zero for rising sea levels, hurricanes, and other severe weather events. Our housing market, and thus our economy, would collapse without NFIP. With authorization of the program expiring on September 30th, Congress must not only pass a reauthorization bill on time, but must do so in a way that strengthens this vital program so it works better for our home and business owners and provides affordable, dependable coverage across the country.

The biggest question facing NFIP is how to balance the solvency of the program with the rising costs of premiums. One of NFIP's structural challenges is that it is deeply in debt – to the tune of \$25 billion. While NFIP worked well for decades, rising sea levels and larger, more powerful storms are occurring at higher frequencies. The catastrophic damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, along with several other severe weather and inland flooding events, have plunged the program into debt.

Unfortunately, some in Congress want to hold NFIP policyholders entirely accountable for our changing climate and weather patterns by placing the financial burden of NFIP's debt squarely on their shoulders. And ultimately, some homeowners are considering dropping flood insurance altogether because it's too expensive. That's very risky – for homeowners and federal, state and local governments.

NFIP must be reauthorized on time. But the program's solvency should not be balanced on the backs of hard-working, middle class families who have done the right thing. While the House is considering a bill that I cannot support because it would increase rates and lacks a number of other pro-consumer provisions, the Senate, led by Senators Nelson and Rubio, is considering a more balanced approach. I am advocating that we ultimately bring that bill to the floor before the September 30th deadline.

As geographer Gilbert F. White once said: "Floods are acts of God, but flood losses are largely acts of man." Congress has the power and responsibility to limit families' losses by reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program in a way that keeps flood insurance accessible and affordable for decades to come.

MIMI, MYLO & ME - ORIGINAL PHOTOS WITH A TWIST - HANDMADE CARDS!

Belleair Beach resident Renee Lee has been taking photos since she was a teen in Saranac Lake, NY. She and her Dad would develop their own slides of the dramatic Adirondack mountain scenery in the basement darkroom of their home. She learned to see through her lens the picture as it would be printed, making sure to frame the image and avoid distractions. Her love of the beach and wanting to be closer to her aging parents brought her to Florida and Belleair Beach.

For years Renee has enjoyed making cards from her photographs for family and friends. She has a gifted eye for catching the sunset at just the right time, palm tree silhouettes at sunrise, or the perfect pet pose. This led her to start a card company that she named Mimi, Mylo & Me.

Mimi and Mylo are her 2 Goldendoodles and inspiration for many of her photos. The company statement reads "We moved to the beach, Mimi, Mylo & Me and found our place. Filled with wind and waves, light and color, palm trees and sand. I turned my passion for pictures, places and pets into something to share." Her photos are digitally enhanced into works of art.

Her beach and celebration collections can be found in Cook's Cottage in The Plaza 100 and her pet collection is at Pampered Paws Grooming Salon on Indian Rocks Road, Largo. Her specialty is personalized images of your pets or your home on cards that create a wow when received. Reach Renee at 954-661-2389, mimi.mylo.me@gmail.com or facebook.com/mimi-mylo-me



DROP OFF YOUR DRAWERS FOR CLOTHES TO KIDS

It's time for the famous "Drop Off Your Drawers For CTK". "Drop Off Your Drawers" is designed to help CTK collect much needed new underwear, a basic necessity and a part of the full CTK wardrobe. Each child that shops at CTK received 5 new pairs of underwear, 5 new pairs of socks, 4 pants, 5 tops, shoes and jacket in season. Last year, we distributed over 67,000 pairs of new underwear. We are asking the community to help us fill the underwear clothing bins with new underwear.

Drop (off) Your Drawers is a drive designed to collect and "underwrite" underwear

– a basic part of the Clothes To Kids wardrobe. For the months of July and August, Clothes To Kids will be collecting new, unopened underwear. We are looking for the following sizes: boys 4-16 (brief & boxers) and young men sizes 30-& Up. The boys and young men all want boxers, boxers and boxers. Girls in the following sizes 6-16, Junior Girls Sizes 5 and up primarily bikini style. Please support our mission and help us provide this basic necessity!

Individuals, companies, civic groups, places of worship, schools and all kinds of organizations are signing up to collect new, unopened packages of underwear during the months of July and August. After your collection bring them to one of our stores, either the Clearwater store (1059 N. Hercules Ave.) or St. Pete Store (Twin Brooks Commons, 2168 34th Street S.).

There are more than 52,000 students in Pinellas County that are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. These families have a hard time providing the basics. At CTK we help with clothes! Each child who shops at Clothes To Kids receives a complete wardrobe of 5 pairs of new socks, 5 pairs of new underwear, 5 tops, 4 bottoms and pair of shoes. 67,000+ pairs of new underwear will be given out this year.

To sign your group up and receive event flyers – please contact Jennifer Jacobs, CTK Development Director, at jenniferj@clothestokids.org 727-441-5050, ext 122.

Founded in 2002, the mission of Clothes To Kids (CTK) is to provides new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis school-age children (PreK-4 thru 12th grade) in Pinellas County, free of charge. CTK is privately funded and relies on donations of clothing and funding from the community to sustain operations. Since its inception, CTK has distributed more than 110,000 wardrobes to children in need. Cash donations are fully tax-deductible and can be mailed to 1059 N. Hercules Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33765 or dropped off at either store. Donations of clothing and shoes are gladly accepted Monday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit our website at: www.clothestokids.org.



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BELLEAIR AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER**OUR CITIES HAVE HURRICANE PLANS - DO YOU?**

If a hurricane or tropical storm comes to this part of Pinellas County, many people are here to help. But, they will all tell you to be prepared and have a plan to help yourself. All four cities who receive this newsletter are prepared for a hurricane but evacuations are handled differently as needed.

Belleair Bluffs

"98% of Belleair Bluffs is a non-evacuation community," says City Clerk Debra Sullivan. "We have only one condo near the Belleair Beach Causeway that is in a Zone A."

"We have a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, that outlines procedures for city planning and recovery," Sullivan explains. "Our plan for debris management is dependent on the strength of the storm. Our first priority is to clear roads so they are open for emergency access."

"During the storm, most employees will be sent home. Some of us stay at City Hall to answer resident's phone calls," Sullivan continues, "until the Sheriff says its not safe."

Even though, City Hall is not in a designated flood zone, office files are all in fire and water safe filing cabinets. "By the way, the new Fire Station is being built to the highest hurricane standards of the day," adds Sullivan. "During storms, the Largo Fire Department will be staged at their new fire house."

**Town Of
Belleair**

Most of the Town of Belleair is above flood zone, however, many streets along the southwest corner and Bellevue

Island are in Zone A. "We have 84 homes in our Evacuation A Zone. 40 more are in B," says new Town Manager JP Murphy.

"We have designated certain city employees as part of our Emergency Management Team", says Murphy. "We have an Emergency Manual residents can read on the City's website, and all of us know our jobs. As soon as we get that call from the County's Emergency Management office, we move our fleet vehicles to a safe place at Morton Plant Hospital," Murphy explains. We divide into A and B shifts so we will have people on duty 24 hours a day. We work closely with the Largo Fire Department who provides the town's Fire and EMS services.

"Our most used tool in a hurricane? That would be our chain saws," says Murphy. "We have a lot of oak trees near our roads, keeping Duke Power and our employees quite busy."

**Belleair Beach**

All of Belleair Beach is a Zone A. During ANY hurricane, all of Belleair Beach will be told to evacuate.

The City's Community Services Director Lynn Rives is in charge during a storm.

Rives explains, "When weather gets critical, we receive emails and texts from Response Operations Coordination Group, known as the County's Emergency Management Office (EMO). Most of the action is taken by the EMO, Pinellas Sheriff's Office and Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue. We only have three city trucks and some other equipment. All of our trucks are relocated over the bridge into Belleair Bluffs to sit out the storm."

Rives was Logistics Chief for Oldsmar during the hurricanes of 2004, so he knows what needs to be done. Now, he lives in Belleair Beach and will have to evacuate, too. If you have questions, you can reach Rives at Lynn.Rives@CityofBelleairBeach.com.

"Our new city hall building is elevated and built to more modern hurricane standards," says City Manager Nancy Gonzalez, "but we will not be here until after the storm passes. When we had the old city hall—the little house around the corner—we had to move our files off the beach four times in one year (2004)," remembers Gonzalez. "Today, some files marked priority will be moved to a safe place off the beach. I live in Largo, and will sit out any storm at home."

"The one thing all citizens need to have is their Emergency Access Passes so they can re-enter the beach when a storm is over," adds Gonzalez. "We issue them at city hall with a proper ID showing your residence."

**Belleair Shore**

As the only Belleair city facing the Gulf of Mexico, this is definitely a Zone A. They have no city hall, equipment or vehicles.

"In the case of a major storm, the Sheriff is in charge," says Mayor Robert Schmidt, Mayor of Belleair Shore. "If they say evacuate, we evacuate." Mayor Schmidt is also on the Emergency Management's call list.

You

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Get Cash: As much as you can afford. In the case of a major storm, banks won't be open and ATM's won't work without power.

Gas: Keep your car filled during hurricane season. Top it off every week. There may be long lines and most stations run out of gas during storms

Batteries: Buy a lot of them, now. If we don't have a storm, you can use them throughout the year.

Special Needs: If you are elderly, handicapped or sick and need help getting off the island, you have to register in advance with the local Fire Department or the County.

Trim Bushes: Look at the limbs around your house and cut them, now. Do not wait until a storm is coming. The city won't have time to pick them up before a storm. Limbs sitting by the curb may become airborne and hit your house or block the roads."

Stay Informed: Get the new Ready Pinellas app., for iPhones and Android phones. It provides evacuation information and storm updates. "You'll be able to have your plan in your pocket," said Pinellas County Emergency Management director Sally Bishop. Visit www.PinellasCounty.org/Emergency

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Organizational News...

BELLEAIR ROTARY

The Belleair Rotary's new president is John Funk, pictured here. He and other officers were installed June 30 by former Rotary International President (95-96) Herb Brown (center). Also pictured here is out-going President Jo Ann Bruner. Jo Ann spoke about the successful year they had including the Wine & Tapas event, which netted \$30,000.



The Rotary in the Town of Belleair meets every Thursday at 12:15pm at the Belleair Country Club. The third Thursday of every month is the general assembly and Board meeting. They have events throughout the year and proceeds benefit many local charities including Belleair Elementary (Bicycles for Reading, Adopt a classroom), Upper Pinellas UPARC, the Salvation Army, Polio Eradication, the Rotary Foundation and many other local causes.

Reach John Funk at 599-3864, FloridaFunks@yahoo.com. Their web site is www.BelleairRotary.org.

The Rotary in the Town of Belleair meets every Thursday at 12:15pm at the Belleair Country Club. The third Thursday of the month is the general assembly and Board meeting.

BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

They meet monthly on the first Friday, with issue appropriate speakers. Meetings are for lunch at 11:30am at the Belleair Country Club, and normally cost \$22 (pay at the door; no credit cards). RSVP for meetings to Mary Miskin at 453-2630 or Renatta Cochran at 595-6678.

There will be NO meeting in August. Get more information at BelleairWomensRepublicanClub.com

BELLEAIR SOCIAL CLUB

They meet every Tuesday morning at 9am in the back of Panera Bread. They meet for dinner at different restaurants on the first and third Sunday at 6pm, and for lunch on the second and fourth Wednesday.

Membership is open to all seniors and there are no dues. Couples are encouraged to join their fun. They would like more male members. They plan monthly social meetings, pot-luck get-togethers, dinners, movie nights and visits to area attractions. Call Marilyn Daminato 585-9633.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

The Clearwater Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars meets for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at the Belleair Country Club. Social hour begins at 11:30am followed by lunch and a program. Members are retired active duty Military Officers and their spouses or widows. They welcome new members. To RSVP for lunch or to join, call LTC. George Smith at 786-5578.

BLUFFS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and meet business contacts from 5:30 to 6:30 at their mingles. Upcoming Mingles are:

August 10: Patchington

September 14: Radiance Med Spa

To get involved, call Bonnie Trembulak at 686-8797 or visit www.BluffsBusinessAssociation.com.

Organizational News...

IRB BOAT CLUB

The Club's informational meetings with guest speakers at Jimmy Guana's (Holiday Inn Harborside) will resume in September. Held on the third Thursday of each month, they are open to the public.

The Boat Club, which gives boat owners an excuse to use their boats, is free to join and you do not have to live in Indian Rocks Beach. Call Bob Griffin at 517-1997 or e-mail IRBboatclub@gmail.com. Visit www.IRBboatclub.com.

NEWCOMER CLUB

Are you an area newcomer and just have not been able to meet people? This is a social club to help relocated residents develop new friends, but you do not have to be a newcomer to join. The ladies meet monthly at different locations for lunch with guest speakers. Leisure activities vary from card games to field trips and theater shows.

The next monthly luncheons will be:

- August 1: Countryside Country Club
- September 5: Bayou Country Club

Please RSVP to Ginny by calling 365-3493 or Mary Jane at 352-263-5518. Visit WelcomeNewComerClub.com.

CLEARWATER GARDEN CLUB

Their Third Annual Summer Brunch for the support of their Community Gardens will be Sunday, August 20. Tickets are \$20, while they last. Lunch begins at 11am. This year's theme is "What's The Buzz About?" Call Kathy Thomas at 316-5504 to RSVP and buy tickets.

The brunch will be held at Scientology's Ft Harrison Hotel's Crystal Ballroom. There will be a presentation, games and an auction. Dress is casual. This is the beginning of the Gardens' third year.

The Gardens are flourishing with 36 families enjoying friendship, food and fun. It is funded by donations. The Summer Brunch provides over 50% of its annual funding.

Future Meetings are:

- August 19: 7th Annual Arlene Summer Cool Off
- September 16: Asian Art of Kokedama

They meet twice a month (October through May) in Clearwater at 405 Seminole Street. They also hold demonstrations on the third Saturdays of the month. Garden Club members get in free at the Francis Wilson Playhouse on final rehearsal nights.

For more information, contact President Maggie Custer at 488-8705, e-mail at mmcuster@outlook.com, or ClearwaterGardenClub.org.

GREATER BELLEAIR YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETY

They are starting a new year with new president, Carol Frecker. The largest and most active social group in the area, this is their 38th year in Belleair. Their purpose is to meet, to know, and to grow—forming friendships through social activities.

The GBYWS normally meets once a month (September through May). The date and locations vary.

Various activities include: Girl's Night Out, Lunch Bunch, Bridge, Culinary Critics, Scrabble, Artsy Outings, Bunko, Canasta, Mah Jongg and other adult activities including couples parties, cruises and other outings.

For info visit GBYWS.org or contact President Carol Frecker at 386-5806 or email at GBYCommunication@gmail.com.

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DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)

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WOMEN'S GOLF ASSN. OF BELLEAIR

They welcome members who wish to join the 18-hole group. The WGA has a full calendar of events October through April. For information, contact the Belleair Pro Shop at 727-442-0229 or www.belleaircc.com.

BELLEAIR BEACH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

Current President Honey Brown recently passed away. Lois O'Donnell, the Vice President will finish her term.

"Women With A Purpose" is this season's club charity. It provides assistance to Tampa Bay area women with families who need help in coping with the diagnosis of cancer.

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year, they normally meet the second Tuesday of each month, at various area restaurants. You do not have to live in Belleair Beach to join, membership is \$15 a year. To join, call Lois O'Donnell, 595-1349 or Sue Edmunds, 596-5710. Meetings will resume in October.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

They meet on the third Monday of every month at Acropol Restaurant, 1170 Starkey Road in Largo at 7pm. Meetings feature guest speakers and candidates. Call Mary Lou Ambrose at 433-4045 or visit www.LargoDemocrats.com.

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

The Club continues the tradition of offering a temporary summer membership program, running from May 1 through Sept. 30, in which new members pay no initiation fee and dues of \$125 per month. There is no minimum food expense required. For more information, contact GM Tom Brusini at 727-447-6000.

Chartered in 1911, this is one of the oldest Yacht Clubs and is known as the most fun, family friendly Yacht Club in the area. If you would like to join, you do not need to own a boat. Half of their members don't have one. Most of their social activities center around parties in their own restaurant or at their waterfront Tiki-Bar. Learn more at CLWYC.org, e-mail Office@CLWYC.org or call 447-6000.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

From October through April, the club features a monthly tea & informational meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Horticulture programs happen on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am, both at the Belleair Garden Club, 903 Ponce de Leon Blvd in Belleair.

Annual membership is \$50 per year per person. Couples pay \$75. Three month members \$30. Guests are welcome. Contact Kathleen_Hardwick@MSN.com or visit BelleairGardenClub.com.

BELLEAIR BEACH ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

They are gearing up for their 2017-18 season and have a new President--Mary Carey.

They normally meet the third Wednesday of the month (October thru April) at the Belleair Beach Community Center, 10:30am. Future meetings include:

October 18: Garden Tour and lunch at the Columbia.
November 15: Presentation by Michelle Orvis, owner of Belle's Olive Branch in Belleair Bluffs, followed by a catered lunch.

Membership is \$20 per year and guests are welcome. Contact Mary Carey at 596-5981 or MLCKC@aol.com.

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BIG MAN'S MOVING MOVES MOM ONE LAST TIME

By Bob Griffin

We run a lot of ads for a lot of businesses. Whenever possible, I try to use their services too. So, last month, after my mother passed away, I had to move her furniture out of The Oaks in Clearwater, a senior living apartment building - on short notice.

I've used moving companies before, but as I had talked to owner Brooke Anderson many times on the phone, I thought of their Big Man's Moving Company first.

She previously told me about the story of how she and husband Josh had recently starting their small moving company, Big Man's Moving Company with their wedding gifts.

A few days before the move, Josh met me at my mother's apartment to see what was involved. Once you meet him, you will know why it is called Big Man's Moving! He is 6 foot 7.

We quickly discovered a problem with moving at The Oaks, no elevators are available between 7am and 7pm. The move had to be finished before 7am or started after 7pm. As everything was going into storage, an evening move was out because the storage facility would be closed. That meant the move had to start at 5am. "No problem," said Josh, "we'll be there."

His team of three showed up on time, wrapped everything that needed wrapping, moved it down a small elevator, loaded it in their truck and unloaded it into my storage facility in Largo. Then, the guys thanked me for the business! How about that?

I have no trouble recommending Big Man's Moving Company for your next move. Call them at 727-772-3458, or see their web site at www.BigMansMoving.com.

PLAY GOLF WITH THE SHERIFF

Once again, it's time to pitch in for charity at the Pinellas County Sheriff's 22nd Annual Sheriff Bob Gualtieri Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

On Monday, September 25th, head to the Belleair Country Club to putt the day away knowing you've chipped the Youth Ranch children a little closer to success.

The tournament is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start time at 8:30 a.m., following team photos with the sheriff. Contests include putting, straightest drive, hole-in-one, and closest to the pin.

The Youth Ranches are dedicated to preventing juvenile delinquency and developing lawful, productive citizens through intensive family counseling, family-life education, foster care, and other services for troubled, at-risk youth.

If you can't play in the tournament, check out their sponsorship options to see how else you can contribute to restoring hope, fulfilling dreams, and preparing boys and girls for the future.

Registration is due by Friday, September 15th. Visit www.youthranches.org to learn more about the Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

SOUTHWEST GARAGE SALE

If you like garage sales, but hate the heat this time of year, Largo has a solution for you - an indoor, air-conditioned sale!

Largo's big Indoor Garage Sale will be held at their Southwest Complex on Saturday, August 19. The sale will be in the gym from 8am to Noon. Vendor tables are still available for \$10 per table. Call 518-3125 for a table.

The SW Recreation Center is located at 13120 Von Road in Largo. Visit www.SouthWestRecCenter.com for more information.

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HURRICANE SEASON REMINDS US TO REVIEW FLOOD COVERAGE, BE PREPARED

By Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner

Rain. It's a blessing and, at times, a curse due to flooding. With hurricane and rainy season in full swing, locally heavy downpours bring the potential for flooding, especially since much of our county is located within a floodplain and everyone is in a flood zone.

To help our citizens plan and prepare, Pinellas County is reminding residents to review their current insurance policies and consider adding flood insurance to their coverage. Anywhere it rains, it can flood and having an insurance policy for your home and business is a tool everyone should consider, even if they don't live in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), which are designated high risk flood zones.

Regular homeowners' insurance doesn't cover property damage caused by a flood. Flood insurance, on the other hand, provides coverage for water intrusion due to flooding caused by heavy rains, tropical storms and hurricanes. Because the County and its municipalities participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to homeowners, renters and business owners whether or not they are in a designated high risk flood zone.

Flood insurance is mandatory for federally-backed mortgages on buildings located in the special flood hazard area. Nearly 20 percent of flood insurance claims come from areas that are not in a high risk flood zone. Find out your flood risk. You may be in an area subject to storm surge or localized flooding that is not a FEMA-designated high risk flood zone. Take advantage of a highly discounted Preferred Risk Policy if you are in a low or moderate risk flood zone.

Due to Pinellas County's proactive efforts and participating in the federal Community Rating System (CRS), residents

of unincorporated areas are eligible to receive up to 25 percent savings on the cost of their flood insurance, which saved unincorporated residents and businesses more than \$5 million in flood insurance policy premiums over the last year.

Be sure to review your coverage soon. Typically, there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before a flood policy goes into effect. Be prepared. Don't get caught without flood insurance this hurricane season.

You can learn more about flood insurance topics by visiting www.pinellascounty.org/flooding or calling (727) 464-7700.

Pinellas County is also offering another tool to help you prepare for hurricane season. It's called Ready Pinellas and it's a free mobile app that includes multiple readiness checklists that are aligned with the hurricane cone forecast system used by the National Hurricane Center.

Residents can immediately know what to do during "blue sky" periods and then through the five-day and three-day cones of probability to simplify planning with a well thought-out checklist system. You can also look up your evacuation level, look up your property's storm surge vulnerability through the Storm Surge Protector, sign-up for shelter and transportation if you have a special need, find out how to prepare for your pet and so much more.

You can download the free Ready Pinellas mobile app from the Apple App Store or from Google Play.

Hurricane season is a time to be prepared. Take the time to make sure you and your family have a plan and prepare ahead to have peace of mind this hurricane season.



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THAT'S AN AWFULLY LARGE... TREEFROG!

By Lara Milligan, Natural Resources Agent UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County

Did you know invasive Cuban treefrogs can grow to be 5.5 inches? That is quite big considering our largest native treefrogs only grows to be 2.5 inches. It's also a good way to help identify this invasive species.

Cuban treefrogs came from, you guessed it, Cuba, and their populations have spread throughout much of Florida. Their diet is similar to that of other frogs, eating beetles, roaches, spiders, which means native frogs are competing with them for food. Even worse, Cuban treefrogs eat other frogs, lizards and snakes, posing a threat to native species.

How To Identify A Cuban Treefrog:

1. If size is not a distinguishing characteristic, take a look at the frog's toepads. All treefrogs have toepads to help them climb, but Cuban treefrogs have very large toe pads when compared to native treefrogs. They also tend to have large bulging eyes.

2. When young, Cuban treefrogs have reddish eyes, are olive-brown in color, have light stripes along their side, and they have blue bone that can best be seen through the skin on the underside of hind legs.

Unfortunately, color is not a reliable feature when it comes to identifying Cuban treefrogs. They can vary in color quite a bit, but they are most often a creamy white to light brown with bumpy skin. Cuban treefrogs can thrive in urban areas and are commonly found on and around homes and buildings, and in gardens and landscape plants.

How You Can Help: You can help manage Cuban treefrogs around your home by capturing and humanely euthanizing (killing) them.

1. After properly identifying a Cuban treefrog, capture it using gloves or a plastic bag to protect yourself from the irritating mucus on its skin.

2. Another way to catch the frogs is to place 1.5 PVC pipes in the ground around your home, which can attract treefrogs. The frogs use the pipe as a source of shelter. Check the pipes regularly for effective management. Once you have a Cuban treefrog in the pipe, place a plastic sandwich bag over the top, pull the pipe out of the ground and use a broom handle or other plunger device in the other end to scare the frog into the sandwich bag. The sandwich bag should be held tightly around the pipe because as soon as the frog hits the bag it will most likely start jumping and try to get away. They are slippery too!

3. Once captured, apply benzocaine ointment or spray on the frogs back and place in sealed bag for 15-20 minutes. Frogs breathe through their skin, so the benzocaine will be absorbed into their system and put them to sleep. Benzocaine is commonly used to treat sunburn, toothaches and sore throats and can be found at most convenience stores. Note: If you are unable to apply benzocaine you can skip #3 and move on to #4.

4. Place the sealed bag in the freezer overnight and dispose of the frog in bag the next day.

5. Always wash your hands well after handling the frog as their secretions can cause eye irritation for some people.

Thanks for doing your part to help keep Pinellas County free of invasive species!

You can reach Laura at Lara317@ufl.edu or 727-453-6905



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