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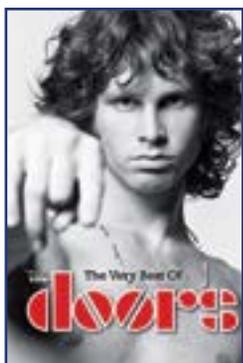
WE ARE RICH IN GOLF HISTORY



Belleair boasts of having Florida's oldest golf course. Built in 1897 and expanded to 18 holes in 1909, the course was designed by golf architect Donald J. Ross, shown here. It is now part of the Belleair Country Club.

Nearby, in the Town of Belleair, the new Pelican Golf Club, formerly the Belleview Biltmore Golf Course is under construction and preparing to open soon. It is the third area 18-hole golf course designed by Ross.

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Jim Morrison

He lived in Clearwater for a short time, a new book is out that tells that part of his story - [page 38](#)

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How will changing climates affect us?

And what are city leaders doing to prepare for rising sea levels? - [page 14](#)

Clearwater Beach is working towards becoming more ocean friendly

It involves much more than just giving up plastic straws - [page 8](#)



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Inside, you will find articles and local information about the nearby area inside. We call it a Neighborhood Newsletter because it is primarily about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire 33767 zip code including Island Estates and Sand Key - a total of about 5,000 households - six times a year.

You can pick up another copy at the Beach Chamber Office, The Beach Rec Center, Island Estates Print Shack, Shorty's Gourmet Deli, Sand Key Realty or the Island Estates UPS.

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, Bob & Becky Griffin, 727-517-1997 bob@griffindirectories.com

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Clearwater Jazz Holiday	18-21
Chalk Walk Beachwalk	19-21
Coastal Cleanup	20
Stone Crab Festivals	25-28
Blast Friday Cleveland Street	26
Johns Pass Seafood Fest	26-28
Heritage Village Country Jubilee	27
Achieva Box Car Rally	27
Kona Windsurfing World Challenge	27-31
Halloween Boo Bash Spectrum Field	31
Trick Or Treat At The Beach Library	31
Sea Turtle Nesting Season Ends	31

NOVEMBER

Property Tax Bills Mailed	1
Home Show Tropicana Field	2-4
Belleair Beach Garage Sale	3
Causeway Clean Up By IE Civic Assn.	3
Un-Corked	3-4
Art Harvest Art Show	3-4
Daylight Savings Time Ends	4
Clearwater Beach Chamber Golf Tourn.	5

General Election	6
Ribfest St Petersburg	9-11
Taste Of Indian Rocks Beach	10
Madd Walk Largo	10
Clearwater Historical Fish Fry	10
Visit Egmont Key Days	10-11
Holiday Market at St Pete College	11
Veteran's Day	11
3 Bridge Run Coachman Park	11
Great American Teach In	14
Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Classic	16-18
Festival Of Trees Long Center	16-18
Public Schools Closed	19-23
Thanksgiving	22
Turkey Trot Run	22
Black Friday	23
Small Business Shopping Day	24
Heritage Village Trees/Traditions Begins	24
Holiday Lights The Garden Begins	23
Christmas At The Plaza	29
St Pete In Water Boat Show	29-2
Hurricane Season Ends	30
Miracle On Cleveland Street	30

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AREA BEACH RENOURISHMENT COMPLETED The beach is much wider in most places, except in the town of Belleair Shore, which was not renourished. It is not a public beach and federal funds cannot be used on private property. This photo, shows the line between Belleair Shore at the top and Indian Rocks Beach. (Taken September 1st).

500 AND COUNTING Habitat for Humanity has been building houses in Pinellas County for a very long time. Last week, they unveiled their 500th completed area home. In Pinellas County, over 100,000 people have volunteered over 625,000 hours and raised over \$100 million since 1985. The public was invited to the opening of the 500th house located at 1921 Fairfield Avenue S., St. Pete.

"This marks a significant moment in our history, as well as another meaningful moment for a local family who will be gaining the opportunity to be a new homeowner," says Mike Sutton, CEO of Habitat for Humanity in Pinellas County.

Learn about Habitat in Pinellas at HabitatPinellas.org.

GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN If you ever wanted to be a teacher—you can, even if it is just for the day. On Wednesday, November 15th schools want you to come talk to the kids about what you do. You may choose to teach about your career, hobby, and/or talents and why a good education is necessary to do what you do. If you are interested, please call the school closest to you—all levels are needed. It only takes about an hour and the influence it can have on a child can't be measured.

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE OAKS The event, previously held in Coachman Park, has moved to the campus of St Pete College at 2465 Drew Street with a new name - 42nd Annual "Holiday Market." Hosted by the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club, the Sunday November 11th, event is 9am to 4pm. They expect over 10,000 shoppers. There is still room for vendors. Visit the Holiday Market page of their Web site, www.GFWCNPWC.org.

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'Tis the season for city and community sponsored yard sales. Upcoming November sales events include:

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- 3 - Belleair Beach
- 3 - Largo's McGough in Park
- 10 - Largo Community Center
- 24 & 25 - Indian Rocks

and More...

VOTE! IT MATTERS

November 6th the entire Country will hold the mid-term elections. Your ballot will contain candidates for Governor, U.S. and State Senate and House, Judges, County Commission and the School Board, plus proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments, and a Clearwater Referendum.



Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities U.S. citizens have. About 150 million American citizens are qualified to vote. Unfortunately, many don't. Voting lets you tell the government what you want done. Every vote counts! An election decided by a single vote has happened and changed history. Respect and use your right to vote! It's a privilege that many people in the world don't have.

SUGAR SANDS The Sugar Sands Festival will be April 12-28 and the theme is "A Journey Around the Globe." The beach will be transformed into an immaculate sculpture of renowned destinations and prominent landmarks from around the world. Now expanded from 10 to 17 days, hopefully more people will be able to visit. Learn more now at SugarSandsFestival.com.

HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADES The popular Lighted Boat Parades are coming soon. Here is a list of some nearby:

- Dunedin, December 1
- Island Estates, December 8
- Indian Rocks Beach, December 15
- Indian Shores / Redington, December 16



SAIL FOR THE HUNGRY The 4th Annual Ted Irwin Memorial Sail-A-Thon is Saturday December 1, at the Clearwater Yacht Club from 8am – 3pm. As in past years, the Sail-A-Thon will benefit the Beach Community Food Pantry. Food donations, sponsorship, and monetary donations will be requested, with 100% of the proceeds going to feed the hungry. This is a Youth Sailing version of a "Walkathon" and is intended to be a fun event that enables kids to take what they love and "pay it forward" for our neighbors in need. Event information will be posted at www.facebook.com/indianrocksfamilysailing. If you can help, please contact Michael Schulz at FamilySailingFun@gmail.com.

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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL!

by Dan L. Hummel

Winter Haven can brag that Cypress Gardens, opened in 1936, was the first theme park in Florida. Tampa can lay claim to having the oldest restaurant in the state, The Columbia, which opened in 1905. And, Belleair can boast of having Florida's oldest golf course.

Built in 1897 by railroad and steamship tycoon Henry Bradley Plant, the west course at what is now Belleair Country Club, began with just six holes on elevated greens surfaced with crushed seashells. Florida's first course was built to complement the construction of Plant's new Belleview Hotel. By 1899, the course layout had expanded to nine holes and the greens had been "upgraded" to sand surfaces. In June, 1899, Henry Plant died, leaving his son, Morton F. Plant, to complete the dream he started; and he did.

Morton began experimenting with topsoil, grasses and fertilizers, refusing to accept the notion that better golf course grasses could not be grown successfully in Florida. He went so far as to have several railroad cars full of rich Indiana topsoil brought to Belleair. In 1909, the golf course grew to eighteen holes, and by 1915, another eighteen holes were added. Plant used the legendary golf course architect, Donald J. Ross, for course design.



In 1919, John McEntee Bowman acquired the hotel and its two courses, and changed the name of the hotel to the Belleview Biltmore. Eventually, Ed Wright, one of the wealthiest men in Florida, purchased the properties. After he passed away in 1969, U. S. Steel's Realty Division bought the land nearby and the two golf courses from his estate.

In 1987, USX (formerly U. S. Steel) sold the undeveloped land and the Club to local developer, Bobby Byrd, who, in turn, sold it along with the two golf courses to its members. The Country Club was renamed Belleair Country Club and today remains one of Florida's best golfing venues. Edward J. Shaughnessy, Chief Operating Officer of Belleair Country Club, commented, "The Belleair Courses are, and will likely always be, traditional and timeless. They will never go out of style. They are challenging, yet enjoyable to play. Their natural undulating character and high elevation bluffs overlooking the waterfront provide scenic views that are truly unique." Membership at this extraordinary club is by invitation.

Just a few minutes down the road from the Belleair Country Club in the Town of Belleair is the new Pelican Golf Club, formerly the Belleview Biltmore Golf Course. Built in conjunction with the residential development known as Belleair Estates, the facility became the Town of Belleair's third 18-hole golf course designed by golf architect Donald J. Ross. Ross claimed it was "one of the finest in the South." Using hundreds of pounds of dynamite, a crew of 100 men and 35 teams of mules began work on the course in early 1926. The course officially opened in late December of that same year as the Pelican Golf Club.



In 1959, the Belleview Biltmore Hotel bought the Pelican golf facility, enhancing the hotel's golfing options to three 18-hole courses. After the sale of the two Country Club courses in the late 1980s, the owners of the Biltmore Hotel changed the name from the Pelican Golf Course to the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club to more closely connect the course to the hotel property just 1 1/2 miles from where their overnight guests had playing privileges.

Fast forward to 2012 when the Town of Belleair purchased the golf course, brought in new management, and renamed it the Belleview Biltmore Golf Club. Four years later, the Dan Doyle family, longtime residents of Belleair, approached the town and offered to buy the course for \$300,000 more than what the town had paid for it.

Today, the 18-hole course in Belleair is being restored to its "golden age" features. Phase One includes the golf course, a grill room and a pro shop that are scheduled to open in mid to late January, 2019. Phase Two will debut in mid to late fall, 2019, and features a two-story facility with a club house, a steakhouse, fitness center, and grand banquet facilities. Lee Mackay, General Manager of the Pelican Golf Club, stated, "The mission of the Pelican Golf Club is to provide luxury at every turn, from an unmatched golfing experience to unforgettable social engagements tailored to every member's every need."

Mayor Gary Katica of Belleair, commented, "The Doyle's are doing a tremendous job in developing this property. They are a first class family who live in this town and who are always doing nice things for our community. We're looking forward to the grand opening."

So checkout Belleair's three beautiful Donald J. Ross golf courses. And when you do, hit 'em straight and be sure to keep your eye on the ball!

CLEARWATER BEACH WORKING TO BECOMING OCEAN FRIENDLY

By Ted Shannon

The Protect Clearwater Beach Task Force had their first meeting in Aug at Bob Heilman's Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. About 40 people were in attendance. The task force was formed to make positive changes on the beach where its members live and/or work. They know, it is not enough to just not litter or to pick up after those that do; it is about not using items that can become dangerous litter. The group plans to educate businesses on why and how to do that.

There is a national movement to stop harming the oceans and its sea life. It is not a political movement; most people agree improvements are needed. Right now, straws are in the headlines, but there are worse things: cigarette butts, fast food wrappers, Styrofoam, and plastic bags. All can maim or kill wildlife. Many products never fully break down and instead over time chip into smaller chunks called micro-plastics. Fish and birds ingest them and the risks to humans are only now being studied. Humans cause the plastic-based litter and humans can fix it, sometimes with minimal cost and effort.

Sheri Heilman of the Beachcomber Restaurant and Bobby's Bistro and Wine Bar has been spearheading the movement on Clearwater Beach. Her grandkids motivate her. She also knows her 70-year-old family business will not survive a future with a toxic sea or filthy beach. Heilman's restaurant became the first "Ocean Friendly Certified" business in Clearwater. It did take time as there was no blueprint to follow and finding 100% biodegradable supplies isn't easy.

Heilman notes, "There are no regulations in place to keep companies from making false claims." She put products claiming rapid biodegradation into buckets of water in the sun and some never came close to breaking down. Trial and error led them to have it worked out and now she wants to teach others making

it easier for them. "The reality is it can save money while doing good. Anyone interested in going green in their restaurant or business can stop by and ask for myself or my son Bobby. We will happily take time to help you," she says.

Many have joined the movement. Frank Chivas of Baystar Restaurant Group, owner of six local restaurants including the new Seaweed, is on board and looked to the Heilman's for insight. Chivas says "We're saving money going green, staff bought in 100%, it is amazing. I started with finding a great deal on biodegradable bags and when I saw how happy it made everyone, I knew we were on to something great!"

Representatives from the Clearwater Marine Aquarium attended the Task Force meeting as well as folks from Tropics Boat Tours, Sandpearl Resort, and other establishments. Sheridan Boyle from Clearwater's Recycling Program was on hand to answer questions.

Suncoast Rise Above Plastics Coalition (suncoast-rap.org) determines Ocean Friendly Certification criteria. It includes:

1. No Styrofoam, all takeout supplies can be recycled or composted
2. Business must recycle properly.
3. No disposable take out utensils except by request.
4. Absolutely no plastic bags for take out/to-go orders.
5. Plastic straws/lids by request only. Preferably paper straws.
6. No beverages sold in plastic bottles.
7. Discounts offered for bring your own cup or mug.
8. Water conservation efforts
9. LED lighting and energy star appliances where possible

The initial goal and purpose of the group is to get as many restaurants and businesses as possible to become Ocean Friendly Certified and to work towards making Clearwater Beach the #1 Ocean Friendly Beach on Earth.

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Part 2 - Where in the world are we off to next?

By Cassie Berger, Belleair resident

We've experienced the luxurious Savoy Hotel in London, breathed the clean air of Holland, gazed at the beautiful Gothic architecture of Prague, hustled in the bustle of Berlin, lived in the paradise of Budapest's downtown, and lounged in the mountains of northern Italy. We've done it all with two small (and wonderful!) children, Preston (five) and Penelope (one) in tow. How is THAT, you might wonder? Easy! Instead of having the same routine every day and coming to the same house every night, there is always a new adventure around the



corner to keep the kids occupied. Coupled with intentionally short flight distances, the kids have never been happier or more excited in their lives! Other than the new things to see and do, parental life is quite normal with the usual diaper changes for Penelope, reading lessons for Preston, Tyler working on the businesses back home, and quickly-made dinners for the whole family.

That also means that there are still the fair number of surprises! For example, Penelope came down with a high fever in Prague, Czech Republic, worthy of a trip to the local pediatric hospital. It was a very unique experience. First of all, there is no traditional "triage" – it is first come, first serve regardless of severity. Second, the doctors do not speak English, so we had to communicate with the doctor via hand signals and picture drawings and had to kind of just hope that we got the instructions right for our dangerously feverish child. Third, the entire cost of care, including prescriptions was \$50 for an emergency room visit, which would have cost a fortune in the USA. We've also had other surprises as well, such as in Italy, where we chanced upon a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the mountains of northern Italy, specifically Capo di Ponte. In the rocks, one can find petroglyphs that are over 10,000 years old; the towns nestled in the valley speak to the soul and feel as old as the rock carvings themselves. It is not often that one stands in the same spot as an ancient civilization.

Overall, the best part of traveling the world as a family is the healthier lifestyle change and better work-life balance. We are healthier from walking many miles to see the attractions, as well as eating healthier, local food from restaurants and supermarkets. That is coupled with the valuable abundance of time that seemed so scarce in the USA – every day our family wakes up together in a small hotel room or a cozy Airbnb and spends all day together, something that wasn't possible back home. Because Tyler works remotely and on EST time zone, he works at night and is able to spend all day with us! We've never been closer as a family, have largely shirked material comforts in exchange for experiences, and that makes the memories that we are creating all the more precious. You can follow us on our journey via Instagram @traveltribefamily. Happy Traveling,



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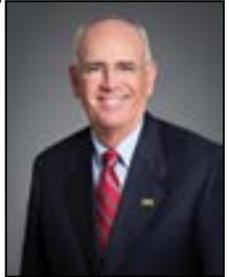
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HEALTHCARE IN RETIREMENT

by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group



The end of the year forces Medicare enrollees to stop and consider if they want to make changes. For those used to having their health insurance offered by their employer, having to think about managing it yourself in retirement can be difficult and daunting.

Part A of Medicare includes hospital costs, skilled nursing facilities when medically necessary, Hospice care, etc. It is free for most, and you automatically qualify for it at age 65. It becomes your primary coverage even if you have a group plan which will act as a supplement. You should sign up for Part A between 3 months before your 65th birthday and 4 months after.

Part B includes outpatient experiences, including doctors, testing costs, flu shots, rehab, physical therapy, etc. The premium is based on income. It can be as low as \$134 per month or as high as \$428.60 in 2019. To be eligible you must be age 65, paid Medicare premiums for the past 10 years and be a US citizen or permanent resident.

Because Part A and B have deductibles and co-insurance costs, most people will purchase a supplemental plan, which comes in various shapes and sizes with the most expensive plans costing up to \$2,500 per year or more depending upon where you live. In short, it is possible that premiums for Part A, B and a supplement could exceed \$7,500 per year.

Part C is a Medicare Advantage plan offered by private insurers which combines Part A and B and usually covers drugs as well. While offering everything that Medicare covers, these plans may provide for additional things like dental, vision, hearing aids, etc. These plans usually have a limited network of providers in exchange for their lower cost.

Part D covers prescription drugs at a discount, but be aware that you are still going to pay out of pocket and for some drugs, it can be very high. Buying supplemental coverage is important and these plans are very complex and depend on the drugs you have to take.

Over 25 years in retirement, this can add up to well over \$250,000. If you would like to discuss Medicare, Social Security or any other part of your retirement plan please schedule a meeting with us which is complimentary. By the way, we do not sell health insurance, but we can recommend a true professional.

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Called SafetyNet, it is an electronic tracking system that includes a device that a person wears, normally on the arm, like a watch, which allows them to be located if they are missing. This new technology has

proven invaluable to help find people who wander away or become lost.

This is how it works. A person wears a waterproof SafetyNet bracelet on either their wrist or ankle. It emits a specific radio frequency signal and an ID number.

The bracelet constantly emits a radio frequency signal. Unlike cellular phones and GPS systems, SafetyNet does not rely on cellular or satellite signals. It can track a person if they wander into a lake, wooded area or even if they are inside a concrete building, such as another house or garage.

When a person is discovered to be missing, the caregiver or parent notifies 911. A specifically trained SafetyNet person from the Clearwater Police Department or the Sheriff's office, will initiate a search using a Digital Tracking Receiver. In some cases, the Sheriff's office may even utilize a helicopter.

There is normally a fee for this service, but the Clearwater Police Department has two programs - one is free.

Tier 1: They provide residents with a "Tier 1" Bracelet for free. The bracelet is for identification only, and has no tracking abilities. Call 562-4242 and ask for the Children/Family Unit Supervisor

Tier 2: The Clearwater Police Department can also provide a "Tier 2" Bracelet for a fee. This is can be tracked through SafetyNet

SafetyNet Bracelets are available for lease or purchase. There are also scholarship programs to help families that may not be able to afford the Tier 2 program. Batteries and accessories must be purchased from SafetyNet Tracking Systems.

Certain restrictions apply:

- You have to live in a coverage area
- The person wearing the device must have been diagnosed with a cognitive impairment
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CLEARWATER BEACH ROTARY CELEBRATES PEACE WITH ART

On September 22, 2018 a group of high school students from Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Citrus and Hernando participated in an activity to promote



peace in the world. In a world where news centers on the negative actions of teenagers, it is a breath of fresh air to know that not all teens conform to that pattern. The high school students and exchange students spent their afternoon painting their impressions of peace on business windows across Clearwater Beach.

To celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace, the Rotary Club of Clearwater Beach sponsored a Painting for Peace Day. This annual event began in 2012 in coordination with the Rotary Club of Bitola Shirok Sokak in the Republic of Macedonia. Some of the businesses that volunteered their windows were Sharmaines, Chapel by the Sea, Coldwell Banker, Nick Ekonomides Law Firm, South Beach Salon, CK's, Crabby's, Kings Pizza, Salty's, Taco Bus, Speggtacular and Barefoot Beach House.

Social media networking contributed to the alliance between the two clubs who had previously never had contact with each other. Natasia Nestorovska and Alexandra Everist met on LinkedIn after Alexandra posted a message about the Painting for Peace project in Clearwater Beach. The two Rotarians worked on either side of the ocean to bring the project to life. Facebook and LinkedIn were used to publicize the event.

In 1982, the United Nations declared September 21 as a day to strengthen "the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples." Peace making events are held around the world on this day. The theme for 2018 is "The Right to Peace." 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which is where this year's theme comes from. Rotary and the United Nations have a long history of working together. Rotary even has its own office in the United Nations building in New York.

Many of the students involved in the Painting for Peace project were actually Rotary exchange students. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program was founded to encourage peace among peoples. It is difficult to dislike members of another culture when you live with that culture. For over 75 years, students and host families have been involved in the Youth Exchange Program. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs. In District 6950, Jamie Mick coordinates the program. For more information, contact Jamie at 727-642-8041.

Clearwater Beach Rotary meets at various locations on Clearwater Beach. Rotary is an international organization whose main objective is service to the community, the workplace, and the world. For more information on how you can get involved, please call Garrett Fischer at 813-362-7144 or visit clearwaterbeachrotary.org.



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SILLY SWIM DAYS

By Rebecca Geiger

Fall for Floridians means torrential downpours and a return to school clothes and tennis shoes. As the weather changes so do the learning opportunities in the pool.

With the increase of rain, pool water levels rise and often are simply drained to allow the pool to operate efficiently. An alternative is to use this extra water to let the children have some fun and experience choppy water. Using a raft or other flotation device you can make waves and let them play. Wave strength can be altered depending on the age and swimming ability of the child. Keep in mind that this is a learning experience, not meant to scare them. Waves may seem small to you, but even two-inch waves look huge when being viewed from the position of the eye line. Older children can handle larger waves while younger children need to start with smaller ones. These waves can serve many purposes for the children.

- They learn how to effectively breathe in the waves.
- They can swim under water in different depths to see how the water moves differently on top of the surface, in shallow water, and in deeper water.
- They can practice holding on to floats in the water as they are being pushed around by the waves.

Another thing that should be done every year is allowing children to swim in their clothes at least once: Boys need to swim in jeans, shirts, jacket, and tennis shoes. Girls need to swim in dresses, pants, shirts, shoes, and jackets.

If there is an incident during the winter they will most likely not be in swimsuits or cover ups. Make sure you are present when they go in with their clothes even if they are proficient swimmers.

You may be surprised by their reactions. I have seen children try to take off their clothes while swimming, try to remove their shoes, decide they just want to play, and



others completely and totally freak out. Clothes themselves add weight and restrict mobility in the water while shoes often have air in them which will cause the feet to float, disrupting the normal position of the child in the water. It is important that children know not only how this feels, but also that they still need to get to the side-and they will not be in trouble for getting their clothes wet once they reach the side.

By referring to both of these as "Silly Swim Days" it lets children get exposure to water that is not calm (more like the ocean) and eliminate the stigma that they will get in trouble for getting their clothes wet. Often children are more upset and fearful they will be in trouble than they are concerned about the fact they could drown. After all, their usual experience is getting in trouble for messing up their clothes! Anything new can be used as a learning experience; remember, they do not have the exposure that we have as adults.

I am known as Miss Becca to my students. I have been "Drown Proofing" children and adults for more than 20 years through private lessons and presentations. Please call (813)363-9133 with any questions.

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HOW A CHANGING CLIMATE IS AFFECTING OUR AREA

Local leaders step up to address challenges like sea level rise

By Susan Glickman, Florida Director of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

Benjamin Franklin's sage advice, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is no less true 250 years after he said it. Community leaders who heed those wise words serve us well. Making smart decisions to get out in front of challenging problems is essential now and will protect us into the future.

Right now, one of the biggest challenges looming over our region is climate change and the sea level rise that comes along with it. Most researchers agree that as global temperatures increase, hurricanes will become both stronger and wetter, and they will be likely to move more slowly, lingering longer over the communities in their paths. According to senior NASA scientist Timothy Hall, who recently addressed the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, we can expect to see greater storm surge and more intense rain events as well as "storms that achieve intensity levels never seen before historically."

It's past time for our local governments to get moving on this — we're experiencing impacts now, and they are going to increase. Tampa Bay's sea water has historically risen about an inch per decade. But in the 1990s, scientists recorded something alarming: Our local sea level rise increased to several inches above normal. Now, the Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel predicts that Tampa Bay will rise between six inches to more than two feet by the middle of the century — and as much as seven feet after that.

This is obviously a pressing and potentially costly problem for coastal roads, parks, businesses, and neighborhoods. In 2015, national firm Karen Clark & Co., which analyzes the impacts of catastrophic weather events, estimated that the Tampa Bay metropolitan area is the most vulnerable to storm surge and could lose \$175 billion in a storm the size of Hurricane Katrina.

We're already seeing that with our higher water levels, even small storms push water toward the shore and bring significant flooding to neighborhoods in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. We need to join together now to make common-sense preparations to deal with these rising waters. Just think about it: If our coastal real estate market collapsed due to increasing flooding, we'd watch our region's economy crash. Counties and cities would have fewer tax dollars available right when we most need money to put into the infrastructure we need to deal with the problem.

The time is now for the Tampa Bay region to look at how we adapt to the climate impacts that are already in the pipeline and take steps to reduce emissions so we don't make the problems worse. Thankfully, we are seeing crucial leadership from some local elected officials, especially Pinellas County Commissioner Janet Long, who is the current Chair of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

As a result of Commissioner Long's leadership, local government officials are in the process of forming a Tampa Bay

Regional Resiliency Coalition, which will enable counties and municipalities on Florida's west coast to work collaboratively on mitigation and adaptation strategies and develop a regional resiliency action plan. As proposed, the coalition would include Pinellas, Hillsborough, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Manatee and Sarasota counties. An agreement to form the coalition will be signed this October.

The path forward for Tampa Bay is already being modeled in Southeast Florida. Almost a decade ago, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach county commissions signed the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, along with dozens of municipalities representing nearly six million residents. Under The Compact, the local governments develop annual legislative programs and jointly advocate for state and federal funding, which increases local government power in the competitive world of government spending. Regional collaboration has afforded them opportunities, and we have the benefit of their lessons learned.

We have needed to act to reduce emissions for a long time, but now we are at a true crossroads. The Arctic is melting, the permafrost is thawing, and the sea level is rising. As goes the Arctic, so goes Florida. We must take serious action now to both adapt to the climate change impacts that are inevitable from carbon pollution already in the atmosphere, and to reduce our emissions and future vulnerabilities by transforming to a low-carbon economy.

People who live on the west coast of Florida will feel the effects from sea level rise in diverse ways — impacting transportation, public health, insurance, storm-water management and coastal flooding. These types of broad challenges will benefit from regional collaboration both from an adaptation and mitigation perspective.

A 2017 report by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, entitled *The Cost of Doing Nothing: Economic Impacts of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Region*, considered the potential impacts of year-round flooding on the regional economy. Together these impacts bear cumulative costs of \$162 billion to the region's gross regional product.

We can start this crucial planning process now. Hillsborough County Commissioner and former State Senator Victor Crist once commented to me, "If we knew then what we know now, we wouldn't have put Tampa General Hospital on an island." Let's be clear-eyed about what the future holds.

This is the moment we must all confront the realities of a changing climate and acknowledge that there are solutions at hand. Transitioning to a clean energy economy will be better for all of us all in the long run, creating jobs, saving money and protecting our natural environment.

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Bar & Restaurant News

CLEARWATER SOCIAL BREWING

Now open in Pelican Plaza, in the previous location of the Silver King Tap House, it is a craft beer



brewery and sports bar with the NFL package.

They plan to start brewing their own beer by the first of the year. They will carry craft beer, macro beers, other beers, wine and food. They have live music on Friday and Saturdays and Hospitality Hour pricing after 9pm. They feature "Band Dango Trivia" on Tuesday Nights. Because this is a real locals place to go, they are selling a "Locals Program" card.

It is owned by partners Jay Dingman and Kevin Singletary. They are the owners of the now defunct Barley Moe's and Raven in Largo. Check them out at 483 Mandalay Avenue, upstairs above the Brown Boxer.

MARINA CANTINA CHANGES Baystar is making changes to Marina Cantina's rooftop bar at the Clearwater Marina. It will have more of a tiki bar theme.

2018 RESTAURANT WEEK WINNERS

Held September 14-23, 2018, Restaurant Week offered an incredible array of different cuisines. During the ten days, diners voted for their favorites. The winners were:

2018 "Best Overall Dining Experience"

Blinkers Beachside Steakhouse & Lounge

2018 "Best Server"

Martin Colbert – Rusty's Bistro/Sheraton Sand Key Resort

2018 "Best Bartender"

Kristina Miller – Salty's Island Bar & Grille



COOTER'S 25TH CRAB FEST It's time to get cracking. For 25 years, Cooter's has thrown a crab festival in their parking lot. It covers four full days, Thursday, October 25 through Sunday October 28. Their festival features crab, all kinds of it! Fresh Florida Stone Crabs, King Crab, Snow Crab and Dungeness Crab—all at wholesale prices. There will be other food and drink specials, too. Plus, a live band. Thursday, the fun starts at 4pm, and Friday-Sunday at 11am. Valet Parking is available.

Cooter's is located at 423 Poinsettia Avenue, just north of the Roundabout. Get more details at www.Cooters.com.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON DOC FORD'S The contractor has completed significant work on the new Doc Ford's Restaurant coming to the new St. Petersburg Pier. The City approved \$1.1 million dollars to build the second phase of the restaurant's construction which includes driving 64 pilings in the ground and building the restaurant's shell on an elevated foundation. The restaurant plans to open before the Pier does and is shooting for an August 2019.



NEW MURAL Beachside Hospitality commissioned Sarasota based artist, Matt McAllister to create this iconic mural celebrating Clearwater Beach in a postcard-esque welcome sign. The mural measures 33' wide by 15' high and took McAllister 5 days to complete.

McAllister is familiar to the area as he is the 2017 Peoples Choice Winner at the Clearwater Beach Chalk Art Festival with his incredible drawing of Pennywise from the movie "It." Matt's passion for the arts shines through in this amazing piece, they are calling it the #ClearwaterMural.

STONE CRAB SEASON BEGINS October 15th, many area seafood restaurants added stone crab claws to their menu. There are also three big Stone Crab Festivals the weekend of October 26-28 in Clearwater Beach: Frenchy's, Palm Pavilion and Cooter's.

Frenchy's throws its big Street Party with a band on Saturday, October 27th. Palm Pavilion will have live music during their festival on 26-28. Cooter's starts on Thursday the 25th and continues through out the weekend.

Red Tide has been a factor in the South Pinellas Beaches. But will it affect Stone Crab Season? "Only time will tell," says Tommy Shook, Director of Fishing Operations for Frenchy's Seafood Company. "We really won't know until we start pulling the traps. "Red Tide is a very geographical phenomenon. It can be here and not there," Shook continues. "I have been doing this for Frenchy for dozens of years. I have seen the good and the bad years. If the red tide does not creep north of Indian Rocks, then we should have a normal year. We dropped many of our traps as far north as Pasco County. But other things like Hurricane Michael or cold/warm waters affect a catch. We just have to wait and see. Right now--I am optimistic."

THE COOLER is a new beachfront snack shack featuring a variety of cool items. They sell Acai Bowls, Hawaiian Ice, Soft Serve Ice Cream, Natural Popsicles and special beach beverages, such as coconut water, lemonade, and other premium beverages. It is located next to Frenchy's RockAway and it is owned by the Frenchy's group.

POKE LOKE AND ROUNDABOUT PIZZA You see the signs, but they are not open yet. The two stores are owned by Frank Chivas and Baystar Restaurant Group, who also own Salt Cracker Fish Camp and Marina Cantina. All are at the Clearwater Beach Marina. They say they hope to open soon—maybe before the end of the year.

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CEO/PRESIDENT OF THE CLEARWATER BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RETIRING

By Sydney Veimau, Special Events Manager at the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce

Darlene Kole, CEO/President of the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce, has announced her retirement. 60 years ago, at the age of 7, Darlene's parents moved from Hamburg New York to Pinellas County Florida. She grew up in Seminole and began the journey of exploring the outdoors and learning what it meant to be a true Floridian. Every weekend was filled with beach outings, boating on the Gulf and camping on Mullet Key. Kole reminisces "My Dad



taught me to fish, catch blue crabs with a chicken neck on a string and net stone crabs with a lantern. We would feel for clams with our feet and bring home buckets filled with delightful dinners. He would cast net for mullet and we smoked them in an old refrigerator in our back yard. I have been to every river, every lake and every coast of the entire state." This was just the beginning of her adventures.

In 2010 Darlene came to work at the Beach Chamber right after the Oil Spill and the recession was still very real. Beachwalk was just completed, but locals were afraid to venture back out to the beach because of construction. The Beach Chamber and the tourism community needed a helping hand, so she committed herself to do what she could to help revitalize our Award-Winning Beach.

Having grown up in Clearwater area with 35 years of experience in sales and marketing, Darlene knew exactly how to assist in the rejuvenation of the beloved beach. Since the beginning of her career with the Chamber, she has conducted the establishment of the Clearwater Beach Chalk Art Festival (one of Beachwalk's biggest events), Light it Up Clearwater (New Year's Eve firework show) and the Clearwater Beach Hospitality Job Fair. She has also mended and molded the Clearwater Beach Taste Fest, Clearwater Beach Restaurant Week, Annual Golf Classic Tournament and many other events within the Chamber. Not to mention the installation of The French Internship Program, the relationship with Allegiant Air, the existence of two Visitor Centers on the beach, publishing a Visitor Guide, and creating a website in 91 languages.

Darlene says "Each and every day there was something else to do to continue the momentum of the growth that was occurring. Another year passed and the drive to keep going was still in me. Then another year rounded the corner and I started thinking about all of the success and the position the Beach Chamber was now in." The Beach Chamber has been in their new offices for over two years now. Each of the events that the Beach Chamber produces exceeds budget. The Beach Chamber has a strong Board of Directors and a very healthy membership. She is so proud to have worked with everyone to accomplish such a feat. Darlene closes with "My love for tourism will never go away and I will always advocate for our destination. Now I want to spend more time enjoying all the wonders of our area once again."



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DO YOUR RESEARCH BEFORE YOU VOTE NEXT MONTH

By Mayor George Cretokos

Ballots for the November 6th General Election are ready. Please take time to study the lengthy ballot, and I hope the residents of Clearwater do not neglect the very last question on the ballot. It asks the residents to replace the current council/manager form of government with one in which executive power resides with the mayor.



For almost 100 years, Clearwater has had the council/manager form of government. Because of the desire of some, including developers and elected officials who do not even live in Clearwater, and others associated with downtown special interests, the Clearwater City Council voted 3-2 to put on the ballot this new form of government to give the mayor day-to-day operational authority and control.

Under the current city manager form of government, the mayor is the presiding officer of council meetings, is generally the city's representative at various events throughout the community, and signs official documents. He has no authority to hire city staff, nor does he control the day-to-day operations of the city and its employees. He is now limited to two four-year terms.

The professional city manager serves at the council's discretion and can be replaced quickly; there is no need to wait for the next municipal election. The manager administers projects and programs, prepares the budget for council consideration, serves as the council's chief advisor, and carries out council policies. His ethics and responsibilities are based on being non-partisan and objective. Most Florida cities have a council/manager form of government similar to Clearwater's.

As you cast your ballot, consider the tireless, selfless, nonpartisan, and professional work provided for decades by Clearwater's council/manager government and its employees. I respectfully ask you to consider carefully your vote on which form of government you believe will put the interests of the residents of the City of Clearwater first.

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ARE YOU RED CROSS READY FOR THE NEXT BIG STORM?

September is National Preparedness Month, a timely reminder of the importance of personal preparedness. Last year we experienced an unprecedented season of disasters, including Hurricane Irma. Fortunately, the Red Cross can help you prepare your family, your pets and your home for common emergencies and natural disasters. Here are three steps to take right now:

- Build an emergency kit with a gallon of water per person for each day, non-perishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, supplies for an infant if applicable, a multi-purpose tool, personal hygiene items, copies of important papers, cell phone chargers, pet supplies, extra cash, blankets, maps of the area and emergency contacts.
- Make a plan for your household if you have to evacuate. Practice the plan to minimize confusion and fear during an event.
- Be informed about what disasters or emergencies may occur and how to respond as safely as possible. Find out how local officials will contact you during a disaster and how you will get important information.

The Red Cross is your partner in preparedness:

- Take a First Aid and CPR/AED course (redcross.org/takeaclass) so you know what to do if emergency help is delayed.
 - Download the free Red Cross Emergency App which can help keep you and your family safe with 35 severe weather and emergency alerts. It can be found in smartphone app stores or by texting 'GETEMERGENCY' to 90999.
 - Find helpful information, checklists and videos on disaster and emergency preparedness at redcross.org/preparednessfastfacts.
- The Central Florida Region of the American Red Cross serves 19 counties through five chapters. Find your nearest office at redcross.org/centralflorida.

2ND ANNUAL CANS FOR COOKIES Food Drive Supports The Shepherd Center

Care Placement Home Health Agency announces their Second Annual Cans for Cookies food drive. Owner Ruth Fanovich has been a long-time supporter of the Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center (dba The Shepherd Center).

"We were planning our Cans for Cookies event for November when we learned that The Shepherd Center had an emergency need for canned goods. Instead of waiting, we immediately shared this with our contacts via email and Facebook," said Business Manager Elaine Hagan. "Cans for Cookies is our opportunity to rally our contacts, clients, caregivers, and staff in support of the much needed services provided by The Shepherd Center. This gives everyone an excuse to come by our office, bring a donation of canned goods or other non-perishables, and receive cookies as our thank you!"

In response to the urgent need and in preparation for the upcoming holidays, Care Placement Home Health Agency is accepting can goods through November 9, between 9 a.m. and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, at their office located at 1215 12th Street in Palm Harbor. For information, call 727-787-8677.

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FIRST NIGHT ST. PETE

First Night St. Pete, the largest New Year's Eve Celebration of the Arts in Florida has a new approach on a traditional event and a new Executive Director at the helm. Jamie McWade joined First Night St. Pete as the new Director this past July and along with the support of her board of directors, volunteer board and community volunteers, they plan to bring in 2019 with an awe inspiring and art filled new year.



For 26 years, First Night organizers have continued the tradition in the name of Art in Unexpected places bringing musical performances, visual art, literary works and much, much more to the downtown corridors of St Petersburg. Jamie plans to carry on this tradition as she enters in to her 7th year as First Night staff. Jamie first joined First Night in 2012 as volunteer coordinator during former Director Allen Loyd's first year as Executive Director. "As soon as I joined the First Night team I found an immense appreciation for the community aspects of this event. This celebration is not only about enthusiastically celebrating our local artists, it's also about celebrating New Year's traditions, welcoming back old friends and making new ones, it's about encouraging artistic expression through interactive exhibits and most importantly about cultivating community by providing activities for everyone of all ages."

As a native St Petersburgian, former Pinellas County Center for the Arts student and USF baccalaureate college graduate, Jamie has always been a creative type and a professionally dedicated community advocate. With an environmental science and policy background and years of experience as a community organizer, Jamie brings a different approach to the First Night Celebration. "Along with soliciting more sponsorship support, our primary focus is to increase our reach to the community and we plan to do so by showcasing a diverse array of artistic mediums that we hope will entice more people to join us in order to see what First Night is all about."

As a non-profit organization, sponsorships and proceeds from button sales go directly back in to programming which includes compensation for performers, departmental and city fees and for the fireworks of course. Due to the recent loss in integral funding, First Night St Pete is about \$25,000 behind in sponsorship goals. First Night St Pete is run mostly on the generous support and sponsorship from local businesses and individuals in our community. Without a presenting sponsor this year, and because of a big loss in funding they face a monetary challenges. Either way they agree the show must go on and are still working to reach the fundraising goal."

The 26th Annual First Night New Year's Eve Celebration will be held again on December 31st from 4 pm until Midnight at ten venues throughout downtown St Pete. Although some venue performances and Fireworks are free, there is a fee for entry. The limited-edition buttons, which are the tickets for entry, go on sale mid-September. Every limited-edition button purchased contributes to the support of our artists and more importantly it supports our endeavor to continue to bring the City of St Pete a First Night celebration. Prices in advance are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children over five. Day of event buttons are \$15 for adults/\$10 for kids over five.

For information on First Night, visit FirstNightStPete.com. To stay informed about the many performances follow facebook.com/1stNiteStPete. For information on First Night's sponsorship opportunities, e-mail Jamie.McWade@FirstNightStPete.com.

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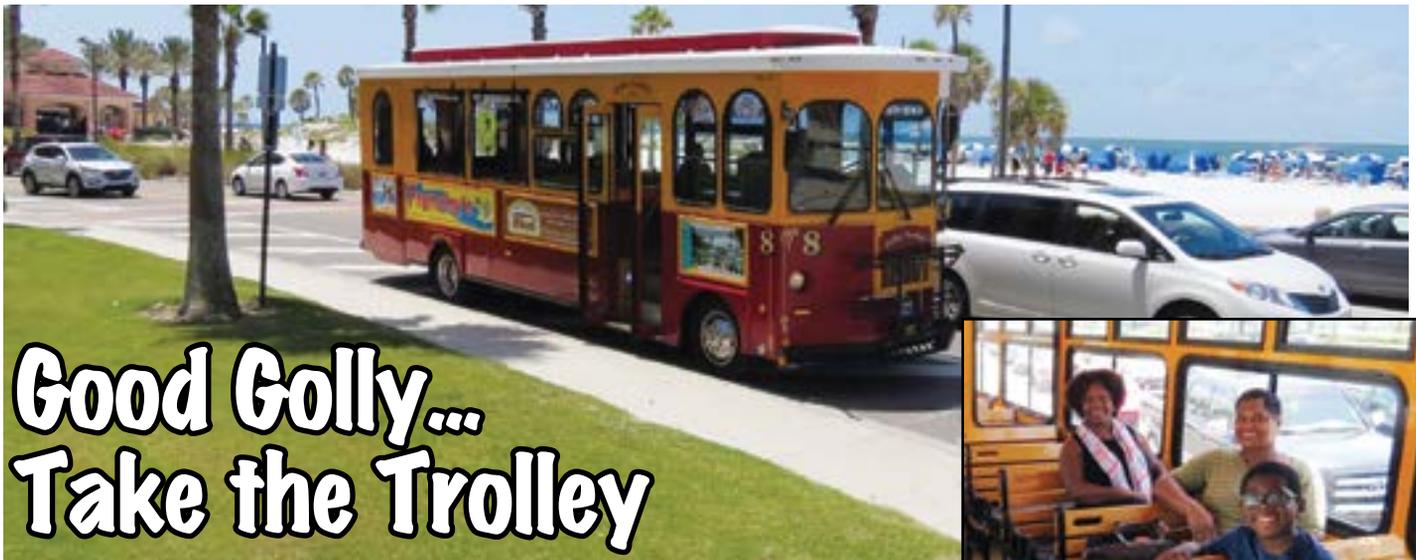
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Good Golly... Take the Trolley

By Dan Hummel

For years, many of us boarded Mister Rogers' trolley and escaped to his "Neighborhood of Make-Believe". Today, in the Bay Area, we are fortunate to have our own trolley system, as well. However, this one is real, and carries over two million passengers annually to beaches, work, restaurants, bars, stores, and ballgames.

With a route system that spans from Tarpon Springs to Downtown St. Petersburg, this area's trolley system is a combination of two separate non-profit corporations that operate the Jolley Trolley and the Downtown Looper, and two other trolley systems (the Suncoast Beach Trolley and the Central Avenue Trolley) that are both fully owned and operated by Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA). Together this transportation group works tirelessly for the betterment of the communities that they serve. Rosemary Windsor, Executive Director for the Jolley Trolley, summed it up best. "We enthusiastically support each other. That's how we all succeed."

You can hop on the Clearwater Jolley Trolley for a fun and unique way to see Clearwater Beach, Sand Key and the surrounding northern coastal towns including Downtown Clearwater, Dunedin, Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs. Introduced in 1982 with only two trolleys and a mission to help reduce the traffic congestion on Clearwater Beach, today's Jolley Trolley fleet now boasts of 27 vintage-style vehicles. The drivers are friendly and are always happy to point out local attractions, share fun facts, and recommend great local restaurants and bars. Windsor is extremely proud of their success with their ridership numbers noting that the Jolley Trolley system alone shuttled almost half a

million passengers in the past year. At first, their ridership was mainly tourist based, but that has changed over the years to where usage by residents is almost rivaling the tourist segment.

David Steding, of Island Estates, finds the Jolley Trolley to be a fun way to see the sights of the area without the hassle of driving. "We take the trolley a lot on weekends just to get around. When we have out of town visitors, they love riding the trolley. We're such big fans. I highly recommend the Jolley Trolley."

Heading south, you can board the PSTA operated Suncoast Beach Trolley at the Park Street Terminal in downtown Clearwater and travel through many of the beach towns along Gulf Boulevard. Along the way, there are stops at Island Estates, Clearwater Beach, Sand Key, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Redington Shores, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Madeira Beach, John's Pass Village, Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach. There is one noticeable gap to the beach stops along Gulf Boulevard at the city of Belleair Beach. Because Belleair Beach provides no tax payer funding to PSTA, the trolley rolls past this quaint beach community without stopping.

Khalilah Ferrell, a security guard at a Sand Key condominium, uses a combination of the Suncoast Trolley and PSTA buses regularly to get to her job. Ferrell says, "This is a great way for me to get from Largo to Sand Key. It's really easy, the drivers are nice, and they are always on time."

From St. Pete Beach, you can ride the PSTA's Central Avenue Trolley to Pass-a-Grill, and eventually end up at the St. Petersburg Pier Approach.

Once you arrive at the St. Petersburg Pier Approach, it's time to board

the Downtown Looper, which is the most efficient way to travel through St. Petersburg's downtown. Look for the bright red and yellow trolleys, hop aboard and connect to all the city's major museums and attractions. As you ride, enjoy a narration of the Downtown's highlights by knowledgeable drivers.

Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt, Director of Communications & Marketing for PSTA, summed it up best. "Our local trolley system is a great way to get around our gorgeous beaches, and beyond. It's a fun way to see and experience all that Pinellas County has to offer."

The most economical way to take advantage of the trolleys is to purchase a day pass for \$5. (\$2.50 for 65 and older) that is honored by the Jolley Trolley, the Suncoast Beach Trolley and the Central Avenue Trolley. Beginning October 7, there will be no charge to ride the Downtown Looper through St. Petersburg, and they will also be introducing an expanded schedule. Eric Carlson, Director of Transportation for the Downtown Looper said, "We are excited to be expanding the Looper service with longer hours that will make our system more attractive to downtown St. Petersburg residents and employees." Additionally, the Jolley Trolley and the Downtown Looper offer private trolley charter services. For more information on trolley charter services, go to their websites.

So, check out the Bay Coast's trolley system. It's a convenient and fun way to get around our towns. And all you have to do is sit back, relax, and enjoy the scenery. After all, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood."

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CASA AND HSN OPENING A CLOTHING SHOP INSIDE SHELTER, Aimed to Empower and Bring Confidence to Survivors who have Fled Domestic Violence

As CASA, Pinellas County's largest certified domestic violence support agency, prepared for October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, HSN Cares worked behind the scenes at CASA's shelter to create The First Impressions Boutique -- a clothing store stocked with HSN clothing, accessories, and under garments, that will provide survivors of domestic violence the hand up that they need to rebuild their lives and go back into the workforce.

"For many survivors of domestic violence, shopping in the HSN First Impressions Boutique will be the first clothing choice they are able to make separate from the control of an abuser," said Lariana Forsythe, CASA CEO. "HSN Cares has been a tremendous partner to CASA and we hope HSN's impact can serve as an example for other community members to find unique and creative ways to get involved."

HSN Cares is dedicated to empowering women and helping families in times of need locally, nationally and globally. Earlier this year HSN Cares offered the HSN Outlet and Emplorium store managers the opportunity to vote between three local organizations that empower women and help families in times of need. The vote was unanimous in favor of CASA, Community Action Stops Abuse. The HSN Outlet and Emplorium stores began a month-long fundraiser that, coupled with a corporate donation, generated in \$50,000 in support of CASA.

"The First Impressions Boutique truly embodies the mission of HSN Cares, which is to empower women and help families in times of need," said Andrea Masterson, HSN Cares. "The Boutique not only provided us with an opportunity to give back to our local community, but it allowed us to leverage many of our talented employees."

The HSN Cares relationship with CASA united our colleagues in support of a cause that we are all passionate about through the creation of HSN Cares First Impressions Boutique at CASA. The goal was to create a boutique with new clothing donated by HSN for the women who are staying at the shelter to wear on interviews, ect., to ensure they have something new to wear that is appropriate for getting back into the workforce.

The ribbon cutting of the boutique took place -n September. The end result was the product of months of work by HSN employees. From HSN employees coming together to first raise the funds that it would take to bring the boutique to life, to the creative and sets teams working together to build out a beautiful boutique on site at CASA and the merchandising teams assorting a collection of items that residents can shop- at no cost to them- for apparel to wear to job interviews, it took a village.

ABOUT CASA - CASA provides safety, empowerment and prevention programs to end domestic violence. It is the 501c3 certified domestic violence center based in southern Pinellas County. CASA operates the area's 24-hour hotline and emergency shelter, non-residential programs such as support groups, economic empowerment and legal advocacy, Child Protective Investigative Team support and community and corporate training. In addition, CASA's Peacemakers teach anti-bullying and healthy relationship curriculum to thousands of children each year in the Pinellas County school system.



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NEW OWNERS AT MARKET ON ISLAND ESTATES
The neighborhood convenience store on Island Estates, ABM Mini Mart and Deli, was sold in over the

summer. The new owners, Savannah Aguilar and Alex Escobar, are changing the name to The Island Market at Island Estates. They both have a background in the restaurant business and plan to bring many changes to the small store.

They are making more room inside and out to add casual seating and will be adding many food items to the menu especially for breakfast. The expanded deli now serves Boars Head meats. Naturally they still sell beer, wine, cigarettes and Lotto, but there are plans to upgrade the wine selection. They plan to host wine tastings and other events. Find The Island Market at 280 Windward Passage, near the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

BEACH ISLAND GROUP OPENING SOON The new Coldwell Banker building, located on Island Estates near Publix, will be ready to open in November, says owner/broker Michelle Chenault. It is called Beach Island Group because there are almost a dozen co-partners in the project. The building is being offered to local business people to use as a common office space for meetings. It is also available to Island Estates clubs and associations for their monthly meetings. Joanne Hiller, the building's former owner, is involved with the new Island Group. For more information, please call Michelle Chenault direct at 481-5700.

JANNA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY Come celebrate their 25th Red Carpet Anniversary Sale, where the winner is you! You will select the sealed winning envelope for your savings. Thursday November 8, 2018, 4 to 8pm. Refreshments will be served. While Janna's is 25, owner Lisa Hammock purchased it in January of 2017. She looks forward to seeing you on the Red Carpet. Janna's is located in Belleair Bluffs at 268 Indian Rocks Road North. Call 584-9222 for more information.

NEW HOTEL COMING SOON

The Sea Captain Hotel, just east of the Pier 60 Hotel was torn down in September to make way for another, more modern hotel. Clearwater Beach resident Jeff



Keierleber, who owns Pier 60 Motel, bought the Sea Captain a few years ago and is building the new hotel overlooking the Marina. Keierleber also owns the Clearwater Beach Holiday Inn, Edge, and Chart House, as well as several other Pinellas hotels. They are awaiting approval from the City of Clearwater before they announced details.

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PELICAN GOLF COURSE PROGRESS Work continues on the totally remodeled Belleair area golf club, now privately owned by the Doyle Family. "The Grill, Pro Shop and main Club House are progressing on schedule," says Johnny Patronis, Supervisor for Triton Building Group LLC. The project began 15 months ago in mid-July 2017 and is projected to open in the Spring of 2019. The golf course itself may allow play as early as December of this year, weather permitting. Memberships are invitation only.

PIRATE JONNY'S
Made by sailors in Clearwater, all of Pirate Jonny's products are blended to give you the taste of the Caribbean right on your BBQ or in your oven. Their rubs and seasonings are developed with unique high-quality Caribbean flavors including their Key Lime Chili, Cuban Mojo, Fajita, Peri Peri, and a Cajun seasoning, which took a 1st Place Scovie Awards.



Their sauces are created by using their award-winning rubs and seasonings to create high quality gourmet cooking barbecue and hot sauces without excessive salt or filler ingredients providing fresh all-natural flavors for daily cooking. Pirate Jonny's, healthy and great for any type of cooking, is MSG, gluten and soy free, as well as low in sodium and NO high-fructose-corn-syrup.

The proof of their great taste is reflected in their numerous national awards from the National BBQ Association (Caribbean Rub - 2nd place in 2011), the Scovie Awards (Guava Girl - 2nd place 2015 and Garlic Island Sauce - placed) NBBQA - Awards of Excellence (Jamaican Jerk - 1st Place and Overall Category Winner 2012), National Hot Sauce Awards, and others.

Their products are available at: www.piratejonnys.com, Whole Foods, Sprouts Farmer's Markets, Lucky's Markets, Rollin Oats as well as a few Publix stores. Owners Jonathan and Terri Tone produce their rubs and sauces in Clearwater and enjoy their 32' sailboat whenever time allows. Jonathon was raised in St. Petersburg. Contact Terri at 1.866.402.0259.

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NEW STORE IN THE PLAZA Laura Katz has been in Antique Alley for the last three and half years. In September, she opened LaLa's in The Plaza. The store, named for her mother, carries home furnishings and décor, along

with original art, gifts, jewelry and a full line of Dash and Albert Rugs. Find Larua in the old Moda's storefront or call her at 727-240-1200.

BELLA VINO'S 13TH ANNUAL GRAND TASTING

Tiny Bubbles and Big Red's 13th Annual Grand Tasting is Pinellas County's top wine tasting event and features a dazzling array of some of the world's finest champagnes, sparkling wines and "BIG reds." Set in the historic Belleair Country Club ballroom, Friday, December 7th, from 5:30 to 8 pm guests will enjoy an extraordinary evening complete with live music, and culinary delights including a massive artisan cheese display.

This evening includes over 100 different wines to sample from world renowned producers of Champagne and big reds. To help with your holiday wine shopping, representatives from Bella Vino Wine & Cheese Market as well as wine stewards from top distributors and suppliers will be on hand to take orders. Guests from prior tastings know the pricing offered at this tasting is a savings event by itself.

Complimenting the wines will be a full ensemble of award-winning cheeses from around the world as well as culinary bites in "tasting stations" throughout the event.

Tickets to the bash are \$95 and must be purchased in advance at Bella Vino Wine Market (727-584-5552 or BellaVinoWineMarket.com). This event usually sells out weeks in advance - don't delay - only 150 tickets are printed. Contact Brian@BellaVinoWineMarket.com.

F45 TRAINING

This new high intensity fitness studio opened east of Belleair Bluffs at 2715 East Bay Drive. F45 Fit Family members receive one-on-one functional full body training in a high-energy group environment for certified personal trainers. Every day, they offer a different 45-minute themed workout. No two workouts are ever the same.

F45 TRAINING is owned by Belleair Bluffs residents Nathan and Carrie Temple. Visit F45Training.com/LargoEast or call 362-6408. Mention this newsletter to get a free two-week trial.

MOVED TO THE ALLEY

Chloe's Home Décor, previously on West Bay, moved to Antique Alley. The new space is smaller, so she is downsizing her inventory to match. Find her on the left side of the Alley and on FaceBook

PURE LIFE SPONSORS EVENT

Pure Life Medi-Spa of Largo was the proud sponsor of *Hand In The Sand Concert* at Clearwater Beach's Grand Wyndham Resort in September. The fund-raiser was for Julie Weintraub's Hands Across The Bay Foundation. The concert featured Chloe Lowery, a powerful female vocalist from New York, who grew up in Harbor Bluffs.

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SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

They are a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving life on Sand Key by researching issues, distributing information and representing members' views and positions. They participate in The Barrier Island Government Council, The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Assn., and maintains contact with city/state departments impacting Sand Key.

This month, three board members attended the three-day Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association annual conference held at the Clearwater Beach Hyatt. They are also partnering with the Clearwater Community Sailing Center to help support their fall fund-raiser.

Meetings are (normally) held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, Clearwater Community Sailing Center and are open to all residents of member condominiums and businesses. Next meeting is November 7th. E-mail President Brian Pelfrey at skcainc@aol.com for information.

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Members are Island Estates residents and business owners, with a mission to promote the safety, welfare, spirit, and unique lifestyle of the Island Estates community. They meet monthly on the second Monday.

Howl-O-Fun, October 31 (5-7pm) This is a new format this year. Bring your two and four legged kids in their Halloween costumes for a pre-trick-or-treat event. See web site for details.

Causeway cleanup, November 3 (8am) Report to the entrance of Island Way near Island Way Grill.

Annual Meeting, November 13 (7pm)

Winter Social, December 4 (5:30pm) This is one of their best events. Join them for dinner and meet some of your neighbors. Island Way Grill. Please RSVP.

Waterside Holiday Lighting Contest - Once again, they will sponsor this home contest for homes that face the water and the street. The waterside contest has a prize of \$750. See the web site for details.

They need you as a new board members! They have a few openings for the 2019 year. Submit your name to Don Ewing, the nominating chair. It is also time to renew your membership for 2019. The cost of membership is \$50 per year. With that you get discounts at dozens of nearby businesses and Free Admission to the Spring and Winter Socials. If you live on Island Estates, visit www.MyIslandEstates.org/Membership.

For information, contact President Mike Anderson 777-2787, President@MyIslandEstates.org, or visit myislandestates.org.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Clearwater Woman's Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The volunteer service club was established more than 40 years ago. General Meetings are held the third Tuesdays of each month, at 11am, at the Clearwater Downtown Library. For more information about the club, contact Martha Hickey at 813-765-6219.

CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Chapel By-The-Sea, except during the summer. The next meetings are November 6 and December 4. Christmas Caroling is scheduled for December 12 starting at the Chapel by the Sea. There will no caroling at Mandalay Park this year.

Contact Beth Prast at esphome@yahoo.com or David MacNamee DMacNav@TampaBay.RR.com, or visit ClearwaterBeachAssoc.com for information.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Clearwater Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday at the Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Avenue at 11:30 to socialize. Lunch begins at noon. Their programs normally pertain to the Constitution or Revolutionary history. New members and guests are always welcome. Call Jim Phillips at 447-1616 or email to JPhillips1936@icloud.com.

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Their Annual Fall Fish Fry will be held Saturday, November 10 at the Ross Norton Park Recreation Center from 11am to 1pm. Adults are \$12, and children are \$6. Plan to visit the nearby Plumb House to be open that day.

They have a new board and Allison Dolan is the new president for 2018-19.

For information on tours, call 709-5540 or email Bill Wallace at WallaceWD@Juno.com. For more information, visit ClearwaterHistoricalSociety.org or email them at clearwaterhistory@gmail.com.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DAR is celebrating their 128th Anniversary this year. The Clearwater Chapter meets monthly on varying dates at the Belleair Country Club. Social hour begins at 11am followed by lunch at 11:30am. Everyone is invited to join.

RSVP for meetings with Diane Richardson at 871-9773 or BradSkate@AOL.com. Contact Cathy Athanson at 510-7135 or Dubinwv41@Gmail.com for more information.

CLEARWATER BEACH ROTARY

They meet at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Please visit ClearwaterBeachRotary.com for more information and dates. They recently provided a \$5,000 grant to the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. To join, please call Sharon Skinner at 515-1532.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

The Island Estates Yacht Club is a social club on Island Estates. They have various social events throughout the year. New members are always welcome.

They are planning the big Island Estates Holiday Boat Parade on December 8th, beginning at dark. It is not too late to enter your boat. They need volunteers too. Contact Fleet Captain Paul Lightfoot to get involved.

Contact Jean Sanders, Commodore 2018, to join or for more information at 461-3949 or EmmaJean.Sanders@Gmail.com.

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN'S CLUB

They meet monthly from September-May. Socials include lunch with guest speakers, entertainment, fund-raisers, field trips and happy hours. Lunch reservations are required.

November 13: This lunch meeting will be held at Edge Hotel on South Beach. Call Linda Dorn (808-2255) to RSVP.

Cooperation, Congeniality and Companionship are the goals of this organization. Membership is \$21 per year. To join, visit www.islandstateswomensclub.org and or call Membership Chairperson, Joan Landreth, at 812-8078. For additional information and questions, feel free to call Club president, Lynne McCaskill, at 430-1911. www.islandstateswomensclub.org.

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 short program. Members are retired active duty Military Officers, their spouses or widows. To RSVP, or to consider joining, call LTC. George Smith at 786-5578.

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FRIENDS OF THE BEACH REC CENTER & LIBRARY

Friends sponsor monthly presentations on the area's history. These presentations will be on the second Wednesday of the month. They begin at 5:30pm. The next one is November 14 when Terry Fortner, granddaughter to author Myrtle Scharrer Betz, will speak about Caladesi Island and the book "Yester Year, I lived in Paradise."

The Friends of Clearwater Beach, Library, Recreation Center and Pool meet the third Tuesdays at the Rec Center. Contact President Linda Owens at 260-894-0270 or the Library at 562-4970, or email at FriendsOfClearwaterBeach@gmail.com.

NEWCOMER CLUB

You do not have to be new to the area to join this club. But if you are—this club is for you. This is a social club to help relocated residents, and others in the area, develop new friends. The ladies meet monthly at different locations for lunch with guest speakers. Leisure activities include two book clubs, card groups, dining out, lunch groups, Mahjong, craft groups and trips to various venues and activities.

Mary Petrovich is the current President. Please RSVP with Ginny by calling 365-3493 or Mary Jane at 352-263-5518. Visit WelcomeNewComerClub.com.

BELLEAIR BEACH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

November 13th they will meet at the Clearwater Yacht Club.

Their December 11th meeting will be held at the Belleair Country Club with Patchington's Annual Fashion Show.

They meet on the second Tuesday of the month, October - May, at area restaurants. You do not have to live in Belleair Beach to join. Membership is open to area residents at \$15 a year. RSVP for lunch with Sue Edmunds at 596-5710.

CLEARWATER GARDEN CLUB

October 20: Kathy Thomas will present "Art In Bloom."

November 17: Floral Design Demonstrations ("Tablescapes").

Meetings are \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members. They meet twice a month in Clearwater at 405 Seminole Street. Meetings cost \$5 for members, \$8 non-members. They hold demonstrations on the third Saturday each month. Call 316-5504 email ClearwaterGardenClub@Gmail.com or visit ClearwaterGardenClub.org, for information.

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

They closed in August for a short time to undergo a refurbishing of the dining room. If you haven't seen it, stop by and check out the new dance floor, ship store and paint colors.

Preparations are underway for the Annual Halloween Party on October 27th. This is always one of the best parties of the year.

Their annual membership meeting is November 10.

Chartered in 1911, Clearwater Yacht Club is one of the oldest Yacht Clubs in the country, continuing the long-standing tradition of yachtsmen the world over. It has a reputation of being the friendliest club in the area.

Even if you don't have a boat, you can join the Clearwater Yacht Club. Half of their members don't have a boat. Most social activities are regular parties in their restaurant or at the waterfront Tiki-Bar and patio. Email office@clearwateryachtclub.org or call 727-447-6000 for membership information.

ST BRENDAN'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

This group of women meet the first Tuesday of each month at the church and other places. Annual dues are \$15. To learn more about this faith based organization, contact Mary Ellen Kilbane at MEKilbane@aol.com or call the Church, 727-443-5485.

Organizational News...

BELLEAIR SOCIAL CLUB

They meet at 9am every Tuesday in the back of Panera Bread for coffee and socializing. They also meet for dinner at different restaurants on the first and third Sundays, and for lunch on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month.

This organization is open to all seniors, living in the greater Belleair area. There are no dues and couples are encouraged to join the fun. Call Marilyn Daminato, 585-9633.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

They meet at the Belleair Garden Club at 903 Ponce de Leon Blvd in the Town of Belleair on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. The first Wednesday meetings are a tea and general meeting. There will also be field trips planned throughout the year.

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

BELLEAIR BEACH ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

They meet once a month at various locations. The next meetings are October 17, November 14 and December 14.

The October meeting will be at the Belleair Beach Community Center and will feature a program by Nan Jensen on "Spices and Herbs". The meeting starts at 10:30am and will have a catered lunch.

Membership is \$20 per year and guests are welcome. Contact Marjorie Rose at 238-8691 or email at RoseMarjorie38@Yahoo.com President Mary Carey, can be reached at 596-5981 or email at MLCKC@aol.com for more information about the Club.

BELLEAIR REC CENTER

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING

Once again, The Town of Belleair is adopting 40 families this Thanksgiving holiday. Help them by donating non-perishable goods and household items or cash. \$100 adopts an entire family. Donations will be accepted November 1-16. Visit BelleairRec.com, or call 518-3728 for more information.

CLEARWATER'S COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

Submitted by Anne Garris

Among the people showing up at the Clearwater's Community Sailing Center in the next few weeks will be Windsurfers from all over, and youngsters facing life minus an arm or a leg, as well as Catamaran sailors challenging each other for a regional championship. Along with this, the Center will still be offering sailing, windsurfing, paddle board and kayaking opportunities for any who wander in, seeking adventures on the water.

From October 24 to 30th, the Center will host over 100 sailors for the World Championship Windsurfing Regatta which will make great viewing from the Deck or Balcony of the Sailing Center, or, along the beach from Sand Key to Pier 60, on Clearwater Beach.

The F-16 National Catamaran Regatta with participants from "all over" will be competing out of the Clearwater facility from October 29 to November 2. And, thanks to recent volunteer hard work by Center members in the "storage area," The two overlapping regatta's each have their on launching area.

These events will be followed by the unbelievable "Never Say Never" Pirates sailing camp where waterfront adventures encourage young people who are missing an arm or leg, and give them an opportunity to see that they are not alone.

Membership in the Sailing Center, which is located at 1001 Gulf Boulevard on Sand Key, is \$400 a year, \$525 for a family. For non-members, rental of the water craft is available.

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AMENDMENT 1—TAKE TIME TO LEARN MORE BEFORE YOU GO TO THE POLLS

By Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner

This fall, Florida voters will decide on a constitutional amendment that will have a major impact on local communities across the state. Amendment 1 would add another homestead property tax exemption for some homeowners, but it's important to understand who would actually qualify for this exemption and the larger effect it would have on local government's ability to provide essential local services.

Amendment 1 would add a third homestead exemption on property taxes that would apply to a certain group of homeowners. This group would get up to an additional \$25,000 exemption on their home's assessed property value.

For primary residences, assessed value is typically much lower than your home's market value, as there is a cap in place that limits how much your assessed value can go up each year.

Amendment 1 would apply to homestead properties by exempting only the assessed value between \$100,000 and \$125,000 for all property taxes other than schools. If approved by voters on Nov. 6, the new exemption would take effect on Jan. 1, 2019. The referendum requires 60% voter approval statewide to pass.

In Florida, state government is primarily supported by the sales tax, whereas, your county and city governments rely on property taxes to deliver most local services.

So, if you live in Pinellas County, what impact would Amendment 1 have on you? Two out of three homes would not be eligible for the extra homestead exemption. If your home's assessed value does not exceed \$100,000, or if you have a second

home that doesn't qualify for homestead exemption, you get no additional exemption.

In addition, businesses and renters are not eligible as neither qualify for the homestead exemption.

Pinellas County, city governments and special districts, such as the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority or the Juvenile Welfare Board, would lose a projected \$42.5 million a year starting in Fiscal Year 2020 if the proposed third homestead property tax exemption takes effect. These funds support a range of public services, including emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire districts, libraries, parks and much more.

Should Amendment 1 pass, the minority (one in three) who do qualify would receive a discount on their property taxes, but this discount would not apply to the majority of property owners. If the local millage rate goes up in the future – that is, the local property tax rate – the two in three homes that do not qualify would feel the heaviest tax burden because they are not receiving the additional tax discount.

The Pinellas County Property Appraiser has developed a statewide tool that you can use to see if you would qualify for the proposed third exemption. You can access the tool at www.pcpao.org.

You can learn more about Amendment 1 at www.pinellascounty.org/amendment1. You can also find a link to the Florida Division of Elections website with information on all statewide ballot initiatives.

As always, please send me any of your comments or concerns. You can email me at kseel@pinellascounty.org.

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55TH ANNUAL ART HARVEST

Junior League of Clearwater Dunedin's Art Harvest is celebrating 55 years of amazing art on Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th from 10 am to 5 pm. The event will be held at Highlander Park and the Dunedin Community Center located at 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin.

This popular event began 55 years ago as a small arts gathering, and has evolved into a highly respected juried show of high-quality art with balanced media involving over 200 artists. Art Harvest offers something for everyone. Adults can browse the artists' booths, and there is a children's pavilion providing an interactive art experience for children with arts and crafts projects related to the show's theme. As one of the largest autumn art shows in the Tampa Bay area, artists and patrons of the arts have found this event to be an enjoyable weekend affair.

This community tradition helps provide funding for the work that JLCD does each year. The Junior League of Clearwater Dunedin currently works to bring awareness and solutions to chronic hunger and poverty in northern Pinellas County. All proceeds from this event are used to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For more information please visit www.jlcd.org/art-harvest or their Facebook page at ArtHarvest.JLCD.

IT'S ALMOST BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU TIME!

Just past midnight on the third Thursday of each November, over a million cases of Beaujolais Nouveau begin their journey to Restaurants and Wine Retail Stores throughout the world. This amazing marketing phenomenon began in France's Beaujolais Region, just north of Lyon in the 1950's. A few growers in the area, notably Georges Duboeuf, recognized the potential for marketing Beaujolais Nouveau (initially as a cash flow concept), and prompted a race to Paris transporting the first bottles of the new vintage. This attracted much media coverage and the race spread throughout Europe, North America and Asia. "Beaujolais Nouveau Day" is always the third Thursday in November, so the wines are air-freighted to ensure they reach the global retail markets for availability to purchase and consume that day. Today, Beaujolais Nouveau accounts for nearly half of the regions total wine production.

Beaujolais [BOE-zjoh-lay] Nouveau is a light, simple, grapey, red wine produced from the Gamay grape that is meant to be consumed within the first 6 months of release, though in better vintages the wine will drink well for a year or so. It is different from most red wines as it does not go through a secondary (malolactic) fermentation. Because the only fermentation is whole cluster (or carbonic maceration), the wine does not take on the tannins or dark color of a wine made from pressed grapes. It is truly the "New" wine of the vintage.

Beaujolais Nouveau is a wine that you should drink slightly chilled and enjoy as a quaffing wine or with lighter cuisine. It is very popular on the Thanksgiving Day table, in part due to the release date, but also because it will pair well with turkey or even ham. This is not a wine for wine critics, so just enjoy it and don't over-analyze it! Most producers package the wine with colorful, artsy labels that sell for around \$12.00 per bottle.

When you see the colorful marketing signs in the window of your neighborhood wine store beginning November 15th, stop in and purchase a one or two and join the hype!

This year you will find the 2018 selections by Georges Duboeuf and Bouchard at Bella Vino Wine & Cheese Market, located at The Plaza 100 Shopping Center at 100 Indian Rocks Road North, next to E & E Stakeout Grill



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Full details, photos and owner contact information can be found on either the Boats.Com or the Boat Trader websites under "Back Cove 37 boats for sale / Clearwater, Florida"

For additional information call 727-420-1397

40 YEARS OF THE TURKEY TROT

By Larry Rogers

The Turkey Trot, sponsored by the West Florida Y Runners Club of Pinellas County, unofficially began in 1977 at Howard Park in Tarpon Springs. In 1979, it was held on Thanksgiving morning at the Clearwater Senior High School stadium, with 995 participating runners. In 1995, they hit a record of 10,217 participants. They added walkers to the mix of runners, and the numbers have continued to increase; to date they are consistently over 17,000.

It began with the 10K Trot run for the club. They added the 1 Mile Gobbler which enabled walkers and families to participate. In 1988, they decided to include the 5K Wingding, which is still the most popular. Since that time, they added the 4K Drumstick. The latest run to be added is The Clearwater Challenge which includes all three distances.

The West Florida Y Runners Club is still the owner of the Turkey Trot with an all-volunteer steering committee for the last 30 years. The Trot is considered one of the top three runs in Florida, and the largest in Pinellas County. At one point, it was one of the top twenty 5K races in the nation.

The City of Clearwater One is one of the race's major sponsors, and the race committee emphatically states they could not hold the race without their assistance in many areas. Morton Plant/Bay Care supplies many volunteers that have helped tremendously through the years with T-shirt distribution and race day registration. Many people have faithfully come every year to help.

The Turkey Trot is all about families of runners and walkers at all skill levels. There are generations of families that run together every year including great-grandparents with their great-grandchildren in strollers. All are out there having fun and finishing their races. Some even consider the Turkey Trot as a friends' reunion.

Turkey Trot is about all kinds of music which is provided by nine local groups along the three courses, including: country, bluegrass, bagpipes, jazz, and rock n' roll. Many consider the music to be one of the Trot's best features.

Turkey Trot is about giving. For many years, West Florida Y Runners Club gives college scholarships to area graduating seniors. They have given approximately \$100,000 each year to non-profit organizations that help families and children. They contribute to organizations that help single mothers and their children be removed from abusive situations and to a children's home. They donate to charities that help homeless persons, veterans, and families in desperate need. They collect canned and dry goods contributed by the participants to a community food bank. They do not publicize these charity groups names to protect them.

Turkey Trot is about many things, but the most important is to promote running and a healthy lifestyle, while having fun!

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE GARDEN

The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation 18th Annual "Holiday Lights in the Garden" event will begin on Friday, November 23, and end Sunday, December 30, 2018. It will be open each evening between 5:30 and 9:30pm, weather permitting. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 per person over the age of 13.

This is the Foundation's most significant philanthropic effort each year. Proceeds allow the continuation of the event the next year while providing substantial financial support to the Florida Botanical Gardens to fund events, maintenance, renovations and staffing.

The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation and the Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources Department look forward to sharing the beautiful lights displayed at the Florida Botanical Gardens with visitors from near and far. The Gardens will sparkle with more than 1 million, twinkling, colorful, LED lights of all shapes and sizes. Vibrant laser lights and lighted figures will wow guests of all ages as they stroll through the Gardens. Brand new for 2018 will be expanded pathways and displays following the newly opened Wetlands Walkway.

The Train Guys, will be back again for the opening weekend of the event and will have their trains in the Wedding Garden, surrounding the new holiday tree.

Each evening of the event includes fun, food, drinks, and ice cream from St Pete Concessions. Fun seasonal items for the kid in all of us will be available on the Botanical Bounty gift cart, located on the Main Plaza, while all types of seasonal gifts and décor will be available in the Botanical Bounty gift shop, located in the main building; both will be open nightly. Nightly entertainment provided by local volunteer talent including dancers and musicians performing a variety of music. Check the weekly Play Bill the schedule. Santa visits regularly through December 23, but be sure to call in advance in case he had to go back to the North Pole to handle an issue with the toy making. During the event, updates are available at the "Holiday Lights in the Gardens" Hotline: 727-582-5800.

Many of our light displays and lighted garden areas are sponsored by local businesses. The Foundation invites local businesses to show their support for this great family event by becoming sponsors. You can sponsor a display for a week all the way up to becoming our Title Sponsor. To sponsor, visit flbgfoundation.org or calling our office at (727) 582-2117.

The Gardens are handicapped accessible. Most walkways are paved: allowing access for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers. However, we do not have wheelchairs or scooters available. Well-behaved dogs that don't mind crowds are welcome, but we recommend avoiding weekends when the crowds are at maximum capacity. Parking, including handicapped parking, is available at our primary event entrance, at 12211 Walsingham Road. Additional parking will be available at our Ulmerton entrance, but is limited so come early or visit on non-peak days- primarily week nights.

The Annual Holiday Lights in the Gardens event depends upon the support of hundreds of volunteers as well as Pinellas County personnel, contractors and our FBG Foundation event sponsors, staff, members & volunteers. We work throughout the year to design and plan this winter wonderland. Volunteers provide administrative support, entertainment, greet visitors, collect donations, and manage the light displays. To volunteer, call the Foundation office or email flbgfoundation@gmail.com.

After the lights are put away for the year, we hope you return to the Gardens during the day to see their natural beauty. The Florida Botanical Gardens is located in Largo. For general information about the Florida Botanical Gardens call: (727) 582-2100 or visit www.flbgfoundation.org.

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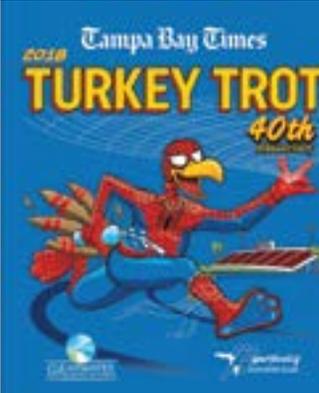
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Clearwater Challenge* - begins at 7 a.m. Do all three – 5K Wingding, 1 mile and 10K. *You receive 1 bib and 1 shirt. Chip timed.

Wingding - 5K begins at 7 a.m. Certified 3.1 mile course with one water station. FL-16064TX. Chip timed. You must wear the proper GREEN race number.

Gobbler - 1 mile begins at 8 a.m. A fitness run/walk. You must wear the proper BLUE race number.

Abe's Drumstick - 4K begins at 8:15 a.m. For walkers, joggers and strollers. You must wear the proper RED race number.

Turkey Trot - 10K begins at 8:45 a.m. Certified 6.2 mile course with three water stations. Course open for two hours after start. FL-16065TX. Chip timed. You must wear the proper WHITE race number.

Turkey Trot Kick-Off Party
Wednesday, Nov. 21, 5-7:30 p.m.
 Clearwater High School, 540 S. Hercules Ave. Enjoy a FREE evening of snacks, live music, and fun. Pick up race bibs and T-shirts. Purchase official Times Turkey Trot merchandise the night before the race.

- All races begin at Keene Road just south of Gulf to Bay Blvd. and end in Jack White Stadium at Clearwater High School.
- Race bibs and T-shirts can be picked up on Nov. 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21. See the Turkey Trot website for more details.
- Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place male and female winners in the Wingding and Turkey Trot in the Open, Master (40+ years of age) and Grand Master (50+ years of age) levels. Top finisher awards will go to the first 125 male and 125 female finishers of the 5K and 10K.
- Proceeds help support many local charities including the West Florida Y Runners Club Scholarship Programs.
- Bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to the stadium on race day or to the kick-off party. All collected foods will be donated to the RCS Food Bank.

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SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

- Oct. 19, 21, 23 St. Petersburg Opera**
 The Palladium’s Hough Hall, 253 5th Ave. N. Tickets/Info: www.stpeteopera.org/buy-tickets
- Oct 19 Florida Orchestra: Music of Queen Rock Concert**
 8 PM, Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. Tickets/Info: floridaorchestra.org
- Oct. 18 – 21 Tampa Bay Latin Film Festival (TBLFF)**
 Various Times, Sundial AMC, 151 2nd Ave. N. Tickets/Info: Tampabaylatinfilmfestival.com
- Oct. 20 The Florida Orchestra Pops in the Park**
 Vinoy Park, 4 pm Community performances; 7 pm The Florida Orchestra. Free Admission. Info: floridaorchestra.org
- Oct. 22 An Evening of Jazz – Al Downing**
 The Hangar Restaurant, Albert Whitted Airport, 540 1st St. SE Free Admission. Info: www.aldowningjazz.com/index.php
- Oct. 23 La Lucha!**
 5-8 PM, The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, 150 Central Avenue Tickets: \$10 (includes gallery access) Free for James Museum members Info: info@thejamesmuseum.org
- Oct. 24 Artful Wine Pairings Dinner Benefit**
 6 -9 PM, The Birchwood, 340 Beach Dr. NE, Tickets: \$200. Purchase online at www.stpeteartsalliance.org
- Oct. 25 Cabaret Benefit – Songs of Fred Astaire**
 8 PM Iberian Rooster Restaurant, 475 Central Ave. Tickets: \$25 – Purchase online at www.stpeteartsalliance.org
- Oct 25 Air-Earth-Fire-Water: Creative Collaboration**
 20-minute performances at 5:30 and 6:30 PM Museum of Fine Arts, Beach Drive Entrance Plaza Free Admission
- Oct. 25-27 Festival Pop-Up Performances**
 7:30 – 9:00 PM - Various locations TBA Free Performance
- Oct. 25-26 Work: Site – Dance at Work**
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- Oct. 26 AS IF! (American Stage Improv Festival)**
 8 PM, Side Door Cabaret @ The Palladium, 253 5th Ave. N. Tickets \$25, \$45 prime seats. mypalladium.org/box-office/
- Oct. 26, 28 Shakespeare – A Midsummer Night’s Dream**
 Williams Park - 7:30 PM, Contact: 727-895-6620, thestudioat620.org Free Admission
- Oct 27 St. Pete Shares the Stage! Dance St. Pete**
 8 PM, Palladium, 253 5th Ave. N. mypalladium.org/box-office/
- Oct 27 Movies In The Park – Halloween Movies!**
 6 PM, Williams Park, Free, facebook.com/CinemaSquatch/
- Oct. 27 Florida Orchestra: Evening at Bach’s Coffeehouse**
 8 PM, Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. floridaorchestra.org.
- Oct. 27 Take A Chance Dance Project**
 2 PM, Free, First Unity Spiritual Campus, 460 46th Ave N.
- Oct. 28 Orchestra Fuego Concert & Dance**
 6-9 PM, Manhattan Casino, 642 22nd Street S. \$25, stpeteartsalliance.org
- Oct. 28 Sunshine City, The Musical – Concert Version**
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Saturday Nov. 10, 2018 will mark the sixth year Chapel By The Sea has worked with Rise Against Hunger to provide meals to the needy. The organization provides pre-packaged dehydrated meals and life saving aid to countries around the world. This year 80 volunteers from the Chapel, local merchants and members of the community will gather to man funnel stations, scales, sealing machines and packing stations to ensure delivery of over 15,000 meals to desperate and needy families. Each completed meal packet contains enough vital nutrients and vitamins to sustain a family of six for one day.

Since its establishment in 1998, Rise Against Hunger has provided over 110,000,000 meals to starving people in numerous countries. Stephanie Sheffield, Project Coordinator, noted that, "One of the major keys to the success of the organization is the presence of 'boots on the ground' to monitor the shipment from the moment it leaves the U.S. through the port of arrival and ultimately, ensure that the meals get directly into the hands of the people in need."

Through donations Chapel By The Sea will raise \$4,400 to support the cost of raw materials and transportation to the designated country. The Chapel's 15,000 meals will be become part of a container shipment totaling 285,000 meals for a country to be designated on the basis of need. Pastor Rhonda Blevins stated, "The event last year was a huge success and all who participated, aging from 3 to 87, had a great time. Come and join us this year!"

All volunteers are welcome. For information contact Shari Maxwell at Chapel By The Sea 727-446-0430. Website: chapelbythesea.net.

SEASONAL RECLAIMED WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Seasonal reclaimed water restrictions went into effect on Monday, October 1st, and run through Friday, November 30. Due to supply fluctuation and the system design, north and south county customers are under different restriction schedules. In addition, enforcement of watering restrictions is being intensified during this period to encourage responsible use of reclaimed water.

North County customers may irrigate two days per week based on property address, according to this schedule:

- Addresses ending in an even number may water on Tuesday and/or Saturday.
- Addresses ending in an odd number may water on Wednesday and/or Sunday.
- Parcels with mixed or no address, such as common areas, may water on Wednesday and/or Sunday.

Watering is prohibited between 8 am and 4 pm on all authorized days.

Because irrigation is entirely prohibited on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in North County, the system will be shut down on these days, as needed for supply recovery.

Pinellas County Utilities reminds customers that reclaimed water is a limited resource due to water usage, fluctuations in weather and capacity of the system. Customer cooperation in following the watering schedule is critical as excessive demand may require further restrictions. Conservation is necessary to promote adequate supply that is shared by all customers. For more information about reclaimed water, visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/reclaim-irrigation.htm, or call Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service at (727)464-4000.

CLEARWATER'S HISTORY COMES TO LIFE IN JIM MORRISON BOOK

By Bird Stevens

Jim Morrison's Clearwater Then and Now... is a project that has taken me nearly 10 years to write. I was first introduced to the seductive poetry of Jim Morrison when I was 12 years old, listening intently in my bedroom to the hypnotic words of his "An American Prayer" album coming from my cassette player. Then I began a journey to learn everything I could about The Doors and the mysterious person behind the words I was listening to.

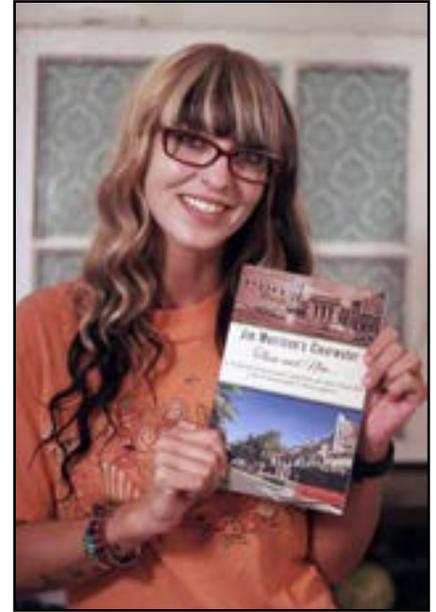
I began reading everything I could find and learned that Jim Morrison, the Lizard King, and the leader of The Doors, lived right here in Clearwater. He also attended the same college that I did. I started to wonder what life was like in Clearwater when he was here. What kind of things did he do for fun? How much has it changed? Thus, became the premise for my book. I contacted everyone that I could find that might have been around when Jim Morrison was here, and I found so many wonderful people that wanted to share their stories. As I started to delve into those stories, I began to realize that there is such a rich history here and that the city has changed tremendously since Jim lived here in the early 1960s. I decided that it would be important to include the history of this little town in my book, along with the stories of Jim Morrison's life here.

Yes, the book is about Jim Morrison living in Clearwater, FL. But it is also a trip down memory lane for the people that grew up here, remembering how things were in "the good ole days." Remnants of some of these 1960s hotspots can still be seen, while others have given way to the ever-changing city around us.

If you are a Doors fan, this book gives an excellent insight into the life of a young rock star that just so happened to have spent his formative years in the little town of Clearwater, FL.

As Bryan Gates, college roommate and friend of Jim Morrison said, "Writer and researcher, Bird Stevens, has located the places that probably always remained in Jim Morrison's heart. From conversations with Jim's early acquaintances, Stevens identified and visited many, and has written in detail about the places that Jim enjoyed and the places where Jim experienced his early losses and disappointments."

So journey with me from Jim's banishment from his parent's house in Virginia to a little frame house on the bank of Clearwater Harbor, through his peccadillo adventures in and around Clearwater, and off to Tallahassee.



So Who Was Jim Morrison?

James Douglas Morrison was born in Melbourne, FL on December 8, 1943. The son of a Naval Officer, Jim and his family moved around a lot. By the time he reached high school, Jim had attended school in more than 7 different states. Before graduating from George Washington High School in Alexandria, Virginia, Jim had grown tired of the military lifestyle and chafed at it, and his father often. After the school year was over, Naval officer Stephen Morrison had enough, and shipped Jim south to Clearwater to live with his paternal grandparents while he attended Saint Petersburg Junior College.

By an early age, Jim had not only read, but understood such writers as Blake, Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Nietzsche, Huxley, Sartre and others. He had also begun to perfect his own craft of writing. Friends throughout his childhood and early adulthood all remembered that he would carry around a notebook with him, writing down everything he was seeing and experiencing. The pages within these notebooks would later turn into poetry and songs for The Doors, the California rock band in which he fronted.

While in Clearwater, Jim lived just blocks away from the Francis Wilson Playhouse in downtown Clearwater. He was known to sit in the back of the theatre and watch the actors on stage during practice, and listen to the poetry

readings they hosted. He also discovered the Beaux Arts Coffee House in Pinellas Park and frequented the establishment. It is known that Jim would come, ukulele in tote, and recite his poetry at the open mics, while strumming randomly on the ukulele.

After two semesters at Saint Petersburg Junior College, Jim transferred to Florida State University in Tallahassee. While at FSU, Jim became interested in the film department. He took some art classes and participated in the school's small film department where he participated in a student film for the school. He also acted in the school's play of *The Dumb Waiter*.

Jim's interest in film and theatre grew, and he decided to transfer to UCLA. It was while he was attending UCLA that he met Ray Manzarek and The Doors were formed in 1965. Their debut album, *The Doors*, was released in 1967 and their most successful single, "Light My Fire" spent 3 weeks at number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Jim Morrison died at age 27 in Paris. No autopsy was performed, and the cause of his death is unknown.

Jim Morrison's Clearwater Then and Now... is available on Amazon.com or can be bought locally by contacting the author at: jimmorrisonclearwater@outlook.com.

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