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## Remembering Dale's Bar

By Bob Griffin

Indian Rocks Beach is a city with two dozen restaurants and most of them have a bar. That wasn't always the case. Before World War II, if you wanted a drink in Indian Rocks, you probably went to Dale's.

Dale's Bar and Liquor Store, located at 353 Gulf Blvd., was a local's bar - one of only a few in town. Billed as a cocktail lounge, the bar also had an attached liquor store.

Dale Mosier bought the land and opened Dale's Bar in about 1935 on the site of today's CVS store. Down the block, there was no Walsingham Road, that road was called Hull Street and was only a few blocks long, ending at the water - there was no bridge yet.

According to the 1940 US Census, the area's population was approximately 600. Today it is around 4,500.

Dale and George Klotz, one of the bar's longtime bartenders, ran the bar and Wayne Liggett (shown to the right) ran the package store.



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Mike Jenney, a local mural painter has been painting walls around our area for over 30 years. You will find his creations inside and out many local homes and businesses.

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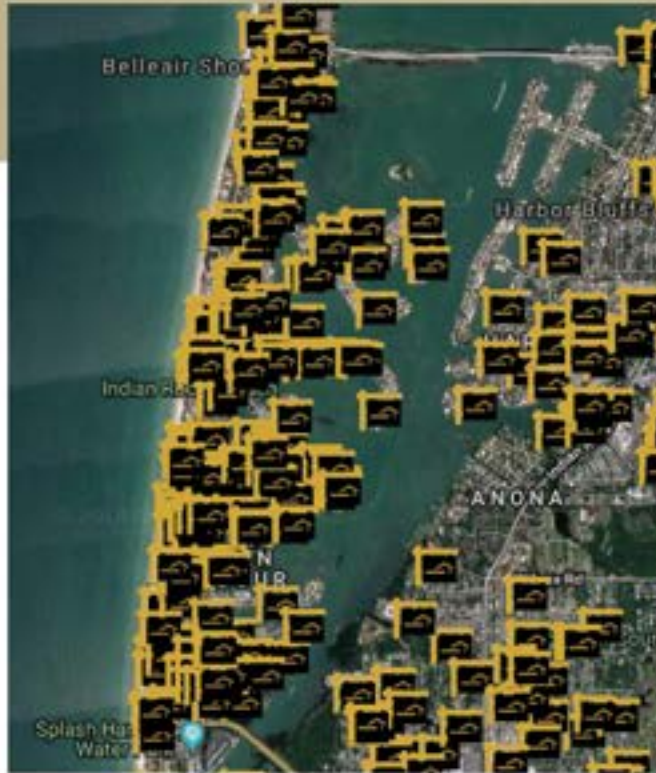
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**FIFTEEN YEARS - 300 ISSUES!** As of May 1st, we have been publishing Neighbor News Magazines for fifteen years. This is our 300th issue overall in four different markets (86 have been in Indian Rocks Beach). That is a lot of history and news - business, restaurants, and organizations - and a lot of story writing.

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**SEA TURTLES ARE NESTING** The 2020 sea turtle nesting season is in full swing and turtle nests are all along our beaches. Three of the world's seven sea turtle species, choose to lay their eggs in Pinellas County.



Human impact is a major contributor to the success of sea turtle nesting. You can help in a few small ways:

**Reduce beach obstructions:** Knock down sandcastles, fill in holes, remove trash discouraging scavenger species who eat the trash and baby sea turtles, remove chairs, tents, umbrellas, and sand toys

**Reduce light pollution:** When at the beach, turn off your lights and don't use flashlights. If you live at the beach, change your residential external light source to a sea turtle friendly option and close your blinds at night.

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**CANVAS WITH A CAUSE**

The Plein Air Cottage Artists' passion and dedication came to the attention of Roxanne Mannello, a final year film producing graduate of St. Pete's College and WEDU. Mannello lived at Indian Rocks Beach and still returns frequently. After seeing Mary Rose Holmes and Helen Tilston painting and recording Indian Rocks Beach on canvas, she had a vision of a documentary that led to *Canvas With a Cause*. Their dedication, vision and involvement with the community and residents will be told on WEDU through that documentary filmed in February and March. The documentary *Canvas with a Cause* will air on WEDU this Fall.



**CITY WANTS YOU TO KNOW** Per City ordinance, except on collection days, trash and recycle carts must be concealed from public view from the street. Carts must be kept in one's back or side yards, carport and/or garage or concealed by fencing, shrubs or hedges.

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**SALES TAX FREE DAYS** Yes, school has barely ended and some people are already planning the start of the next year. Sales Tax Free School Supply days are August 7-9 this year. Check your local stores as many will be running specials that week, to help you save even more.

**AUGUST ELECTION** In August, Florida will hold a Primary Election. The Ballot will include state and local officials and Circuit Judges. The following dates are important: Deadline to register to vote - July 20; Last day to request a Mail In ballot - August 8; Early voting August 8 - August 16; Election day - August 18.



This will be the first election overseen by our newly appointed Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, Julie Marcus. She replaced Debroah Clark who retired in March after 42 years.

Get information about registering to vote at [VotePinellas.com](http://VotePinellas.com).

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# AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION FOR HURRICANE SEASON 2020

By Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner

Benjamin Franklin was quite the wise man. In 1736, he famously penned "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" as an advisory to Philadelphians to prevent the many house fires of the era. Those few words neatly sum up the notion that it is far easier and better to stop a problem from happening than to stop or correct it after it has started.

Although we can't avoid natural disasters like hurricanes, we can reduce their negative impacts by preparing as much as possible, especially in the era of COVID-19. Knowing what you can do today, before the danger is near, is the key.

As always, having a personal preparedness plan in place is essential, but since things have changed over the last few months, you may now need to revise your plan.

The best place to start a plan or make sure your plan is up-to-date is to download Pinellas County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide - [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/allhazardguide.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/allhazardguide.htm). The guide has everything you need to customize your family's preparedness plan, including tips to deal with the still-present danger of COVID-19.

One of the first things you will need to know is your evacuation level and if you will need to evacuate. During a storm, it is essential that people shelter in structures that are built to withstand the winds and are outside of the risk of storm surge. If you do have to evacuate, this year more than ever, consider staying with family or friends, in a hotel or motel, or, as a last resort, at a public shelter. If you don't have to evacuate and know someone who does, consider asking them to stay with your family during the storm. By doing that, you are helping create as much space as possible in our public shelters to maintain social distancing for those

with no other option.

Staying informed this year is very critical, as well. COVID-19 has presented many challenges that Pinellas County has had to adjust plans for, and new information emerges all the time. To help maintain social distancing, the Emergency Management team is currently updating the Pinellas hurricane shelter list to increase the amount of space allowed for each person or family. There may also be additional locations made available, known as non-congregant sites, and they are working through the details of this planning in conjunction with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management. Please continue to check Emergency Management's website at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency) for updates.

Whether you evacuate or shelter in place you will need a hurricane kit. This year, we encourage everyone to add masks, hand sanitizer and wipes to their kit, especially if you will be sheltering with people from outside of your normal household.

Make sure you, and all of your family members, are signed up to receive emergency notifications from Alert Pinellas, that the settings to receive text notifications are activated, and that you keep your phones charged, on and nearby. Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas](http://www.pinellascounty.org/alertpinellas) to sign up.

In addition, the Ready Pinellas mobile app can help you complete your preparations with a personalized plan, checklist and helpful links. Ready Pinellas is available on Google Play or at the Apple App Store.

As you can see, putting in place an "ounce of prevention" this hurricane season will, no doubt, help you avoid that "pound of cure" Franklin warned about so long ago. Be safe and well.

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Dale, Earlene, and daughter at Dale's Bar 1956

**DALE'S BAR, continued**

"Wayne was my dad," says C.J. Geissler. "Back in the 1960s, we lived in Belleair Beach. Gulf Blvd was a poorly paved one-lane road. He managed the north side, the package store. That is where he met my mom, Mary Elizabeth."

The bar did not have food - just booze. There was a back room with a pool table and a dance floor. They had a juke box and sometimes there was live music - usually one person with a guitar. They also had one of those sawdust shuffleboard games.

In the late 1970s, longtime city resident Mike McLaughlin used to be a salesman for Tampa Wholesale Liquor. "I used to sell them beer and wine," Mike remembers. "My territory was from Indian Rocks south to Pass-A-Grille. Dale's was my first stop each week. The only other liquor store in town was AJ's on Gulf Blvd at 15th Avenue just north of where the Red Lion is."

"I remember Dale's," says longtime resident Hank Johnson. It was a very lively place. That intersection had a lot of action. There was "The Mombo Club" (later Blue Lagoon, now Crabby Bill's) across the street to the north. There was a beach supply store called "Plotner's" across the street to the west."

During the 1950s and '60s, Dale Mosier and his family lived in Belleair Beach between 5th and 6th Streets. One of his daughters was Dalene Mosier.

"We lived just up the road from Dale," says Dalene. "Back then I went to Anona Elementary and later Seminole High School. My mother Earlene was Dale's second wife."

When Dale died in 1972, Earlene continued to run the bar for another ten years with the help of her brother and sister.

By 1980, Indian Rocks was a much larger city with a population of about 3,700. In 1983, the Eckerd Drug Corporation wanted to build a store on the beach and made Earlene an offer - about \$354,000, according to real estate records. She agreed and the bar was torn down and an Eckerd Drug Store was built in its place.

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by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group

In the previous two articles, we covered Death and Dementia. Now the third "D" – Divorce. Regardless of how long a couple has been married; divorce comes with emotional, physical and financial issues that are rarely easily resolved.



While you want to look for an experienced divorce attorney, try to avoid those that have a reputation as being combative. The longer it drags on, the more you end up paying. You might want to consider collaborative divorce, or perhaps mediation. Do not try to hide assets. Be truthful and flexible. While you might be mad at your spouse, trying to stick it to the spouse only makes the difficult conversations harder and adds to your stress. Consider hiring other advisors like a financial planner, mental health professional and/or a CPA.

Start with a net worth statement to understand the assets and liabilities. How are the assets titled? Not all assets show up in the net worth, i.e. term life and disability income insurance, future pensions, etc. Look back through all financial transactions over the past several years to see if there were any unusual transfers of money. Cancel credit cards in joint name and get new ones just in your name. However, you cannot get out of joint debt like a mortgage. Also, set up bank and investment accounts in your name.

In dividing assets, be aware that it might be equal, but is it equitable? Consider not just the value of the assets, but tax implications. Are the assets potentially non-taxable like cash, artwork, jewelry, etc. or taxable at either capital gain or ordinary income rates? What is the trade-off of giving up more assets to avoid greater alimony?

What are the living expenses and income expected after the divorce? In short, do a budget. Your financial planner can help with a written financial plan. How will health insurance, child support and educational costs be paid? What Social Security benefits might be available in retirement from the former spouse?

Complete a new set of legal documents with your estate-planning attorney and do not forget to change the beneficiary on insurance policies, annuities and retirement programs.

It is impossible to cover all of the unique issues in this article. Assemble a team of professionals to help guide you. Start by taking advantage of our one-hour complimentary consultation.

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## FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

Burglary is one of the most invasive forms of crime. Whether someone breaks into your vehicle or home, burglary leaves the victim feeling violated and outraged. Pinellas County citizens can take a few moments to prevent becoming a victim. In 2019, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office responded to more than 1,600 vehicle burglaries, most of which with no forced entry. Vehicles are easy targets because they often contain valuable items like laptops, store purchases, firearms, purses, and cell phones. Likewise, empty homes are often targeted. Out of the 712 residential burglaries the sheriff's office responded to in 2019, 294 had an unlocked door, an ajar door, or no forced entry.

Sometimes the damage inflicted isn't just financial or emotional. A stolen firearm can bring harm to the community. In 2013, 23-year-old Marco Antonio Parilla, Jr., shot and killed Tarpon Springs Police Officer Charles Kondek with a gun he had stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

Here are four key tips to prevent becoming a victim of theft.

1. **Lock Your Doors:** Not only does this not cost you any money, it also takes just a few seconds. Regardless of whether you are in a rush or think you are in a safe area, there is never a good excuse to leave your vehicle or home unlocked.
2. **Conceal Valuables:** In addition to locking your vehicle's doors, conceal valuables in the trunk. In the home, always lock away or hide firearms. Keep shades drawn when not home to prevent thieves from peering in and planning to commit a crime.
3. **Use an Alarm:** An alarm system in your home or vehicle will scare away criminals before they can take anything. A home alarm system can also alert law enforcement immediately so officers can respond quickly. The Sheriff's Alarm Registration Program (SHARP) created in 2009 requires home and business owners to register their alarm systems with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Subscribers of SHARP receive warnings for the first two false alarms. For details and instructions visit [www.pcsoweb.com/program-services/alarm-registration](http://www.pcsoweb.com/program-services/alarm-registration).
4. **Assess Your Environment:** There is a reason most criminals work under the cover of night. The easier it is to hide their presence, the faster they can get away unnoticed. Park your vehicle in a well-lit or public area. Do an inspection of your home and take note of any areas where a burglar could hide. Install flood lights around the perimeter of your house so you or neighbors can see suspicious individuals on your property. Following these tips will help protect yourself, your belongings, and your community. Safety starts with you. Lock your doors and take precautions so you don't become a victim of a crime.

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# Real Estate News

## **RESILIENCY OF IRB REAL ESTATE** **Takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'**

By Gordon Obarski, Real Estate Broker Gordon Realty House



A thriving economy is the best insurance policy for when a crisis hits. An estimated 15% of businesses nationally will close as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown. In Florida, where the economy was booming, that percentage is 10%. When almost 47% of U.S. companies reported layoffs, just 32% of Florida businesses made reductions. While none of these stats are celebratory, Florida's are at least the best of the worst.

Fortunately, IRB real estate came into 2020 way ahead of the game, too. January posted nearly double the transactions of the previous January while February was flat year to year. But, I'd be blowing smoke if I didn't admit IRB home sales fell off the COVID cliff in March and tumbled into the abyss in April & May. Last year, there were 65 total transactions March-May but only 30 during the same three months in 2020. That's a 54% drop during three otherwise productive months--mid-pandemic.

However, if the first half of June is any indication, the freefall has paused in mid-air, giving our market at least a fighting chance of regaining some of the ground it lost. Up. Flat. Down. Forget-about-it. Stable. Factor all those schizophrenic trends together to get a market that, by mid-June, was 33.3% off from last year in terms of units sold.

**THE BIG NEWS:** Even in the face of a pandemic and a shutdown, IRB's median sales price for transactions under \$1 million **INCREASED** another 8% so far this year. Last year (2019), 1/1-6/17, there were 8 "big-ticket" sales over \$1 million dollars—with 2 of the 8 "biggies" selling for over \$2 million. During the same time period this year (2020), only 4 sales were over \$1 million with no reported sales over \$2 million.

Also, look for some new trends to emerge from the ashes. Like "bigger-better" giving way to a simpler, healthier and more laid-back beach lifestyle. Corporate execs, who gained experience working remotely, are now "beach buyers in training," since the commute is no longer a stumbling block. In addition, a greater emphasis on outdoor living areas makes deck and patio fix-up dollars a great return on investment.

The greatest risk to IRB real estate going forward: Uncertainty. No one is sure what "the new normal" will look like or how it will impact the emotional well-being and the wallets of homebuyers and sellers. Optimistically, it's best to view the "lost COVID months" as a shifting of our normal real estate sales cycle and gear up now for what we hope is merely a delayed season. One thing that hasn't changed: More sellers are still needed to meet buyer demand, which will keep prices from losing ground.

IRB real estate is like a Timex watch. According to John Cameron Swayze, it kept ticking through jackhammers, washing machines and even a high dive off a cliff in Acapulco. Our real estate market has not only survived--but thrived--after major hurricanes, world wars, depressions, recessions, etc., so it's entirely reasonable to expect it will take a COVID lickin' and keep on tickin'.

Source: Stellar MLS (1/1-6/17/19 & 1/1-6/17/20)

## COUNSELING SERVICES AT CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

By Denise Conlon

COVID19 has certainly changed our lives. It has changed the way we shop, eat, pray, work and live. It has also created a great deal of stress and trauma in our day to day living.

I have been helping people with trauma and stress in their lives for over twenty years. I have worked with domestic violence, substance abuse, anger management, crisis in faith, relationship difficulties and career direction. However, since March, I have been much busier helping people deal with quarantine related issues and the stress of living through these unprecedented times.



There were recent challenges with social distancing and sanitation creating new facets to therapy, including the option to meet via Zoom to ensure everyone's safety.

However, I found that my approach of working with people to explore innovative options for finding happiness and to use their individual strengths to work through trauma was steadfast and true in this current situation.

My goal is to give people the tools they need to approach life's unexpected difficulties with confidence and success. I believe every challenge brings the possibility of creating a new miracle in our life. So, when people leave my office, I want them to leave with hope, peace and joy in their hearts.

Recently one of my clients describes their experience as follows ... "I met Denise for therapy, seeking a quick fix and answers to my problem and left with the tools to not only problem solve but also have a voice and know my self-worth."

Currently, I am fortunate to be working out of Calvary Church located at 1615 1st St., Indian Rocks Beach. It is an amazingly peaceful place to help people deal with any aspect of stress in their lives. To begin your journey of positive change, please contact me at 727-458-7775.

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A Bonus Bag will include 5 pairs of underwear, 5 pairs of socks, 2 tops, 2 bottoms, 1 dress (optional) and a pair of shoes! Personalized Bonus Bags will NOT count as a regular shopping visit. Also at this time, CTK is not requiring a child's free or reduced-price lunch letter. CTK does require children live and attend school in Pinellas or Hillsborough County and be ages PreK-4 – 12th Grade.

For the a Personalized Bonus Bag, complete the form at [clothestokids.org/personalized-bonus-bags-to-go](http://clothestokids.org/personalized-bonus-bags-to-go).

Donations are needed. Please go through your closets and donate any gently used school clothing and shoes. Cash donations can be sent to Clothes To Kids, 1059 N. Hercules Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33765. Drop off donations from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

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**NEW TOWNHOME PROJECT** Being built by Taylor Morrison between 25th and 26th Avenues, the new development will have 32-townhomes. All are 3-story, approximately 1,900 square foot, 3-bedroom, 3-bath luxury townhomes with an elevator and a 2-car tandem garage. No pricing has been announced yet. Taylor Morrison is the same company that built The Cove, located at 7th Avenue.

The project called THE WALK takes up a block and a half. For more information, call Molly Whalen at 866-495-6006. See their web site at [www.TaylorMorrison.com/FL/Tampa/Indian-Rocks-Beach](http://www.TaylorMorrison.com/FL/Tampa/Indian-Rocks-Beach).

**YELLOW BANKS CLOSERS FOR THE SEASON** If you want fresh oranges, orange juice or ice cream, you better get it this month. They plan to close the last day of July and will reopen in the fall.

**RAPUNZEL'S NOW DESANTI SALON**

Rapunzel's Salon, next to Keegan's Seafood, has been sold. New owner Santiago Canepa bought the salon in late January—just in time for the shut down. Santiago used the time to remodel the salon and change the name to DeSanti Salon and Spa.

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**MORTGAGE OFFICE OPENS**

Pioneer Mortgage Funding, Inc of Indian Rocks Beach (pmfirb.com) is expanding. Joe and Tammie McCall started the Indian Rocks Branch in 2018 and through their hard work, friendly service, and commitment to the community, they quickly became the go-to local lender for many Realtors. Their success has led them to hire two new loan officers and to move from shared office space to a new Pioneer Mortgage Funding branch office in the spot previously occupied by Candy Kitchen, next to Slyce on Gulf Blvd. Joe is the former

President of the Indian Rocks Homeowners Association and currently an Indian Rocks Beach City Commissioner.

**LARGO HOLIDAY INN** When the Safer At Home restrictions were in place, they dropped to a 10% occupancy. Now that things opening again, 90% of the hotel's rooms are occupied. They have instituted many changes and no longer offer free breakfast. Only one family can be on the elevator at a time, only ten people are allowed in the pool together, and all door keys are sanitized when returned.

**TOWNHOMES BY BEGGINS**

Century 21/Beggins' owner/broker Jeff Beggins is building three separate townhome duplexes located one block from the beach at Gulf Blvd at 22nd Avenue. Each building is two homes and is listed at \$1,200,000. One unit is a 2 bedroom 2 bath with 1,440 square feet. The other unit is a 3 bedroom 3 bath with 2,090 square feet. There is a deck on the top for sunbathing, but no pool, and garages underneath for two cars. Each building has an elevator.



You can live in one and rent the other side, or as short-term vacation rentals are approved, it can be two vacation rentals.

Call Jim Beggins (254-8144) or Julie Stilwell (389-4129) at Century 21 Beggins for more information.

**CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM'S FUNDRAISING** Many are not aware CMA has a boat, car and RV donation program which can provide a much needed source of funding for animal care. Selling a car and especially a boat can be frustrating and time consuming. If you have a boat or car you no longer need, CMA can eliminate the hassle of selling. The "rescue, rehab and release" of your unneeded boat or car through CMA is a quick and easy way to make a difference for marine life and receive a tax deduction. Contact Randy Cooper, 727-441-1790, ext. 800, rcooper@cmaquarium.org or seewinter.com/donate.

**CLOSED / OUT OF BUSINESS**

**Pier One** The store at Largo Mall is closing after a clearance sale. The 57 year old company filed for bankruptcy and is liquidating all its stores.

**Wagon Wheel Flea Market**, open since the 1960s, closed for good in Pinellas Park.

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## BELLEAIR BLUFFS CLEANERS - HOW DO THEY DO THAT?

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

Belleair Bluffs Cleaners may not be the only dry cleaner in town, but they are the oldest hands down. Gary Dawson, owner and third generation dry-cleaning operator, opened the storefront in June of 1981 - 39 years ago.

Most people have no idea what happens inside a dry-cleaning store. All they know is you drop your dirty laundry off one day and when you come back your clothes are clean, hanging on hangers and ready to be worn again. It is all pretty impressive.

Behind the scenes, what actually happens when you leave your clothes is a little more complicated. When you drop your clothes off, your order is checked in at the front counter. The number of items you have, what they are (shirt, dress, pants, etc.), and whether you want the items laundered or dry cleaned are noted. Any special items such as decorative bangles or sequins are noted too.

Each item is labeled because during the cleaning process it may be combined with other people's clothing. Then it is inspected for tears, missing buttons, or stains. Stains are pretreated. If you know there is a stain, it is best to point it out when you drop off your order. Avoid the temptation to treat a stain at home. You are more likely to make it worse by pushing the oil, dye, or food deeper into the fabric making it more difficult to remove.

Everything is then sorted and goes to different stations in the back, depending on what it needs. Employees are assigned a specific jobs at each station — dry cleaning, washing, ironing shirts, or ironing pants. Once a week they clean drapes and other household items such as bedspreads, comforters, blankets, rugs, and sheets.

The term dry cleaning is really a misnomer. The process cleans clothes and fabrics with a chemical solvent that contains no water. The solution is petroleum based and does not penetrate a fabric's fibers like water does in a washing machine. The process uses NO water - thus the name "dry cleaning."

The clothes are loaded into a drum laundry machine and gently agitated in the solvent to loosen the soil. The solvent is drained, filtered, and recycled. The clothes are "rinsed" in a fresh solvent to flush away any remaining soil.

The final step gets the garment ready to wear. They are steamed or pressed to remove wrinkles then hung or folded to await pickup. Normally the clothes are covered with a plastic bag to help keep your clean clothes clean until you can get them home.

Dry cleaning is typically used when fabrics cannot tolerate a standard home washer and dryer due to shrinking, fading or stretching. Plus, it preserves the lifetime of the fabric.

Belleair Bluffs Cleaners offers regular wet cleaning too for washable items like starched shirts, slacks, and household linens and can press 35-40 shirts per hour. Employees inspect each shirt for proper pressing, stains, and even missing buttons.

If you went in the back room, you would notice it is hot. Gary has added fans and some air conditioning, but it still stays hot. "We use a mixture of electricity and gas in our operation," Gary explains. "Our electric bill is around \$1000 per month, and the gas bill ranges another \$1800-\$2000 per month."

While the main part of our business is regular clothing, we see a lot of police, fire and sheriff uniforms," Gary says. "We also get a lot of medical clothing, like lab coats."

On a normal week, Belleair Bluffs Cleaners sees 300 to 400 customers - most are repeats. The average person brings in 5 to 10 items with each order so that can be up to 4,000 pieces of clothing per week. To cover that workload, Gary employs fourteen people. On any given day ten are on duty—spread out in the front and the back.

Normal cleaning time is three days. They do offer "Same Day Service" upon request on weekdays if your order is in by 10am. In addition to regular laundry and dry cleaning, they also offer cleaning services for suede and leather but it is not done in house; it is sent to a specialist.

"During this pandemic, we have seen more household items coming in," says Gary. "I guess people stuck in their homes are doing lots of housecleaning."

Find Belleair Bluffs Cleaners at 2924 West Bay Drive, near Panera Bread. Call them at 585-1101. They are open six days a week, Monday-Friday (7-7), Saturdays (8-5).





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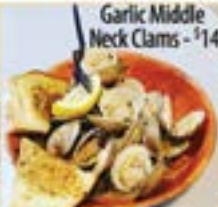

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## Restaurant News



### D.J.'S CLAM SHACK OPENS

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They are located at 19705 Gulf Blvd, next to Dog and Parrot Bar & Grill. See the complete menu at [DJsClamShack.com](http://DJsClamShack.com). Call for take-out at 474-7407.

**GIVING BACK** 14-year-old Ava, daughter of the owners of TJ's Italian Cafe' had some free time during the Safer At Home Order and wanted to channel her energy towards something good. She thought rewarding our First Responders was in order and asked her dad (Chef TJ) to help her. They decided to give 20 TJ's gift cards (worth \$20 each) to local responders.

They delivered gift cards to Indian Rocks Beach Firefighters, Indian Shores Firefighters, Largo Firefighters and the Sheriff's Departments to thank them all for a job well done in keeping our community safe.

**NO MORE BREAKFAST** After many years of serving one of Indian Rock's best breakfasts, JD's is no longer offering breakfast. The good news is the music is back—inside and out. The bands on the back porch change out at 1 and 6pm. The Piano Bar is Friday and Saturday 7-11pm. They now open at 11am Tuesday through Sunday and Happy Hours are 11am to 6pm, daily. They are still family owned for almost 35 years. Find JD's at 125 Gulf Blvd. [www.JDsRestaurant.com](http://www.JDsRestaurant.com).

**AQUA PRIME - OFF THE GRID** Changes are coming to Aqua Prime. The owners told us they are redesigning the restaurant with a new theme and more. The Off the Grid Caribbean BBQ menu is moving inside and the name of the restaurant will change to "OTG." Remodeling is underway now. They expect the restaurant to reopen later this fall.

**CASA ITALI** Our newest Indian Rocks Beach restaurant, Casa Italia, survived its first year and what a year it was! The restaurant opened last year on July 12. Located at the north end of Indian Rocks Beach at 2699 Gulf Blvd., It is owned by Tony and Claudia Starova.



**HELP WANTED** Rich in history and tradition, the Clearwater Yacht Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the United States. It is a private full service restaurant, and is always hiring different positions. If you are interested, please e-mail [office@clearwateryachtclub.org](mailto:office@clearwateryachtclub.org) with your qualifications and they will provide more information. The Club is located at 830 Bayway Blvd., Clearwater Beach.



# Restaurant News



## JAKE'S MOVING TO LULU'S LOCATION

"Lulu's Oyster Bar was experiencing great success and was loved by many. It ranked in the top one or two spots in TripAdvisor for years. However, the location was cramped and too small for the business. Changes to the facilities could not be easily accomplished in our post

Covid-19 world," says owner Matt Loder.

"We also had similar issues at Jakes Cantina - very popular and well frequented by guests, but small and tight. The conclusion was to move Jakes Cantina to the Lulu's location and make the changes to include spacing, southwest decor and comfortable outdoor seating. We are broadening the menu to include more seafood, adding great specialty margaritas, curbside pick-up, and online or phone takeout ordering - all new features to Jakes, which will become Jakes Coastal Cantina," Loder explains. "The current Jakes space will stay open until the move. We have already been looking at a few new uses for Jake's space after the move. Some of your Lulu's favorites will be added to the Crabby Bill's menu."

## ANECDOTE BREWING REOPENS

They had barely opened before they were forced to close. Now open again. "Anecdote Brewing, like a good anecdote, is unique and memorable with beers that might just surprise you," says owner Philip Anderson. "The newest and closest brewery to the Gulf is proud to call Indian Rocks Beach its home and looks forward to putting the town on the map with the best brews in Florida," The locals are thrilled they now can get a craft beer on this side of the bridge. Enjoy indoor as well as outdoor seating. It is located next to the CVS store at 321 Gulf Blvd, Indian Rock Beach.



**WING STOP** Specializing in chicken wings, a Wing Stop fast food outlet opened in Largo, across from Largo Mall. Wing Stop is a dine-in/take out restaurant. They sell small (6), medium (8) and large (10) orders and larger packs for parties. They also serve loaded fries, fried corn, veggie sticks, and brownies. Find them at 10125 Ulmerton Road. Call 748-4500.

## CLOSED / OUT OF BUSINESS

**Candy Kitchen** in Indian Rocks Beach will not reopen

**Adios Los Mexicanos**, located at 301 Gulf Blvd, did not reopen after the Coronavirus closure.

**Sweet Tomatoes** The San Diego based chain permanently closed all 97 restaurants. With the recommendation of discontinuing self-serve food stations including salad bars and buffets, their business model could not survive. The store in Largo Mall will not reopen.

**Panera Bread** The Largo Mall location is closed.

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## TIME TO THINK ABOUT HURRICANE SEASON AGAIN.

*By Tom Smith, Owner of GHD Construction Services*

In past articles, I have written about what new homes offer today with the increased Florida and Federal Building codes. As an industry in Florida, we are constructing homes that meet or exceed the 150mph wind speeds, to insure the best amount of safety and security for new homes. Some homes can be retrofitted to add some of these features, yet other homes remain susceptible to high tides and severe water damage. What can be done today for the homes along our beautiful coastal island communities?

Everyone is now aware that hurricane resistant windows and doors should be a "must" for any home. Those are the areas that will be first to fail when the high wind and water comes our way. Although pilings cannot be installed in existing homes with any practicality, they are very helpful in keeping the stability of the home sound, especially along the beaches. Then as I have mentioned in the past, the most important item for homes is that they are raised above FEMA standards, to keep the flood waters from ruining the home and furnishings. Sorry, but as I see homes playing the game of FEMA's 50% Rule, I can't help but wonder why families are investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to re-build a home on grade. Not a good investment or decision!

Many of our home customers today are inquiring about whole house generators for their new homes. My wife and I are personally installing one in my new home, as it makes sense to protect against power failure, especially if you live in beach communities where power is the most likely to fail during a storm. A natural or propane gas system that fuels the generator can actually have enough power for the entire home, including air conditioning. I'm told by the gas company, that they do not turn off the gas after a storm, as it is necessary for hospitals and other first responder needs.

Sure, a gas generator can be temporarily used from your garage for the refrigerator and a few lights, but having the entire home uninterrupted after a storm is a major plus.

As I write these thoughts on building a strong home, it's funny, but I remember one of the favorite books that my mother read to me was the "3 Little Pigs". I don't know why this is in my memory 67 years later, but I guess it rang a bell in terms of building a home substantial enough to keep that "Big Bad Wolf" from destroying a home. Our wolf is the potential Florida hurricane. We all know it's coming, but we can't predict the year we will experience it.

If you are considering remodeling or building a new home, maybe some of the items listed above might give you cause to reflect on what items you want to install.

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## MIKE JENNEY, LOCAL MURAL PAINTER

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

Have you been seeing the big, brightly painted murals on the outside of many local buildings? There is an artist behind each of them and chances are, Mike Jenney is that guy. In 1983, Jenney who was born and raised in Pinellas County, was paid to create his first mural. His Clearwater Central Catholic High School art teacher recommended he be chosen to complete a painting on a wall near the art department. "The scene was a series of athletes in progression," Jenney remembers. "I wasn't paid much—just minimum wage—but it gave me my start."

"I have been interested in art since I was in kindergarten," Jenney says. "My first art teacher said I had an 'eye for detail,' and I always remembered that." He attended Holy Family Catholic School in St. Petersburg (grades 1-8) and earned a scholarship to Clearwater Catholic High School.

"I played sports in my early years, but I got hurt a lot—so I decided to stick with my art," Jenney chuckles.

"When I graduated from high school, I thought I wanted to go to the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota. But they teach more Fine Arts, which was not what I was looking for. I was interested in learning commercial art. After some research, I discovered Tampa Tech's program and enrolled there."

Jenney, who has been working in the commercial art industry for over 30 years now, says he has a natural ability for art and considers himself mostly self-taught. He is very talented in airbrushing which he love to do because of its versatility. He really considers himself really an "airbrush" muralist.

While he specializes in wall murals, he can paint anything on anything. He has worked on automobiles, trucks and structures including mailboxes. He has created marine-life replicas, painted fiberglass, and even custom 3D sculptures.

You will find Jenney's work in and outside many area restaurants, recreation centers, city parks, water parks, resorts, motels, and schools. He recently finished a wall mural inside the new Largo Speggtacular Restaurant. He also painted the mural inside Proino Restaurant on Walsingham Road.

Recently, Jenney created the artwork at Off The Grid behind Aqua Prime, including the walls, tables and stools. He painted a wall at the Bay Pines Marina and Tiki Bar and another inside the Beach Pizza Plus in Redington Beach. He produced the mural outside the new St. Pete Beach Sea Hags, too.

In Clearwater Beach, the wall inside of Ryan's Café is his handy work, too.

In addition to commercial businesses, he has done hundreds of murals inside the homes of friends and acquaintances. All and all, Jenney thinks he has painted over 1,000 commercial and residential murals throughout the United States, with many here in the Pinellas area.

His prices range from \$500 to many thousands; it all really depends on the complexity, size and length of time needed to complete the project. The amount of time is dependent on several variables including of course size and subject, but also on whether he has to work on a lift or around obstacles. He completes 90% of his projects in less than two weeks.

Every mural is unique and designed by Jenney. He will be happy to give you a quote. "I work within everyone's budget," Jenney says. To start he would need a description of the project and its size.

"Trusting a mural artist with your home or business is a leap of faith. I feel extremely privileged to do this work and feel incredibly grateful to each and every client who has trusted me with their walls over my 30 years as a professional mural artist," Jenny says.

To see more of his work online, visit [www.MikeJenneyMurals.com](http://www.MikeJenneyMurals.com) or his Facebook page MikeJenneyMurals. You can reach Mike Jenney at (727) 365-5639.



### THE COLLECTION ON PALMETTO



The Collection on Palmetto is a newly-built, state-of-the-art museum located at 2116 Palmetto Street in bright and beautiful Clearwater. Rare, Brass Era automobiles drive the collection. The earliest vehicle is the 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen, considered the first modern car. The most recent acquisition is a fabulous 1952 Allard J2-X, the "pinnacle of '50s race cars." All of the automobiles are operational and have enjoyed award-winning restorations through the years.

Equally interesting are the antique steam engines, hand-painted murals and 1/8th scale steam train which encircles the five-acre property. A working machine shop and railroad exhibits will round out the collection upon their completion. The lushly-landscaped grounds are inviting, with a turtle-filled lake and picnic benches.

Visitors will enjoy self-guided audio-tours during operating hours, with docent-led tours available by appointment. Special events will be offered throughout the year.

Marvin and Linda Feldman are the founders of The Collection on Palmetto, a nonprofit organization intended to bring to light all the marvels associated with

propulsion, innovation, technology and design. Marvin's interest in cars dates back to his teenage years. His father, David, had a strong interest in steam, a passion he conveyed to his two sons. Marvin and Linda together enjoy participating in car tours around the country, many of which have been completed in their beloved Stanley Steam Cars.

For more information, visit [thecollectiononpalmetto.com](http://thecollectiononpalmetto.com), like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. The Collection on Palmetto looks forward to hosting visitors and groups in the very near future, while adhering to all safety guidelines. For more information, contact Laura Giner at (727) 403-3086 or [laura@collectiononpalmetto.com](mailto:laura@collectiononpalmetto.com).

The Collection on Palmetto will also be available for private parties, events and weddings. You can be one of the first to host your event among these timeless treasures". For information on events contact Stacy Rogers at (985) 966-5435 or [stacy@collectiononpalmetto.com](mailto:stacy@collectiononpalmetto.com).




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## CCSC'S NOAH LYONS MAKES OLYMPIC BID

By Noah Lyons

At the age of 6, I began my journey as a sailor and immediately fell in love with the sport. 13 years later as a college freshman, I can say I still love the sport just as much if not more. I raced in the optimist until I was 11, where I then discovered windsurfing. My youth windsurfing career led me to numerous different classes such as the Techno 293, RSX, Kona, and the Open Windfoil. Alongside my path as a windsurfer, there was also a path of sailing. After the optimist, I competed in the 420 from age 12-15, and from age 15-18 the 49er Olympic class skiff.

Sailing the 49er brought opportunities to train on the US Sailing Olympic Development Team, and to compete against some of the world's best sailors. It was common at any 49er regatta to be racing against a boat that had been to the Olympics. My windsurfing journey was equally beneficial. I have competed in three world championships, two of which I placed third.

In January, I was invited to an Olympic development training for windfoiling to see how I stacked up against the nation's top windfoilers. I came out of this camp feeling confident and set my goal to attend Sailing World Cup Miami 2021.

Beginning in late 2004, the windsurfing Olympic class transitioned from the Mistral, to the RSX. After the London Olympics in 2012, Neilpryde (Creator of the RSX) changed ownership. Gear became horrendously unreliable, and extraordinarily hard to obtain when something would break.

Between the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games, windsurf foiling began to rapidly gain popularity. Reputable companies began manufacturing foils, and people became "loyal to the foil" due to the adrenaline rush of foiling. Going 20mph in 10mph of wind is intoxicating, made even better by the smooth ride, as if you're riding on glass. It truly reinvented the sport and is drawing many retired professionals back into windsurfing.

This new technology, combined with a frustrated RSX community, led the International Olympic Committee to reevaluate the Olympic windsurfer for Olympics following 2020. The alternative chosen was the iQFoil - a one design windfoil class with the board and foil made by Starboard, and the rig made by Severn. It excels in almost every area compared to the RSX, except the iQfoil costs more.

My goal is to be the top American at the Sailing World Cup Miami 2021 in the iQFoil class. To achieve this, I have a few hurdles to overcome. I do not own any foiling gear. The only way I was able to race regattas in the past was through the generosity of friends letting me borrow their personal gear.

The iFoil board, and foil, are very similar to what I have sailed before, but the sail is quite different making practice time before Miami essential. I have been invited to three US Sailing Olympic Development Clinics specifically for the iFoil. Two are in Long Beach California, and the third is in Miami.

My home club will host approximately two to four windfoil regattas in the next ten months. This is excellent practice for the world cup as in all likelihood the top Americans will attend.

Finally, the Clearwater Community Sailing Center will be the primary training location for over 50% of the iFoil sailors in the United States, making us the primary U.S. squad. There will be no other place in the U.S. that will have the density of iFoil training partners, and that is something I greatly want to be a part of. Appropriately funded and equipped, I will be given the opportunity to meet and exceed my goal of being the top windfoiler in the United States.

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# Community News

## BEACH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

*Submitted by Denise Houseberg*

The Beach Community Food Pantry, a mission of Calvary Episcopal Church, has been extremely fortunate to have loyal partners in and around their community. Recently, the BCFP requested funds from the Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners Association, to purchase a backup camera plus installation for the food pantry truck and vinyl wraps imprinted for the barrels used in collecting food during local food drives. The IRB HOA honored the request and the barrels were recently used in our successful Spring Food Drives.

David Kline, past director at the local BCFP in Indian Rocks Beach, has been leading a small group of volunteers to ensure food is safely sorted, bagged and ready for pick up. As the need has grown, these food barrels have really helped the pantry acquire more food from local food drives.

"We can't thank the IRB Homeowners Association enough for their support," said David Kline. "Our gratitude is beyond measure for what they've been able to provide us in helping to serve food to over 26 communities in Pinellas County."

The hours currently available for pre-bagged food pick-up are Monday and Wednesday 10am to 12pm and Thursday from 5pm to 7pm. Clients are asked to stop by every other week to pick up bagged food at 1615 1st St., Indian Rocks Beach. The new phone number is 727-282-4085.

## CHURCH OF THE ISLES

*Submitted by Martha Synnott*

They had to be creative during this time of COVID-19 uncertainty by shifting from being in church to "being church." How do you continue to keep in touch with your congregation and continue the various missions? They are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Shelly Wilson (Shelly) to guide them through the not-so-still waters.

First, they made sure that all the members and friends had a COVID Contact person – someone who checked up on their well being. Personal contact is very special if you are living alone. Shelly created beautiful, inspiring worship services to watch at a time and place of your choosing. (Link on the website and FB page.) Sunday June 14th, they opened the church hall to socialize at a "social distance" with church friends they hadn't seen for three months. The plan is to re-open the sanctuary for a service on Sunday, July 5th, at 10am. The large space can easily accommodate CDC guidelines.

They continue to deliver their much-loved meatball sub lunches to the residents of Pinellas Hope home for the homeless. They miss interacting with the residents, but it is all part of the new normal. COTI has a wonderful group of folks who worked on making masks, many of which (probably 400) have gone to Pinellas Hope. They were also given to the volunteers at the Beach Community Food Pantry and our Miracles Outreach girls in the safe homes they support.

For the safety of the volunteers and customers, the Beach Community Thrift Store has stayed closed and not accepting donations, but using the down time to do some renovations. They plan a "test" opening on Tuesday, July 7th, 10am -1pm. They will follow the CDC guidelines, requiring masks and social distancing/limited number in the store.

They're taking a few baby steps forward, and may find they need to take a few steps backward, but are still continuing their mission of being church in the community, and praying for safety and common sense during this new reality and uncertainty. God bless!

## CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

They are offering a membership special to make it easier to join the Club. With a \$500 deposit towards the initiation fee, you can make monthly payments on the balance of \$125 a month for twelve months. The initiation fee is \$2000, plus tax. This is available for a Full membership (\$185 a month) or Social/Seasonal membership (\$145 a month). Call 447-6000. Learn more at [ClearwaterYachtClub.org](http://ClearwaterYachtClub.org), or e-mail [Office@ClearwaterYachtClub.org](mailto:Office@ClearwaterYachtClub.org).

## BEACH ART CENTER

They are thrilled that the Beach Art Center will be opening their new doors on Monday, July 6 at 10 am. They are following all CDC guidelines and safety protocols to ensure a comfortable and safe experience for all. They will be practicing social distancing and wearing face masks for your safety and theirs. Please know behind their masks there will be huge smiles greeting you. If you do not have one, they will be providing one. The Gift Shop will be stocked full of color and creativity: hand painted cards, gift bags, fabric art, jewelry, original paintings, pottery and more... all created by local artists.

Next they are scheduling a new art exhibit with the theme of "Art is Hope." Their hope is you will share what you've been doing since last they saw you, a new work you've created while staying at home. With this show all work must be for sale.

The Pottery Studio wall was replaced to support their new windows! The construction meant they had to empty the studio which gave them a chance to clean house. When you return, you will see a newly reorganized area with increased space to work. Volunteers have built space specific shelving and organized all supplies and equipment. It is all very exciting! Ask for a pottery tour when you visit.

Many instructors are teaching your favorite courses online. Visit [beachartcenter.org/classes](http://beachartcenter.org/classes) for course offerings.

## INDIAN ROCKS BEACH ACTION 2000

*Submitted by John Ashby*

March brought a lot of changes to the world and to Action 2000 (A2K) including elections. John Ashby will be leading the organization and joining the Committee are Beth Smith, Stewart DeVore, Shawn Stover and Diane Agar. "I am very pleased to welcome these four talented individuals" says John. "Their unique backgrounds and diverse experience make them a great asset to A2K's leadership and the organization."

In March dedicated A2K volunteers continued to work weeding, trimming and mulching our signature projects throughout IRB. A team of volunteers tackled the annual painting of the 12 pedestrian shelters. Working together while social distancing, the teams continued to fulfill our mission of beautifying IRB.

The Shop & Drop Program for IRB Seniors continues to operate, supporting about 25 people weekly with grocery and prescription shopping and delivery to those in need.

Join us for our monthly meeting on August 10th at the newly renovated Beach Art Center at 6:30 PM. Immediately following the meeting, there will be a celebratory ribbon cutting and opening of the renovated Kolb Park gazebo. A2K is pleased to have donated \$50,000 to the City in support of the renovation project. We hope to see you there!

Many are wondering about the status of the A2K Oktoberfest. This is a tough question with so many unknowns. We are reaching out to our vendors, sponsors and members to determine the next steps. Visit [irbaction2000.com](http://irbaction2000.com) for updates.

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