

TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES SPRING 2008 - NEWSLETTER



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Saturday, March 15, 2008 - Coastal Cleanup 8 am
- Thursday, March 20, 2008 - Life Line Screening 8 am to 4 pm
- Saturday, March 22, 2008 - Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am
- Thursday, April 10, 2008 - Gulf Blvd. Public Info Meeting at IRB 7 pm to 8:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 16, 2008 - Town Cleanout Day
- Saturday, May 17, 2008 - Hazardous Waste Drop-Off at IRB 9 am to 2 pm
- Thursday, May 22, 2008 - Hurricane Awareness Party 7 pm
- Monday, May 26, 2008 - Town Memorial Day Picnic and Book Sale 1 pm to 4 pm

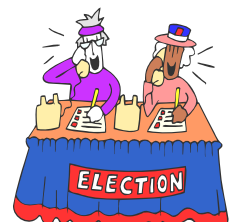
MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 is our next scheduled Town Election. Originally, **three** candidates qualified to run for the **two** at-large Council positions. Those candidates were: Marlene Clausen, Carole Irelan and Steve Sutch. For personal reasons, Councilor Marlene Clausen has opted to withdraw from the race. This action has necessitated our re-opening of qualifying for candidacy for a 14 day period beginning 8 am on February 20, 2008. The closeout for qualifying will be noon, March 4, 2008. If no further candidates qualify by this date, the remaining two candidates will be declared unopposed winners. Should another candidate emerge, a Special Election will have to be scheduled in the near future, depending on the Supervisor of Elections earliest possible date. The incumbents would retain their seats on the Town Council until the Special Election is completed and two winners are announced.

The Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District Non-ad Valorem Tax Assessment Referendum remains on the ballot and will be contested on March 11, 2008 as scheduled. Absentee ballots and Early Voting on this issue will, of course, be tabulated.

Early voting begins **February 25, 2008** and ends **March 8, 2008**. There are three early voting locations: (1) 315 Court Street, Room 117, Clearwater; (2) 13001 Starkey Road, Largo; (3) 501 - 1st Ave. N. St. Petersburg (use the 5th Street N. entrance). If you need an absentee ballot, **call 727.464.6788** and one will be mailed to you. The Town Hall auditorium is the polling place on Election Day and will be open from **7 am to 7 pm**. Be sure to come out and vote for the two people who will represent your town!

INDIAN SHORES ELECTION 2008: by Mayor Jim Lawrence

On **Tuesday March 11th**, Indian Shores' residents will have the important responsibility to participate in an election that will decide a significant issue; the financial fate of our Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District. Last November, the people of Indian Shores voted in favor of a much needed \$70 a year increase in the PSF&R tax assessment, but it was defeated by the overall body of Fire District voters. Look closely at the two articles in this Newsletter on this subject. Your Town Council once again encourages your support of the District's request to ensure the fine men and women that protect our homes have the training and equipment they need to continue doing a first class job. Please let your voice be heard on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.



THE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES:



Carole Irelan: Having owned my home for 10 years I have grown to love the area and the people. In the last few years I have become very active in the community serving on the Public Service Committee, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, Recreation Ad Hoc Committee, the Indian Shores Library Board, the Board of the Indian Shores Property Owners Association and I am on the Board of Golden Shores Condos as Treasurer. I chose to run because the issue of hotels and increased density came up. I chose Indian Shores because it is more residential than commercial. That is the way I want it to remain. I want to ensure it remains a great place to spend the rest of my life. Before retiring I was the owner/operator of a small business and the office and financial manager of local construction companies. For the town to continue to thrive it must be run like a good business. I have the skills to help it run as such. I will work in harmony with other council members and the town staff, support the local police and continue to support our great library. Last, but not least, I will work for the preservation of our most important asset - our beautiful BEACH! I want to work for you - my friends, neighbors, and constituents.

Steve Sutch: I am a candidate for re-election for Town Councilor serving Indian Shores. Mary, my wife of 50 years and I have enjoyed over 14 years residency in this paradise. We both have been active in all aspects of our community. I have served as President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Indian Shores Property Owners Association, and Mary has served as a volunteer at our Library. As Councilor, I have chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Building and Zoning Codes, and as Vice Chair of the Public Services Committee, as well as a Board member of the Recreational Ad Hoc Committee. I volunteered to serve as our Logistics Coordinator for the Hurricane Emergency Operations Plan. Today, I am requesting your support for re-election and will make every effort to be worthy of your support to re-elect me on March 11, 2008.



FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR: by Mayor Jim Lawrence



Gulf Blvd. Improvement Project Public Information Meeting: On Thursday, April 10th, 2008, from 7 to 8:30 pm, the prime contractor for the Gulf Blvd. Improvement Project, PBS&J, is sponsoring a public information meeting at the Indian Rocks Beach City Hall located at 1507 Bay Palm Blvd. in IRB. PBS&J managerial and construction staff, along with representatives from Pinellas County Utilities, the FDOT, and the major sub-contractors will be on hand to explain the Road project. Their purpose is to discuss construction plans and answer questions from the public on their concerns about the project details and timetable. Please join us for this important event.

Condominium Recycling: Recycling is an important element in any discussion surrounding "Global Warming" and a major consideration in any governmental agency seeking a "Green" designation or at least doing its part for conservation. During the ten years I have been an elected official here in Indian Shores, we have had a weekly recycling pick-up program for the single family residences in our Town as part of our municipal contract with BFI, followed by Waste Management and now with Waste Services. Additionally, we have our recycling drop-off site behind Town Hall.

Recently, I have been approached by some condominiums that desired to become part of the Town Conservation effort by signing up for the Waste Services recycling program. Here is how it works. All condominiums are site specific as to pick-up points, procedures and special circumstances. Prior to initiating recycling services at your condo, you need to have a Waste Services representative visit your site to assess your special needs and requirements. The Company contact is Shari Rheuble who can be reached at 572-6800. Tell her hello from me, she is a very nice lady.

Most Condominiums are serviced with a 90 gallon container. The monthly service fee runs around \$25. If necessary, additional containers would run approximately an extra \$10 per month. Presently, 5 condos use this service here in Town. Recycling is good for everyone, so if you are a believer, suggest joining the program at your next Annual Meeting. Give Shari a call, she can set you up and get you into the recycling program with a minimum of hassle.

2nd ANNUAL HURRICANE AWARENESS PARTY, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008 - 7 PM @ INDIAN SHORES TOWN HALL: - by Mayor Jim Lawrence

Our first Hurricane Awareness Party last spring attracted over 125 Indian Shores residents, eager to learn the best ways to deal with an impending weather disaster. Based on that success, we have decided to make this an Annual Event. We have invited a local Meteorologist to be our keynote speaker and he will be joined by Tom Iovino from Pinellas County, Chief Rick Walker from Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue and Chief E.D. Williams from our own Police Department. Every resident will receive a gift from the Town and there will be a raffle for some storm preparedness related supplies. Food and beverages will follow the meeting. Last year's Hurricane Awareness Party drew raves from the attendees, so be sure you put this important date on your calendar. Hope to see you there.



POST DISASTER TOWN RE-ENTRY TAG PROGRAM: In preparation for the Hurricane Season, Indian Shores developed a user friendly post-disaster program to expedite your re-entry across the bridges when the authorities clear the beaches for occupancy. Currently, County Sheriff procedures require the checking of identification of all who return to the beach. As this is a very slow process, those returning may encounter extensive delays.

To speed up that re-entry over the Walsingham and Park Blvd. Bridges after a major storm or other disaster, we created a program using rear view mirror mounted Re-Entry ID tags, colored tan to identify you as an Indian Shores resident. These tags are available to owners and residents and are issued free of charge at Town Hall. They are numbered and a log is kept of the tags issued. Reported lost or stolen tags will be blacklisted. If you were issued a tag last year, you do not need to re-apply; however, we ask that you update any relevant information which has changed.



When the Sheriff's Department deems it safe to re-enter the barrier islands, those holding re-entry tags must hang them from the rear-view mirror and the law enforcement officer will know that their ID's have been checked beforehand. If practical, a separate lane will be created for residents with these tags. Re-entry will be expedited because law enforcement will not have to stop every car going through the checkpoint. Keep in mind, the Sheriff's Department reserves the right to ask for additional identification at any time. The hang tags also act as a security system for police patrols after re-entry because vehicles belonging in town will be easily distinguishable from those that may not belong here. This also helps patrols in preventing looting and vandalism.

Businesses in town can apply for enough tags to cover their emergency staff. The business manager could retain the re-entry tags and issue them to employees when an evacuation is called. The employees should return the tag after the emergency. When the permit application is completed, the business owner may complete one form and provide a list of employee names, which must be updated annually.

Check with the front office staff (595-4020, ext. 0) if you have any questions or call me at 595-4020, ext. 27. Let's hope we will never have to use them!

THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THE ROAD! by Vice Mayor Joan Herndon.

Every time I drive along Gulf Blvd., I remember to see past the construction, and let my imagination soar and think: this is a spot for a grouping of flowering plants and this is a spot for a distinctive kind of ground cover. I am thinking of all of us who have mail boxes, having the same kind of mailbox. The town has a file with examples from which to choose. How about a different looking bus stop and decorative bench along our new roadway? It is coming!

RECREATION AD HOC COMMITTEE: Our town recreation department is growing by leaps and bounds, as the Senior Exercise Class began with five or six people and now there are thirty participants. Come and join our class or participate in one of the other activities.



PZB AD HOC COMMITTEE - BUILDING CODES: by Councilor Steve Sutch

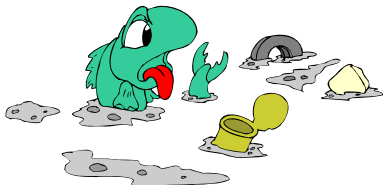
The Ad Hoc Committee addressing building codes met on February 12, 2008 at 5 pm. The first issue addressed was the sign ordinance. After reviewing the height of most signs in Town, it was agreed that we should establish a maximum height of fourteen feet (14') as a reasonable standard. Those signs exceeding this limit will be grand-fathered into the ordinance at the existing heights. All real estate signs will be prohibited. The ordinance will be evaluated on how to handle signs such as "Open House" in order to maintain set procedures which realtors can follow.

Also discussed was the Incentive Program in place to allow for such things as adding an additional floor. It was decided that the Committee, along with residents of Indian Shores would be given an opportunity to give input on what things we should consider in evaluating these incentives. Several items to consider are:

Increase Open Space requirement threshold from 23% to 30% or higher. Decrease the footprint size to less than 50% of lot. Increase of a percentage of front, back and side setbacks over the basic current requirements. Exceed minimum for landscaping point value by 20% or more. Give some kind of point value for every unit less than maximum density allowed. Allow points for Public Beach Access on one side of the property. Points for making parking, particularly handicap parking, on the west side available for public use.

We would appreciate any feedback from the public on these issues. If you would rank your preferences, starting with 10 as highest and 0 as the lowest in your opinion and fax it to Town Hall (727) 595.2352, attn: Building Code Administrator, it would be greatly appreciated. Your views are very important to us.

COASTAL CLEANUP: by Councilor Steve Sutch



The Spring Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for [Saturday, March 15, 2008](#). Please mark your calendar for this event. As you know, we have two (2) such cleanups each year: one in the spring and one in the fall, on the third Saturday of the months of March and October. We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible since the cleanup includes the beach, both sides of Gulf Blvd. and the Intracoastal Waterway. Cleanup will start at 8:00 am at Town Hall. Refreshments will be available to all participants.

We have also established the date of [Wednesday, April 16, 2008](#) for a special pick up of items that you want to dispose. Waste Services of Florida will pick up any household items, including furniture and appliances left at curbside. For condominiums without pickup-convenient access to Gulf Boulevard, please leave items at dumpster pickup area. Items excluded from pickup are hazardous waste items such as car batteries, tires, tire rims, chemicals and paints. You may want to mark this date on your calendar also. Hazardous waste items require that you take them to a specific place in Indian Rocks Beach. This event is held once a year and is scheduled for [Saturday, May 17, 2008](#) from 9 am to 2 pm. For more information, call 595-2517 and ask for the Public Services Department.

INDIAN SHORES' NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: by Councilor Bill Smith

As every Florida citizen knows, Florida is all about growth. Rapid growth, unlike almost every state in the Union, is a fact of Florida life that affects the lives of all of us citizens in many ways. And, as every elected official knows, growth is reflected in our State's Constitution, statutes and laws in many ways.

One of these ways is Florida's comprehensive planning laws. Quoting from the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) website: "Adopted by the 1985 Legislature, The Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act (see [Chapter 163, Part II, F.S.](#)) - also known as Florida's Growth Management Act - requires all of Florida's 67 counties and 410 municipalities to adopt Local Government Comprehensive Plans that guide future growth and development."

Pinellas County and all of the cities in the county, including Indian Shores, are in the midst of the first major revisions of their Comprehensive Plans since they were originally adopted in the 1989-90 timeframe. Indian Shores' original plan was adopted in August 1989. Thanks to the coordinating efforts of the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) and the consulting firm they have employed, Indian Shores and the other beach communities are enjoying expert assistance, coordination and greatly reduced cost in developing our major plan revisions. In Indian Shores, our Planning Zoning and Building (PZB) Committee has been designated the Local Planning Agency (LPA) responsible for developing the Comprehensive Plan products.

The process began in 2005 and is expected to continue until late 2008. First came the development of our 120-page Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), in which we evaluated our original plan and amendments against Florida's updated Comprehensive Planning laws. In a series of public meetings, and with guidance from the consultant engaged by the Pinellas Planning Council, the LPA/PZB developed the final EAR. The completed EAR was adopted by the Town Council in November 2006, submitted to the State's DCA and approved by the DCA in February 2007.



Next came preparation of the 96-page EAR-Based Amendment (EBA) document, which contains the actual language of the Town's proposed Comprehensive Plan. Again, with the assistance of the PPC's consultant in 2 public meetings, the LPA/PZB completed the EBA this past February 6, and in its February 12th Council meeting the Council voted to submit the EBA document to the State DCA.

The State will have 60 days to review and return comments on the Town's submitted EBA, and then the Town will have 60 days to revise and resubmit based on the State's comments. It is anticipated that in June the Town's LPA/PZB will hold a public hearing on its revisions, and in July the Council will do the same. In August the final revised document goes back to the State DCA, with the expectation that the revised plan will take effect in October 2008. At that point the Town will have additional authorities and restrictions which will be considered for incorporation into our Town Zoning Codes.

This whole process, requiring about 3 years to complete, is a public one. We encourage the Town's citizens to attend the public hearings and participate in the planning process. Watch the Town's electronic message board for notice of the public hearings.

[FIRE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT INCREASE ON THE BALLOT AGAIN:](#) by Councilor Bill Smith

On March 11th the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District (PSFRD) is again seeking a \$70 increase in their annual assessment for fire protection in Indian Shores--as well as for Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Shore, Belleair Beach and part of the mainland. For us residents, passage would mean a \$260 "Non-ad Valorem Assessment" on our annual property tax bills. In November 2004, '05, '06 and '07, this figure has been \$190. For many years prior to 2004, the annual assessment was \$120.



Our Fire District's charter has the uncommon requirement that any increase in the annual assessment be approved by the voters. This requirement forces the District to operate on a fixed income for several years at a time, until voters are willing to accept further increases. Unfortunately this makes their increases seem excessive. But the reality is, if we consider that the increases cover multiple years, and that inflation has occurred during the same period, the increase per year is not excessive. Furthermore, prior to 2004 the District got behind in requesting increases and found itself running sizeable budget deficits. This \$70 increase, if approved on March 11, will not take effect until November 2009—five years since the 2004 increase.

Our Fire District has no choice but to utilize every election opportunity to ask voters to approve their increase. Each referendum costs the District money—for advertising, legal fees and conducting the election itself—anywhere from \$2,000 to \$15,000 or more each time. This is the 4th referendum requesting the same \$70 increase. Since the first \$70 referendum we have a new Fire Chief and a new Commission Chairman. The

relationship between the Fire District leadership and city officials is much improved. The District has negotiated a new Emergency Services contract with Pinellas County, which means our annual fire assessments are no longer subsidizing EMS operations.

I believe it is time for us to enthusiastically support our Fire District's request. An extra \$70 per year is not a great deal of money for most of us--but without the increase, current assessments are insufficient for replacement of aging equipment. It won't be long before the excellent service we District residents enjoy is impacted. Indian Shores voters approved the District's previous request last November. Let's put our Fire District on a firm financial foundation by giving them an even greater support margin with our votes on March 11.

[PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT: by Bob McEwen, Fire Commissioner](#)

I am grateful that the voters of Indian Shores approved the \$70 a year increase for our fire department last November. Unfortunately, the majority of voters in other precincts refused the request and we are in trouble. The last thing anyone wants to see is a tax increase! However, we know all too well about the rising cost of fuel, groceries, home insurance and health care. We cannot afford to scale back when it comes to the safety of our loved ones and the protection of our property.



Here are THE FACTS.

- In 17 years, PSFR has received only one increase in fee assessments; \$120 to \$190 a year in 2003, approved by voters in 2003 and taking effect in November 2004. As a result, all possible reductions in staff and expenses have been implemented. PSFR is the only fire department (or Government agency) in our county that must fund their mission by Non-Ad Valorem assessment fees and cannot increase income unless we VOTE YES. The county rates PSFR as one of the two most efficient fire departments in Pinellas.

- PSFR has been turned down over the past four elections by us, the voters...the people they protect! PSFR needs us to VOTE YES...We need to VOTE YES...Why? Five years without an increase? No one can survive off that! And \$260 a year is still a bargain.

- If the day comes when PSFR can no longer afford to stay in business, they will be forced to close. Our Town will have to contract with a neighboring city Fire Dept. for fire protection. The present "fee" for Fire Protection in Largo & Seminole is approximately 2 mills.

Do the math...here's one possible outcome:

- You live in a home assessed at \$400,000. You currently pay \$190 per year with PSFR. If the March 11th Fire Assessment Fee Referendum is voted down, and if Largo or Seminole were to take over, and you ended up having to pay what their residents already pay, then your yearly fee for fire protection would adjust to \$800 per year!

Since leaving the Mayor's office after 10 years service in 2000, I was elected by our voters to represent our Town as Fire Commissioner. I have personally experienced the life-saving abilities of our firefighters within my family...several times. They deserve to have the equipment and training we can provide with a YES on March 11. Also, please think of our neighbors and friends who are either not homesteaded or newly homesteaded. My non-homesteaded neighbor, with an identical condominium unit, will pay almost \$800 a year in Fire Ad Valorem taxes if PSFR fails and he has to pay 2 Mills. I'll only pay around \$200. I vote. He can't.

[PLEASE VOTE YES on March 11.](#)

The flat rate may not be equitable, but the charter cannot be changed except by the legislature, which has refused to do so. Your Fire Department needs a stable financial income to continue to serve you.

INDIAN SHORES WOMEN'S CLUB: by Marlene Clausen, President

Peggy Shoulders, Chairman with husband Doug, and members made Valentines Day very special for the residents of the Oak Tree Manor Nursing Home, by bringing many sweets. Chris Gibree, the owner, has written a thank you for the joy they received. Next, we will be hopping in for an Easter visit in March.



Mark your calendar for our Luncheon/Fashion Show at Salt Rock Grill at 11:30 am on Saturday, March 15th. This year Salt Rock is offering a choice from four entrees for lunch, with the purchase of your ticket donation of \$25. Clothes from the Fashion Barn at Largo Mall will be modeled by club members. All proceeds will benefit our "Support the Troops" program, allowing needed monetary support for mailing of boxes to service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. Over 1000 boxes have been sent these past 2 ½ years. Our next big shipment will go out in March. Please support this program. Call Mary Sutch, Chairperson, at 595-4149 or Marlene Clausen at 596-3401 for more information and tickets.

LAND OF THE FREE, BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE: by Councilor Marlene Clausen

On December 27, 2007, Master Sergeant John Grave, US Air Force, presented a plaque and flag to the Indian Shores Women's Club in appreciation for the many boxes sent to Iraq as part of our "Support the Troops" program. The plaque said the flag presented was flown for the Women's Club on a combat reconnaissance mission "Constant Hawk" over Baghdad, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on November 11, 2007. Both pilot Pete Austin and co-pilot Steve Durst signed the document stating: "Our flag honors those who have fought to protect it, and is a reminder of the sacrifices of our nation's founders and heroes. The Stars and Stripes represent the very best of this nation." Also present and honored with Graves was Spc. Craig McBaine of Indian Shores, who had just returned from 15 months in Iraq. Family and friends of the soldiers shared in the reception of appreciation. The flag and plaque will join the present flag and display in our Town auditorium. We also received various cards and emails thanking us for the boxes and especially for our prayers and caring and never forgetting these patriots. God Bless America!



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: - by E.D. Williams

Now that the Town's undergrounding of overhead utilities is completed, we are moving on to the Gulf Boulevard Improvements Project. While I interact with the FDOT, Pinellas County Utilities and the Construction Company each Tuesday at their weekly construction meeting, I remind our residents that this is an FDOT/County Project. Complaints and concerns should be directed to Pinellas County Utilities at phone number 727-422-8123. We do get calls on the Project at my office and these are also addressed at the weekly meetings.

This is a lengthy project scheduled through August of 2009. While traffic congestion is aggravating, the end result should be worthwhile. If my office can be of assistance in any matter pertaining to the Town, please contact my Administrative Assistant, Bonnie Dhonau at 727-595-4020 ext. 25 or email me at ewilliams@myindianshores.com.

POLICE BEAT: by E.D. Williams, Chief of Police

Things have been fairly quiet on the police scene during 2008. Like most of you, we have to deal with traffic congestion created by the Gulf Boulevard Road Construction Project. Using alternative routes when possible is recommended.



We lost a longtime valued officer in January. Sgt. Doug Pasley retired upon being selected as the new Police Chief of Kenneth City. We will miss him, but he was a great choice for his new position. The Town has filled Doug's vacant position with new officer Dianne Burkhammer. While she is new to our agency, she is a veteran of 23 years with the City of Clearwater Police Department and Campus Police. She came well recommended by both agency chiefs. Welcome aboard, Dianne.

[INDIAN SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION:](#) by Anne Miller, President

As everyone knows, we had a very safe hurricane season. Florida tourism rebounded strongly, helping prop up an economy battered by a depressed housing market. More than 21 million people visited the sunshine state this summer, a 4.6% increase over a year ago. Looks like 2008 will be a banner year also. Amendment 1 (property tax amendment) passed in Florida on January 29th by more than the 60% needed. It increases the homestead exemption to \$50,000 and retains the Save Your Home 3% cap. The amendment also limits second home or investment properties to a 10% cap. At this time, the bill also includes portability.



[INDIAN SHORES LIBRARY:](#) by Alice Lawrence, Co-Chairperson, Library Board of Directors.



The Library Board of Directors thanks all its members for making this winter season a successful and busy one. In particular, we'd like to recognize Chris Berg, June Nadler and Lynn Sutherland for joining the volunteer crew and helping in this hectic period. As time draws near for our visitors to return home, we ask you not to forget the library. We welcome donated books and will either put them on the shelf or up for sale. Also, it's a good idea to turn in your library card. We'll save it for your return. Lost cards mean time-consuming paperwork, delays in service, and lost circulation history. For permanent residents, we remind everyone of the [Memorial Day Book Sale](#) to be held in conjunction with the Town Picnic on May 26th. We'll have great deals in old and new books, with commemorative book marks to accompany sales. Spring and summer is an ideal time to become a volunteer. Business is slow with lots of time to hone your skills on library computer procedures. You'll be rewarded with a Mayor's reception, a volunteer appreciation dinner, and a recognition award. Most of all you'll meet some of the nicest people in town: those who love to read. For more information, contact Alice Lawrence, 595-2173, or Dottie Strahlendorf, 593-9608.

[LIFE LINE SCREENING:](#) Protect your health. Protect your life. Pre-registration required. Call 1-800-342-1851.

[Four Tests That Can Save Your Life!](#) On Thursday, 20 March 2008, from 8:15 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Life Line Screening will conduct quality health screenings in less than one hour. These tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow. The screenings are fast, accurate, and available at an affordable rate.



(1) Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery: This screens the carotid arteries in the neck for plaque buildup. (2) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening: This screens for the existence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta. (3) Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening: This screens for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities which is linked to coronary artery disease. (4) Osteoporosis Screening: Ultrasound screen for abnormal bone mass density in men and women. This test can be done in 60 seconds!

[New Blood Tests from Life Line Screening:](#) (1) Complete Lipid Panel: Total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides. This test checks for high levels of cholesterol which contributes to the formation of plaque on the artery wall. (2) High-Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (hs-CRP): CRP is a non-specific marker for inflammation in the body, released into the bloodstream in response to an infection or injury if the blood vessels to the heart are weakened. Elevated CRP is associated with an increased risk of stroke, heart disease, peripheral arterial and type-2 diabetes. (3) Blood Glucose (blood sugar): Glucose is a measure of your blood sugar level, which can determine your risk for diabetes.



The Residential Condominium Building Association Policy Covers More Condominium Types

Condominium Associations can purchase flood insurance coverage on a residential building and its contents under a *Residential Condominium Building Association Policy (RCBAP)*.

In addition to providing coverage for residential condominium buildings without imposing the burden of purchasing individual policies for each unit, the RCBAP expands the eligibility requirements to include all types of residential condominium buildings owned by the association, including:

- Garden apartment-type construction
- Townhouses
- Rowhouses
- Single-family detached buildings owned by the association
- Fee-paid timeshare buildings

The RCBAP Provides Greater Coverage for Less Premium

Building coverage is provided on a replacement cost basis. A co-insurance clause requires the condominium association to insure its building to at least 80 percent of the replacement cost value, in order to avoid suffering uninsured losses and charging assessments to members.

Cost-effective flood insurance protection is provided by insuring all units in a condominium building under a single policy requiring only one deductible, creating a cost savings to unit owners.

Other Major Benefits

The *Residential Condominium Building Association Policy*:

- Covers the entire building under one policy, including all units within the building as well as commonly owned building elements.
- Offers a high limit of coverage — *Building* - \$250,000 multiplied by the number of units, or the replacement cost of the building, whichever is less. *Contents* - \$100,000, or the actual cash value, whichever is less.
- Assists unit owners with mortgage insurance requirements.
- Provides greater protection against liability issues to condominium associations and board members.
- Allows condominium associations to comply with by-law property insurance requirements.

Unit Owners' Coverage — Building and Contents

An individual dwelling unit in a condominium building, defined as a single-family residence, may also be insured under the *Standard Flood Insurance Policy - Dwelling Form* in one of three ways:

- An individual unit and its contents may be separately insured by the unit owner.
- An individual unit may be separately insured if the policy is purchased by the association in the name of the "owner of record, unit number and (name of) Association as their interests may appear."

- An individual unit owned by the association may be separately insured if the policy is purchased by the condominium association.
- Unit owners need to be aware that, if for any reason a condominium association elects to discontinue its RCBP, individual unit owners may be responsible for covering flood damage. That is why having flood insurance and proper coverage is important for all residents living in condominium buildings, including high-rise condominiums. It doesn't matter if you live on the first, third, or tenth floor. If the lowest floor or foundation of the structure is damaged by flood, the building could be condemned or deemed uninhabitable. Also, condominium by-laws require all unit owners to be assessed for uninsured damages to common areas of a building if damaged by flood.

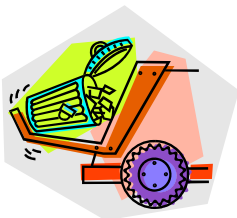
Non-Residential (Commercial) Condominiums

Building and Contents - Non-residential (commercial) condominium buildings and their commonly owned contents may be insured in the name of the Association under the *General Property Form*. The "Non-Residential" limits apply.

Building	Contents	
Emergency Program	\$100,000	\$100,000
Regular Program	\$500,000	\$500,000

Unit Owners' Coverage (Contents) -The owner of a non-residential condominium unit may purchase contents coverage only for that unit. Building coverage cannot be purchased in the name of the unit owner.

POLICY ON UNHABITABLE AREA: Uses of the area beneath an elevated building are restricted to parking, access, and storage; lower areas must not be finished or used for recreational or habitable purposes. No mechanical, electrical, or plumbing equipment is to be installed below the Base Flood Elevation + three feet. Our policy on uses of enclosed (unhabitable) area is: Access, parking and limited storage not greater than \$500. Enclosed area is no larger than 300 square feet.



PUBLIC NOTICE - TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES

Full Cost Accounting for Solid Waste Management for the period from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 as required by Section 403.7049 of the Florida Statutes and Rule 17.708 of the Florida Administrative Code.

	<u>RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS</u>	* <u>COMMERICAL CUSTOMERS</u>
Monthly Cost of Solid Waste Collection	\$ 7.14	\$ 56.83
Monthly Cost of Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 7.22	\$ 85.40
Total Monthly Solid Waste Management Cost per Account	\$ 14.36	\$ 142.23

The cost information provided above is on a monthly average basis per account and averages the different types of services available. Actual costs for a given account may have been different than that reported above due to the actual type of service provided to that account.

This report is presented in lieu of a paid advertisement in the St. Petersburg Times.

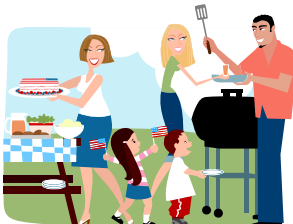
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TOWN HALL

- Internet Access:** Available at the [Town Hall](#), (not in the library). You will need to purchase a \$5 annual library membership card to use the computers. Reserve your ½ hr. time period [Monday thru Friday](#) between 8:30 am and 3 pm., by signing up in the Town Hall lobby.
- Pilates Class:** Meets [Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays](#) in the Auditorium at 9 am. Call Terri Smith at 455-5389 for information. Cost is \$7 per class.
- Library Hours:** Open [Mondays & Thursdays](#), 1 - 4 pm, and [Saturdays](#) 10 am - 1 pm, 595-4020 x 23. Entrance is on the north side of the Town Hall Building under the [green canopy](#). Membership is only \$5 per year.
- Bingo! 2008:** Let the games begin! [Monday evenings, January through March](#), Come for FUN, MONEY AND FELLOWSHIP. Games begin at 7 P.M., but come early for your special seat. Money raised is used for a variety of service projects.
- Yoga Class:** Meets on [Tuesdays & Thursdays](#) at 9 am in the Auditorium. Call Tom Meagher at 365-4901. Cost is \$6 per class.
- Senior Exercise:** Meets [Tuesdays & Fridays](#) @ 11 am in the Auditorium. Call instructors Cindy Brauer at 430-2756 or Sheryl King at 481-4950 for more information. Cost is \$4 per class.
- Council Meeting:** Meets [2nd Tuesday](#) of each month @ 7 pm in the Auditorium.
- ACBL Duplicate Bridge:** Meets [Wednesdays](#), 12:30 - 3:30 pm, in the Auditorium, directed by Nora Harvey, 733-7138. Beginner Duplicate lessons held at Noon. \$5 per game, includes lunch. Come alone or bring a partner. We guarantee you will have a partner.
- Tai Chi Class:** Meets [Thursdays](#) @ 10:30 am in the Auditorium. Call Deb Marzani @ 397-2826 for more information. Cost is \$2 per class donation to the Taoist Tai Chi Society.
- Women's Club:** Meets [2nd Thursday](#) of each month, [September thru May](#). Call Marlene at 596-3401 if interested in joining. The Women's Club sponsors the "Support Our Troops" effort which sends packages to our military overseas. Cost is \$10 annual membership fee.
- Bridge Lessons:** Meets on [Fridays](#) in the Auditorium @ 1-3 pm, [March 7th thru March 28th](#). Class is entitled "[Defense in the 21st Century, Part 2](#)", a new program developed by the American Contract Bridge League focusing on Defense - the hardest part of bridge. \$20 for 4 sessions. Contact Jim Maloney at 393-8196 by February 27th.
- Recycling:** Recycle bins are located at the end of 193rd Ave. E., behind the Town Hall, for newspapers, plastic bottles & aluminum cans. (Glass is no longer accepted as there is no glass processing facility available to the county.)



9th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT: - brought to you by your Friends at the Salt Rock Grill. [Saturday, March 22, 2008](#) in Estelle Harper Park, behind the Town Hall. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each age group:

Baby Bunny Hunt (Ages 1-2) - 9:30 AM
Toddler Hunt (Ages 3-4) - 9:35 AM
Junior Hunt (Ages 5-6) - 9:40 AM



TOWN MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC: - The Town's annual Memorial Day Picnic will be held on [Monday, May 26th](#) from 1 pm to 4 pm in Estelle Harper Park, behind the Town Hall. All citizens are welcome to attend. Come meet and be served by your Town Council members, soak up the sunshine and enjoy a free picnic lunch, compliments of the Town. There will be professional entertainment and a short Memorial Day Program honoring those who have served.



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