

# ~MAYOR'S MESSAGE~

*Happy September! Below are some things that are happening in North Redington Beach right now.*

**Budget** It's September and that means it's time for our annual budget hearings. The commission has agreed to maintain the current property tax millage rate at .7511. Again, this would make NRB the lowest millage rate in Pinellas County for any municipalities with employees. (Belleair Shore has increased to .7263 but has no city hall nor employees). According to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser our property values have increased 6.58% this past year.

**Gulf Boulevard Beautification** The Gulf Boulevard Beautification Program money from Pinellas County continues to accumulate in a fund set up for the Town of North Redington Beach. Our first expenditures, from this accumulated money, will be undergrounding the cross wires on Gulf Boulevard and adding electrical outlets to the medians (using underground directional boring to avoid disrupting the new paving). In addition, we will install new lighted monument signs at the town entrances with updated plantings surrounding the new signage. These updates and improvements should give Gulf Boulevard a fresh new appealing look. The towns of Redington Beach and Redington Shores are also planning similar projects at the same time.

**Garbage Services** Please remember garbage service is the individual home owners responsibility. The Town negotiates the contract for the best prices and service to our town. Please make sure yard clippings and trimmings are tidy and either bundled or in cans. To avoid issues during heavy rains, clippings should be placed away from storm drains. North Redington Beach has "back door service" but the sanitation workers will return your cans back to where they were picked-up, so please be consistent in your placement.

**New Beach Regulations** The Town's new regulations concerning items (tents, chairs, coolers, rafts, etc.) left on the beach has been a great success. Between the Code Enforcement Officer and the deputies, several warnings were given out over the summer. There was 99% compliance thanks to the warning system and 100% satisfaction from the hotels & motels on the beach. A big "Thank You" to Don Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, who adjusted his schedule to be on the beach early each day as well as working weekends to ensure a successful program!

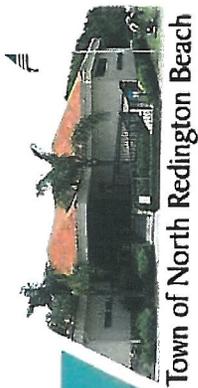
**Street Flooding** With the recent heavy rains, it's a good time to remind everyone that there are several sections of our roadways, primarily by storm drains, that will flood at extremely high tides. In those areas, when there is a combination of a lot of rain water on top of extremely high tides it makes the roadway impassable. Be very careful in these high waters and drive very slowly - if they are drivable. We were lucky that none of our beach roadways flooded during the past two months due to the rain water being able to drain quickly.

**Madeira Beach Bridge Construction** The Tom Stewart Causeway Bridge in Madeira Beach will be undergoing some maintenance from the Department of Transportation over the next year. It will be single lane traffic, mostly at night. However, it could carry on into the early mornings. Be aware of this added congestion and avoid this route if possible.

*If you see someone without a smile, give them one and make their day!  
Drive safely!!*



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## Flood Stage Info



### When a flood warning is issued:

- Keep tuned to local stations for evacuation information.
- Avoid putting rescue workers at risk - obey evacuation orders.
- Store drinking water in sterile, covered containers.
- Move valuable objects higher. Place them on shelves, tables and counter tops.
- Fuel your vehicle and check oil and water.

### During the flood:

- If flood waters threaten to enter your house, turn off electricity at main circuit box.
- Stay on higher ground.
- Do not drive on a flooded road.
- Do not attempt to wade in water above your knees.

### After the flood:

- Do not return to your home until officials give the "All Clear."
- Do not eat food that has come into contact with flood water. Use non-perishable food.
- Drink only bottled or previously stored water.
- Stay away from disaster areas.
- Do not handle live electrical equipment.
- Report downed power lines.
- Keep tuned to local stations for emergency information.

## Flood Safety

If you are advised to evacuate, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances, but do not touch any electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. Avoid fast flowing water or unstable banks.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic

