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Town of North Redington Beach
Hours Monday thru Friday 7:30-5:30 pm

NRB News

June 2015

Parade

July 4th Parade & Picnic!

Balloon Twisting at Gazebo

Please join us for our annual July Fourth Parade and Picnic. The Parade will begin at 9 am (weather permitting) at Addie Graham Park on 173rd Avenue. Feel free to jump in the parade as we pass by your home or street. We encourage participants to dress for the holiday and to patriotically decorate your bikes, wagons, scooters and cars. The parade will take its normal route up 173rd Avenue to 2nd Street, continuing onto 1st Street and ends at Radcliffe Park for the celebration. Immediately following the parade at the Gazebo, there will be refreshments, food and fun. A special prize will be awarded to a child and an adult with the best patriotically decorated bike, wagon or outfit.

The closest fireworks to NRB will be in Redington Shores, Madeira Beach and Treasure Island. Typically the fireworks start just after 9 pm. Please see the newspaper or their municipal websites for more specific information.

New Building Department

As of April 1st the town is contracted with Florida Municipal Services, Inc. for all building services, permits and inspections. They are located at 18001 Gulf Blvd in Redington Shores – (727) 202-6825.

Stay in the Know…

Visit our website and click on the "Public Announcement" circle to keep up on all important information and happenings in North Redington Beach.

www.TownofNRB.com

Your Town Employees

Mari Campbell has worked for the Town for 12 years. She is the Town Clerk responsible for all duties of the town clerk, secretary to the board of commissioners, all town ordinances, supervisor of elections, building/development questions, town finances, public works supervisor, secretary to the planning and zoning board and services to the public. Mari wears many hats for the town and performs her duties in an exemplary manner always with the town's best interests first and foremost.

Renee Schmader has worked for the Town for 8 years. She is the Deputy Town Clerk and responsibilities include public relations/ communications, secretary to code enforcement, secretary to planning and zoning variance hearings, administers the business tax receipts, maintains the website and is a liaison with other cities/county/state/federal agencies. She handles the mail, records management and acts as the human resources. Renee also wears many hats for the town and represents the town professionally.

Don Lewis has worked for the Town for 7 years and his primary job is Code Enforcement education. He also inspects and maintains town roads, stormwater systems, signage, equipment, buoy lines and assists in ground maintenance on a daily basis. He also works all town events, inspects beach accesses and parks. Don puts the town first, he is the first called in an emergency and always greets people with a smile.

Rick Ciatto has worked for the Town for 25 years as a public works employee. He works to clean up litter, dead varmint or fish, mows the grass and maintains irrigation in all town parks/ medians and collects the trash from the beach. He also supports the town in preparation for town functions. Rick's job is hot, dirty and relentless.

In addition to these employees the town has volunteers for the Planning and Zoning Board, Beach Advisory Board and your town elected commissioners. These are the people who make this town operate. Many thanks to all of them for jobs well done! This is the essence of how a small town operates. *– Bill Queen, Mayor*

IMPORTANT REMINDER...

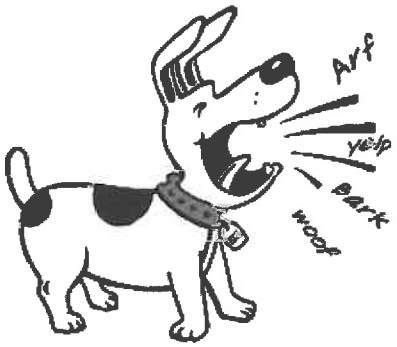
Single-family or multi-family homes are to be occupied on a regular basis by the same party for periods of ninety (90) days or more and not to be rented for shorter periods.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Building Department	202-6825
Pinellas County Sheriff	582-6200
Pinellas County Utilities	464-4000
Duke Energy	443-2641
Seminole Fire Dept.	393-8711
Town Hall	391-4848
Progressive Waste Solutions (formerly Waste Services Inc.)	572-6800

GRASS & WEEDS

It's that time of year again! Grass and weeds grow very quickly. Please mow and weed your yard regularly to keep our town looking beautiful. Ord. 30-57



Barking Dogs

The town ordinance states: ARTICLE II – NOISE, Section 30-31 (c) Enumeration of loud and raucous noise is prohibited. The definition of "loud and raucous" shall further extend to and include the kinds of noise generated by the activities and devices as follows: (5) Animals, birds, etc. The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity. Please call Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at (727) 582-6200 to report problems.

TENTS ON THE BEACH

Just a reminder that no tents, tent frames, coolers, rafts, chairs, towels, coolers, toys, etc. can be left on the beach from 8 pm – 8 am.

All residents must have an account for garbage and recycling services with Progressive Waste Solutions. Remember to utilize their back-door services.
If you experience a service or billing problem call them at 727-572-6800. If you have persistent and ongoing service problems call Town Hall so we can help.

RV, BOAT OR TRAILER PARKING

Residents cannot keep or allow parking of any boat, boat trailer, trailer or recreational vehicle on any public street or easement or on any private property within the Town without first obtaining a Permit issued by Town Hall.

The Permit is free and is for parking such vehicles on private property for a maximum of 14 days in any six-month period.

It is unlawful for any such vehicle to be occupied or used for habitation or living purposes and to be parked on any street in the town at any time.

Turtle Nesting and Hatching Season is May 1st - October 31st

- Do not interfere with nesting females, eggs or hatchlings.
- Leave nests, nest markers and signs undisturbed.
- Shield and turn off lights that shine on the beach or are visible from the beach.
- Keep pets off of the beach.

Please report any new nests, injured or dead sea turtles to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium at (727) 409-5389.

Don't wait to get your NEW Hurricane Emergency Access Permit!

Town Hall will not issue them once an evacuation order is given.

THE INSERTS WITHIN THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUARDING AGAINST FLOODS AND PREPARATIONS FOR HURRICANES.
PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY.

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PET LITTER

Please keep our parks, streets and walkways clean and free of pet litter. Everyone who walks their pet is required by a Town Law (Ordinance Section 14-32) to promptly remove pet feces from any property. Continued failure to pick up after your pet constitutes a nuisance and is a misdemeanor violation. Also, do not allow your pet(s) in the children's playground areas as this causes unsanitary conditions. All parks have dog waste bag dispensers for your convenience in case you forget one. Be a responsible citizen, have your dog on a leash on all public property and clean up after your pet so that other residents can enjoy our park areas too!

Recycle plastic bags at Town Hall for the park dispensers ☺

NO DUMPING!

The Town is required yearly to obtain a permit from the State of Florida to further its efforts to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the public waterways and endangering the environment. To work toward that goal the Town is requesting your help in the following ways:

- **Please don't block, dump or throw anything (including concrete, grass clippings, tree debris etc.) into the gutters, swales or Boca Ciega Bay. These areas must be free of debris to function as they have been designed.**
- **It is especially important that no one disposes of, dumps or causes the disposal of any hazardous waste within the municipal limits of the town.**

Hazardous waste is defined as any solid waste, or combination of solid wastes, which because of its quality, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly transported, disposed of, stored, treated or otherwise managed. These materials can be disposed of in conjunction with established amnesty days of the county and the state, and at properly authorized locations or sites.

- If you observe any illegal disposition of materials into drainage facilities that could obstruct the flow of stormwater or if you see dumping of hazardous waste or debris in gutters, manholes, swales or the Boca Ciega Bay, please notify the Public Works Department at 391-4848.
- Also, if you are contemplating construction, please check with the Pinellas County Building Department before you build onto, alter, re-grade or fill your property. A permit may be needed to ensure projects do not cause drainage problems on other properties, increase chemical pollutants (pesticides, fertilizers, etc.) entering the waterways, nor cover more than 60% (in all zoning districts other than RS-150) of your lot area with impervious material.
- Find plants and gardening methods that require fewer fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides for your landscaping plan in order to reduce the possibility of chemicals polluting the bay.
- If you see building or lot-filling without a building permit posted call Town Hall at 391-4848.

If you have a stormwater drainage facility on your property, you are required to have that facility inspected by the Town.

June 2012 Tropical Storm Debby/Bayshore Boulevard

FLOOD INFORMATION

The Town continues to work to keep residents and property owners informed as to flood hazards and methods of prevention. Toward that end, various informational publications regarding these issues are available at the Town Hall, 190 – 173rd Avenue or call (727) 391-4848. You may call or come into the Town Hall to request a flood zone determination and/or get a copy of any Elevation Certificate on file. Further information can be obtained through the following agencies with regard to the topics listed:

A. FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM)

1. Town of North Redington Beach, 190 – 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach, FL 33708, (727) 391-4848.
2. FEMA Regional Office, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341 (770) 220-5200.

B. FLOOD INSURANCE

1. Local Insurance Agencies
2. Florida Department of Finance (877) 693-5236

C. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

1. NFIP State Coordinator, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100 (850) 922-5269.
2. FEMA Regional Office, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341 (770) 220-5200.

You may also research information in various state and federal reference publications covering a variety of subjects including flood prevention, floodproofing non-residential structures, elevating structures, etc. at the Gulf Beaches Public Library (200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach) or the North Redington Beach Town Hall building. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map for the Town of North Redington Beach, Panel 179 of 327, map number 12103CO179G are also available.

NRB Residents get 15% off Flood Insurance Premiums!

Property owners within NRB enjoy a 15% discount on the cost of flood insurance due to efforts to control and reduce flooding and its costs. NRB is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The FEMA rules and procedures the town maintains, to aid in this effort, must be enforced or the discount for everyone could be lost.

Do your part. Remember there can be NO air conditioned or habitable area below the base flood elevation in POST-FIRM homes. Also, PRE-FIRM homes cannot be improved 50% or more of their fair market value of the structure itself.

ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY?

The purpose of this information is to inform you of flood hazards and how to protect yourself and your property.

FLOOD HAZARD AREA - The Town of North Redington Beach is located entirely in a Special Flood Hazard Area. The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) identifies the whole town as an AE Zone with some VE areas located on the west side of Gulf Blvd. These areas are prone to flooding. You can contact Town Hall at 391-4848 to get the base flood elevation in your area.

The Town of North Redington Beach occupies an approximate mile-long portion of the Sand Key Barrier Island. The Town is framed by the Gulf of Mexico on the west and Boca Ciega Bay on the east. The entire Gulf of Mexico coastal public beach and estuarine waters of Boca Ciega Bay are protected land, preserved and cannot be developed. The beach, seawalls and mangrove areas create a storm protection barrier - acting as buffers against storm surge and waves. North Redington Beach has not sustained severe wind damage from the hurricanes that have passed close to our shores. Flooding has caused most of the damage sustained in the past during hurricane events. Waters stirred in the Gulf of Mexico and Boca Ciega Bay by hurricane-force winds rise over the seawalls. Additionally, high tides prevent heavy rains normally associated with hurricanes from draining into the bay and gulf. Consequently, rainwater can back up into homes from the streets. Hurricane winds of more than 110 miles per hour can bring a tidal surge of more than 10 feet. The severity of hurricanes is categorized on a scale of 1 through 5; category 1 hurricane is the least intense in severity and category 5 is the most powerful.

FLOOD WARNING - When a hurricane threatens land, a Hurricane Watch is issued. If severe flooding is expected from an approaching storm, a Flood Watch is issued. A Watch means that hurricane, or flooding, conditions are possible for the area within the next 36 hours. You must take action to secure your home and prepare to leave. A Hurricane Warning is issued when winds of at least 74 miles per hour are expected within the next 24 hours. You must be prepared and ready to leave when an evacuation order is issued. When the Evacuation Order is given by Pinellas County Emergency Management it will be relayed over local TV (for example NBC, ABC, CBS and The Weather Channel) and radio stations. NRB is located in Evacuation Zone A, which is the first level ordered to evacuate. Arrangements will be made through the Emergency Management Procedures to aid people who need help evacuating. Because the Tampa Bay Region could require as long as 26 hours to evacuate, be prepared ahead of time.

FLOOD INSURANCE - Flood Insurance is required in the Town of North Redington Beach for any federally-backed mortgage. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Federal Insurance Administration. The Town participates in NFIP; therefore, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy.

Increased cost of compliance coverage with a limit of $20,000 is afforded under the flood insurance policy for the increased costs to rebuild, or otherwise alter, a flood-damaged structure to bring it into compliance with State or local floodplain management ordinances or laws.

If you don't have flood insurance or want to find out more about flood insurance for your property, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods or any rising waters. Remember, even if the last flood missed you or if you have done some floodproofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance can be purchased on eligible residential and commercial buildings and/or their contents, or tenants can purchase contents-only coverage.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect.

Participants in the NFIP program (including North Redington Beach) are governed by the "50% rule". The rule requires homes that have been structurally improved by 50% or more of the market value of the structure to have the lowest floor at or above the base flood elevation. Non-residential buildings can be "flood proofed" as an alternative to raising the lowest floor. Permits must be obtained and applications reviewed by the Building Official prior to any construction or development within the community. Please contact the Building Department (464-3888) prior to any construction.

Hurricane Elena Damage 1985

BEING AWARE OF STEPS TO REDUCE LOSS BEFORE A FLOOD IS THE FIRST STEP TO SAFETY

Several of the Town's efforts to reduce flood damage depend on your cooperation and assistance. Please help us with this effort.

WHAT YOU CAN DO EVERY DAY:

To ensure against flooding, it is important to maintain the water-carrying capacity of the Town's drainage system, therefore--

- Do not dump or throw anything (grass clippings, etc.) into the gutters, swales or Boca Ciega Bay. These areas must be free of debris in order to function as they have been designed, and edging of the curb area is mandatory to ensure that grass doesn't stop the flow of stormwater.
- If you observe any illegal disposal of materials into drainage facilities that could obstruct the flow of stormwater or if you see dumping of debris into gutters, swales or Boca Ciega Bay, please notify they Public Works Department at 391-4848.
- Always check with the Building Dept. before you build on, alter, re-grade or add fill to your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that these projects do not cause problems for other properties.
- If you see building or filling being done without a permit posted, contact the Building Department at 464-3888.

WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING SEVERE WEATHER:

- Listen for weather updates on local TV channels and radio stations to stay informed.
- Keep a portable radio and flashlight on hand with fresh batteries.
- **Clear your yard and porches of loose objects, furniture, plants, etc.**
- **Moor your boat securely and make it as watertight as possible.**
- Place personal possessions and furniture in higher locations to reduce flood loss.
- Consider sandbagging outside doors.
- Turn off electricity and unplug small appliances from electrical outlets. Turn off the water to your home.
- Shutter or board all windows to help prevent glass from shattering and water from further damaging personal belongings.
- **Plan a flood-free evacuation route and know where to go.**
- DO NOT walk through flowing water. **DO NOT drive through a flooded area.** Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP!

OVERVIEW OF FLOOD PROTECTION RETROFITTING METHODS

ELEVATION

This method consists of raising a house on an elevated support structure to place it above future flood waters. The exact method can include a number of possibilities that depend on local conditions such as expected flood and wind forces, building type and size, and soil bearing capacity. Elevation may be considered for all types of homes, including structures built slab-on-grade or over crawlways. Types of elevated foundations consist of:

Elevation on Extended Foundation Walls – The house is elevated and set on walls that have been built up from the original foundation. This method is particularly appropriate where the characteristics of flooding involve up to moderate depths with slow velocities, and is commonly used.

Elevation on Piers – This method is employed for shallow flooding with slow to moderate velocities. The house is elevated and set on low foundations that are constructed of reinforced masonry block or reinforced concrete.

ELEVATION CONTINUED

Elevation on Posts or Columns – This method is used for shallow to moderate flood depths with slow to moderate velocities. The house is set on taller structures, generally made of wood, steel, or concrete, set in pre-dug holes and braced together.

Elevation on Pilings – This method is employed where high velocity water could undermine other structures such as in coastal high-hazard areas. It is also suitable for deep flood depths or poor soil conditions. The house is set on tall foundation pilings, usually wood, that have been driven into the ground.

Elevation on Fill – This method is limited to areas of low flood depths and low velocities. The house is elevated on compacted soil.

RELOCATION

Perhaps the only technique for completely preventing future flood damage, this method involves moving a house out of a flood area to a new location where there is no threat of flooding. The technique for moving most any house in good structural condition is well developed. It is generally more expensive and time consuming than most elevation techniques, but it can be a very feasible method in many cases.

LEVEES

A possible technique in areas of shallow and moderate flooding depths with low velocity, this is a method of creating a barrier of compacted soil to keep the water away from a house. It can be one of the least expensive techniques, and it can be attractively landscaped. Its construction, however, requires great care, and there must be continued attention and maintenance to prevent its failure.

FLOODWALLS

This method is sometimes practical for areas with low to moderate flooding depths and velocities. As with levees, floodwalls are designed to keep the water away from a house, but are constructed of materials such as masonry block and reinforced concrete. They are more expensive than levees, but if properly designed, do not require as much concern with continued inspection and maintenance. However, because some designs have openings for access to the house, they often require closures and human presence to make sure they are in place prior to flooding.

CLOSURES

Often used in conjunction with other techniques such as floodwalls and levees, closures involve techniques for protecting gaps that have been left open for day-to-day convenience, such as walks, doors, and driveways.

SEALANTS

Sometimes referred to as dry floodproofing, this method can be used only in areas of very shallow flooding to completely seal a home against water. Because of the tremendous pressures that water can exert against a structure protected by this method, the techniques can only be used on brick veneer or masonry construction in good structural condition, and then only when the flood levels cannot exceed two to three feet and flood velocities are negligible.

UTILITY PROTECTION

Often very costly damage to utilities such as heating, air conditioning, electrical and plumbing systems occurs during floods. Simple and relatively low-cost measures can usually prevent damage to these systems, which are essential to the habitability of a residence.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

These are some special floodproofing techniques used in unusual flooding situations. They include retrofitting in alluvial fans, elevation of fill and elevation on reinforced mat slabs.

NEW 2015 Emergency Access Permits

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has developed the NEW Emergency Access Permit program which replaces our old Post Disaster Re-Entry Permit program (blue hang tags).

All property owners, business owners and residents need to come to Town Hall to receive your new permit. This new program was developed for the initial return to your NRB property after a hurricane or natural disaster. These permits reduce traffic/re-entry time by allowing only authorized residents onto the beaches.

The Sheriff's Department will monitor all entry points to the beach (bridges) after a disaster. Only residents/business owners will be able to re-enter the beaches through the entry points with one of these permits and must be accompanied by photo ID.

The permits are available at Town Hall. However, they will not be available if a hurricane evacuation is declared. Therefore, get your permit now if you haven't already. Property owners are eligible for two permits per property (or 1 to owner and 1 to tenant, if applicable). You must apply in person with photo ID and have proof of residency.

THE OFFICIAL HURRICANE GUIDE FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

SURVIVING THE STORM

IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Timing is Critical to Good Planning

The Surviving the Storm Hurricane Guide

is published specifically for Pinellas County residents by Pinellas County Emergency Management.

Welcome to the Atlantic Hurricane Season...

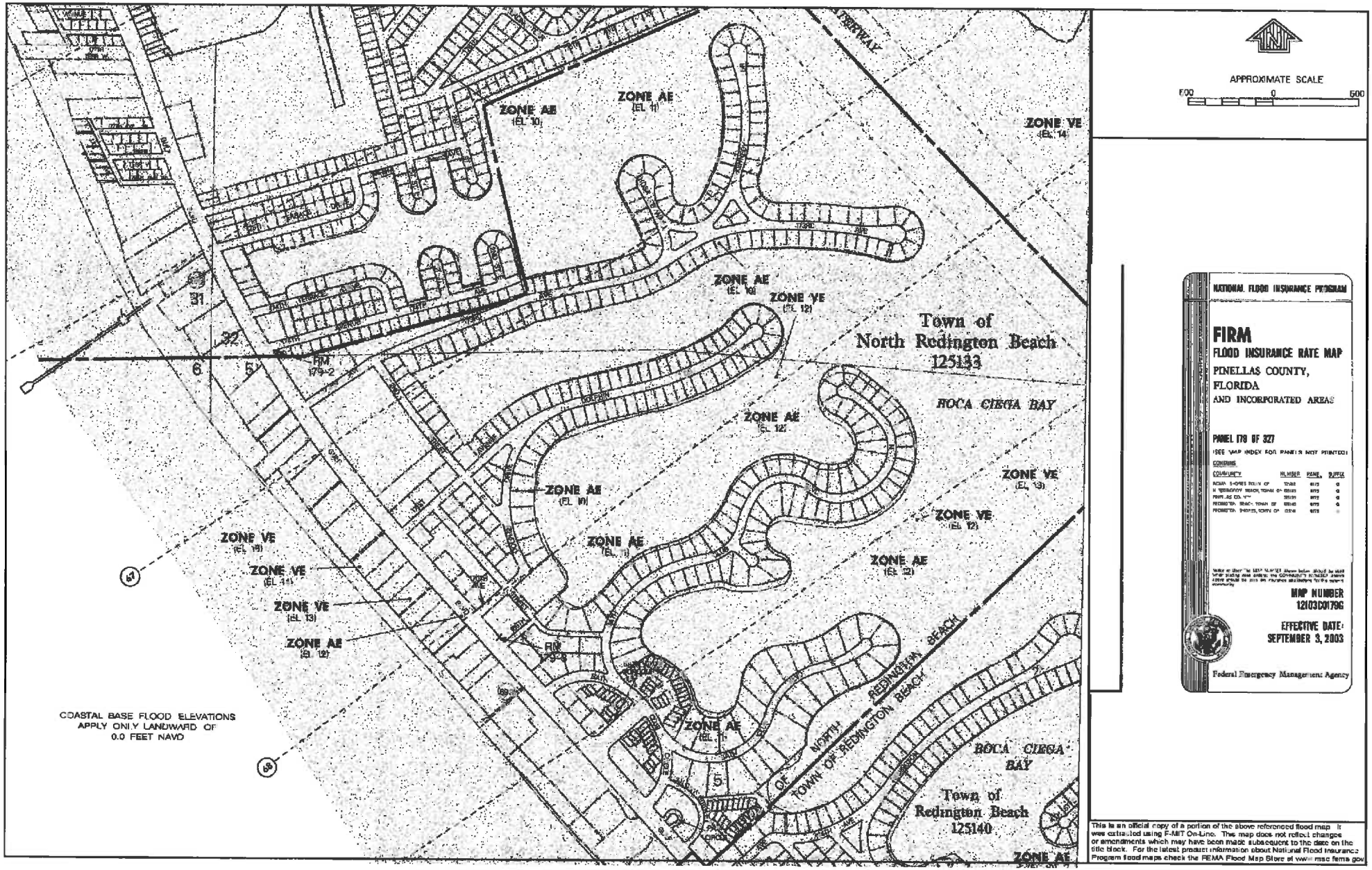
We are now in the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 until November 30. Now that we are in the season, it is more important than ever to prepare for what could come. That's why it's important to pick up your copy of the 2015 Surviving the Storm guide. You can find a copy of the guide at the following locations: Town Hall, Fire Departments, all libraries, Pinellas County Court Houses and Tax Collector offices.

While there may be several guides out there to choose from, the Surviving the Storm guide is the official guide of Pinellas County, addressing the special considerations of our very vulnerable county. Find the latest information on how to get ready for this year's storms. From preparing your pet and family to preparing your car and home, you'll find preparedness information in this guide you won't find anywhere else. Pick up your copy and be prepared.

Some key preparation steps include:

- North Redington Beach is in Evacuation Level "A" (first to go). The evacuation route is North on Gulf Boulevard to the Park Boulevard Bridge.
- Assemble an emergency survival kit that provides for your family's needs for a minimum of one week. Make sure you have your Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Emergency Access Permit(s).
- Find out now where you will be evacuating to should an order be issued.
- Plan your house preparations; i.e. prepare shutters to protect your windows, brace your entry doors and garage door.

While the most active months of hurricane season are still to come, understand that a hurricane can spin up at any time. Check the weather forecast daily to stay on top of any tropical developments.

The Town of <u>North Redington Beach</u> is located <u>entirely</u> in a <u>Special Flood Hazard Area</u>.

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