

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Beach Nourishment:** The Sand Key Beach Nourishment Project will begin in the fall of this year. It will start at the north end of Sand Key and proceed south to North Redington Beach. Required easement requests, by the Army Corp of Engineers, prompted some properties to opt out of the project. Emerald Isle was the only property in our town that did not participate and that beach area will not be nourished.

**New Event:** The Town will start a new community event, "A Movie in the Park", on Friday, March 2, 2018. Bring your blankets, chairs & coolers and watch a family movie on a big screen under the stars in Radcliffe Park. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The weather should be beautiful - cool and crisp. This event will replace our extremely hot July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and picnic, making for a much more comfortable gathering for all. Mark your calendars now!

**New EMS/Public Works Building:** A new Redington Emergency Services Building is being planned to replace the town's public works building with the purpose of improving response times for all the Redingtons. This new building will house Madeira Beach and Seminole Fire Services, a substation for Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Utilities, Public Works storage/garage for Redington Shores and North Redington Beach and other essential services that are already in place (records storage and election room). This new building will be a collaborative effort to make the economies of scale work in a more efficient and effective manner for local government. This project will be funded by Pinellas County contingent upon the passing of the Penny for Pinellas Referendum in November 2018.

**Millage Rate:** The Commission has proposed to return the town's millage rate (the amount paid per \$1,000 of taxable value) to 1.0. The rate was lowered from 1.0 in 2007 making the millage rate .7511 for the past 10 years. This was done to help property owners through the economic down turn by using funds from the reserves. However, the commission stated at that time the millage would have to be raised when the economy made a rebound. The majority of NRB property owner's tax bills (16.3174 mils total) is School taxes (7.318 ) and Pinellas County (5.2755) whereas the portion that goes to NRB (0.7511) is very small i.e \$379 of a \$8,420 tax bill. The Town has used \$1,165,382 from General Fund reserves to cover shortages in revenue over past 10 years. The revenue shortage averages \$130k each year. The 1.0 millage rate will bring in an additional \$120k annually, the remaining shortage can be covered by the Sewer Fund. The General Fund is used to pay all operating expenses including most payroll, police, fire, street lighting, insurance, park maintenance and all other operating expenses. The Special Revenue and Stormwater Funds are restricted and cannot be used to pay operating expenses. Money can be transferred from the Sewer Fund, however this fund has to remain intact to cover large expenses or to cover immediate costs in a disaster. The increase to an average property owner (taxable value of \$300 to \$500k) between \$75 and \$125 per year. At 1.0 mil, the town is still the lowest rate of any town in Pinellas County (except for Belleair Shore that has no government structures). The next lowest is Redington Shores at 1.80 with St. Petersburg the highest at 6.7550.

**Wine Cellar Property:** The Wine Cellar property sold July 31<sup>st</sup> to the Redington Village LLC. The new owners are planning a restaurant village that will include a variety of national and local chain restaurants with additional retail space. We are very excited to welcome the new businesses and the demolition of the old building.

**Gull Harbor:** Gull Harbor has been sold to Avesta Management Company. The new owner will also run the day to day management of the apartments. Liz Limroth, the former owner, has managed the apartment complex for the last 33 years. Congratulations to Liz and we all wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Best regards,

William "Bill" Queen  
Mayor

## ***In Loving Memory of Jerry Knight***

*Former Vice-Mayor and Commissioner of NRB - We will miss you friend.*

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*Services: Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 2 pm  
at the Church by the Sea in Madeira Beach*



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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WITH WHEN IT COMES TO YARD WASTE...

- *YARD WASTE* is defined as all yard clippings, grass cuttings, leaves, shrubs, palm fronds, tree limbs not over four (4) feet in length and such other small rubbish as ordinarily accumulates about growing vegetation.
- Yard Waste collected at the curb does not have to be containerized. It shall not be more than six (6) feet from the curb or edge of the road.
- Non-containerized Yard Waste can be up to one and one-half (1-1/2) cubic yards per residential unit per week.
- Yard Waste collected via 'Rear Yard/Back-Door' service shall be containerized.
- It shall be the responsibility of any landscaper and/or contractor to dispose of yard waste they have created.

### To protect property from flood damage...

- Demolish the building or relocate it out of harm's way.
- Elevate the building above the flood level.
- Elevate damage-prone components, such as the furnace or air conditioner.
- Dry floodproof the building so water cannot get into it.
- Wet floodproof portions of the building so water won't cause damage.
- Construct a berm or redirect drainage away from the building.
- Maintain nearby streams, ditches and storm drains so debris does not obstruct them.
- Correct Sewer backup problems.



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