



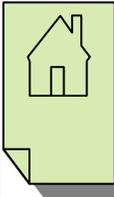
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Property Taxes All home owners will be receiving their TRIM notices from the county very soon. Property values have fallen all over Pinellas County because of the economic downturn. According to the Property Appraiser's Office home values in our town dropped by an average of 14%. Despite these lower values we will not raise the millage rates beyond our present rate of .7511. We have reduced some budgeted items and will continue our conservative fiscal approach to government. Read your TRIM notice carefully as it will identify all governmental bodies that assess taxes accounting for your total tax bill. If you have any questions call the numbers provided on the notice.



Gulf Boulevard Beautification The economic downturn has also affected the future allocation of Penny For Pinellas Funds. The County has reviewed its current data and projected shortfalls in these funds over the next several years. They have recommended to the County Commissioners that the original amount of 35 million for Gulf Boulevard Beautification be reduced to 27 million and delay any disbursements until 2013. These are recommendations only and the Barrier Islands Governmental Council will continue to negotiate with county officials and keep our plans ready for implementation. Visit the Mayor's Message section of the town's website for our Beautification Plan.



July 4th Another very hot and successful July 4th parade and celebration was well attended and a lot of fun. The parade started at Addie Graham Park and ended at Radcliffe Park. Approximately 150 people attended including 60 children who participated in the parade and American Revolution Quiz. The best decorated kids in the parade this year were: 1st Place Annie Moultrie, 2nd Place Ava Fridella and 3rd Place Mabry Nolte. The winners of the history quiz were: Luke Edison Bennett, Hally O'Keefe, Ann Benvenuti, Katie Milord, Nicholas Benvenuti, Olivia Gusti, Joseph Ionuta and Abby Exslea. Again, many thanks to the town volunteers who make this event happen. And a special thanks to Andra Phelps, it was her original idea of a parade which started this event back in 1992. By the way, did anyone really know the name of the first submarine used in the Revolutionary War?



Libby the Turtle Our Town Hall mascot, Libby the Turtle, has taken a real beating over the past several years. She has been recently refurbished and rejuvenated. Stop by Town Hall and take a look at the freshened up Libby. The answer to the submarine question above was "The Turtle".



Library Update The Gulf Beaches new Library Director, Maggie Cinnella, has been very busy in her new job. She has opened a new line of communication and her leadership has helped in the reduction of costs to all the participants in the library co-op. A new Interlocal Agreement should be signed by all the towns by press time. Congratulations to Maggie and let's all help to support our local library.



Holiday Events It's time to mark your calendars! Santa Claus will be coming to town on Friday, December 4th at our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at Radcliffe Park at 6:30 PM. Santa will bring goodies for the kiddies and some treats for the adults too. The Redingtons and Indian Shores Holiday Boat Parade has been scheduled for Sunday, December 20th.



Best Regards,

William M. Queen
 William M. Queen, Mayor



Congratulations to Steve O'Keefe!

Steve O'Keefe retired from the Pinellas County State Attorney's Office after serving as a prosecutor for the past 19 years. His Special Forces military background continues to keep him busy. At 70 years old, Steve is a jump master with military parachutists that includes Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine retirees.

They range in age from 48-85 years old.

***Good luck Steve
and remember:***

***"Keep Your Feet in the Breeze"
and "One More Jump"!***



The Town of North Redington Beach has a system of drainage channels and ditches for stormwater management purposes.

They are maintained on a regular basis by our public works department. These ditches are of vital importance since the water flowing through them drains our streets.

State Law prohibits dumping in these drainage systems. Violations should be reported to Town Hall (727) 391-4848 or the Sheriff's Dept (727) 582-6200.



Flood Property Protection Methods

Retrofitting your home can help significantly with flood risk and damage.

Elevation of a home built on grade will place it above future flood waters. By grading a yard it will help correct drainage problems and minimize loss prior to floods occurring.

Other retrofitting methods include building flood walls, elevating a structure, using sealants, etc.



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