

# Greetings from Town Hall



**Local Crime** In the month of July our Town experienced a mini crime wave. Ten cars were broken into during the night of July 7<sup>th</sup>. All of the cars were parked outside and unlocked. Unlocked cars are always an easy target for criminals. We urge everyone to lock their vehicles, keep valuables out of sight and please call the police if you see someone or something that is suspicious. After the vehicle burglaries the Sheriff's Office did a check of unlocked vehicles and found some of the same cars still unlocked. Protect yourself, and your neighborhood, by locking your cars and keeping your eyes open for anything unusual.

A great example of a good neighbor and how crime prevention can work is a case on Bath Club Boulevard North where a good neighbor observed some suspicious people and activity at a neighbor's house. The neighbor called the Sheriff's Office and the responding deputies caught the burglars after a brief chase. They also recovered all of the stolen property! Be an observant neighbor.

**Gulf Boulevard Beautification** The funding for the Gulf Boulevard Beautification project has been approved by the County Commission. The 35 million dollar project will enhance the entire Gulf Boulevard from Clearwater to St. Pete Beach. Our Town will receive approximately 1.1 million for various upgrades. The funding schedule starts in 2013 and is prorated over a seven year period of time with the money accruing each year. Our plan includes:



1. Light enhanced monument signs for Town entrance.
2. Electrical outlets on all medians.
3. New plantings for the medians.
4. Solar power speed limit signs.
5. Different color and texture material for all crosswalks.
6. Ambient lighting for crosswalks.
7. Solar powered pedestrian activated lights for one crosswalk.
8. Undergrounding all cross wires above Gulf Boulevard.

**Business Challenges** The economic downturn, the coldest winter in our recent history and the oil spill have certainly made this a challenging year for our local businesses. Hopefully we will begin to see a recovery in the economic market and with the oil well capped, we will keep our fingers crossed for no oil on our beaches. The County's Visitors Bureau has made a concerted effort to get that message out there... 100% OIL FREE!

**Budget & Taxes** The Town's present millage rate of .7511 will stay in effect for the next fiscal year. The Town's revenue streams have been affected by the down turn in the housing market and the low interest rates from our savings. We have reduced the revenue projections to reflect the loss of income. Because of our very conservative approach to government operations we still have a healthy reserve to rely on. We will continue to maintain a conservative approach and keep your taxes the lowest in Pinellas County (excluding Belleair Shore that doesn't have any employees or a town hall).

**Crosswalks** The Town utilizes pedestrian crosswalks as a tool to help pedestrians cross Gulf Boulevard. There are 5 crosswalks within NRB and 4 of them have push button activated yellow flashing lights to alert vehicles of a person using the crosswalk.



### For Pedestrian Safety:

1. Utilize the crosswalks and any enhancements placed there to help you cross the road. Use the flags or the pedestrian activated lights.
2. Look for traffic before you cross the roadway.
3. Continue looking as you cross.

### For Driver Safety:

1. Pay attention to your driving.
2. Watch out for pedestrians.
3. Watch out for slowing or stopping vehicles.
4. Obey the traffic laws.

**Be safe!**

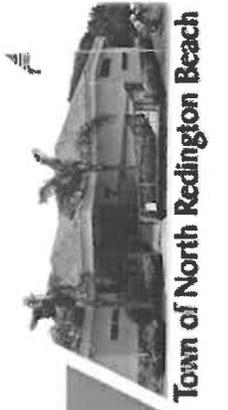
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Mayor's Message

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# Congratulations!

*Congratulations to a couple of our town volunteers - people that make a difference in our community!*

*Bobbi Jagielski* was a member of the Library Board for 14 years. She has represented NRB well through some very complex issues with the Library Co-Op. Thank you Bobbi for your excellent service to our town.

*Frank Novak* was a member of the Planning & Zoning Board for 8 years. Frank has also distinguished himself as a true volunteer for the town. Thank you Frank for your loyal service to our town.

Thank you to our new volunteers coming onto our boards... Bo Friedman is now on our Library Board. Cherie Walker and Doug Taylor have joined the Planning & Zoning Board as alternates.



**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. Seawalls that line North Redington Beach have 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 backup into homes from the streets. Hurricane winds of more than 110 miles per hour can bring a tidal surge of more than 10 feet.

**Keep Informed** - You should keep a battery operated weather alert radio, with plenty of back-up batteries available in case of a power outage. Sign up for emergency notification through cell phone text message by calling 1-888-689-8905 or for email emergency alerts by visiting the Pinellas County website at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency).



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