# NRB NEWS - JUNE 2025

#### **BEACH NOURISHMENT**

We have gotten new information from Pinellas County that beach nourishment is unlikely to start this year. We, along with all of you, are anxious to see this happen and were encouraged by the previous notification of an imminent start. We will keep you updated as we receive information

### STILT HOUSE ORDINANCE

You should have received an update on the status of the Town's ordinance regarding stilt type structures earlier today. We felt it was important to relay that information separately and in a timely manner.

However, we do wish to add an additional piece of information as we have received a couple of questions. Due to state legislation placing a ban on amending certain ordinances after storm impacts, the current ordinance cannot be amended by the Town Commission until after October 1, 2027.

If you did not receive the email earlier, the information is included here again:

As included in last month's newsletter, the town has a current code that was intended to disallow "stilt" type homes. This code was enacted in 1991 with the minutes showing the Commission stating "it was to avoid having stilt houses and to keep the houses looking more traditional". Over the ensuing years, stilt houses have not been constructed.

With the unprecedented damage caused by the 2024 storms, this ordinance has been called into question and the town requested a legal review. The Town Attorney reviewed the code this week and has determined that even though the intent of the Commission was apparent in the minutes, the wording of the ordinance is not clear in prohibiting stilt type structures. Therefore, these type of homes can be constructed.

We wanted to provide this update in a timely manner so anyone interested in elevating or building a new structure would have correct information.

If you have any questions about specifics on design or construction, please contact the Building Official, Randy Spears at 727-202-6825.

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES/PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING**

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We are hoping you will join us to celebrate this long-awaited project.

If you plan to attend, please rsvp to Trish Eaton at 727-391-3400 or at teaton@madeirabeachfl.gov.

#### SEWER TRANSFER TO PINELLAS COUNTY

After almost two years of planning, inspections and impacts from storms, the transfer of the town's sewer system to Pinellas County is nearing completion.

The town's system is aging, with needed repairs, but the largest catalyst for the transfer is state legislation which will require any entity that owns their sewer system to maintain all wastewater on their land. As we obviously do not have a location for a large wastewater tank anywhere in NRB, it is time to do as other beach municipalities have previously done and turn the system over to Pinellas County. Residents will be receiving notification from Pinellas County prior to the actual transfer which is expected to happen late summer.

As the past charge for residential sewer was a flat rate, once the transfer is complete the billing will be consumption based. Houses with fewer occupants may see a deduction while homes with larger occupancy could see an increase. Commercial accounts will continue to be consumption based at the Pinellas County Utility pricing.

## **BULK TRASH PICK UP**

Mark your calendars for the next bulk trash pickup scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>. For the holiday schedules and more information on the bulk pickup, please visit https://www.wasteprousa.com/northredingtonbeach

Board of Commission meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm and workshops are scheduled as needed. Please keep an eye on our webpage for agendas at

https://townofnorthredingtonbeach.com/government/agendas-minutes/

Always feel free to call or stop by and visit. The Commission and Staff are happy to answer questions anytime.

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