

WORKING TOGETHER

A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach

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Gregg Mims, City Manager

SOLAR PANEL ARRAY INSTALLED

TO POWER CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY HALL & MUSEUM

As part of the City of Indian Rocks Beach commitment to conserve energy and reduce its carbon footprint, solar panels were installed and activated at the City of Indian Rocks Beach City Hall Complex and the Indian Rocks Beach Historical Museum.

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is one of the first cities on the west coast of Florida to install solar panels on its facilities. The City Hall installation will result in a 47% savings in energy cost and a reduction of 1,660 tons of CO₂; the Museum installation will result in an 87% savings in energy cost and a reduction of 300 tons of CO₂.

"The project represents the City of Indian Rocks Beach's continuing commitment to conserve energy and to harness the power of the Florida sun" said Brently Gregg Mims, City Manager, City of Indian Rocks Beach. The solar projects were recommended by the City Manager and approved unanimously by the City Commission. Other energy savings projects include LED lighting in City Hall, LED streetlights throughout the city and solar powered lights at the city's 28 beach accesses. Additional energy savings projects are planned.



City of Indian Rocks Beach Public Services garage roof

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Administration
727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Services
727/595-6889



CITY COMMISSION AMENDS PARK HOURS

On December 8, 2020, the IRB City Commission passed an ordinance to amend park hours. These new hours clarify the hours of our various parks and positively impact the safety of citizens and visitors. The summary of the changes are:

7:00 a.m. - Dusk daily

10th Avenue Park

Nature Preserve & Boardwalk

Brown Park

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. daily

Keegan Clair Park

IRB Boat Docks

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. daily

Kolb Park

(except for the Little League field)

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. daily

IRB Skate Facility



THE NEW PARK HOURS WILL BE **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please call the IRB City Hall at 727/595-2517.

FEMA — COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

DID YOU KNOW that the City of Indian Rocks Beach participates in FEMA's Community Rating System? The system rewards those communities that participate in flood mitigation-related activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards.

A flood insurance premium rate reduction of 20% is available to all residents and business owners in the city located in the Special Flood Hazard Area. That's any flood zone beginning with the letters "A" or "V". Voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policyholders in the city more than **\$597,000** in premium discounts annually.

It is important to note that a reduction in flood insurance rates is only one of the rewards communities like ours receive from undertaking the activities credited under the Community Rating System; others include:

- √ **increased public safety**
- √ **reduction of damages to property and public infrastructure**
- √ **avoidance of economic disruption and losses**
- √ **reduction of human suffering, and**
- √ **protection of the environment**

If you don't already have flood insurance to protect your building and its contents, please consider purchasing a policy today! Call your insurance agent, or (888) 379-9531 to find an agent, and be sure your premium includes the 20% discount. You can find more information about flood insurance at www.FloodSmart.gov or the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at www.indian-rocks-beach.com and click on *Flood Information*.

You can view each recorded IRB City Commission meeting by following the link on the City's website at: www.indian-rocks-beach.com



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PCSO VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office offers house checks to IRB residents while they are away from home for an extended period of time. To sign up for this service, homeowners need to provide the following information:

- √ **The date you will be leaving and date of your return (if a seasonal resident, provide an estimated date);**
- √ **The address for the house check;**
- √ **The homeowner's name;**
- √ **The phone number to reach the homeowner while away;**
- √ **The destination address;**
- √ **A phone number and address for a local contact (family member, neighbor, etc.); share whether or not someone else will have access to your home; if lights or tv will be left on or on a timer; if pets are on the premises and if you have lawn maintenance.**

To schedule house checks, please call 727/582-6177.



CITY COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY PASSES THE "LEAVE NO TRACE" ORDINANCE

On December 8, 2020, the IRB City Commission passed the "Leave No Trace" ordinance. This ordinance requires that all personal property brought to the beach must be removed from the beach when a beachgoer leaves the IRB beach. All items must be off the beach by 10:00 p.m. daily. As an example, personal property includes, but is not limited to, tents (including tent frames), canopies, cabanas, umbrellas, picnic tables, beach chairs, tiki huts, volleyball nets, hammocks, kayaks, canoes, ice chests, sailboards and kites.

Any items of personal property that remain on the beach after 10:00 p.m. shall be considered abandoned by the owner and shall be removed by a deputy of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Public Service staff, Code Enforcement Officer or other authorized designee of the City Manager.

The City Commission desires to ensure the public beach and beach access areas are free from any obstruction by personal property. In addition, removal of all items from the beach contributes to the sea turtle nesting process, limits hazards and risks to wildlife, and enhances the city's ability to perform solid waste removal and beach raking.

THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH WILL ACTIVELY BEGIN ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE ON JANUARY 1, 2021.

WORKING TOGETHER WE WILL ENSURE THAT OUR IRB BEACH IS CLEAN
AND FREE OF ABANDONED ITEMS LEFT ON THE BEACH .

If you have any questions, please contact IRB Code Enforcement at 727/595-2517.





City of Indian Rocks Beach

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CITY MANAGER

Brently Gregg Mims



RECYCLING ONLY

Deposit Only These Clean Items:



Clean paper, Milk Cartons,
Cardboard (limit 18 x 24)
Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons,
Cereal Boxes



Newspapers
Magazines, Catalogs
Phone Books



Plastic Bottles and Jugs
(no caps)
Plastic Dairy Tube (yogurt
margarine, etc.) no lids



Aluminum Cans
Steel or Tin Cans



Loose Glass Bottles
and Jugs



No Pizza Boxes



No Aerosol Cans



No Hoses



No Plants



No Toys



No Dishes/
Paper Plates



No Juice Boxes
or Pouches



No Tires



No Styrofoam



No Clothes
Textiles/Carpet



No Batteries



No Plastic Bags



No Electronics