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2011 EVENTS

Tue	Jan 4	7:00 p	Board of Adj. & Appeals
Tue	Jan 11	7:00 p	City Commission Meeting
Mon	Jan 17		City Hall CLOSED - (M. L. King, Jr. Day)
Thu	Jan 20	7:00 p	Planning & Zoning Board
Tue	Jan 25	7:00 p	City Commission Meeting
Wed	Jan 26	10:00 a	IRB Library Open House
Tue	Feb 1	7:00 p	Board of Adj. & Appeals
Tue	Feb 8	7:00 p	City Commission Meeting
Sat	Feb 12		Valentines Day Dance
Thu	Feb 17	7:00 p	Planning & Zoning Board
Tue	Feb 22	7:00 p	City Commission Meeting

PERMITS AND DECALS AND

STICKERS . . Oh My!



City Hall **NOW** has the new **2011** Leash Free Park permits (blue) and Skate Park permits (helmet stickers) as well as the **2011/2012** Parking Permits (teal).

The City Hall Administration is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for your convenience.

So be sure to stop in and renew your decals, permits and stickers **NOW!**



YOU'RE INVITED !

OPEN HOUSE

Start your new year right - come see what's new at the **IRB Library!**

The Library has a **NEW** look and inside you'll find **NEW** carpet, furniture, centralized computer access, and better use of the space we have.

Join us for our Open House on **Wednesday, January 26, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, for light refreshments and a look at what IRB has to offer its library users.

Besides an excellent collection of fiction and nonfiction bestsellers for adults, there are **NEW** children's books for preschool/young adult, recent DVDs, talking books on CD, computers available to any user, wireless service, and an ongoing book sale for an unbeatable price of **\$.25** cents each. The book sale offerings include adult as well as children's books and a few DVD and VHS tapes.

ALL items included in the book sale are donated and **ALL** proceeds are used toward the purchase of **NEW** books and audio/visual materials.

City of Indian Rocks Beach

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CURBSIDE



RECYCLING



IS COMING !

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is pleased and excited to announce that the new "IRB Curbside Recycling Program" is **scheduled to begin the first week of January 2011.**

By that time, a lot of the residents will have had a recycling bin delivered to their home, along with several informational flyers outlining how the program works, what items are to be collected and the scheduled day of collection.

The City has partnered with Waste Services, Inc. (WSI) to carry out the collection processes for this program. **Recycle collection day will be Wednesdays.**

Most single family homes and many of the smaller multi-family dwellings will be part of the initial phase of this program. The larger multi-family dwellings may be added in the near future.

On a positive note, there is no rate increase to the residents associated with this increased service level. Solid waste rates will remain unchanged.

The City looks forward to starting 2011 in a successful program with the residents in the IRB Curbside Recycling Program.

Please direct any/all questions about the program to Dean A. Scharmen, Public Services Director, or Calvin Warren, Community Services Supervisor, at 727-595-6889.



SAVE MONEY - DO IT YOURSELF



The state of our economy has driven people to cut costs whenever and wherever they can. As a result, an increasing number of property owners are performing their own home improvement and construction projects. In an effort to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, the State of Florida requires all work to be performed by licensed contractors but provides for certain exceptions to that requirement. An **owner-builder permit** is one of those exemptions; however, several conditions are attached to the provision. The complete list of stipulations is found in Florida Statutes 489.103(7), a few of which are listed here for consideration by any homeowner contemplating acting as their own contractor:

- ▶ **The exemption is for a one-family or two-family residence, farm outbuilding or commercial building (up to \$75,000) which is for the use or occupancy of the owner.**
- ▶ **The improved building or residence cannot be offered for sale or lease for 1 year from the completion of construction.**
- ▶ **The owner-builder must appear in person to apply for the permit and must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction.**
- ▶ **Anyone working for the owner-builder who is receiving any type of remuneration must be licensed or be an employee of the owner-builder.**

Homeowners should be cautious of any contractor who encourages them to obtain an owner-builder permit in lieu of the contractor obtaining the permit. In most such cases, the homeowner is dealing with an illegal contractor and is accepting responsibility for the project by acting as the permit holder. Anyone considering a "do it yourself" project is encouraged to contact the Indian Rocks Beach Building Department, at 517-0404, for assistance in complying with the owner-builder exemption requirements.

Keegan Clair Dock Progress

In late 2009, the City Commission approved a preliminary design for 18 transient boat docks to be built in the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to Keegan Clair Park. The purpose of this project is to provide additional pedestrian traffic in the Narrows Business District in support of the shops and restaurants in this area. In December 2010, City staff reported to the City Commission that all required permits for the construction of this dock facility had finally been obtained.

The design and construction budget for this project is \$250,000. To assist with this expense, the City has applied to the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) for a 50% grant, or \$125,000. The City's share of the funding for this project will come from Pinellas County's \$.01 cent sales tax called "Penny for Pinellas". Once the funding allocations are confirmed, the City Commission will make final dock design modification to ensure continued water access for kayakers and paddle boarders, establish operational rules and regulations and make provision for upland walkway access. The City expects the project to be completed in 2011.