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2011 EVENTS

Tue	Nov 1	7:00p	Board of Adj. & Appeals
Tue	Nov 8	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Fri	Nov 11		Veterans' Day—City Hall CLOSED
Thu	Nov 17	7:00p	Planning & Zoning Board
Thu/Fri	Nov 24/25		Thanksgiving—City Hall CLOSED
Sat/Sun	Nov 26/27		Citywide Garage Sales
Fri	Dec 2	7:00p	Holiday Tree Lighting
Sun	Dec 4	1:00p	Holiday Street Parade
Tue	Dec 6	7:00p	Board of Adj. & Appeals
Tue	Dec 13	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	Dec 15	7:00p	Planning & Zoning Board
Sat	Dec 17	7:00p	Holiday Boat Parade
Mon	Dec 26		Christmas Holiday-City Hall CLOSED
Mon	Jan 2		New Year's Holiday-City Hall CLOSED



FY 2011/12 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Indian Rocks Beach 2011-12 Budget was approved by the City Commission on September 22, 2011 and totals \$7,690,994 for all Funds.

For the 6th year in a row, the City has experienced a declining property assessed valuation. However, after making a series of expense cutbacks and program adjustments, the City was able to provide a balanced budget in all Funds and maintain its 2.00 property tax mill levy for the 4th year in a row. IRB residents enjoy the 8th lowest municipal and total millage rate of all 24 Pinellas County cities. The Commission was also able to continue curbside recycling (started in early 2011) without any fee or tax increases.

The City's current budget, recent financial audits and the most current monthly financial report are posted online at the City's website: www.indian-rocks-beach.com. Please feel free to make comments or ask questions about the Budget to the City Manager or Finance Director at 595-2517.



VISIT THE LIBRARY!

The Indian Rocks Beach Library is located on the north side of City Hall, at 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, and across the street from Kolb Park.

The facility offers 5 public access computers that can be used to check your e-mails, surf the world wide web or simply print your airline boarding pass.

It also boasts a children's and media room with picture books, juvenile/young adult fiction, almost 2,000 DVD's, talking books and music CD's.

Our mission is to provide the community, from preschool through maturity, with access to a balanced collection of books and other materials which will serve their recreational, informational and cultural needs.



City of Indian Rocks Beach

1507 Bay Palm Boulevard 727/595-2517

City Commission

Mayor **R. B. Johnson**

Vice Mayor **Phil Hanna**

Commissioner **Cookie Kennedy**

Commissioner **Daniel Torres**

Commissioner **Terry Hamilton Wollin**

City Manager

Charles S. Coward

City Attorney

Maura Kiefer

City Clerk

Deanne B. O'Reilly



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WINTER CONSTRUCTION IN IRB

Since the USF Study—a Special Area Plan (IRB-ASAP) - was developed in 2009 and approved in 2010, the City has been working to make this vision a reality. To this end, three projects will begin construction this Fall and a fourth will also see some action. The 4 projects are:

1. **Historic Museum Expansion** - 1,000 square foot addition in Chic A Si Park that includes 2 public restrooms for the Park, the Narrows Business District and the soon-to-be-constructed transient boat docks in Keegan Clair Park. Funded by Penny for Pinellas and the Historic Museum Society.
2. **Gulf Boulevard Landscaping** - the southern entry to the City will be landscaped with stately palm trees and improved ground cover. Funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation.
3. **Harbor Drive Stormwater** - the rainwater drainage system will get upgraded in 2 locations on Harbor Drive to improve water quality in Boca Ciega Bay. Funded by a grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Penny for Pinellas.
4. **Gulf Boulevard/Walsingham Road Intersection** - the City has purchased the property at 442 Gulf Boulevard (west side of intersection). The boarded up house will be demolished and the property cleaned up this Fall. It will be visual open space while plans are being developed in 2012 for upgrades to this intersection, the traffic signal system and the landscaping. Funded by Penny for Pinellas and the Transportation Impact Fund.

Beyond these 4 projects, plans are well underway to construct, in 2012, 17 transient boat docks in Keegan Clair Park and to provide shore stabilization along the Intracoastal Waterway at 2 specific Narrows locations early in 2012. These 2 projects will also be funded by Penny for Pinellas and a grant from the Florida Boating Improvement Program.



Municipal General Election March 13, 2012

The City of Indian Rocks Beach will hold a Municipal General Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, for the purpose of electing, at large, qualified candidates to fill the vacancies of the Mayor-Commissioner and two City Commission Seats, all for two-year terms.

Commission Seats to be Elected in 2012

(Listing Office/Incumbents)

Mayor-Commissioner R. B. Johnson

Commissioner Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy

Commissioner Daniel Torres

Candidate Qualifying Date:

Noon Monday, January 9, 2012

through

Noon Friday, January 13, 2012

Voter Registration Deadline:

Monday, February 13, 2012

Qualifications to Run for Office: Requires that a person be 18 years of age, a registered voter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach and a resident of the City of Indian Rocks Beach for a period of at least one year.

When May I Announce My Candidacy? You may DISCUSS your candidacy at any time, however, you are considered an "announced" candidate when you file your Appointment of Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9). You need to file this form before you accept any campaign contributions or make any expenditures toward your campaign.

Candidate qualifying packets will be available on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the City Clerk's office.

For more information, please contact City Clerk Deanne O'Reilly, at 727/517-0204.

