



# City of Indian Rocks Beach

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**CITY MANAGER**  
**Brently Gregg Mims**

### JANUARY

#### Clean Beach, Clean Slate Beach Cleanup

Sunday, January 29th from Noon ~ 2 P.M. at 18th Avenue Beach Access  
Sponsored by Greentown Kids and Keep Pinellas Beautiful

### FEBRUARY

#### Community Clean Up – February 6th ,7th, and 8th

Place your debris out on your garbage day, and yard debris on the 9th

Winterfest - Saturday, February 18th from 10 A.M. ~ 4 P.M. at Calvary Episcopal Church  
1615 1st St. Sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church

### MARCH

#### Boots & Brushes Country Gala

Saturday, March 4th from 6:30 P.M. ~ 9:30 P.M. Beach Art Center  
Sponsored by the Beach Art Center and The Original Crabby Bills

#### Rotary Runs the Beach

Saturday, March 18th from 8 A.M. ~ 11 A.M. at 17th Avenue Beach Access  
Sponsored by Indian Rocks Beach Rotary

#### Greenfest

Saturday, March 25th from 10 A.M. ~ 5:00 P.M. Church of the Isles, 24th Ave. & 1st St.  
Sponsored by Church of the Isles



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Jan/Feb/March 2023 [www.indian-rocks-beach.com](http://www.indian-rocks-beach.com) Gregg Mims City Manager

## The City of Indian Rocks Beach Reminds Everyone DON'T BLOW IT! Don't let illegal fireworks ruin the holidays!

New Year's Eve and the Fourth of July are times to celebrate with family and friends. No matter how great the party is, it is **illegal** to violate the City of Indian Rocks Beach City Code, Pinellas County regulations and State law in the use of fireworks.

In the City of Indian Rocks Beach and Pinellas County, the following reminders:

***Ban on the retail sale, purchase or use of fireworks that project into the air or explode;  
Use of sparklers, fountains, snakes and worms remains legal.***

#### **Safety**

Sparklers and fountains remain legal, but they can be dangerous, reaching temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. Only those over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type. Youth often get burned by sparklers every year, so responsible adult supervision is always necessary. Officials urge extreme caution and advise residents to follow basic safety recommendations:

- ✓ ***Read and understand all product warnings***
- ✓ ***Never place any body part directly over a device when lighting the fuse***
- ✓ ***Use sparklers only as intended outdoors***
- ✓ ***Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap***
- ✓ ***After using these devices, douse them with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding***

Residents who witness the use of illegal fireworks are asked to call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office non-emergency telephone number 727/582-6177.

***Residents should call 911 ONLY in the event of an emergency.***

**Administration**  
727/595-2517

**Library**  
727/596-1822

**Public Works**  
727/595-6889

## BEACH ACCESS PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY DECALS

The 2023-25 City of Indian Rocks Beach Resident Parking Decals will be available Monday, January 16, 2023. There will be a grace period until Monday, March 6, 2023.

IRB property owners or residential lessees with at least a one-year lease may obtain (2) decals per property.

Decals can be obtained at City Hall with the following documentation:

- o A copy of Pinellas County Property Appraiser's record identifying the applicant as a property owner, or recorded deed. If the applicant is a lessee, a copy of the one-year lease agreement or a notarized letter from the landlord of the property for which the decal is sought, confirming the lease for at least one year.
- o If the applicant is a corporate entity, a copy of the current year's annual report on file with Florida's Secretary of State identifying the applicant as an authorized member of the corporate entity that owns the property for which the decal is sought.
- o A valid driver's license for the applicant.
- o A valid vehicle registration for each vehicle.

All issued decals must be permanently attached to the rear of the vehicle matching the vehicle registration on file with the City of Indian Rocks Beach.

Indian Rocks Beach residents may stop by the City Hall, located at 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to obtain a parking decal.

## BEACH REGULATIONS

All items must be removed from the beach by 10:00 PM. Any items left after this time is subject to removal by the City. Dogs are not allowed on the beach. Only service dogs are allowed on the beach. Service dogs are defined as an animal that is required due to a person's disability and has been specifically trained to perform a task. Emotional support, therapy, comfort or companion animals are not considered service animals under the ADA. Misrepresentation of a service animal is a violation of the ADA as well as Florida Statute.



## NOISE

As a property owner in Indian Rocks Beach, you know the importance of keeping our small town, quiet and clean. Generally, all noise should end by 10:00 p.m. but noise limits are in effect 24 hours a day.

You can find detailed information concerning noise ordinance standards on the City of Indian Rocks Beach Website, [www.indian-rocks-beach.com](http://www.indian-rocks-beach.com) under Chapter 26, Article II of our code of ordinances. The City working through the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office actively responds to all noise complaints. Violations of the City's noise ordinance are subject to citations.

NOISE  
ORDINANCE  
STRICTLY  
ENFORCED

## FLOOD INFORMATION



Pinellas County and Indian Rocks Beach enforce specific building regulations in the Special Flood Hazard Area (all of Indian Rocks Beach is in the SFHA) to help protect people and buildings from flooding.

Here is some important information for you to consider:

- **Renovate Responsibly** - It is illegal to add plumbing or electrical or to convert the space below an elevated home into living space.
- **Be aware of substantial improvements/damage rule** - There are specific requirements if the cost of the improvement or damage repair is equal to or exceeds 50% of a building's market value prior to the improvement.
- **Plan for proper drainage and use low impact development (LID)** - Along with physical traditional facilities, practices such as rain gardens, pervious pavers, bioretention systems, green roofs, non-invasive vegetation on your property, and vegetative buffers can help reduce the impact of flooding.
- **Protect Natural Floodplain Functions** - Only Rain Down the Drain. It is illegal to dump anything into storm drains, waterways or waterbodies. Do not open manholes and allow water into the systems. This will overload the system and cause backups or overflows.
- **Do not remove sand from the beach or disturb dunes to fill sandbags** - Doing so will cause more harm to property owners. This message is very relevant to Pinellas County, which is home to some of the most popular beaches in the nation. Beaches and dunes provide a natural buffer from storm events to lessen flooding during coastal storms. In addition, removing sand from beaches or dunes may violate federal, state or local law.

## IRB Library News

Winter 2023 Welcome back to our snowbirds!

The library continues to offer the On the Rocks Book Club at 4 PM

Here is the list of books and meeting dates.

January 31, 2023- "The Last Queen" by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

February 28, 2023- "The Wonder"- by Emma Donoghue

March 28, 2023- "Matrix" by Lauren Groff

Story time for pre-readers in the kids' area every Wednesday 11:30 AM with stories and songs.

The bookstore – is full of lots of recent fiction, paperbacks, and DVDs for sale.

"Take and Leave" little lending libraries at the beach access on 4th, 12th and 22nd Avenues and City Hall.

We are also accepting newer fiction and paperback donations.

The IRB Library continues to welcome library volunteer applications, please stop by and say hello.

Memorial bricks are available from the Friends of the Library, stop by and we will show you the library memorial walkway.

1507 Bay Palm Blvd. Indian Rocks Beach, FL. 33785 ~ Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.