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2023 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

City Commission Budget Work Session

Tuesday, July 25, from 4 P.M. ~ 6 P.M. at City Hall Auditorium

Special City Commission Meeting (setting tentative millage rate)

Tuesday, July 25, from 6 P.M. ~ 7 P.M. at City Hall Auditorium

AUGUST

Community Clean Up – August 7th, 8th, and 9th

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

SEPTEMBER

Special City Commission Meeting- 1st public hearing to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate.

Wednesday, September 6, from 6 P.M. ~ 8 P.M. at City Hall Auditorium

Special City Commission Meeting- 2nd public hearing to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate.

Wednesday, September 20, from 6 P.M. ~ 8 P.M. at City Hall Auditorium

EVENTS

WORKING TOGETHER

A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks

JULY/ AUG/ SEP - 2023

www.indian-rocks-beach.com

Gregg Mims , City Manager



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30.

City of Indian Rocks Beach is in Evacuation Zone A due to the City's low elevation and a very strong possibility of a storm surge and flooding.

Flooding and storm surge will not just prevent you from leaving—it will also prevent emergency responders from assisting you, if you were to ignore a mandatory evacuation and remain on the island. Hurricane Preparedness Handbooks containing more detailed information are available free at City Hall and the Library.

INFORMATION BY THE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT
727-595-1117

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERRIF DEPARTMENT
727-582-6200

PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
727-464-3800

FIND YOUR EVACUATION LEVEL
727-453-3150

PET FRIENDLY SHELTERS
727-582-2150

PINELLAS COUNTY
READY ALERT TEXT MESSAGING
EMERGENCY INFORMATION SERVICE
888-689-8905

FLORIDA EMERGENCY INFORMATION
800-342-3557

PINELLAS COUNTY HIGHWAY
727-464-8900

NOAA Weather Radio
162.550 MHz

Pinellas County Emergency Radio
940AM WE0C

BEFORE THE HURRICANE

Have disaster supplies on hand.

Select a safe haven now. You might choose a hotel, motel or the home of a friend or relative in a safe location. As a last resort, go to a shelter.

Make arrangements for pets. Pets are only allowed at certain emergency shelters.

Develop an emergency communication plan. In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster, have a plan for getting back together. Ask an out of state relative or friend to serve as the "Family contact".

HURRICANE WATCH - Hurricane conditions are possible threat within the next 48 hours

Check emergency supplies.

Fuel the car.

Get cash, secure papers and valuables.

Refill medications.

Secure yard equipment and furniture.

Shutter your windows.

Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings, open only when necessary.

Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs and bottles.

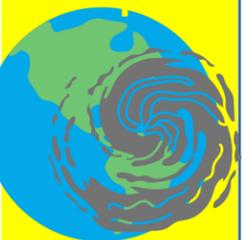
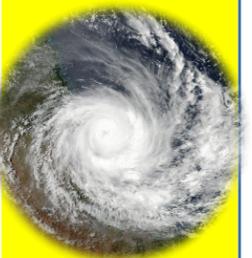
Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place.

Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy.

Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.

If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored.

Elevate furniture to protect it from flooding.



Administration
727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Works/Solid Waste
727/595-6889

FEMA - COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

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

The City's voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policy holders in the City more than **\$597,000** in premium discounts annually. Residents are encouraged to inquire with their insurance companies about possible rate reductions on eligible properties. The City of Indian Rocks Beach currently holds a verified Class 6 Rating with CRS.

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

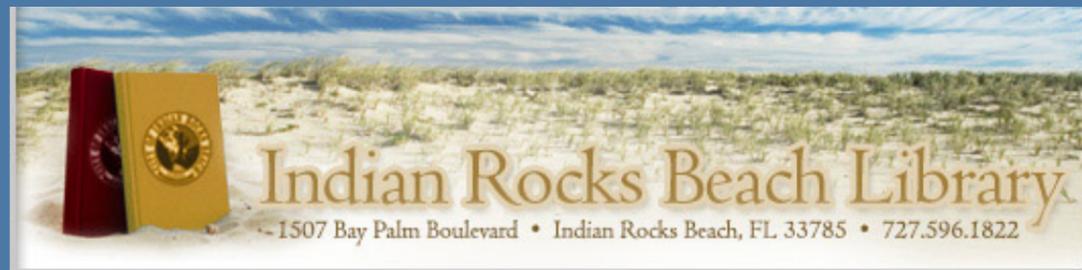
- increased public safety
- reduction of damages to property and public infrastructure
- avoidance of economic disruption and losses



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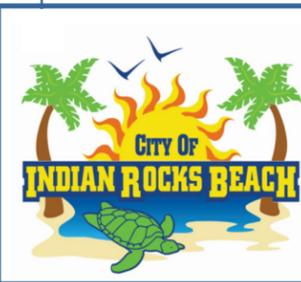
If you don't already have flood insurance to protect your building and its contents (renters, take note!), please consider purchasing a policy today! Call your insurance agent or (877)336-2627 to find an agent, and be sure your premium includes the CRS discount (if applicable).

Go to the website FloodSmart.gov for more information about flooding and flood insurance, and the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at IndianRocksBeach.com and click on *Flood Information*.



Hours Of Operation
Monday - Friday
10am - 4pm

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Librarian: Lee Miller



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.

