



City of Indian Rocks Beach

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2024 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

Clean Beach, Clean Slate Beach Cleanup

Sunday, January 21st, Noon ~ 2 P.M. at 18th Avenue Beach Access
Sponsored by Greentown Kids and Keep Pinellas Beautiful

FEBRUARY

Community Clean Up – February 5th, 6th, and 7th

Place your debris out on your garbage day, and yard debris on the 7th

Winterfest

Saturday, February 17th, 10 A.M. ~ 4 P.M. at Calvary Episcopal Church 1615 1st St.
Sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church

MARCH

Night On the Rocks

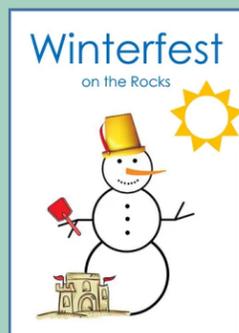
Saturday, March 2nd from 6:30 P.M. ~ 9:30 P.M. Beach Art Center
Sponsored by the Beach Art Center

Rotary Runs the Beach

Saturday, March 9th from 8 A.M. ~ 11 A.M. at 17th Avenue Beach Access
Sponsored by Indian Rocks Beach Rotary

Greenfest

Saturday, March 9th from 10 A.M. ~ 5:00 P.M. Church of the Isles, 24th Ave. & 1st St.
Sponsored by Church of the Isles



WORKING TOGETHER

A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks

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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.**

CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

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Administration
727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Works/Solid Waste
727/595-6889

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

GULF BOULEVARD UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING

This multi-year Project is split into 3 Phases due to the Grant Funding Program allocations.

PHASE 1 – This segment is located from 506 Gulf Boulevard to 8th Avenue & Gulf Boulevard. At this time 95% of the underground infrastructure has been completed for Duke, Spectrum and Verizon. The next step of construction for this Phase will be having all utilities (Duke Energy, Spectrum and Verizon) commence the process of installing their new infrastructure underground. The attached photos depict the existing view and a post construction view. Total Project completion is anticipated by September 2026.



FY24 STREET RECONSTRUCTION

This project is being completed on 14th Avenue from Gulf to Bay Palm Boulevard and commenced on November 20, 2023. This project involves total curb replacement, grading/leveling, road milling and repaving. The First phase of the project will be the removal and re-installation of the new curb work followed by the Second phase being the road milling and repaving. Project completion is anticipated by January 30, 2024.



NATURE PRESERVE BOARDWALK REPLACEMENT

This multi-year Project that is scheduled to commence in the early portion of Summer and will include the replacement of 542 LF of Boardwalk framing, decking and handrail. The FY24 segment of the Project is anticipated to be complete by September 2024.



ADAPTIVE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Kolb Park Playground is scheduled to have another piece of Adaptive Equipment installed within the playground area. The "OmniSpin" is anticipated to be installed within the early part of 2024.



BROWN PARK FENCE REPLACEMENT

The fencing at Brown Park was replaced in December 2023 and included the Tennis Courts and around the playground areas.



STORMWATER DRAINAGE PROJECTS

The Projects are located at the South end of 2nd Street (600 Block) and at 208 16th Avenue and include the installation of new inlet basins, conveyance pipe, treatment devices and outfall piping. These Projects are tentatively scheduled to commence in early January 2024 with Project completion anticipated by the end of March 2024. The Projects are cooperatively funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

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.

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 under Chapter 26, Article II of our code of ordinances. The City, working with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, actively responds to all noise complaints. Violations of the City's noise ordinance are subject to citations.

BEACH REGULATIONS

All items must be removed from the beach by 10:00 PM. Any items left after this time are 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.

IRB LIBRARY NEWS WINTER 2024- WELCOME BACK TO OUR SNOWBIRDS

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.

Hours Of Operation: Monday - Friday - 10am - 4pm • Phone: 727-596-1822
Email: lmiller@irbcity.com • Librarian: Lee Miller

