



City of Indian Rocks Beach

1507 Bay Palm Boulevard
Indian Rocks Beach FL 33785

PRSTD STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
ADVANCE MAIL
33756



Denise Houseberg
Mayor Commissioner

John Bigelow
Commissioner

Jude Bond
Commissioner

Janet Wilson
Commissioner

CITY MANAGER
Brently Gregg Mims

WORKING TOGETHER

A Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Indian Rocks Beach

APRIL/MAY/JUNE- 2024

www.indian-rocks-beach.com

Gregg Mims , City Manager

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 (NFIP) standards.

A flood insurance premium rate reduction up to 20% may be available to residents and business owners in the City. Voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policy holders in the City more than \$597,000 in premium discounts annually.

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
- reduction of human suffering
- protection of the environment

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 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 Indian-Rocks-Beach.com and click on *Flood Information*.



2024 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

Taste of IRB
Saturday, April 20, 3:00 pm-9:00 pm
Chief Chic-A-Si Park (4th Ave & 2nd St)
Sponsored by Indian Rocks Beach Homeowner's Association



Great American Clean Up
Sunday, April 21, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm
17th Ave Beach Access
Sponsored by Green Town Kids

MAY

Citywide Garage Sale
Saturday, May 4- Sunday, May 5
Dawn until Dusk



Community Clean Up
Monday, May 6-Wednesday, May 8
Place your debris out on your garbage day and yard debris on the 8th

Flags for Service Campaign
Sunday, May 26-Friday, June 14
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach

JUNE

Flag Day
Friday, June 14, 11:00 am
Chief Chic-A-Si Park (4th Ave & 2nd St)
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach



Administration
727/595-2517

Library
727/596-1822

Public Works/Solid Waste
727/595-6889

Sea Nesting Turtles

KEEP IT DARK– TURN LIGHTS OUT

Nesting sea turtles seek a quiet, dark beach on which to nest. Indian Rocks beaches are lined with condominiums, private residences, businesses and hotels. Lights from these developments are problematic for nesting females and hatchlings trying to return to the sea. Sea turtle hatchlings can become easily disoriented by bright lights on the coast. Identify what lights on your property are visible from the beach. Then ... **KEEP IT LOW** – Low mounting height and low bulb wattage. Flood, spot and pole lighting are highly discouraged.

Marine turtle nesting and hatching occurs each year from **May 1st through October 31st**. Female turtles come ashore in the dark, dig a hole using their flippers, and lay 100 to 150 eggs at a time. During the course of a season, a single female lays three to eight nests. After a 45 to 70 day gestation period, hatchlings emerge from the nest at night and follow the moonlight reflecting off the Gulf. These turtles return to the beaches where they were born, sometimes decades before.

REMOVE OBSTACLES

Clear the way at the end of the day. Beach furniture, canopies, boats and toys left behind on the sand can become obstacles that block nesting and hatchling turtles, and is a violation of the city's Leave No Trace Ordinance. Remember, sea turtles like to nest on the mid to upper beach, to protect their nest from tide, so all those things should be completely removed from the beach **Fill in any holes dug in the sand.**



BEACH REGULATIONS



**ALL PERSONAL ITEMS
MUST BE REMOVED DAILY!**

•LEAVE NO TRACE

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.

•NO DOGS ALLOWED

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 (Ord. No. 2020-09).**



Your Pick-up Day will be on WEDNESDAY
Please remember to place your bin at the curb by 7:00 A.M.

Blue RECYCLING Bin

	Aluminum Cans		Newspaper, Color Paper, Junk Mail, Magazines
	Metal Cans		Flattened Corrugated Cardboard
	Clear, Brown & Green Glass Bottles		Plastic Bottles (Marked #1 through #7 on Bottom)

WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!

IRB LIBRARY NEWS SPRING 2024

Welcome Back to our seasonal guests!

In 2024, the City of Indian Rocks Beach Library celebrates 50 years of serving the community by checking out great books, movies, and games. Special events are in the works and memorial bricks are available for purchase from the Friends of the Library. For more information stop by the library.

[The On the Rocks Book Club meets at the library at 4 P.M.](#)

Here is the list of meeting dates.

April 30, 2024

May 28, 2024

June 25, 2024

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

[The IRB Library offers e-content](#) through the Libby app, if you need help using Libby give us a call or stop by for some support. You can also find "how to videos" on YouTube.

The IRB Library offers IRB library members Kanopy film downloads for your device or home TV. More information on how to access Kanopy is available at the library or online with your library card.

Download the app from your app store.

[The bookstore](#) – is full of lots of recent fiction, paperbacks, and DVDs for sale. You will find "take and leave" little lending libraries at the beach access on 4 th 12 th and 22 nd 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.

