

CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH



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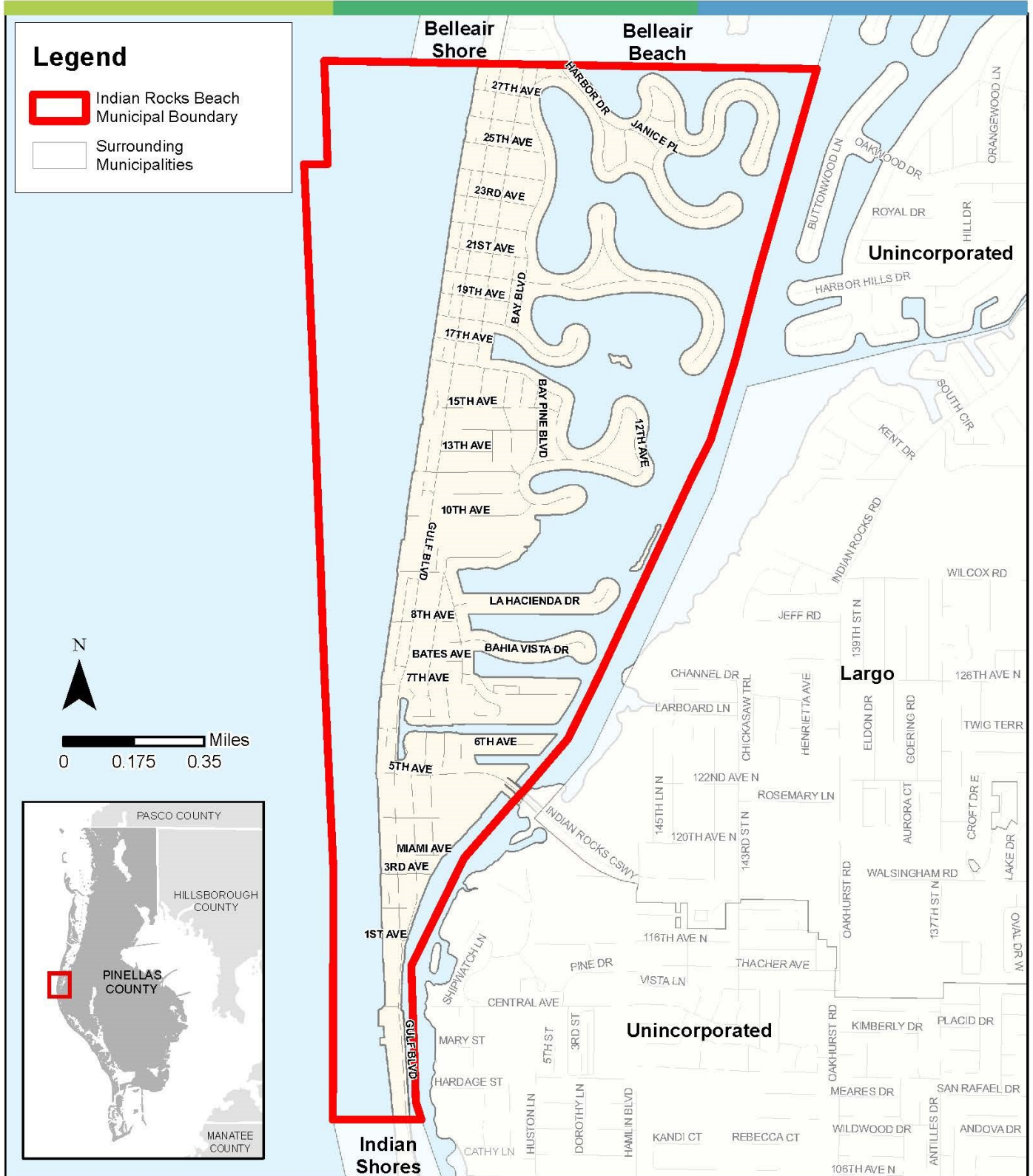
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Indian Rocks Beach



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IRB AT A GLANCE



A QUICK GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED IN INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

POLICE/ FIRE EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Police: Pinellas County Sheriffs' Office
727-582-6200

Fire: Pinellas County Suncoast & Fire
727-595-1117

Water & Sewer : Pinellas County Utilities
727-464-4000 www.pinellascounty.org

Electric: Duke Energy
727-443-2641 www.duke-energy.com

Gas: Clearwater Gas
727-562-4900 www.clearwatergas.com

Voters Registration: Pinellas County
Supervisor of Election
727-464-3551 www.votepinellas.com

Cable/Phone /Internet:
Spectrum 855-222-0102
Verizon 727-443-2641

The early settlers of Indian Rocks Beach, the Tocobaga Indians, visited Indian Rocks Beach as early as the 1500s and the pioneer families, Hendrick and Hamlin followed in the early 1800s. "I liked the place, I thought it was the most beautiful place on God's green footstool, and I think so yet." Quoted by pioneer settler Harvey K. Hendrick.

The fish and wildlife, the availability of freshwater from mineral springs and a climate suitable for agriculture made the area attractive.

One of the legends claims the name Indian Rocks Beach came from the Native American Indians crossing from the mainland to the island to fish the shore. They chose a narrow spot, where the rocks protruding from the water made it easy for them to cross to the island. So, the rocks became known as Indian Rocks.

Indian Rocks Beach was developed in the early 1920s as a weekend getaway destination. Mainlanders flocked to this newly discovered paradise seeking escape from city life. The shoreline retreats they built ranged from cottages to grand beach homes.

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is located on a barrier island between the Gulf of Mexico and the Intracoastal Waterway in Pinellas County, or more precisely at 27°53'45"N 82°50'51"W .

Our City is approximately 1.4 square miles of which 0.9 square miles is land and 0.5 square miles (33.09%) is water. We boast 9 City parks, Docks, Skate Park, Dog Park, 27 public beach accesses, and a nature preserve. "Indian Rocks Causeway" bridge is located on Gulf Boulevard and 5th Avenue .

Indian Rocks Beach is a state-chartered municipality and was incorporated on June 25, 1955.

Visit the Indian Rocks Beach Historical Museum for more history at 203 4th Avenue - 727-593-3861

IRB CITY GOVERNMENT

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Administration 727-595-2517

City Hall is open Monday through Friday
from 8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

City Manager , Ryan Henderson
rhenderson@irbcity.com

Administrative Director, Robin Gomez
rgomez@irbcity.com

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mkelley@irbcity.com

Public Information Officer, Mishelle Hargett
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Planning & Zoning 863-646-4771 x211
Senior Planner, Hetty Harmon
hharmon@irbcity.com

Public Works 727-595-6889
Parks, Streets ,Drainage, & Sanitation Public
Works is open Monday through
Friday from 7:00 AM—3:30 P.M.

Public Works Director, Dean
Scharmen dscharmen@irbcity.com

Library 727-596-1822
Library is open Monday through Friday
10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Librarian, Lee Miller
lmiller@irbcity.com



The Indian Rocks Beach City Commission consists of 5 members, one of whom is a Mayor-Commissioner who presides at all Commission meetings and is the head of the City for ceremonial purposes.

The City Commission also elects a Vice Mayor-Commissioner annually from among the commission members. The City Commission adopts resolutions and ordinances, which are the policies and laws of the City.

The City Manager is appointed by the Commission and serves as the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for the administration of all City affairs such as the hiring of all personnel, enforcement of all City laws, preparation and submission of the annual budget and capital improvement program.

The City Attorney, also appointed by the Commission, advises and represents the City and Commission in all legal affairs.

The City Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 P.M. At the beginning of every meeting, time is set aside for public comments. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

The agenda is the official guide for City Commission meetings. Prepared by staff in consultation with the Commission, the agenda includes current legislative and policy issues that must be reviewed by the full Commission. Agendas are posted on the City website www.indian-rocks-beach.com.

The City of Indian Rocks Beach City Commission

Mayor - Commissioner Lan Vaughan

lvaughan@irbcity.com

Vice-Mayor- Janet Wilson

jwilson@irbcity.com

Commissioner John Bigelow

jbigelow@irbcity.com

Commissioner Hilary King

hking@irbcity.com

Commissioner Commissioner Kellee Watt

kwatt@irbcity.com

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Local Planning Agency (LPA)

The LPA consists of 7 regular and 2 alternate members appointed by the City Commission for a 2-year term of office. The following are the duties and responsibilities of the Agency:

Conduct the comprehensive planning program and prepare the comprehensive plan, or elements or portions thereof, for the City.

Coordinate the comprehensive plan, or elements or portions thereof, with the comprehensive plans of other appropriate local governments and the State.

Make recommendations regarding the adoption of the comprehensive plan, or elements or portions thereof, to the City Commission.

Review proposed land development regulations, land development codes or amendments thereto, and make recommendations to the City Commission as to the consistency of the proposal with the adopted comprehensive plan or elements or portions thereof.

Boards and committees advise the City Commission on policy issues. All meetings are open to the public. Applications can be found on the City website www.indian-rocks-beach.com or at City Hall at 1507 Bay Palm Blvd.

Board of Adjustments and Appeals (BOA)

The BOA consists of 5 regular and 2 alternate Board members appointed by the City Commission and whenever possible, shall consist of an engineer, real estate broker, businessperson, and architect. The term of office is 3 years with no member serving more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Following are the duties and responsibilities of the Board:

Hear appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the City's land development regulations after public notice has been given and a public hearing has been held.

Hear special exception uses to the City's land development regulations.

Charter Review Committee (CRC)

The Charter Review Committee (CRC) is a body appointed by the City Commissioners every 10 years. The five Members each appoint one individual to the Commission. The CRC is given the responsibility of reviewing the City Charter and recommending any changes it deems necessary. It is the task of the CRC to examine the city's existing charter and make recommendations for changes, additions or deletions. Any recommended changes will be presented to the City Commission for authorization and two public hearings will be established for public input. Upon approval, a referendum is held where amendments are presented to the electorate for final adoption.

Finance & Budget Review Committee (F & B)

The F & B Review Committee consists of 5 regular Board members appointed by the City Commission for a 3-year term of office. Following are the duties and responsibilities of the Committee:

Review the requests for annual budget appropriations, as submitted by the City Manager, and prepare a report to the City Commission.

Review the 5-year capital improvement plan and the comprehensive annual financial report on an annual basis with written reports to the City Commission.

Planning & Zoning Board (P & Z)

The P & Z consists of 7 regular and 2 alternate members appointed by the City Commission for a 2-year term of office. The following are the duties and responsibilities of the Board:

The P&Z Board shall have advisory powers but shall have no authority to make binding recommendations.

The P&Z Board shall have the power to review and recommend approval or disapproval of site plans when such is required by the zoning ordinance.

The P&Z Board shall review PUD (Planning Unit Development).



PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY DECAL

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:

~ 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.

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.

~ A valid drivers license for the applicant.

~ A valid vehicle registration for each vehicle.

Decal must be permanently affixed to the exterior rear of the vehicle in a visible location.

The decal is vehicle and license plate specific, if found on another vehicle or plate other than it was applied for, may result in a fine in addition to the confiscation of the decal.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of Indian Rocks Beach Code Enforcement Division's responsibility addresses such items as inoperative cars and trucks, trash and debris, overgrown yards, commercial and recreational vehicles in residential areas, minimum housing standards and the zoning code, including sign regulations. Call Code Enforcement 727-595-2517 to report a violation.

TOP CODE VIOLATIONS

1. UNKEPT LANDSCAPING (CITY CODE SEC.26-61)

All owners, agents, lessees and occupants of real property shall cut and keep cut to a height not to exceed 6 inches : all weeds, grass or underbrush on any property owned, controlled or occupied by them and will edge and trim all grass abutting street curbing; and remove any cuttings, trimmings, trash, debris, refuse, filth or other noxious matter located on property.

2. FAILURE TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Trash should be set curbside no earlier than 7 p.m.. the day before garbage day and containers should be put away no later than 7 p.m. on garbage day.

3. DOGS ON THE BEACH (CITY CODE SEC 74-62)

Dogs are not allowed on the Beach and it is a \$500.00 Fine. Check out the dog park at the Nature Preserve at 10th Ave.

4. ITEMS LEFT ON THE BEACH (CITY CODE SEC. 74-103)

All personal property brought to the beach must be removed from the beach when a beach goer leaves the IRB beach. All items must be off the beach by 10:00 p.m. daily. By way of an example, personal property includes, but is not limited to, tents (including tent frames), canopies, cabanas, umbrellas, picnic tables, beach chairs, tiki huts, volleyball nets, hammocks, kayaks, canoes, ice chests, sailboards and kites.

Any items of personal property that remain on the beach after 10:00 p.m. shall be considered abandoned by the owner and shall be removed by a deputy of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Public Works staff, Code Enforcement Officer or other authorized designee .



WELCOME TO INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

Enjoy this piece of paradise we call home.
Think about being on vacation in your own hometown.
Stay safe. Be kind. Respect your neighbor. Keep it clean.



Trash

Please don't litter on the beach or off.
There are trash cans at every beach access
and every park on Indian Rocks Beach.



Sound

We love our sleepy beach community.
Keep loud music and loud voices down
while respecting your neighbors.



Beach/Turtles

IRB is home to nesting baby turtles
from May 1 to Oct.31st. Fill in your holes,
push down sand castles and have all items
removed from the beach no later than 10pm
to avoid trapping baby turtles.



Smoking

Dispose of your cigarette butts in
the receptacles. Do NOT throw
butts in the sand or on the street.



Crosswalks

Pedestrian crosswalks are available
for crossing on Gulf Blvd. Be sure and
press the button for the flashing light.



Golf Carts

If golf carts are on Gulf Boulevard they
must have tags, thus the carts have to
be made street legal with windshields,
lights, and signals.



Speed Limit

The speed limit on Gulf Blvd within
the city limits of Indian Rocks Beach
is 30 mph. Please do not speed.



Pets/Dogs on the Beach

Dogs are not allowed on Indian Rocks
Beach. \$500 Fine. However, we are
dog friendly and have a dog park
at the Nature Preserve at 10th Ave.



Parking

A few free public parking spaces
are available at beach access points
and 80 paid spaces at 1700 Gulf Blvd.



Fireworks

All fireworks and fires on the beach
are prohibited. Anything that explodes
or leaves the ground is illegal and can
be fined up to \$500.



For additional information, please contact IRB City Hall at 727-595-2517

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. First, 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.

KEEP IT SHIELDED – Use full cut-off fixtures that direct light down to the ground. Shield fixtures so you cannot see the bulb, lamp or glowing lens from the beach. If the lights are not needed for safety, simply turn

them off. Reduce interior lighting problems by applying window tint. Close opaque curtains or blinds after dark to

reduce the amount of visible light reaching the beach.

KEEP IT LONG – Sea turtles are less disturbed by the long wavelengths of light, such as lights that are yellow, amber, or red.



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 hatching turtles. 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.



ENOUGH OF THE BALLOONS

Helium-filled party balloons often end up in the ocean. Sea turtles mistakenly eat the balloons and die.



Program the phone number for the Florida Wildlife Commission into your phone so you'll be prepared if you happen to encounter a dead, sick, stranded or injured sea turtle. It is also important to report any harassment of sea turtles or disturbance of nests.

The FWC Wildlife Alert

Number is 1-888-404-3922.



Guidelines for protecting Florida Manatees



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We all have a shared responsibility to protect Florida's resources and pass on to future generations the beauty, wildlife, water and natural resources we have today.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
MyFWC.com/Manatee

Tips for paddlers

- Use caution when paddling near seagrass beds, sanctuaries or refuge area boundaries as manatees frequent these areas. Give manatees space to move freely in their habitat.
- Paddle your vessel to avoid traveling over resting manatees. Manatees must surface to breathe and will startle awake if you are in the way. Startled manatees may quickly flee the area, potentially moving into harm's way. Their quick movements can also cause small vessels to capsize.
- Lower your anchor slowly when securing your vessel as there may be resting manatees below.



Tips for divers and snorkelers

- Consider using snorkel gear when diving near manatees as the sound of air bubbles from SCUBA gear can disturb them.

Other ways to help manatees:

- Participate in coastal cleanup events.
- Attend boating safety classes or take online courses.
- Purchase a "Save the Manatee" license plate or collectible manatee decal from your tax collector's office or online.
- Dispose of monofilament line properly at line recycling bins or drop-off locations to avoid entangling manatees, birds, marine turtles and other marine life.



About Florida manatees

Florida manatees are a native subspecies of the West Indian manatee. They are a grayish-brown marine mammal with a paddle shaped tail and two flippers.

Like all mammals, manatees have hair, which is sparsely distributed on their body, with the area around its mouth having stiff whiskers. Adults average 10 feet in length and about 1,200 pounds but can reach over 13 feet and more than 3,000 pounds. At birth, a calf is about three to four feet long and 60 to 70 pounds.

Manatees eat plants along rivers, coastal areas and at the water's surface. At rest, they can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes; when active, they surface to breathe about every three to five minutes.

They live in both freshwater and saltwater habitats, including rivers, springs, estuaries, bays and canals. Manatees cannot survive for prolonged periods in water that is colder than 68°F, so natural springs and power plant warm-water discharge canals provide important habitat for manatees during colder months.

Female manatees begin to breed between five and seven years of age and are pregnant for 13 months. Calves spend their first two years nursing and learning how to survive before leaving their mothers. Generally, wild manatees live to about 30 years of age.



Karen Parker, FWC

Tips for viewing wild manatees

- Wear polarized sunglasses so you can see where manatees are located underwater.
- Watch manatees from a distance to limit disturbance. Be mindful of resting manatees.
- Never pursue, chase or disturb any manatee. If a manatee stops feeding, swims toward you or changes its behavior, you are too close.
- Speak quietly and avoid making loud noises when you are near wildlife areas to avoid disturbance.
- Do not separate a mother and calf.
- Watch out for "swirling" when manatees dive. The swirls look like a large "footprint" on the water's surface.
- Never offer food or water to manatees because it alters their foraging behavior and attracts them to areas where they may be harmed.
- Do not touch, remove or damage research equipment attached to manatees. The tag units help researchers monitor these manatees.



Tips for boat, including personal watercraft, operators

- Observe and follow all boating regulatory zone signs.
- Wear polarized sunglasses so you can see where manatees are located underwater.
- Slow down. Reducing speed gives you a greater chance to avoid manatees and for them to avoid your vessel.
- Use marked channels when boating. Channel depth reduces the likelihood of crushing or hitting manatees in shallow waters.

Manatee Protection Zones

There are established zones to protect manatees from collisions with boats and harassment. Here are the typical signs found on Florida's waterways:



Idle Speed Zones

Designate a protected area where boats are not permitted to go any faster than necessary to maintain steerage and make headway while producing no wake.



Slow Speed Zones

Designate a protected area where boats must be fully off plane and completely settled and level in the water while moving with only minimum wake.



Motorboats Prohibited Zones

Designate a protected area that prohibits all entry by all power-driven vessels or those operating under mechanical means of propulsion.



No Entry Zones

Designate a protected area that prohibits all entry including boating, swimming, wading, fishing and diving activities.

Report collisions with manatees

You will not be cited if you accidentally collide with a manatee while obeying posted speed zone restrictions. Please report any vessel collisions with manatees as soon as possible to increase the manatee's chance of survival.

Manatees and the law

Manatees are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act of 1978. It is illegal to feed, harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, annoy or molest manatees.

Examples of illegal activities include:

- Giving food or water to manatees, or using food or water to attract manatees
- Separating a mother and calf
- Disturbing manatee mating herds
- Pursuing or chasing manatees either while swimming or with a vessel
- Disturbing resting manatees
- Hitting, jumping on, standing on, holding on to or attempting to ride manatees
- Blocking a manatee's path
- Fishing for or attempting to hook or catch a manatee

Call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline:

888-404-FWCC (3922)

#FWC on cell phones,

or text Tip@MyFWC.com

to report manatee deaths, injuries, harassment, accidents, or ones orphaned or distressed.



Follow us on:



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
MyFWC.com/Manatee
Division of Habitat and Species Conservation
Imperiled Species Management Section

TRASH PICK UP

Indian Rocks Beach is a full service City with twice-weekly trash pickup, curbside recycling once a week and special services for bulky items.

Each residence receives one 64 gallon trash container and one recycling container. Containers should only contain household garbage and/or recycling. No hazardous waste.

Carts may be brought to the curb after 7:00 P.M. the night before service.

Carts must be removed from curb by 7:00 P.M. the day of service.

Lids on carts must be securely closed.

Loose trash bags outside of carts are not allowed.

Only City supplied trash carts allowed.

To arrange for special pick up, updates or questions call Public Works 727-595-6889

BULKY ITEM SPECIAL PICK UP

Sanitation will haul away most larger items that cannot be normally thrown away with regular trash collection at an additional charge. These items can include appliances and furniture. The City offers four free curbside pickups each year scheduled in the months of February, May, August & November. To arrange for special pick ups or updates call Public Works at 727-595-6889

YARD WASTE

Normal yard waste and trimmings of shrubs or trees are picked up for free, maximum 1 yard pile when cut in three-foot lengths and when limbs are not more than four inches in diameter and when stacked neatly at the curb, no more than 3 feet high and 3 feet long. Anything larger will require a special pick up and will be charged based on the size. Do not bag, and place within 2 feet of the curb and at least 5 feet away from any obstructions.

PICK UP SCHEDULE

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

East Side of Gulf Blvd.
1st Ave. to 5th Ave
Haven Beach Drive

West Side of Gulf Blvd.
Whitehurst Ave. to 28th Ave.

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

East Side of Gulf Blvd.
2nd Street
6th Ave. to 28th Ave.
Curlew Landing

WEDNESDAY Recycling and Yard Waste

HOLIDAYS WITH NO TRASH SERVICE

- New Year's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

If the holiday is on a Monday, then collection will be on Tuesday, and Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday.

If the holiday is on a Tuesday, then collection will be on Wednesday.

If the holiday is on a Thursday, then collection will be on Wednesday.

If the holiday is on a Friday, then collection will be on Thursday, and Thursday collection will be on a Wednesday.



RECYCLING ONLY

Deposit Only These Clean Items:



Clean paper, Milk Cartons, Cardboard (limit 18 x 24) Junk Mail, Paper Egg Cartons, Cereal Boxes



Newspapers Magazines, Catalogs Phone Books



Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no caps) Plastic Dairy Tubs (yogurt margarine, etc.) no lids



Aluminum Cans Steel or Tin Cans



Loose Glass Bottles and Jugs



No Pizza Boxes



No Aerosol Cans



No Hoses



No Plants



No Toys



No Dishes/ Paper Plates



No Juice Boxes or Pouches



No Tires



No Styrofoam



No Clothes Textiles/Carpet



No Batteries



No Plastic Bags



No Electronics

RECYCLING

Residents of Indian Rocks Beach are provided single-stream curbside recycling service once a week. This allows residents to combine all recycling materials in one single container.

WHAT IS RECYCABLE?

Clean clear, brown, and green glass. Aluminum and tin cans. Plastic bottles (no lids), Newspaper, and Cardboard (Please flatten and remove plastic liners and any Styrofoam fillers)

QUESTIONS CALL 727-595-6889

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Antifreeze, Oil, Gasoline, Cell Phones, Computers, TV, Cleaners, Chlorine, Paint and Stains can be brought to :
Pinellas County Solid Waste

727-464-7500

2855 109th Ave N. St. Petersburg

Monday through Saturday 7 a.m.—5 p.m.

Check out the website for more specific things that can be brought:

www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/hec3

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT IRB PARKS



The Parks Division is responsible for the maintenance of over 37 +/- acres of parkland in the City of Indian Rocks Beach.

Public Works: 727-595-6889

Brown Park—Bay Blvd. & 2nd St. Tennis and Pickleball Courts	7 am— dusk
Chief Chic-A-Si Park—4th Ave & 2nd St.	7 am— dusk
Keegan Clair Park—3rd Ave. & 1st St.	7am—11 pm
IRB Boat Dock—Miami Ave. & 2nd St.	7am—11 pm
Kolb Park—1507 Bay Palm Blvd. Skate Park Basketball Court Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts	7 am— 9 pm
Nature Preserve—903 Gulf Blvd. Community Garden Dog Park	7 am— dusk
Pocket Park— 5th Ave. & Gulf Blvd.	7am—11 pm
10th Ave Park—10th Ave. & 1st St.	7 am— dusk
12th Ave Park—12th Ave. & Gulf Blvd	7 am— dusk

Contact Public Works regarding park amenities: 727-595-6889

Where can I park to go to the beach?

Indian Rocks Beach has 18 beach accesses sites where residents and visitors alike may park for free. Appropriate signage depicts resident parking versus visitor parking. Additionally, there is paid parking available at the Indian Rocks Beach/Pinellas County Beach Access Park at 1700 Gulf Boulevard. The fee is \$2.50 per hour.

Are there handicap accessible parks (playgrounds) within the City?

Indian Rocks Beach has two handicap accessible parks (playgrounds) located at: Kolb Park - (16th Avenue & Bay Palm Boulevard) and 10th Avenue Park - (10th Avenue & Bay Pine Boulevard).

What restrictions are there for using the 15th Avenue Boat Ramp?

The 15th Avenue Boat Ramp is restricted to use by Indian Rocks Beach residents/property owners only. No resident/property owner is allowed to park or use the boat ramp for longer than 30 minutes at one time and are limited to the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Who is allowed to use the Skate Park?

Indian Rocks Beach Skate Park may be utilized by residents/property owners and visitors alike, however anyone under the age of 17 is required to obtain a permit through City Hall and wear a helmet.

What if/any restriction are there for using the Leash Free Park?

Indian Rocks Beach Leash Free Park may be utilized by residents/property owners and visitors alike. Use of this facility is at own risk.

Can I use and/or reserve the City's picnic pavilions or gazebo?

Indian Rocks Beach has multiple picnic pavilions and gazebo's located throughout the City. Use of the facilities are non-exclusive daily, the facilities may be reserved through the City Hall. Obtain permit from the City's website— www.indian-rocks-beach.com or call 727-595-2517

Can I get married on the beach?

Indian Rocks Beach does not prohibit weddings on the beach. However, if more than 50 people are in attendance, a Temporary Use/Event Permit must be approved by City Hall. Obtain permit from the City's website— www.indian-rocks-beach.com or call 727-595-2517



Community Garden is a member-run garden located in the Indian Rocks Beach Nature Preserve, between 9th and 10th Avenues on Gulf Boulevard. It was created as an area for neighbors to plant, learn, socialize, and enjoy nature in a shared community space. Gardeners use Earthboxes to sustainably grow vegetables, fruits, flowers, herbs, and plants year-round.

The IRB Community Garden is maintained by the gardeners and City. The boxes are automatically irrigated by the City. No toxic sprays are allowed in the garden, and organic gardening is encouraged.

Earthboxes can be rented from the internet and or at local home improvement stores. Earthboxes remain in the garden and are the responsibility of the gardeners to maintain, harvest, and replant throughout the year. All gardeners are responsible for purchasing their on-going Earthbox supplies and any gardening tools.

GreenTown Kids (GTK) - an Indian Rocks Beach based 501c3 environmental nonprofit - is the community garden coordinator. GTK holds several garden work days, events, and educational opportunities throughout the year for garden members, GTK members, and/or the community.

Seasoned and rookie gardeners, alike, are encouraged to try out Earthbox gardening in the community garden! IRB gardeners are welcoming to all and always excited to share their gardening tips, knowledge, and ideas with fellow gardeners.

Interested gardeners may contact Allie DeVore and Ann Hanna of GreenTown Kids at: greentownkids@gmail.com for more information. Interested garden volunteers or donors can go to www.greentownkids.org for more information.

All new gardeners must email a signed Community Garden Membership Agreement to the garden coordinator (greentownkids@gmail.com) prior to installing a box.

More information on Earthbox gardening: <https://www.earthboxstore.com>.

Helpful Florida gardening and planting guides: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/VH/VH02100.pdf>

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."

- Janet Kilburn Phillips

PLANNING ZONING & BUILDING SERVICES

The Pinellas County Building Services Department assumes the role of Building Department for the City of Indian Rocks Beach. All mechanical, electrical, plumbing and roofing permit requests, which do not require review by the City of Indian Rocks Beach may be secured from Pinellas County Building Services located at 440 Court Street in Clearwater
PH: 727-464-3888.

Below is a list of permits that will require approval from the City prior to submitting to the County, Applications may be found on the City 's web-site: www.indian-rocks-beach.com or at City Hall 1507 Bay Palm Blvd.
727-595-2517

New Permits

Complete the Land Development Review Application for: new construction, additions, enclosing a garage or porch. Application, building and site plan should be emailed to Hetty Harmon, the City's Planning and Zoning Consultant: hharmon@irbcity.com. 863-646-4771 X211 . Once the review is complete, the approved application will be sent to you for inclusion in your building permit submittal to Pinellas County.

Permits that will only need zoning approval and flood information from the City: Interior remodels that includes adding bedrooms, pools or spas, any changes to existing permits-adding square footage or changing the building footprint, and wireless cell towers. Building and site plan should be emailed to Hetty Harmon, the City's Planning and Zoning Consultant, hharmon@irbcity.com 863-646-4771 x211 and you will receive approval via email which you will submit to Pinellas County along with your Pinellas County Building Permit Application.

Permits that do not need sign off from the City and should be submitted directly to Pinellas County:

Mechanical, air conditioning, solar, generators, electrical equipment, and associated structures in the side yard setbacks, window/door replacement, re-roof, replacement of water heater, electrical service upgrades, interior remodel of bath or kitchen, solar panels, siding or deck/handrail replacement, wireless antenna replacement, plumbing, gas (LP/Natural).

Permits that go to Pinellas Water and Navigation which do need sign off from the City :Docks.

Permits that go to Pinellas Water and Navigation which do not need sign off from the City: Dredge and Fill Permit.

Permits that the City of Indian Rocks Beach will issue a permit: Driveway, Fences, Signs, tree removal

**UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATED MUST BE OBTAINED
PRIOR TO EXCAVATION—DIAL 811**

LIBRARY CARD— RESIDENTS

The IRB Library card is free for property owners and residents with proof of residency. Please complete the registration form and sign it indicating responsibility for materials borrowed by the member. IRB Library card holders have reciprocal borrowing privileges at Pinellas Libraries (PPLC). You must register your card at PPLC library.

PPLC Members may apply for reciprocal borrowing privileges for the IRB Library.

ALL MATERIALS BORROWED MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LENDING LIBRARY.

Using OVERDRIVE downloadable E content:

IRB Members can go to the library catalog. Access to OverDrive E-content is available using your IRB card. Your password is your phone number. For more information setting up your OverDrive account please contact the IRB Library.

**CITY
OF**

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH LIBRARY



**1507 BAY PALM BLVD.
INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
PHONE 727-596-1822
Lee Miller Librarian
E-MAIL: lmiller@irbcity.com
Hours: Monday ~ Friday : 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**



**FREE TAKE A BOOK
LEAVE A BOOK
LIBRARIES**

Locations:

City Hall—1507 Bay Palm Blvd
4th Ave Beach Access
12th Ave Beach Access
22th Ave Beach Access

LIBRARY CARD—NON-RESIDENTS

The cards for non-residents are available for anyone **NOT** living in IRB, who provides ID, and a proof of temporary residence in IRB.

A red non-resident library card is good for **ONE** year at **25.00** per year. Please complete the registration form and sign it.

NON residents do **NOT** have PPLC reciprocal borrowing privileges.

Please see the library card policy for specifics.

**CHECK OUT
THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOOK STORE**



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 the order 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 SHERIFF 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 WEOC

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 not allowed into 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 36 hours

Listen to a radio or television for hurricane progress reports.

Check emergency supplies.

Fuel the car.

Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.

Secure buildings by closing and boarding up 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.

Stay inside, away from windows, skylights and glass doors.

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.

In condominiums, avoid elevators.



Emergency Access Permit

For barrier island residents and businesses:

In an effort to prevent looting and burglary after a large-scale mandatory evacuation, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the barrier islands have joined forces to provide free Emergency Access Permits to all businesses and residents of the barrier islands. Once a mandatory evacuation order has been lifted, Emergency Access Permits will be required to re-enter an evacuated area. There are nine entry points to the barrier islands. Access will be limited based on the closest entry point to your residence.

You will be asked to hang the permit from your vehicle's rearview mirror for re-entry post-evacuation. Law enforcement officers will be posted at entry points where they will scan the barcode on your permit to verify your residency. With your help, we can keep trespassers from accessing your property.

A maximum of 2 permits are permitted per residential property address.

In order to complete the permit request, you must have a valid driver license. Owners and renters/lessees will need to submit an additional image of a tax bill, mortgage, utility bill, or current lease/rental agreement showing the address of the property for which the permit is being requested.

You can stop by City Hall or go on line to the Pinellas County Sheriffs Office at :

<https://pcsoweb.com/barrierislandpassapplication>

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Government

Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner, Chris Scherer
cscherer@pinellascounty.org 727-464-3278

State of Government

Governor Ron DeSantis
www.flgov.com 850-488-7146

State House

Nick Diceglie 727-588-7090

State Senate

Kimberly berfield 727-216-6035

Federal Government

U.S. House of Representatives

Anna Paulina Luna, District 13
727-318-6770

U.S Senate

Rick Scott 813-225-7040
Ashley Moody 202-224-3041

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS & OTHER SERVICES

IRB ACTION 2000, INC .
www.irbaction2000.com

IRB HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
www.irbhome.com

IRB ROTARY
www.indian-rocks-rotary.org

IRB WELCOME CENTER 727-595-4575
www.beachwelcomecenter.com

BEACH ART CENTER 727-596-4331
www.beachartcenter.org

IRB COMMUNITY GARDEN 973-219-4187

IRB HISTORICAL MUSEUM 727-593-3861
www.irbmuseum.com

PINELLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT & STATE OF FLORIDA

County Commission	www.pinellascounty.org/commission	727-464-3000
Property Taxes/Fishing Licenses	www.taxcollect.com	727-464-7777
Public Schools	www.pinellas.k12.fl.us	727-588-6300
Property Appraiser	www.pcpao.org	727-464-3207
Birth & Death Certificates	www.pinellashealth.com	727-824-6900
Voter Registration: Supervisor of Election	www.votepinellas.com	727-464-7000
Marriage Licenses: Clerk of Circuit /County Court	www.pinellasclerk.org	727-464-7000

Animal Services

Humane Society of Pinellas	www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org	727-797-7722
Pinellas County Animal Services		727-582-2600
SPCA	www.spcatampabay.org	727-391-6211
Seaside Seabird Sanctuary Rescue	www.seabirdsanctuary.com	727-391-6211
Clearwater Marine Aquarium	www.seewinter.ocm	727-441-1790
Florida Fish and Wildlife	www.myfwc.com	850-488-4676

State of Florida

Dept of Business/Professional Regulation	General Information	866-693-6748
Unemployment Compensation	www.myfloridalicnse.com	850-487-1395
	www.fluidnow.com	800-204-2418