

City of Indian Rocks Beach

Quarterly Neighbor Newsletter



A Letter From Our City Manager, Ryan Henderson

Dear Indian Rocks Beach Neighbors,

Starting Monday, May 18, public parking at Indian Rocks Beach access points will transition to a paid parking system as part of a pilot program approved by the City Commission in February.

Visitors using public parking spaces at beach access points will be charged \$4.50 per hour, with parking enforced 7 days a week from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

For our Indian Rocks Beach Property Owners/Residents, there is no cost for the Resident Parking Decal and there will be no change to your parking benefits. Property Owners/Residents with a properly displayed City-issued decal may continue to park free of charge in designated resident spaces or in paid parking spaces throughout the City. The only exception is the Pinellas County Beach Access Park, where county parking rules apply.

The City will utilize the ParkMobile app for convenient payment. Visitors are encouraged to download the app in advance to make parking quick and easy when arriving at the beach.

To help keep parking accessible and orderly, the City has increased fines for parking violations, from \$75 to \$100, for issues such as parking in “No Parking” areas or failing to pay for required parking.

Based on the success and review of the Paid Parking Pilot Program, the City of Indian Rocks Beach will be looking at expanding paid parking to other areas of the City, including Public Parks.

Details on how to obtain a Resident Only Decal are available on the City’s website at www.indian-rocks-beach.com. Additional information on ParkMobile and Paid Parking will be posted to the City’s website in the upcoming weeks.

As always, thank you for helping keep Indian Rocks Beach a welcoming and well-maintained community for everyone.

Warm Regards,
Ryan

Code Enforcement Department

Sea Turtle Nesting Season on IRB

Each year from May 1 through October 31, our beautiful shores of Indian Rocks Beach become home to one of nature's most incredible coastal traditions, sea turtle nesting season. Under the soft glow of the moon, female sea turtles come ashore to dig nests in the sand and lay approximately 100 to 150 eggs at a time. Throughout the season, a single turtle may return to nest three to eight times.

After an incubation period of about 45 to 70 days, tiny hatchlings emerge at night and make their journey toward the Gulf, guided by the shimmering moonlight on the water.

In a truly remarkable full-circle moment, these sea turtles will return, sometimes decades later, to the very same beaches where they were born, continuing this special cycle right here on Indian Rocks Beach.

Let's all do our part to keep our beaches clean, dark, and safe so these incredible creatures can thrive for generations to come.



Beach Regulations

To help preserve the natural beauty of our shoreline and ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all, please observe the following beach regulations:

• Leave No Trace

All personal items must be removed from the beach by 10:00 PM each evening. Items left unattended after this time are subject to removal by the City.

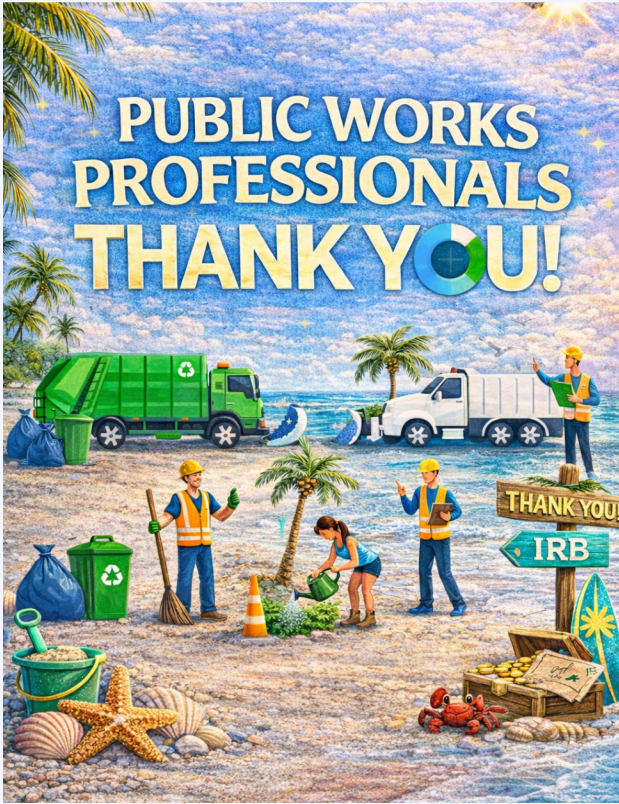
• No Dogs Allowed

Dogs are not permitted on the beach. The only exception is for service animals. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog that is individually trained to perform specific tasks for a person with a disability.

Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. Misrepresentation of a service animal is a violation of both federal law and Florida Statute, as well as City Ordinance No. 2020-09.

National Public Works Week

Library News



The library is open 10-4 Monday through Friday.

Story time with Ms. Beth is at 3 PM on Wednesdays. Join her for songs, stories and fun!

Book Club starts again on the last Tuesday of the month at 4 until 5 PM. Our book is “eat pray love” by Elisabeth Gilbert. Tuesday the 31st of March and April 28th are our next meetings.

Florida Explorers continue in the spring on Saturdays, please see the library web page for more info on the programs, next dates are March 28th and April 11th.

The Friends of the Library will have their annual meeting on April 28th at 6 PM in the Library. Everyone is welcome, consider joining Friends!

Summer reading is up to bat with the Rays for June and July, more information to come. Sign up will be at the library in May.

The Friends are accepting book donations! For more information. call 727-596-1822 or check out our page [here](#).

The City of Indian Rocks Beach proudly recognizes National Public Works Week, May 17 through May 23, as an opportunity to honor the dedicated professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our community safe, functional, and beautiful.

Our Public Works Department plays a vital role in maintaining the quality of life we enjoy every day, from caring for our streets, facilities, and infrastructure to preserving the cleanliness and natural beauty of our beaches and public spaces. Their commitment, responsiveness, and attention to detail ensure that Indian Rocks Beach remains a welcoming and resilient coastal community.

Rain or shine, often without recognition, these individuals work diligently to protect our environment, support public safety, and enhance the charm that makes our City so special.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Public Works team for their hard work, professionalism, and continued dedication to serving our community.



Message from the Mayor-Commissioner Lan Vaughan

As our city continues to recover from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, it is important to remember that the City of Indian Rocks Beach continues to participate 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. Check with your flood insurance agent to make sure you have the right coverage at the right price. NFIP policyholders in Indian Rocks Beach could see up to a 20% premium discount due to the city's CRS Class.



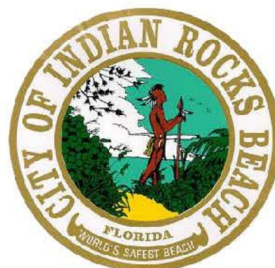
Protect yourself with a flood insurance policy. Homeowners, business owners and renters who have flood insurance on their building and/or contents often recover quicker from a flooding event than those without it. Most home/business owners' and renters' insurance do not cover flood damage.

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 CRS. 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. Go to the website [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) for more information about flooding and flood insurance, and the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at [Indian-Rocks-Beach.com](https://www.Indian-Rocks-Beach.com) and click on *Neighborhood Information*, then *Flood Hazard Information*.

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Stormwater Protection



What is an illicit discharge?

- Any discharge that into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater.

Some Pollutants that fall into this broad category are:

- Car wash wastewater
- Gas and motor oil
- Grass clippings
- Household cleaners and solvents
- Pet waste
- Pesticides and weed killers



Only Rain Down the Drain!

It is illegal to dump anything into storm drains, waterways or water bodies.

Eight Easy Ways You Can Keep Illicit Discharges Out of City of Indian Rock Beach's Water Bodies:

- Recycle used oil, antifreeze and batteries. Clean up spills immediately. Use kitty litter or sawdust to absorb the spill, and be sure to sweep it up afterward.
- Wash your car on the grass. This allows the soil to filter the water, soap, and dirt naturally - plus it helps to conserve water.
- Dispose of empty bottles of cleaners, pesticides, and weed killers according to label instructions.
- Sweep up grass clippings from streets and sidewalks after each mowing. Don't let them wash into storm drains.
- Take household products like paint, thinners, and solvents to the Pinellas County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center. You can rinse paint brushes with water-based paint in the sink. For small amounts of leftover paint, let it dry by stuffing the can with newspaper, then put it in the trash.
- Dispose of garbage in proper bins only. Littering can lead to garbage in storm sewers and surrounding water bodies.
- Maintain private stormwater systems, including ponds. Regular upkeep helps prevent pollution of surrounding water bodies.
- Use Low Impact Development (LID) or Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) when building driveways, sidewalks, or other paved areas. Learn more at the US EPA website.

Questions, Concerns or to Report Illicit Discharges:
Contact the **City of Indian Rocks Beach Public Works Department** at **727-595-6889**.

2026 SECOND QUARTER EVENTS

Mark your calendars and bring the good vibes—there's lots happening around town!

APRIL	
<p>City Commission Meeting Tuesday, April 14 6:00 pm IRB Civic Auditorium</p> <p>Special Magistrate Hearing Thursday, April 16 1:30 pm IRB Civic Auditorium</p> <p>Coffee with Neighbors Friday, April 24 8:30 AM-9:30 PM IRB Civic Auditorium</p>	<p>Taste of IRB Hosted by: IRB HOA Saturday, April 25 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Chic-A-Si Park</p> <p>Community Beach Clean Up Hosted by: GTK/Friends of Library Saturday, April 25 10:30 AM-12:30 PM IRB Nature Preserve</p> <p>Special Magistrate Hearing Thursday, April 30 1:30 pm IRB Civic Auditorium</p>
MAY	
<p>Citywide Garage Sale Hosted by: City of IRB May 2 – May 3 (Saturday & Sunday) 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Citywide</p> <p>Florida Explorers Story Time Hosted by: Friends of the Library Saturday, May 16 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM IRB Civic Auditorium</p>	<p>City Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 12 6:00 pm IRB Civic Auditorium</p> <p>Special Magistrate Hearing Thursday, May 14 & Thursday, May 21 1:30 pm IRB Civic Auditorium</p> <p>Coffee with Neighbors Friday, May 22 8:30 AM-9:30 PM IRB Civic Auditorium</p>
JUNE	
<p>Special Magistrate Hearing Tuesday, June 9 & Thursday, June 25 1:30 pm IRB Civic Auditorium</p> <p>City Commission Meeting Tuesday, June 9 6:00 PM IRB Civic Auditorium</p> <p>Flag Day Ceremony Sun., June 14 2:00 p.m. Chik-A-Si Park Sponsored by Indian Rocks Beach Rotary</p>	<p>Florida Explorers Story Time Sat., June 13 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Civic Auditorium, 1507 Bay Palm Blvd City of IRB & Friends of the Library</p> <p>Coffee with Neighbors Friday, June 26 8:30 AM-9:30 PM IRB Civic Auditorium</p>

IRB PUBLIC WORKS



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