



Palm Beach Shores News

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- 2 **TOWN HALL CLOSED**
- 3 **VFD Meeting 7:30 pm**
- 4 **DRC Meeting 2 pm**
- 5 **Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am**
- ★ 5 **Seasiders Birthday Party @ CC**
- 8 **ABC Safe Boating class 8—6**
- 9 **Seasiders Board Meeting 9:30 am**
- 9 **POA Meeting @ CC 7 pm**
- 10 **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm**
- 12 **Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am**
- 16 **TOWN HALL CLOSED**
- 17 **SICA Meeting 7 pm**
- 18 **CESM Meeting 2 pm**
- 19 **Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am**
- 20 **Environmental Committee Meeting 9 am**
- 23 **POA Board Meeting @ CC**
- 23 **Regular Commission Meeting 7 pm**
- 24 **Planning & Zoning Meeting 7 pm**
- 26 **Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am**
- ★ 28 **POA Chowderfest @ CC 6 pm**
- ★ 31 **Elections Presidential Preliminary Primary**



FEBRUARY

- 1 **DRC Meeting 2 pm**
- 1 **COP Meeting 7 pm**
- 2 **Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am**
- 4 **Commission Workshop 9 am**
- 6 **Seasiders Board Meeting 9:30 am**
- 7 **VFD Meeting 7:30 pm**
- ★ 10 & 11 **Seasiders Bazaar**

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Dear Neighbors,

Many of you have expressed concern in recent months over the growing loss of the Town's identity as a result of "Palm Beach Shores" being replaced by "Riviera Beach" or "West Palm Beach" in the address line for mail received in Town. In response, a letter was sent in November from the Town to management at the United States Postal Service (USPS) requesting that attention be given to this matter and a solution offered. On December 14, the Town received a somewhat positive response from the USPS. It appears that the USPS is willing to take "exceptional action to formally define" the Town in their national address management system database. Their letter goes on to say, "Palm Beach Shores can possibly be designated as the 'preferred last line' for all the delivery points located in ZIP Code 33404. We can consider this special request accommodation for processing. In order to designate Palm Beach Shores to all delivery points within the City's municipal boundary, it will be necessary for the city to supply all street and block ranges that encompass their city, including map, to the South Florida Address Management System Office. The 'preferred last-line' designation essentially informs mailers that 'Palm Beach Shores' should be used for all addresses within the city's boundaries." Good news...our Town is not that large so Town staff will be working closely with the USPS in the coming weeks to facilitate a speedy fix to this issue by providing all the information requested.

On another note, on Saturday, February 4, 2012, your Town Commission will be hosting a very important workshop to discuss the Town's budget for the next fiscal year. During this meeting, the Commission will solicit the feedback of all residents regarding the modification or elimination of certain Town services in an effort to control expenses during this period of declining ad valorem revenues. Such considerations will include, but are not limited to, the elimination of lifeguards at our Town beach and the possible elimination of our Town's police dispatch center in order to join a north county regional dispatch center with Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Juno Beach, and Tequesta. These decisions are obviously all very important which is why the Commission wants to hear from each of you. Apart from healthy and constructive discussions regarding specific Town services, I am hopeful that we will be able to shape and solidify an overall idea and vision of who we are as a community. This ideal will assist and equip the Commission to represent you as the tax payer and resident during our summer season of budget creation. The meeting will be held at Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of your Town Commission and all of us at Town Hall, we wish you and yours a very happy, blessed, and prosperous New Year!

Mayor John Workman



We hope you enjoyed the holidays. Please remember when getting rid of the boxes your gifts had come in make sure they cannot be easily seen by others at the curb. Large items such as TV boxes should be cut up and put in a dark colored plastic bag, the same for smaller items. The way the laws are written anything you place at the curb for garbage can be viewed by or removed by anyone. Remember if you see anything that causes you concern, please call us, let us figure out what may be going on.

This January we will not have a community policing meeting. Please join us again on the first Wednesday in February.

Please accept our thanks again for all the help and support the department receives from you throughout the year.

Pastor Mike & Cynthia from St. George's Church were very appreciative of the Holiday donation from the town staff, Seaside's, & a few residents. Many thanks to all who contributed. And to St. George's Church — thanks for all you do!



We are at the heart of winter in South Florida, and since many of our outdoor activities have been traded for more time inside, there are more injuries and fires in the home. Mattress and bedding fires occur more during this time of year. Each year there are approximately 21,000 of these fires, causing around 2,200 injuries and almost 400 fatalities nationally. The major causes of these fires are matches, lighters and smoking materials (cigarettes). Please be careful and make sure that your smoke detectors are all working.

We recently responded to a home that had an activated smoke detector with no apparent reason. We discovered that the smoke detectors in the home were close to 20 years old and were most likely the cause for the false alarm. While most fire safety experts believe the major reason for smoke detector failure is a power source problem, many experts contend that they are increasingly concerned many detectors may fail because they are too old. Like all electronic devices, smoke detectors have a limited useful life. Most fire experts believe that a detector should be replaced at ten years.

Most home detectors work by sensing smoke particles, not heat or flames. The process is done in a sensing chamber that can over time fail due to contamination. This is the same reason that dusts from certain work projects set off alarms.



Our salt air and ocean breezes definitely shorten the detector life at our commercial buildings in town and create many false alarms. It is only natural to conclude that the detectors in our homes will not last as long as those installed away from the ocean. Please check your home detectors and replace them if they are over ten years old. A safety device is only good if it works when something goes wrong.

Submitted by Fire Chief Marty Deloach

A new Town sign has been installed at the Ocean Ave entrance into town. Many thanks to the Palm Beach Shores Resort for granting the town an easement on their property for the placement of the sign and for supplying an electrical source needed to illuminate the sign. Public Works installed the sign base as well as the lighting fixture and plantings.

Public Works Director Walt Fleming



TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

The Army Corps of Engineers will be performing a small maintenance inlet dredging which is scheduled to begin the end of January. Planning for the next major dredge project will begin soon and is tentatively scheduled to take place in November 2012. I will be attending planning meetings to provide input and address the Town's concerns about the impact these operations have on our residents and guests.

I know I've been touting this for months and months but we have FINALLY started the community center door replacement project. After numerous funding delays at the Federal level we are now in the process of contracting for the direct purchase of the doors, and we will be seeking three written proposals for the installation. As I've mentioned previously, the two end doors on the east side of the building will be replaced with fixed glass, and the remaining five doors will be replaced with better quality doors. Within the next thirty days or so you will also start seeing town hall windows removed and replaced. Both of these projects are being fully funded through the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant program and there is a completion deadline of April 2012. Obviously we will hit the ground running and hopefully both projects will be completed before you even notice they're underway.

Wishing you and yours a fresh and happy start for 2012.

Town Manager Cindy Lindskoog

PBS Property Owners Association

Jan. 9th, 7PM - POA Meeting (director induction)

Jan. 14th, 8AM—NOON - POA/Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast @ CC (\$8/adults, \$5/children)

Jan. 23rd, 7PM - Board of Director's Meeting @ CC

Jan. 28th, 6PM - Chowder Fest @ CC (Tickets \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members)

For more info: www.palmbeachshorespoa.com

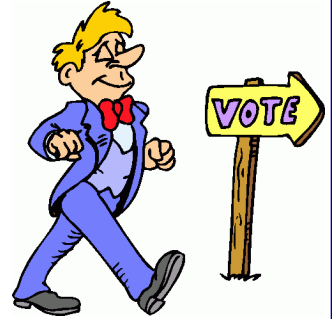
Relax, Rejuvenate, Revive!

Yoga class at the Town Hall meeting room on Mondays at 8 am and Wednesdays at 4:30 pm. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or thick towel. Both men and women included — all ages welcome!



NOTES FROM THE CLERK

Each year, the Town of Palm Beach Shores holds a local election on the second Tuesday in March. This year, our town's election is scheduled for March 13, 2012.



According to the town's Charter, "A mayor and four commissioners shall be elected to serve for a period of two years; the mayor and two commissioners shall be elected on even-numbered years, and two commissioners shall be elected on odd-numbered years" (Sec. 3.3) In 2012, the mayoral and two commission seats are open.

In order to be eligible to run for office in Palm Beach Shores, one must be "a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter in Palm Beach County, Florida, and a resident of the Town of Palm Beach Shores" (Sec. 3.2).

If you are interested in running for mayor or a position on the Town Commission for the Town of Palm Beach Shores, you may come into Town Hall at 247 Edwards Lane and pick up an election packet. Qualifying time for candidates for the March 13, 2012 local election begins on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at noon and ends on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at noon.

Si usted esta interesado para la posición oficial publica del pueblo de Palm Beach Shores, puede venir al edificio de Town Hall ubicado en el 247 Edwards Lane. Ally puede recoger el paquete de información para la elección. El tiempo para candidatos de la elección local de 13 de marzo 2012 comienza el martes 31 de enero 2012 a medio dia y termina el 14 de febrero 2012 a medio dia.

Town Clerk Carolyn Gangwer

LADIES EXERCISE

The exercise ladies are still going strong on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30—9:30 in the Town Hall meeting room. This is free, so come on down! For more info, please call Rose Crothers at 799-6599.

MATURE DRIVER CLASSES

Friday, Feb. 24th
\$10 for 6 hours
Save \$\$\$ on your insurance!
Call 844-3457 for more info



FUNDRAISER FOR THE
PALM BEACH SHORES ST. PATRICKS' DAY PARADE

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 21st
Seatings at 6 and 7:45
Lake Park VFW, 354 10th St., Lake Park
\$8.00 Donation

Call Claire 881-9266 or Nancy 842-0635

Buy your tickets early!



SEASIDERS NEWS



Happy New Year to all. December was a busy month. The luncheon featured the King's Academy Singers with a special Christmas program. A fun time was had at the Social Committee's cards and games lunch. Home and Garden sponsored a trip to the Norton Sculpture Garden annual Festival of the Trees. The report was that it was very beautiful. The Book Club reviewed "The Invisible Bridge" and a lively discussion followed. There were lots of "yums" heard at the annual Tea and Cookie exchange. The Community Service group will be selling their famous greeting cards every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday at the Town Hall between 10 and noon. 100% of all sales go to local charities.

The Annual Seaside Bazaar will be held February 10th and 11th at Town Hall. Please start thinking about donating furniture, books, tools, linens, kitchen and home items, knick-knacks, working electronics, bikes, etc. All proceeds go to local area charities.

Ladies who are residents and are interested in joining Seasiders may contact Pat Maloney 845- 2196 for information.

WRITE: If you have any concerns you can write your Commission at the following email addresses:

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You can also write or call:

247 Edwards Lane, 844-3457 or
e-mail to: townhall@pbstownhall.org
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palmbeachshoresfl.us

To start the New Year, a quote from Jay Leno:

"Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average, which means you've already met your New Year's resolution."



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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