

BSI Canal Committee

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This week, I'm asking for your help.

As with most things in life, I believe the best way to keep (in this case, our canal annual assessment) costs down is through good maintenance.

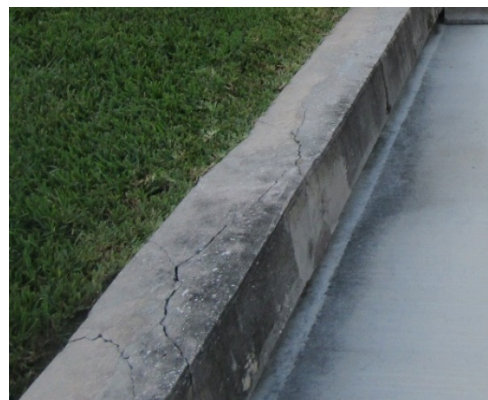
The city has a program to visually inspect our (both BSI and PGI) sea walls on a semi-annual basis. These inspections are done from a boat in the canal, and as you can imagine, with miles and miles of canal sea wall to inspect and maintain, it's possible for minor damage to go unchecked until it become major damage.

It is the city's responsibilities to repair wall damage and they do a great job of this -- once this damage is known. However, there are cases where fairly minor repairable damage propagated into significantly larger repairs when not identified at an early stage. This is why it is so important to report damage when found to the canal maintenance department, so that lower repair costs (lower assessments) are incurred.

So this is the reason I am asking for your help. I am asking for you to inspect your sea wall, and report any damage found to the city. This will be turned into a work order, and will be repaired in the near future.

This also includes any soil erosion, sink holes or depressions next the sea wall as well.

To help you understand reportable damage, I offer the following examples:



As you can see, there is cracking, spalling, and exposed rebar, and it is this type of damage that can be inexpensively repaired, compared to complete replacement.

To help with further definition, there is a great brochure titled: [Waterfront Property Owners Guide](#) published by the city of Punta Gorda and can be found on line—

<https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showpublisheddocument/3590>

If you find any damage, please report it to:

email: pubworks@pgorda.us

phone: (941) 575-5050

I trust you will be pleasantly surprised by how fast and efficiently these repairs will be made.

And--- thanks for your help! All of BSI appreciates it.

Rick Daugherty, Chairman, BSI Canal Committee