



**Riviera Bay Civic Association
General Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2026 | 6:30 PM
Doors Open at 6:00 pm**

- Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Remarks | Call for Quorum (if needed)
- RBCA Topics (Brief):
 - Q2 Recap | Q3/Q4 Reminders
 - Financial Update | 2027 Sponsorships of RBCA
 - Hurricane Season Prep-Reminder | GO BOND Update
 - Street Captains Openings | Newsletter & Luminary Route Openings
 - Events Volunteers Needed (Halloween & Christmas)
- STORM SQUAD Presentation: stormsquad.org
 - **Barnali Dixon Ph.D.**
Professor, School of Geosciences
Executive Director of iCAR
Director of Geo-Spatial Analytics Lab
Associate Editor, Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWRA)
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 - **Erica Hall, M.S. CED, MBA, ARM**
Executive Director and Board Chair, Florida Food Policy Council
- Adjournment of General Session



**Riviera Bay Civic Association
General Meeting: Special Session Agenda
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 | 7: 05PM**

- Open Special Session: Welcome the Candidates for Mayor of St. Petersburg
- Opening Remarks by RBCA President on behalf of RBCA Board
- Mayoral Candidate Remarks - 5 Minutes Each (30 Minutes)

Note: Candidates will draw upon arrival at meeting for their speaking order

- Brandi Gabbard, Brandi4StPete.com
- Charlie Crist, CharlieCrist.com
- Jim Large, JimLargeforMayor.com
- Ken Welch, KenWelch.com
- Kevin Batdorf, Batdorf4Mayor.com
- Maria Lynne Scruggs, MariaforMayor.com
- Mix & Mingle with the Candidates (20 minutes)
- Adjournment of Special Session (8:00 pm)

RBCA August Meeting Topics Detailed:

- Golf Cart Parade Big Success - 22+ Golf Carts Participated!! Tons of Pics & Video on our Socials & YouTube.
- RBCA President met with SPTO re: Knifegate / Backflow preventers / RBCA helping identify issues to give SPTO even better data & a future RBCA stormwater education program. Maps pending from SPTO.
- RBCA in the News: Flurry of activity with many announcements - stories on Bay News 9 and 10 Tampa Bay. Thanks to our RBCA President & resident/Street Captain Pete Nolan for being interviewed.

Topics:

WRDA announcement for St. Pete & Canals 11 & 12

\$2.2M in appropriations funding coming via Congresswoman Kathy Castor's office. \$1.145M of that for a project that will move stormwater from 88th across 4th street into Riviera Bay at the SunLit Cove outlet on 87th Ave.

- RBCA Street Captains had their first meeting - thanks to Secretary Dawn for organizing the meeting & for all the volunteers - our map showing who your Street Captain is will be live soon. We still need more volunteers!
- Sponsorship Committee is meeting about 2027 Sponsorship Opportunities - Updates coming soon!
- Events Committee: We are moving into the Fall & Holiday Season - if you want to help plan & decorate for Halloween & Christmas - reach out to us, we'll get you added to the chain(s).
- We still need lots of Luminary (Candle) Sales Volunteers. If you are willing to be a distributor please reach out.
- RBCA President, Secretary & Treasurer recently attended a City Neighborhood Event about bringing in more resources & opportunities to help the neighborhood.
- GO BOND: Please read our article if you missed it in the summer newsletter.
 - RBCA President spoke at the City Council Meeting: Video on St. Pete's Youtube Channel and on our Facebook Page.
 - If the Property Tax Referendum is allowed on the Ballot in Nov (it's been ordered by a judge to be rewritten) the change of taxation on the GO Bond from the proposed .96 mils would be roughly 1.07 mils per Public Works Administrator Claude Tankersley.
- RBCA is still waiting on a confirmed meeting date with Public Works Administrator Claude Tankersley to discuss the Jacobs Engineering study done under the Resiliency Tour to let us know what the recommendations were for Riviera Bay.

Follow-up Topics/ Resident Raised Issues from Spring General Meeting:

SPPD:

83rd Ave Speeding Operations - Resident email elevated by RBCA - [Traffic Speeding Surveillance](#)

[Escalated by SPPD](#) - RBCA has followed up with the residents who raised concern.

100 80th Ave N House Issues (known issue by PD) (resident raised @ meeting) - **Status?** As stated, the District 2 Patrol Team is aware of this property and continues to complete check-ins. There is also an active codes case against the property to encourage or enact enforcement measures depending on the owner's actions. [#26-5505](#)

Homeless in Rio Vista Park (resident raised @ meeting) - **Status / Resolution?** This issue was reported to the PATH (Police Assisting the Homeless) Unit and the Parks staff has been requested to provide feedback to officers

Azalea Motel up for sale (**status?**) A foreclosure notice was filed on June 16th and the City Attorney's Office is moving the process forward as quickly as the court system allows

General:

- Dredging | Study was underway with Data Collection done in March - **Update?** | Study was used to help get St. Pete in WRDA - you can read RBCA Press Release on this with more details on our Website | Is the study/project moving forward or do we have to wait 3-5 years for another study as Claude Tankersley mentioned in a news interview after the WRDA announcement. Portions of the study are in progress, but a major milestone will be the final passage of the WRDA by Congress (up for consideration this fall), although the legislation passed the committee process, it still needs to be approved by the full body. The District 2 office will provide updates when available.
- District 2 Master Plan Status – **Update?** In early July City Staff received text drafts and began their comment period for any revisions needed. Once completed, WSP will enter the information into the ESRI Experience Builder for a final review (graphics, maps, etc). I emailed the City Development Administrator on 8/7 to remind him of the update that was requested but have not received a response.
- 87th Terrace Density Increase & Dev Change (**did it pass DRC on 8/5?**) Yes, the modification passed unanimously, the commission did have a lengthy discussion during the hearing but ultimately explained their vote as the item meeting code
- Elevate Florida: Residents Impacted in Riviera Bay on program being stalled | [D2 sent email post-meeting & RBCA posted on Socials to Share with Residents](#) - (**Status?**) As you are aware this is a federally funded program being administered at the State level through FDEM (Florida Division of Emergency Management). CM Gabbard continues to work with our State and Federal Delegates in

effort to expedite batch approvals of the program and communicate concerns regarding the request that the 25% resident contribution be fulfilled prior to an approval. In addition to CM Gabbard's advocacy letter, our local delegation (Senators DiCeglie & Rouson and Representatives Anderson, Berfield, Chaney, Cross, and Rayner) wrote a letter to Federal Delegates and FDEM Secretary Kevin Guthrie requesting expedited decision. At the time of their letter (June 17th) less than 60 projects in Pinellas County had received submittal/FEMA review process. According to the FDEM Elevate Florida Dashboard (August 7th) 169 applications are in review, and 267 applications have received decision

- 94th Ave & 4th St N Dedicated Left Turn Signal - RBCA Requested Evaluation / D2 Followed up with email to FDOT / FDOT Email from June 10:

We heard back from FDOT today, so I wanted to provide you with an update. They completed their evaluation, including a review of crash history, traffic volumes, and intersection geometry. Based on the data collected, it's still not meeting their criteria for the eastbound or westbound approaches to have a dedicated turn arrow at this time. However, they have offered that they'll monitor the intersection to identify timing improvements. This could help make it easier to get the gaps in traffic needed to make those turns, especially while there's adjacent construction (bridge utilities) underway that could be impacting traffic volumes in the area.

If you're continuing to see that it's happening in the coming months, especially once school starts again and traffic gets back to normal after summer vacations, etc., feel free to reach back out and we can continue to work with FDOT.

RBCA Note: Another Traffic accident during a Left Turn occurred on Tuesday, August 4, 2026

- 96th Ave U-Turns (resident raised @ meeting) | Last email communication was May 21 between D2 &

Traffic Ops:

We will add this to our list of concerns to discuss at our next coordination meeting with FDOT. If any countermeasures are deemed appropriate after those discussions and analysis, I'll get back to the group. - **UPDATE? Transportation & Parking Management Director Evan Mory has requested feedback, if it is not received in time for RBCA's meeting, the transportation staff has a coordination meeting with the FDOT this Friday morning and will continue to raise the issue**

- 2nd Street Bridge Sumps Maintenance Issue (Resident Raised @ Resiliency Meeting)

4 sumps installed after Tinney Creek dredge in 2005. They are supposed to be on a regular maintenance schedule *RBCA has asked for the records). D2 Council has regular meetings & records have been requested. SPTO to come out that week. - **Results/ Update? The area was inspected to ensure operational purpose, but we have not received any maintenance records or a dedicated schedule, emailed Claude & Marshall 8/7 to request again**

- Trash Pickup Issues (resident raised & elevated by RBCA) | Email D2 office with pictures/locations | Residents on Sun Isle Drive sent letters telling them the trash issues are due to them not bagging trash properly. No mention of partial dumps of cans or other resolution. City spent money on mailers. -

Update? The Housing and Neighborhood Services Administrator Amy Foster has scheduled several observations of the route and continues to work with sanitation staff to resolve issues. If you experience a partial dump of your can, a missed pickup, etc, please report the issue to See Click Fix or email the District 2 Office (Brandi.Gabbard@stpete.org) for assistance. Please include all relevant information such as date, time, and property location. When applicable to the circumstance, photos are both welcomed and encouraged.

- **Abandoned Vessel reported since 2024 Hurricanes.** FWC opened a case, resident was to work to turn-over boat. | Boat reported again in follow-ups | FWC called RBCA President stating the case has been closed. Boat will remain. Owner has put a pump on the boat to get it floating. If it sinks again, we can report it again. | **No one has addressed the environmental spill issues.** Emailed Major Bush, Lt. Levey, and copied Claude to request information on any additional resources beyond FWC
- EBIke Concerns (resident raised @ meeting) - **Update?** On June 26th the Governor vetoed Senate Bill 382 which aimed to implement safety measures Statewide. On July 23rd, a New Business Item was referred to the City Council's Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (HLUT) Committee to discuss e-bike safety & enforcement measures further.
- Traffic Calming / Safe Streets 20 MPH Pilot | 98th Ave Speed Bumps were installed / D2 stated federal funding hasn't come | **RBCA had emailed SPTO asking for update - received email 5/21:**
We continue to wait for the funding agreement from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); however, we expect that an agreement will be in place in June or July of this year. Assuming no additional delays to funding, that would allow us to start design work in Fall 2026.
RBCA sent another update request to SPTO on 8/6. - Update? VP requested an update from SPTO
- Neighborhood Yard Sales? (resident raised @ meeting) | RBCA board not undertaking due to larger priorities - any resident who would like to organize & do the work is welcome - Resident J. LeCouve offered to look into it.
- What's happening with all the closed restaurants? (resident raised @ meeting) | Boston Market (planned to be a "Cookout Franchise" / Village Inn (for sale or lease) / Frankies (unknown) & the old Winn-Dixie on 77th? | **RBCA has observed no changes since the last meeting - Update? At this time the City Development Administration Managing Director had no updates to share. Will provide any additional information received to the RBCA.**
- Cameras in the Drains to see about sediment issues - cleaning Status (resident raised @ meeting) - **Update requested: what drains and pipes have been cleaned in Riviera Bay**
- Butterfly Garden: D2 contacted Bee Hotel people - they will replace it | **Note: has not yet been replaced as of 7/25- can D2 follow-up? The District 2 office has been working with local apiarists in attempt to not only replace the bee hotel but ensure that it is properly maintained. If there are any crafty/creative residents who wish to work with us on the construction or decorating aspects please reach out to the District 2 Office.**

- SunRise St.Pete funds - Disaster recovery grant. | D2: City received more applications than funds, funding is restricted based on income | Mayor Welch reported 80 applicants from Riviera Bay (can D2 confirm anymore on status and on Milton funding?) The Sunrise St. Pete Program is funded through a Federal HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). There are specific guidelines for how the funds are used and what disasters the funding can be used for, for this allocation, only Hurricanes Idalia and Helene are eligible. For awareness, an update was recently emailed to subscribers regarding three new programs that are part of Sunrise St. Pete: the [Non-Profit Community Support Services Program](#), the [Voluntary Buyout Program](#), and the [Homebuyer Assistance Program](#). The most up-to-date information (and ability to sign up for emailed updates) can be found at https://www.stpete.org/residents/grants_loans/sunrise_st._pete/program_updates.php
- \$600M proposed GO Bond: City Council voted on 7/23 and it will be a referendum item in Nov. | RBCA President spoke at 7/23 city council meeting re: resident concerns and questions on GO BOND.
- Bright Futures and RBCA Kid Volunteers | RBCA can always use help!
- Request for trash can at the Riverside Drive NE side of the footbridge (Resident Raised post-Meeting)- Reviewed location and provided photos to the parks staff, requested for one of the two trash cans currently located at the Rio Vista Park entrance footbridge to be relocated to the east side of the footbridge