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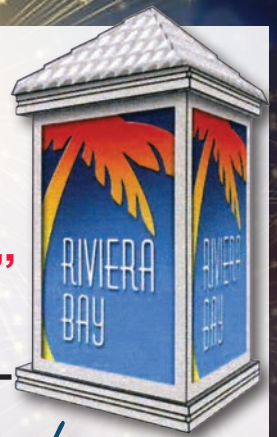
NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA BAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION SINCE 1960

61st Year!

"It's Another Great Day in Riviera Bay!"

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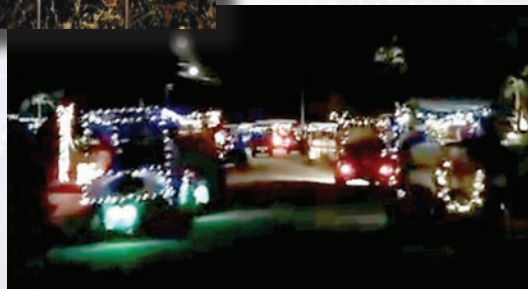


A Warm Welcome to a New Year!

I'm pretty sure most everyone is grateful 2020 is behind us! I sure am! We had so much momentum a year ago which was halted due to Covid-19. Since we do not have many highlights from 2020, I'd like to focus on the upcoming fast and furious year of 2021. Let's reignite the lost momentum and make it another Great Year in Riviera Bay.

As you may be aware, Riviera Bay resident Erin Osburn, beautifully orchestrated our first annual Golf Cart Parade. It was held on Saturday December 19th at dusk. Erin exceeded her own expectations, and I couldn't have been more impressed with her efforts. She didn't know if more than 5 carts would show up, but there were well more than 20! We even had golf cart owners from other neighborhoods join in. We look forward to making this an annual event for all to enjoy. We may even add other things to jazz it up, such as local entertainers and food trucks.

Once again, I hope Riviera Bay residents trust and re-elect me as the Civic Association President. I'm ready to focus on the year ahead and make great strides for all the long timer and new residents of our fabulous neighborhood. If you have new neighbors, reach out to them, find out what they'd like



to see improved and invite them to our next gathering or event. I hope you will extend a warm welcome and help them settle into their new home and the Riviera Bay neighborhood.

As tradition remains, all our general gatherings are set for 3rd Tuesdays of odd months. However, some traditions need to change and adapt to today's way of life. Our first gathering this year, Tuesday, January 19th, will be held at Riviera Bay Park under the main covered pavilion. We will practice social distancing and wear masks when appropriate. If you do not feel safe or comfortable joining us in person, we will be offering a way to join in virtually.

I hope you will join us for this gathering as we will be voting on our 2021 Board of Directors. In addition, we hope to see Councilwoman Brandi Gabbard and have her share pertinent updates

from our District. She and I are happy to announce her appointment of myself to the District 2 seat of the City's Charter Review Commission. I'm very excited to serve as our district's representative on the Commission. We will provide more detail as soon as it becomes available.

May the new year bring you much joy and happiness.
Vicki Shuman, RBCA President

GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th

Starting at 6:30 pm

LOCATION: RIVIERA BAY PARK

Under main covered pavilion.

2021 RBCA EVENTS

Please check with our Facebook page or website for updates

GENERAL GATHERINGS - Jan 19, Mar 16, May 18, July 20, Sept 21, Nov 16

ADOPT-A-MILE - Jan 30, July 31, Nov 6

YARD SALES - Mar 5-7, Oct 1-3

EASTER ICE CREAM SOCIAL - April 3

CANAL CLEANUP - April 17

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Nov 16

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET - Feb 9, Apr 13, June 8,
Aug 10, Oct 12, Dec 14

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My family and I are committed to making this neighborhood the best that it can be, whether it is the 4th of July Flags, Footballs leading up to the big game, or sponsoring the Memorial Day Concert at the Sandbar!

I am a neighbor first, so feel free to call anytime with questions or assistance!



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Riviera Bay is a Caring and Sharing Neighborhood

By Brad Bess

What makes our neighborhood so special is the fantastic people that live here! We recently helped a family that was going through some tough times, and had their Christmas lights vandalized. The family had posted on NextDoor, and some of our board members jumped on the opportunity to help them. We stopped by to check on them and presented them with a \$100 gift card to assist them. The family was very grateful and the timing could not have been better. Riviera Bay continues to amaze me with so many wonderful neighborly people! Happy New Year!



Riviera Bay Park Butterfly Garden Needs You!

By Vicki Shuman



Newsflash! The butterfly garden is abounding with growth! Do you have a green thumb? Do you enjoy the views of beautiful flowers? Do you like to dig in the dirt a bit and get dirty? If so, we are looking for you!

We continue to need your help and support to maintain the butterfly garden at Riviera Bay Park. Please contact me if you are interested in lending a gardening hand! Text 727-709-2123, or email: vickifour@yahoo.com



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RBCA Elections Tues, Jan 19

The RBCA Elections will be held on January 19th at Riviera Bay Park.

Candidates for the RBCA Officers:

Vicki Shuman – President, Brad Bess – Vice President, Stephen Goetz – Treasurer, Lori Intravichit – Secretary.

Directors (5 spots available):

Joe Baez, Colleen Esposito, Donna Hoover, Brandon Huskins, Toni Michalove, Erin Osburn and Sean Singh.

Nominations for any position will be accepted as a write-in from the floor at the meeting prior to the vote.

83rd Ave Adopt-A-Mile



Our Adopt-A-Mile agreement with Keep Pinellas Beautiful calls for quarterly clean-ups, one of which is combined with an annual canal and business corridor clean up. We hope you will join us in 2021 to help keep Riviera Bay beautiful! Volunteers are provided with necessary supplies, can work in teams and kids are always welcome to join.

Please consider joining us for our first clean up on Saturday, January 30th. Meet at 9am at the St Petersburg Presbyterian Church, 600 83rd Ave NE.



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Fifteen wonderfully decorated boats brought the Christmas spirit on Christmas Day's evening to our neighborhood. Usually held on Christmas Eve, our weather had another plan, and it was postponed to Christmas Day which turned out to be chilly and beautiful — just perfect for the feeling of the season! People cheered and exchanged greetings with the boaters all along the luminary-lined waterfront.

Thank you to all who participated to make our annual event another successful and joyful one, especially Captain Lance Obst for leading the way! And a special thanks goes out to Brad Bess for coordinating and giving out \$100 cash prize to the best decorated boat.



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For unpredictable event scheduling due to Covid 19, please check event's websites to find any changes.

Jan. 16, 2021 – Jan. 17 - TREASURE ISLAND KITE FESTIVAL: Be amazed by talented kite flyers from all over the U.S. Reps will be giving flying demonstrations and allowing people a chance to learn how to fly. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. both days behind the Thunderbird Beach Resort. 10700 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island. [www.](http://www.mytreasureisland.com/)

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Feb. 20-21 - SAFETY HARBOR ART & SEAFOOD ON THE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL. Shop local art and enjoy some delicious seafood prepared by the areas top food trucks and local restaurants. Sat, Feb 20 from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sun, Feb 21 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. www.safetyharbor-chamber.com/art-and-seafood

Now – Mar. 28 - MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON AT HORAN PARK. The Music in the Afternoon Series is on select Sundays. Lew Barrows & the Rhythm Kings perform live music while guests sit

back and enjoy the scenery at the park. FREE. 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, Saint Pete, 727-363-9245. www.spbrec.com/489/Parks-Rec

Feb. 20 - St. Pete's LOCALTOPIA. Specialty villages showcase arts & culture, makers and merchants, a family zone, and more. Indulge in local food and craft beer while you listen to some of the area's most popular local bands on the park's bandstand and Visit St. Pete/Clearwater stage. Family-friendly from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 330 2nd Ave N, St. Pete. localtopia.keepsaintpetersburglocal.org/

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Membership Renewal Info

We are your neighborhood civic association and we work for you to maintain and improve your neighborhood. If you have not joined or renewed your membership in the Riviera Bay Civic Association, please take a moment to fill out this membership form and bring it to the next meeting or send your dues to the address below. Please show your support by sending in at least \$10.00. (A larger amount would be appreciated!) One association membership per household includes your spouse and children, to be purchased each calendar year.

I would like to join/rejoin the Riviera Bay Civic Association. Enclosed please find at least \$10.00 (more is always appreciated) association dues for our family for January through December.

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