

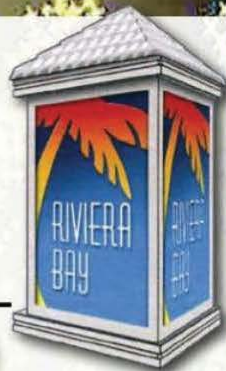
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"It's Another Great Day in Riviera Bay!"

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A New Year! Welcome 2019

Wow, it's hard to believe it has been 2 years as the President of your Riviera Bay Civic Association. Over the past 2 years I believe we have made some substantial achievements towards the betterment of our neighborhood both socially, civilly and financially. We have an active Crime Watch which has definitely had an impact on crime and we attained 501.c3 status for our association which benefits us all. Our members have enjoyed various neighborhood celebrations and activities. Our neighborhood has also experienced some major changes. Derby Lane Dog Track will be closing in the next few years which will have profound impact on those working at the track and of course the disposition of the dogs themselves. What does one do with racing dogs that are unemployed? Gold Coast Greyhound Adoptions are reaching out to help the current retired dogs and those that will become redundant in the next few years.

For those who attended the RBCA Thanksgiving Dinner I hope you had a great time. For those who missed it, I believe the RBCA Thanksgiving Dinner was a rousing success. It was great to see so many faces both new and old. Special thanks to Dave, Donna, Vicki, Lori, Don and others who made this event a great success.

You may also have noticed a change to our neighborhood

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th -
MEETING & RBCA ELECTIONS**
Starting at 6:30 pm
**LOCATION: LIBERTY BAPTIST HALL -
9401 4TH ST N**

Corner of 94th Ave & 2nd St - enter 94th Ave side under breezeway



As we welcome a new year, here's an interesting look back at our neighborhood on a postcard from "back in the day" submitted by Heather Mudrick.

presence on NEXTDOOR. After consultations with legal counsel and NEXTDOOR corporate it was determined that the name should be changed from RBCA to just Riviera Bay.

NEXTDOOR corporate stated that the name RBCA did not meet their naming convention guidelines. NEXTDOOR also agreed that the possibility existed that items submitted onto the NEXTDOOR site listed as RBCA could potentially be identified as communications presented/supported by the Riviera Bay Civic Association (RBCA). This was the justification for changing the NEXTDOOR presence from RBCA to just Riviera Bay which more accurately reflects those areas it currently represents.

Lastly, for the past 5 years our own Brad Bess has passed out either koozies or footballs prior to the Super Bowl to the neighborhood. He intends to pass them out again this year, and usually leaves 2 per household, but if there is anyone that would like more he would be happy to give them more, just please call or text him at 727-324-3077. As always we are looking for volunteers to help keep it "A great day in Riviera Bay."

Regards, Rich Perifdio, President RBCA

2019 RBCA EVENTS

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** - Jan 15, Mar 19, May 21, Jul 16, Sep 17, Nov 19
- **RBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS** (Tentative) - Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10
- **ADOPT-A-MILE** - Jan 26, Apr 6, Aug 3, Nov 2
- **GARDEN CLEANUP** - Feb 16, Other dates TBD
- **CANAL CLEAN UP** - Apr 6
- **EASTER TBD**
- **YARD SALES** - March 1-3, Oct 4-6

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The November 20, 2018 RBCA General Membership meeting held at the Liberty Baptist Church opened at 7:01PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. As this was our Thanksgiving Dinner, the only business performed was approving the minutes from the prior General Membership meetings.

RECAP OF THE DECEMBER 19TH COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS MEETING. The meeting consisted of the election of officers for the 2019 term. Jennifer Joern was elected as President and Judy Landon as Vice President.

WINNER OF THE RBCA CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST. The competition was extremely stiff this year with many exciting displays by both members and non-members of RBCA. Unfortunately, only RBCA members are eligible to win the "bragging rights" and the gift certificate. Through split decision, Toni Michalove of 222 8th Ave NE Street is the winner of the 2018 Decorations contest. She received a \$50 Publix gift certificate along with bragging rights for the next year. Well done!



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St. Petersburg city code: 16.40.070.1 states: "These regulations are intended to minimize light pollution, glare and trespass;

conserve energy while maintaining night time safety, security, and productivity; protect the privacy of residents; minimize disturbance of wildlife; enhance the ambiance of the community; and ensure optimal viewing of night skies the city."

Glaring shoreline and dock lights that are unshielded, cause safety problems for boaters and disturb bird nesting and other wildlife day/night patterns. - Florida Fish & Wildlife darksky.org

Drivers: Please slow down. We have no sidewalks, so there are kids, bicycles, walkers on our streets. Boaters/Jet Skis: Please slow down. No wake means no visible waves. There are manatees, dolphins, sea otters, birds, kayakers, paddle boarders and swimmers in our waterways.

Gary Pawlik - 30 year resident of Riviera Bay

RBCA Elections Tues, Jan 15

The RBCA Elections will be held on January 15th at Liberty Baptist Church. Candidates for the RBCA Board of Directors are as follows:

Vicky Shuman – President
Brad Bess – Vice President
Treasurer- Stephen Goetz
Secretary – Lori Intravichit
Director Positions (Currently)
Rich Perfidio
Joe Baez
Christian Rodgers
Toni Michalove
Dave Hoover

Nominations for any position will be accepted from the floor at the meeting prior to the vote.



83rd Ave Adopt-A-Mile

Our Adopt-A-Mile agreement calls for one clean-up per quarter, one of which is combined with our yearly canal clean-up. Please consider donating your time for this great initiative to keep Riviera Bay beautiful!

Those who volunteer are provided with gloves, garbage bags, pickers and a KPB t-shirt (if they want one!) Volunteers can work in teams.

Kids are welcome to join! This is a great opportunity to teach kids the importance of not littering and picking up trash they see to keep it from our roadways and waterways!

Please consider joining us on Monday, Jan 28 to help keep Riviera Bay a beautiful and clean neighborhood! Other future dates will be April 6, August 3, and November 2.



Crime Watch Corner

By Don Gilbert



The Crime Watch members all volunteer to assist the local law enforcement by observing and reporting any suspicious activities we seen in Riviera Bay or the surrounding area. We are always looking for additional volunteers.

If you observe suspicious activity or hear sudden unusual noises (and your dog barks as something unusual has occurred) please check around your property for the cause. Consider notifying the police department if the activity is of criminal in nature. If you call or Text the police department consider posting on Nextdoor as the activity might have impacted your neighbor and any leads they receive might answer question they have from unusual situations. It only takes a two or three minutes to observe decide and then report.

If it is an emergency situation you can call or text 911. If it is a suspicious call 727-893-7780 or text "TIP911". With the Text include "SPPD" at the beginning or your text so it is routed to the Saint Petersburg Police Department.

Since our neighborhood has no sidewalks to safely walk along the street I recommend always walking or jogging against traffic (facing the traffic) so you can see where the approaching vehicle is and what the driver is looking at as they approach you. If they are looking down at their cell phone they likely are not in total control of their vehicle. If you are walking with the direction of traffic you have no idea where the vehicle is as it drives up upon you from your behind.

REDUCING THE CREEPY CRAWLERS & WATER PIRATES

First let me explain who they are! These are the individuals who try to take advantage of our forgetfulness when we do things in a rush and leave valuable items in our vehicles in plain view of anyone who wants to steal them. They visit our neighborhoods both day and night. The majority of them come in the early morning hours when nearly everyone is asleep.

1) Daily as a part of turning off our lights for the night click you remote for your vehicle insuring that the doors are locked.

2) Never leave anything in view inside your vehicle which would draw attention of someone with a flashlight as they walk by your vehicle. If it is of value they will break a window to retrieve it. If the door is unlocked they will enter it and toss it for anything of value. This includes coins in the center console.

3) Do not leave your wallets, computers, purse, book bag

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or weapons in your vehicle. If you leave the door unlocked your items will be stolen. If it is of value the window will be broken and items stolen.

4) If they enter your property (vehicle, garage, back porch, storage shed or house) report the action to the police department. Do it as soon as possible. If it just occurred the police department will broadcast to officer in the area any details you are able to supply them.

We all need to report any suspicious activities to the police department. If they have an officer in the area the officer can question anyone who is dressed the same manner as the party you witnessed only if you have reported this activity. Without a report anyone seen in our area is free to come and go as it should be. But we do not want to have criminals visiting our areas.

5) Motion Lights: Bright Motion Activated lights deter the Creepy Crawlers and Water Pirates. They do not like being seen doing their nasty deeds. LED lights are instant on and very bright.

6) Security Cameras: There are many types of cameras at a wide price range. All security cameras work well at reducing the creepy crawlers & water pirates from visiting your residence, vehicle and vessels. Instant on motion lights combined with full time video recording by your security cameras help to give us an edge against these intruders.

Let us all prepare for their invasion so we can have an edge of Prevention with Motion Lights, Security Cameras and our alert Neighbors who take a serious interest in protecting our homes, vehicles and families.

REVIEW OF BLINK CAMERA SYSTEM

The BLINK Security System sold by Amazon is a low cost battery operated 3 Camera Security System that runs on 2

AA batteries. The easily replaceable batteries allow for up to 2 years of service depending upon detection activity. The system comes with a Sync module which is essentially a wireless router/repeater. This allows for a fairly robust signal without having to run wires throughout the house. The system provides motion detection, infra-red and the ability to operate in color mode at night using available ambient light; great for detecting and identifying the "creepy crawlies." The detected activity can be forwarded to your smart phone or you can purchase additional longer term storage online. From personal experience, I have the data delivered to my smart phone and can store a week plus worth of detections. I have used this system since July 2018 with no issues. Priced at \$199 for this 3 camera system is a well worthwhile investment.



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Riviera Bay Park – Community Garden

When designing Riviera Bay Park, we heard from many in the neighborhood that they really wanted a community flower garden and that they were willing to help with the upkeep. The city agreed to install the garden and provide water and mulch for it if we would maintain it. Our garden has become a problem due to various human and

nature based challenges. We have been using various plants that will promote and sustain various butterflies. Please mark your calendar for February 16 to help out. If you have plants you would like to donate to the garden, we are looking for ones that attract birds and butterflies, without taking over the garden. The garden is located at 8131 Macoma Dr. NE, just behind the St Presbyterian Church off 83rd Ave NE. We meet at 9 AM and the RBCA will provide gloves, trash bags, water and various other supplies as needed.

St. Pete Events

Jan 13 - TAMPA BAY BEER WEEK: ALMOST THERE. Celebrate being ‘almost’ to Tampa Bay Beer Weeks by sampling brews & getting your shuffle on. At this free celebration, you’ll enjoy beer sampling from multiple home-brew clubs and breweries, panel discussions from clubs and professional brewers and beer centric vendors. 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N, St. Pete.

Thru Feb 10 - ROCK & ROLL EXHIBITION AT THE FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. Explore the extraordinary life of renowned music promoter Bill Graham (1931 – 1991) who helped launch and promote the careers of countless rock & roll artists. 55 5th St S, St. Pete.



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