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NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA BAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION SINCE 1960

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Holiday Season!

Hello Riviera Bay Neighbors,
We are swiftly moving into the holiday season and we haven't had much fall weather! Hopefully we can get into the spirit at our Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 19th, at 6:30pm at Liberty Baptist. Please join in and feast with our neighbors as we decorate a Christmas tree for Shopapalooza's Neighborhood Christmas tree contest. Cash prizes and neighborhood bragging rights are available! RBCA will be presented with a participation plaque made by Planks and will include our neighborhood logo and the year we were established.

The St. Petersburg Police Department would like us to remind everyone, if you see something, say something! If you feel something is suspicious, please call the non-emergency line at 727-893-7780. Our SPPD Community Officer, Cory Crawford, is always available at our bi-monthly general membership meetings for questions and concerns. Please join us this month to meet him!

Once again, our Christmas Light Display is open to all current RBCA members. A team of judges, determined by the Board of Directors, will be roaming the neighborhood from December 18-22 and we will announce the winner



on FaceBook and NextDoor on December 23rd. The Christmas Eve Boat Parade is scheduled for December 24th with boats meeting at the Sunlit Cove boat ramp between 6-6:45 PM with the parade starting promptly at 7 PM.

As we close out the 2019 year, the Board of Directors are looking for new nominations for our January elections. Help us continue and improve upon all the events we have

as well as implementing new and exciting ones. Please contact me if you have interest and/or any questions.

While we move into the holiday season, please enjoy time with family and friends...and remember "It's Another Great Day in Riviera Bay!"

Best,
Vicki Shuman, RBCA President

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YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS FOR A THANKSGIVING FEAST!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19th 6:30 PM
@ LIBERTY BAPTIST 9401 4th ST N

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2019 RBCA EVENTS

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & THANKSGIVING DINNER - NOV 19** - Starting at 6:30 pm at LIBERTY BAPTIST HALL, 9401 4TH ST N, Corner of 94th Ave & 2nd St. Enter 94th Ave side under breezeway
- **RBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (Tentative) - Dec 10**
- **ADOPT-A-MILE - Nov 2**



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By Vicki Shuman

We started our meeting with our youngest member, Emily, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you Emily. We love to see your smiling face at every meeting.

Community Service Office Crawford gave his report. Of some 180+ calls, almost half were initiated by the police. This is great and shows their proactive approach. Only one residential burglary of an adult tricycle was reported. Please remember to lock your cars and do not leave valuables in a vehicle. The Azalea Motel is now under nuisance abatement and being watched heavily by law enforcement. Please report any suspicious activity in and around this area.

A Riviera Bay resident, Dr Brian Leeson, presented his brand new dental practice, 4th Street Family Dentistry, which he opened at 1808 4th Street North (Phone 727-270-9080). He promoted his practice's use of more eco-friendly products and a minimal usage of single use plastics. His office offers discount plans if you do not have dental insurance coverage. Dr. Leeson mentioned his businesses partnership with Tampa Bay Watch and how he and his staff participate in local clean up efforts. We hope to see Dr. Leeson and his staff at RBCA's Canal Clean Up in the spring.

Nancy McKibben from Commissioner Justice's office presented updates on the San Martin Bridge. Construction is projected for 2025-27 and estimated to cost \$13 million. The new bridge will have a 19' vertical clearance, a 50' wide horizontal clearance and have a 75 year life expectancy. It is an extension of the Pinellas Trail and closes the south loop gap. For full details, please see www.pinellascounty.org/sanmartinbridge/

RBCA's Treasurer, Stephen Goetz, reported the transfer of funds to a new Wells Fargo account. The Board of Directors will determine how the remaining monies in our existing SunTrust account will be transferred over to the Wells Fargo account.

Patti Thomas was announced as the new Community Butterfly Garden (at Riviera Bay Park) coordinator. She will monitor the growth and determine when we need to come together to maintain weeds, trim plantings, put down new mulch, etc. Stay tuned to our social media accounts for dates and times.

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Christmas Eve. The candles are six (6) for \$5 and come with bags. Distributors for different areas of the neighborhood will be around OR you can contact them from the list below. Please consider volunteering for open spots or helping those with large areas to cover. Please contact Jean Tyack at 727-576-9300 with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer.

Route #	Name	Address	Route	Phone number
1	Jane Niles		97th Ave NE, 1st NE and Oak NE	727.577.7587
1A	Don Gilbert	147 98 Ave NE	98th Ave N and NE 5 houses 2nd street after hump	577 1969
2	Karen Hutchins	9483 Sun Isle DR NE	Sun Isle DR NE and 96th Ave N	603 674 3440
3	Marc & Carrie Plotnick	9001 Treasure Lane	Treasure Lane	563 0599
4	Debby & Lance Obst	9399 Oak St N 94th Ave N	94th Ave N, Oak ST NE, 1st ST off 4th ST	578 9718
5	Sheryl Spencer	9785 2st N	2nd St between 92nd and 97th Ave and 93 Ave N	577 6187
6 A & B	Kim Triplette	8965 3rd ST N	Bay, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Streets between 89th and 92nd Ave N	577 4117
6 C	Sandy Mitchell	200 90th Ave NE	92nd Ave and Oak St	251 5054
6 D	Karen Smith	320 90th Ave N	90th Ave NE	577 6717
7	Roger Eitner	8840 Sunlit Cove Dr NE	Sunlit Cove DR NE	727 520 3420
8	Stephanie Boyle	8325 Riverside DR NE	South of 83rd Ave NE including Riverside DR Ne and 80th Ave NE and area Eastward to Riviera Bay Park	576 3323
9	Ingrid Busselle	215 Tallahassee DR NE	Tallahassee DR NE, 87 Ave NE, Riverside DR NE, Orient Way NE between Tallahassee and 85th Ave NE	576 3656
10	Toni Michalove		North side of 83rd, 84th Ave N, Diagonal RD, Waverly RD, 3rd ST N, To Bay and Riverside DR N, 85th and 87th Ave N	727 492 5682
11	Toni Michalove	222 87th Ave NE	Freeport Ave NE, 84th Ave NE between Orient Way NE and Riverside DR N, Orient Way NE between 83rd and 85th Ave NE, 85th and 87th Ave North	727 492 5682
12	Randy Frisco	8384 S. Tobay	Diagonal and Waverly Tobay	768-1546
13	Kathie Minidis	9440 Sun Isle Dr NE	80th, 81st & 82nd Ave between 4th St and Riverside DR N, Waverly RD N, Riverside DR N and 3rd St, South of 83 Ave N	727 403 0042
14	Stephen Goetz	247 83rd ave n	79th Ave N, 2nd Way N, 2nd and 3rd ST N	919.579.9408
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Council of Neighborhood Association October Meeting Recap

By Vicki Shuman

As CONA Nominating Chair, I was in attendance at the October CONA meeting. Nominations are now open for the CONA Executive Committee. The 2020 nomination slate will be presented at the November meeting with officers being elected at the December meeting. CONA's Goals Workshop to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020. It will be held at the new Center for Health Equity, 2333 34th Street South. The CONA Leadership Program is now accepting applications.

City of St Petersburg Public Works Administrator, Claude Tankersly, spoke about the city's new ordinance for private lateral lines. News sources have been providing misinformation in regards, and Claude did a wonderful job setting the audience straight on the issue. Please find current

information at www.stpete.org/water/lateral_lines.php

Rob Gerdes, Neighborhood Affairs Administrator for the City, explained the city's 10 year plan to address housing affordability. For detailed information and a copy of the handout provided at the meeting, go to: www.stpete.org/housing/affordable_housing.php

Rainwater Guardian Workshops: Attendance at a free workshop is required to receive a rain barrel and qualify for the Rainwater Rebate Program. Pre-registration is required for attendance. Workshop attendees will learn the following:

- Reducing your use of drinking water for outdoor irrigation
- How rainwater harvesting helps protect local waterways and the environment
- Rain barrel setup, use and maintenance
- Creating rain shallow gardens that are attractive and functional
- Last 2019 Workshop Date: December 14 @ J.W. Cate Rec Center, 5801 22nd Avenue N (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
- Six (6) Workshop Dates in 2020
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I am a neighbor first, so feel free to call anytime with questions or assistance!



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"Brad Bess recently helped my wife and I purchase and sell a home. He was an aggressive advocate for us on our purchase and literally worked day and night to make sure everything went

smoothly. He was honest and knowledgeable, especially about the Riviera Bay market." — *Brenton J. Ross, Esq.*

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