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Dec. 10- Jan. 11

The Sunset Beach Civic Association Newsletter

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White Elephant Holiday Potluck & Food Drive

Monday, December 6th 6:30 pm at the Treasure Island Community Center

It's that time of year again! Come out and have some fun at our Annual White Elephant Gift exchange. Bring an unusual White Elephant gift to share with a neighbor. The WACKIER the gift the better the entertainment! Potluck is heavy appetizers & desserts. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer to share! Your choice.



St. Petersburg Free Clinic Food Drive: The free clinic is running low on food. Please help by bringing non-perishable, non-expired food items to the White Elephant party. Let's make a BIG donation to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic from the Sunset Beach Civic Assoc. and help the people that are struggling in this economy. Thank you for your generosity.

4th Annual Holiday Stroll—Beach Pavilion:

Come one, Come all! Put your hats on and dress your pets, for the 4th Annual Holiday Stroll. Starting at 4 pm - **December 19th** at the Sunset Beach Pavilion. Bring your little ones for a night with Santa! Sing-along, merriments, and festively fun.



Merriment stops needed for Bayshore and 83rd Ave. If you would like to volunteer please contact Eric at 289-2780, or email edcorson@gmail.com.

"Look for the stroll route inside this issue."

Our Traditional Luminary Night: December 24th "Dusk". Please volunteer for your street or more! To volunteer for a street, please call Karl Kerr 678-8202 or email kkssbch@yahoo.com. Luminary pick-up will be December 22nd or 23rd after 6pm at 134 86th Ave. Apt# 4. If you need to pick up at a different time, please contact Karl and he will be happy to work with you.

After the Holidays:

January 10th at the TI Community Center, we will have our Winter informational meeting & social: Topic to be determined and will be emailed to our members. Mark your calendars!

The highest compliment I can receive is the referral of your family & friends. Thank you Sunset Beach for your continued support.

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A Message from the President



District 4 Commissioner's Corner



Greetings All,

The Holiday Season brings with it celebratory times among family and friends, and our Sunset Beach Community is certainly a wonderful place to be this time of year. Whether it's the White Elephant Party, the holiday stroll, or the luminary lighting, there is a celebration that all can enjoy! And don't forget the Treasure Island holiday Boat Parade! This is the time of year to really focus on all of our blessings and living in paradise definitely has its share.

Ringing in the new year also offers community events in which to be involved, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Although my move to a neighboring community does place the Presidency of our Association in the wonderful capable hands of Kristy Andersen. I hope to see you all at future events, as my heart will always remain on Sunset Beach.

-- April Maxwell, SBCA President



The Sunset Beach Civic Association wishes April a smooth move to her new destination and want to thank her for all the hard work she did in helping our Association! We are glad she will still be joining us for all our activities. Good Luck April!

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Stay Informed!

Hello Sunset Beach!

It is hard to believe the holiday season is upon us already, what with summer still here. If you have not filled out your vision survey, please take the time to do so. We are on the very last days of their acceptance but I think there is still time to get it in.

Treasure Island made the papers with the settling of the lawsuit with Gulf Coast Recovery (GCR). It was decided by a jury that the city violated the federal fair housing act (FHA). GCR received almost \$4 million. This was covered by our insurance carrier, so we taxpayers do not have to foot this bill. The best part of settling is that there will be no long and drawn out appeals.

One other issue that drew some controversy was the stoplight discussion at the St James intersection. The city paid for a study on this intersection, it stated that there were 40 accidents at this intersection over the last 3 years, and when the fine print is read there were only a few. It seems that accidents that happened close by were also counted. Some were as far away as Gulf Blvd. I am asking for a refund. Anyway, on to the festivities! I am sure the luminaries will look great as usual!

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year!

Alan Bildz
Commissioner District 4

The Sunset Beach Civic Association is a neutral non-political entity. While we encourage community interest and participation in governmental affairs, the SBCA does not collectively endorse candidates for public office, nor do we stand by any particular political opinion.

The Lions Club of Sunset Beach
by Barb Driscoll

Our neighbor on the north end of Sunset Beach is the St. Petersburg Lions Club Beach House. The Beach House land was established in 1925 when two eye doctors bought the land and donated it to the St. Pete. Lions Club. The members used the property for beach activities, picnics, swimming, etc. as there was not a building then.

"The Lions Club is very fortunate to have a marvelous Beach House on Sunset Beach. The Beach House was built with a bequeath from the estate of Dr. Andrew Holloway in 1946. The Beach House is available for special occasions - birthdays, reunions and weddings". Dave and I held our 25th wedding anniversary at the Lions Club.

The Lions Club is actively seeking new members from our Sunset Beach community. "Members are the most valuable asset of any Lions Club. Without compassionate, lion hearted, creative volunteers, the St. Petersburg Lions can't provide the services the visually-impaired community needs."

Many community activities, other than full eye care, are available at the Lions Club. On December 11th Santa will visit the Beach House for special needs children. Donations are always accepted for this event from non-members. In January, 2011 a cash prize chili cook-off will take place. Date to be determined."

"Who makes a great Lion? People like you. Being a Lion requires compassion. Being a Lion requires creativity! Fund-raising is part of every volunteer organization, but the key is to make those donations stretch. For further information regarding membership: phone Mike 727-384-9605".

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FEMA pays a commission to the agencies that write their policies. Jeff and his agency are sharing that commission with their customers.

Jeff says Premier Choice can afford to share its commission with its customers since all the owners are hands-on and they run a lean, efficient operation. Besides, Jeff says, things are tough for everyone, and if his company has a little to share with the community, they are happy to do so. "With the economy the way it is, we thought it would be nice to give something back, especially since insurance has such a negative connotation," Jeff says. Maybe not anymore.

Contact Premier Choice Rebate Flood Insurance, 6524 1st Ave. North, St. Petersburg at 343-6341.

The Dogs of Sunset Beach, Meet “Daisy May”
 If You would like to feature your dog in a future newsletter
 contact Jerri at jdetillio@aol.com.

Seven years ago I lost my 15 year companion Roxanne to hip-dysplasia. She was a fantastic dog and absolutely irreplaceable. After a few months I visited the ASPCA with little hope. After 9 visits, there she was, Daisy May! Daisy was a two year old Chart Polski who arrived from Poland, had been in quarantine and only in the adoption kennel for 15 minutes. I grabbed the a adoption tag and took her home. It was love!



Daisy May and Nick Raptelis—11 82nd Ave.

Chart Polskis are the lost breed of Poland. Famous with Polish nobility for their hunting abilities the iron curtain made them unknown to the rest of the world. Daisy hunts everything and catches her ball endlessly at the Doggy Beach. She says Hi to everyone she meets and best of all she has a true laid-back beach attitude. Daisy is my special pride and joy. The Big Problemshe only eats **Polish Sausage!** Sausage donations accepted.



Mark your Calendars
SBCA /TI Events



Date	Time	Event	Location
December 6th	6:30 pm	White Elephant Party	TI Community Center
December 19th	4:00 pm	Holiday Stroll	Sunset Beach Pavilion
December 24th	Dusk	Luminary night	(Pick-up day to be determined)
January 10th	6:30 pm	Winter Meeting & Social	TI Community Center
February 7th	6:30 pm	Italian Dinner	TI Community Center
March 7th	6:30 pm	State of the City	TI Community Center
April 14th	6:30 pm	BBQ	TI Lions Club
May 2nd	6:30 pm	Year End Pot Luck	Sunset Beach Pavilion

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Beach Cleanup

We had a great turnout for beach cleanup at both the North end and the South end on Saturday, November 14th.

We are expanding beach cleanup to the streets! If you would like to adopt a street or two, please contact Eric Corson at 289-2780 or email to edcorson@gmail.com. If one person on every street adopted their street with a neighbor, our streets would be CLEAN!

Beach cleanup is the second Saturday of the month. Meeting areas are:

South End Clean Up

Meet at the Sunset Beach Pavilion at 9 am.

North End Clean Up

Meet at 9 am at Weckesser Park.

Keep Up the Great Work! See you Soon!

-Beach Clean Up Committee

A Sunset Beach Harvest Song

(To the tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves")

Camels in the sand dunes, Winstons in the water
Bobbing up and down just inches out of reach.
Salems in the sea oats Marlboros on the boardwalk
Here we come retrieving, ciggies on the beach

Ciggies on the beach, ciggies on the beach,
Here we come retrieving, ciggies on the beach
Ciggies on the beach, ciggies on the beach,
Almost past believing, ciggies on the beach

Barbara has a trash bag, Meryl brings her bucket
Cheryl wags her finger, tries her best to teach
Yelling at the buttheads, hear her screaming . . .
Come on!

Why do you keep leaving ciggies on the beach!

Ciggies on the beach, ciggies on the beach,
Here we come retrieving, ciggies on the beach
Ciggies on the beach, ciggies on the beach,
Treasure Island's grieving - ciggies on the beach.

-Rob
AWACreative.com

My husband and I were on our way to watch sunset, and we saw this person driving his Beach Cruiser! So I had to find out a little about it, and thought it was a great story to share with our Sunset Beach neighbors.

Brian Middlebrook said with the economy so low he decided to build this hybrid Beach Cruiser enhanced with a motor that he says is a blast to ride. You can pedal it or use the power of the motor which he finds himself doing most of the time. Great on gas "150 miles to the gallon"! The top speed is 25 mph, but Brian says he usually cruises at 20 mph. I've attached a picture of the hybrid Beach Cruiser.

Kudos to you Brian for helping out our economy and saving money to boot! Brian can be reached at 813.410.3193 and would be happy to talk to anyone inquiring about it.

Thanks for the info Brian,
Kim Driscoll



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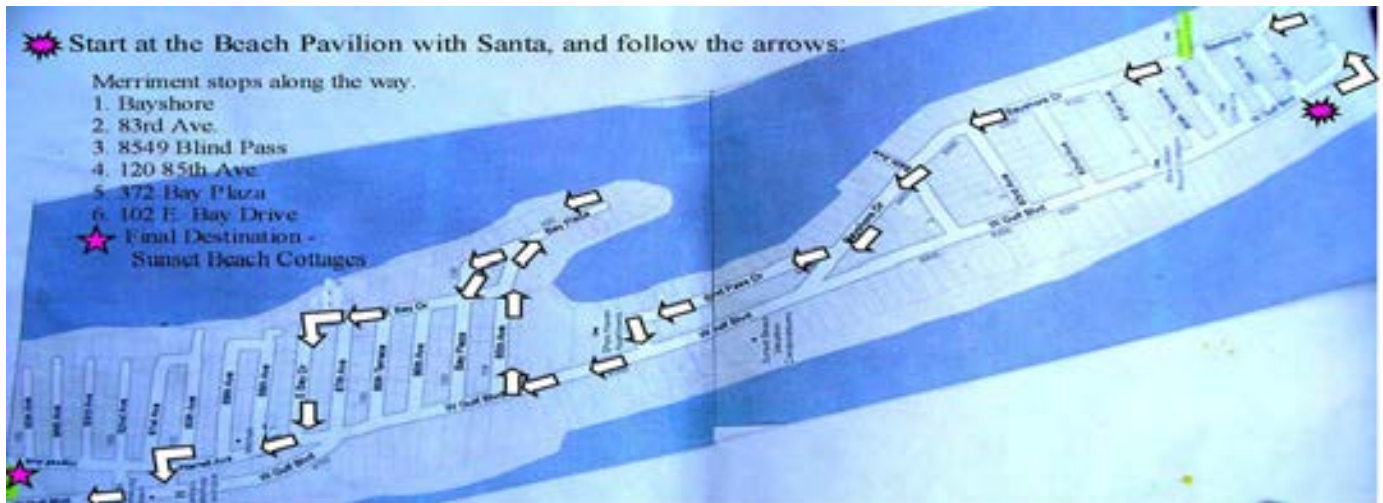
Submitted by John & Charyl Mahoney

Early Sunset Beach!



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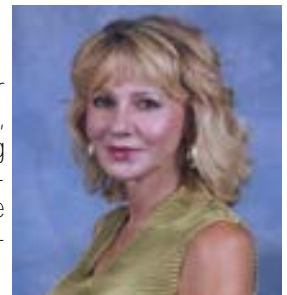
Sales on Sunset Beach from 11/25/10 to 12/01/10

8121 Bayshore Dr. sold on 10/20/2010 for \$558,000
9401 Harrell Ave #2 Sold on 9/30/2010 for \$467,500
124 90th Ave. Sold on 9/30/2010 for \$129,000

These records were derived from the Pinellas Board of Realtors MLS and Public Records; various realtors participated in these sales. Information provided courtesy of Mel Lenehan, St. Pete Beach Realty.

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Native vs Invasive Plants

By Barb Driscoll

Florida is home to a spectacular array of native plants, wildflowers and butterflies. Our geographic location makes our gardens suitable for inviting butterflies, for our enjoyment, year round. Our state butterfly is the Zebra Longwing - it is found throughout our state and the delicate adult may live for several months. Females deposit small, yellow eggs on young leaves and tendrils of the Purple Passionflower.

Designing a Butterfly Garden:

1. Plant both larval host plants and adult nectar sources. Remember the larval host plant will have hungry caterpillars.
2. Plant your garden in full sun or partial shade. Flowers, for the most part need plenty of sun.
3. Select a variety of plants that bloom in different times. This will insure butterfly viewing every month.
4. Choose plants with different height and growth habits.
5. Group several plants together of the same species.
6. Use a mixture of flower colors, shapes and sizes.
7. Know the needs of the plants, i.e. best location, water and soil needs.

To find out more about Florida wildflowers and butterflies, visit <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/wildflower>. Enjoy the beauty of butterflies!



Zebra Longwing


Membership fees pay for our events and especially our luminaries. Please join us! If you, your family or friends would like a membership form, please come to our events, or contact our Treasurer, Pam Tushaus, at 813-629-0659.

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