

December 2014
January 2015

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Calendar of Events

Welcome Back Potluck	October 6th @ 6:30pm	Pavilion
Bonfire	December 5th @ Dusk	South of Pavilion
T.I. Boat Parade	December 20th	Treasure Island
Christmas Stroll	December 21st @ 4:00pm	Pavilion
Luminaries	December 24th	Sunset Beach
Italian Dinner	February 9th @ 6:30pm	T.I. Community Center
Garage Sale	March 7th @ 8:00am	Sunset Beach
BBQ	April 10th @ 6:30pm	Lion's Club
End of Season Potluck	May 5th @ 6:30pm	Pavilion
The Flotilla	July 25th @ 12:00pm	100th Ave Dock

Beach Clean-Up Schedule

Beach Clean-Up continues to meet the **second Saturday of every month** at the Sunset Beach Pavilion at 9am and finishes approximately 12pm. Come for an hour or stay for 3 hrs. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

October 11th	November 8th	December 13th
January 10th	February 14th	March 14th
April 11th	May 9th	June 13th
July 11th	August 8th	September 12th

Plug the dates into your phones and contact **Steve Yost** for more information: sly_yost@yahoo.com.

Christmas Stroll

On Sunday December 21st starting at 4PM at the pavilion is the annual Santa Stroll. It's a fun event with Santa, pets, a hay wagon, caroling and of course "Santa Stops" along the way for snacks, drinks and merriment. With lots of bad caroling, dressed up people and pets in Santa attire strolling up and down the streets, we eventually end up at KaTiki after sunset. It's a fun way to meet the neighbors, sing out of tune and just get in the Sunset Beach holiday spirit. So bring your camera, bring your friends and enjoy the event.

Dave Wootten

Luminaries on Christmas Eve

Another iconic Sunset Beach event of the season: Let's light up our streets once again! Please contact **Richard Harris** at (727) 460-0089 or at rharris@ij.net and let us know which street you would like to decorate with candles in white paper bags. This year you can pick up the supplies at 123 Bay Plz on December 22nd between 6pm and 8pm. The city will provide the sand to add weight to the paper bags at the usual locations about a week before Christmas.

Hendrik Bisanz

Beach Bonfire

It is hard to tell when it is winter in Florida. But there is nothing like a good old fashion beach bonfire to remind us how lucky we are. This will be the 4th annual official Sunset Beach Holiday Bonfire, and the first that we can sell beer and wine. So come on down and share the cheer with all of us this Friday at the pavilion. Thank you Cory, from Paradise Spa for helping with the wood. If anybody wants to help dig the hole, set up tables, lights, or just get the weekend off to an early start, we will begin at noon. The fire will be lit just before sunset. Treasure Island Fire Dept. will assist extinguishing at 11pm. Hot dogs, s'mores, beer, wine, soda, water will all be available so just bring a chair and an appetite for fun.

Eric Corson, SBCA President

Volunteers Needed

Help is needed with luminaries, the stroll, and the bonfire. Please contact Eric Corson at (727) 612-8485 or at edcorson@gmail.com if you would like to be part of something everybody appreciates.

A Message from

'The Beach Clean-Up Guy'

The Beach Clean-up Committee is happy to report that a successful beach clean-up effort was held Saturday, November 8th. Approximately a dozen people showed up to canvas the beach (and dunes) for various items deemed unacceptable. Ms. Gene Emblar headed up this effort in my absence and I understand she provided coffee and bagels. Thank you, Gene!!!!

It was reported that our effort did, again, encounter a large number of cigarette butts. In anticipation of ...

Steve Yost, SBCA VP

(visit www.sunsetbeachcivicassociation.org to read my entire message)

Shade our Kids!

Some of you may know, the equipment on our playground gets so hot under direct sunlight, it makes using it impossible during sunny days. We have been evaluating shade solutions that cover the main structure. Help us fundraise \$12,500, approx. 50% of the total cost of the project. The city of Treasure Island has shown great support in the past, but only if and when about 50% of the funds are raised by ourselves. A fair proposition, we think. Please follow our progress at our events and via www.sunsetbeachcivicassociation.org.

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President's Message

Calling all elves!!! Calling all elves!!! It's our time of year! (Hope we all had a Thankful weekend/year) **Help is needed with luminaries, the stroll, and the bonfire.** Please contact me at (727) 612-8485 or at edcorson@gmail.com if you would like to be part of something everybody appreciates. Stroll stops are limited, but people who have already committed need help from their neighbors. Yule logs are ready for Dec. 5th bonfire so come on down to the pavilion Friday night and have a hot dog, s' mores, or just a good warm time. If you have not seen the luminaries yet you are in for a surprise. Light your street and you will light somebody's life.

P. S. Thank You (!!!) everybody who showed up for the Potluck Dinner. That was a great turnout, and I have never seen so much food at the first event of the year. I think that is a good sign of a great season. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Eric Corson, SBCA President

Commissioner's Corner

Hello Sunset Beach! The change in the seasons has been quite noticeable this year. The temperatures have cooled, especially the gulf temps. The other season that ended with a bang was election season. Statewide it was a low turnout. Experts say it was attributable to all the negative campaigning. I know the mailman has it a bit easier without all the junk going out. I got it the first time, and for sure by the second time. By the 30th or 40th time I see the same ad I just forget it. Well the thing about elections is that there is always another around the corner. In March, not only will we vote for mayor, which is a 3 year term, but the commission will be asking the voters for some pin pointed height and density increases in what is called "Planned Development". All of the proposed density increase is hotel, none is residential. The experts say there is a big difference in those 2 when it comes to storm evacuation routes, as tourists are more apt to either not come or to leave early when the forecast is less than desirable. The proposed height increase will be from today's allowable 5 living floors, 62 feet above what is called "base flood elevation", or BFE, to 8 living floors and 98 feet above BFE. I say pinpointed because the areas in this proposal are the hotel area on the Gulf side between 104th Av to 119th Av and the Gator's property on the north end of the city. Stay informed and vote! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and may the new year be better than the last!

Alan Bildz, Commissioner District 4, Treasure Island

'Letter to the Editor'

Share your voice! Do you have something on your mind that we all should know or talk about? We would love to hear from you. Please email **Hendrik Bisanz** at hendrik@bhimport.com and we will post your 'Letter to the Editor' on our website and/or newsletter.

SBCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

No more excuses! As always, you can renew your yearly membership at any of our events. In addition, we have implemented **new ways for you to pay online.** You can **renew via www.sunsetbeachcivicasociation.org** any-time. You will see this box towards the left of the site: Simply select your membership level and pay with the card of your choice.

If you are subscribed to our website (if you aren't please do!) you are also being reminded to renew in the **emails** you receive from us. To pay, simply click on this icon:

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Hendrik Bisanz

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The board cordially invites you to our meetings. For most up-to-date meeting information please visit our online calendar at www.sunsetbeachcivicasociation.org.

Next meeting: 12/18 @ 6:30pm 102 Bay Plz