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Vice-President's Message

It's difficult to believe that our 2014 – 2015 Calendar of Events is about complete. We started our "season" with a Welcome Back Potluck Dinner back in October and we'll end it with an End-of-the-Season Potluck Dinner on May 5th. As far back as I can recall, it's been a tradition to begin and end our season with food, fellowship and an adult beverage or two (not necessarily in that order) and there seems no good reason to change this tradition! And although our season technically comes to an end on May 5th, for many of us who live here year-round, there is no end. For sure, the sun doesn't take a break over the summer. This well known fact is the primary reason we've undertaken our "Shade our Kids" project. We believe the time has come to effectively and efficiently shade our playground equipment with a structure that will withstand the island's wind, sun and sand environment. We also believe it to be paramount that our children, our grandchildren and/or our great-grandchildren have a year 'round, and any time during the day, safe and clean place to play. What also doesn't take a break over the summer is our monthly beach clean-up effort. For the past three years we have continued to meet over the break following the same schedule (every second Saturday of each month). Not only does this give many of us an opportunity to meet and get reacquainted with each other, it also gives us a chance to provide a very needed service. After all, living here is all about the beach! For those of you who will be leaving us for the summer, please travel safe and come back next year. Keep in touch and follow our progress on the world wide web!

Steve Yost, SBCA Vice-President

Commissioner's Corner

Hello Sunset Beach! Well, the election is over. Congratulations go to Mayor Minning on winning re-election. One major issue that came up in this election was lawsuits. Because of the "Driving on the beach" lawsuit, and subsequent injunction, our annual "Bands on the Sands" Memorial Day weekend event will not be held this year. I place the blame for where we are in this mess squarely at the city commission's feet. This is a case that should have been settled months, maybe years ago. I do not place any blame with the hotels that sued the city, as they are business owners just trying to do right by their customers, and I agree with their argument. I wish the commission would have listened to them. So far, the 4th of July fireworks is still on, as well as Sanding Ovations, which takes place in November. Stay tuned though, because that may also change. Our other big lawsuit is over our new beach sidewalk, which as many know cracked almost immediately. I know it is probably not the smartest idea to pour concrete on sand and expect it not to crack at all, but this cracking is extensive. This is a lawsuit in which the city initiated, so we are suing the contractor/architect for warranty relief. Hopefully we will not spend more in attorney fees than can be recovered for repair and replacement costs. Happy Summer,

Alan Bildz, Commissioner District 4, Treasure Island

Learn about Sea Turtles with "Turtle Joe"

Turtle Joe does a talk every Tuesday afternoon at 4pm at the Guy Harvey Outpost Hotel...out back by the swimming pool. "We have experienced speakers available to talk with your students, clubs, associations, congregations or other groups of interested sea turtle enthusiasts. Contact us at loggerhead@seaturtletrackers.org if you are interested in having us present to your group". The sea turtle trackers organization monitors the turtle nests on St. Pete Beach and Shell Isle. The Clearwater Marine monitors the nests from T.I. North to Clearwater Beach. In order to volunteer to monitor nests on T.I. the Clearwater Marine requires you volunteer in Clearwater once a week...so, if you are not able to drive up to Clearwater and would like to help sea turtles, please consider helping the sea turtle trackers organization on St. Pete Beach and Shell Island! **Guest Editor: Katy Mattice, Sunset Beach**

Please help our T.I. Historical Society Preserve our Past

We have spent years archiving thousands of photographs and news articles, maps and miscellaneous items. Some of our memorabilia includes the bar stools from the "original" Penguin Restaurant that once fed many TI locals and visitors alike where the pavilion now stands at the south end of Sunset Beach. We're also extremely proud of and excited about the launching of "Tales of Treasure Island", an on-going video project of recollections of times past by people who lived them. A community without history is just a place. We need the support of all who call TI home. Please join TODAY. Please make your check payable to: TIHS, c/o Donna White-8401 W. Gulf Blvd., TI, FL 33706, along with your name, address and email. Let's save our history before we become history! Your support is appreciated.

Guest Editor: Donna White, Sunset Beach

April 10 BBQ on the Beach

Friday, April 10th at 6:30
Location: The Lions Club @ 9300 W Gulf Blvd.
\$10 includes BBQ, music by Charlie Morris, campfire, door prizes. Cash bar.

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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.sunsetbeachcivicassociation.org.
Next meeting: 4/14 @ 8:00pm, Pavilion