



190 - 173rd Avenue
 North Redington Beach, Florida 33708
 Office: 727-391-4848
 www.TownofNorthRedingtonBeach.com
 March 2008



Spring!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings from Town Hall! Enjoy March Madness & Spring Break!



Property Taxes: On January 29, 2008 Florida voters approved the tax reform proposals by a 64% vote. Visit www.pcpao.org for a complete picture of the tax reform. Very briefly, the following passed:

1. Double Homestead Exemption: Exemption goes from \$25,000 to \$50,000 excluding school taxes.
2. Portability: Homestead property owners can transfer their Save Our Homes savings to a new homestead.
3. Tangible Personal Property Exemption: A \$25,000 exemption is provided for each tangible personal property return.
4. Assessment Cap for Non-Homestead Property (similar to Save Our Homes): Does not apply to school levies and will sunset in 10 years.

I have been assured by our State Representative and Senator that this is the first step in tax reform with other measures to follow. Reduced taxes means reduced government. Governments can run efficiently and effectively on a fiscally conservative budget. Our North Redington Beach millage is .7511, the lowest in Pinellas County with full time employees.



Gulf Boulevard: Florida State Statute 316.1951 prohibits parking vehicles on Gulf Boulevard for sale. We have encountered several problems with "For Sale" vehicles being parked weeks at a time on Gulf Boulevard. We have begun to warn the owners of these violations and repeat violations will result in the vehicle removed by a tow truck. Please do not park vehicles "For Sale" on Gulf Boulevard.



Crosswalks: We will have a special enforcement unit monitoring our crosswalks periodically over the next several months. If you have questions regarding the laws, call/visit Town Hall to pick up a brochure on driver and pedestrian responsibility in crosswalk laws.



Florida Population: Florida's estimated population in 2007 was 18,860,367. Pinellas County remains 6th in County populations at 944,199. The increase in Pinellas over 7 years is 22,704 ranking 31 in county increases. Pinellas County is by far the most populated county by square mile, 280 square miles at 3,733 persons per square mile, number 1 in the state, double the 2nd county (Broward). The Town of North Redington Beach increased its population by 30 to a new total of 1506.



Code Enforcement: The Town will be hiring a part time Code Enforcement Officer to handle all code enforcement issues. Several factors were considered in this decision. The primary focus of code enforcement is education and voluntary compliance to the rules of the town. Procedures for continuing violations will be handled by our local Special Magistrate.



Dog Owners: Please keep your dogs on a leash, please pick up any litter produced by your dog and please keep your dogs out of the children's playground parks that are posted.

Have a wonderful spring. Our next Newsletter will be in June!



Best Regards,

William M. Queen

William M. Queen, Mayor



Elisabeth Baldanza was selected as Miss New York and competed in the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, NV. Congratulations to The Baldanzas and their Niece Elisabeth!

Also, local attorney Bob Decker was honored by the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation at its annual "Heroes Among Us". Bob is a long time resident of NRB - Congratulations Bob!!!



WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING SEVERE WEATHER:

- Listen for weather updates on local TV channels and radio stations to stay informed.
 - Keep a portable radio and flashlight on hand with fresh batteries.
 - Clear your yard and porches of loose objects, furniture, plants, etc.
 - **Moor your boat securely and make it as watertight as possible.**
 - Place personal possessions and furniture in higher locations to reduce flood loss.
 - **Consider sandbagging outside doors.**
 - Turn off electricity and unplug small appliances from electrical outlets. Turn off the water to your home.
 - Shutter or board all windows to help prevent glass from shattering and water from further damaging personal belongings.
 - **Plan a flood-free evacuation route and know where to go.**
 - DO NOT walk through flowing water.
 - DO NOT drive through a flooded area.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP!



Town of North Redington Beach
190 - 173rd Avenue
North Redington Beach, FL 33708

What's **NEW!** in NRB??

