

North Redington Beach Sea Turtle Committee

North Redington Beach, Florida

History of the Sea Turtle Committee

The committee was founded in 1990 by then Mayor Dee Day for the purpose of alerting the public to the plight of sea turtles coming to nest on the shore of North Redington Beach. The committee placed pamphlets, videos, and Lesson Plans in sixteen Pinellas County school media centers so that over 8000 students could be educated about the turtles. In 2001 the group participated in the local contest Tour of Turtles for Pinellas and the local artist Lenne Nicklaus-Ball designed Lady Liberty that now stands outside the town hall. The group continues to distribute brochures to hotels, motels, and restaurants in the town and now sponsors a placemat contest to further remind people to protect the turtles.



Placemat Contest For 2008

Children are encouraged to enter the placemat contest for the 2008 turtle season. Children should design a placemat with activities and information concerning turtles. This placemat may contain a maze, a crossword puzzle, pictures to color, word searches, and other activities that children enjoy engaging in while waiting for their food to be served in a restaurant. The placemat must be submitted by December 1, 2007 to the city hall of North Redington Beach. The placemat should be 11 x 17 inches. Information given through activities should include some of the following facts or rules. Turn off all lights that shine on the beach or are visible from the beach. Leave nests, eggs, and hatchlings in peace. Place trash in trash cans so that raccoons and other animals that are a threat to turtle eggs do not come on the beach. Do not bring pets to the beach as they might frighten nesting turtles.

Good luck!



Local Student Wins Placemat Contest

Lillian Nobel, a student from Madeira Beach won this year's Placemat Contest. Lillian designed a placemat that is being used in local restaurants during the nesting season of turtles that takes place between May 1 and November 30. The placemat informs children eating in local restaurants to help protect the turtles and their nests. Five children from Lynch Elementary School received books for their efforts in designing placemats.