



# Redington Shores Mayor's Message

December 09



As most of you know the Stormwater Quality Project is now in the District Three area east of Gulf Boulevard and in the final phase, with January 2010 as a completion date. As are all of you, the Commission also is looking forward to this project being completed! Vice Mayor Branch has had his hand, heart and soul in the project from the beginning and has done an outstanding job; my personal thanks to him. During the project we found many right-of-way (ROW) areas with trees and/or structures, which are not permitted. Only grass is allowed on the ROW without permits. Keystone Excavators has been most cooperative and courteous to our residents during this project and we as a town very much appreciate their work.



Station 26, our EMS responder, is staying. Mayor Jim Lawrence, Indian Shores; Mayor Bill Queen, North Redington Beach; Mayor Nick Simons, Redington Beach and myself had met and lobbied with the County Assistant Administrator and staff to let Station 26 remain. Due to budget cuts the County was proposing to eliminate the Station, which would have changed our response times from around four minutes to seven minutes, which could have been the difference between life and death. My thanks to Richard Weir, County Director of Public Safety Services, for being able to keep Station 26.



Municipal Election March 2010

Yes that's right – 2010 Municipal Election preparations are being made. District One and District Three will be up for election. Qualifying begins on Friday, December 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and ends Friday, December 18, 2009 at 12-noon.



Oil drilling off our coast is not only a Redington Shores issue, but a Florida issue. The Commission of Redington Shores passed a resolution opposing drilling off our coast and the Barrier Island Governmental Council (BIC-C), consisting of representatives of the barrier island communities , has also passed a resolution opposing off shore drilling. There is a lot of money being spent, (lobbyists, etc.) to promote off shore drilling. I suggest you read the September 13, 2009 St. Petersburg Times article titled “A Few Questions for Those Who Would Drill For Oil Off Florida’s Shores”, or go to your computer and google - Australia Oil Spill – that began on August 21, 2009 with the drilling rigs they (Texas Oil) are proposing to use off our coast - and not far off of the coast I might add. Brown sand will not be as appealing as white sand. If you want to help stop oil drilling off the coast, or you want oil drilling off our coast, I suggest you contact your State Representatives and let them hear your voice! The drilling would be within 3 to 10 miles off the Florida Coast.



Parking in town will always be a problem, due to lack of space. I will review some of our codes:

1. East of Gulf Blvd. there is no parking on any street, although west of Gulf Blvd. some parking is allowed on some streets.
2. The Town parking lot on the west side of Gulf Blvd. in the Business District is free to all between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Cars left after 10:00 will be towed at the owner’s expense. Commercial vehicles are not allowed.
3. Parking at the lot on 180th Ave. W. and at Constitution Park requires hang tags that can be purchased at Town Hall for \$3.00 (good for 1 year).



Our tennis court lights are controlled by a timer dial switch located at the south end of the parking lot at the electric panel. You control the lights. When you turn them on set the dial on 1 hour. However, do not let them turn off by the timer; reset the timer before 1 hour is up, because it takes 20 minutes for the timer to reset. The lights automatically turn off at 10:00 p.m.



Last year we were fortunate to have received generous donations to our fireworks fund from area businesses and residents, and therefore had one of the best displays ever! In 2010 we will need the same generous contributions in order to have a July 4th celebration again. Please continue to give your support so that our community can once again celebrate the official birth of our country. Donations can be made to the Town of Redington Shores by cash or check. Thank you!



#### Holiday Safety Tips from Detective Jason Routzahn, ISPD

The holidays are a special and joyous time of year. It is also a time when individuals need to be alert to the possibility of crime. The Indian shores Police Department encourages individuals to take simple precautions to ensure a happy and safe holiday. The holiday season is considered peak season for burglars and pickpockets. You can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share these safety precautions with your family, friends and neighbors, to enjoy the excitement of a safe and happy holiday:

- Don't leave packages in plain view - put them in your trunk.
- If you will not be home for deliveries, have your items delivered to a neighbor at home.
- Hold onto your money - always carry your purse tucked tightly under your arm, ladies.
- And for you men: put your money and only necessary cards in your front pants pocket.
- Don't park in secluded or dark areas of the parking lot. Be patient and courteous.
- Try not to be the last to leave the store. Leave when stores are open and there are plenty of shoppers in the parking lot.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if separated.

- When you get home remember this home safety reminder: approximately 50% of all
- burglars enter the house via unlocked or open doors or windows. Keep all doors, including your garage door, closed and locked. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE INDIAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT- BE SAFE!

For more information call Detective Jason Routzahn @ 727-595-5414 or email at [Jroutzahn@myindiashores.com](mailto:Jroutzahn@myindiashores.com)

FROM THE COMMISSION AND STAFF OF THE TOWN OF  
REDINGTON SHORES

WE WISH YOU A VERY PEACEFUL, HEALTHY AND HAPPY  
HOLIDAY SEASON!

