



City of Belleair Bluffs

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LET'S TALK CITY STUFF

Do you know you can review your property tax information and tax bill at www.pcpao.org? – there is a direct link to your own tax bill. You can compare your actual tax paid to the City of Belleair Bluffs from year to year?

OR you can use this link: <https://pinellas.county-taxes.com/public>

Do you know your elected Commission is available to you by email or phone? Their contact information is on www.belleairbluffs.org

Do you know you can compare the Just Market Value, Assessed Value, Municipal Taxable Value and Property Taxes actually paid to the City of Belleair Bluffs from year to year?

Do you know you can find the Annual City Budget on the City web site <https://www.belleairbluffs.org/img/2022-23%20Budget%20Final.pdf>

Do you know you can find the Road Improvement Projects and projected schedule on page 47 of the budget document?

Do you know you can **ALWAYS** call or come to City Hall with any questions related not only to budgetary issues but any issues, concerns, permit questions, code violation questions, solicitors in the area or any information you may find helpful to you in YOUR City!

727-584-2151

Debra Sullivan, City Administrator	extension 3
Alexis Silcox, City Clerk	extension 2
Russ Schmader, Public Works	extension 6
Nancy Slaughter, General Information	extension 1

Come pick up a newsletter, a Largo Recreation Bulletin, a Homeowners Packet, a Belleair Bluffs License Plate, and any other information you may want or need.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

BELLEAIR BLUFFS CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY March 4, 2023, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Permit fees waived. City staff will place signage throughout the city.

MARKET IN THE BLUFFS

The Bluff's Market is BACK! The market is held on the second Saturday of each month on Sunset Drive in front of Belleair Bluffs City Hall. The 2023 dates are as follows: February 11, March 11, April 8

BELLEAIR BLUFFS BOOK CLUB

Book club members will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Belleair Bluffs' residents only. Contact Nancy at Ext 1 for more information.

FOURTH OF JULY EVENT UPDATE – SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY July 1, 2023, from 11 AM to 1 PM

QUICK REMINDERS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Commission meetings are held once per month on the 3rd Monday. Check the city calendar for more meetings. Meetings are held in person in the Community Center.

The Spring/Summer Meeting Dates are tentatively set:

March 13 and 20, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 15 and June 12. Further dates will be determined.

Recreation Program: Belleair Bluffs residents and businesses have access to City of Largo recreation programs at City of Largo rates. Come to city hall to pick up your playbook.

Library Program

Get your Library card and bring the receipt to City Hall. We will give you the full reimbursement of \$100.00.

Community Park Area

The playground, gazebo and exercise areas are open with NO SMOKING on the premises. The gazebo is perfect for small picnics and gatherings.

Little Library Program

The box is in the front of city hall. Take a book, share a book!

Belleair Bluffs Book Club

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SHORT-TERM RENTALS – NEIGHBORHOODS ARE FOR NEIGHBORS

No Vacation or Daily Rentals!

The City Commission passed rental property legislation in May 2011 which prohibits short-term rentals less than 3 months and 4 tenancies per year. This means that any “vacation” rental must have a minimum 3-month lease. This ordinance also requires a rental registration license to be obtained through City Hall. If you are planning to rent your property, please obtain the rental license application from City Hall.

If you know of a property which is renting an illegal “vacation” rental, please contact City Hall.



To stay informed with up-to-date information please send an email to info@belleairbluffs-fl.gov to join our email list today!

Board/Committee Members If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment, please contact City Hall. We have openings on both boards. Descriptions can be found on the city website.

Little Library Books are the gift you can open again and again. The Little Library located outside of City Hall needs Children’s Books. Please help us keep this library operating by donating children’s books today! Drop them off in the lobby of City Hall for our volunteer librarians to sort and distribute.

March 14, 2023 Election

CANDIDATES: *(Vote for up to 2)*

- Adele Hoffman
- Karen Rafferty
- Suzy Sofer *(incumbent)*

Polls are open from 7am to 7pm at Community Room A, 2747 Sunset Blvd.
If you have any questions on voting, please call Alexis Silcox, City Clerk

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Why Is Stormwater Important? If you live in Pinellas County, you live in a watershed.

Just like human waste, pet waste poses a threat to both public health and water quality. It contributes harmful bacteria that can make people sick, as well as excessive nutrients that cause algal blooms to rob the water of oxygen needed to support fish and other aquatic life. You can help! Pick up after your pet, never put waste down storm drains, and spread the word! When you cut the grass, leave the clippings on your lawn. This is part of maintaining a healthy lawn, using the principles of Florida Friendly Landscaping. When grass clippings are left on the street, driveway, or sidewalk, they wash into storm drains and become excessive nutrients in our waterways, leading to algae blooms and fish kills. Fertilizers also cause water quality problems. In addition to keeping clippings off the concrete, it is important to follow Pinellas County's fertilizer ban.

What can you do?

- Please be sure to call the City of Belleair Bluffs City Hall at 727-584-2151 if you notice anyone performing illicit discharge activities.
- Properly dispose of hazardous materials. Please visit our website at www.belleairbluffs.org to keep up with dates and locations of mobile collection events by the Pinellas County Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center.
- Prevent illicit discharges (items other than rain) by containing soil piles on construction sites and de-chlorinating swimming pool water before draining.



Duke Power Outages

Report your outage by texting OUT to 57801, report online or call 800-228-8485. If you see a fallen power line or safety hazard, call Duke Energy at 800-POWERON (800-769-3766) or call 911 immediately. Do not touch a power line or anything in contact with it and keep others away until help arrives.

Water Issues

Please call Pinellas County Utilities at (727) 464-4000 or visit our website for updated restrictions and information on ODD/EVEN watering and how you can do your part to help CONSERVE WATER.

NFIP – Flood Protection Efforts

The Community Rating System (CRS) recognized the City of Belleair Bluffs as a Class 7 for efforts that go beyond the minimum standards of the NFIP National Flood Insurance Program by reducing flood insurance premiums by 15% for residents in a SFHA (Special Flood Hazard Area) and 5% for those not in a SFHA. There are many ways to learn about your zone. Please visit our website or download the “Ready Pinellas” mobile app from your mobile’s app store.

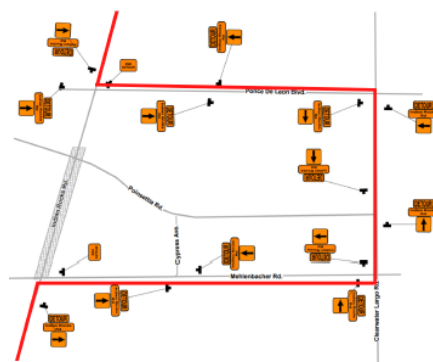
TOWN OF BELLEAIR ROAD PROJECT – CALL 727-588-3769 for further information

Phase 1 of the Indian Rocks Road project has started with estimated completion in early Fall of 2023

PHASE 1 Road Closure – Mehlenbacher Road to Poinsettia

PHASE 2 – Poinsettia Road to Carl Avenue

PHASE 3 - Carl Avenue to Belview Blvd.



Indian Rocks Road Phase 1 - Construction Detour

Belleair Bluffs' Commission



Commissioner Joe Barkley III, Commissioner Suzy Sofer, Mayor Chris Arbutine, Sr., Vice Mayor Taylour Shimkus, Commissioner Steve McNally

CHRIS ARBUTINE - As I enter another term as your Mayor I want to ensure you that I will continue to lead the city in the same manner prioritizing Home Rule, families and businesses. Thank you all for your continued confidence in my leadership! Contact me at [727-458-2148](tel:727-458-2148)

SUZY SOFER - Wishing you a very prosperous and happy New Year to all of you. As we head into the new year, my continuous promise to the residents is to protect Home Rule. Only those that live and work in our community would be familiar on what is acceptable for our community. And that's how I feel we should be governed - amongst ourselves. Please continue to contact me with your amazing ideas. I really enjoy hearing from you and sharing the passion we all have for our beloved Belleair Bluffs. suzyfl@aol.com

JOE BARKLEY - I am pleased to see that my research back in 2011 resulted in our restriction on Short Term Rentals in Belleair Bluffs. That restriction has now become a very important component of protecting our city from the problems facing many of our neighboring cities. Our quality of life is a critical component to making our city a very popular place to live, work, and play! jbarkley@belleairbluffs-fl.gov

TAYLOUR SHIMKUS - Holiday season is over, and we are looking forward to the new year and our upcoming city events – March garage sale, July 4th event, Monthly book club, and more to come. Taylour.shimkus@gmail.com

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