



City of Belleair Bluffs

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LET'S TALK CITY STUFF

You can 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	Ext. 101
Alexis Silcox, City Clerk	Ext. 102
Russ Schmader, Public Works	Ext. 105
Nancy Slaughter, General Information	Ext. 103

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.

QUICK REMINDERS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Commission meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Meetings are held in person in the Community Center. Check the City Calendar on our website for any meeting changes.

Recreation Program: Belleair Bluffs' residents and businesses have access to City of Largo recreation programs at City of Largo resident 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

Book club members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Belleair Bluffs residents only. Contact Nancy if you are interested.



UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

BELLEAIR BLUFFS CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY March 2, 2024, 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 will be held Saturday March 16th on Sunset Blvd. in front of Belleair Bluffs City Hall.

WINE AND TAPAS ON THE BLUFFS – April 9, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm
100 Indian Rocks Road Call 727-481-8214 for information

BELLEAIR BLUFFS BOOK CLUB

Book club members will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Belleair Bluffs' residents only. Contact Nancy at Ext 103 for more information.

BLUFFS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION – For all upcoming events visit.
www.bbastrong.com

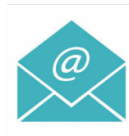
SHORT-TERM RENTALS – NEIGHBORHOODS ARE FOR NEIGHBORS

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!



JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST!

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.



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.

Bluffs Vulnerability Assessment

The City of Belleair Bluffs applied for and was awarded a grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Resilient Florida program to conduct a citywide Vulnerability Assessment (VA). The VA looks at how current and future weather-based threats will impact critical assets owned by the city. With this State-approved Vulnerability Study, the City would be eligible to apply for construction grants through this same program. The city was awarded \$170,000 and no city-match is required.

Roadway Project Updates

The current roadway projects at Marlin Drive, South Wind Drive, and Pine Tree Lane are near completion with an anticipated end date of April 2024. The next slated roadway project is the Duncan Drive Roadway & Stormwater Improvement Project approved by the city commission. This project includes stormwater pipe replacement and road restoration. Additionally, a supplemental service at the intersection of Duncan Drive and East Overbrook Street will determine if runoff from Indian Avenue can be collected and routed through the existing outfall. This cost is minimized during mobilization at the Duncan Project.

FROM Belleair Bluffs' Commission

CHRIS ARBUTINE – As I continue to lead our city as I always have with the residents and business owners of Belleair Bluffs FIRST. I want you to feel certain 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! Continue to contact me at [727-458-2148](tel:727-458-2148)

SUZY SOFER -Once again I am laser focused on continuing my promise to the residents of Belleair Bluffs to protect Home Rule on their behalf. Only those that live and work in our community would be familiar with what is acceptable for our community. No one that is unfamiliar with our community should be making the decisions that would govern us all. Additionally, I feel we should always be governed - amongst ourselves. Please continue to contact me with your insightful ideas and suggestions. As you already know, I truly 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 vital 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

KAREN RAFFERTY - As I reflect on my first year as commissioner and consider all I have learned - not just about our own city, but all the other places we might have chosen to live - I realize how fortunate I am to call Belleair Bluffs home. I will continue to do everything I can to protect the unique character of our city, act in the best interest of all our residents, keep residents informed, and encourage our citizens to participate in our local government. krafferty@belleairbluffs-fl.gov

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