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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 3 POA "Meet the Candidates" Mtg 7 pm
- 4 Blood Pressure Screening 1—2 pm
- 4 VFD Meeting 7:30 pm
- 5 DRC Meeting 2 pm
- 5 COP Meeting — Egg Stuffing 7 pm
- 6 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 9 ABC Safe Boating Class 8—6 pm
- 10 Seaside Board Meeting 9:30 am
- 10 POA Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11 LOCAL ELECTION DAY
- 13 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 14 Arbor Day planting 10 am, site TBA
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade 11 am
- 17 Regular Commission Meeting 7 pm
- 18 Blood Pressure Screening 1—2 pm
- 18 CESM Hearing 2 pm
- 18 SICA Meeting 7 pm
- 20 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 21 Environmental Committee Meeting 9 am
- 22 Easter Egg Hunt 11 am
- 24 Ladies Auxiliary Card Party NOON
- 25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 7 pm
- 27 Bookmobile 10:30—11:30 am
- 29 POA Spring Bling
- 31 Commission Reorganization Mtg 6 pm
- 31 POA Board Meeting 7 pm

APRIL

- 1 VFD Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2 DRC Meeting 2 pm

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR ...

It's hard to believe that another two years have flown by and that it is election time once again. I will take the fact that no one is running for the Mayor's seat as a compliment and as an expression of your satisfaction with the job I am doing. There are times when the frustration of the position can get you down, but, it only takes one stranger or resident to tell me what great shape the Town is in or how they love the new Community Center to make it all worthwhile. I promise to continue listening to you and to continually take action only for what's best for our Town. Thanks again for your confidence.

With that said we do have an election on March 11th. Four candidates have qualified for the two Commission seats available. I believe I have proven over my ten year tenure that I can work with any elected Commissioner and look forward to a positive, progressive two years with whoever is elected.

Your job is to select those two officials who will, without pay, help guide the Town for the good of all. Get involved, know the candidates, not just their election prose but rather their past contributions and stands on Town concerns. Try to determine why they are running and what they bring to the table. It's up to you to elect those who will work full time to keep Palm Beach Shores the "Best Little Town in Florida."

Mayor Tom Mills



**Happy Easter to all, and enjoy the
St. Patrick's Day Parade!**



...Lt. Steve Langevin

It's gonna be a busy March! First up is the St. Pat's Parade, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt and then the Spring Bling at the Ocean Mall.

Important Dates to remember are:
 Wednesday, March 5th at 7 p.m. for the normal community policing meeting we will be stuffing the **1500 Eggs** for the Easter Egg hunt. If you have some time please stop by and give us a hand, there are a bunch.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Saturday, March 15th. The parade will travel the usual route, beginning at Edwards and Ocean, south down Ocean, west on Inlet, north on Atlantic and ending back at Edwards.

The following Saturday, March 22nd will be the annual Mayors Youth Council/Property Owners Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will begin **EXACTLY** at 11 a.m., followed by bounce houses, burgers, crafts, and fun.

On March 28, 29 and 30, Spring Bling will return to the Ocean Mall. We are preparing for the event. Right now the info we have is that a road block will be placed again at the west side of the bridge by Riviera Beach Police for the event days. Riviera has had one meeting with all police agencies so far. More information will be available for you at the end of the month after the next meeting. Ocean Avenue will be closed to traffic along with Park Avenue, access in and out for the 3 days will be Lake Drive.

If you need further please call or you can email me at this address or slangevin@pbspolice.org

Beach Warning Flag Program

The safety and enjoyment of Florida's public beaches is affected by changes in tide and surf conditions. To minimize the risks of drowning or serious injury, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has worked with the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association, the United States Lifesaving Association, and the International Lifesaving Federation to develop a uniform warning flag program for use by Florida's beachfront communities. Please familiarize yourself with the Beach Warning Flags, shown on the right.

...FROM FIRE CHIEF FAUCI

By the time you read this, our annual donation drive and cookout will be over. We want to thank everyone and hope you enjoyed the fine steaks. A big Thank You to the Sailfish Marina for their huge donation: all the rolls, burgers, dogs, and all the sides that go with them. And how could we have accomplished this without the hard work of the Ladies Auxiliary manning the distribution tables? The new dining tables are very nice, aren't they?

On a serious note, here are a few hints on heart attacks & strokes.

First, if you feel a heart attack coming on, sneezing or coughing could get the hear rhythm back closer to normal. Immediately call 9-1-1. Second, the first signs of a stroke are 1) Slurring of speech 2) Unbalance or leaning to one side 3) Eyes not focusing together. If you notice this on a loved one, ask him/her to try to lift both arms together or to stick out his/her tongue and move it side to side. The main thing is to call 9-1-1 right away and get medical help as quickly as possible.

Dear Residents — There are some properties in Town that are in violation of the following two codes:

Boats and trailers in the front yard. Section 70-82 of the Code book says that watercraft and trailers may be parked in the rear or side of the house, but not in front of the building line, and they are to be substantially hidden from view of the abutting properties.

Overgrowth at balustrades. Appendix A, Pf. 9.2 (h) of our Code book states that shrubbery is limited to the height of the balustrades.

Friendly Notices will be sent to all non-conforming properties. Notices of Violation and Code Hearing will follow if there is no compliance.

...from Code Enforcement Officer Manuel Palacios

BEACH WARNING FLAGS
 BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA

-  **Water Closed to Public**
 Agua Cerrada al Pùblico
-  **High Hazard**
 High Surf and/or Strong Currents
 Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes
-  **Medium Hazard**
 Moderate Surf and/or Currents
 Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes
-  **Low Hazard**
 Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
 Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado
-  **Dangerous Marine Life**
 Vida Marina Peligrosa

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
 La Ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras



Town Updates

After a whirlwind opening, your beautiful new community center is up and running and we've held several extraordinary town events already. Many residents have had, or are planning, special events and we're excited to see the facility used as intended. We are still in the process of addressing several minor punch-list items and are actively moving forward to complete the site finishes. It is important to note that this project has been completed with **NO DEBT** to the Town coffers...a special thanks to your commission for being fiscally responsible while accomplishing the largest project in the Town's history.

With the challenges presented through the tax amendment approved by voters in January, it will be more important than ever to participate in the budget process that will begin in May. Due to new legislation, taxable value of property will be less for the 2008/09 budget and will potentially change the amount of funds available to operate the Town. Due to prudent budgeting in the past, the Town faces this challenge from a very strong financial starting point, unlike many of our fellow municipalities. Unfortunately, this year we will not have the ability to determine the town's destiny due to this new state mandate of "one size fits all." This doesn't fare well with a budget that has no "fat" to trim, and may potentially require tough choices for the coming year. Budget workshops will begin in May and specific dates will be posted; please plan to be part of this important process as past attendance for these workshops has been little or none.

With the current water restrictions, here's hoping that April truly brings showers to help replenish our water supply and vegetation.

Cindy Lindskoog, Town Administrator



NOTES FROM THE CLERK

I'm happy to report that the Local Update of Census Addresses is progressing nicely. Our volunteers are trudging up and down Town streets, checking physical buildings to the addresses provided by the Census Bureau. This is all in preparation for the 2010 Census count.

One problem that the volunteers have encountered is the lack of easily seen address numerals on some houses and multifamily buildings. **Town Code in Section 14-107** states *"Single-family residential dwellings shall display address numerals at least 3 to 6 inches high of a color contrasting with the background (ex. Black and white); which numerals shall be placed directly above or beside the principal entrance to the dwelling - If the entrance is not visible from the street, (or on corner lots) numerals shall be displayed either on a placard or mailbox near the access road to the property (driveway) in a manner which is visible in both directions."*

Please keep in mind that if the census volunteers have a hard time locating an address, so will emergency personnel.

Finally, a reminder to get out and vote on March 11th! En Final un acuerdo, que voten el 11 de Marzo!

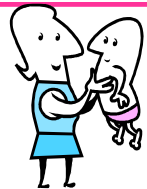
... Carolyn J. Gangwer, Town Clerk

Almost as soon as we completed the construction of the Inlet Park, Florida Power and Light began the installation of an underground electrical feeder running parallel to our walkway. They have been using underground boring techniques to eliminate the use of trenching. Although this technique is not as disruptive to the surrounding area, they have encountered several major obstacles. While boring, they broke and lost their drilling head and pull lines just west of the parkway on private property. The contractor proceeded to dig topside but was unable to find the boring bit. They will start another bore from the west end with a completion projection of two weeks. At that time the contractor will repair any damage that resulted from this project to private and town property.

The Town is happy to announce the hiring of a new Public Works employee. His name is Emmanuel Stephens and goes by the nickname "Manny". He is a welcome addition to our staff.

While walking through Town I have noticed an increase of dog droppings on the parkway, beach and inlet parks. As most residents know, the Town supplies cleanup bags that are located throughout town. If you see an offender please let them know that they should pick up after their canine.

...from Public Works Supervisor Walt Fleming



Calling all Moms!

Let's get together on Friday, March 14th, 9 pm at the Cucina. For more info, please call Bebe McCranels at 845-5335

T-Shirts and Ball Caps are here!

**Buy them at Town Hall, \$15 each (kids shirts \$12)
Proceeds will benefit the Community Center**



Relax, Rejuvenate, Revive!

Beginner Yoga class in the Town Hall meeting room from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. every Monday, and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or thick towel. Both men and women included — all ages welcome!



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
Saturday March 15th
11 AM



Party to follow at
Best Western Sea Spray
FOOD
MUSIC
DANCING
50/50 DRAWINGS



WATER USE RESTRICTIONS: ONCE PER WEEK

- Watering is allowed from 4—8 a.m. **OR** 4—8 p.m. Odd-numbered houses can water on Mondays; even numbered houses on Thursdays.
- Hand watering with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed for 10 minutes per day.
- Vehicle washing is not restricted over porous surface (boats 15min.)

More info at 800-662-8876 or www.sfwmd.gov/consERVE

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT:

Palmbeachshoresfl.us

Items of interest are posted, including the Commission and P&Z Board agendas and minutes, photos, newly approved ordinances and other news items for Town residents and visitors. Surf in and leave your comments in the guest book. Also, you can sign up for e-mail notification of new events including Commission and P&Z agendas and minutes.

WRITE OR CALL: If you have any concerns you can write or call your Commission at the following (note new email addresses):

Mayor Thomas R. Mills

344 Sandal Lane, 844-9007

e-mail to: tmills@pbstownhall.org

Vice Mayor John M. Workman

324 Tacoma Lane, 845-6123

Commissioner Lisa A. Tropepe

121 Claremont Lane, 848-4471

Commissioner Thomas R. Sullivan

207 Claremont Lane, 863-5637

Commissioner John Mitchell

312 Linda Lane, 845-0203

You can also write or call:

247 Edwards Lane, 844-3457 or

e-mail to: townhall@pbstownhall.org

or visit our website at:

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