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### **Ladies Golf League**

Every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. • Meet at Treasure Bay Reach out to Treasure Bay for more information: (727) 360-6062

## American Legion Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 13 • 11 a.m. Starts at Treasure Bay Tennis & Golf

## **Sanding Ovations**

Nov. 17-20 & Nov 26-28 Behind Sloppy Joe's on the Beach

## PICA Light Up

Friday, Dec. 2 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. • Front Gazebo Come join us and as we light up the Gazebo! Music by Fiona. Pizza, chips, cookies and water will be provided. Bring your own holiday cheer!

## ICCA Run for the Beaches 5K & 1K

(Fun Run and Walk)
Dec. 10 • 8 to 11 a.m.

## Robbie's Pancake Breakfast

 $\label{eq:Dec.11 * 8 a.m. to noon} \\ Treasure Island Community Center * \$ 5 per person$ 

### **Treasure Island Boat Parade**

Saturday, Dec. 17 • 6:20 p.m. Treasure Bay activities will start at 5:00 p.m.

## **PICA 2023 Membership Drive**

January 12th & 14th • Gazebo on Paradise Island

#### **Paradise Island Annual Yard Sale**

Mar. 18, 2023

## From the President



Greetings Neighbors,

This year is almost over, and wow, it went by quick! I would first like to give thanks and prayers for those that were impacted by Hurricane Ian, I feel TI did a great job keeping us safe and informed.

I was happy to see so many people at the PICA Luau, it was a sell out! Thank you so much to Patty & Gary Potenziano who led the event and all the PICA board members who came out to help. Our next event is the PICA Light up on Dec. 2nd. I can't wait to see you all there.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving and please reach out to myself or anyone on the board with questions, concerns and comments.

Remember we do live in Paradise.

Cindy Massie
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## Letter from Mayor Tyler Payne

Greetings Paradise Island Neighbors,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the cooler weather that we've had in the past few weeks and are keeping your fingers crossed for more to come as we gear up for the holiday season.

This is a busy time of year for everyone and that includes our City staff, who will be hard at work hosting several events throughout the season. So, be sure to keep your eye on the City's Facebook page and make sure you are signed up to get the weekly email newsletter called "The Coffer." You can do so right on the City's website homepage. Just click on Sign Up for E-Notifications.

We are currently in the process of establishing a new branding for the City. Thank you to everyone who participated in the collaborative process and gave us your ideas. We are excited to see what the designers come up with and to share it with you.

Our biggest event of the year is right around the corner with Sanding Ovations. I look forward to seeing lots of you out on the beach with the amazing sand sculptures and great bands.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our conversations about Treasure Bay and the golf course. I am excited to finally have some clear direction on where we want to take the facility as a community. We are now working diligently to solidify the best design for a new golf course that accommodates the walking trail around the perimeter, which will allow more people to enjoy our waterfront gem while keeping and upgrading the golf course for our avid golfers in the community.

Lastly, I am very excited that our City Commission opted to invest more in our holiday decorations this year. So, be on the lookout around Thanksgiving time for our new decor along the causeway and downtown. Wishing you all a very happy holiday season.

Thanks, J. Tyler Payne, Mayor City of Treasure Island 727-748-5062 mytreasureisland.com









## Letter from the Police Chief

John Barkley, Police Chief Treasure Island Police Department

#### Have a Safe Happy Holiday

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and I just wanted to share some general reminders to make sure you are safe and secure. No matter what method you use to shop, online or in person, there are ways to make your experience more secure.

When shopping in person, always be aware of your surroundings, don't get caught up in the moment and forget to lock your car, or leave your wallet or purse somewhere. Don't

leave gifts or packages visible in your car, put them in your trunk or out of sight.

When shopping online, make sure your device is secure and your passwords are solid. Only shop through trusted sources, if a deal is much too good to be true, it probably is, and it may take you to a scammer's website. Be very careful about what information you are handing over; personal information like your date of birth or Social Security number is not required to make an average online purchase.

In Treasure Island, we love our pirates, but not porch pirates, which is the term given to package thieves. If you know you have a package coming and will not be home to retrieve it, see if you can have a friend or neighbor get it for you, or have it delivered to a secure location. Most delivery services have an app for your phone that will tell you when a package has been delivered so you will know.

Don't forget to call us if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood. That's why we are here. Hopefully you will all have a great holiday season and will get to spend time with family and friends.



## **PICA Light Up Celebration**

By Cindy Massie, PICA President

Mark your calendar for Dec. 2nd. It's the PICA Light Up from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will all gather in the front gazebo at 5:30 p.m. PICA will serve pizza, chips, cookies, water and juice. Adults bring your own holiday cheer! At 6:00 p.m. the gazebo will light up. This year Fiona will entertain us with lots of holiday music and of course, our commissioner Saleene will read "The Night Before Christmas." Just a reminder, we no longer deliver paper newsletters, so if we do not have your neighbor's email, they will not know all the fun happenings going on their island, so please share this. I can't wait to start the holiday season with you on Dec. 2nd!!









## Commissioner Saleene Partridge

Hello Paradise Island!

We are all very grateful that Hurricane Ian missed Pinellas County and continue to send prayers and support to our sister communities to the south who suffered greatly at the hands of damaging cat 4 winds and storm surges.

Our City prepared for the storm with all hands on deck moving out of the current city facilities to operate out of our shared EOC with the SPB and Pasadena Communities in S. Pasadena. Thank you for being patient with the City as they relocated back onto Treasure Island following the storm. Our city did not suffer any great damage but did experience damage to Treasure Bay where we lost the roof on the maintenance building and had damage to the tennis courts and fencing. We are waiting to see if this damage is eligible for FEMA reimbursement for repairs.

#### City Updates:

We are thankful our City received a grant through the State legislative request process of \$900k towards our current roadway projects (Capri, Paradise and W.Gulf in Sunset). All projects are expected to be completed in December.

The design for the Master Pump Station reconstruction and new Public Works facilities have begun. This will take approximately a year to complete before any construction contract is awarded. The Master Pump Station reconstruction will include elevation as a resiliency measure for the City to survive a storm or a surge that would be expected

with a cat 3 hurricane. The City has been working hard towards getting grant funding for the master pump station. \$4.5 million has been secured out of the estimated \$6M cost which is a combination of ARPA funding and a state grant secured through the legislative process. We are awaiting the outcome of a Federal Legislative request submitted earlier this year for the last bulk of the construction costs. We should find out about the federal request in December of this year.

The City Center has been a challenge with contractor issues. We are working to resolve these, but it has unfortunately pushed our timeline for completion into the new year.

Sanding Ovations is expected to be another successful event this year and by popular demand will be having an encore weekend following Thanksgiving. See our city website for event details.

In response to resident feedback last year, we are getting new and enhanced Christmas decorations. Look out for new pole mounted decorations as well as new decorations in the downtown area.

Our great City has many events planned this holiday season so be sure to check out the TI website at <u>mytreasureisland.org</u> and come out to enjoy the festivities. I look forward to seeing you all there!

It continues to be my pleasure to serve you and our amazing community. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and memorable holiday season.

Best Regards,

Saleene Partridge

Vice Mayor

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## **2023 PICA Membership**

Name		Annual Membership	\$_	\$20.00
Address		Beautification	\$_	
Ph	Cell	Total	\$_	
Email		Year You Moved Here		

Your donations go primarily towards beautification and social events. We thank you for your support!

Send this form along with a check payable to **Paradise Island Civic Association** to:

P.O. Box 67435, St. Pete Beach, FL 33736







On Oct 6, 2022, the Bilmar Beach Resort on Gulf Blvd. was transformed into a tropical oasis sponsored by the PICA. Residents of Paradise Island had the opportunity to enjoy tropical entrées, drinks, steel drum music and mingling with new and established residents of the island. The beautiful sunset from the beach terrace along with group games made for a fantasy island event. The event was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the evening. Thank you for your support of this tropical paradise evening event by the residents of Paradise Island, PICA Board and the management and catering team at the Bilmar Beach Resort.









# **Spooky Fun at Treasure Bay**

Once again, the city of Treasure Island hosted a fun event for kids of all ages. On Friday, October 28, Treasure Bay Golf & Tennis was converted to a spooky playground where kids were able to enjoy bounce houses, food trucks and LOTS of candy. Of course, PICA was right in the middle of all the fun with our witches' castle photo booth and "spin to win" game. This year, we added a 6' tall, animated witch to make it even more authentic.

Many thanks to PICA Treasurer
Tammy Slater-Kendrick and PICA Board
member Susan Matuszewski for spearheading the efforts, along with volunteer helpers PICA Board member Kara
Brown and her husband John for help
setting up, and Stewart Partridge, Nancy
Francisco and Michael Flake for making
sure the kids had a great time and closing
up the booth at the end of the night.



