

Paradise Island **Neighborhood News**

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Upcoming Events!

• Sanding Ovations

November 16-19 • Fireworks on Saturday night.

Encore weekend November 25-26.

Go to SandingOvationsMasterCup.com for music line up, parking info and other event details.

• PICA Light Up

December 1 • 5:30 p.m. with Light Up at 6 p.m.

Front gazebo. Food, family fun and music by Fiona.

You don't want to miss this!

• Run for the Beaches

December 2 • 8:00 a.m. to Noon • Thunderbird Beach Resort

See ad on page 2 for information or go to

RunForTheBeaches.RaceRoster.com.

• Treasure Islettes Holly Fest

December 2 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TI Community Center • Come find your holiday treasures!

• Robby's Annual Pancake Breakfast

December 10 • 8 a.m.- Noon • TI Community Center

Cost is \$5. Bring a new unwrapped toy or food to help fill

The Big Red Sled for Foster Care Kids.

• Treasure Island Holiday Boat Parade

December 16 • 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Starting at Treasure Bay with Parade starting at 6:20 p.m.

Festive activities and a great viewing location for the parade!

PICA Membership Drives

January 17 • 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at front Gazebo.

January 20 • 9 a.m. to Noon at Treasure Bay

Meet your Board, your neighbors and join PICA for 2024!

Yappy Hour

February 22 • 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sea Dog Brewery • Bring your Furry Family.

PICA Meet and Greet Mixer

February 29 • Mark your calendar! Further details to follow.

PICA Yard Sale

March 16 • 9 a.m. - Noon. Time to clean out the garage!



From the President



Greetings Neighbors,

The holiday season is upon us, and I wish each and every one a Happy Thanksgiving. We are so excited for the PICA light up this year! (See page 5 for more details.) Please read the article for all the details. The PICA board has been working hard all year and I appreciate you all.

Debbie Parks - Vice President/Newsletter, Patty Potenziano - Treasurer, Kurt Furlong - Web Master, Gary Potenziano - Beautification, Brenda Newman & Susan Matuszewski - Board Directors. We will be having a membership drive in January and a general meeting in the first quarter to discuss your thoughts and suggestions. I am looking forward to seeing you all...

Blessings to you all and remember we live in Paradise!

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Letter from Mayor Tyler Payne

Hello, Paradise Islanders!

Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season. As the weather starts to cool off, I hope to meet more of you out and about on the island and at our signature event, Sanding Ovations in November!

We have a lot going on in Treasure Island, so please be patient with us as we work to improve the community. We sustained some damage from Hurricane Idalia that we are still working to address. On Paradise Island, it was mainly damage to our landscaping. You'll notice a lot of dead grass and some dying palms and shrubbery. We are gradually working to address those issues. I know many of our residents are dealing with this as well, so it will be a process to get our neighborhood back to its green and beautiful state.

We are working closely with Duke Energy and the other utility vendors to reduce the number of utility poles on Paradise Blvd by co-locating the lines. Duke has been responsive to our concerns and by the time this newsletter goes out, they will have hopefully replaced some of the wooden poles with concrete poles and removed the shorter poles.

We are nearing completion on City Hall. We had issues with the roof leaking, which has now been fixed. The only thing left that we are waiting on are some punch list items on the interior and some window leaks to be addressed by our contractors.

Downtown, Pirate Square is in the process of being demolished. I have been in touch with the owner and discussed their plans for the future. In the short/medium term, they are planning a public paid parking lot. In the long term, they are still planning on a mixed use development with retail, restaurants, residential, and hotel rooms. As a reminder, everything

in Treasure Island is limited to the five floors above the first floor of parking and/or retail.

The old McDonalds property has an approved site plan for retail on the ground floor and a parking garage above, but we have recently found out that the project is on hold. The owners also own Surf Style and Thunderbird. So, they are still focusing their efforts on hurricane recovery for their Surf Style locations impacted last year by Hurricane Ian.

The Rally/Shell gas station was recently approved by the City Commission to construct a new building and add more pumps (including diesel).

The City recently launched a new page on our website (under "Departments" -> "Community Improvement" -> "City Zoning & Future Land Use Maps" -> "Downtown Treasure Island Development Map/Plans Submitted") with an interactive map of the Downtown area that shows projects and their current status with the City so that you can have 100 percent accurate information.

If you ever have any questions about what is going on in the City, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I'm always willing to get you the information straight from the horse's mouth. Don't rely on rumors you hear on NextDoor or Facebook.

*J. Tyler Payne, Mayor
City of Treasure Island
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Letter from the Police Chief

The holiday season is approaching, and I just wanted to share a few general reminders to make sure you are safe and secure.

No matter what method you use to shop, in person or online, there are several ways to make your experience more secure.

- When shopping in person, always be aware of your surroundings, do not get caught up in the moment and forget to lock your car, or leave your wallet or purse somewhere.
- Never leave gifts or packages visible in your car, put them in your trunk or out of sight.
- If shopping online, make sure whatever device you use is secure and your passwords are solid. Only shop through trusted sources, if a deal is much too good to be true, it is, and it may take you to a scammer's website.
- Always be careful about what personal information you are sharing; 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 pirates, but not "Porch Pirates." 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.

As always, do not hesitate to call us if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, that is why we are here. We at TIPD wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season!

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Keeping Treasure Island Beautiful

Hurricane Idalia definitely left its calling card on Treasure Island. Unfortunately, some parts of Paradise Island sustained high water damage in a number of areas and many of our public spots. It included our gazebo bushes, trees in our park and adjoining grassy areas. Our public works department did a good job getting out to as many areas as possible. They raked, removed damaged bushes and trees, cleaned up trash, and began replacing and planting in the damaged areas. More plantings will be coming as supplies become available.

Also, I met with the construction manager for Frontier Communications on communication well plastic lids damaged and loss from the storm. He assured me that they have manufactured heavier lids to replace the plastic ones and plans to exchange them over the next few months to eliminate this issue when high water events occur.

Gary Potenziano, Beautification Committee

Membership Drives

Hope to see you at one of our January PICA Membership Drives! Please share with your neighbors and especially our new residents. See "Upcoming Events" on the front cover for dates.

Our 2024 slogan is "Be in the Know for \$20!"

Light Up for the Holidays!

Save the date! Friday December 1st at the front Gazebo

We are so excited this year and have hired a new company called "Light the Lights" to decorate our Gazebo. They are happy to "Light up our community!"

So please come on up to the Gazebo wearing your dancing shoes and festive hats. Remember to bring your "adult cheer."

5:30 p.m. - Music with Fiona. We will have pizza,
Joseph's Tea, water, chips, treats

6:00 p.m. - Mayor Payne will Light up the Gazebo

6:30 p.m. - Commissioner Partridge will be reading
"The Night Before Christmas"

As requested, we will have a box for you to put in your membership dues for 2024. A membership form is available below.

See "Upcoming Events" on the front cover for more information.

Advertise in PICA

Looking to expand your business base? Become a PICA advertiser! You'll have 1/4" size space in our 2024 quarterly newsletters along with PICA Facebook and website advertisements. It's a lot of exposure to our Island residents! Cost is \$200 for PI residents, and \$250 for non-residents. Contact Debbie at (813) 787-3006 with any questions or to reserve your 2024 ad space.

2024 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





PICA YAPPY HOUR



Bring your fur babies to PICA's first Yappy Hour

When : Thursday, February 22, 2024
Where: Sea Dog Brewing Co. - 9610 Gulf Blvd
Event Time: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sea Dog Happy Hour Specials – 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

\$3 off selected appetizers
\$2 off house wines and signature drinks
\$1 off beers

We will have reserved space for our group downstairs.



Halloween Fun

It was a spooky and fun evening at Treasure Bay for the Trick or Treat Trail sponsored by the City of TI. Lots of candy, lots of smiles and many cute costumes made it a wonderful Halloween event. Thanks to our Board members Susan Matuszewski and Cindy Massie for volunteering at the PICA table along with our PICA Halloween witch!

