



Upcoming Events!

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

ICCA Yard Sale

February 11

Chili Cook Off

February 17

Sponsored by Treasure Island Fire Rescue.
Purchase tickets at the TI Fire Station.

Gulf Beaches Rotary Golf and Tennis Challenge

February 24-25 • Contact Treasure Island Recreation Department for more information.

Spring It On

March 4 • Community Center
Entertainment by the Black Honkey's

IOP Yard Sale

March 4

PICA Yard Sale

March 18 • 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gather all your treasures.

Contact Cindy at 727-367-3841. She is trying to schedule a donation truck to pick up unsold items following the sale and will provide you details.

Community Appreciation Day

April 15 • Meet your TI police and fire personnel, community organizations and fellow residents. Family fun activities!

SportsFest

April 22 • Treasure Island Beach

Rock Around the Clock

May 6 • Downtown Treasure Island by the Bell Tower

From the President



Greetings Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope and pray everyone is off to a good start in 2023. We have had a few changes on the PICA board. Both Kara and Tammy have stepped down and will be greatly missed. I personally appreciate all that they did for Paradise

Island. Patty will be our new treasurer. Debbie will add secretary/newsletter to her role, and Kurt will be our webmaster. I thank the entire board so much for their continued support and giving hearts to PICA.

On that note we are looking for a few new board members, if you are looking for a group of people who genuinely like to serve their community and have fun while doing it, please consider joining PICA. Take a moment to look over the newsletter. There are quite a few events coming up.

Remember, we do live in Paradise.

Cindy Massie, PICA President

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Letter from Mayor Tyler Payne

Happy New Year to you and your family. We are kicking off the year with a great start and many important projects moving along in the City. We are hopefully nearing completion on our City Hall in the next few months after many challenges with our contractor. We have secured full funding from Florida state and federal governments in the amount of \$6 million to build a new Master Lift Station between the current City Hall and Shell gas station. We are also in the final stages of implementing a MicroMobility Ordinance to address our residents and visitors who utilize scooters and bikes through rental Apps.

In a couple weeks, I will be traveling down to the City of Sanibel along with our City Manager and Fire Chief to visit with their mayor and key city staff to tour the damage from Hurricane Ian and discuss the impact and recovery from the storm. We must learn from our neighbors on topics such as resiliency, emergency management, flood policies, etc. to help us prepare for the worst. We will also be bringing down supplies for a local non-profit called FISH of SANCAP (Food Programs Island Based Social Services Helping Hands). The organization has been around for 40 years, and their motto is "neighbors helping neighbors." I am confident that if something happened here in Treasure Island, we would all rally around each other in a similar way. So, I'm asking you for your support for our neighbors to the south.

They are asking for the following donations. If you would like to contribute, you can drop your donations at my house (24 Marina Ter.) or City Hall by February 14 at the latest.

FOOD:

Canned Protein (ex: chicken, tuna, beans)
Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Crackers
Cereal
Shelf-stable Milk
Healthy Snacks

TOILETRIES:

Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Razors

SENIOR NEEDS:

Eyeglasses (various measurements)
Hairbrushes
Combs
Bug spray
Socks
Hats

HOME:

Small kitchen tools (ex: knife, spatula, can opener)
Pans
Cups
Plates
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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

J. Tyler Payne, Mayor
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Letter from the Police Chief

*John Barkley, Police Chief
Treasure Island Police Department*

We are rapidly approaching our busy season, so I would like to take this opportunity to address traffic and personal safety. We have several factors in Treasure Island that can affect your commute times like, increased volume of traffic, more pedestrians and fewer available parking spaces. Remember to give yourself a little extra time to get where you need to go and be patient.

Remember the speed limits in your neighborhood and on TI Causeway (especially when they reduce at the St. James bridge!) There are many runners, walkers and bicyclists enjoying our incredible weather, so do your part in looking out for them. If you are one of the bicyclists, remember you have the same rights AND responsibilities of a vehicle when you are driving on the roadway. Your Treasure Island police officers will be out there to remind everyone.

As always, your TIPD is proud to serve this community and we are here to help you and answer any questions that you may have. An active and alert community is a safe community. If you need us in an emergency dial 9-1-1, our non-emergency number is 727-547-4595.

*John Barkley
Chief of Police
Treasure Island Police Department
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Commissioner Saleene Partridge

Hello Paradise Island and Happy New Year! Our City is off to a busy start and gearing up for another productive year.

It's exciting to have one of our largest improvement projects right here in our neighborhood at Treasure Bay. Significant progress towards state permitting for the Living Shoreline and Walking Trail have been made. Once the permit of the design is completed the City can start to advertise for bidders on the construction. In the meantime we have been researching the best way to approach the re-design of the Treasure Bay Golf Course to accommodate the Living Shore Line and walking trail as well improving upon the use of the space and added amenities. Our first consult showed us that it is possible to have both a walking trail and a golf course. Our next step is to finalize a design from an engineering standpoint. The City will soon be considering award of a contract for a site specific golf course design and stormwater plan that will provide for a couple of different schematics as well as the estimated construction costs of the project. More details regarding this project can be found on our city website.

Safety in TI - The City awarded a contract to a transportation engineering firm for a Gulf Blvd. Safety Study in conjunction with St. Pete Beach, Forward Pinellas and the Florida Department of Transportation. This will assist in identifying ways to improve the safety of Gulf Blvd. for all modes of transportation. This study will allow the City, Forward Pinellas and the Florida Department of Safety to pursue grant funding towards infrastructure improvements to implement the recommendations.

We also awarded a contract to collect data and design a Downtown Traffic plan that can be pursued over time as redevelopment occurs in our city. Our goal is to make intentional improvements to the way traffic flows that will recognize and accommodate other modes of transportation that are reflective of how people will move around today and into the future. The City will be having two Community Engagement sessions where the consultants of our transportation and connectivity projects will present the data collected thus far and listen to resident feedback. These sessions are scheduled for: Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. both held in the City Hall Auditorium.

Building Department Update - Many of our residents have been frustrated with our current code that does not allow for "fill" and have been asking us to try and find a solution. (Historically the code was implemented to gain FEMA credits towards a discount against flood insurance, however, we are now going to try and make up as many of these credits as we can in other areas to keep our current discount). The City awarded a contract for engineering services to conduct a vulnerability assessment to begin the process of analyzing how the City can approach becoming a City that allows fill to

be brought in for new construction or redevelopment while keeping with our overall goal of making our City more resilient as well as considering sea level rise. The City also submitted a grant application through the State Resiliency Program and we should be hearing if we will be awarded that grant in the next few weeks.

Speaking of Grants... We were awarded a state grant for a portion of the purchase of the Isle of Palms Park that occurred a couple of years ago. \$286,000 will be reimbursed to the City for the purchase of this park. Just before the new year, the City was approved for federal funding of \$1.27M towards the reconstruction and elevation of the Master Lift Station that will be a part of the new Public Works Facility (location will be at the current City Hall). The estimated construction costs for the Master Lift Station is \$6M. The City will be directing \$3M in American Rescue Plan Act Funds, plus \$1.5M in Florida state grant funding and now \$1.27M in federal grant funding for a total of \$5.77M towards the \$6M estimated construction costs. This funding will help keep our sewer rates lower because otherwise the Sewer Fund would have had to fund this project. Thank you, City staff, for pursuing these grants.

Speaking to Neighbors - I recently went around with our police and fire chief knocking on doors of residents to discuss the location of our police and fire department. Residents we spoke with were unanimously in agreement with relocating the Public Safety Facility next to our new City Center Building off of Gulf Blvd. The deciding factors for both residents and ultimately the City Commission was that this location will not only increase visibility of Police and Fire presence as it will be easily identifiable off of Gulf Blvd., but will also reduce the Fire Department's response time by 37 seconds! (The City will pursue funding opportunities available through the state or federal resilient grant programs. We want to be able to try and obtain grant funding to keep our conservative approach to how we finance our new City buildings). The current location of police and fire will become a waterfront park with marine access and other possible amenities, such as a kayak launch.

Our City Center has an updated completion timeline of late April/May. As we finalize our new City Center it seemed like a perfect time to kick off a Community Branding Initiative to come up with a logo and tag line for our beautiful gem. (The City's seal to include the pirate will remain). Should you have ideas regarding these items please submit them to myself or the city for consideration.

I know this was a longer than usual article, but I wanted to make sure you had an update on all our major projects. As always please reach out at any time should you have questions or feedback as we continue working together to keep our beautiful island a paradise we can all enjoy!

Best Regards,

Saleene Partridge

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Membership

Thanks to the residents who stopped by on a chilly Saturday to pay your 2023 PICA dues. You can still join by mailing in the form on this newsletter or sign up online at ParadiseIslandCivicAssociation.com



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Light-Up Fun

Wow, we had a great turn out for the light up! Fiona was an awesome addition to our night. She was so entertaining and got some of you up and dancing! Thank you so much to our commissioner Saleene Partridge for reading "The Night before Christmas," to Mary Letourneau for helping the board serve the Original Pizza and, of course, Debbie, Tammy, Patty, Gary and Susan. Every year we try to add a little more. Can't wait to see what this year will bring.

