

### Upcoming Events!

#### **Music Bingo Bandingo**

February 9 at 5:30 p.m. • Treasure Bay  
Get ready for some friendly competition.

#### **Chili Cook Off**

February 16 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. • TI Community Center  
Tickets are \$10 available at the TI Fire Station 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Come for delicious chili and support our TI Fire Department.

#### **PICA Yappy Hour**

February 22 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Sea Dog Brewing Co.  
Let's fill the space with your furry family members! *See page 6.*

#### **Meet and Greet on Island Time**

February 29 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Merryman Residence at 10324 Paradise Blvd.  
PICA members only as space is limited. *See page 4 for sign-up.*

#### **Music Bingo Bandingo**

March 8 at 5:30 p.m. • Treasure Bay • It's back again!

#### **Spring It On**

March 9 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. • TI Community Park  
Get Your Jazz on at this popular event.

#### **PICA Yard Sale**

March 16 8 a.m. – 12 noon  
\$5 fee includes a small yard sign. *See form, page 7.*

#### **Gulf Beaches Rotary Easter**

March 30 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Easter Bunny visit/Easter Egg Hunt for ages 10 and under.

#### **American Legion Car Show**

April 6 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • TI Community Park  
Sponsored by AL #158 of TI. Free family event with  
food, beverages and vintage cars.

#### **Treasure Island**

#### **Community Appreciation Day**

April 13 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. • TI Community Center  
Join the City to celebrate the TI Community.

#### **Rock Around the Clock**

May 11 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. • Clock Tower in downtown TI  
Treasure Island's favorite block party is back again!

## From the President



Greetings Neighbors,

Happy New Year! PICA has started off running. We had our membership drive on the 17th and 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who came out to pay their membership dues. Please note if you were unable to stop by you can always mail it in. Sign up through our website or you may drop it off at Patty's home at 15 Treasure Lane.

There are so many exciting events going on in the next few months in both Paradise and all of Treasure Island. Check out our Facebook page and the Treasure Island website for details.

I would personally like to thank Saleene Partridge for her loyal support she has given to Paradise Island for over four years. Saleene dedicated so much of her time to all of us on Paradise. She will be missed. Please know you can reach out to any of us on the PICA board with questions or comments.

Remember: We do live in Paradise!

*Cindy Massie,*

*PICA President*

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## Letter from Mayor Tyler Payne

Greetings Treasure Islanders!

It has been a busy end of the year, and we are going through many changes at City Hall. Our City Manager, Amy Davis, is leaving the City for an opportunity at the County as an Assistant to the County Administrator. Amy has been a fantastic leader for our City employees and she has accomplished great progress for our City during her tenure as City Manager. We should all be grateful for her contributions to our community. Retired City Manager Garry Brumback will be filling in as Interim City Manager while we conduct a comprehensive search for a new City Manager. We also have an election underway for the City Commission seat in Sunset Beach (District 4) that will be taking place in March. We had a vacancy for the District 3 (Paradise Island) Commission Seat that we recently appointed former Mayor and Commissioner Bob Minning to fill until March 2025 when the seat will be up for election. As of December 11, nobody filed to run against me for reelection, so I was reelected without opposition. It is my honor to continue serving you as Mayor for another 3 years.

We are nearing completion on the new City Hall facility. There are outstanding issues with the elevator equipment and the windows that will be addressed in the next couple of months. We should be able to get a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy once the elevator issue is fixed and then we can move in while the windows are being addressed. Thank you all for your patience on this project! Once we get moving out of the old City Hall, it will be demolished to make way for our new Master Lift Station and Public Works facility. This will be a big upgrade to our critical infrastructure and a huge improvement to our sewer system resiliency.

Our beaches have taken a beating this winter. Please be assured that it is at the top of my priority list to keep the pressure on the County and the Army Corps of Engineers to come

up with a long-term solution for our beach renourishment. Our City Staff is actively working with the County team in charge of the project. There are many moving pieces that are being monitored carefully.

The Club at Treasure Island was recently purchased by a private equity firm out of California. I have been in contact with the new owners, and they have told us that they plan to resume operations in the near future with new partners to operate the various functions of the property. From what I'm told, this would include an outsourced restaurant from a local hospitality/restaurant group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please stay tuned for more details!

We are continuing the roll out of our Smoking and Vaping Ban on the beaches and parks with new signage to inform visitors. This will continue to be a learning process for the public, so please do your part to spread the word that our beaches are now smoke-free. We have pamphlets available at City Hall that provide highlights of the ban.

The Commission recently reviewed several studies regarding traffic, mobility, safety, and connectivity. Please be sure to check out the City website for more information and share your thoughts and feedback with me and your Commissioner.

The City Projects page on the City website is always a great place to check in for the most up-to-date information on big projects going on in the city.

Cheers,

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

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## Commissioner Saleene Partridge

Hello, Paradise Island.

Hope you are off to a fantastic New Year!

It was with a heavy heart I made the difficult decision to resign as your City Commissioner and Vice Mayor.

Words cannot adequately express how much I truly enjoyed the eleven years I served you and our community.

I'm proud of the contributions I made during the six years I served you on the Planning and Zoning Board and our Local Planning Agency and the two years on our Vision Steering Committee. I am especially proud of the five years I served as your District 3 Commissioner and the nearly 3 years I served as Treasure Island's Vice Mayor. These 11 years have flown by and are marked by numerous accomplishments you and I made in our city together. By far my favorite part of the job was meeting and listening to our residents. I will always cherish the amazing people in our community that shared their visions, opinions, and valuable ideas with me. It was *your* voice and my diligence to keep your voice heard that allowed us to achieve valuable positive change.

I was also grateful and honored for the opportunity to represent you in Tallahassee and at other state functions where I proudly advocated on issues and concerns you have shared with me over the years. Thank you for the trust you gave me to serve you on those platforms. I am confident our voices were heard.

It has been an incredibly fulfilling experience to see the community grow and to get to know the wonderful constitu-

ents in District 3. For those residents who have been very vocal, thank you. I am confident you will continue to keep your voice heard. For those who have been less vocal I encourage you to take the opportunity to share your opinions with your elected officials because I can tell you firsthand, it really does make a difference. If you only have time to attend a few commission meetings, please make them the budget meetings. This year they are Aug. 9th at 10:00 a.m. and Sept. 3rd & 17th (during the commission meetings). The proposed budget is posted on the website a week or two before the meetings and you can voice your opinion on any of the budget items before the commission adopts the final budget. Community feedback is essential at these meetings.

I am always available to you my fellow residents should you need anything I can assist with. I'm happy to clarify information, offer suggestions or give you my opinion on city issues as part of my lifetime commitment to serving you and our community! Treasure Island is and always will be a priority for me.

It was a pleasure to serve you and I look forward to continuing serving our community in future capacities.

Best wishes to you and your family always.

With love, gratitude, and appreciation!

*Saleene Partridge*  
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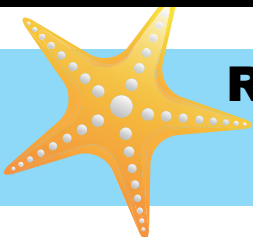


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## Letter from the Police Chief

Hello, Paradise Islanders!

We are rapidly approaching our busy season, so I would like to take this opportunity to speak to you all about traffic and personal safety. We have many factors on Treasure Island that can affect your travel times like increased volume of traffic, more pedestrians and fewer available parking spaces. Remember to be patient and give yourself a little extra time to get where you are going.

The weather also brings out a lot of people trying to enjoy it! 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. Walkers make sure you can be seen by the drivers, don't just assume that they can.

As always, your TIPD is proud to serve this community and is 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*  
*[jbarkley@mytreasureisland.org](mailto:jbarkley@mytreasureisland.org)*  
*727-549-6679*



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# Save the Date!

## MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS on ISLAND TIME

Hal & Jen Merryman have offered their home for our PICA Members only Meet & Greet on Island time! Come join us along with other PICA members for conversation, food, drinks and games. We are so excited to start the new year together with all of you!

Thursday February 29<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
\$25.00 per person  
at Hal & Jen Merryman's  
10324 Paradise Blvd.

\*Please sign up and pay early.  
There is limited space and no Walk-ins!

Contact Cindy Massie to sign up:  
727-367-3841  
[cinmass19@gmail.com](mailto:cinmass19@gmail.com)  
or

fill in below and drop it off with payment to  
19 Island Drive

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## PICA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The 2024 PICA Membership Drive is in full swing! Thanks to residents who stopped by one of our three drives in January to sign up. There's still plenty of time to join PICA! The \$20 per household membership dues help support events, publicity, administrative costs and Island beautification projects. Your participation is appreciated and helps keep our community active and connected. Please take a few minutes to fill out the 2024 form.

### 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 furbabies to PICA's first Yappy Hour

**When :** Thursday, February 22, 2024

**Where:** Sea Dogs Brewing Co. - 9610 Gulf Blvd

**Event Time:** 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

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

We will have dedicated reserved space for our group downstairs.

RSVP to Kurt Furlong: 330.204.0370 or [Furlong\\_kp@hotmail.com](mailto:Furlong_kp@hotmail.com)





# MORE BEAUTY IN PARADISE

The City of Treasure Island has identified three landscaping initiatives tagged for Paradise Island. The projects include Paradise Blvd., Treasure Lane and Paradise Lane. Duke Energy has requested the palms located along Paradise Blvd. be removed due to interference with the power lines. On Tuesday, January 22 residents were invited to meet with the City Public Works Department and landscaping design consultants on landscaping suggestions. Samples displayed were all salt tolerant. Once residents have the opportunity to pick what they would like to see, the city will tabulate the results and have a follow-up meeting in the near future to review and discuss.

The next scheduled meeting is a very critical one in order

to lay out the upcoming plans and options we should consider. As we move forward with the plan and identify plantings. Those same choices will be considered for both Treasure and Paradise Lanes. Both lanes will be getting some long overdue landscaping upgrades.

Please make every effort possible to attend the upcoming meetings once scheduled. This will be our opportunity to understand and consider next steps and options available that we are in favor of or against.

Gary Potenziano  
Beautification Committee

## ELEVATE TREASURE ISLAND SURVEY

As a small barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico, the City of Treasure Island is vulnerable to flooding from rainfall, storm surge, and higher tides, which are increasing due to sea level rise. With input from the community, the City is committed to taking steps to reduce the long-term impact of flooding and needs your input and feedback to shape its response strategy to sea level rise. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions to help the City prioritize your needs and concerns.

Please do not proceed if you have already taken the City's survey regarding flooding and sea level rise.

To take this survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWZVWY5>



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1. How long have you lived in Treasure Island?

- ☐ I don't live on Treasure Island
- ☐ Less than five years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ 11-15 years
- ☐ 16-20 years
- ☐ 21-25 years
- ☐ More than 25 years

SAMPLE



## PARADISE ISLAND COMMUNITY YARD SALE SIGN-UP

Saturday, March 16, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 (you will receive a small yard sign to show your participation)

Drop off form and payment to 15 Treasure Lane.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ PAID \_\_\_\_\_





# Chili

## COOK-OFF

Feb. 16 • 5-7 p.m.

Treasure Island Community Center

*The best chilis will win great prizes*

**Tickets \$10**

| Can be purchased beginning Jan. 11  
at fire station between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Proceeds benefit the Treasure Island Fire Association*





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**March 9 • 6-10 p.m.**

Treasure Island Community Park

**Featuring:**

**St. Pete Sons**

6-8 p.m.

The **Black Honkeys Band**

8-10 p.m.

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## Holiday Light-Up

It was a record turn-out for our annual Holiday Light Up in early December. Everyone enjoyed refreshments, entertainment by our talented resident Fiona and our festive holiday display. The Paradise Island Civic Association fully supports this event which includes light installation for the season, along with refreshments and entertainment that evening. A shout out to our new vendor, "Light the Lights" who spent many hours creating a beautiful display.

