



Madeira Beach COMMUNICATOR

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Proposed FY 2005-06 City Budget

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06 was presented to the City Commission on June 30, satisfying the City Charter requirement that it be submitted 90 days before the beginning of the fiscal year.

The 2005-2006 millage rate has been *reduced* to 2.15 mills (\$2.15 per \$1,000 of taxable value,) largely due to increased tax revenues of 21% for increased assessed valuation for existing properties, and new construction.

The proposed budget of \$5.2 million includes the traditional mix of municipal services that you depend on, such as police and fire protection, public works, parks and recreation services, as well as administrative functions that keep the City running smoothly on a daily basis.

Special Revenue Fund

The proposed FY 2006 Special Revenue Fund Budget is primarily funded by the Local Option Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas), which must be used for nonrecurring, capital improvements.

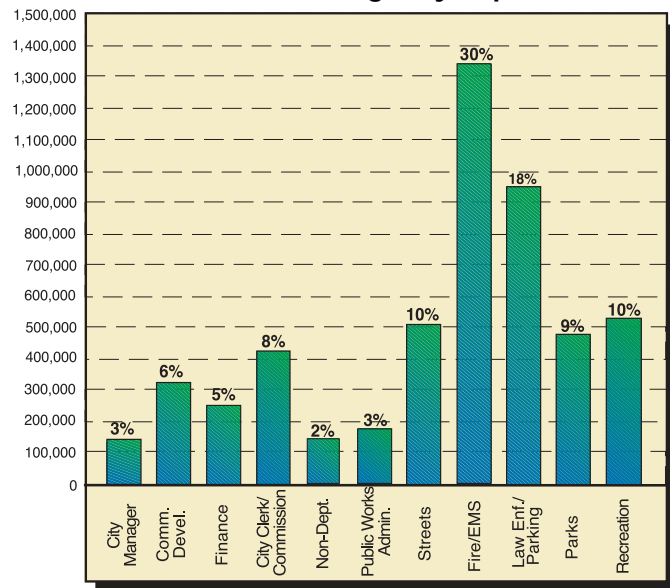
The Penny for Pinellas revenue the City of Madeira Beach receives is based upon our official estimate of population from 2000. A modest increase of 4% is projected for the coming year's revenue of \$435,665.

The Special Projects underway or planned for the coming year are the Crystal Island Bridge Replacement, Seawall Repairs and the 141st Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Replacement.

Enterprise Funds

The proposed FY 2006 Budget also reflects revenues and expenditures for the City's five enterprise funds: Sanitation, Sewer, Stormwater, Marina and John's Pass Village. Enterprise funds are established for specific operations that are primarily paid for by user fees. These fees fund the day-to-day operations as well as the capital and renewal/replacement requirements for the programs.

General Fund Budget by Department



With the exception of the John's Pass Village Fund, each of the proposed enterprise budgets include proposed rate increases. These increases are required by costs for operations, such as a new Pinellas County tipping fee rate for yard waste disposal and increased Pinellas County sewage disposal rates; or rate increases to fund capital improvements, such as implementation of the Citywide Stormwater Master Plan and the Marina Redevelopment Plan.

Please contact the City for the existing rate schedules and a complete listing of all proposed adjustments.

You are welcome to attend public hearings on the budget set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14 and Tuesday, Sept. 27 at City Hall.



From the office of the City Manager

Our City is closely following the growing trend of disappearing marinas and boat storage facilities throughout Florida and the impact that trend is having upon boating and water access. As the value of waterfront properties continues to increase, many marina and boatyard operators are selling to make way for residential condominium developments.

Both the state and county have acknowledged concern over this trend and the increasingly limited options that boaters are facing to store their vessels and access the water. Pinellas County has formed a Boating Access Task Force comprised of boaters, fisherman, marina owners and other marine and boating industry representatives to address preservation of waterfront access.

The task force plans to identify opportunities for creating new access points and preserving existing access points in Pinellas County. The City of Madeira Beach is participating in the task force and considering ways in which we can preserve and expand water access within our community. One of our first priorities is to ensure that the Municipal Marina provides optimal services and facilities for the boating public. The Board of Commissioners held a workshop on Aug. 2 with engineering consultants to start the conceptual design process of redeveloping and expanding our Municipal Marina.

The marina is designed and operates to accommodate transient boaters, boat launching, wet and dry storage of boats as well as a variety of support services, including free pump-out service and sale of fuel, bait, ice, tackle and sundries. We have waiting lists for wet and dry boat storage and a brisk transient business.

Our preliminary plans for the coming three to five years propose to enhance and expand these facilities by constructing a new Ship's Store, fueling docks, a high & dry storage facility, additional boat slips and a new boat ramp. We believe these improvements are in keeping with the demands generated by the loss of private marinas in the area, including nearby Bay Pines Marina and Huber and Maximo marinas in St. Petersburg.

Our City marina is centrally located in South Pinellas County and poised to fulfill services for the boating public that remain convenient and affordable. If you're interested in our plans, we welcome your assistance to the Board of Commissioners in defining the future of our marina.

Notices of workshops and public meetings will be provided through Madeira Beach TV – Channel 15 and at posting locations throughout the city. As a waterfront community we are concerned about preserving water access and our own boating and fishing heritage.



City Manager
Jill Silverboard

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Prepare ahead for potential flooding

What should I do before a flood?

The law can require flood insurance, but the laws of nature demand it. There are many flood zones throughout the United States with different levels of risk. Everyone lives in a flood zone!

Knowing and understanding your flood zone helps you understand your risk of financial loss.

Besides insuring your property, there are other things you can do before a flood to minimize potential loss to your home and ensure your family's safety:

- Take photos or video of your important possessions. If your home is damaged in a flood, these documents will help you file a full flood insurance claim.
- Store important documents and irreplaceable personal objects (such as photographs) where they won't get damaged. If major flooding is expected, consider putting them in a storage facility.
- Plan and practice a flood evacuation route with your family.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to be the "family contact" in case your family is separated.
- Buy and install sump pumps with back-up power.
- Have a licensed electrician raise electric components (switches, sockets, circuit breakers, wiring) at least 12 inches above your home's projected flood elevation.
- For drains, toilets, and other sewer connections, install backflow valves or plugs to prevent floodwaters from entering.
- Anchor fuel tanks. An unanchored tank outside can be swept downstream, where it can damage other houses.
- Elevate your washer and dryer on masonry or pressure-treated lumber at least 12 inches above the projected flood elevation.
- Place your heating unit and water heater on masonry blocks or concrete at least 12 inches above the projected flood elevation.

Buy Flood Insurance

One of the most important things you can do to protect your home is to purchase flood insurance through your insurance agent.

Flood insurance is guaranteed through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Your homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage.

Be aware that it may take 30 days after purchase for a flood insurance policy to go into effect.

For more information about the NFIP and flood insurance, check FloodSmart.gov, contact your insurance agent, or call the NFIP at 1-888-FLOOD29 or TDD# 1-800-427-5593.

What should I do during a flood?

You've done everything in your power to prepare for a flood. Now, the floodwaters are rising and there's nothing you can do to stop them. But there are things you can do to make sure your family stays safe until the water levels drop again.

- Fill bathtubs, sinks, and jugs with clean water in case water becomes contaminated.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio for the latest storm information.
- If local authorities instruct you to do so, turn off utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve.
- If told to evacuate your home, do so immediately.
- Floodwaters may carry raw sewage, chemical waste and other disease-spreading substances. If you've come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and disinfected water.
- Avoid walking through floodwaters. As little as six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Don't drive through a flooded area. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. A car can be carried away by just two feet of flood water.
- Electric current passes easily through water, so stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Look out for animals — especially snakes. Animals lose their homes in floods, too.

What should I do after a flood?

If your home has suffered damage, call the agent who handles your flood insurance to file a claim. To make filing your claim easier, take photos of any water in the house and save damaged personal property. If necessary, place these items outside the home. An insurance adjuster will need to see what's been damaged in order to process your claim.

Check for structural damage before re-entering your home. Don't go in if there is a chance of collapse.

Upon re-entering your property, do not use matches, cigarette lighters or other open flames since gas may be trapped inside. If you smell gas or hear hissing, open a window, leave quickly and call the gas company.

Keep power off until an electrician has inspected your system for safety.

Check for sewage and water line damage. If you suspect damage, avoid using the toilets and the tap and call a plumber.

Throw away any food, including canned goods, that has come in contact with floodwater. Until Pinellas County declares your water supply to be safe, boil water for drinking and food preparation.

This information was modified from www.FEMA.gov

You can help keep our city clean and beautiful

Code Compliance promotes and maintains a safe, desirable living and working environment, improving our neighborhoods through education, enforcement, and abatement while responding to your concerns with high professional standards.

Here are some ways you can help Code Compliance efforts:

- Swimming pools are welcome relief in the hot summer but they also can be an enticing beacon to curious children of all ages. Each year fatalities and disabling injuries involving swimming pools occur. City Code Section 110-719 (Fencing) requires all swimming pools be enclosed with a screen enclosure or a fence or wall having a minimum height of four feet. The fence, wall or door to the screen enclosure must have a self-closing and self-latching gate which operates only from the interior of the swimming pool area.

- The City pays for street lights whether they are working or not. We track street light outages by conducting monthly night time surveys and notify Progress Energy so they can make repairs. It's better from both safety and cost standpoints to have the lights fixed in a timely manner. If you see a malfunctioning street light, please contact Code Compliance at 391-9951, extension 223 and provide an address or description of the location; or report directly to Progress Energy with the pole number at 443-2641, or on-line at www.progressenergy.com.

- Another safety concern is building address numbers to help emergency responders find your location. City Code requires each building be identified with Arabic numbers or script and in a color in contrast to the building. Buildings less than 50 feet from the street must have numbers at least three inches in height, buildings more than 50 feet from the street must have numbers at least five inches high.. Businesses with a rear entrance also must display numbers at that entrance.

Numbers need to be displayed on the structure itself to reduce the chance of any confusion, as can occur when the numbers are difficult to read or are only displayed on a mailbox by the road.

- Vegetation has been growing quickly because of all of the rain we've been getting and nothing degrades the looks and feel of a community more quickly than poorly maintained properties. Everyone needs to keep up with their mowing and trimming.


We also need to maintain the condition of the exterior of our buildings and remove or properly store inoperable or unused vehicles and boats.

- Most building projects require need permits either through Pinellas County or the City. A permit is required from the City before installing pavers or a concrete driveway or walkway, and before installing fences. Major electrical work or building activities are permitted by Pinellas County. Getting a permit will help ensure that the work is done correctly and will not present any safety or legal issues in the future.

If you have questions about permitting please call the Pinellas County Building Department at 464-3176.

Your City Code Compliance Program stresses compliance—we all want Madeira Beach to be an enjoyable place to reside and work and we appreciate your cooperation in accomplishing this goal. If you have questions, just call us at 391-9951, extension 223.

For your information, City and County Codes may be researched and downloaded free at www.municode.com.



**Get out and vote
March 14**

An election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for District No. 1, and a Commissioner for District 2. The qualifying period begins at 8 a.m. Dec. 14 and closes at 4 p.m. on Jan 13.

If you register to vote, by Feb. 13, you are eligible to vote in the March 14 Municipal Election. Also, if you are a registered voter in Pinellas County and move to Madeira Beach before or after Feb. 13, you still are eligible to vote by filling out an Affidavit of Change of Address at the polls on election day.

Please be aware that City Commissioners are *elected at large*, which means all registered voters are eligible to vote for candidates in any district, unlike in county or state elections where one can vote only for candidates within his or her designated district.

Both photo and signature ID's will be required at the polling place for all elections.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 391-9951 Ext. 231.

**CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS
ARE BROADCAST LIVE AND
REBROADCAST THE FOLLOWING DAY**



Workshops			
live	1 st Tuesday	2pm	
rebroadcast	Wednesday	7pm	
Regular Meetings			
live	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday	7pm	
rebroadcast	Wednesday	7pm	



Legislative update

The Board of Commissioners has recently considered Ordinances, which should be of interest to all residents of Madeira Beach. The Ordinances, recently considered at Public Hearings, are outlined for your information. Copies of an entire Ordinance may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Ordinance 1040 was adopted on April 26. It amended the Land Development Regulations, Chapter 110 (Zoning), Article V (Districts), by establishing a Division 10 (PD, Planned Development) zoning district, to accommodate integrated and well-designed developments and offer flexibility of design and to encourage imaginative, functional, high-quality land planning development which is compatible with adjacent and nearby lands and activities.

Ordinance 1042 was adopted on April 26. It amended the Land Development Regulations, Chapter 112 (Vacation of Rights-of-Way and Easements), Article II (Procedures for the Vacation of Rights-of-Way or Easements), Division 3 (Rights-Of-Way), renumbering Section 112-94 (Action by the board of commissioners) to clarify that the Board of Commissioners shall determine whether a request for a vacation of right-of-way will be submitted to a referendum vote; and establishing a new Section 112-94 (Decision of the Electors) to state that only by a majority vote cast in favor of the request will a right-of-way be vacated.

Ordinance 1043 was adopted on June 14. It amended the Code of Ordinances, Subpart B (Land Development Regulations), Chapter 110 (Zoning), Article V (Districts), by deleting the minimum building site area for tourist units in the R-3, C-3 and C-4 zoning districts.

Ordinance 1044 was adopted on May 24. It established rules of procedure to conduct quasi-judicial public hearings on a site specific rezoning, planned development site plan review, a variance and a special exception.

Ordinance 1045/Planned Development #1 - Not addressed by the Board of Commissioners at this time. Regarding BellArte Condominiums by the Gulf" which consists of 17 condominium units within 3 buildings and will be located at 13600, 13620, and 13630 Gulf Boulevard from R-3 (Medium Density Multifamily Residential) to PD (Planned Development) District.

Ordinance 1046/Planned Development #2 - Not addressed by the Board of Commissioners at this time. Regarding "Barefoot Beach Villas" aka Sands of Madeira (Loder/Sun Vista Development Group) project which proposes to rezone Mitchell's Beach Revised, Block 6, Lots 5 through 9, Lots 11 through 14, less the northeasterly 15 feet for road right-of-way, and Lots 15 and 16 from R-3 Medium Density Multifamily Residential to a PD (Planned Development) District.

Ordinance 1047/Planned Development #3 - Not addressed by the Board of Commissioners at this time. Regarding "Boca Bay Villas" for 137th Avenue (Loder/Sun Vista Development Group's) project, which proposes to rezone Gulf Shores Harbor Subdivision, Lots 35 through 48 and Pierce Replat, Lots 1 and 2 from R-2 (Low Density Multifamily Residential) to PD (Planned Development) District.

Ordinance 1048 was adopted on July 12. It designates the Board of Commissioners as the City's Local Planning Agency, which removes that function from the Planning Commission.

Ordinance 1049 was adopted on July 12. It amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 62 (Taxation), Article II (Occupational License), Section 62-60 (Licensee tax schedule), to adjust the Occupational License Fee Schedule effective Oct. 1.

Ordinance 1050 was adopted on Aug. 9. It amended the City Code of Ordinances, Subpart A (General Ordinances) and Subpart B (Land Development Regulations) to achieve consistency in the terminology by changing the following phrases where appropriate: "planning commission" to "local planning agency" or "city manager or designee"; "board of adjustment" to "special master"; "section 2-252" to "fees and collection manual".

Ordinance 1051 was adopted on Aug. 9. It amended the Code of Ordinances, Subpart B (Land Development Regulations), Chapter 110 (Zoning), Article III (Non-conformances), Section 110-93 (Intent concerning non-conforming property, structures and uses), creating Section 110-95 (Re-establishment of uses after an involuntary loss), and renumbering the remaining sections of the article; to provide for nonconformity exceptions in instances of involuntary damage or destruction in excess of 50% of the fair market value, including the grandfathering of density.

Ordinance 1052Planned Development #4 - Not addressed by the Board of Commissioners at this time. Regarding rezoning certain real property generally located at 555 and 565 150th Avenue from Marine Commercial (C-4) to Planned Development (PD) District.

Ordinance 1053 was adopted on Sept. 14. It amended the budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05 to increase Sanitation Revenues and Expenses in the amount of the \$12,517 insurance reimbursement received for repairs to a garbage packer that was damaged in a vehicle fire.

Ordinance 1054 was adopted on Sept. 14. It amended the City Code, Subpart A (General Ordinances), Chapter 2 (Administration), Section 2-182 (When bids required) to resolve a conflict with Section 2-193 (Regulations governing the purchasing and sales criteria of the city manager) and also makes other minor clarifications to Sec. 2-193.

If I were a thief...

An important concept in crime prevention is the *crime triangle*, which consists of target, desire and opportunity. We can learn to minimize the potential of being a victim by eliminating one, two or all of the elements.

Desire is the motivating factor a person has for committing a crime. It's the element over which we have the least control.

Target is the object of the criminal's desire, either a person or property.

Opportunity is the favorable circumstances under which a crime can occur. We can take steps to take the target and opportunity away from would-be criminals.

There are steps you can take to reduce target and opportunity, like when out in public, be assertive and aware of your surroundings and make eye contact with other people. At home, don't answer the door if you feel uncomfortable. Don't allow strangers to lure you out of



Deputy
Ben West

your home and don't allow strangers into your home "to use the phone." Instead, offer to call for help for them. Also, use outdoor lighting at night and keep landscaping trimmed back to eliminate hiding places. Locking windows, doors and vehicles also go a long way to not being a target.



Other things you can do include keeping easily stolen items out of sight or secured; keep your garage door closed; cancel newspaper and mail delivery or have a neighbor pick it up when you're out of town; and leave lights on inside when you go out or put lighting on a random timer so it appears someone is home.

For more crime prevention information and home security inspections, call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Section at 582-5600. And, as always if you have questions, you can reach me at 391-9951 ext. 235.

In case of emergency, just add I.C.E.

A recent survey has found that eight out of 10 people don't carry emergency contact information with them. If you were in an accident and knocked unconscious or critically injured, who would emergency workers call to advise of your condition?

I.C.E., which stands for In Case of Emergency, is a nationwide program designed to answer that question. With nearly 80% of our population carrying a cellular phone, programming your next of kin, close friend, or anyone that you would like notified during a severe medical emergency is as easy as programming a new number.

Simply list under the contact information the acronym I.C.E., followed by the name of the person you want contacted. Paramedics, law enforcement officers, and other emergency workers will check your phone for your personalized information. If additional people are to be contacted, just add more I.C.E. numbers.



To maximize the effectiveness of this system, be sure to keep your contact information up to date. People move and phone numbers change. Next, you should notify your I.C.E. contact person that they could be called if you have an emergency. Finally, you should provide a basic medical history for you to your I.C.E. contact person for them to relay to doctors and paramedics.



Fire Chief
Derry O'Neal

All of your Pinellas County firefighters and paramedics have been trained and are aware of this important informational tool. Please help us, help you—program your cellular telephone today!

Fire Prevention Week will promote candle safety

The Madeira Beach Fire Department is taking a lead role in National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) October 9-15 Fire Prevention Week. With the theme "Use candles with care: When you go out, blow out!" the department is raising awareness of key fire safety issues.

Home candle fires have risen steadily over the last decade. "Many people don't realize that they are at greater danger from fire at home than anywhere else," says Chief Derryl O'Neal. "Fortunately, there are many things you can do to turn that around and make your home safer. This year, we'll be focusing in particular on candle fires, a serious and growing part of the fire problem."

Besides using candles safely, smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and kept working with monthly testing and annual battery replacement. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years.

Fire Prevention Week is an 83-year old project proclaimed annually by the President of the United States.

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A guide to the City's Illicit Discharge Ordinance

Our Illicit Discharge Ordinance, required by the federal Clean Water Act, makes it illegal to discharge pollutants to the storm sewer system or to City waters.

What does the ordinance prohibit?

- *Directly discharging anything that is not composed entirely of stormwater* into the storm sewer system or city waters;
- *Connecting any structure that carries any liquid other than stormwater* to the storm sewer or to city waters.

What is the penalty for a violation?

Anyone who *knowingly or unknowingly violates* the city's Illicit Discharge Ordinance can be found guilty of a civil and /or criminal penalty – not less than \$50 or more than \$500 per day, or imprisonment of up to 60 days, or both for each violation.

Violators also will have to pay for the cost of testing, cleaning up, and disposal of their pollutants.

What does the ordinance allow?

Discharges from several everyday activities are allowed to flow into storm sewers of city water. For example:

- Draining the water from a swimming pool, but *only after the water has been dechlorinated*, usually 2 to 3 days after you last added chlorine. Use a pool water test kit to be sure);



- Washing cars *only at home on pervious surfaces*;
- Water lawns and irrigating landscapes;
- Flushing water lines;
- Water from crawl spaces and foundation drains;
- Condensation from air conditioners;
- Runoff from springs or drinking water sources;
- Discharges that are allowed under the terms of a federal or state permit.

However, if any of these activities are found to be causing water pollution, the City will ask that the activity be stopped or be conducted differently to avoid polluting our waters.

How can I prevent stormwater pollution at home?

- ✓ Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, or any other chemicals down the storm drain. *One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water!*
- ✓ If you spill motor oil or other fluids, don't hose the spill into the gutter or ditch. Instead, spread kitty litter to absorb the spill, sweep it up and put it in the trash.
- ✓ Inspect and maintain your car to keep oil, antifreeze, and other fluids from leaking.
- ✓ Brushes used with water-based (latex) paint should be rinsed *in the sink*. If you have a small amount of paint left in the can, stuff it loosely with newspaper, let the paint dry out completely, and put it in the trash.
- ✓ Save and reuse paint thinner and turpentine whenever you can. Leftover paint and paint thinner can be taken to the County collection center for disposal.
- ✓ Minimize your use of pesticides and herbicides (insect and weed killers). If you must use them, make sure you are using the right product and the right amount. The County Extension Service can help you find out what is causing damage to your plants.
- ✓ It's better to fertilize your lawn in the fall than in the spring. First, get a soil test kit from the County Extension Service to find out what nutrients your yard

really needs. Look for low phosphate fertilizers. Most mature lawns need more nitrogen than phosphate.

- ✓ Put pet waste in a plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash can, or flush it down the toilet. When pet waste is left on the ground, harmful bacteria can be carried away by stormwater to contaminate our waters.
- ✓ Don't dump leaves and grass clippings into stormdrains. Decaying leaves and grass add excess nutrients to our waters, which can cause algae to grow too fast and kill fish.
- ✓ Compost your leaves and grass clippings, and use the compost to enrich and condition your soil. Or, you can put your leaves out for collection or take them to the County Landfill.

What to do with hazardous household products?

- ✓ Some garages and gas stations will accept used motor oil and antifreeze for recycling.
- ✓ You can take used motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluid, paint, solvents (like turpentine), and other household hazardous wastes to the Pinellas County Utilities, Solid Waste Operation. Please call 464-7565 for more information.



Capt. Dave's Corner...

Observe No-Wake Zones

While cruising the lovely waterways and bays around Madeira Beach, please be a good neighbor and obey all no wake zones. These zones are put place for the safety of the boaters and the safety of the people who live and dock their vessels in our city.

If a wake from your vessel damages another vessel you as the vessel's operator are liable for any and all damages. Pinellas County is currently replacing all of the no-wake zone signs in our area to better identify the minimum speed zone areas. In addition, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission is reviewing a proposal from the County to extend the existing "minimum-wake" zone from the Intracoastal Waterway west along John's Pass. A decision on this extension is pending approval by the Commission.

Tournament is cancelled

As a result of the lingering red tide and the enormous fish kill already seen along the west coast, the City has chosen to cancel the Annual Madeira Beach Municipal Marina Fishing Tournament.

Parking permits are available

Residents can obtain free parking permits for use at John's Pass Village, Kitty Stuart Park, the 133rd Avenue lot on the east side of Gulf Boulevard, the 130th Avenue lot on the west side of Gulf Boulevard and all of the beach access lots.

The annual resident parking permits expire on Dec. 31. New resident parking permits can be obtained at City Hall free of charge. There is a limit of two resident parking permits per household. Residents must bring proof of residency, such as voter's registration card, real estate tax bill, or lease agreement to clearly demonstrate they are a City of Madeira Beach resident.

Things to remember:

- All vehicles must park within the designated parking space;
- No part of the vehicle may extend beyond the limits of the marked space;
- Backing in of vehicles into a metered space is prohibited.

Here's who to contact regarding City Services...

City Administration

Jill Silverboard, City Manager – 391-9951 Ext. 228
jsilverboard@ci.madeira-beach.fl.us

Day-to-day overall operations of the City, rental/use of City property, such as the City Hall meeting room

City Clerk

Denise Schlegel, City Clerk – 391-9951 Ext. 231
dschlegel@ci.madeira-beach.fl.us

Official City records, including minutes of all meetings

Community Development Department

Paula Cohen, Comm. Dev. Dir. – 391-9951 Ext. 255
pcohen@ci.madeira-beach.fl.us

Planning, Zoning, Code Enforcement, Occupational Licenses, City Marina, Parking Meter Enforcement

Finance Department

Monica Mitchell, Finance Dir. – 391-9951 Ext. 230
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Finance and accounting activities, City computer operations management

Fire Department

Derryl O'Neal, Fire Chief – 391-3400 Ext. 248
doneal@ci.madeira-beach.fl.us

In an emergency, dial 911.

Public Works Operations

Mike Maxemow, Comm. Svcs. Dir. – 391-1611 Ext. 260
mmaxemow@ci.madeira-beach.fl.us

Parks, recreation, sewer/stormwater, sanitation (refuse collection) and streets.

Police (Pinellas County Sheriff's Office)

Deputy Ben West – 391-9951 Ext. 235
In an emergency, dial 911.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Commissioners' Workshop	1st Tuesday	1 p.m.
Commissioners' Regular Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	2nd Thursday	4 p.m.
Library Board (at Library)	4th Monday	4 p.m.
Special Master - Variance	4th Monday	7 p.m.
Special Master - Code	2nd Wednesday	2 p.m.
Commissioners' Meeting	4th Tuesday	7 p.m.

Labor Day <i>City Hall closed</i>	Sept. 5
Veterans Day <i>City Hall closed</i>	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving <i>City Hall closed</i>	Nov. 24-25
Christmas <i>City Hall closed</i>	Dec. 26
New Year's Day <i>City Hall closed</i>	Jan. 2

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fund-raiser Auction	Sat. Sept. 17
Halloween Party	Mon., Oct. 31
Mayor/Commissioner Ball	Sat., Dec. 3

Renew occupational licenses

All occupational licenses expire on September 30. An occupational license is required to conduct any business, profession or occupation within the city.

A license also is needed to rent a residential unit. For instance, if you own a duplex and rent one side or both; an occupational license must be purchased. Fees are based on the type of business.

For R-1 and R-2 property owners, the occupational license must have the words “cannot be rented for less than six months” printed on the front and posted on the property. If your license does not have this statement, come to City Hall and we will issue you a new one.

You may apply for a *new* occupational license any time during the year.

If you have any questions, please call Ruth Young at 391-9951 at ext. 246.

Home-based business is allowed

Home-based businesses are permitted within a single dwelling unit in Madeira Beach but the use must be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes.

Not more than one additional person may be employed in the home-based business besides those maintaining the dwelling. To minimize the impact on the neighborhood, a home-based business may not display or create any evidence of the business activity outside of the building except for one sign not more than two-feet square on each street frontage of the lot.

If you operate a home-based business you must hold a City annual occupational license.

Properly place your waste

Yard waste such as small tree trimmings, shrubs and palm fronds should be placed loose at the curb, not in cans or bags.

Normal yard waste and trimmings are picked up free on Wednesday, when cut in four-foot lengths and limbs not more than four inches in diameter are stacked neatly at the curb. Piles must not exceed four feet in height and eight feet in length. This yard waste goes to a special site at the County disposal facility to be ground up for mulch, and cannot be mixed with any garbage or trash.

Yard wastes in cans, bags or boxes will not be picked up on Wednesday, but will be taken with the regular garbage pickup if you place them at the curb.

Waste in excess of the normal will be tagged and an inspector will compute the costs of disposal. The fee will be included in your bill from Pinellas County Utilities.

Waste from commercial lawn or tree service work must be removed by company. The City will not pickup their waste, except for a fee.

Hiring a contractor?

Before hiring a contractor be sure the contractor is licensed to perform the work to be done. The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board regulates certain construction and home improvement contractors practicing in all Pinellas jurisdictions. For information, call 531-4784 or 536-4720.

If you wish to file a complaint against a Board-certified contractor, complete a complaint form and submit it with supporting documentation to the board at 11701 Belcher Road Suite 102, Largo, FL 33773.

Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

HOLIDAY	If residential service is	Holiday service will be	Yard waste will be	Bulk items will be	Commercial service will be
Labor Day Sept. 4-10	Mon. & Thurs. Tues. & Fri.	No change No change	Wed. Wed.	On-call basis except Monday	No Change
Veteran's Day Nov. 6-12	Mon. & Thurs. Tues. & Fri.	No change No change	Wed. Wed.	On-call basis except Friday	No Change
Thanksgiving Nov. 20-26	Mon. & Thurs. Tues. & Fri.	Mon. & Wed. Tues. & Fri.	Wed. Fri.	On-call basis except Thursday	No Thurs. pickup
Christmas Dec. 25-31	Mon. & Thurs. Tues. & Fri.	Tues. & Thurs. Wed. & Fri.	Wed. Wed..	On-call basis except Monday	No Mon. pickup
New Year's Day Jan 1.-7	Mon. & Thurs. Tues. & Fri.	No change No change	Wed. Wed.	On-call basis except Monday	No Change
M.L. King Day Jan. 15-21	Mon. & Thurs. Tues. & Fri.	No change No change	Wed. Wed.	On-call basis except Monday	No Change

Please notice:

Effective December 1, the City of Madeira Beach will discontinue the curbside recycling program. Increasing costs and low participation rates have affected our ability to continue the program without additional charge to you.

In lieu of curbside collection, we will continue to supply recycling containers behind City Hall, which are already heavily used by multi-family and condominium owners who are not eligible for the curbside program. Although not as convenient, we encourage you to use the drop-off containers for the betterment of our community. Drop-off recycling still diverts materials from the waste stream and allows us to avoid landfill costs without causing you additional expense.

CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH
39th annual
Holiday Illuminated
Boat Parade



Dec. 17

Categories:
POWER BOATS 29' or less
POWER BOATS 30' or more
SAILBOATS 29' or less
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PRIZES	
1st Place Winners	\$100 each
2nd Place Winners	\$75 each
3rd Place Winners	\$50 each
all others	-\$20 restaurant certificate

All entrants are invited to City Hall for refreshments and the awards presentation.

Applications available October 1
For more information, call the City Clerk at 391-9951

9th annual
VETERANS DAY BOAT PARADE

Saturday, Nov. 12
noon to 2:30 p.m.

More than 50 boats participated last year and more are expected in 2004.

Decorate your boat in red, white and blue and show your support for the USA!

info: call Warren Shephard at 692-7117

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