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MADEIRA BEACH ...two miles long and a SMILE wide! Newsletter



Paddy the Porpoise, star of the Marine Arena

The Pier Aquarium's rebirth at John's Pass Village as a marine exploration center picks up where another high profile aquatic attraction left off decades before.

The Marine Arena touted itself as the West Coast's Largest Aquarium, the place where the '50s and '60s crowd went to view exotic creatures of the deep.

Paddy the Porpoise was the star attraction at the Marine Arena, recalls Kathy (Beggs) Lister. Kathy, as a youngster, earned the honor of giving Paddy treats to perform her seemingly endless repertoire of tricks.

"I was the only kid around," said Kathy, "at show time they would let me feed Paddy, holding a fish in a clothespin." Kathy's parents, Donald and Ardis Beggs, were also best friends with Jack Hurlbut, the Marine Arena owner.

Kathy's role as Paddy's star feeder was sometimes threatened when other kids in the audience were invited to take part. "I would sometimes talk to the kids before the show and warn them dolphins had dangerous spines and big sharp teeth." That usually eliminated the competition, said Kathy, now a little embarrassed at her mischief.

Paddy was an extremely intelligent and well trained dolphin that could do anything, Kathy recalls. She could toot horns and play the organ with her nose, jump through hoops and spin on her tail. "You name it, Paddy would perform it."

Paddy the Porpoise came to the Marine Arena from her former home on Shell Island near Pass-a-Grille, according to Patti Hubbard. There, Patti's father, Captain Wilson Hubbard, ran a makeshift marine attraction called Shell Island Sea Ranch.

Patti said her dad was licensed to catch the dolphins, using a stick with a noose. "He put the noose on its tail, pulled tight, and got the dolphin into the family boat," Patti recalls. "My job was to stroke the dolphin while it laid there, and to keep it wet" by frequent rinsings from a bucket of water.



Captain Hubbard's fishing business in Pass-a-Grille eventually became more time-consuming, and he sold off his dolphins, including the one named Patti, his daughter's namesake, and Mike, named for another Hubbard sibling.

Patricia Hubbard, now president and CFO of Hubbard Properties at John's Pass Village, says she was told the dolphins were sold to Marine Arena. Patti the Dolphin became Paddy after it was discovered the dolphin was a male. Paddy was the star of the show in Madeira Beach during the tourist boom era of the '50s and early '60s.

Jack Hurlbut closed the Marine Arena in 1965, sending his prized dolphin to St. Petersburg Beach's larger Aquarium.

There, Kathy Lister said, Paddy continued to perform a solo act without a trainer. She did her famous tailspins and other tricks on her own in a basement tank, while the Aquarium's star porpoises performed outside before larger crowds in the main exhibit tanks.

"Paddy performed admirably, but eventually died of loneliness," Kathy said. "She loved doing her act for people."

Today, Kathy recalls Paddy the Porpoise with a wistful smile. "The Marine Arena with the dolphin show put John's Pass on the map," she said. "It was the area's first real tourist attraction. It brought everybody here. And Paddy was the star."



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2011 CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day 5
Household Chemical Clean Up Largo 10
Grandparents Day 11
Bucs First Real Game 11
Fall Begins 23

OCTOBER

Poker Run (Indian Rocks Beach) 1
Clearwater Offshore Boat Races 2
Columbus Day 10
Clearwater Jazz Festival 13-16
Stone Crab Season Begins 15
Coastal Clean Up 15
Citywide Crime Watch Meeting 19
Country Jubilee / Heritage Village 22
John's Pass Seafood Festival 29-30
Sea Turtle Nesting Season ends 31

NOVEMBER:

Property Tax Bills Mailed 1
King of the Beach & Food Fest 3-5
Silent Auction / Church by the Sea 5
Taste of IRB (Indian Rocks Beach) 5
Daylight Savings Time Ends (Sun) 6
Veteran's Day 11
Veterans Boat Parade 12
Schools Out for Thanksgiving 21-25
Thanksgiving 24
Heritage Village Decorations opens 25
Hurricane Season Ends 30

DECEMBER

Toys For Tots Pick Up by Post Office 3
Holiday Lighted Boat Parade 17
Public School Out for Holidays 19

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioners' Workshop 1st Wednesday 5 p.m.
Commissioners' Regular Meeting 2nd Tuesday 7 p.m.
Special Magistrate - Code Enforcement 2nd Wednesday 2 p.m.
Library Board (at Library) 4th Monday 4 p.m.
Special Magistrate - Variance 4th Monday 2 p.m.
Commissioners' Regular Meeting 4th Tuesday 7 p.m.
Civil Service Commission Meets Quarterly

Greetings!

As summer is coming to its end, it has been a great year for our beaches and businesses. According to both Pinellas County tourism figures and in speaking with our local business owners, our hotels have been full and our businesses busy.



Over the past few months your Commission has been working on our City's budget. I am happy to say that we have been able to cut costs without cutting any services and our millage rate will not be raised. We have worked through the funding and hiring of two fire fighters and our ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating for Madeira Beach has improved, which will save residents and business owners money on their fire insurance premiums.

Additionally, we have been able to put aside funds to start repaving our streets, repairing our valley curbs and address our storm water drainage issues. Additional funds have been set aside for the beatification of our fair City. In the next month I will be calling a public meeting for your input for beatification projects, please consider getting involved.

I'd like to update you on the "reduce speeding on residential streets" project requested by many residents. The funding for the electronic sign to let drivers know they are exceeding the local speed limit has been included in the upcoming year's budget. Other street projects that I

have been working on, which include the new blinking lights at the John's Pass crosswalk and the new street light by Latitudes restaurant on Gulf Boulevard, have been installed and are up and running. I would like to thank the Department of Transportation (D.O.T) for working with me and giving us \$47,000 worth of crosswalk lights at no charge to the City. Currently I am negotiating with the D.O.T. on a set of blinking lights for the crosswalk island located at Gulf Boulevard and Boca Ciega Avenue. We also hope to install a crosswalk island with lights at 133rd Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. In addition, in the next couple of months, be looking for a left turn lane into Archibald Park when approaching from the South.

It's not all about the streets, though. Some other new and exciting projects the Commission is working on include a new fitness center for our residents and we are working with an Event Coordinator to begin having monthly events on Madeira Way. The City is also in continued discussions with developers for improvements on the North side of our City and surrounding waters. Finally, and very importantly, a special thanks to our residents on the 911 Ad Hoc Committee for their hard work in bringing an everlasting memorial to the City of Madeira Beach. The design is amazing and I have received many inquiries about the memorial. Well done!

As always, I welcome your input,
Travis Palladeno, Mayor

A REMINDER ABOUT YARD WASTE REMOVAL

Yard Waste such as small tree trimmings, shrubs, palm fronds, etc., should be placed loose at the curb (not in cans or bags) and are picked up every Wednesday (entire city). Normal yard waste and trimmings are picked up free, when cut in four (4) foot lengths and limbs not more than four (4) inches in diameter are stacked neatly at the curb and not more than four (4) feet in height and the pile is not longer than eight (8) feet. 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. Any yard wastes in cans, or bags, or boxes will not be picked up on Wednesday, but will be taken with the regular garbage pickup, if placed at the curb. Yard waste in excess of the normal will be tagged and an inspector will compute the costs of disposal and the fee will be included in your bill from Pinellas County Utilities.

Any Commercial Lawn or Tree Service work done on your property has to be removed by the lawn or tree service. The City will not pickup their waste, except for a fee.

BULK ITEM PICKUP

Pickup of Bulk Items & Excessive Yard Waste - A minimum charge of \$10 plus \$5 per item will be charged for bulk items (i.e., furniture, appliances, etc.). There will also be a flat charge, to be figured by the Public Works Department, for pickup of excessive trash and/or yard waste. The City is using a bright yellow tag that will be placed on front doors to communicate any problems arising from items being placed at curb for pickup.

Please call 391-1611, Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm to arrange for pickup.

SANITATION PICKUP SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAYS	RESIDENTIAL SERVICE:	HOLIDAY SERVICE	YARD WASTE	BULK ITEMS	COMMERCIAL SVC.
Labor Day Week of Sept 4-10	Mon & Thurs Tues & Fri	No change No change	Wednesday Wednesday	On Call basis, except Monday	No Change
Veteran's Day Week of Nov 6-12	Mon & Thurs Tues & Fri	Mon & Wed No change	Wednesday Wednesday	On Call basis, except Friday	No Change
Thanksgiving Week Week of Nov 20-26	Mon & Thurs Tues & Fri	Mon & Wed No change	Wednesday Friday	On Call basis, Monday -Wednesday	No Thursday pickup
Christmas Week Week of Dec 18-24	Mon & Thurs Tues & Fri	No change No change	Wednesday Wednesday	On Call basis, Monday- Friday	No Sunday or Monday pickup
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RECYCLE CONTAINERS ON THE BEACH New blue plastic recycling containers are being installed on Pinellas County's beaches. The convenient containers are for recycling aluminum and plastic beverage containers and will be located near parking areas so beachgoers can drop items off as they arrive or leave. The containers will provide the public with an easy way to recycle beverage containers. Based on a recent beach recycling pilot study, the program is expected to reduce trash volume by at least 50 percent. The study also indicated that 99 percent of beach visitors would recycle if given the opportunity.

9-11 DEDICATION The City of Madeira Beach will be dedicating a 9-11 Memorial on the Tenth Anniversary of the terrorist attacks upon our Country, Sunday, September 11, 2011. The center piece of the memorial will be a piece of steel from The World Trade Center. At 10am the ceremony will begin in Causeway Park on the Intercoastal Waterway, NW side of Madeira Beach Bridge. (150 Ave. Tom Stuart Causeway).

FREE MUSEUM DAY Various St. Petersburg museums, galleries, and performing arts locations will offer free admission Saturday, September 24th. Times and venues will vary. Known participants include: Florida Holocaust Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Dali Museum (Pinellas residents only) Morean Arts Center, Great Explorations and the Pier Aquarium. See StPete.org/ArtsAlive.

BREAST CANCER STAMPS Last year, the Madeira Beach Post Office sold more Breast Cancer Research stamps than any other post office of their size in Florida. They were #1 in Florida and #8 nationwide. They want to do it again, with your help. The stamp promotion is during the month of October. The first class postage stamps are 55¢ with 44¢ going towards mailing your letter and the other 11¢ going towards Breast Cancer Research. Stamps sales generated over \$70 million for research last year. The people at the Madeira Beach Post Office want you to help them win again.





ADOPT GULF BLVD A group is being sought to adopt the section of roadway from Boca Ciega Avenue (7-Eleven) north to Tom Stuart Causeway. This requires a small team of volunteers to clean the road way of debris monthly. The DOT will supply brightly colored vests and trash bags. Your groups name will be on this sign. Call David Mimnaugh 727-570-5101 for information.

CITYWIDE CRIME WATCH MEETING All citizens are invited to attend the meeting scheduled on Wednesday, October 19, at 6pm in the City Hall auditorium at 300 Municipal Drive. Corporal David DiSano of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be providing an overview and answering questions about how crime affects the community and how residents can do to get involved to make the City of Madeira Beach a safer place to live, work and enjoy. For more information, please contact Corporal DiSano ddisano@pcsonet.com or Sergeant Nester 727-582-5661 to discuss a Neighborhood Crime Watch in your area.

POKER RUN BAR CRAWL ON INDIAN ROCKS BEACH October 1, 12-8pm - Visit any of the 12 participating bars and restaurants and receive a playing card. At the end of the day, make your best poker hand and turn it in for a chance to win prizes at the Crabby Bill's Loading Dock after party. For information or to register online, visit IRBhome.com. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$10 day of.

THE DOLPHIN TALE The Hollywood premier of the movie filmed at the Clearwater Aquarium, "The Dolphin Tale" is September 17th. Look for many of the stars, except for Ashley Judd, who is on location filming, will return to Clearwater Beach the week of September 14 -16th. A local red carpet Aquarium fundraiser will premier the movie at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Wednesday, September 21st. Tickets are on sale from \$150 to \$300. Warner Brothers expects this film to be their most successful family film ever.

WINNING WINE The Florida Winery of John's Pass Village won "Best of Class" in the honey wine category and the "Honey Wine of the Year" trophy with its Pirate Mead at this year's Indy International Wine Competition at Purdue University. This is one of the country's biggest wine competitions with more than 2,400 wines from 15 countries and over 40 states.

OLD SALT 18th Annual Fall King of the Beach and Madeira Beach Food Festival is Nov 3-5. This is the largest King and Spanish Mackerel Tournament on the West Coast of Florida with more than 300 boats of all sizes. First Place overall is \$10,000. The tournament benefits several local charities including the Children's Dream Fund, PARC and TASC0. Pre-register by October 31st. Get more information at [www. OldSaltFishing.org](http://www.OldSaltFishing.org).

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MADEIRA BEACH TO CONSIDER PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCES

The Madeira Beach City Commission is considering a series of Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances and is requesting citizen input prior to proceeding further.

Ordinance 1175 – This Ordinance would take the established Fees and Collection Procedure Manual to organize fees and changes in one document rather than in individual sections of the Code of Ordinances, such as the Alcoholic Beverage application fee.

Ordinance 1177- Would require two feet of freeboard to provide additional flood protection for all newly developed properties within the City. Freeboard results in lower flood insurance rates for "Building Coverage" due to lower flood risk adopting this ordinance will increase the point total to the Community Rating System in the City of Madeira Beach.

There are four ordinances that would amend the current City Plan and Zoning Code, each of which is summarized below. The overall purpose of the ordinances would be to provide the City with additional planning tools that might assist with attracting one or more new hotels. It is important to note that none of the ordinances would change anyone's property as to their current plan category or zoning district as a function of approving these ordinances - rather they would simply make the proposed additional plan category and zoning procedures available if a property owner chose to seek an amendment using one of these new tools.

The four ordinances under consideration include:

Ordinance 1178 - Would create a new plan category entitled Resort Facilities High (RFH) - the purpose of which would be to allow the City to consider future amendments for hotel use, under certain conditions, with a greater number of hotel rooms than the current plan and code allow for.

Ordinance 1179 - Would amend the City Plan to authorize a number of procedures that are not currently available, subject to the specific standards and procedures in the City's Code of Ordinances. These procedures might include density/intensity averaging, transfer of development rights, temporary lodging unit pool, and the use of development agreements. Any of these procedures, if requested by an applicant, would be subject to Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners review and approval.

Ordinance 1180 - Would amend the Code of Ordinances to require the Planned Development (PD) District to be used for the new RFH plan category, provides for hotel use in the PD district, and clarify the requirements for using the Planned Development zoning districts.

Ordinance 1181 - Would amend the Code of Ordinances to establish definitions for the proposed new procedures and spell out the specific application, review and approval procedures for density/intensity averaging, transfer of development rights, temporary lodging unit pool and development agreements if these new planning tools are to be utilized.

The Planning Commission considered these measures at a public hearing in April and recommended their approval, with the exception of the provisions for a temporary lodging unit pool. In a May City Commission hearing, the ordinances were tabled by the Commission for further study.

In brief, the four ordinances are designed to provide the City with a complete and coordinated system of standards and procedures that will both encourage future hotel development in support of the tourist industry and ensure that such development is carried out in the best interests of the City of Madeira Beach.

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By John Morroni
Pinellas County Commissioner



A look back on the past decade in our country's history shows that we have been living in interesting times. Soaring property values have been followed by tremendous economic downturn. Two land wars. The end of the 30-year Space Shuttle program. Record-breaking hurricane seasons that caused thousands of deaths and hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

Yet, the impact of these events pales in comparison to the events that took place the morning of September 11, 2001. The day dawned clear and crisp like many late summer days in the northeast, but it wasn't long before events would be seared into the memories of every American. Images of stark terror. Harrowing accounts of survivors and rescuers. Thoughts of what the victims must have been going through in those last minutes.

As a nation sat transfixed watching the events unfold in New York City and Washington, DC, my thoughts turned toward my own family. Were they safe? How were they taking the news? What could we do to help? The outpouring of compassion from Pinellas County residents was overwhelming. People flocked to Florida Blood Services centers to donate life to the victims undergoing treatment. Benefit events were staged to help provide assistance to the survivors. It seemed as if every city had its own remembrance event to somberly remember the lives of those lost.

Just two weeks after the attacks, I was honored to be part of the Pinellas Honors America event held on the steps of

the Old County Courthouse. More than 1,100 people attended to hear words of encouragement, sing patriotic songs and find comfort in companionship with their neighbors and friends.

The attacks of September 11 were intended to break our spirit as Americans. To shake us to our core and make us cower in terror. That simply didn't work. Instead, those wanton acts of violence made us appreciate our communities more than ever. We keep a watchful eye out for our neighbors and we hug our children a little more tightly at night. We pulled together more closely and became a stronger community.

While the memories of that terrible day can still move us to tears, it's important that we do commemorate those lives cut short. That's why I am looking forward to the unveiling of the new September 11 memorial along the Tom Stewart Causeway. The memorial's centerpiece will be a piece of steel taken from ground zero. While it offers visitors a sobering moment of reflection on the attacks in New York City, it will also include aspects to remind visitors about the attack on the Pentagon and the victims in each of the four hijacked flights that day.

The unveiling is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th – the tenth anniversary of the attacks. For more information on the dedication, call (727) 391-9951 or visit <http://madeirabeachfire.com/custom.html?id=13360>.

LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES

All local business taxes expire September 30. A local business tax is required to conduct any business, profession or occupation within the city including rental of your home or condo. Fees are based on the type of business. You may apply for a new local business tax any time during the year. Contact Francine at 391.9951 x 228 with any questions.

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The City of Madeira Beach has received a piece of history from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey; an 800lb piece of steel beam from the World Trade Centers. The Ad Hoc committee has worked hard to get a memorial approved to honor this piece of steel and all it represents. A memorial to 9/11, designed by USF Architecture students Greg Osburn and Eli Pano will be built at Causeway Park located at 150th Avenue in Madeira Beach just west of Tom Stewart Causeway. *The memorial dedication is scheduled for September 11, 2011; the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks.* We are asking for the communities support. We will be having many community fundraising activities and hope that you all will join!

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CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH RECREATION

Basketball Program - Grades 3 through 5 and Grades 6 through 8. League starts in January 2011 and ends in early March with a 10 game schedule plus a tournament. Teams play against each other, practice once a week, games twice a week, Monday through Thursday and all games are played at the Madeira Beach Fundamental School.

Coaches, referees, and sponsors are needed for the leagues. For any information please call Colin Shaw at 392-0665. Sign-ups will be in November at the Madeira Beach Recreation Center. Cos - Resident \$70.00 Non-Resident \$85.00

T-Ball - Open registration for T-Ball children ages 4-7 will be held at Madeira Beach Recreation Center (200 Rex Place). Children will learn the basic skills and a better understanding of the game. Cost - \$70.00 for resident \$85.00 for non-resident

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Whether in a storage tank or your boat, Florida's gas has a shelf life of 60 to 90 days. Ethanol attracts and attaches to any water in the fuel. It has the ability to absorb 50 times more water than non-ethanol gasoline. It is also corrosive. When as little as 0.5% water has been absorbed, the ethanol and water will separate from the gas. Being heavier, it will sink to the bottom of the gas tank, carburetor float bowl or vapor separator in a concentrated, highly corrosive sludge solution. Upon startup, this sludge is the first to be delivered through your fuel system. As it works its way through the system, it can cause o-rings to swell, gaskets to distort and hoses to soften or rot, while clogging filters, carburetors, pumps and injectors.

If you suspect you have bad gas, take a fuel sample. With the engine OFF, disconnect the fuel hose from the engine at the primer ball or at the inlet side of the first fuel filter and pump or drain a quart or two of gas out into a clean dry glass jar, cover and let it sit. Gas should be a crisp, light yellow. If it looks hazy, dark, smells like turpentine or water or if sludge collects in the bottom of the jar, it is bad. Do not start your engine or top off your tank and do not add a stabilizer. It is too late! Your tank must be drained and the fuel system cleaned out.

The most important thing you can do to avoid fuel related problems is also the easiest; start, run and refuel your boat regularly. This will ensure the gas in the tank is fresh, gets used and doesn't sit in the hoses, pumps, fuel rails, and carburetors long enough to phase separate. Some additional ways to avoid potentially expensive ethanol related repairs are use only non-ethanol fuel, use a fuel stabilizer, refuel often, check your fuel system hoses for softness and change your fuel filters regularly. With a little effort and some fresh gas you'll enjoy a worry free day on the water.

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- Keep your cigarette butts off the beach and out of the water. More than a million were picked up from U.S. beaches in a single day last year.
- When purchasing refreshments, choose recyclable containers (and recycle them) instead of foam cups with plastic lids and straws.
- Take sandwiches and snacks from home in reusable containers rather than in plastic food bags.
- Leave the beach cleaner than you found it. Take a trash bag on your beach walk and pick up litter.
- If you run a waterfront business, maintain your garbage cans with lids and pick up debris before it gets in the water.

AND SOME BOATING BASICS

- Designate a permanent onboard trash can. Use a bucket with a lid or other sturdy container.
- Help guest understand that on your boat, no trash is thrown overboard.
- Put empty cans back in your cooler to recycle ashore.
- If your trash blows overboard, go back and get it, carefully using the opportunity as crew overboard practice.
- Bring used monofilament line back to recycle bins at your City of Madeira Beach Municipal Marina.

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Business Briefs...

FISH-A-PALOOZA

The downtown St Petersburg Aquarium is moving to John's Pass Village in late 2012 or early 2013. The new 11,500 square foot facility, called Marine Discovery Center and Aquarium (MDCA), will be on the first and second floors of the Hubbard Parking garage and shopping facility. In the meantime, the Aquarium needs to raise funds. One way they do that is with their 18th Annual Fish Head Ball. This year's gala, held October 8th at the Don Cesar Beach Resort, is called FISH-A-PALOOZA. Advanced tickets are \$125 each; \$140 at the door. Get information at PierAquarium.org/RockStar or call 803-9799 x 202.



SANTA MADEIRA A MARRIOTT? The owners of the former Santa Madeira Restaurant site have turned their focus from building a condo project to building a waterfront hotel. Though owner Stephen Page of Beach and Bay Realty denies a Marriott Hotel is coming soon. Most hotel developers need about 120 rooms for a new hotel. The 2 acres site is only big enough for about 60 rooms. Building a hotel would require changes to zoning codes and development density standards. Santa Madeira Investment Group purchased the property in 2005 for \$5.3 million. The plan was to build a 100 unit Mediterranean style condo-hotel, but the economy canceled that. Their best hope now is for a hotel to be built on the site and they are talking to the city, trying to find a way to make something work.

SIGN OF THE DOLPHIN CELEBRATES 16 YEARS

There is a French saying, "the more things change, the more they remain the same". With all the changes in the past sixteen years, Sign of the Dolphin has remained a constant source of pride for Linda Wolbert, her staff and the community. Representing over one hundred American fine craft artists, providing a venue for unique decorative accessories, and more recently introducing comfortable ladies resort wear, the store has garnered a stellar reputation for first class customer care and philanthropic community service. "It has been extremely rewarding to offer our support to the local schools, PARC, The Science Center, Santa's Angels, All Children's Hospital and countless other worthy causes", Linda said. "When we first opened, I didn't know how I would ever fill 5250 square feet" Linda commented, "but now I wish I had twice that". The store is constantly changing, offering the best of the best at extremely reasonable prices has resulted in a reputation for great style combined with value. "I've watched as customers have gotten married and had babies who are now in high school!", said Linda waxing nostalgic, "My plan is to be here for those children's weddings...it is such a privilege to be a happy part of so many people's lives"

PAC N SEND AGAIN The Pac N Send store that closed near Original Pizza reopened at 15107 Madeira Way.

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Restaurant News...



ROCK HOUSE APPROVED A new restaurant and hotel called The Rock House Grille, located at the north end of Treasure Island, has been approved by the Treasure Island planning boards. The large beachfront complex developed and co-owned by Gator's Sid Rice and other investors will include added parking and a remodel of the marina area, east of Gator's and other additions on the property.

NAKED CHOPSTIX Opened in John's Pass Village in July, Naked T Chopstix is both a sushi restaurant and a bar/lounge employing 25 local people. They are not just sushi, 80% of their food is cooked and not served raw. The Lounge is open seven days a week. They offer sushi, martini and saki half price specials after 10pm. They also have karaoke Sunday through Wednesday nights, a DJ on Thursdays and live music on Friday and Saturdays. Get more information on their web site www.TChopstix.com, and click on Madeira Beach or call 398-7777.

HOOTER MEETING ROOM Hooters at Johns Pass Village has more than big wings, it also has a large private meeting room that can accommodate up to 100 people. The space is perfect for birthday parties, bachelor parties, rehearsal dinners and family functions. They offer complimentary WiFi and audio/visual equipment. It is perfect to host a meeting or company function and they offer several catering options. To book the room for your event, call Rachel at 725-2551 x 5574 or manager Steve Feld at 797-4668.



MARIO'S RISTORANTE After 14 years in the business, owner Mario Colombia (70) decided to retire. The restaurant's new owner, Madeira Beach resident Fabiolo Beltrano, bought the Italian restaurant in May. Fabiola worked at Mario's for over 5 years before buying it and has been cooking Italian food since she was five years old. She grew up helping her parents in their two Montreal restaurants. Mario's is open Tuesday through Saturday for dinner only. Starting in January, for the winter season, they will open for lunch. Mario's is located at 14995 Gulf Blvd, next to Hess.

BROWN BOXER PUB & GRILLE is coming to the old Leatherbacks/Rad Finzs location at the corner of Tom Stuart Causeway and Gulf Blvd. The bar will have the same concept as the Clearwater beach location, with the same menu and a huge deck in the back wrapping around the building with an awning. They plan over 60 tvs, live music every night and all direct TV sports packages. They plan to be open by November 1st.

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25th Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 11TH - 10 YEARS LATER, MADEIRA BEACH MEMORIES OF THE DISASTER

September 11th has become one of the dates we will all remember. It happened ten years ago this month, with most of us vividly remembering where we were when we heard the news. Most of us saw it unfolding in real time on TV.

I was working in Illinois as a Postal supervisor in Customer Service. It was midmorning when the first reports started coming in. A carrier listening to the radio heard the news. We all thought it was just a tragic accident, but when the next plane crashed and more hijackings were reported, we knew it was more. As the story unfolded, all the employees in the post office kept working in stunned silence. Since that day, the entire USPS has had a heightened sense of security and awareness. Security processes and requirements were reviewed and strengthened. The tragedy taught us we can never allow ourselves to fall into a false sense of security. We must always be vigilant. And we must always remember.
John Schlueter, Post Office Manager, Madeira Beach

I was in NYC and had a 9am doctor appointment. The TV in the lobby went to static and we changed it to a local station; we saw the first tower burning and the second tower get hit. My son was a NY fire fighter, but I was not concerned for him because I thought he was at his Madeira Beach home. I didn't know he had flown to NY the day before (September 10th) to work the night shift. He was finishing his shift at 9am, but they say he jumped on the last truck out of the station to help his buddies. About 10am I got a call from the station that Steven was missing. That night we were visited by a Chaplain and two firefighters. They told us Steven was missing in the World Trade Center collapse. Our lives have never been the same.
Vinny Coakley, Madeira Beach Resident whose son, a NYC resident and firefighter, was lost in the collapse of the towers.

While watching it on TV, I realized my nephew and godson, John Cecil, worked in the tower as a temporary employee. It took me hours to reach my sister, who had been trying to reach him all morning. He finally called as we watched the towers fall. He had not gone to work that day and watched the towers fall from the roof of his Queens apartment.
Kathleen McDole, Friendly Fisherman

That morning I was in Tampa playing golf with three friends. One was a retired firefighter from Washington and another had retired from the Air Force. After nine holes, we saw a TV showing a plane had crashed into the first tower. We started to play the back nine while talking about the plane crash in New York. As we played a jet passed overhead, and the Air Force retiree said "That is Air Force One." He recognized it because it had a white belly. Later we realized it was President Bush leaving Ft. Myers where he had been visiting a school.

When we completed the round, we watched the TV replay of the towers collapsing. As a retired Lieutenant, I knew the amount of men that would be there and predicted we lost 300 to 400 NY firefighters. Having spent most of my career near the WTC, I feared I just saw many old friends give the supreme sacrifice.

As soon as air flight resumed, I flew to New York City. The NYFD recalled all active and retired members. I delivered materials to ground zero until the Federal Government took over. At ground zero, I saw firefighters I had worked with and was told the names of brothers we had lost. Not since my days in Vietnam had I seen such sadness. Ground Zero was another example of man's inhumanity to man.

**Steve Kochick, Former City Commissioner
Former Fire Commissioner, City of New York**

A staff member told us a plane had hit New York's World Trade Center. I immediately thought it was purely an accident and was surprised it had not happened earlier. I turned on the TV and watched as the other plane hit the second tower. I knew then we were under attack. My wife and her family were on a cruise ship. I worried the attackers would go after ships, too. We had a Commission meeting, where our Chairman Calvin Harris calmly called the meeting to order and lead us in a prayer for our citizens and our county.

John Morrini, County Commissioner represents Madeira Beach

I was a Battalion Chief with Ocala Fire Rescue. Watching the news while doing my morning paperwork, I saw the reports of a small plane hitting the World Trade Center. I called back to the fire station and told the crews to turn on the TV since events like this can be a training opportunity. It was moments later when the second plane hit, and then the pentagon and the aircraft over Pennsylvania crashed. It was becoming clear that there was an organized attack going on. Sitting with the crews and watching the towers collapse was an unbelievable and unforgettable moment in our history.

Bill Mallory, Fire Chief

During the tragic time of September 11, 2001, I was on duty as a Firefighter/Paramedic at Orlando International Airport. After returning from a call, I was notified by my Officer to report to the meeting room. During a briefing on the horrific events that were unfolding, we watched in stunned silence as the second plane hit the tower. Within minutes we were notified that all departing flights were grounded and that incoming flights were ordered to land immediately. I was then ordered to station my unit near the center runway, for the possible event of an aircraft emergency.

Brian Autrey Firefighter/Paramedic, Madeira Beach Fire Rescue

SEPTEMBER 11 ANNIVERSARY

This September marks the 10 year anniversary of the 2001 terrorists attacks against the people of the United States. This is a day of remembrance for ALL that have suffered a loss due to the attacks. Of course in the fire service we can't help but think about the first responders that made the conscious decision to enter what would be later referred to as "ground zero".

I would like to share this quote with you, "Now, we have inscribed a new memory alongside those others. It's a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and mourning. But not only of loss and mourning. It's also a memory of bravery and self-sacrifice, and the love that lays down its life for a friend, even a friend whose name it never knew." - President George W. Bush.

As most of you already know. We are constructing a 9/11 Memorial at causeway park. For those of you that have already contributed, I'd like to take this time to say thank you. This year we will be holding a service and dedication. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the entire community to join us on Sunday September 11th

**Bill Mallory, Fire Chief / Interim City Manager,
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Organizational News

HOLIDAY ISLES ELKS LODGE 1912 - June 28th, the

Lodge sent three representatives to the St Pete Clearwater airport to celebrate the return of 71 veterans who attended the National War Memorials in Washington. Pete Melos (93), a WWII veteran at Bay Pines, was selected to go on this adventure and was met upon return by a Two-Star General, along with representatives from each branch of the service, an honor guard and Patriot Guard Riders. Holiday Isles Elks Lodge gave Pete an engraved plaque to commemorate the event.



Pete Melos

This summer the Elks Lodge donated \$200 to the City for its upcoming 9-11 Memorial event and \$250 to benefit the tornado victims in Tennessee. They also bought and supplied decks of cards to veterans at the Bay Pines Nursing facility.

The Elks Lodge invites residents of Madeira Beach to join them in their many events and activities. They have weekly dinners at the Lodge. The Elks Lodge is located on Parsley Drive. Call 393-1545 or 392-4176.

CHURCH BY THE SEA

- They held a pancake breakfast in July and raised \$1052 in support of the City's 9-11 Memorial. Their Light House Kids service is in



Fellowship Hall each Sundays beginning at 11:15 am. It includes Games, Interactive Bible DVD Series, Crafts and Snack. The nursery is provided for children up to 4 years old and Sunday school is provided for children between the ages of 5 and 12. Call 391-7706 for information.

MASONIC LODGE The Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge is a fraternal organization for men 18 and older. It was organized in 1717. Freemasonry is one of the oldest fraternal orders in the world and is a force in the community today. Members include presidents, doctors, lawyers, teachers, astronauts, businessmen and men from every walk of life. For information, call Howard Knapp at 391-8073. Or see www.GulfBeachLodge.org.

KIWANIS - On September 17th, the Kiwanis Club will sponsor Alex's Lemonade Stand at the Bell Tower in Johns Pass Village. Raymond from the Tampa Bay Rays will be there along with music and a kids coloring contest. Proceeds benefit Pediatric Cancer Research.

September 24th, The Kiwanis Club's 'Charley's Team' will participate in the 'Cure Search Walk in Straub Park. Registration is only \$10. You can register or donate online at www.CureSearchWalk.org/tampabay.

The Kiwanis meets at The Club on Treasure Island on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30pm. For more information, call Carol Reynolds at 398-1360.

AMERICAN LEGION - Ron Wolfe, a member for 13 years, is the new Post Commander. He has served on many local committees and previously was first Vice Commander.

- Sunday, September 11, the American Legion will be posting colors at the Madeira Beach 9-11 ceremony. At 5pm, there will be a program and the public is invited.

- October 15th they are hosting a Fall Kids Fishing Tournament for 12 and under. This is one of two kids fishing tournaments they have each year.

- November 12th is their annual Veteran's Boat Parade. The Post will start the parade with a salute from its docks and the public is invited to attend the 11am start.

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, volunteers at the Post serve our veterans at the Bay Pines Hospital. Buses will bring them to the Madeira Beach Post for dinner.

Post 273, is located at 600 American Legion Drive, near the Publix Shopping Center. Get more information at www.AMLEG273.com or call 391-3670.

MADEIRA BEACH SOCIAL CLUB - Madeira Beach Social Club is starting their new year, September 12 at 1 pm in the Madeira Beach City Hall Auditorium. New officers being installed are: Dianne Ray, President, Helen Hanke, Past President, Maureen Kaloo, Treasurer, and Terry Baldanza, Secretary.

Join the festivities including refreshments and lively entertainment and hear about the new activities planned, including monthly luncheons and field-trips to local attractions. Monthly meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 1pm. They also play Bridge, and Canasta.

You do not have to live in Madeira Beach to join. Membership dues are \$10 a year. Call Dianne Ray for more information 727-397-3434.



Some of the club members at their annual Caladesi Island Party

IRB BOAT CLUB - They meet at Jimmy Guana's inside Holiday Inn Harborside, Indian Rocks on the third Thursday of the month. But, you do not have to live in Indian Rocks Beach to be a member. Their next meeting is September 15 at 6pm. In addition to monthly meetings with guest speakers, the Club also plans events where you can use your boat! The next two events are: Sept 17- End of Summer Island Party and October 1st - Intracoastal Cleanup. Look for their boat in the Veteran's Boat Parade in November, too!

For more information or to join the Boat Club, call Bob Griffin at 517-1997 or e-mail BoatClub@IRBhome.com. See pictures of previous events at IRBhome.com/boatclub.

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