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Upcoming Events!

12/6 - PICA Holiday Light Up CANCELLED

We look forward to life starting to get back to normal in 2025. We'll be planning more fun events soon!

*Support Our Local
Restaurants And
Small Businesses.
Many Are Starting To
Reopen.*

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From The President



Greetings,
Helene and Milton sure gave us a big punch. I know it has been overwhelming and challenging for all of us on Paradise Island. I personally have learned to celebrate the little

moments, such as getting power, the internet, and cheering the trucks picking up our debris. Our Island is starting to rebuild, we are a strong and resilient community, we've got this.

Whether you decide to sell (we will miss you) or to rebuild please know your PICA board is here for you, we constantly post information on our facebook page from the city. Feel free to reach out to us, if we don't have the answer we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

Your PICA board will decorate the gazebo for the holiday to add a little sparkle to our neighborhood. With a heavy heart we have decided to cancel the light up, it just wouldn't be the same until everyone returns to Paradise Island. Let's all take a breather and PICA will plan something awesome in the new year. It's time to say goodbye to 2024 and welcome 2025, a time to rebuild and rejoice.

Blessings to you all and Remember we do live in Paradise

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District 3 Commissioner Bob Minning



Hello everyone,

Treasure Island is committed to helping residents and businesses rebuild and recover after the recent hurricanes. To accelerate post-storm permitting and inspections, the Treasure Island City Commission has approved administrative support services from Jacobs, a trusted partner in recovery efforts.

Due to the urgency of this situation, Jacobs will begin providing critical support services under a 30-day Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) authorization. This allows them to deploy available staff immediately while the city finalizes a long-term contract.

Jacobs will provide specialized resources, including:

- A Community Development Assistant Director
- Floodplain Managers
- Building Plan Reviewers
- Inspectors
- Permit Technicians
- Estimating Services
- Planners with Zoning Expertise
- Administrative Professionals
- And more

Adding Jacobs to the team should significantly ease the permitting and inspection process, helping our community rebuild stronger and faster.

Treasure Island understands that the aftermath of two recent hurricanes has created a challenging situation for everyone in our community. Please know that the City of Treasure Island’s Community Development Department (CDD) is working tirelessly to help residents and businesses recover quickly.

Since the storms, the city has received an unprecedented volume of permit requests—959, over half of what we typically see in an entire year. Despite this surge, our dedicated team is processing permits daily. On days when our office is closed to in-person visits, our staff focuses solely on reviewing applications to expedite the process. We are also receiving additional support from the state, with more resources expected later this week, and volunteers have joined us to help streamline operations.

Additionally, city staff are gradually receiving Substantial Damage Determination data twice a week from the County. As soon as the data are reviewed, letters will be sent out. The first batch of letters was sent out on Nov. 18. Note however that while the SDD letters are being sent, the City is not requiring a SDD in order to issue a permit.

Currently:

- 437 permits are under review.
- 85 permits are ready to be issued, pending missing information from applicants.
- 120 permits have already been issued.

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Commissioner's Report - Continued

To help us serve you better, we encourage you to use our online portal at MyTreasureIsland.com/OPPS. This platform allows you to easily apply for permits and track their status from start to finish.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this challenging time together. City staff is here to support you and is doing everything possible to get permits approved and work underway quickly.

Thank you for your patience. Questions, call 727-547-4595 permits@mytreasureisland.org.

Debris removal update:

The city's debris removal contractors have completed their work and will now focus on clearing remaining sand from public areas and right-of-ways.

If you still have debris, please follow these steps:

- Construction & Demolition Debris (drywall, flooring, wood, etc.): Property owners or their contractors must dispose of these items. The city does not collect construction debris.
- Vegetative Debris: Contractors must remove any debris they generate. Resident-generated yard waste will be picked up on Yard Waste Wednesdays.
- Furniture, Electronics & Appliances: Contact Public Works at 727-547-4575

Sand Removal Update:

The city's debris management contractors are now focusing on collecting sand from the city's right-of-ways. Crews will begin with residential areas and then transition to commercial properties. They will only be picking up sand in the right-of-ways. Property owners are reminded that the removal of sand from private property is the owners' responsibility.

Waterway Debris Collection

State contractors have been assigned to our area to begin debris removal in waterways around the city. Residents can now report debris in waterways using a website. Visit floridadebriscleanup.com and click on the yellow tab labeled "Report Waterway Debris" to submit information. You can enter details about the debris location and type and even upload photos. This helps prioritize areas for the debris management contractors, ensuring the most critical areas are addressed swiftly.

Keep updated on the debris collection process by visiting MyTreasureIsland.com/StormDebrisRemoval.

Disaster Assistance

Deadlines for certain disaster assistance resources are approaching. Visit

MyTreasureIsland.com/DisasterAssistance

for the latest information and resources available.



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Letter From Our Police Chief

Hello Paradise Islanders,

Normally in this newsletter I would give you advice about safe holiday shopping, avoiding scams, and keeping your home safe. I know we are all in the recovery phase after the unprecedented hurricanes that struck our area, and many lives are in disarray.

I want to give you an update for the Treasure Island Police Department. Several officers including myself received damages of varying degrees from the storms to our homes.

Our police and fire department building was inundated with surge and is currently unsafe to occupy, so we have a temporary police building set up in the north lot of the new city hall.

We have received assistance from police departments from around the State of Florida that reached out because they wanted to help. I want you to know that in the face of both storms, your police department was the last to leave the island and was the first to return as soon as we were able to.

We will never stop serving you and we're proud to be here for you and your needs.

Treasure Island will emerge from this even stronger than before. If you need anything from your police department, please do not hesitate to ask.

As always, your Treasure Island Police Department is here to help 24/7, 365.

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~~December 14, 2024~~

Thunderbird Beach Resort
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8:00am - til the fun is done

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& endangered sea turtles.

Chip timed

Out & Back, hard-packed shoreline

NEW DATE

After Party!
Music, Beer, Mimosas, Food

Family Fun!
Kids Turtle Dash

Saturday, January 11

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