



Paradise Island Neighborhood News

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Upcoming Events!

See Details In This Issue

March 6: PICA Pizza Party, 6:30 pm

Treasure Island City Hall

Free pizza for Paradise Island residents.

BYOB

March 8-9: Back to the Beach, 10am-6pm

Sand, Kites and Coastal Delights

TI Beach between 104th-106th Ave

March 11: Election Day**

April 5: Treasure the Island Day, 4pm-8pm

One Park Place from 104th to 107th Ave

April 12: American Legion Car Show

Location and time to be determined.

April 18: Gulf Beaches Rotary Egg Hunt

10am, Rosselli Park

April 26: SportsFest, 9am-4pm

On the TI Beach between 104th-107th Ave

Summer Camp

Registration starts 3/3

Camp dates are June 2-August 8

If you would like a mail in ballot for the 3/11 election, you must request it by 2/27. It will not automatically be sent to you. The polling location will be the Commission Chambers at City Hall. For more information, visit votepinellas.gov or call 727-454-8683

From The President



Greeting Neighbors,

I have so many emotions writing this, Thrilled to see people moving back on the Island, Happy that many of us have received our permits. Thank you Renee and staff for all your hard work.

Sad that some have felt that selling was their best option and excited for those that decided to tear down and rebuild. I can't wait to see all your new beautiful homes. We have all learned many valuable lessons on what is important for you and your family, Patience, Positivity and a big one adaptability.

I hope that many of you can come to our PICA Pizza party on March 6th, to relax and enjoy each other's company. I would personally like to Thank Bob Minning for stepping in as Paradise Islands commissioner, he has worked very hard fighting for all and we on the board appreciate all that he has done for us.

I welcome and look forward to working with Arthur Czyszczon as the new commissioner of Paradise Island. This is an election year for our mayor, please do your due diligence and educate yourself on each of the candidates

Remember we do live in Paradise

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Stay in touch with future events at www.ParadiseIslandCivicAssociation.com

Or like us on Facebook Paradise Island Civic Association PICA: facebook.com/groups/picainparadise



District 3 Commissioner Bob Minning



Permit Fee Waivers

At a Special City Commission meeting on Feb. 7, the Treasure Island City Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2025-03, extending and expanding the temporary waiver of building permit fees for storm-related repairs.

Effective February 7, 2025, through May 31, 2025, the city will continue to waive permit fees for the following types of construction and repairs:

- Interior demolition of flood-damaged drywall, flooring, baseboards, and cabinets
- Fence installation
- Tree removal
- Roof repair and replacement
- Electrical repairs for meter bases and power surges on appliances
- All permits and plan examination fees associated with storm damage repairs to residential or commercial buildings (excluding accessory structures)

Additionally, the City Commission has approved reimbursement of permit fees collected between September 27, 2024, and February 6, 2025, for these same types of repairs. Property owners who previously paid for permits during this timeframe will be eligible for refunds through an administrative process established by the city.

The commission also agreed to hold a workshop on Feb. 18 to discuss waiving permit fees for residents who want to elevate or rebuild their homes.

Treasure Bay Update:

Some limited clay tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, are now open for play and instruction at Treasure Bay with the following temporary hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m - 9 p.m,
- Friday-Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Closed on Sundays

Reserve a court through CivicRec:
<https://secure.rec1.com/.../62e2ada1f48980459da2409db5a76121>

Reminder:
The golf course is closed until further notice for completion of the living shoreline project.

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TREASURE BAY
Your Place to Play!

PARDON OUR DUST!
LIMITED COURT AVAILABILITY.
GOLF COURSE CLOSED FOR LIVING SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION.

727-360-6062 EXT 240
10315 PARADISE BLVD TREASURE ISLAND
TEMPORARY HOURS
M-TH 8AM-9PM
FRI-SAT 8AM-2:30PM

ORGANIZED PICKLEBALL
MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY 8:30 - 11AM
PICKLEBALL COURT RESERVATIONS
MONDAY-SATURDAY

TENNIS CLINICS AND PRIVATE LESSONS
MONDAY - SATURDAY
LIMITED HAR TRU TENNIS COURT RESERVATIONS
MONDAY-SATURDAY

IS IT TIME TO SELL?

Get the latest Paradise Island Real Estate Market Update

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For advertising opportunities, contact Debbie at (813) 787-3006 or check our website: ParadiselandCivicAssociation.com

District 3 Report (continued)

Living Shoreline Update:

Sea and Shoreline is on-site at Treasure Bay, surveying the first section of the city's living shoreline project. They're mapping out the shoreline to prepare for the placement of rip rap (large rocks) that help protect against erosion. The rocks are already being delivered and placed, and once they reach the seawall cap, the team will remove the cap and begin grading the land to continue shaping the shoreline. Stay tuned for more updates as this project progresses!

Elevate Florida Program Portal is now open.

Protect your home and community from natural disasters like hurricanes and floods. The Elevate Florida Program helps reduce damage and increase resilience.

Eligibility: You don't need to have experienced flooding or damage to apply. Applications may be prioritized based on past losses.

Apply now: Create an account and complete your application here:

<https://fdem-resmit.my.site.com/Elevate/>

Learn more about the program:

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/elevate-Florida/>



PIZZA PARTY

March 6th 6:30 pm
Treasure Island City Hall

FREE
pizza for
Paradise Island Residents
BYOB

Sponsored by
Paradise Island Civic Association

Check our website for details
paradiseislandcivicassociation.com

Location: City Hall - Promenade Deck on the 5th Floor

RSVP requested - but not required (please join us!)

Email Cindy: cinmass19@gmail.com





Treasure Island Restaurants That Are Open

Please support and visit our amazing local restaurants

Sloppy Joes
BRGR Bar
Shrimpy's
Middle Grounds
The Floridian
Marquise Cafe
Sea Dogs
RBar

Foxy's
VIP
Britt's
Gigi's
Taco Bus
Ka'Tiki
Carinos
Original Pizza

Ricky T's is opening on 2/28

Scenes from the Treasure Island Chili Cookoff





Meet Our New Commissioner

by Arthur Czyszczon

Dear Residents of District 3 - Paradise Island and Downtown,

My name is Arthur Czyszczon, and I am honored to be your new City Commissioner for District 3. For those I haven't yet met, I want to share a bit about my journey and commitment to our community.

My family moved from Chicago to Treasure Island in 1990, chasing the American Dream of entrepreneurship. We started with modest beginnings, operating what is now the Page Terrace Beachfront Hotel. Growing up, I learned the values of hard work, dedication, integrity, and family by working alongside my parents.

After obtaining my degree in Hospitality from Saint Leo University, I returned to Treasure Island. Following my father's passing in 2007, I stepped into the role of General Manager at our family hotel, continuing his legacy with my mother.

Over the last two decades, I've been deeply involved in our local government and community issues as both a resident and business owner. Living on these barrier islands, I've seen firsthand the challenges and opportunities our city faces. This experience has convinced me that now is the time to serve in a more official capacity as your new City Commissioner, ensuring that our district is represented with integrity and a vision for a prosperous future.

I will be officially sworn in on March 18, 2025. You'll be able to contact me through my commissioner email and mobile phone, where I promise to respond promptly to your concerns and suggestions.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve our wonderful district. I look forward to working with each of you to make Treasure Island an even better place to live, work, and visit.

All the best, Arthur Czyszczon

<https://citizenbeach.beehiiv.com/p/profile-arthur-czyszczon>

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Arthur and family wife Janet and sons Andrew and Joseph

JOIN PICA - JUST \$20 PER YEAR FOR THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD

Benefits of becoming a member include: updated news about the neighborhood, events throughout the city, discounts on events (some are free for members) staying connected to your neighborhood

2025 PICA MEMBERSHIP

Note: If you were a member in 2024, you do NOT need to register again for 2025

Name _____

Annual Membership \$ 20.00

Address _____

Beautification Projects _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Total \$ _____

Email _____

Year You Moved Here _____

Your donations go primarily towards beautification projects and social events. We thank you for your support!
Send this form, along with a check, payable to **Paradise Island Civic Association**, to:
15 Treasure Lane, Treasure Island, FL 33706

Prefer to register online? Go to our website:
<http://ParadiseIslandCivicAssociation.com>

