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## *Greetings my friends and neighbors,*

As we start looking forward to Spring I hope you all had a great Holiday season and the beginning of the New Year finds you and your families well. It is also time to welcome back our friends from the North and another great tourist season here in Madeira Beach.

It's hard to believe three years have passed since you gave me the honor to serve as your Mayor of our great City. As I reflect on the past years, we have grown as a community and have moved the City onto a positive course. Old properties are being renewed and new homes and business are being built. We have beautified our City parks and streets, replaced our beach walkovers, and the beach groyne project has begun to ensure we maintain our most important commodity which is the sand on our beaches. Other projects that have begun and continue to move the City ahead include repairing and maintain our aging stormwater system and road paving. Engineering is being done as I type and you have probably seen survey crews in preparation for paving our streets. The first section of the City that will be repaved will be Normandy Road, as it has been identified as the oldest portion of the City's stormwater system. We were scheduled to begin in November, but after hearing from residents in this area, they asked the City to start construction after the holidays. Other areas of the City have already been engineered and are in queue to begin repairs as each street is completed.



I am excited to report that the first section of undergrounding power lines on Gulf Boulevard has begun as part of the Archibald Park Project. Monies for this portion of the project came from the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Fund. As your Mayor and representative to the Barrier Island Government Council ("Big-C"), I have helped to acquire \$3,300,000 from the County to do this and other projects on Gulf Boulevard in Madeira Beach.

On December 12, 2013, your City Commission unanimously voted to move forward with the building of our new City Hall, Fire Station and Recreational area. It is well documented that our existing City Hall is in need of replacement and my sincerest gratitude goes out to the numerous residents that came out to support our decision and because of the overwhelming support by our residents and the many phone calls I have received from you in support of this project, it is now moving forward. I cannot tell you how hard your Commission, City Manager and his staff have worked to get our financing in line and to not go over our spending cap to ensure if we need money in the future for other capital projects, it will be there.

Parking revenue is the heart beat of our City's economy and helps keep our taxes low. Looking back at last year, we set an all new high in parking revenue by doing things such as upgrading our parking meters to an automated pay-by-space system and putting more emphasis on keeping our beaches clean. The switch to the pay-by-space system has paid off by being more efficient and user friendly, and the cleanliness of our shores ensures that beach goers and business patrons return again and again. Indeed, tourism is up and Madeira Beach's tourism numbers have increased for the last two years. Looking forward to this year, the Commission voted to raise the parking fee slightly, which catches us up to surrounding beach communities. In doing this, we have created an estimated additional \$250,000 of new revenue for our City which will show in next year's budget. Of course, Madeira Beach residents will continue to still park for free.

*As I represent our City by meeting with County, State and Federal representatives, I frequently hear that Madeira Beach "has it going on." Even the newspapers have reported our unquestionable progress and other communities are following our lead. As I have been quoted in the papers and on TV,*

*"Madeira Beach is the center of the barrier islands in Pinellas County and we are the gateway to the Gulf of Mexico."*

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As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, and suggestions.  
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#### Commissioners Agenda

- Setting Meeting ..... 2nd Tuesday; 5:30pm
- Board of Commissioners
- Regular Meeting ..... 2nd Tuesday; 6pm
- Planning/LPA
- Commission Meeting..... 2nd Monday; 7pm
- Special Magistrate
- Code Enforcement..... 2nd Wednesday; 2pm
- Special Magistrate - Variance..... 4th Monday; 2pm
- Library Board (at Library) ..... 4th Monday; 4pm
- Board of Commissioners Workshop ..... 4th Tuesday; 2pm
- Civil Service Commission ..... Meets Quarterly

### Madeira Beach Social Club

They are off and running with an active calendar for the coming year.

Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at the Madeira Beach City Hall, except for a fall and summer picnic meeting and bingo. A variety of local entertainment and timely speakers keep the membership entertained and informed.

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It is illegal to dump toxic chemicals or waste into storm drains or anywhere else that may expose waste in the environment. To report illegal dumping, call the City's Stormwater department at (727)399-2631 or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Waste Management at (813)632-7600 (Tampa).

Please remember that your yard trimmings should not be blown into the streets and consequently down the stormdrains. Sometimes your yard maintenance people overlook this in an effort to 'speed' their jobs up. Do not let them get you into trouble over this. Make sure they sweep or vacuum up their debris.

Let's coordinate all our activities in an effort to keep our City a beautiful place to live.



## From the desk of the City Manager

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### **Madeira Beach residents and visitors,**

Happy belated holidays to each and every one of you. This edition of "The Wave" is coming to you delayed intentionally so we could include the annual boat parade pictures and results for you. If you saw the parade, you know it was the biggest and best in quite some time. I'd like to thank everyone that was involved and our anonymous resident donor that provided for the dollars needed to have some substantial prize money.

That brings up an interesting topic. The issue of paying for things puzzles some people, concerns others, and yet others just have faith that their elected officials are being responsible patrons with the City coffers. Despite the appearance or perception, there is always a method for the madness when it comes to spending. In this example of the boat parade, it appeared that the City appropriated significant dollars for prize money but in reality, a generous resident (of whom prefers to remain anonymous) donated the money so the City of Madeira Beach would attract more boats than in recent history and have an unbelievable Christmas boat parade.

In an effort for absolute clarity and transparency, this column is dedicated to government spending and more specifically, the spending of the City of Madeira Beach. Spending, especially when it comes to the government, is usually considered a 4 letter word. However, one must take into account the passive state the City of Madeira Beach was in for quite some time. Minimal capital projects were completed and now in the last two years, we as a city have begun to check those projects off the list. Despite considerable financial reserves due to the inactivity and lack of project initiation in previous years, those reserves were not adequate to do all the projects that previous commissions and the current commission wanted to get completed for its citizens. When you consider that the City's expenditure budget this year including capital projects is estimated at approximately 25 million dollars, one must consider borrowing and debt as an option to complete projects. I can argue that for a 25 million dollar company, debt is not a bad thing and rather, it's necessary. In your personal household, debt is something you strive to do without. However, most Americans have a mortgage on their home after hopefully put money down to make the mortgage payment affordable and within their budget, they pay for their home over a specific time period. They do this so money is available for an automobile, groceries, the kid's piano lessons, and so on and so on. Under very similar circumstances, the City of Madeira Beach used those kinds of methods to pay for a new City Municipal Project that includes a new city hall, fire station, recreation center, and new state of the art softball diamonds. The City put down a sizable down payment of \$5.9M and financed the rest which kept our mortgage (commonly referred to as debt service) at a comfortable payment of three hundred thousand per year. That three hundred thousand dollar payment will be paid by using pledged revenues from franchise fees, utility service taxes and state revenue sharing.

### **Other projects that have been completed or are underway are as follows:**

- The beach walkovers are complete. The budget was \$260K and was funded through the use of Penny for Pinellas and parking funds.
- The beach groyne rehabilitation project is currently underway. The budget is \$275K and was funded through Penny for Pinellas.
- The Archibald Park project is nearing completion. The budget is \$975K and was funded through Penny for Pinellas and parking funds.
- The stormwater rehab and road resurfacing project, beginning on Normandy Road, will commence in January of 2014. The construction budget for FY 2014 is \$1M and will be funded through Penny for Pinellas and Stormwater utility funds.
- The stormwater outlet cleaning project is at 70% completion. This project not only included the cleaning of the outfalls but also the video taping of each pipe so we can accurately know their condition and appropriately plan and budget for their rehabilitation and/or replacement. The budget is \$162K and was funded through Stormwater utility funds.
- The new city website is now complete. The budget was \$15,000 and came in significantly under that budget. The funding source was the General Fund.

As you can see, the funding source for all these projects never said "increase in taxes". Now I say that "tongue in cheek" because you've heard me state before that in an effort to operate a full service city and offer the amenities that our citizens demand and deserve, we may need to adjust the City's millage rate upward. Currently, Madeira Beach has the second lowest millage rate in Pinellas County (second to South Pasadena) and the lowest of any full service city at \$1.79 per thousand dollars worth of value. However, it is possible to keep a modest millage increase in lieu of inventing new revenue streams. You've recently read that the City raised its parking rates from \$1.00/hour to \$1.50/hour. City residents will continue to park for free. Also, the City is currently re-evaluating its stormwater fee (currently \$5/month paid every other month for a typical residence) and if an adjustment is warranted, that change could fund future stormwater rehabilitation and replacement projects.

In closing, I want the residents of Madeira Beach to be confident that even though there is a flurry of activity in town, that the City projects are being done very cost consciously and in a responsible fashion. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [scrawford@madeirabeachfl.gov](mailto:scrawford@madeirabeachfl.gov) or contact city hall.

## NEW CHURCH NOW OPEN IN MADEIRA BEACH!

CrossBridge Church celebrated their One Year Anniversary in a very special way on Sunday, November 3rd. After meeting in a rented facility for exactly one year, the first 10:00 a.m. service in their new home at 50-153rd Ave. was a very exciting one. Over 150 members and guests celebrated with Rick Cowley, their Senior Pastor.

It was on March 9th of 2012 that Pastor Cowley made the announcement to the congregation that a permanent home had been selected. Then he proceeded to tell everyone what an interesting history the building had. After Mr. Joe's Bar closed, it became the Jungle Island Bar until around 2005. Several people stopped by during the renovation to see if their bar stools were still where they remembered.

Pastor Rick and an army of volunteers, working under the watchful eye of Jim Enguita Construction Co., finished the church in time to celebrate the first anniversary. Pastor Cowley said that it would not have been possible without the almost daily donations of paint, construction materials, kitchen equipment and professional services. "We were so blessed to have so many people come into our lives that wanted to help and actually do the things

that would have taken us weeks if not months to accomplish." said Pastor Rick. With all the new rooms and ample space, CrossBridge Church now has a Nursery and Children's Ministry area along with their state of the art Worship Center. The new kitchen area provides a relaxed area for coffee and fellowship prior to the service.

Pastor Rick and the church family are eager to become a vital part of the beach community by participating in and volunteering for as many events as possible as a way to give back. In the last year, they have volunteered for Madeira Beach's sea oat planting and beach clean up along with the Old Salt King of the Beach, Mad Beach Food Fest and the city of Madeira Beach's 4th of July Celebration held on the beach. Other volunteer activities were the Greatest Show on Surf for the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club and the Walk for Life.

For additional information about CrossBridge Church, stop by at 50-153rd Avenue, across from the beach or call the office at 727-397-8614. You can also email Pastor Cowley at [rcowley@aol.com](mailto:rcowley@aol.com). He hopes to meet you personally on Sunday's at 10:00 a.m.



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Holiday Isles Lodge was happy to host a special Christmas Party for the residents of the Largo Rehab and Spa on 102nd St., in Largo with grant money received by the Lodge that enabled us to purchase gifts for 40 women and 60 men there. This was completed under the new program "Adoptive Grandparent Program" which enriches the lives of the residents who either have no nearby friends or relatives or is

otherwise forgotten. Holiday Isles member, Kathy DeMarzo, started this program last holiday season and this makes the 2nd annual event.

Another Christmas Party was held on Dec. 21st, for the disadvantaged under the "YouthLIFT Program" of St. Petersburg. This is an organization that mentors those students needing help in reading and math due to living in a homeless environment and moving around frequently from school to school.

Volunteers brought the children over for a fun-filled day doing holiday crafts, having Balloon Twister man, Jim Harden, make them characters on request, visiting two ponies brought into the Lodge and enjoying pizza for lunch before the big meeting with Santa himself hugging them all and presenting them with Christmas gifts.

## GULF BEACH MASONIC LODGE



Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach helped bring Holiday cheer to ten local families in need during the Holidays. Holiday food baskets were prepared and delivered for Christmas. Gulf Beach Lodge was pleased to be able to assist in making this a great holiday season for those less fortunate this year.

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291 has served masons throughout the Gulf Beaches for over 64 years. Chartered in 1950, the Masonic Temple began its meetings at the Church By The Sea in Madeira Beach while the Lodge Temple was being built. Construction of the Temple was done completely by the members of the Lodge, and even the land was a donation by a generous Lodge member. Freemasonry is a fraternal organization for men ages 18 and older and is dedicated to being serviceable to the community as well as offering men an opportunity to better themselves and be a part of a worldwide organization of friends and brothers.

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291 meets each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM from September through June. All local Masons, as well as visiting Masons are invited attend the Lodge meetings. The Lodge has a breakfast from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM the first Sunday of each month, all masons and their families are invited to attend. Further information can be found on the Lodge website, [www.gulfbeachlodge.org](http://www.gulfbeachlodge.org) or by emailing the Secretary, Howard Knapp, at [Secretary@gulfbeachlodge.org](mailto:Secretary@gulfbeachlodge.org)



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# Crabby's Fishing Corner ....

Winter is upon us and with Gag Grouper closing (Dec. 3rd until further notice) and Red Grouper (close Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>).

Although these primary reef species cannot go home with you, there are many other tasty opportunities that are right on or near your favorite

grouper spots. Mangrove Snapper, Flounder, Porgies and the always willing White Grunts are very plentiful around our shallow reefs and live bottom areas. Adjusting your tackle and bait choice is key in order to get in their strike zone. For Snapper and Flounder you should anchor up just ahead or behind the rocky bottom and fish the surrounding sand. Use medium spinning tackle and a sliding sinker rig with an 18 inch, 20 to 30 lb fluorocarbon leader and a 1/0 live bait hook. You can use strips of frozen bait; however you will have better luck with small live baits like greenbacks, pinfish, chubs, or shrimp. Be sure to take lots of bait with you as they will go fast.

Now we move on to one of our more shrugged at species in the Gulf and one of my favorites the White Grunt. Anyone who has spent some time bottom fishing in the Gulf of Mexico has undoubtedly caught plenty of these small but tenacious fish. Many people feel that targeting grunts is a waste of time and effort; however Grunts are always willing to bite and are easy to locate. They are found virtually on any piece of structure or hard bottom though larger ones seem to like deeper water in the 40 to 80 foot range. Once located maximize your catch by using "chicken rigs" with two or three hooks to maximize their catch. For bait use half dollar size chunks of squid, shrimp or octopus and large enough bell sinker to easily get you to the bottom. Once you feel the slight taps just reel up and examine your bounty, you'll be surprised with all the different species you'll bring up. Though there is no size limit on grunts I suggest only keeping the larger ones, not only is it environmentally responsible, it will save you a lot of time at the cleaning table.

As if you needed any excuse to go grunt fishing I actually have one for you. "The Great American Grunt Hunt" is a charity fishing tournament that the only weigh-able species is the **WHITE GRUNT**.

Photo: Courtney Kuhn

This is a family event open to the entire community with the Captains Party on March 20th and the weigh in and fish fry on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be beer, wine, full bar, food, raffle, door prizes, 50/50, and vendors. The fish fry is guaranteed to be some of the freshest and tastiest fish you've ever had. There will also be fishing seminar hosted by our local "Grunt Master" Capt. Dave Zalewski during the Captains Party. If you want to get a jump on the competition Capt. Dave also has a 5 week class held at the marina starting January 8<sup>th</sup> that covers several topics from bait, tackle, knot tying, electronics info, techniques, and his 30 plus years of local knowledge that is well worth the \$50. Spaces are limited so call Capt. Dave at (727) 397-8815 to reserve your spot.

As always I appreciate you tacking your time to listen to me and if you have any questions you can call or come see me any time at your Municipal Marina (727) 399-2631.

Be safe and enjoy paradise, Brian Crabtree

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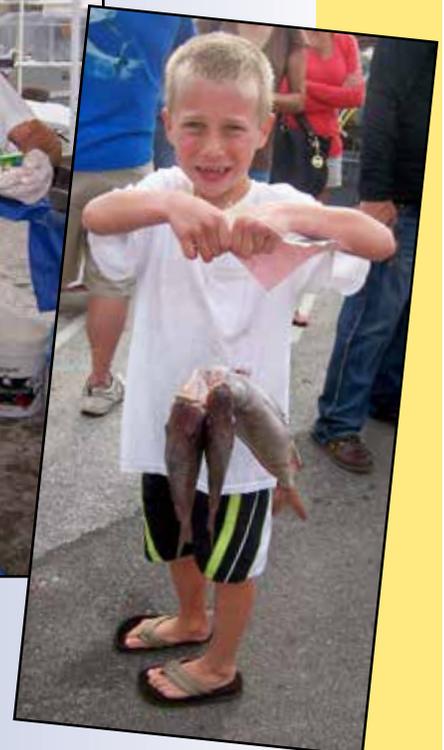
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# 'Festival of Lights' Boat Parade

This year was a great year for the 47th Annual Festival of Lights Boat Parade with over \$7,000 in prize money up for grabs! We had a great turn out with 26 boats entered. The weather was bit concerning at first, but we managed to have a great parade! A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone that participated in this years event. There were several "hot" spots to view the parade this year: The Elks was booked, the Marina had a crew and the countless house parties where too fun.

Congratulations to all the winners and a huge THANK YOU goes to Ron Buck for donating his winnings to next years event. Looking forward to 2014!

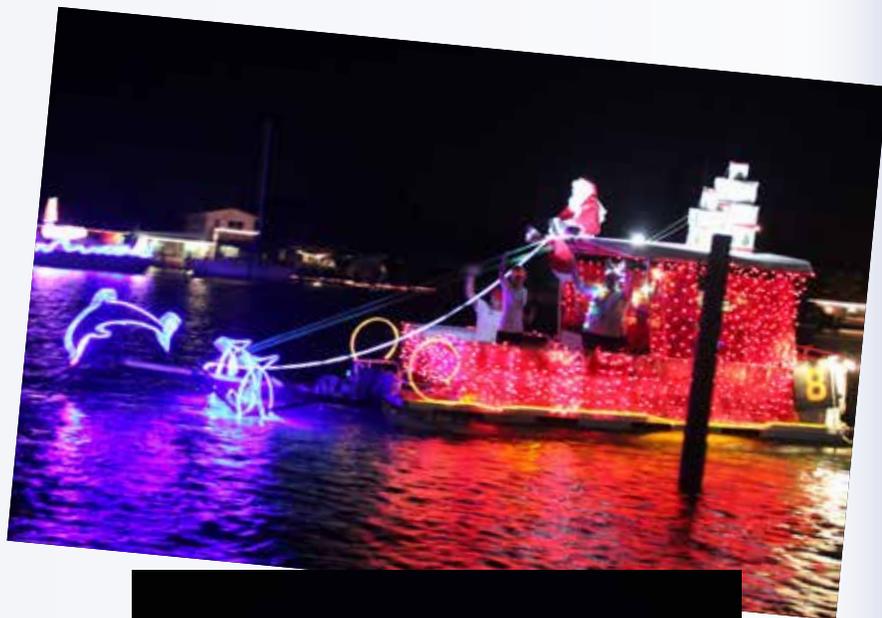
**The BIG overall winner this year, taking home a check for \$2,500 is Wanda Hiatt - Dolphins pulling Santa's Sleigh.**

## SMALL BOAT DIVISION

- 1st Place: Joe Johnson – Charlie Brown Christmas
- 2nd Place: Tom Schaffer – Christmas theme
- 3rd Place: D. Bruce Smith – Santa airplane & Airport
- 4th Place: Brian Crabtree – Christmas Lights
- 5th Place: Scott L. Parrett – Lights and Trees
- 6th Place: Robert Bennett – Northern Lights
- 7th Place: Valerie Cordell – Tropical theme

## BIG BOAT DIVISION

- 1st Place: Ron Buck – Candy Canes
- 2nd Place: Michael Noble – Lite up like a Christmas Tree
- 3rd Place: Emmanuel Cerf – Dolphins
- 4th Place: Amund Moe – Helicopter Santa
- 5th Place: Vicky Delacruz – Waves
- 6th Place: Travis Palladeno – Flamingo Christmas
- 7th Place: Gilbert Swarts – Lights and Santa Suits



**RE-ELECT**



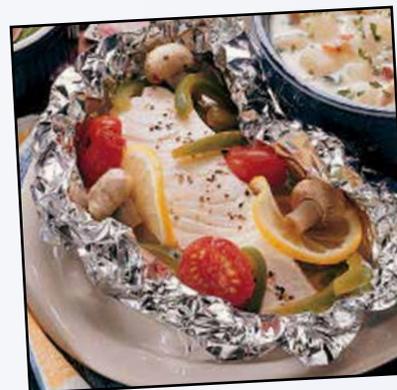
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## HEALTHY BAKED FISH RECIPES

Starting the New Year we all have resolutions to diet or eat healthier. So, we were searching for some healthy ways to eat fish. We all know that fish is good for us. It's low in fat and high in Omega 3 Fish Oil which is good for your heart. I love all kinds of fish but I have always had a hard time knowing how to cook it to make it both still healthy and taste good. Baking fish is a real good way to go. It is easy and generally is healthy. Frying fish does NOT make it healthy.

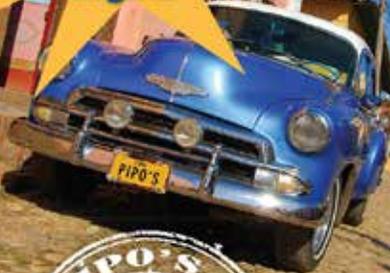


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### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Grouper Fillet (6 ounces)
- 4 medium mushrooms
- 2 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 lemon slices
- 1/2 medium green pepper, sliced
- 1/4 cup diet Mountain Dew
- Crushed pepper

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Place fish in the center of a 20-in. x 14-in. piece of heavy-duty foil. Place mushrooms, tomatoes, lemon and green pepper around fish.
2. Fold edges of oil up; pour soda over fish. Fold foil to seal tightly.
3. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.
4. Open foil carefully to allow steam to escape. Sprinkle with pepper.



## MADEIRA BEACH PUBLIX TO BE REBUILT

Publix Supermarket will replace the current store at Tom Stuart Causeway and Duhme Road in the with a new 46,000-square foot store.

The current store, which opened in 1957, has been closed and demolition will begin soon.



## CVS APPROVED TO BUILD

On the corner of Madeira Way and Gulf Boulevard CVS was approved to develop at the Dec. 10 City Commission meeting. The plan would replace an aging strip center and vacant gas station on the property with a 15,000-square-foot CVS Pharmacy and 2,500 square feet of yet to be identified commercial space.

A site plan and renderings of the CVS building were presented at the meeting. Jose Martinez, Land Development Division Director for the Foresite Group in Tampa, said the plans incorporate “an urban-pedestrian theme” by pushing the building back to allow more landscaping and creating a pedestrian corridor with access to the Winn-Dixie center and the Madeira Way shopping area.

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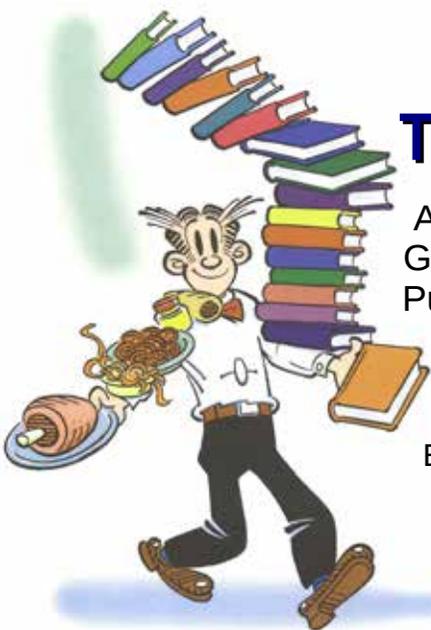





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# Calendar of Local Events



## JANUARY..... DATE

**Feast on the Beach** (Madeira Way) .....12 & 13th  
The event will feature Beach inspired Food, Arts & Crafts and other “beachy” treasures. More info at [www.SIKpromotions.com](http://www.SIKpromotions.com)

**Old Salt Johnny Kellar Inshore Tournament** .....23rd & 26th  
Held at Daiquiri Shak & Bay Pines Marina  
24th Annual Inshore fishing tournament, food & fun. [www.OldSaltFishing.org](http://www.OldSaltFishing.org)

## FEBRUARY..... DATE

**Wine Weekend St. Pete** ..... 7 - 9th  
Wine Weekend is a sophisticated series of events featuring rare and fine wines, luxurious getaways and more!  
More info at [www.wineweekendstpete.org](http://www.wineweekendstpete.org)

**Home Decor Show** (Madeira Way) ..... 15-16th  
Everything Home. 10am-5pm - more info at [www.SIKpromotions.com](http://www.SIKpromotions.com)

**Clearwater Sea Blues Festival** ..... 15-16th  
Get ready to satisfy your seafood cravings with the Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival! While you're at it, sit back, relax and enjoy some of the best blues music around. More info at [www.clearwaterseablues.com](http://www.clearwaterseablues.com)

**Florida State Fair** ..... 6th-17th  
More info at [www.floridastatefair.com](http://www.floridastatefair.com)

**FL Strawberry Festival** ..... February 28 - March 10, 2013  
Hours: Daily 10:00am - 10:00pm. All info at [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com)



## MARCH..... DATE

**City Wide Garage Sale & Old Salt Marine Garage Sale** (Marina & City Wide) ..... 15th  
Need to get rid of stuff? Why not have a garage sale. More info at [www.oldsaltfishing.org](http://www.oldsaltfishing.org)

**Mad Beach Pre-St. Patricks Day Festival** (Madeira Way) Info at [www.SIKpromotions.com](http://www.SIKpromotions.com) ..... 15 & 16th

**3rd Annual All American Grunt Hunt Tournament** (Marina) .....20 & 22nd  
White Grunt fishing tournament and Fish fry.  
There will be beer, wine, full bar, food, raffle, door prizes, 50/50, and vendors.  
More info at [www.madbeachevents.com](http://www.madbeachevents.com)

**Firestone Grand Prix of St.Petersburg** ..... 28 - 30th  
IndyCar Series auto racing. Drivers will race at speeds in excess of 170 mph along a 14-turn, 1.8-mile temporary circuit that runs through the streets of St. Petersburg.  
More info at: [gpstpete.com](http://gpstpete.com)

## APRIL..... DATE

**Food for Thought** (200 Rex Place) ..... 5th

**Garden Arts Show & Sale** (Madeira Way) More info at [www.SIKpromotions.com](http://www.SIKpromotions.com) .....5 & 6th

**Wild West Kingfish Tournament Leg 1** (John's Pass) ..... 12th  
more info at [www.AnglerArmory.com](http://www.AnglerArmory.com)

**Wild West Kingfish Tournament Leg 2** (John's Pass) ..... 26th  
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