



# Sunset Beach News

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The Sunset Beach Civic Association Newsletter

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## SBCA Annual Welcome Back Potluck & Membership Drive

Join Us: Monday October 13, 2008 at 6:30 at the Sunset Beach Pavilion, TI.

WE will provide a spiral cut ham and turkey, YOU provide the sides...

If your last name begins with the letter below, please bring the following:

**A-H Bring an Appetizer**

**I-P Bring a Side Dish**

**Q-Z Bring a Dessert**

★ **Time to renew your Memberships!** We will collect your membership forms and annual dues at the door. Remind your neighbors!!!

Other items for sale include: Beer Coozies, T Shirts, Bumper Stickers, 50/50 raffle tickets, beer, wine & soft drinks.

★ **Attention Rays Fans:** If there is a game, we will have it on!

**RSVP:** \*Please email [realestate@gulftokeys.com](mailto:realestate@gulftokeys.com) if you will be attending.

## Treasure Island October Beach Fest

Join Us this Saturday, October 11th from 3pm until 11pm at Sloppy Joe's Waterfront.

Proceeds will benefit Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Family Network on Disabilities of Florida and the TI Chamber of Commerce. Festivities include Food, Live Music, Beer & Wine. The musical line up includes The Swinging Mooks, Michael Southern and the Smoking Guns, Elevated, Tom Gribbin and the Saltwater Cowboys and Big Brother.

For tickets & info contact TI Chamber of Commerce at [tchamber1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tchamber1@tampabay.rr.com) or call (727)360-4121.

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## President's Message

Welcome Back Sunset Beach!



I hope everyone had a great summer. So far we have survived another storm season. We have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed a wonderful summer of lush rains, gorgeous sunsets, great baseball and turtle hatchings. This summer Treasure Island has seen the successful hatching of 12 Sea Turtle Nests. A few of our neighbors were lucky enough to witness the hatching of 3 Sunset Beach nests totaling the birth of 346 hatchlings. Thank you to our Gulf front residents for cooperating with lighting to protect the hatchlings.

Recently Sunset Beach has been the focus of several city meetings & workshops. To find out more about any of the issues that affect us as Sunset Beach Residents please visit <http://www.mytreasureisland.org>. While you are there I encourage you to subscribe to the TI Newsletter to stay informed about local issues, meetings and events.

As we head into fall it's that time of the year when we start up the SBCA for 2008-2009.

We have another fun filled calendar of events planned for this upcoming year beginning with our **Welcome Back Potluck & Membership Drive on Monday October 13 at the Pavilion**. We have different levels of membership available. Invite your neighbors, the more the merrier!

If you have any fresh ideas for meetings, events or newsletter items please bring them to one of your 2008-2009 SBCA Board Members. Thank you for your continued support of the SBCA. We are looking forward to another great year. **Let's Go Rays! Vote! Vote! Vote!**

**Dawn Fader, President SBCA**

## Commissioner's Corner

Hello Sunset Beach!



Summer is over already, and has the commission been busy. First with the budget and then with several issues affecting Sunset Beach. With the voters overwhelmingly approving amendment 1 requiring property tax cuts, this years budget was especially tough. The city has 11 fewer employees; 7 were removed last year and 4 this year. It seems everything was raised that could possibly be raised, such as trash, sewer, recycling, stormwater, golf and tennis, some planning and zoning, parking fines, utility and cable taxes, and I'm not probably forgetting a couple of other things, like the one day on the weekend parking on the beach for \$10 (mid island, not Sunset!). The millage rate was set below the roll-back rate, but with declining property values, is actually higher than last year. While everyone should see some property tax relief, the other fees will more than make up for that relief. It was in this spirit of trying to keep down the property tax that the commission decided to not fund TI's share of the library. What that means is that if anyone wants to continue to check things out of a Pinellas County library, that person must pay \$100 per year per family for a card. We just could not get any real numbers on how many actually use the library for it to make sense to increase the tax to pay this. This could change for next year. On to the Sunset issues. I tried again for the 24/7 slow speed for Blind Pass and was shot down 4-1, although it seemed 5-1 with an ex commissioner from Paradise Island showing up. A swim zone was established for most of the rest of Sunset Beach. Caddy's was given a proviso to allow boats to approach and anchor out only 125 feet as opposed to the normal 300 feet. One more significant change is that surf boards, skim boards and kayaks are now allowed in a swim zone. The parking permit system is scheduled for our Oct.21 meeting and I'm hoping that it goes through as originally planned. Stay tuned.

Sure is going to be an exciting election, make sure to inform yourself and then cast that vote!

**Alan Bildz, Commissioner District 4**



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## Sales on Sunset Beach

3/1/2008 to 10/06/08

8729 East Bay Dr	Sold for 1,225,000
0000 East Bay Dr.	Sold for \$699,000
8341 Bayshore Dr	Sold for \$675,000
7480 Bayshore Dr 203	Sold for \$742,500
8569 Sunset Ct	Sold for \$730,000
7650 Bayshore Drive 205	Sold for \$550,000
7600 Bayshore Drive 906A	Sold for \$610,000
7537 Bayshore Dr #407	Sold for \$579,000
7564 Bayshore Dr 302	Sold for \$585,000
19 80th Terrace	Sold for \$487,500
8470 Gulf Blvd 601	Sold for \$430,000
8655 W. Gulf Blvd	Sold for \$430,000
8675 W. Gulf Blvd	Sold for \$400,000
7600 Bayshore Dr S 304	Sold for \$325,000
8470 W. Gulf Blvd 301	Sold for \$297,000
8470 W. Gulf Blvd #511	Sold for \$275,000
129 92nd Ave	Sold for \$215,000

Information provided courtesy of  
Dawn Fader, Keller Williams Realty.

These records were derived from the Pinellas Board of Realtors MLS and Public Records; various realtors participated in these sales.

## Think Native

By Barb Driscoll

Nature preselected the plants for our area - a barrier Island. Native plants require far less maintenance than nonnatives do. Native plants require less water, usually no fertilizer and provide food for pollinator species such as butterflies and bees. Big chain stores usually have the same plants that folks thousands of miles away purchase, not taking into consideration our specific type of soil, amount of rain water, wind, direct sun, etc. Shopping and supporting a true native nursery helps our environment and our pocketbook. This year we are installing a rain barrel to collect rainwater to further eliminate using ground water for individual plant watering. Also suggested is using a drip irrigation system instead of traditional in ground sprinklers. According to an article in Country Living, using this type of irrigation can cut outdoor water usage by 20 to 50 percent.

**Enjoy thinking Native!**

## Beach Clean Up 2008/2009

Welcome back. The beach clean-up program has been modified for this coming year. In May the program of the formal 3rd Saturday gathering to clean the beach was suspended and replaced with an informal clean the beach at your choosing. We have been cleaning the beach as we use it and from what I've seen it's working. The old way was just not working because a lot of people were unable to be at a certain place at a certain time. This program allows us to clean the beach at our convenience. Now we are asking all residents to clean up their local areas of the beach as they use them. I think this will work better and we will monitor the beach to make sure it stays clean. We will also be adding two Annual Beach Clean Up dates. Details will be provided in upcoming newsletters. Let us know what you think.

**Mike, Tom and Bob – Beach Clean-up Committee**

### Attention Creative Sunset Beach Residents!

**Are You a Writer?** We are currently looking to enhance our online presence with News Articles, Blogs, Stories, Reports & other items of interest for our Sunset Beach Residents.

**Are you an Artist?** We are also looking for New Logos, Slogans, Artwork, Photos & Designs for SBCA Merchandise & Beach Clean Up Promotion to be used on T Shirts, the Web, signs etc. **Get those Creative Juices Flowing!**  
**Contact Dawn (727) 687-2522 with IDEAS!**

## Sunset Beat

By Rob

Autumn is a comin' in, and while we'll refrain from restating those subtle indications that serve as meteorological proof and that so elude our northern friends, it might be a good time to list a few signs that only we Sunset Beachers and Beachettes can identify:

Fall has arrived when Maurice bicycles past and is wearing a shirt. When my dog Matilda can sit on the deck for more than 2 minutes without incurring 3rd degree burns. When it's Sunday and we can cross West Gulf without running. When Gator and 'Nole flags drape our balustrades like beach towels. When Donna's house turns into a pumpkin. And when we can ignore the sting ray warnings and storm warnings and no-watering warnings and just sit back and enjoy our sandy slice of paradise.

And wait for the Ontario license plates to arrive.

### \*Personally speaking:

The Beach had its first baby born in years when Rachel and Seth combined to make a daughter, thereby helping to correct the acute imbalance between human and non-human life forms in their 82 Ave. home.

**★ Mark your Calendars for 2008/2009 SBCA Schedule of Events**

Date	Time	Event	Location
October 13	6:30 pm	Welcome Back Potluck	Sunset Beach Pavilion
November 3	6:30 pm	SBCA Board Meeting	City Hall Auditorium
December 1	6:30 pm	White Elephant Holiday Party	TI Community Center
December 21	TBD	Holiday Stroll	Sunset Beach
December 24	Sundown	Luminary Night	Sunset Beach
January 5	6:30 pm	SBCA Board Meeting	TI Community Center
February 9	6:30 pm	Italian Night	TI Community Center
March 2	6:30 pm	State of the City	TI Community Center
March 21	8:00 am	Garage Sale	Sunset Beach
April 20	6:30 pm	BBQ	Lion's Club
May 3	6:30 pm	End of Year Potluck	Sunset Beach Pavilion
May 23		Sun Sand & Swing	Bilmar Beach Resort



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## Dogs of Sunset Beach

### Remembering Noah



The series of the Dogs of Sunset Beach would not be complete without mention of Noah. Noah lived on Sunset beach with his masters Joel Cohen and Barry Dingman. Sadly, Noah died of cancer this summer at the age of 9 1/2.

Noah was a very smart Golden having graduated from puppy school (with honors) and two courses in agility training. Noah loved living on Sunset Beach where he enjoyed the best life has to offer (a dog) -- walking, swimming and FRISBEE!!!

Noah, a typical Golden, loved to give back. He was a Pet Therapy volunteer for both Hospice and most recently All Children's Hospital. As a Pet Therapy dog he brought smiles to so many sick children, their parents and nurses. He loved his work and his pay (smiles, laughs, petting) was most rewarding.

Over the past couple of years, Noah has enjoyed RV travel around the country. The RV was, of course, named "Noah's Ark." Golden retrievers are happy as long as they are with people. RVing was the perfect solution for being able to travel with a 70+ pound dog.

Noah loved his life and friends on Sunset Beach and especially loved to go to Sunset. Thanks to all who showered him with attention and took time to give him a scratch or his frisbee a toss - - you were truly "Golden" to him!

### Remembering Hoops, Jeri & Frank De Tillio

Hoops was born on Christmas Day and we loved him for 10 1/2 years. He was the smartest dog we ever had. We talked to him just like he was a person. Coming home was always the best part of leaving because of the joyful greeting of unconditional love he would heap on us. Hoops had a special and unique relationship with each of us. Frank, Jeri and our three kids. He could always sense who needed his loving attention the most. If you just mentioned that a kid was coming home and he would run to the car to go to the airport. He loved boating, walks, wrestling and watching sunsets. Hoops died of Lymphoma after only being sick for 2 weeks. We had no idea how devastated we would be. We will miss him every day.



## SBCA Membership Opportunities

Please Bring the following Membership Form and 2008/2009 Membership Dues to the Welcome Back Potluck & Membership Drive on Monday October 13 at 6:30 at the Pavilion.

Due to popular demand, we have added a Non-Resident Guest Membership for our friends of Sunset Beach. Non-Resident Guests may enjoy the benefits of SBCA Membership however voting rights are reserved for our Resident/Absentee members only.



**Sunset Beach**

### Sunset Beach Civic Association Membership Form 2008/2009 SBCA Membership Opportunities

Individual	\$6.00
Household	\$10.00
Bronze	\$25.00
Silver	\$50.00
Gold	\$100.00 or more
Non-Resident Guest	\$6.00

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Membership (Check one) Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Household \_\_\_\_\_ \*Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ \*Silver \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gold \_\_\_\_\_

**Join now!** Your membership will help support our SBCA expenses including Newsletters, Beach Clean-up, Events, Beautification Projects & more. Your membership will make a big difference in our community. \*Due to popular demand we have added a Non-Resident Guest membership. SBCA voting rights are reserved to Resident/Absentee members only. Please make checks payable to the Sunset Beach Civic Association and mail to:  
**Sunset Beach Civic Association 31-83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Treasure Island, FL 33706-3415**

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