PARADISE ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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HOLIDAY LIGHT UP ON FRIDAY, DEC 7th

What a wonderful way to start off the holiday season, mingling and jingling with your neighbors and witnessing the light up of the most decorated house on Paradise Island. This year, Gary King plans to expand lights to other areas on our Island, so be on the look-out for even more Holiday twinkles (note the entrance lights, yup, Gary!) If you see him out and about, or in his yard, feel free to reach out and lend a hand. For the Light Up, PICA will provide pizza, water (adults are welcome to bring their own holiday cheer) and a light dessert beginning around 5:30. The house will be lit promptly at 6:00pm. The road will be blocked from 5 to 8 so bring a chair and enjoy the lights and music. Put on your favorite holiday shirt or hat and bring in the Holidays in front of Gary King's home for a fun night! If you have any questions, please call Cindy Massie at 367-3841.

UPCOMING DATES

PICA HOLIDAY LIGHT UP Friday, Dec 7th 5:30pm

10221 Paradise Blvd

CITY of TI / ROTARY
ROBBIE'S PANCAKE BFAST

TI Comm Center Sunday, Dec 9th 8 to 12

TI BOAT PARADE Friday, Dec 14th



WAS A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT FOR OUR FALL MIXER

We had a great evening in mid October enjoying friends and neighbors for our 4th Mixer at The Club at Treasure Island. We had over 80 residents attending, included a number of people who were brand new to our Island. In fact, the 50/50 raffle winner, Terri Hoenstine, is one of our newest neighbors in Paradise! Everyone enjoyed delicious poolside tapas, cold drinks and lively steel drum entertainment. Thank you to Debbie Parks for coordinating and her team Linda Benware, Cindy Massie, Karen McConnell and Joyce Sperry. As long as these mixers at The Club remain popular, will continue to hold them twice a year. We look forward to seeing even more new and longtime neighbors attend this relaxing and fun event!

2019 BOARD CHANGES

We want to welcome anyone who would like to be involved in our organization, we don't want to take all the glory! If you are interested in any position, any position at all, let us know. We are always looking for good ideas! At some point soon, we will have a need for a Treasurer, since Joyce Sperry has not been feeling well and doesn't know how long she can continue to perform that duty for us. We love to have her involved and will miss her and she has been a pleasure to work with. She has also made the job very efficient, so if you have an interest in helping as Treasurer, please let us know. By the way, we will have a 2019 Dues Coupon in the first edition of the newsletter *next year*, no need to pay dues any more for 2018.

Please join us in welcoming Sheree Wysocki to the PICA Board. She is a new resident of our Island and is jumping right in to lend a hand. And, she has volunteered to be PICA Secretary, starting in 2019. What a gal! Also in 2019, Debbie and Cindy have agreed to be Co-Presidents, Linda will be Vice President and Beautification Chair, Joyce will remain Treasurer (until we can find a replacement) and Dena will keep track of membership and publish the newsletter. Sadly, after almost 10 years volunteering with PICA, Karen McConnell has requested a break from ongoing Board duties, although she will help out when needed. We have always appreciated Karen's enthusiasm and good ideas, and will miss her thoughtful perspective. She has been a tireless advocate for PICA and a pleasure to work with, and we hope you will join us in wishing her well with new endeavors!



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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

Hello!! My name is Saleene Partridge and I am delighted to be serving as your City Commissioner! As we enter the holidays, there are exciting local community events taking place in which to participate and enjoy. With our Treasure Island Boat Parade and PICA Light Up just around the corner, it is aanother great time to be a resident of Paradise Island!!!

A big thank you to all those who attended the Veterans Day parade. The turnout was fantastic and it was a great show



from the local community. I have been taking every opportunity to speak with and listen to residents, and work to keep our ideas, concerns and visions for Paradise Island on the forefront when assisting the City in decision making. The city staff has been great in listening and answering our questions.

A few HIGHLIGHTS from last few City Commission meetings:

- •Some residents have proposed a dog park on Isle of Capri behind Rossetti Park.
- •The City and Publics Works Department has been cooperating with the County and State in a combined effort to deal with Red Tide and clean up.
- •<u>December 1st</u> we will begin the Multifamily Recycling Program. Once that's up and running the idea is to remove the recycling building near Treasure Bay.
- •The City is continuing to look into options for maintaining the bridge and is seeking assistance from external advisors.
- •We are currently exploring several options to deal with deteriorating city buildings with several options being explored. No decision has been made at present.
- •The City received State Recognition for their Accounting and Budgeting
- •The City will hold an informational meeting about new flood maps that take effect March 2019. You can view these maps at: http://www.pinellascounty.org/flooding/

INTERESTING FACTS:

The road works along the causeway is not city business but is a private venture to lay FIOS which hopefully means faster internet service for residents coming soon.

Save the city "Green" by properly disposing of your greens! The cost of hauling away regular trash and recycling waste is far more then the cost of disposing of greens. By properly disposing of your greens on the designated day you save the city some cash!!!! So please do your best to spread the word and also remind the lawn services that they should be taking the greens they cut with them.

Lastly, get out and enjoy our own Treasure Bay and take advantage of the new Point of Sale Service! This new feature allows you to have an adult beverage while using the Treasure Bay Facility. Hopefully we'll see more people out enjoying the new pavilions, foot golf and all Treasure Bay has to offer. Get the family out for some fun!!

Looking forward to meeting more residents over the next few months and diligently working with the City Staff and Commissioners to keep our city great.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Thank you for allowing me to be your President and for all the nice people of Paradise Island. I'm happy to leave you in the very good hands of Debbie & Cindy. Hope to see you around! Karen@KMLegacyGroup.com

VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS

Thank you to Christina Russell who answered the call to deliver newsletters on Tarpon Drive. Also, thank you to Scott Moffatt (All Season's Landscaping) who has advertised with PICA and supported PICA projects for at least two decades. And, thanks to Alison Payne who has offered to put together a paddle board activity when the red tide subsides and the weather permits. Still looking for others to coordinate activities. We will send out an email again in January asking for volunteers.

The Beautification Committee is working on securing a decorative bench (with the "PI" image below) from the funds donated by the Kyriazis family. If you weren't able to get a Paradise Island sticker from Galvin and Zachary.

we have about 85 left for sale (\$5 each). You may contact Dena via email/ phone and we will have them available for sale at the Light-Up (exact change please!), while supplies last.





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