

From the President



Greetings! This has been a crazy last couple of months. I am so proud of our Paradise island residents. Many of you reached out to offer your help to neighbors by grocery shopping and doing errands. Carlos took the lead and did a great job coordinating the volunteers.

Though I understand this could be challenging times for some, please know that your PICA board is here to help you. As we re-open and you feel comfortable venturing out, visit your local restaurants and stores. Be respectful of others and adhere to the CDC guidelines, wear a mask, and keep your distance.

Joyce Sperry has recently resigned from the board. She will be missed by us all. Joyce was on the board for numerous years and the treasurer for over four years.

We appreciate all that you have done for us, Joyce!
I hope to see some of you at the wine tasting!
Remember we do live in Paradise.

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Around the Island!

PICA Wine Tasting Event

Saturday, June 27th • 6 p.m.

Community Center

Bring your own wine glass. (See pg.3 for more information)

The Club at Treasure Island

swimming pool and tiki bar is open with a full bar and special menu poolside. Hours are Friday 4 - 9 p.m., Saturday 12 noon - close and Sunday 12 noon - 6 p.m.

You do not need to be a member.

Social distancing capacity requirements will be enforced. Contact the Club with any questions.

Treasure Bay is Open!

Hours are daily from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
and 4 - 9 p.m.

\$5 Friday night & Monday special rates

Please Note:

The address to mail your
Membership dues has changed.
Please mail them to:

PICA, P.O. Box 67435
St. Pete Beach, FL 33736

Neighborhood Beautification Committee: Call for Volunteers

By Carlos Miro

Communities are meant to create connections, opportunities and a sense of belonging. There are many ways to build, enhance and maintain communities. One of the best ways is community beautification. This is a fantastic way to enhance the community experience, as it encourages neighbors to join together and connect in order to beautify our landscape, which has a direct impact on the values of our homes. But also, living in a natural setting that's beautiful has a well-known positive impact on increasing a sense of happiness and harmony.

Do you have a keen eye for creating a beautiful landscape? If you happen to have knowledge of landscape beautification, whether by vocation or avocation – we want to hear from you! Anyone who is interested can join the PICA Beautification Committee – all we ask is that you have a desire to beautify our island, and a willingness to work with your neighbors. We can

connect via telephone or video chat for the time being, until everyone is comfortable meeting face to face.

The committee will be looking specifically at beautifying our two main streets - the Treasure Island Causeway between the two bridges and Paradise Boulevard.

Treasure Island Causeway: Plans for drainage improvements and for the beautification of the causeway are already underway in City Hall. The Treasure Island City Manager is working with key stakeholders on developing a plan that will solve the drainage problems for all of the causeway, plus beautify the adjoining land. We should be part of that conversation. Please reach out to me if you would like to be on a small task group focused on providing the City with our input on the ½ mile stretch of the causeway on Paradise Island.

Paradise Island Boulevard: Did you realize that this central road in our community is about ¾ of a mile long? Have you also noticed that, except for the very

front near the Causeway, most of the median section of the road seems mostly forlorn and desperately calling out for some TLC? Our Treasure Island City Commissioner Saleene Partridge is a resident and is interested in helping to beautify our island. If you would like to be on a subcommittee focused on providing input that she can bring to the City Commission, please contact me.

We'll start simple, bring ideas to the table, build consensus, and reach out to our community leaders with the City of Treasure Island as partners, and work with other stakeholders in our community.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping to plan and build a more beautiful paradise on our island: (202) 674-3230; carlos.miro@outlook.com.



Thank you...

Many thanks to our TI Public Works Department
for painting our front gazebo.
It's a great place to meet with a neighbor
as many of you are doing!





Saturday June 27, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center

Cost: \$15.00 ea. member
\$20.00 ea. non-member

I hope you can join us for our PICA wine tasting. Due to COVID-19, we are having this event at the spacious community center. We will adhere to the CDC guidelines.

Enjoy seven yummy wines to taste - white, red and rosé.

Vino Simpatico, a local wine boutique located at 722 Pasadena Ave. S in South Pasadena, will pour the wines at each table.

Bring your own wine glass!! This will be a nice time to relax, enjoy and sip a little vino!

Please call Cindy at 727-367-3841 to make your reservation.



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Sheltering In Paradise

By Tammy Slater-Kendrick

The COVID-19 shutdown has certainly brought with it a lot of changes for all of us – but not all of the changes have been bad. Around Paradise Island, we've noticed a lot more families out walking, biking and just enjoying the sunshine and fresh air together. Neighbors are smiling, waving and enjoying chats outside (all while maintaining acceptable social distances, of course). It truly is a sign that the neighborhood we call home is a wonderful place to live and to raise families.

To make the time a little more fun, PICA sponsored a Scavenger Hunt. Our President Cindy Massie took photos of various objects around the neighborhood, such as lawn ornaments, special landscaping, etc. Participants had to find the items and include the address where they were found. It was a fun event that encouraged people to get out on their own schedule, yet maintain social distancing. Congratulations to the Czyszczan family for winning the Scavenger Hunt! Sons Joey and Andrew received a \$20 gift card from Original Pizza for their efforts. A big thank you to Cindy as well, for coordinating the event and taking all the photos.

As life begins to get back toward something

that resembles normal, we're looking forward to even more opportunities to enjoy all this family togetherness and neighborly friendliness. Those are the things we wouldn't mind sticking around once the threat of the virus is gone.



Kids at home.



Family bicycling.



Neighbors meeting neighbors.

Paradise Island Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Now that the stay-at-home orders have been lifted and the state, our local beaches and businesses are finally opening up, it's easy to forget how quickly the world changed – and how quickly isolation, fear and uncertainty began to rule our lives.

On March 1, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the first two Floridians tested positive for coronavirus. Little did we know that in less than three weeks, on March 20, the situation would be so dire that Pinellas County Commissioners would unanimously vote to close the county's 35 miles of world-famous beaches, public parking lots and pools to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

But Paradise Island residents and members of the civic association are strong and brave, and care deeply about this community and our neighbors. On March 2, a small group of us began working together to form a network of helpers – of people volunteering to help our neighbors.

Some neighbors – especially the elderly and others with compromised immune systems – could not venture beyond their homes to shop for groceries or medicine. Over the next few weeks, the PICA list of helpers grew as more volunteered to assist – even in the deepest part of the pandemic, when infections were increasing



Dogs getting lots of walks.

exponentially and medical experts were uncertain of how the Coronavirus was transmitted, or how it could be prevented or treated. Eventually, we had a network of over 20 neighbors – almost one helper household on every street, willing to do whatever we could during the crisis. Fire Chief Trip Barrs helped by using the Treasure Island Emergency Communication System to let our shut-ins and others who are not connected on social media know that PICA and our Paradise Island volunteers were willing to help.

Thank you...

We want to thank all our brave, selfless volunteers:

Christine Giammarco • Dee Dudinsky • Patty Mysak
John and Martha Rensch • Patty and Wolfgang Knapp • Viki Knapp
Bruce Tunno • Lydia Bamford • Debby Johnson • Sylvia Ameen
Carol Jean Vosburgh • Pattie Tiernan • Ralph and Tracey Lopes
Tammy Slater-Kendrick • Dena & Bob Minning
Jackie Crain • Dianne Kip • Karen Brady • Atul Shah



Commissioner Saleene Partridge



Hello, Paradise Island!

We are very proud of our whole community and the way everyone has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. TI had one case of COVID-19 on April 5th and have had no other reported cases since. Our community by and large, has been very respectful of one another and

has adapted to social distancing and masks. Great work! As we return to the new normal, respectful behavior will continue to be necessary.

A special thank you to the Paradise Island Civic Association for working with Fire Chief Trip Barrs and identifying community members who needed additional support and making contact with them. If you or someone you know is still in need, please contact me, Paradise Island Civic Association or Chief Barrs as we continue to provide support to our residents and businesses. We still have some uncertainties before us but together we can and will get through this difficult time.

I am so proud of our City Manager Garry Brumbach and his staff for taking on the task of starting summer camp in light of all the new requirements. Many camps canceled but we were committed to finding a way to serve children and assist parents in our community during a time of need. On June 1 we had 54 excited children at our camp ready for some long-awaited activities out of the house.

The Fire, Police and Recreation departments would all like to express their gratefulness to the American Legion, The Islettes and Treasure Island Rotary who have all generously donated to the TIP Association,

TIF Association and Recreation department camp scholarship funds.

I had the privilege of serving lunch to our first responders this month to show our community's gratefulness for their continued dedication. Many of them have worked in other communities, but all agree the acts of kindness our community constantly demonstrates is special and they appreciate serving here.

Housekeeping items:

- July 4th fireworks have been postponed. A new date will be decided upon at the June 16th commission meeting.
- City Hall is back to normal hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- Please visit Pinellas County Emergency Management's website as we prepare for hurricane season. Look for their annual publication called "*All Hazards Guide for hurricane season and beyond.*" You'll find it posed on their website at http://www.pinellas-county.org/emergency/PDF/All_Hazard_Guide.pdf

It's truly my pleasure to serve you and our community. Should there be something I can assist you with or if you would like to contact me with feedback or suggestions I can be reached at spartridge@mytreasureisland.org or on my cell (727) 748-6281.

Hope to see you out and about in our community soon. Until then be safe and well.

Saleene Partridge
City Commissioner District #3
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Your donations go primarily towards beautification and social events. We thank you for your support in helping make our island community a beautiful place to live!

