



# Sunset Beach News

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The Sunset Beach Civic Association Newsletter

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## Annual SBCA Italian Dinner & Food Drive

**When:** Monday, February 1, 2010 Social 6:30 pm Dinner 7 pm

**Where:** Treasure Island Community Center

**What:** An evening of food & fun with music by Boston Bob

**RSVP:** Italian Dinner is a sell out every year. Get Tickets while they are Hot! For Tickets email [realestate@gulftokeys.com](mailto:realestate@gulftokeys.com) or call (727) 687-2522 or call one of our Directors. If you would like to volunteer to serve dinner, set up or clean up please let us know.

New T Shirts will be for sale at the Event. Featuring a limited supply of children's sizes, New Colors & Clear-

Tickets \$8.00

Salad & Breadsticks  
Baked Ziti & Meatballs  
Ice Cream Sandwiches

**Food Drive: St. Petersburg Free Clinic Food** At Last Year's Italian Dinner we collected and donated 1,100 lbs. of food. Let's do it again! People are hungry and the food banks are running low. PLEASE help by bringing non-perishable, non-expired food items for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic Food Bank to the Italian Dinner. Let us do our part as citizens concerned for our neighbors. The Food Bank is in particular need of health & beauty items including Soap, toothpaste, deodorant as well as canned goods, cereal, peanut butter etc. **We would like to make a BIG donation on behalf of the SBCA.** Contact Marge Sherwin at 727.360.2450 with questions.

## The State of the City, Treasure Island March 1, 6:30 at TI Community Center

Join us for the State of the City Address with Mayor Bob Minning. Commissioner/Commissioner Elect Alan Bildz will also be at the meeting to answer questions and address any issues that relate to Treasure Island and Sunset Beach. We will also nominate & elect a new Board of Directors for the Sunset Beach Civic Association. If you are interested in Joining the Board of Directors for this upcoming year please contact one of our directors.

## Annual Sunset Beach Rummage Sale Saturday March 20 at 8:00 am, Sunset Beach

It's that time of year again. Get out those gloves and start your Spring Cleaning Early. The Annual Sunset Beach Rummage Sale is right around the corner. If you would like to participate in the sale as an individual or as a group (condos, townhomes etc.) please contact Cynthia Moessinger at [moessinger1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:moessinger1@tampabay.rr.com) or

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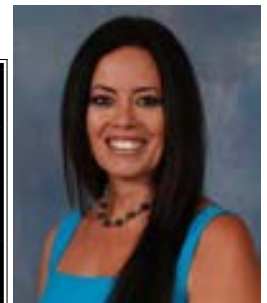
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## President's Message



Greetings Sunset Beach Neighbors, Let's hope the worst of the winter weather is behind us! We have a few upcoming events that I would like to remind you about. **Italian Dinner with Boston Bob, Tickets are Now Available!** We will offer Pre-Sale to our members first and will then offer tickets to the public. The Italian Dinner sells out every year. Email or call to reserve your tickets today. We will be collecting food items for the St. Pete Food Clinic again at this year's event. Let's make it our best donation ever!

**SBCA Elections** are around the corner. We will elect 6 New Board Members at our State of the City Address on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know of someone who would make a great new member of the Board please send me an email. If you are interested in getting more involved in our community and would like more information on the SBCA please contact me or one of the Board members. **Want to see change in your community? Get involved!** Get ready for the Sunset Beach Annual Rummage Sale. Start cleaning out those garages and contact Cynthia to participate.

One last note, as you know, our Haitian neighbors are in dire need of immediate help & support. If you have the means please consider making a donation to a charity in support of their relief & recovery.

Thank you for your continued support of the SBCA.

**Dawn Fader, SBCA President**

## Commissioner's Corner



Hello Sunset Beach!  
The city has big plans for the near future. We will be doing a charter review. Our charter is Treasure Island's "constitution", so if anyone has any ideas how to make ours better, make your thoughts known. We may also have room for someone to serve on the committee, so if that is your desire, please see our city clerk and fill out an application. Speaking of serving on committees, we are also going to do a new visioning study. We need people to volunteer to serve on this committee. Former mayor Mary Maloof is going to chair this committee, so we will be assured of fairness and that all sides will be heard. Our district (4), has no active applications for our other boards, like the planning and zoning or code board. We desperately need interested people to fill these out. The city will be giving a \$200 bond for first prize for naming the ex county beach park, located at 104th Av. If you have a good name in mind, make sure to get your entry in. The deadline for submission is February 5th. The winner will be voted on by the commission. We will not be having an election this year as no one filed to run except yours truly. I appreciate the faith and confidence you have placed in me and will do my best to uphold it.

**Alan Bildz**  
**Commissioner District 4**

## Treasure Island Historical Society

**You are invited to attend 'Some Enchanted Afternoon' on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at the Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club at 1:30pm.** This event, sponsored by the Historical Society, offers guests an afternoon of entertainment from many local artists. Song, dance, music offering a variety of talents -- some quite surprising. The luncheon menu offers Chicken marsala, garlic mashed potatoes, a salad bar and pasta primavera. Tickets are \$20. and are available at the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce at 144 107th Avenue in Treasure Island. Members of the Historical Society also have tickets. This is the Historical Society's fund raiser and the members hope for a great turnout. It is hoped the success of this venue can bring this event back to the islands on an annual basis. Guests will spend an entertaining afternoon and the Society will benefit with having urgently needed monies to sustain the ongoing archiving project that takes up many volunteer hours; this has been an ongoing project for a number of years at this point in time.

**For more particulars or information, please contact Donna White at 360-3477 or [whitelady@verizon.net](mailto:whitelady@verizon.net).**

## City Of Treasure Island

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**Stay Informed!**

## Sales on Sunset Beach 12/01/09-1/14/10

7600 Bayshore Dr. #504 Sold on 12/02/09 for \$500,000  
 8470 W. Gulf Blvd. #407 Sold on 12/11/09 for \$189,000  
 102 Bay Plaza Sold on 12/18/09 for \$357,000  
 8470 W. Gulf Blvd. #302 Sold on 12/29/09 for \$188,000  
 8484 Gulf Blvd. Sold on 12/31/09 for \$900,000

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

### Beach Clean Ups

Our last beach clean-up January 9th was cold and  
 rainy, only three hardy protectors of the environment  
 showed up - Bob Driscoll and Jim and  
 Claire McDonnell from Illinois. Hopefully, our  
 next clean-up date of February 13th won't be so  
 cold. South Sunset Beach clean-up meets at the Pa-  
 vilion, North Sunset Beach clean-up meets at the  
 Brown Pelican Lot, across the street from  
 KaTiki. Please join us at 9:00am.

**Keep Up the Great Work! See you Soon!**  
**-Beach Clean Up Committee**

### Pick Me Up!

When you take a walk look down and I will be  
 there. I will blow from your streets, onto your beach  
 and into your water. Not only am I unsightly to your  
 beaches, I am dangerous to your aquatic life. Think-  
 ing I am a jelly fish your sea turtles may suffocate  
 and drown by mistakenly eating me. When I am a  
 plastic six pack holder or fishing line I can wrap my-  
 self around the beaks of your pelicans and other sea  
 birds and they may starve. Please pick me up - I am  
 litter!

### The Dunes by Barb Driscoll

The dunes are a successful thriving, living system, an ecosys-  
 tem. What is a dune ecosystem? It is "a dynamic complex of  
 plant, animal and micro-organism communities, and their non-  
 living environment, interacting as a functional unit". A beach eco-  
 system is made up of living and non-living parts. A dune system  
 needs a variety of dune stabilizing plants, not only the beautiful sea  
 oats. "The combined roots of native dune plants form an invisible  
 network of underground strength, weaving horizontally, vertically  
 and diagonally to stabilize the mounds of sand that protect our  
 coast against pounding tides. When the ocean's forces weaken the  
 root structure, the dunes start to erode but sometimes the strength  
 of one last root will hold enough to rebuild an entire system."

Some of the native dune plants are: The sea oat, railroad vine,  
 beach morning glory, native scaevola, cabbage palm, sandspurs,  
 prickly pear cactus, beach sunflowers, and coin vine  
 (Dalbergia). Invasive plants in the dunes create a threat to the  
 dunes. The invasives take up the room and root system that the  
 native dune plant would occupy. Some invasives put off an odor  
 that keeps the native plants away. A few of the nonnatives that are  
 detrimental to the dune system are the Brazilian pepper tree (also  
 called Florida Holly - which is not a holly), Australian pines and  
 the nonnative scaevola which grows fast and thick and can be diffi-  
 cult to remove - however, they are removable.

Perhaps the City of Treasure Island could adopt a more pro-active  
 approach to the nonnative invasive plants issue and encourage our  
 residents to remove the invasives from their property. In the long  
 run we would have less invasive plants in our dunes if property  
 owners would remove these plants from their landscape. This is a  
 good time to remove the Brazilian pepper tree as many of them  
 have berries now and those berries will form new plants. For inter-  
 ested, I would help homeowners identify invasives in their land-  
 scape and help evaluate ways to remove them. I can be reached at  
 727-367-5863. If you are not sure you have one of the aggressive  
 non-native invasives call me. A word on our very cold, windy  
 weather that we had. Some of our plants may show stress going  
 forward. Try to refrain from trimming or removing plants until  
 warmer weather. Trimming could send the plant further into shock  
 and removal may be removing a plant that is not dead. Keep the  
 clippers in the shed until warmer weather. Palms should not be  
 trimmed unless the frond that is being removed is completely  
 brown. Even a little green left on a dying frond provides food to  
 the palm. With this stressful weather, the palms need all the true  
 nutrients they can get. I was going to plant another Myrsine in our  
 yard, but will wait until the cold weather is over. The Myrsine is a  
 native shrub or low tree up to 15ft. Flowers cluster along branches  
 and have a black berry when ripe. The flowering is February to  
 August; fruiting all year. Myrsine grows quickly & tolerates  
 drought. Anyone interested in seeing ours, give me a call. **Enjoy!**



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## Mark your Calendars for 2009/2010 SBCA /TI Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Feb 1	6:30	Italian Dinner	TI Community Center
March 1	6:30	State of the City & Election	TI Community Center
March 20	8:00 am	Annual Garage Sale	Island Wide
TBD	TBD	SBCA Annual BBQ	TBD
May 3	6:30 pm	End of Year Potluck	Sunset Beach Pavilion



\*Dates and locations subject to change. If changes are made they will appear in a newsletter or membership will receive email update. (Make sure your membership is current so you receive email updates.)

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It's beginning to feel a lot like Canada  
Everywhere you go  
Nobody tells you why  
That under a cloudless sky  
The temperature can get so low  
You'd swear that it was 10 below.

It's beginning to look a lot like Bismarck  
No one's on the beach  
Even the German folk  
(Forgive me a little joke)  
Are bundled up like winter gnomes  
Leaving their Speedos in their homes.

It's beginning to smell a lot like Cleveland  
What are we to do?  
A fire could help, it could  
But Publix is out of wood  
And we're to keep our heat pumps at  
A setting that would freeze the cat.

It's begining to seem a lot like Canada  
But I've devised a plan  
Instead of our playing host  
To all of the northernmost  
Sunset Beachers- head their way  
It couldn't be much worse there, eh?



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## The Dogs of Sunset Beach, Meet Truffle

Truffle is the coolest dog. He's only 8 months old and is already the smartest member of our family! He came from Wisconsin so he is loving this freezing weather. Truffle was named after the black French Mushroom...not the chocolate candy....it's **more masculine**. He's growing so fast he will soon be a shetland pony! Truffle enjoys his daily walks with his friends Shiloh and Jack. And he loves seeing his other doggy friends and the nice people who stop to say hello. So if you see this standard poodle with his extensive wardrobe....bring treats!



If you would like to feature your dog in a future newsletter contact Jean Decker at [myrld@hotmail.com](mailto:myrld@hotmail.com).

### NEW! Sunset Beach T Shirts

New Sunset Beach T-Shirts will be available at the Italian Dinner featuring a new color palette to choose from for long sleeve and short sleeve Tshirts. We will be selling a limited supply of Children's Tshirts.

We will also be liquidating a small stock of 2009 Long Sleeve Sunset Beach for only \$15.

For Year Round T Shirt Sales contact Jean Decker at [myrld@hotmail.com](mailto:myrld@hotmail.com).

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