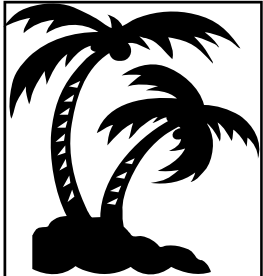


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**Vina Del Mar Island Association's  
 St. Patrick's Day Dinner / Annual Meeting**

The Vina Del Mar Island Association is hosting our annual St. Patrick's dinner in conjunction with our Annual Board Meeting. As always, the Association will be providing a delicious St. Patrick's (jigs) Dinner.

Vina's dinner meeting will be held on March 12th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm at the Warren Webster Building and the Association will be supplying a Jig's Dinner of Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots and condiments. The cost is \$5.00 per adult. Island residents and their guests are welcome. As part of our Annual meeting, the Association will also be holding a brief meeting and elections (if necessary) for Director positions. See page three for election details. Please call Be Milman at 360-0173 to place your reservation for you, your family and friends. This is a BYOB event. Thanks to Debbie McCarthy and all she does in her role as HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON!!! As always, volunteers are needed to help for this event.

**VINA SCHOLARSHIPS**

A key beneficiary of the monies that Vina Del Mar receives (primarily from our participation in Beach Goes Pops and the collection of dues) is to award Scholarship money to young residents of Vina Del Mar.

We are looking to support deserving GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS who live in Vina Del Mar who have been active in both the association and other areas.

If you are a graduating High School Senior who would like to be considered for this scholarship you may apply for this scholarship from the Vina Del Mar Island Association. If you are interested in obtaining an application packet or would like more information regarding "Scholarships" and criteria required please contact Board member Judy Casey who is currently chairing this committee at 360-5107. The deadline to submit your application packet back to the Association is March 31st, 2008.

**2008 DUES DUE NOW**

Please be on the look out for your "Dues" letter to arrive in the mail any day for Vina Del Mar Island Association Annual 2008 Dues. Dues are a very modest \$25.00 per household per year and help fund a number of different projects, events and Scholarships. We are also asking that you fill out the form enclosed in the "Dues Letter" so that we can record and update your information. Someone asked recently if they could donate more than the requested \$25.00. Of course you can!

Due to success of new program from last year, the Association will again be raffling a pair of tickets for the Dinner Extravaganza on Saturday (April 19th) at the Beach Goes Pops. A ticket (one per household) can be secured by paying your dues (2008) by our Annual Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 12th, 2008. There will be a tear off "stub" that you can return with your check or bring to the dinner.

If you have questions or comments or need any additional information please call DeeLynn Rivinius at 688-1368 who chairs our "Membership" committee.

## Vina Stuff.....

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Have you noticed Vina's latest addition?....We finally have gotten a new sign at the entrance to our island.

Many theories on what might have happened to the last one but we are happy to have the new sign finally installed. It was a long process but I think that the Beautification Committee and Vina Board got it right!

The project is not finished as we still need electric, reclaimed water and landscaping to finish out the project. Bill Pyper (Chairman of our Beautification Committee) along with Claudine Reece, Isabelle Adams, Joan Flynn, Carol Ballew and others did an outstanding job of getting together a very difficult and time consuming project. Thanks! It looks super now and will look great once it's finished.

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The Vina View will be only be published quarterly and we will soon be sending the publication via e-mail to those who have supplied us with an e-mail address. If you would like to confirm your e-mail address please drop me an e-mail (dzavac@tte.com). We have a fairly comprehensive list of those who submitted e-mail addresses with last year's dues and information page, and we are sending a similar DUES letter this month as well so you may also update and/or confirm your e-mail address. A hard copy will be available to those who prefer a hard copy.

We are hoping to utilize e-mail, the sign board, our web site ([www.vdmia.org](http://www.vdmia.org)), and this newsletter as vehicles for communication to advise and alert you regarding activities and items of interest for our Vina residents.

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Anna Womack of Alton Drive will be taking over our Children Events for the Association. On the immediate horizon is the Easter Egg hunt which is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th at the Vina park from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. There will be an "egg hunt" for all ages. Please bring a dish to share. For more information please contact Anna at 813-760-5307. Anna is looking for someone to assist as a Co-Chair.

Children events usually include an Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party and the Christmas Party but we're always open to new ideas and suggestions. Thanks and welcome Anna. Thanks also to Liz who has put so much time and effort into this important and fun Chair position!

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Since Liz now has all this "free" time she's agreed to tackle a really big project. The last edition of the Vina Directory was 2002— 2003 and that was done by Barb Scian-Munford and her committee. Liz Delgado and DeeLynn Rivinius will be co-chairing this project, so look for information in future newsletters, e-mail blasts and on the website and sign board. Additional details and information coming soon including advertising opportunities

Liz and DeeLynn are looking for volunteers to assist with this huge project. Call Liz at 363-1980.

A key component to the new directory is an updated listing of information regarding each household. In addition to the Dues Letter asking for pertinent information, we are also incorporating the "once very effective" practice of BLOCK CAPTAINS. We are looking for volunteers on each block (or a portion of a block) to be responsible to contact, confirm or get information that will be included in the 2008—2009 Directory. If you would like to volunteer please e-mail Dave Zavac at [dzavac@tte.com](mailto:dzavac@tte.com) or call 363-1064.

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Among the many reasons to check out the Vina web site is a very comprehensive summary and detailed information regarding the Vina Del Mar Island Community Safety and Traffic Calming Task force, and work that was done over the last couple of years on this project. As mentioned on the web site, the Safety Committee received hundreds of responses from the survey that was sent to all island residents. Check it out and again THANKS to Liz Delgado and DeeLynn Rivinius and your committee's hard work and super efforts on this extremely valued project.

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A SPECIAL THANKS to both Liz Delgado and DeeLynn Rivinius for all they have done (Safety Committee, Directory, Dues, Children's Events) and will continue to do for the Vina Del Mar Island Association!

## Kids Activities in St. Pete Beach

Are you a parent, grandparent, nanny or babysitter looking for something new to do with your kids? St. Pete Beach has the answer! The city has added a number of new programs and classes for kids and families. Below is a list of programs currently listed for children on the city's website . You can get more information by going to "www.stpetebeach.org" or stop by the community center or Don Vista building for a brochure.

### SWIMMING

**Open Swim** M-F 11:00-6:00 **Lap Swim** M-F 6:-00 - 11:00am

**Red Cross Learn to Swim Program** M-Th, 2 week sessions— 10:00am-10:45am Level 1,2 5:00pm-5:45pm Level 1 6:00pm-6:45pm Level 2

**Spring Pool Team** A competitive swim team for youth through age 17. Registration begins March 14.

**West Coast Aquatic Swim Team** A competitive year-round age group swim team that practices daily and competes in local, state, and national USS sanctioned meets

### SPORTS / EXCERSIZE / DANCE

#### Gymnastics

Mondays and Thursdays  
4:30-5:15pm and 5:30-6:15pm

**Karate** Mondays and Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

**Basketball**, Coed Grades 1st — 9th

#### Cheerleading

Mondays 4:45-5:30pm and 5:30-6:15pm

#### Body Bat

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm

#### Hip Hop, Jazz and Dance

Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm

### YOUNG CHILDREN

#### ClubHouse for Kids

**Infant - preschool**

An indoor play area for kids and parents/babysitters. Toys to ride and climb-on, imaginary & educational play, art, music, stories  
Mon, Tues, Weds 9:30-11:30am

#### Young Artists Ages 2-5

Kids explore, create and discover art with their parent in a studio setting. Get messy!

Fridays 10:00-11:00am (Don Vista Art Center)

#### Start Smart Sports Ages 3-5

Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am

### AFTER SCHOOL

#### After School Tutoring and Sports Technique

Monday through Friday 3:00pm-4:20pm (Tutoring)  
4:30pm-5:30pm (Sport Technique)

### SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

#### First Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22 8:00am-12:00pm

#### Fabulous First Friday

First Friday of every month 5:30-8:00pm

## VINA Elections

At the Annual meeting there are three (3) Director positions up for re-election. If you would like to be considered (or would like to nominate someone) for a Director position please contact Carol Ballew at 360-7321 if you are interested. As always, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to participate on Vina's board. Please call Carol if you have questions or would like to nominate either yourself or someone else (if you are nominating someone else please be sure that they are interested in running for an open position. In order to hold an board position (Director) you must be current on your dues and be a resident of Vina Del Mar. If we have more candidates than positions available (three) we will hold an election at the Annual Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Dinner. We encourage your participation!!

## ST. PETE BEACH ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote for a very important election for St. Pete Beach to be held on Tuesday, March 11th. Harry Metz will be starting his second year of his current two (2) year term so there is no election for District 4 but we will be electing a new Mayor (Mike Finnerty or Ed Ruttencutter) so make sure that you exercise your right and privilege as an American - VOTE!

**VDMIA WINTER/ SPRING 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 11th** — St. Pete Beach Elections— WWB

**March 12th**—VDMIA Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner—WWB—6pm

**March 15th** — VDM Island Easter Egg Hunt—Vina Park—3pm—5pm

**March 18th** — PAG Home Tour / Art Show - PAG, FL

**April 18th, April 19th** — Beach Goes Pops - PAG

Look for details on these and other events and timely information regarding our great island on Vina's web-site ([www.vdmia.org](http://www.vdmia.org)).



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