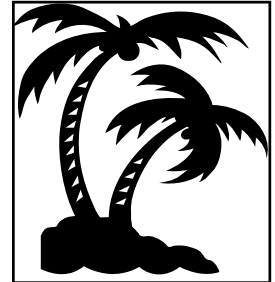


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Island Association



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**Please join us for a
Hurricane Preparedness Meeting
Wednesday, June 27, 7-9 p.m.**

*Warren Webster Community Center
1500 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach*

Special Guest Speakers:

Fred Golliner, St. Pete Beach Fire Chief

Re-entry identification cards will be available to purchase for \$1.00

Bert Henderson, Energy Extension Faculty II, Natural Resources and Energy Conservation with the University of Florida, Florida Energy Extension Service (FEES), and the Pinellas County Extension

Hosted by the Vina Del Mar Island Association in cooperation with the Pass-A-Grille Community Association

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the City of St. Pete Beach Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 10th at the Tradewinds Resort! Early bird rates are just \$55 per ticket before June 27th. Tickets can be purchased through the city at the Don Vista Cultural Center, 3300 Pass-A-Grille Way. Support and celebrate your city!!

Hurricane Re-Entry Tags

To expedite the re-entry process to St. Pete Beach after a major storm, The City of St. Pete Beach recommends all residents and businesses purchase a \$1 re-entry tag before a storm strikes. Residents must appear in person at the St. Pete Beach Fire Station 23 or Police Station with 1 proof of residency (driver's license, voter id, etc) to pick up the permit. Residents and businesses need only purchase the tag once. It is not necessary to repurchase a re-entry tag every storm season. Re-entry tags are also available for purchase at the Wednesday, June 27, 7-9 p.m. Hurricane Preparedness Meeting at Warren Webster Community Center.

If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact DeeLynn Rivinius at 727-688-1368 or Liz Delgado at 727-244-3812.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello everyone, my name is Dick Livingston and I am your new president of the VDMIA as of March 2007. As most of you know, Dave Zavac served in this position for the past two years and did an outstanding job of running the association and is the main reason why I assumed this role in March. He is a tough act to follow, however, as any past President or Board Member will attest to, the success of the Association depends on the people associated with the Board and the community's willingness to volunteer and participate in neighborhood events.

We anticipate a busy upcoming year. Besides our normally scheduled events, we are in the process of installing a community sign at the corner of 21st Avenue and West Vina. An attempt will be made to update the Vina Directory (last done in 2002/2003), and we will be relying more on the Vina Website as a means of communicating more efficiently with the community. The Vina News will continue to be distributed, however, due to the fact that this publication may only come out 3 to 4 times a year, the Website gives a better way to communicate last minute changes to all of you.

The Safety Committee has just completed a letter and survey that is the culmination of nearly two years of meetings and outreach to a number of entities, such as the community, city officials and other experts. Please take the time to read their letter and participate in this important community project. This group deserves a debt of thanks from all of us for their hard work and dedication in bringing this project this far.

VDMIA By-Laws.

Watch the website and the newsletter for proposed changes the Board will be considering over the next few months. Once the Board has approved changes, you will be asked to vote. Our objective is to have the revised By-Laws in the new Vina resident directory. Contact Carol Ballew (3607321) if you have suggestions. Thanks!

Look for more information on the Vina Del Mar web site: www.vdmia.org

The weather is great and our neighbors and friends, young and old, are out and about playing in their yards, riding bikes, in short, getting out more. This is a great time of the year to soak in fresh air and sunshine. It is also a great time to:

Remind ourselves of the need to **STOP! TAKE 3 TO SEE®** when approaching stop signs.



- Monitor our speed on residential streets and beyond. Observe the posted speed limit (or slower if weather/road conditions are poor). **KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25!®**
- Buckle up everyone, every trip, every time.
- "Be a thinker, use your blinker!" Let others know what your intentions are behind the wheel.
- Remember, **"It's not a Race – Create Space!™"** There's no need to tailgate on any road – unless you're driving at the Daytona or Indianapolis raceways!

These are all common courtesies that benefit other drivers, pedestrians, and bike riders. These habits also help to keep us and our passengers safe.

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 2, 2007

In the Spring of 2006 the Vina Board established a committee to identify and propose a plan of action to increase the quality of safety on our neighborhood streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicle drivers alike. The committee, Vina Board and city representatives agreed that our community's involvement in this conversation and commitment to participate in future enhancements is essential for success.

A series of community conversations were held during the last 10 months to discuss possible ways to create safer neighborhood streets. A **Safety Day** was held last summer to provide our community information on many safety-related topics. The committee's continued progress has been communicated to the community through the *Vina View* and our web site.

The City contracted Volkert and Associated Inc., an independent firm of traffic engineering specialists, to visit our island community and assess the current traffic and road conditions, obtain aerial photos, install independent surveillance equipment and report back with documented outcomes. Radar recorded vehicle speeds at four locations on East and West Vina Del Mar Blvd., in both north and south directions. This took place over a 24-hour period March 22 - 23, 2007. The consultants and the City Manager met with the committee on April 3, 2007 to report the following, **Vehicles were driving an average of 10 miles an hour over the 25mph legal limit.**

The data suggests that drivers drove slower when they were aware of the SMART CART recording their speeds and that speeds were more accurately documented with undetected surveillance equipment. The entire published report is available on the Vina website, www.vdmia.org. This information has also been made available to our police department.

Most recently the City of St. Pete Beach joined us with the KEEP KIDS ALIVE Campaign. They have purchased and posted new signs throughout the city. Hopefully you have all noticed the Keep Kids Alive/ Drive 25 signs. Also an article was written in the Neighborhood Times section of the St. Petersburg Times Sunday edition to highlight the program. The neighborhood Safety Committee is concluding this fact-finding project with a Safety Survey for each household. The modifications outlined will not result in any special assessments. This survey is important as your response will indicate how the Vina Board will proceed. You will receive this survey in the mail in a few days or you can go to our web-site www.vdmia.org to vote. Please respond no later than **August 1, 2007**. Once the responses are tallied, the results will be posted on our website and in the next *Vina View*.

We would like to thank the City of St. Pete Beach for their assistance in this process.

Don't forget the posted speed limit is 25 MPH! KEEP KIDS ALIVE!

Thanks to the VDMIA Safety Committee:

Liz Delgado	DeeLynn Rivinius
Kris Hemmel	Tony Short
Ehren Hollenback	Rosemary Trukenbrod
Dave Lang	



Hospitality by Debbie McCarthy

As the new Hospitality Chairman, I would first like to thank those who helped with the St. Pat's Dinner:

Kathy Livingston, Joyce Krag, Carol Gannon, Judy Casey,
AnneMarie Keith, Be Milman, Ed Dillon and Dave Zavac.

Without their guidance and efforts I would not have known where to begin and the success of the evening was to their credit. Approximately 90 of our neighbors attended this great event. I would welcome comments and suggestions for other events as well volunteers for those who would like to be on the committee. *Our next event scheduled is our annual Luau held with PAG Association and we are looking at one of the last 2 weekends in September (22nd or 29th). We'll keep you posted.*

On behalf of the Vina Del Mar Island Association, I would like to thank you for your payment towards the 2007 "dues" for our neighborhood association. Annual dues for the year 2007 are \$25.00 per family or household. We appreciate your support of the VDMIA.

Please mail the below form with payment to:

Vina Del Mar Island Association
C/O DeeLynn Rivinius
2760 East Vina Del Mar Blvd.
St. Pete Beach, FL. 33706

If you have questions, comments, or need additional information, please contact DeeLynn at 688-1368. Again, thank you for supporting your neighborhood association.

Dick Livingston
President

VINA DEL MAR ISLAND ASSOCIATION / STATEMENT OF DUES

2007 Dues: \$25.00 per Family Check Number: _____

Homeowners/Residents Information (Please update for our records):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Hometown: _____ Years on Vina: _____

Email address: _____ / _____

* Indicate if you would like your newsletter sent to you electronically. We are happy to send to multiple e-mail addresses. Feel free to send additional notes or comments on your thoughts or if you have questions about the VDMIA. Also, please indicate if and in what capacity you might be interested or willing to serve on the board. Again, thank you!

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