

**Dear Residents,**

During the past few weeks, A1A has been lined with auto transporters. For the locals, that sight means our winter residents are returning. If you are one of them, WELCOME BACK TO PARADISE!

I've recently met with some of you who have asked a few of the same questions and asked me to confirm rumors.

I hope the update will clear up the latest round of rumors. Please don't hesitate to email me with questions you may have. As you District representative and longtime resident, I can immediately set the record straight about city issues.

Hope to see you in the next few weeks as the season and the community meetings begin.

Progressing on your behalf,

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**SINGER ISLAND UPDATE**

**Fire Station on A1A**

**The Rumor:** "My neighbor told me the city is in desperate need of money and now they are selling the Fire Station land and moving our station over to a warehouse on the mainland." "I know it's true because the buyer's inspector found termites and now the station is tented."

**The Facts:** The Singer Island firehouse is staying at its current location on A1A. Like many of us do with our homes, the Station also needs to be maintained from time to time to get rid of insects that invade. Your city council and mayor are dedicated to maintaining a firehouse on Singer Island. With the thousands of residents and tourists on the Island daily, The City would never risk your safety.

**Singer Island Substation**

**The Rumor:** "The council is not putting a police substation on the Island because it costs too much money and the crime over here is not as bad as some other areas in the city."

**The Facts:** Last Spring, we laid out a policing plan for the Island. The city council authorized the CRA to hire The Safe design Institute to study the CRA area and provide a plan for the CRA's policing needs. This study was done in coordination with the Riviera Beach police department. Our plan consists of renting space on the 2nd floor of the Ocean Mall to house a substation for police and our ambassador program. The ambassadors will escort visitors to their vehicles, provide information, and will be the eyes needed to provide a safe area. The CRA has budgeted \$664,000 in Public Safety for the CRA area for F2013-2014. \$250,000 will be allocated toward surveillance cameras for the area including Singer Island, \$67,980 for a Public Safety Officer who will manage the policing program and our 'ambassadors'. \$50,000 to lease space at the Ocean Mall for our Ambassador Program including Riviera Beach police officers, \$42,000 for police detail services, \$214,470 for the Clean & Safe Program and Equipment costs and \$40,000 for a lien resolution/code resolution program. It is our hope to have the

Ocean Mall substation up and running in the next several months. Please remember, in addition to the CRA funding, the Riviera Beach police department provides policing to the entire city.

As the community meetings on the Island begin, we will be providing additional information. Please note that over the past summer, I used \$7,000 from my allocated community benefits funds to buy and install a surveillance camera for the north-end of the Island. The camera is monitored by the Riviera Beach Police Department. Please remember to do your part. If you see suspicious activity, call the police.

**Drug Rehabs**

**The Rumor:** "There's a methadone clinic with drug addicts on Singer Island and the City doesn't care"

**The Facts:** There are no methadone clinics on Singer Island. Singer Island, like many cities around the State has sober homes. Sober homes are protected by the Federal American Disabilities Act (ADA). The facilities on the Island provide housing, but treatment is provided off site. There has been a push in Tallahassee to regulate sober homes. I will be providing more information during the next few months at various community civic meetings.

**Totem Pole on A1A**

**The Rumor:** "There's a small parcel of fenced land with a totem pole mailbox on the west side of A1A and the city allowed a house to be built on the land."

**The Facts:** The owner has made an inquiry to the city about building a boat dock on the property. The city informed the owner they need to get permits from regulatory agencies. The city has not issued any permits.