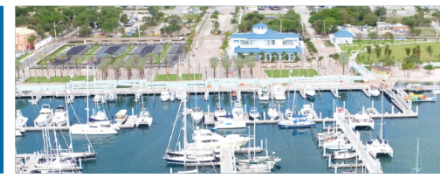


Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Welcome to Riviera Beach

The Riviera Beach CRA had another successful year with great progress towards our mission to promote revitalization and redevelopment in some of the city's most challenged neighborhoods.

- Phase II redevelopment of Marina Village continues to bring economic opportunity.
- We have expanded the programs at our award-winning Community Garden
- We are attracting new commercial and residential projects to ensure that **Riviera Beach is the Place to be.**



Scott Evans, AICP
Interim Executive Director

Community Outreach

Earth Day 2018

- In celebration of Earth Day, local activities of the annual Great American Cleanup community beautification and litter prevention program took place in April.
- Volunteers turned out in droves to clean and weed the garden to prepare for new seedlings, vegetables, flowers and herbs. Participants also gathered up litter in the surrounding neighborhood.



Art Infusion

Eight New Murals for the CRA

In 2018, approval was given to begin the installation of eight murals within the CRA. After several artist workshops attended by stakeholders, residents and staff, plans were drawn up for the eight murals.

- Mural Installment No. 1 is aptly named, “**Aquarium**.” This mural depicts manatees, dolphins, sea turtles, crabs, tropical fish, and other various aquatic animals, and was installed on a 30-foot water tank that sits in our award-winning Marina Village.

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- Mural Installment No. 2, named “**Calypso**,” is located on the wall directly in front of the water tank. This mural takes its inspiration from the African American and Caribbean cultures, which were essential ingredients to the development of the city’s aquatic industries. This mural depicts tropical fish and African masks using a multitude of vibrant colors to represent the diversity of our community.

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- Mural Installment No. 3, named the “**Snorkeling Trail**” mural, sits at the main gateway of the city and is a real eye-catcher. The mural features two species of octopus that can be found in the Lake Worth Lagoon and the Phil Foster Park Snorkeling Trail, an international destination famous for its exotic marine life species.

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- Mural Installments 4-8 were created by Riviera Beach local artist, Demetrius McCray of Big D Grafix. The five works are themed:
- Seagulls perched for fishing
- Our great diving community
- Hatched turtles returning to sea
- Children enjoying the beach
- Sailing with a sunset background (not pictured)



Economic Development Programs

Creativity Station

The CRA created a program of Creativity Station Camps for children and adults that run in winter, spring and summer to help with the development of entrepreneurial skills.



Comerica Small Business Resource Center (SBRC)

The Comerica Small Business Resource Workshop was a 6-session course providing business-readiness certification to help potential entrepreneurs prepare to go into business, and for those already in business, who could benefit from additional training.



Contractor Outreach Sessions

Contractors and subcontractors were invited to attend our ongoing Contractor Outreach Information Sessions where information is shared about how to become a qualified construction candidate.

CALLING ALL: Homeowners in the CRA District & Contractors/Subcontractors within the City of Riviera Beach!

You are invited to attend the CRA's
Homeowner Grants and Contractor Opportunities
Informational Session
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017
5:00-8:00pm at the Event Center
190 E. 13th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Come and learn how to sign up for these upcoming programs and learn how to become qualified to do construction projects:

- ✓ Does your house need external repairs?
- ✓ Are you a local contractor or subcontractor looking for opportunities in the City of Riviera Beach?
- ✓ Are you interested in becoming a registered vendor?

**More Information & Registration:**
561-844-3408
or email Sherley Desir at sdesir@rbcca.com



Marina Event Center

Sea Wall Removal Project

Visitors are treated to stunning open and airy vistas no longer obstructed by the old masonry seawall. The new replacement steel cabling virtually disappears from view as onlookers gaze through it upon the boats and the sea beyond.



Winter Wonderland 2018

The CRA hosted the inaugural Winter Wonderland at the Marina. More than 3,200 residents from Palm Beach County and surrounding areas attended the event, more than tripling the RBCRA's goal of 1,000.

- A giant Adirondack chair created by students of the Youth Empowerment Program and Riviera Preparatory Academy served as Summer Santa's throne for photo ops and gift requests from Santa.
- The event also featured musical performances by local choirs and youth; a photobooth; live jazz music for the adults; and a mailbox for mailing postcards to Santa.





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