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Subject: Nominating Kandi Maiden to receive a Key to the City of Madeira Beach
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Good Afternoon Clara,

Below, please see a narrative about Kandi Maiden and her contribution to the city of Madeira Beach; I am nominating Kandi to receive a Key to the City.

I had requested Kandi to share her insight regarding the Trash Pirate organization she has created. Trash Pirates organization brings caring residents together every first Saturday of every month to remove trash from the streets and clean up Madeira Beach. I would like to nominate Kandi to our Board of Commissioners for her unwavering work to clean up our streets and be a recipient of a Key to the city.

Respectfully,

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My husband Daryl & I (& the pups) have been residents of East Madeira Ave since 2016 after visiting the Madeira Beach area [from Orlando] for 20+ years.
We fell in love with not only this beautiful beach town but the people as well.
And as big fans of the Tampa Bay sports teams... BUCS, RAYS & Lightning the Gulf Coast became our number ONE retirement destination.

Madeira Beach felt like HOME very quickly.

However despite our wonderful neighborhood, I was saddened by the amount of litter/cigarette butts along 150th & Gulf Blvd.

Following a morning rain my neighbor Audrey & I scooped trash out of our cove to protect a manatee & her baby calf.

Audrey & I began picking up trash/butts around our neighborhood most every day to prevent the litter from reaching our waterway.

Soon our neighbors & local businesses [Jeri Davis] noticed our efforts and suggested we start a community cleanup.

In January of 2019 our first monthly event, supported by Keep Pinellas Beautiful, the City of Madeira Beach, Saltwater Hippie & with the guidance of Deb Laramée... the Trash Pirates of Mad Beach was launched.

In that same year the Trash Pirates were recognized by Mayor Maggi Black and the City of Madeira Beach as Citizens of the Year & a certificate of appreciation from Keep Pinellas Beautiful.

However it takes a village... & our efforts had a ripple effect as friends, neighbors, the City of Madeira Beach, local businesses, residents & visitors pulled together to help bring awareness & create a culture of clean in Madeira Beach.

We are most proud of the Trash Turtles & Coastal Crusaders who spun off environmental groups of their own and continue to reach the next generation.

In 2022 the Pinellas County Sheriff Department recognized our efforts with a Community Service Award from Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

The Trash Pirates enjoy supporting community events with a Facebook page of nearly 4,000 followers while also promoting our goal to make Madeira Beach the cleanest beach town in Florida.

More importantly our ultimate goal is to protect our vulnerable waterways, marine life & seabirds.

We won't give up the good fight.



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