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Variety spices “Bands on the Sand” free beach concert May 23rd

You'll hear rock, country, blues, funk and reggae on Treasure Island's beach on Memorial Day weekend when the City of Treasure Island Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce presents “Bands on the Sand,” an 11-hour free beach concert featuring nine local bands.

“Bands on the Sand,” the premiere event showcasing original local music on the sandy shores of Treasure Island's spectacularly wide beach, starts at noon on Saturday, May 23rd on the beach at 104th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard (behind the Bilmar Beach Resort) and wraps up at 11pm with a dazzling fireworks show.

“It didn't take long for the musical community to sit up and take notice,” notes Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke. “We've had an astounding number of requests from bands and musicians to play ‘Bands on the Sand’ this year.”

Reserved tables and seating for six in Ricky T's Sandbox (for \$200) gets you a superior concert spot, a party tray from Ricky T's Bar & Grill of BBQ pulled pork sliders, brie and bread, sweet apples, chips and nuts, beer, wine and water, and an exclusive “Sandbox Only” Port-o-Let. Call 727-547-4575 ext. 237 today to reserve your Sandbox spot.

Live music plays continuously from two stages at Bands on the Sand. On the main stage:

Noon – Reggae and cool Caribbean rhythms from **Shaka**

2pm – Rockin' soul from **Motel Funk**

3:30pm – Vegas on the beach with **Bruce Nye the Elvis Guy**

4:30pm – Guitar-slinger and veteran bluesman **Sarasota Slim**

6:15pm - Players and singers from the Rascals, Vanilla Fudge, Tom Petty, Springsteen and Derringer with their hit songs performed in the **Rock Legacy Band's Legends of Rock Show**

8pm - Taking you on a tour around the Gulf of Mexico, **Tom Gribbin and the Saltwater Cowboys'** beach country sound was born on the beaches and built from some of the most talented of the Bay area's musicians

9:45pm - Anthemic rockers with big sing-along choruses, biting guitar work and no-holding-back power ballads, the **Greg Billings Band** proves, after nearly 30 years, that the kids are all right

On the second stage in-between main stage acts:

1:30pm and 3pm – Cosmic reggae from **Soul Shine** with Rob Pieniak of Buffalo Strange

5:45pm, 7:30pm and 9:15pm – Twelve strings and a million songs from **Michael Young & Fred George**

You can find links to the bands and “Bands on the Sand” info at www.mytreasureisland.org.

Please, no glass or pets. \$10 all-day parking on the beach at 112th Avenue & Gulf Boulevard.

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