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**~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS~** Library closing early at 5:00 pm Wednesday, November 23, CLOSED Thursday through Sunday, reopening at 10:00 am Monday. Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Friends of the Library annual meeting and social, open to all; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace (ages 0-3); Thursday, 4:00 pm, Tail Waggin' Tutors (skill-building for beginning readers); Friday, 5:00 pm, deadline for bids, Friends Fall Basket Silent Auction.

**~THE UPHAM BEACH DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT-** begins Monday, October 24. Paradise Grill, as well as the shower and beach access at this location will be closed during this 6 week project. All remaining access points to Upham Beach as well as the beach itself will remain open during construction .

**~HONOR WALK AT UPHAM BEACH~**The 2016-2017 Brick Campaign has officially launched. Orders will be received from November 5, 2016 until March 17, 2017. Installation of the bricks will occur late spring early summer. For more information call 727.363.9232 or [Click here to download the form Honor Walk At Upham Beach.](#)

**~SENIOR EXCURSIONS HOSTED BY THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER-** The St. Pete Beach Community Center has new Senior Excursions on the schedule for the fall. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with their friends. The new trips are as followed: **Dec 17: Holiday light viewing at Botanical Gardens and Largo Central Park (5-10pm)** . All excursions will depart from the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Trip times vary. All participants must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the excursion. Each trip is \$12 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$15 for non residents. For more information visit our website at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) for more information including the vehicle application form or call the Community Center at 727.363.9245.

**~MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SERVICES~** A video showing a 3-D model of the infrastructure currently being installed under the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Pass-a-Grille Way is now available for viewing on our City webpage. Go to <http://spbftp.stpetebeach.org/public/PAGand21st.mp4> to check it out!

## **~COMMUNITY EVENTS~**

- Sunday Market on Corey Avenue from 10am-2pm
- November 26-27th 100 Artist Show at Horan Park from 10am-5pm
- St. Pete Beach Boat Parade and Winter Festival December 2nd at Horan park. Starts at 6pm
- Pass-A-Grille & Vina Del Mar lighted Boat Parade December 3 at Merry Pier. Starts at 6pm
- Christmas Market and Parade on Corey Avenue. Sunday December 11th. The market is from 10am-2pm and the parade begins at 4pm from Gulf Blvd at Blind Pass heading north to Corey Avenue, then east on Corey to Boca Ciega. [Click here for the Parade Route](#)

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## **~60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT SCHEDULE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The City is turning 60 in 2017 and we are celebrating our way through the decades.

We will kick off the celebration on Elvis's birthday, **JANUARY 8, 2017** with a Sock Hop to celebrate the 50's at the Community Center from 1-4pm.

We will rock our way to the 60's on **MARCH 4, 2017** from 9a 4pm at the annual Island Festival at the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum in Pass-A-Grille.

We will salute our Veterans on **MAY 6, 2017** 70's style at Horan Park from 11-5pm in partnership with the Veterans of South Pinellas.

On **JULY 9, 2017**, we will celebrate 60 years at a champagne brunch at the Don Cesar Hotel

On **OCTOBER 6, 2017**, we will rock our way through the 90's at the kick-off concert for the Friday night October concert series in Horan Park from 7-9pm.

We will end the year-long celebration on **DECEMBER 1, 2017** at the annual tree lighting/boat parade viewing party in Horan Park from 6-8pm.

For more information, contact Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director, at 727.363.9274 or [rddirector@stpetebeach.org](mailto:rddirector@stpetebeach.org).

**~A MESSAGE FROM DUKE ENERGY~** Several business owners have reported receiving unsolicited calls from some-one who falsely claims to be a Duke Energy representative. The thief tells the customer his or her account is past due and service will be disconnected if a large payment isn't made - usually within less than an hour. A similar scam was reported by customers this past fall in both the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas. In all the recent instances, the scammers request the same type of payment:

The thief instructs the customer to purchase a pre-paid debit or credit card - widely available at retail stores - then call him or her back to supposedly make a payment to Duke Energy. The scammer asks the customer for the prepaid card's receipt number and PIN number, which grants instant access to the card's funds. Some of these criminals also use caller ID spoofing to replicate Duke Energy's customer service number.

Duke Energy never asks or requires either business or residential customers who have delinquent accounts to purchase a prepaid card to avoid electric service disconnection. Customers have multiple payment options: online, phone, automatic bank draft, mail, or in person. In addition, Duke Energy customers with delinquent accounts receive written notifications from the company prior to electric service disconnection - never just a single notification by phone one hour before disconnection.

Any customer who experiences these types of calls should report the activity first to local authorities, and then to Duke Energy Florida at 800-700-8744.

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## **CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND QUALIFYING PERIOD**

The City of St. Pete Beach, Florida will hold a municipal election Tuesday, March 14, 2017, for the election of the Mayor-Commissioner seat, the Commissioner in District 2 and the Commissioner in District 4. The Qualification Period begins at 12:00 p.m./noon on December 1, 2016 and ends at 12:00 p.m./noon on December 9, 2016.

Candidates for Mayor shall be a resident of the City for at least one (1) year prior to the last day of the Qualification Period. Candidates for Commissioner shall be a resident of the district for at least one (1) year prior to the last day of the Qualification Period.

Candidate packets are available in the Office of the City Clerk, St. Pete Beach City Hall, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706. Please call (727) 363-9201 to schedule an appointment or request additional information.

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# Thanksgiving Safety



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

## Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

**Have activities** that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

# Cooking Fire Safety



With an average of 445 daily fires, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries according to NFPA's Home Fires Involving Cooking Equipment Report & NFIRS data.

## Did you know...



U.S. fire departments respond to an average of **162,400** home fires per year involving cooking equipment.

**Thanksgiving** is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with 3 times the average number!



**2/3** of American households cook at least one hot meal per day.



## Contributing Factors

Ranges or cook-tops account for almost **3 of every 5** reported home fires involving cooking equipment.



Ovens account for 13%.

### Unattended cooking

is a contributing factor in 34% of home fires related to cooking equipment, 46% of the associated deaths and 46% of the associated injuries.

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Fires Deaths Injuries

Something that could catch fire was **too close** to the equipment in 10% of cooking fires and 22% of deaths.

## Trends among those injured or killed



**54%** of civilians injured in home fires involving cooking equipment were hurt while attempting to fight the fire themselves.

Adults aged **75 or over** faced a higher risk of cooking fire death than other age groups.



**Children under 5** were more likely to be hurt by touching hot cooking equipment or scalded by hot liquids than by actual fire.



Learn how to reduce the risk of a cooking fire in your home by visiting [www.nfpa.org/cooking](http://www.nfpa.org/cooking)