



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

January 3, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

~
Music in the Afternoon

Jan. 12th 2-4p
Community Center

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Community Yard Sale

January 25th
Spaces are on sale now
Call 363-9245

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

WINTER HOURS

Adult Lap Swim
Monday-Friday
7:00am-11:00 am
3:00pm-6:00pm (limited
lanes available)

Open Swim
Mon.-Fri.
3p-6p
(Activity Pool Area Only)

Sat. 10a-3p
Sun./Closed

Water Aerobics
Tues./Wed./Thurs.
1:30pm-2:15pm
\$5 SPB Res./\$6 Non-Res.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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Recreation Advisory
Jan. 8 @ 9a

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Historic Preservation
Jan. 9 @ 3p

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Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
Jan. 14 @ 10a

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City Commission
Jan. 14 @ 6p

~**PARKING PERMITS** - The 2014 parking permits are now available in the Community Development Department at City Hall from 8:00a-3:30p. When applying, you must bring your: vehicle registration, driver's license, proof of residence (if you are a SPB resident). Link to the [Permit Application page](#).

~**DISTRICT THREE COMMISSION SEAT VACANCY** - District Three Commissioner Marvin Shavlan has announced his resignation effective January 15, 2014 due to the sale of his home in St. Pete Beach. He had previously decided not to seek re-election in March 2014. Two candidates have qualified for the position and will be on the ballot: Gregory Premer and James Douglas Anderson. As provided in the City Charter, the City Commission shall fill the vacant position until the next regular election (3-11-14). Anyone that has resided in District Three for the previous twelve months is eligible. If interested, please provide a letter of interest and any supporting documents to the City Clerk's Office by January 10. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for 5:00pm on January 14 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. Any questions, please contact City Clerk Rebecca Haynes at (727) 363-9220.

~**LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS** - Monday, 2 pm, E-Reader Hour; Tuesday, 10:30 am, *I Just Got My iPad...Now What?* (registration required); Thursday, 11 am, Mother Goose Story Time for ages 0-3; Thursday, 4 pm, *I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader*, certified reading therapy dog; Friday, 10:30 am, iPad E-Books (registration required) Saturday, 11 am, Kara Beck's fashion class (part I of III), *Dressing for Your Age & Body Type*.

~**POOL NEWS** - the pool will be closed for the week of December 30 -January 5 for Pool Maintenance! The pool will reopen on Monday, January 6.

~**WALGREEN'S ST. PETE BEACH CLASSIC** - January 17-19, 2014. Come enjoy your MLK, Jr. weekend at the beach with great races, beach party, and family events. [Register here](#).

~**PENSION BOARD OPENINGS** - The Police and General Employees Pension Boards both have Trustee openings. For more information about serving on one of these Boards, please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@stpetebeach.org.

~**2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2014** - District One, District Three will be electing a Commissioner and the entire City will be electing a Mayor. Candidates for District One are Lorraine Huhn and Terri Finnerty. Candidates for District Three are Jim Anderson and Greg Premer. Candidates for Mayor are Maria Lowe and Steve McFarlin.

~**CANDIDATE FORUM NIGHT** - sponsored by the League of Women Voters will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The forum will be aired on Channel 615 and our website - stpetebeach.org.

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- THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER HAS NEW SENIOR EXCURSIONS ON THE SCHEDULE. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with their friends and make new ones! The new trips are as follows: January 10th Hard Rock Casino, January 17th Sun Line Cruises in Tarpon Springs, January 24th The Florida Aquarium, January 31st Ringling Museum, February 7th TECO Manatee Viewing Center, February 14th Florida State Fair, February 15th Sarasota Art Show, February 21st St. Armands Circle, February 28th Florida Strawberry Festival, March 7th Dunedin Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay Rays, March 14th Bok Tower Gardens, March 21st Winter Park Art Festival. 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. Cost covers transportation only. All admission or lunch are extra and the responsibility of the participants. For more information visit our website at www.spbrec.com or call (727) 363-9245.

-CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING INFO.: http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit/xmas_tree_recycling.pdf

-JANUARY 25, 2014 ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPACES AVAILABLE NOW - Spaces for the January 25, 2014 Community Yard Sale are on sale now. The City of St. Pete Beach is hosting a Community Yard Sale at 7701 Boca Ciega Dr from 8a-12pm. The Community Center does all the advertising for the event. The cost for the 10' x 10' space is \$15 for SPB Residents and \$17.50 for Non Residents. For more information or to reserve your space, contact the Community Center at (727) 363-9245. Spaces will sell out fast, so call today!

-DECORATIVE ARTIST - ONE STROKE PAINTING CLASS AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER - Register now for our Decorative Artist - One Stroke Painting Class. Everyone is an artist and the best way to start is with one stroke painting techniques. You will learn to create something magical on canvas in two short weeks. Participants must pre-register by the Friday before the first night of class. Sessions begin Tuesday, January 7th from 6-8pm and occur every two weeks. Cost is \$60 per session. Call the St. Pete Beach Recreation office at 727-363-9245 for more information or visit www.spbrec.com.

-MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER IS BACK! This event is free and open to all. The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, will be hosting this event on Sunday, January 12, February 9 and March 9 from 2:00 to 4:00pm. This casual afternoon will feature light refreshments and plenty of dancing and socializing to the classic music of "The Rhythm Kings." If you are interested in attending please call The Community Center at 727-363-9245.

-ST. PETE BEACH RECREATION INTRODUCES NEW LOGO AND WEBSITE - Live It! with recreation in your life. Whether it be trips, fitness, aquatics, childcare or social interaction you can find it with the St. Pete Beach Recreation Department. Check out our brand new website at www.spbrec.com and see our new list of classes and programs. Call 727-363-9245 for more information.





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December 26, 2013

District Asks Homeowners to "Skip A Week" of Irrigation This Winter

Overwatering in winter can encourage pests and disease

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is reminding residents who irrigate their lawns to "Skip a Week" or more of watering during the cooler months of January and February.

According to research by the University of Florida, grass doesn't need to be watered as often during the cooler months. One-half to three-quarters of an inch of water every 10–14 days is sufficient. In fact, if your lawn has received any significant rainfall, then you can turn off your irrigation system and operate it manually as needed.

"Overwatering can encourage pests and disease in your lawn," said Robin Grantham, water conservation coordinator. "Too much irrigation can also make lawns less able to survive droughts." Skipping a week of watering is as easy as "off" for residents with irrigation timers. "Turn the timer to 'off' for the week that you want to skip, and 'on' for the week that you want to water," said Grantham.

You can determine when your grass needs water when:

- Grass blades are folded in half lengthwise on at least one-third of your yard.
- Grass blades appear blue-gray.
- Grass blades do not spring back, leaving footprints on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

Watering every other week during the winter will help conserve drinking water supplies that the public needs for critical uses during the dry season. In fact, if everyone skipped one week of irrigation this season, it could save an estimated 1.9 billion gallons of water.

For additional information about water restrictions and water conservation, please contact your local utility or visit the District's website at WaterMatters.org/SkipAWeek/.

NEWS RELEASE