



St. Pete Beach eNews

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November 21, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fabulous Final Friday

TONIGHT 6-9p

Comm. Center Gym

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Boat Parade and Winter Festival

Friday, Dec. 5 @ 6p

Horan Park

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Hometown Christmas Parade

On Corey Ave, Sun., 12/14,

4-7 pm

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POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

WINTER HOURS - STARTING

NOVEMBER 10

Adult Lap Swim

Monday-Friday

7-11a

M-F 3-6p

Public Swim

Mon.-Fri.

3-6p

(Activity Pool Only)

Sat. 10a-3p

Water Aerobics

Tues./Wed./Thurs.

1:30

\$5 SPB Res./\$6 Non-Res.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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City Commission

Dec. 2

CRA Meeting @ 5p

Regular Meeting @ 6p

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City Commission meetings re-play on Ch. 615 on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at noon

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, Nov. 27

Friday, Nov. 28

for Thanksgiving

~LIGHTED BOAT PARADE CALLING FOR ENTRIES - The St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena Holiday Lighted Boat Parade is seeking participants for this year's event. The Lighted Boat Parade is a time-honored tradition, making its way past St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena residences through the waters of Boca Ciega Bay. There is no fee to enter and huge cash prizes are awarded to winners for best decorated boats in several different categories. Call the Community Center at 727-363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com for more information including the boater entry form.

~PASS-A-GRILLE WAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MEETINGS - City staff will be holding weekly meetings on Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm at the Warren Webster Building regarding the Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction project. As always, you are welcome to telephone Steve Hallock at 363-9224 or email him at s.hallock@stpetebeach.org or stop in at the Public Services Building at 7581 Boca Ciega Drive if you have questions or concerns regarding this project or any other project.

~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS - Monday, 2:00 pm, Ashly the Bee Lady (find out what the buzz is about--all ages); Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group film, *Sons and Lovers*; library closing early at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, and reopening at 10 am, Monday, December 1.

~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - The General Employees' Pension Board has an opening. The Board is looking for someone with a background in Finance, Fund Management or similar experience. The Board meets on a quarterly basis. If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk at 363-9220 to obtain a volunteer application or you can find one [here](#).

~FABULOUS FINAL FRIDAYS - Children 7-12 years old are invited to play gym games and enjoy pizza while their parents have the night off. Hours are 6-9pm on November 21 and December 19, located at the St. Pete Beach Community Center Gym, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Cost is \$5.

~SUNTAN 100 ARTIST SHOW - This two day outdoor event will feature fine art and fine craft as well as some tasty festival fare for your al fresco dining pleasure. This Thanksgiving Weekend, join the fun, bring your out-of-town guests and celebrate the awesome waterfront views while enjoying the laid back shopping atmosphere at the beach. Live music each day will feature a variety of popular local musicians. Dates: Nov 29 & Nov 30, Time: 10a-5p, Location: Horan Park (next to St Pete Beach Community Center; 7701 Boca Ciega Dr).

~WINTER FESTIVAL AND HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE Join us on Friday, December 5, 2014 for our tree lighting and holiday boat parade. This free event will be held at Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Enjoy live music, hot chocolate, art projects for children, a movie in the park and a special visit from SANTA! The boat parade starts at 6:00pm at the Blind Pass Bridge and heads south to the Bayway Bridge. Start off your holiday season with some holiday cheer! Go to www.spbrec.com for more information including the parade route and boater application. For more information call 727-363-9264.

BATTING PRACTICE IN FULL SWING



Back row L to R - City Manager Wayne Saunders, Peter Caramello, Commissioner Terri Finnerty. Middle and Front Rows—members of the Southwest Little League.

Peter Caramello had played for Southwest Little League since he was 10 years old. When it came time for him to choose something for his Eagle Scout Project he remembered using the batting cages at Egan Field before they fell into disrepair. He looked at the rundown, dangerous eyesore of the batting cage that was at the field and wondered if it would be possible to refurbish them. It was a massive job for a project like this, but wouldn't it be wonderful he thought, if the batting cage could be renovated and used by the community and other little league baseball players for many years to come? Some of the fencing would have to be removed or replaced. It was warped on all sides with caved in fencing at the top and the ground was overgrown. It had been unusable for several years and would require many new supplies to get it renovated for use. Could he raise enough money, he thought? Although it was a huge commitment for a 16 year old, he made the decision and chose the renovation of the batting cages as his Eagle Scout Project.

Peter Caramello, 16, is a Junior and an Honor Student in the International Baccalaureate program at St Petersburg High School and a member of the Interact Club and Publix employee. Peter raised close to \$2,000 with fundraising initiatives and personally volunteered over 100 hours planning and leading the volunteer efforts of 20 scouts in Boy Scout Troop 219 and other area youth in a total effort of over 250 hours.

At the ribbon cutting on Tuesday, November 13, the little league players got a chance to see it in action. City Commissioner Terri Finnerty was there to recognize Caramello along with City Manger Wayne Saunders, his former coaches, the Board of Southwest Little League and a lot of the players that will be able to enjoy it. Right away the batting cages started getting used and within minutes batting practice was in full swing! "This is awesome!" one of the baseball players said about the pitching machine and batting cage.