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CLASSES

AQUA ZUMBA

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\$5 Residents/\$6 Non Residents

AQUATIC YOGA

Thu: 11-11:45a

\$5 Residents/\$6 Non Residents

PADDLEBOARD YOGA

Sat: 3:30p

\$15 Residents/\$17 Non Residents

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

Planning Board

January 19 @ 4p

Police Pension Board

January 21 @ 8:30a

General Pension Board

January 21 @ 10:30a

Fire Pension Board

January 21 @ 1:30p

City Commission

January 26 @ 6p

Board of Adjustment

January 27 @ 2p

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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group film, *The Blind Side*; Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Tim Dorsey presents (and will sign) his new book *Coconut Cowboy*; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will assist with and e-file Federal tax returns, Fridays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, February 5-April 15.

~MESSAGE FROM THE CITY CLERK OFFICE- There is a vacant seat available on the General Employee Pension Board. The board meets on a quarterly basis and each member voluntarily serves for a two-year term. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please visit the City of St. Pete Beach website at: News & Links/Residents Information page/Apply for an Advisory Board. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at the following number: 727.363.9201.

~SENIOR EXCURSIONS HOSTED BY THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER- The St. Pete Beach Community Center has new Senior Excursions on the schedule January-March. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with their friends and make new ones! All excursions will depart from the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. All trips will leave the Community Center at 9a and return by 4p. Participants must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the excursion. There are a limited number of seats available. Each trip is \$12 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$15 for non residents. Cost covers transportation only. All admission and/or lunch is an extra cost and the responsibility of the participants. For more information visit our website at www.spbrec.com or call 727.363.9245.

TRIP SCHEDULE

- Jan 23rd - Painting with a Twist and lunch at Urban Comfort (Painting \$25.00 per person)

~HONOR WALK AT UPHAM BEACH-The 2015-2016 Brick Campaign has officially launched. Orders will be received from November 2, 2015 until March 18, 2016. Installation of the bricks will occur late Spring /early Summer 2016. For more information call 727.363.9232 or visit our website at <http://stpetebeach.org/component/content/article/1-latest-news/221-honor-walk-at-upham-beach.html>.

~ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY YARD SALE-Come shop over 50 vendors at the St. Pete Beach Community Center Yard Sale on Saturday, January 23rd. The vendors will be located inside and outside at our beautiful water front facility, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. from 8am-12pm. For more information call the Community Center at 727.363.9245 or visit our website at www.spbrec.com.

~PAINTING CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 AND UP- Calling all young artists! Tap into your creative and design side and enjoy step-by-step instruction with our experienced and enthusiastic local artist Terry Lou Ritchie. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind creation and a new found talent you'll want to explore. Classes are held on Thursdays at 3:30p at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Each class a children ages 5 and up will paint a beautiful one of a kind canvas painting. Each class takes approximately 90 minutes depending on the painting and artist. The cost is \$25 per class and pre-registration is required. For more information visit www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245.



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~YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER-The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, is offering a Coed Youth Basketball League for children Kindergarten - 8th grade. The league will run from January- March including an eight game schedule plus a tournament. Grades k-2 will practice and play on Saturday using 8ft rims. Grades 3-5 & 6-8 will practice one day a week with games on Saturday. The cost is only \$100 per athlete. Register online at www.spbrec.com or at the Community Center. For more information call 727.363.9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

~INTRODUCTORY DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER-Do you feel overwhelmed by all the features your camera has to offer or not sure what features your camera has? The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, will be offering Introductory Digital Photography Workshops on the following Thursdays from 6-9p: January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21 & May 19. The cost is only \$10 per class. This workshop is designed to give the complete novice a solid understanding of their compact digital camera and the fundamental knowledge needed to embark upon a lifetime's exploration of photography. For more information visit www.spbrec.com or call 727.363.9245.

~MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON- Join us for "Music in the Afternoon" at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. This event is free and open to all on Sunday, January 31st, February 28th and March 20th 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." For more information visit www.spbrec.com or call the Community Center at 727.363.9245.

~ALL AMERICAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION--WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH- Cheer classes will focus on learning cheers, chants, jumps and more. Choreographed pom-pom and dance routines will be taught along with other skills required for school tryouts. Registration for this season of Cheer America will be on Wednesday, January 27th at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr from 6-7:30p. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights 6:30-7:15p for ages 5-8 and 7:30-8:15p for ages 9 and up. Visit us at www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

~ZUMBA CLASSES HELD TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER- Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow calorie burning dance fitness class that's moving millions of people towards joy and health. The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, offers Zumba class on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30p. The cost is only \$6 per class. Join anytime. Visit us at www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

~MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SERVICES-Milling and paving operations have wrapped up in Belle Vista and the crews have moved to the intersections on Gulf Winds Drive and Boca Ciega Drive. Expect some minor traffic delays associated with this operation. Milling started today Thursday 1/21/16, on West Corey Avenue from Gulf Blvd to Sunset Way. Weather permitting paving will start on Monday 1/25/16. The milling will wrap up on 75th Avenue with paving to follow shortly after.



Do you want your yard to be a Florida Yard?

It is not about turfgrass anymore!!! Less grass is better. Be the cool homeowner by installing native plants in your yard. Every homeowner can Floridify their yard and reduce pollution runoff by following a few key guidelines.

1. Use Turfgrass Only Where Needed for Pets or Play Areas

- Use Florida friendly trees, shrubs and groundcovers to reduce turfgrass in your yard.
- Match the right plants to the right places in your yard.
- Expand your landscape beds and reduce the time spent mowing your yard.

2. Use Water Wisely

- Don't water until you can see footprints in your lawn and the leaves of your plants are starting to curl.
- Don't water when rain is expected or immediately after it rains.
- Place an inexpensive rain gauge in an open area so you can track the amount of rain falling on your yard and the amount of water used for irrigation.
- Supervise your sprinklers to make sure that the heads aren't broken and that the water is spraying on your lawn and not the street.
- When you irrigate, it is better to give the landscape at least 1/2 to 3/4 inches of water so that turfgrass and plants put down deep roots.

3. Reduce or Eliminate Fertilizers

- Remember that there is a ban on use of fertilizer for turfgrass in ALL areas of Pinellas County between June 1 and September 30.
- When you fertilize your lawn, use a fertilizer with slow-release nitrogen and no phosphorous.
- Clean up fertilizer that lands on sidewalks, driveways or roadways. Blow it back on to your yard.
- Remember to keep fertilizer at least 10 feet away from surface water and the edge of a seawall.

4. Reduce or Eliminate Pesticides

- The No. 1 rule for pest control is to know what insects are infiltrating your territory before you start applying pesticides.
- Many insects in Florida are helpful, such as ladybugs and spiders.
- There are a variety of non-toxic horticultural soaps and sprays that keep harmful plant insects under control without using poison.

Check out the following web site for more information, including Florida Friendly Products and Landscape Services: <http://befloridian.org/floridifying/>

City staff thanks every resident for their support in reducing pollution to the Bay.