



St. Pete Beach eNews

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March 3, 2016

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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS~Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3; AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will assist with (and e-file) most Federal tax returns, Fridays (except March 25) through April 15, 10:00 am-2:15 pm. Friends of the Library Spring Book Baskets: silent auction until 5:00 pm, Friday, March 18.

~UNDERWATER EGG HUNT AND SPRING FESTIVAL AT THE ST. PETE BEACH AQUATIC CENTER AND HORAN PARK~ Dip and Dive for Easter eggs in the pool and stay to play afterwards. Don't forget to check out all of the fun going on at the park next to the pool. Our Spring Festival will have food provided by the St. Pete Beach Fire Department, a bounce house and touch-a-truck with the Pinellas County Sheriff Department. The event will be held at The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center and Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr on **Saturday, March 26th at 10am**. The Underwater Egg Hunt costs just \$4.00 per child and the Spring Festival is FREE to all. Children are encouraged to bring mesh bags to gather their eggs. For more information on this event, contact the Aquatic Center at 727-363-9264 or visit us online at www.spbrec.com.

~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 **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.

~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

- **March 5th—Florida Strawberry Festival (Admission is \$10.00)**

~PRIYOGA AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER~ Experience the benefits of yoga in a therapeutically-based class that focuses on restoring efficient breath patterns and body symmetry. Students will develop the tools needed to prevent pain and injury. This class is being held at The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., on Tuesdays from 6:45-8pm and Wednesdays from 10-11:15am. The cost is \$15 per class. Program offered by Synergy Sports Medicine and Fitness. Visit www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.



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~**“EVERY CHILD A SWIMMER PROGRAM”**- The City of St. Pete Beach is proud to announce our partnership with Kiwanis of Gulf Beaches to offer the Every Child A Swimmer program. Every Child A Swimmer (ECAS) Project offers to Elementary School age children, by the Kiwanis family, the first and only permanent solution to the senseless, escalating drowning problem. The mission of the program is to reduce the number of child deaths from drowning by teaching them water safety and swimming basics. The program runs from May 9th to May 26th with classes held Monday through Thursday of each week and those selected will have a choice of a 6:30pm or 7:15pm class time. Registration is limited and those interested can sign up on a first-come basis at The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Thursday, May 5th. A parent or guardian must be present to complete paperwork and each child will be water tested at this time. For more information about classes and registration call the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center at 727.363.9245.

The program received a generous donation from the Fish Broil and Mullet Festival, LLC in February to assist in offering free swim lessons to those in our community. To make a donation or volunteer for the program contact Kiwanis of Gulf Beaches president, Richard Thobe at 727-510-0582 or www.KiwanisGulfBeaches.com

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~MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE~

Neighborhood Watch members,

Detectives say that the skimming device was found at the Rally Convenient Store and gas station in Dunedin, on Monday, February 29, 2016. The device was installed on the pump sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. that same day.

Credit card skimmers are electric circuits that are illegally placed inside of gas pumps that allow thieves to secretly record customer's credit or debit card information.

Detectives are asking customers who bought gas at the Rally gas station to check with their financial institutions to see if there are any unauthorized bank transactions. If so, they should notify the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at (727) 582-6200.

Anyone with information that may assist detectives in this case is asked to contact Detective Plourde at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at (727) 582-6200 or remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-TIPS or www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org.

Credit & debit cards are quickly being converted to the newer and safer "chip cards". However, these skimmer device crimes will continue for many years. The reason? When the Federal law was recently changed and shifted fraudulent card liability to the merchants..... gas stations were given an exemption until October 1st 2017. Which means you will be "swiping" your card at the pump when other sale transactions will likely be requiring you to enter your chip card.

The additional security of the "chip cards" will make it harder for the criminals to copy the card holder's information. I expect criminals will likely target the business' that still use swipe (magnetic strip) technology to try and gain the card information. Since gas pumps locks are not that sophisticated, many criminals have obtained copies of common gas pump keys. Criminals unlock the face of the pump and quickly (2 minutes) plug in a "skimmer". Your card works, you get gas and you drive away not knowing a criminal just collected your card information. Below is a photo of a plug-in "skimmer" and the security decals you should look for and inspect.

Here are some tips that could reduce your risk. Paying inside is a real inconvenience, but it's also a way to completely avoid falling victim to a "skimmer".

- Use a pump that is easily in sight of the attendant.
- Look for security decals (stickers) and make sure they have not been tampered with. If so, avoid paying at that pump & let the staff know also.
- Report to the clerk anyone you see with the pump open that is not in a uniform.

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