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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Monday, 11:00 am, Library Open Forum, get updates on plans for a new library and provide your input as to what you would like to see in a new library; Monday, 9:00 pm, Sidewalk Astronomy with Daniel Bricker, Jupiter and double transit of its moons Io and Europa plus "Walter," Great Orion Nebula, Pleiades, Bee Hive, and M-41 (south sidewalk of library; weather permitting); Tuesday, 10:30 am, *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James; Tuesday, 3:00 pm, E-Reader Help Hour, get library books for your Kindle or other tablet; Wednesday, 3:00 pm, Smartphone Drop-In Class; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace 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.

~"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

~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.



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~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 12th—Yacht Star Ship-Dye the River Green cruise Hillsborough River. (Admission-is \$50 per person)**

~MESSAGE FROM THE ST. PETE BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT~

The City of St. Pete Beach Fire Department would like to remind you that daylight savings time is Sunday March 13, 2016. When you change your clocks for daylight savings time, it is the perfect opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

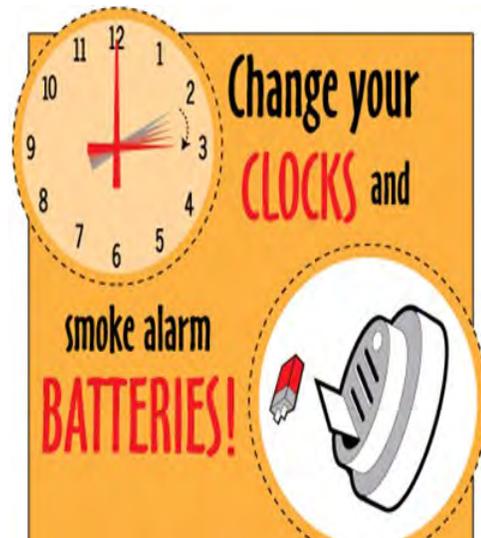
When smoke alarms fail, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and MAINTAINED play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. As most fatal fires occur at night, by taking the time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms, you can sleep better knowing that you've provided one of the best ways to alert those in your household should a fire occur. Remember, almost every day a smoke alarm saves someone's life.

Smoke Alarm Tips:



- Test smoke alarms once a month
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms twice a year (when you change your clocks for daylight savings time)
- Never remove the batteries from smoke alarms, not even temporarily
- Regularly vacuum or dust smoke alarms to keep them working properly
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years
- Don't paint over smoke alarms
- Practice family fire drills so everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm goes off

If you have any questions regarding the installation and maintenance of smoke alarms, or if you have any other questions about how to protect yourself and your household in the event of a fire, please feel free to contact The City of St. Pete Beach Fire Department and ask about fire prevention at 727.363.9206.





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~MESSAGE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY~ COASTAL MANAGEMENT:

Upham Beach Stabilization Project 2016 - 2017

Location:

Construction will occur along Upham Beach at the north end of St. Pete Beach.

Description:

The Upham Stabilization Project will remove the existing yellow geotextile sand bags and in their place construct **4 permanent rock T-Groins**. After the 4 rock groins are in place the current plan calls for the beach to be filled with approximately **150,000 yd³** of sand. The County anticipates advertising this project later this fall with construction beginning early next year.

Funding:

This project will be paid for by the County, with Tourist Development Tax funds dedicated to beach nourishment, and the State. The State has already provided \$3 million of the estimated \$8.8 million needed to construct the groins. The County has applied for more State funds to cover the remaining needed to reach the maximum cost share of 50%. Learn more on this project at www.pinellascounty.org/environment/coastalMngmt/Upham_Beach_Stabilization_Project.htm



~MESSAGE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY~Watershed Management



What is a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that drains to an open body of water and in Pinellas County every square foot of land drains somewhere. For example, rainwater runs from your lawn and driveway, down the street along the gutter to a stormdrain, then runs through underground pipes to a neighborhood pond or stream. It drains to Allen's Creek, Brooker Creek, Lake Tarpon, Lake Seminole, Cross Bayou and other areas of water. Eventually it washes into the open waters of Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. As stormwater drains to water bodies, it carries everything we leave on the land: fertilizers, dog waste, trash, motor oil and other substances. By changing the way we live, work and play, we make a difference. Learn more at www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/default.htm.





SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

Media Release

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Summer Camps For Kids At The St. Pete Beach Community Center

St. Pete Beach, FL; Registration starts March 28th at The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701

Boca Ciega Drive, for full and half day summer camps. Programs are being offered for children completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Our full day camp program will keep kids entertained all summer long with weekly field trips, swimming, and indoor & outdoor activities. If your child has a more specific interest we are also offering half-day specialty camps such as Archery, Basketball, Robotics and more. For more information, including registration paperwork, visit our website www.spbrec.com or call us at 727-363-9245.