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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 pm, Sidewalk Astronomy with Daniel Bricker, on south side of Library; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3; Thursday, 3:00 pm, National Library Week Storytime for ages 5 and up; AARP Foundation Tax -Aide will assist with (and e-file) most individual Federal tax returns, Fridays through April 15, 10:00 am-2:15 pm.

~ MESSAGE FROM CHELSEY WELDEN, PLANNER II, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT-

SAVE THE DATE!

The Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board along with the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum and City of St. Pete Beach cordially invite you to attend a Historic Preservation Summit

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

1:00PM - 5:00PM

BOCA CIEGA ROOM, RECREATION CENTER

7701 BOCA CIEGA DR.

ST. PETE BEACH, FL 33706

~SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER -

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.

~“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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~BECOME A LIFEGUARD~; Become a certified lifeguard. Participants must be 15 years or older and must complete a pre-test in order to continue in the class. The pre-test consists of treading water for 2 minutes using legs only, swimming 300 yards without stopping and swim 20 yards, surface dive and retrieve a 10 pound brick from the bottom, resurface and swim back to the starting point and exit pool. The class will be on April 9, 10, 16 & 17. Participants must attend all four days. Classes will meet from 8am-5pm and the cost is \$160 St. Pete Beach Residents/ \$180 Non-Resident. For more information visit our website at www.spbrec.com or call the Aquatic Center at (727) 363-9264.

~SWIM LESSONS~The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, is offering "Learn to Swim Classes" through the American Red Cross. Children ages 3 years and older will learn proper technique and tips for safety in any water environment. Classes will start April 18th and are held Monday-Thursday. Classes are 30-minutes and available at 5pm and 5:35pm. A two-week session is only \$40 for Residents of St. Pete Beach and \$45 for Non Residents. Registration begins on Thursday, April 14th at 9am. For more information visit www.spbrec.com or call (727) 363-9264.

~MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SERVICES— Pass-A-Grille Way Construction Update~Over the next three weeks, Nelson Construction is planning to work on the following activities. This planning is based on the Project team (Nelson, the City, the Engineer of Record, Pinellas County, Duke, Verizon, Bright House, Teco People's Gas, etc.) being able to resolve the outstanding conflicts and discrepancies in a timely manner, and barring the unforeseen conflicts and obstructions that arise on an almost daily basis.

Over the next three weeks:

- Pressure test, chlorinate, obtain DEP clearance, and tie in potable water between West Maritana and Cabrillo
- Continue the installation of potable water pipes between 32nd Ave and Cabrillo
- Finish prepping the utility conduit in Phase 1 for use
- Finish storm drain in Phase 1 with the exception of Cabrillo outfall
- Start clearing and demolition of sidewalk and curb between 30th Ave and 26th Ave
- Start preparing the gravel detour along the west right of way between 28th Ave and 26th Ave



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~MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SERVICES~ SPRING HAS SPRUNG! And with it comes the desire to work in our yards:

- Fertilize to get the grass to grow.
- Apply herbicide to kill the weeds.
- Apply insecticide to kill the bugs eating our flowers.

Just remember that fertilizers and pesticides are the most common stormwater pollutants that can degrade water quality in residential areas.

Remember that when it rains, excess fertilizers and pesticides can wash into Boca Ciega Bay through the stormwater drainage system. Everyone can do their part to help keep the Bay clean. Too many nutrients in the Bay will cause algae to grow which uses up the oxygen in the water and can lead to fish kills.



Reduce Water Pollution from fertilizers by following these simple guidelines:

1. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When you use them, use the recommended amounts. Read the label. More application does not mean a greener lawn - it means more watering and mowing.
2. Water the lawn with about 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch of water after a fertilizer application. This helps move the fertilizer into the soil and reduces the potential of being lost in stormwater runoff.
3. Never apply fertilizers if a heavy rain is anticipated.
4. If you spill, sweep it up. Do not hose or sweep them into the streets and storm drains.

Reduce Water Pollution from pesticides by following these guidelines

1. Before using a pesticide, make sure that it is actually needed. Verify that pests are the root of the problem and that they are not simply covering up a deeper issue that might be in your soil.
2. Allow some pests in your yard. Some insects are actually beneficial to your yard. If a particular plant is consistently plagued by pests, replace it with a more pest-resistant one.
3. A diversified yard with a variety of plants will ensure the protection of the rest of a yard, should pests attack.
4. Use spot treatment to avoid abuse of pesticides.
5. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.

Remember to Enjoy Spring, but Reduce Pollution to the Bay.



Spring is here and thoughts turn to cleaning up from the winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors. Keeping a few safety thoughts in mind will help you make your spring experience much more enjoyable.

Inside the Home:

- *Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors*
- *Check your fire extinguishers*
- *Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords*
- *Prepare for storm related outages (make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies, such as bottled water, are stocked and available)*
- *Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency*
- *Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency.*
- *Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents*

Outside and Around the Yard:

- *Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street*
- *Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances*
- *Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage*

In the Garage or Shed:

- *Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals*
- *Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored*
- *Have all power equipment cleaned, serviced and readied for use*

For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at St. Pete Beach Fire by calling (727) 363-9207.