



# St. Pete Beach eNews

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**April 20, 2016**

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Held at City Hall

Firefighter Pension Board  
April 21 @ 8:30a

Police Pension Board  
April 21 @ 10:30a

General Pension Board  
April 21 @ 1:30p

City Commission Meeting  
April 26 @ 6p

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**~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS~** Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group film, *Hitler on Trial*; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace, for ages 0-3.

**~SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER -** Registration starts March 28<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spbrec.com) or call us at 727.363.9245.

**~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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am. For more information visit [www.spbrec.com](http://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.

### **Next week:**

- Tie in the potable water between Cabrillo and El Centro (*night work one night-to be determined*)
- Finish prepping the utility conduit in Phase 1 for use
- Continue with storm drain in Phase 1
- Start clearing and grubbing and demo of sidewalk and curb between 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and 28<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Start preparing the gravel detour along the west right of way between 28<sup>th</sup> Ave and 26<sup>th</sup> Ave (*this will involve single lane, one way detours in the morning*)

### **Over the next three weeks:**

- Continue the installation of potable water pipes between 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Cabrillo
- Finish storm drain in Phase 1 with the exception of Cabrillo outfall
- Start installation of utility conduit between 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and 28<sup>th</sup> Ave



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April 19 @ 4p

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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.**



**Utilities**  
**(727) 464-4000**

May 2016

## **Important Drinking Water Notice from Pinellas County**

Effective Tuesday, May 31, Pinellas County will begin a routine system maintenance program to optimize water quality. The water treatment method is being temporarily changed from chloramine to chlorine disinfection. The switch to chlorine will be in effect from May 31 to June 20, 2016.

The water is perfectly safe to drink during this period, though you may notice a slight difference in the taste or odor of the water.

Users of kidney dialysis machines and owners of aquatic life should not be impacted, but should contact their respective service providers for more information.

If you have questions, please visit the Pinellas County Utilities website at [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities) or call Customer Service at (727) 464-4000.

# ATTENTION

## PINELLAS COUNTY WATER CUSTOMERS

### WHAT

Pinellas County will conduct a routine maintenance program on the water system in order to optimize water quality. **The method of water treatment will be temporarily changed from chloramine to chlorine disinfection.**

### WHEN

**May 31 — June 20, 2016**

### WHO

This change will affect all Pinellas County water customers, as well as the water customers of Clearwater, Pinellas Park and Safety Harbor.

### WHY

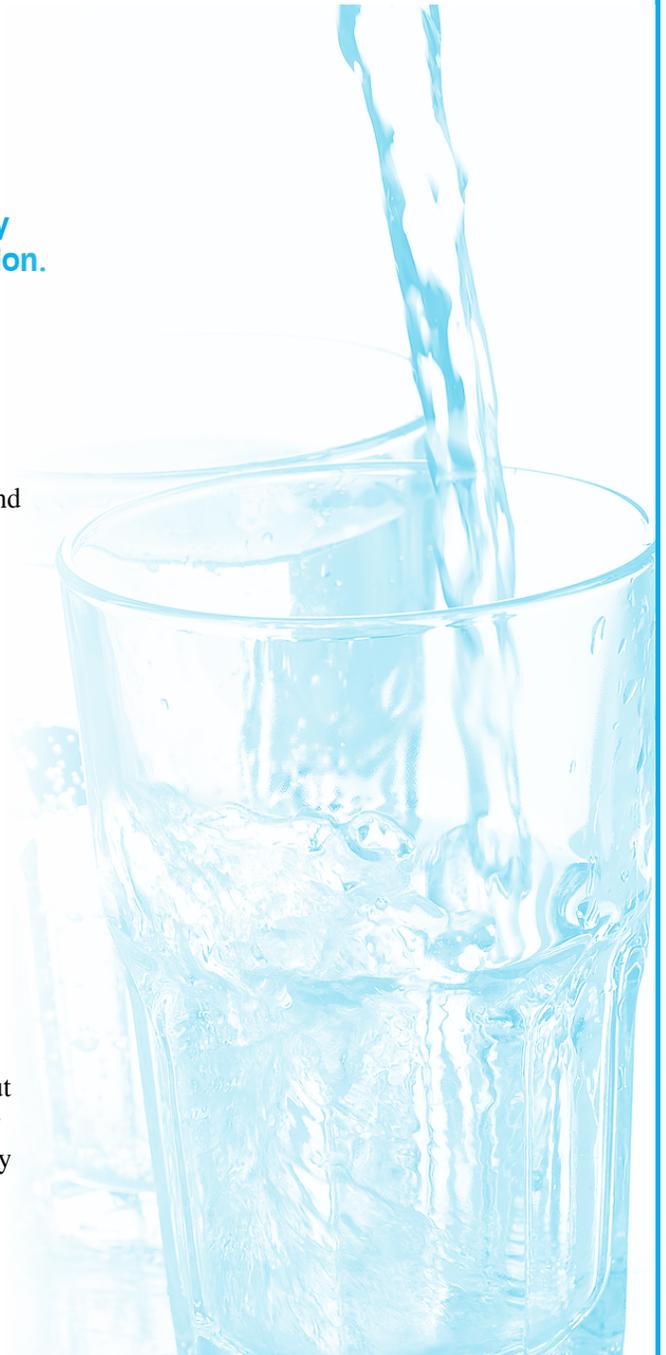
Many utilities using chloramine for water disinfection routinely switch to chlorine for a short period in order to maintain system integrity.

### RESULT

Customers will not experience low pressure or disruption of service. The water will continue to meet federal and state standards for safe drinking water. **The only noticeable change may be a slight difference in the taste and/or smell of the water.**

### SPECIAL NEEDS

Kidney dialysis patients should not be impacted, but should contact their dialysis care provider for more information about chlorine treatment. Fish owners should not be affected if they already have a system in place to remove chloramine, but they should contact local pet suppliers with any questions.



### PINELLAS COUNTY UTILITIES

14 S. Ft. Harrison Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756  
(727) 464-4000 [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities)



# Water System Maintenance Program FAQs

## **What is the “Water System Maintenance Program?”**

This program is a temporary conversion from chloramine to chlorine disinfection and is a routine maintenance measure designed to reduce the potential for occurrences of coliform or other types of bacteria in the water delivery system.

## **Why is the maintenance program being conducted?**

This is a planned treatment designed to provide additional protection to our customers against bacteria in the water supply. Many utilities using chloramine disinfection find it helpful to switch periodically to a free chlorine treatment program to help maintain system integrity.

## **What other benefits does the maintenance program provide?**

This method of water quality maintenance is effectively an alternative to flushing millions of gallons of drinking water. As a result of enhanced water quality monitoring and flushing strategies in 2014, flushing volumes were reduced by approximately 60 percent at a cost savings of about \$50,000 per month. Flushing volumes have decreased dramatically since 2012, with the twice-yearly maintenance conversion programs being a major contributing factor.

## **Do the local or regional distribution systems have a bacteria problem?**

There are no major indications of significant bacteriological contamination problems. However, there are isolated bacteriological measurements in the local distribution systems that may indicate a potential future problem. The flushing and disinfection program is designed to maintain distribution system water quality and minimize the potential for any future problem. The maintenance program is supported by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and will include daily testing to monitor water quality and measure the effectiveness of the program.

## **When will the program be conducted?**

The first maintenance program of the year is planned for **May 31 through June 20**. If there are any changes in the duration, customers will be notified through a news release and on [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities). The second maintenance program for 2016 will take place from **Sept. 6 through Sept. 26**.

## **Who will be affected?**

The program will include all water customers of Pinellas County as well as customers in the cities of Clearwater, Pinellas Park and Safety Harbor.

## **Will customers notice any changes in the water during the program?**

Pinellas County water customers may experience a slight difference in taste and/or smell of the water during this temporary change in treatment. These are normal occurrences and carry no negative health effects for the general population. The impact to the customer will be similar to that experienced when a water main is replaced or other routine maintenance is performed on the water distribution system.

## **Can I drink the water during this maintenance program?**

The water will continue to meet federal and state standards for safe drinking water during this program; however, customers may notice a slight difference in taste and/or smell.

**Do I need to boil the water?**

No, boiling the water is not necessary.

**Why are we not staying with chlorine?**

When Tampa Bay Water began distributing blended water to its customers in 2002, the disinfectant agent was changed from chlorine to chloramine to ensure compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards for compounds that may be formed during the disinfection process. As a result, we will be returning to chloramine as our primary disinfectant agent once this maintenance program is concluded. The health concerns associated with disinfection byproducts are related to long-term exposure and not short term maintenance actions.

**Will the program affect dialysis patients?**

Users of kidney dialysis machines should not be impacted but should contact their dialysis care provider for more information about water testing and precautions regarding chlorine removal. Chlorine, like chloramine, is fatal if it enters the bloodstream during the hemodialysis process. As a result, strict water purification standards are already followed by the kidney dialysis industry as established by the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation.

**Will the chlorine affect aquatic life?**

The temporary change to chlorine should not affect fish owners if a system is already in place to remove chloramine. Those with questions should contact their local pet suppliers.

**What changes can be expected once the program is completed?**

Local distribution systems will be flushed to clear the chlorinated water as chloraminated water is reintroduced to the system. During this process, customers may see a temporary variation in color as well as possible sediment in the water. Running water at the tap for one to two minutes should remedy this temporary occurrence.

**If I have questions, how can I find more information?**

For more information, please visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities) or contact Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service at (727) 464-4000.