



# St. Pete Beach eNews

*The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach*

**April 28, 2016**

## POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

### Pool Hours

April 18th-May 15th

### Adult Lap Swim

Mon-Fri: 7a-1p

Mon-Fri: 3-5p (limited lanes available)

Mon-Fri: 6-7p (limited lanes available)

### Public Swim

Mon-Fri: 3-5p (activity pool only)

No Slide Mon-Fri 3-5p

Mon-Fri: 6-7p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12-3p

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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Historic Preservation Board  
May 5 @ 3:30p

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City Commission  
May 10 @ 6p

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Recreation Advisory  
May 17 @ 9a

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Planning Board  
May 17 @ 4p

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Beach Stewardship  
May 18 @ 9a

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Library Advisory  
May 19 @ 2p

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City Commission  
May 24 @ 6p

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Board of Adjustment  
May 25 @ 2p

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June 14 @ 6p

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**~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS**-Tuesday, 3:00 pm, E-Reader Help Hour (get library books for Kindle and other tablets); Wednesday, 3:00 pm, Children's Book Week Story Time, for ages 5 and up; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace, for ages 3 and under; Thursday, 4:00 pm, Tail Waggin' Tutors, skill building for beginning readers.

**~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 14th at 9am. For more information visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call (727) 363-9264.

**~4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS**— The City of St. Pete Beach will host their annual fireworks display on Monday, July 4th at sunset (approximately 9pm). The fireworks will be staged on Upham Beach. All normal beach and parking ordinances will be in effect. The Upham beach entrances will be closed to the public starting at 6pm and a beach launch area will be established. For more information, contact the City of St. Pete Beach at 727.367.2735.

**~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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**~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.**

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Frequently Asked Questions

Where are the fireworks being launched from?

They are being launched from Upham Beach

When are they being launched?

On Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at sunset (approximately 9pm)

Will Upham Beach close?

Yes, the fire department will close the beach at 6pm in order to fence off the launch area. Paradise Grille will also close at 6pm. All but the southernmost beach walkways at Upham Beach will close at 6pm. Metered parking will still be available.

Can I bring alcohol on the beach?

NO! There is no alcohol, glass containers, pets, fire (including for the cooking of food) allowed on the beach at any time.

Traffic?

Expect traffic delays in the city before and after the fireworks are launched. All traffic moving north of the Bayway bridge will be directed off the island from 75<sup>th</sup> Ave into Pasadena. No exit into Treasure Island will be permitted.

Will there be entertainment on the beach?

The city is not providing live music or other activities, other than fireworks, on the beach. Local beach bars/hotels may have live music or activities available. Contact them directly to find out their schedules.

Be Safe and Have Fun!



Police Command Post

July 4th

Up ham Beach

Fireworks launch area

Beach will close at 6pm

Beach walkways will close at 6pm.

Only southernmost walkway will remain open

# OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET™

**April 30, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Live Free! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County, will collect your unused or expired prescription medications for safe disposal on Saturday, April 30, 2016. For more information, please contact:

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Live Free!

727-582-2222  
888-727-6398  
livefree@operpar.org  
www.pinellascoalition.com

**The OMC drop-off sites will NOT be at pharmacies and will ONLY be at the following locations:**

## **SOUTH COUNTY LOCATIONS:**

Kenneth City Police Department

4600 58th Street North, Kenneth City

St. Pete Beach Community Center

7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach

St. Petersburg Police Department

1300 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg (P.D.)

8151 Dr. MLK Street North, St Petersburg (Target Parking Lot)

1050 58th Street North, St. Petersburg (Winn Dixie Tyrone Gardens Shopping Center)

Treasure Island Police Department

180 108th Avenue, St. Petersburg

Gulfport Police Department

5501 27th Avenue South, Gulfport (Gulfport Senior Center)

## **MID COUNTY LOCATIONS:**

Largo Police Department

2400 East Bay Drive, Largo (Winn Dixie Parking Lot)

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Administration Building

10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo

Pinellas Park Police Department

7751 49th Street, Pinellas Park (Walgreens)

## **NORTH COUNTY LOCATIONS:**

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office North District Station

737 Loudon Avenue, Dunedin

Clearwater Police Department

27001 US Highway 19 North (Countryside Mall Near LA Fitness)



**No bio-hazard items or needles will be accepted.**

**Program intended for the citizens of Pinellas County and not for commercial use.**

