



St. Pete Beach eNews

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May 5, 2016

POOL INFORMATION

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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

POOL HOURS

May 15th-August 7th

Adult Lap Swim

Mon-Fri: 7a-10a

Mon-Thu: 11a-4p (1 lane)

Mon-Thu: 6-7p (3 lanes)

Fri: 11a-6p (1 lane)

Public Swim

Mon-Thu: 10a-4p

Fri: 10a-6p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12-3p

Twilight Swim

Tues: 7-8:30p (June 7-August 9)

Thu: 7-8:30p (June 9-June 30th)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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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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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Monday, 7:00 am-3:00 pm, Sidewalk Astronomy with Daniel Bricker (Mercury transit across the Sun); Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace, for ages 3 and under.

~FAMILY FUN DAYS AT THE POOL— On Sunday, May 15th from 12-3P. Come and enjoy music, family fun, slides, pool basketball, games, prizes and much more. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 youth/senior.

~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.

~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.

~IMPORTANT DRINKING WATER NOTICE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY—Effective Tuesday, May 31, Pinellas County will begin 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 31st to June 20, 2016. The water is perfectly safe to drink during this period, though you may notice a slight difference in 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 or call Customer Service at 727.464.4000.

~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.

~DIVE-IN MOVIES— Bring your noodles, floats, and chairs to lounge by the pool while watching a movie on our big inflatable screen out under the stars! Snacks, drinks and glow jewelry will be sold. No outside coolers or food allowed. Doors open at 8pm. Admission is \$4.00 per person. The schedule for the Summer Dive-In Movies is: June 3rd—Frozen, June 17th—Lego Movie, July 1st—Despicable Me, July 15th—Maleficent, July 29th—Inside Out. This event will be cancelled in inclement weather.



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~MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SERVICES~ As the final step in the recently installed Force Main #3 project, milling operations (old asphalt removal) will begin on the effected portions of Casablanca and Debazan Avenues today (05/05/16). Milling and repaving of Gulf Boulevard at 37th Avenue, which will include temporary lane closures similar to the closures experienced last week during the Force Main tie-in at the same location, should occur and only last a few hours on Friday morning (05/06/16). Completion of milling and commencement of paving of Casablanca and Debazan Avenues will begin immediately upon completion of Gulf Blvd. on Friday afternoon. Paving of these Avenues will be suspended Saturday (05/07/16) and Sunday (05/08/16), resuming Monday morning (05/09/16). The contractor anticipates completed the paving of these Avenues on Tuesday (05/10/16).

To summarize:

Thursday (05/05/16): Milling of Casablanca and Debazan Avenues

Friday (05/06/16): Milling and Paving of Gulf Blvd. at 37th Avenue (first thing in the morning)

Finish Milling and Begin Paving of Casablanca and Debazan Avenues (after Gulf Blvd. is complete)

Monday (05/09/16): Continue Paving of Casablanca and Debazan Avenues

Tuesday (05/10/16): Finish Paving of Casablanca and Debazan Avenues (if necessary)



It is the season for the Stingray Shuffle



Between the months of May and October, stingrays are usually encountered in the shallow water.

If they are stepped on, they will lash upwards with their barbed tail and sting you.

Shuffle your feet while walking in shallow water. Do not walk in the water with a stepping motion.

If you get stung, soak your foot in water as hot as you can stand for 30-60 minutes. This will provide pain relief and breakdown the toxins of the sting ray.

Medical attention may be necessary!!





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. 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 or contact Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service at (727) 464-4000.