



St. Pete Beach eNews

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May 12, 2016

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

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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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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Historic Preservation

June 2 @ 3:30p

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City Commission

June 14 @ 6p

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Planning Board

June 21 @ 4p

City Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop

~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.

~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS~Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group, *Under the Tuscan Sun: At Home in Italy* by Frances Mayes (held today at Raymond Room, St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr.); Tuesday, 3:00 pm, E-Reader Help Hour, get library books for Kindle and other tablets; 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.

~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.

~BECOME A JUNIOR LIFEGUARD THIS SUMMER AT THE ST. PETE BEACH AQUATIC CENTER -7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Participants must be ages 11- 14 years older and must complete a pre-test in order to continue in the program. Pre-test consists of swimming 25 yards, treading water for 1 minute, float on back for 30 seconds, submerge and swim 10ft underwater. The program will be held Monday- Friday, June 13-24 from 9a-1p. The cost is \$100 per person. For more information visit our website at www.spbrec.com or call the Aquatic Center at (727) 363-9264.

~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.

~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.

~PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE~ Will be conducting a Town Hall meeting at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. on May 25th from 5:30-7p.

Hurricane Preparedness Week

May 15-21, 2016



Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 15-21, 2016) is your time to prepare for a potential land-falling tropical storm or hurricane. Learn how with the daily tips below and related links. Share these with your friends and family to ensure that they are prepared.

May 15, 2016

Determine Your Risk

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HURRICANE HAZARD RISKS

1 Storm surge is water pushed ashore by the winds of a tropical cyclone. It has caused more fatalities than any other hurricane hazard.

2 Winds from a hurricane are 74 mph or greater and can cause massive damage to buildings and structures in its path.

3 Inland flooding is the most frequent cause of tropical cyclone fatalities. It can occur far from the coast and long after landfall.

4 Tornadoes are commonly spawned by a hurricane and can cause damage far away from the center of the hurricane.

5 Rip currents and waves along and near the coast can be deadly even if the center of the storm passes well offshore.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety

May 16, 2016

Develop an Evacuation plan

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HAVING AN EVACUATION PLAN

1 Find out today if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone.

2 Plan today where you would go and how you would get there if told to evacuate by local officials.

3 If you don't live in an evacuation zone, identify someone who does, and plan to be their inland evacuation destination.

4 Leave immediately when told to evacuate by local officials.

5 Identify an evacuation destination that will accommodate your pets, as most shelters do not permit them.

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May 17, 2016

Secure an insurance check-up

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE

1 Have an insurance checkup with your agent once a year, well before hurricane season, whether you own or rent.

2 Make sure you have flood insurance that must be obtained separately and has a 30-day waiting period to take effect.

3 Visit floodsmart.gov to learn about your flood risk and flood insurance options for your area.

4 Prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered.

5 Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety

May 18, 2016

Assemble Disaster Supplies

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLIES

- 1 Food/Water** - Get supplies well in advance, enough for each person for at least one week.
- 2 Medicine/First-aid** - Have 30 days worth of medicines and medical supplies. Fill prescriptions before the storm.
- 3 Communications** - Have extra batteries or portable chargers for your cell phones and batteries for your radios.
- 4 Gas** - Fill up your car or a gas can beforehand. If the power goes out, you will be unable to pump gas.
- 5 Money** - Have cash on hand. With no electricity, ATMs and credit cards will not work.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety

May 19, 2016

Strengthen Your Home

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME

- 1** Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches.
- 2** Shop now for tested and approved window coverings to put up when a hurricane approaches. See flash.org.
- 3** Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes.
- 4** Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable.
- 5** Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety

May 20, 2016

Sources of Information

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WHERE TO GET HURRICANE INFO

- 1** Television - Tune in to your trusted local news source.
- 2** Phone - Access mobile.weather.gov on your mobile phone and get Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- 3** Radio - Receive forecast information and news on your NOAA Weather Radio.
- 4** Social Media - Follow official government agencies, trusted media partners, and share critical info with friends and family.
- 5** Computer - Access information from weather.gov, ready.gov and flash.org.

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May 21, 2016

Be Prepared!!

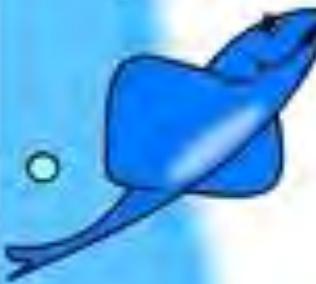
5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BEING PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE

- 1** Writing down your plan will ensure you don't make mistakes when faced with an emergency.
- 2** Document all of your valuables and possessions with a camera or video camera well before the storm.
- 3** Gather all vital documents, like passports and medical records, and put them somewhere that you can quickly access.
- 4** Make planning and preparedness a family affair to ensure everyone knows what to do.
- 5** It does NOT matter how many hurricanes are forecast for this year. It only takes one storm.

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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!!

