



# St. Pete Beach eNews

*The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach*

**August 4, 2016**

## POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

### POOL HOURS

August 1-September 30th

#### Adult Lap Swim

Mon-Fri: 7a-10a

11a-2:30p (limited lanes)  
6-7p (3 lanes)

#### Public Swim

Mon-Fri: 10a-11a (activity pool only)

11a-2:30p

2:30-7pm (activity pool only)

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12-3p

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Labor Day, September 5th  
12-3p

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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Historic Preservation Board  
August 4 @ 3:30p

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City Commission  
August 9 @ 6p

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Planning Board  
August 16 @ 4p

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Beach Stewardship  
August 17 @ 9a

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City Commission  
August 23 @ 6p

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

**~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-**Monday, 3:00 pm, Stories and Fun with Kathleen for ages 4-6; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace, for ages 3 and under; Thursday, 4:00 pm, Tail Waggin' Tutors (skill building for new readers).

**ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPACES ON SALE NOW-** The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 17th from 8a-12pm. The cost for the 10' x 10' space is \$15 for SPB Residents and \$17.50 for Non Residents. Spaces go on sale August 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information or to reserve your space, contact the Community Center at (727) 363-9245. Spaces will sell out so act fast.

**~HAZARD TO NAVIGATION-BOCA CIEGA BAY-SUBMERGED 38' POWER BOAT-** Please be advised of a submerged 38' power boat located about 100 yards off of Green Marker #1 near the channel entrance to Pasadena Yacht & Country Club in Boca Ciega Bay. The submerged vessel is lying to the east (towards Gulfport) in 8' of water and barely visible. This is a serious night time navigation hazard. The United States Coast Guard has been advised, but this could take several weeks to remove.

- [Picture of the Boat](#)
- [Area Map](#)

**~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY -** The General Employees' Pension Board has an opening. The Board is looking for someone with a background in Finance, Fund Management or similar experience. If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk at 363-9220 to obtain an volunteer application.

**AQUATIC FITNESS CLASSES-** Join us this summer for one of our four Aquatic fitness classes at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. For more information call 727-363-9264 or visit our website at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com).

**~2016 HURRICANE SEASON-**Hurricane season has begun. Please take the time now to prepare yourself and your family for the possibility of a storm here in Pinellas County. Plan your evacuation route. Stop by any City of St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue Station or City Hall to pick up the Pinellas County Hurricane Guide, or you may access this information on the web at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/resident/disasters.htm>

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## Message from St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue



August 10, 2016

It is that time of year again, time for all the kids to head back to school! That means we must be more vigilant on the roads for kids that are heading to school whether they are walking or riding the bus! It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

### **Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians**

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Pay extra attention to the lower speed limits in school zones

### **Sharing the Road with School Buses**

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop!!

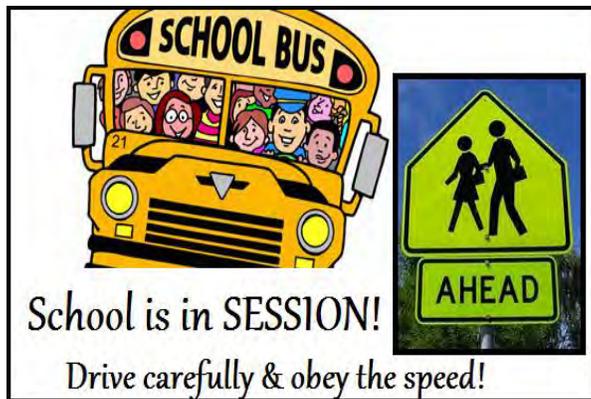
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

## Sharing the Road with Bicyclists

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.





**Utilities  
(727) 464-4000**

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

Effective Tuesday, Sept. 6, 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 Sept. 6 to 26, 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.



# 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 took place from **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.