



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 22, 2016

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11a-2:30p (limited lanes)

6-7p (3 lanes)

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Sun: Closed

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

September-December

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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Board of Adjustment

September 28 @ 2p

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Historic Preservation Board

October 3 @ 3:30p

City Commission meetings
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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Monday, 3:45 pm, Stories and Fun with Kathleen; Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group film, *Adaptation*; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time with Grace (ages 3 and under).

~THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT -will be holding an Open House Week to invite residents to stop in and discuss the proposed [Pass-a-Grille form-based code](#)

September 19th - 23rd

8:00am - 4:30pm

City Hall, 155 Corey Avenue

*Appointments encouraged. Contact Jennifer Bryla jbryla@stpetebeach.org or 727.363.9265.

~COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT—will host a Community Meeting to discuss the proposed Pass-a-grille Form Base Code on Oct 13th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Don Vista Suntan Arts Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd, St Pete Beach, FL 33706. For more information please contact Jennifer Bryla at 727-363-9265 or JBryla@stpetebeach.org

~SENIOR EXCURSIONS HOSTED BY THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER- The St. Pete Beach Community Center has new Senior Excursions on the schedule for the fall. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with their friends. The new trips are as followed: **Sept 24: Hard Rock Casino (9am-4pm)**, Oct 22: Tarpon Springs Art & Craft Festival (9am-4pm), Nov 19: Tampa Outlets (9am-4pm), Dec 17: Holiday light viewing at Botanical Gardens and Largo Central Park (5-10pm) . All excursions will depart from the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Trip times vary. All participants must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the excursion. Each trip is \$12 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$15 for non residents. For more information visit our website at

~OCTOBER CONCERT SERIES— Come and relax in Horan Park located at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. and enjoy some local bands, food, fun zone and more. Bring your own chair or blanket every Friday in October.

- October 7th—Trae Pierce and the T-Stone Band
- October 14th—Impulse
- October 21—2 Dog Night
- October 28th—Horny Toads

Time—7-9pm

~BEACH CLEAN UP—Semi-Annual event held at Upham Beach. Meet us at the Upham Beach Concession Stand and join us to help beautify our local beach. Saturday October 15th from 9-11am.

~ST. PETE BEACH THANKSGIVING SUNRISE SPRINT—Thursday November 24th at 6:30am. For more information on the race or to register visit www.thanksgivingsunrisesprint.com.



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~MESSAGE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY~ZIKA PREVENTION- Pinellas County Mosquito Control and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas are reminding residents of important prevention tips as they continue joint efforts against mosquito-borne illnesses.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control technicians are aggressively treating known mosquito breeding areas, as well as responding to calls and service requests from citizens. Chemical application methods vary depending on the type of mosquito being treated for, and may include larviciding and adulticiding. Technicians are also setting traps around the county to monitor for container-breeding mosquitoes. In the case of Zika-transmitting mosquito species, targeted application via "boots on the ground" work with hand-held foggers is the employed method of control. Area-wide truck spraying is not effective in combating these species.

Mosquito bites can irritate skin and potentially spread disease. Residents are urged to protect their skin from mosquito bites when outdoors by wearing mosquito repellent (products containing DEET, IR3535, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus) and loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and pants. These simple preventive measures can help reduce the number of mosquitoes in Pinellas County and minimize mosquito-borne diseases.

Additional steps residents can take include:

- Flush birdbaths and wading pools weekly.
- Flush ornamental bromeliads or treat with BTI, a biological larvicide available at home stores.
- Clean roof gutters, which can become clogged and hold water.
- Change the water in outdoor pet dishes regularly.
- Keep pools and spas chlorinated and filtered.
- Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
- Cover rain barrels with screening.
- Check for standing water under houses, near plumbing drains, under air conditioner drip areas, and around septic tanks and heat pumps.
- Eliminate standing water, improve drainage and prevent future puddling.

For more information about Pinellas County Mosquito Control, visit www.pinellascounty.org/resident/mosquito_control.htm. To place a Mosquito Control service call, please call (727) 464-7503.

MOSQUITO CONTROL IN PINELLAS COUNTY

FOR MORE INFORMATION



PINELLAS COUNTY uses a tactical approach to control mosquitoes. This begins with careful monitoring of the mosquito population through traps located around the county. Mosquitoes are more prevalent in the hot, rainy months of the year, but even when general drought conditions exist in the county, they can remain in swampy and tidal areas. Pinellas County Mosquito Control combats mosquito breeding by:

- Applying mosquito larvicide to targeted bodies of water and swampy areas.
- Clearing vegetation that stops the natural flushing of ponds and ditches, and
- Spraying larvicide by truck or helicopter in infested areas.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mosquitoes are attracted by the CO₂ (carbon dioxide) exhaled from our breath, which they can detect from great distances.

Pinellas County carefully monitors viruses through “sentinel” chickens caged in eight target locations. Routine blood tests on these chickens detect virus antibodies—an early alert that a virus is present locally.

- **Pinellas County Mosquito Control**
(727) 464-7503 • www.pinellascounty.org/mosquito
- **Pinellas County Extension**
(727) 582-2100 • www.pinellascountyextension.org
- **Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County**
(727) 824-6900 • www.pinellashealth.com



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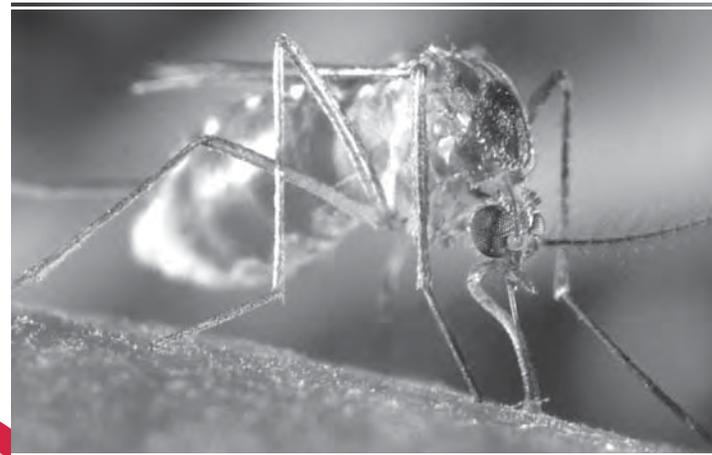
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Get the BUZZ on Protecting Yourself From

MOSQUITOES





Why are mosquitoes a problem?

CHIKUNGUNYA is a virus that can be transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. Transmission to humans may occur when infected female mosquitoes attempt to feed on a human host. The primary species of mosquitoes that may transmit the virus are *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*.

DENGUE FEVER is a mosquito-borne tropical disease caused by the dengue virus. Symptoms typically begin three to fourteen days after infection. This may include a high fever, headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pains, and a characteristic skin rash. Dengue is spread by several species of mosquito of the *Aedes* type, principally *Aedes aegypti*. Prevention is by reducing mosquito habitat and limiting exposure to bites.

ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS can affect the central nervous system and cause severe complications, even death. Mosquitoes can transmit the virus to animals and humans after feeding on infected birds. Just like West Nile virus, there is no vaccine to prevent St. Louis encephalitis.

WEST NILE VIRUS has the potential to infect horses and humans. Mosquitoes obtain the virus from feeding on infected birds. People infected with the West Nile virus can experience mild to severe flu-like symptoms. While usually mild, in serious cases the symptoms can cause death. There is no vaccine to prevent West Nile virus.

ZIKA is a virus much like the Chikungunya and Dengue Fever virus. It can be transmitted to humans by the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. Virus transmission can occur when an infected female mosquito feeds on a human host.

PINELLAS COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL encourages you to remember the **3D^S** to protect yourself and your family:

DRESS WISELY

Wear light-colored clothing that covers most of your skin, especially if you have to be out when mosquitoes are active.

DEFEND

Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered, approved and recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Choose a repellent with DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Read the directions on the label carefully before applying.
- Apply repellent sparingly, only to exposed skin.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that DEET-based repellents can be used on children as young as two months of age and recommends concentrations of 30 percent or less.

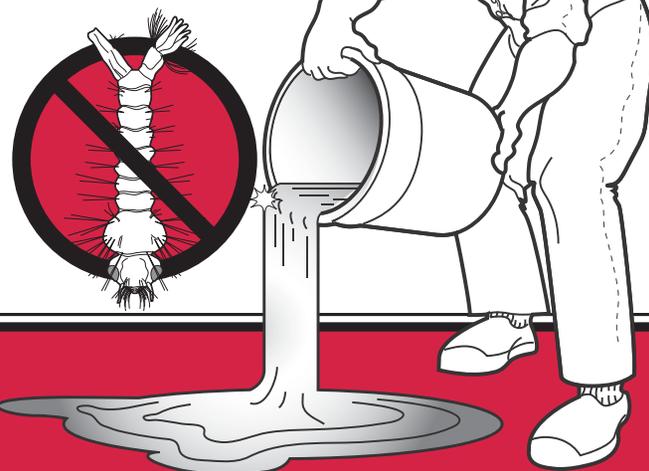
DRAIN STANDING WATER

Stop mosquitoes where they're born—the standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs. Mosquitoes can develop in any water that stands more than four days. Two types of domestic mosquitoes are a common problem in Pinellas County: the yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, and the Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*. These mosquitoes, called “ankle-biters” because they tend to bite people below the knee, can quickly colonize a neighborhood, finding standing water wherever available. One mosquito will try to bite, then fly away at the slightest movement and continue the process until it gets a blood meal, making one mosquito seem like several.

YOU CAN JOIN THE FIGHT TO CONTROL MOSQUITOES!

- Regularly check and empty water in items such as flower pots and saucers, wheelbarrows, trash cans, recycling containers, buckets, discarded tires and plastic wading pools. Drill holes in tire-swings to prevent water collection.
- Store small boats upside down to keep water out.
- Be sure that rain doesn't collect in tarps covering boats or other stored items.
- Replace water in bird baths at least once a week.
- Change the water in pet dishes daily.
- Clean out gutters so they won't hold water.
- Flush out bromeliads twice weekly or treat bromeliads, ornamental ponds and rain barrels with larvicide, available at local home and garden stores.
- Stock ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae.

MOSQUITO LARVAE DEVELOP IN STANDING WATER



Only female mosquitoes bite for blood to provide protein for egg formation. Male and female mosquitoes feed on plant nectar and juices.



First Day of Autumn is September 22, 2016

As summer turns to fall, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

Fireplace Safety Tips

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe. Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall. Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within 3 feet of your fireplace.
- For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.
- Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units. Observe all safety precautions when using them.

Family Fire Safety Tips

- Make sure young children know how to dial **911** and how to respond in the event of a fire.
- Establish and practice a fire escape plan with your family that includes multiple ways to escape from every room and a designated meeting area outside the home.
- Practice stop, drop and roll with your children so they learn how to escape beneath a fire.
- Make sure that there is a sufficient quantity of smoke detectors in your home. Verify each month that smoke detectors are in working order.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Do not place lit candles where they can be reached by children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended. Do not leave candles burning when you go to sleep.
- Do not leave cooking food unattended on the stove. Have a **"kid-free zone"** of at least **3 feet** around the stove and areas where hot food is prepared or carried.

Outdoor Fire Safety Tips

- Clear your roof and gutters of unnecessary buildup of debris.
- Learn the outdoor burning regulations in your area, and do not engage in illegal burning of leaves and other outdoor debris.