



St. Pete Beach eNews

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February 14, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

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Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: Closed

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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Recreation Advisory Committee

February 19 @ 9a

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-MESSAGE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY UTILITIES—ATTENTION!

Pinellas County Utilities will conduct a temporary shutdown of the Potable Water Service in your area on Sunday, February 17, 2019 beginning at 11:00 p.m., until Monday, February 18, 2019 ending at approximately 5:00 a.m. This temporary water interruption is solely for activating the newly installed Potable “Drinking” Water transmission main.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pinellas County Utilities customer service at (727) 464-4000. We apologize for any inconvenience.

- [MAP](#)

-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS- Friday, 10:00 am-2:00 pm - AARP Tax-Aide prepares and e-files Federal tax returns, free: Fridays through Apr. 12; Monday - Library CLOSED (Presidents Day); Tuesday, 10:30 am - Book Discussion Group: *Alice I Have Been* by Melanie Benjamin; Tuesday, 3:00 pm - Tech Tuesday: Any Device Help (no repairs, no reservation required); Tuesday, 4:30 pm - St. Pete Beach Stitchers: Join friends, neighbors at this new weekly gathering of adult knitters, crocheters and needleworkers (not a class); Wednesday - Movie Day at the Library: 2:00 pm matinee and 5:30 pm encore presentation of *First Man*; Thursday, 11:00 am - Play Jeopardy with fellow library patrons; Thursday, 4:00 pm - Topics in American History: The Virginia Dynasty, presented by historian David Busch. St. Pete Beach Public Library: Celebrating 50 years at 365 73rd Ave.

-PASS-A-GRILLE WAY CONSTRUCTION SURVEY—The City of St. Pete Beach is excited to share an opportunity for you to provide input about the last three years of construction on Pass-a-Grille Way. We have partnered with the University of South Florida to conduct a survey to provide feedback to our City to improve our interaction with you in the future. Please take a moment to click on the link below and share your experiences. If the link does not work, please copy and paste it into your web browser to participate. Thank you for your input.

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NXWG2BD>

SENIOR EXCURSIONS HOSTED BY THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER— The St. Pete Beach Community Center has new Senior Excursions on the schedule January-March. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with friends. All excursions will depart from St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. All participants must pre-register the Wednesday prior to the excursion. Each trip is \$15. Cost covers transportation only. All Admissions or lunch are extra and the responsibility of the participants. Time of trips are 9am-4pm. For more information call the Community Center at 727.363.9245 or visit www.spbrec.com

Trip Schedule

Feb 16th—Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival (additional fee for admission)

Feb 23rd—72nd Annual Fiesta Day

Mar 2nd—Florida Strawberry Festival (additional fee for admission)

Mar 9th—2019 Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival (additional fee for admission)

Mar 16th—Ikea, Ybor City and The Columbia Restaurant

Mar 23rd—Tampa Premium Outlet Mall

Mar 30th—Dunedin Downtown Market



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~MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH AND THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE~

Just a reminder to all the South County communities and St. Pete Beach area that vehicle burglaries continue. Please be sure and lock your car doors and take anything that is or could look valuable out of your car. Many of these thieves work in groups and target all types of different communities. Don't fall into the trap of thinking your neighborhood wouldn't be targeted for these types of crimes.

Check out the [Sheriff's website](#) for access to programs and services to learn how to protect yourself, your family and your possessions. To contact our Community Policing Officers call 727.582.5721.

~HONOR WALK AT UPHAM BEACH~ The 2018-2019 Brick Campaign has officially launched. Orders will be received from November 5, 2018 until March 18, 2019. Installation of the bricks will occur early summer. For more information call 727.363.9232 or download the form [Honor Walk at Upham Beach](#)

~COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS~

- Sunday Market on Corey Avenue from 10am-2pm
- Pinellas County Utilities is hosting a Free Irrigation & Landscaping Mini Expo Saturday February 23rd from 10am-1pm. For more information, please visit <http://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/site/pressrelease/event/free-irrigation--landscaping-mini-expo-feb-23/>
- Music in the Afternoon **February 24th** from 2-4p at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center. For more information, call 727.363.9245.
- Free Lunch and Learn **Wednesday February 27th** at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center from 12-1pm. Topic of Discussion—Outsmart the Scammers. For more information or to reserve your seat, call 727.363.9245.
- Beach Clean Up—Upham Beach Saturday March 16th from 9a-12p.

~CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY FEBRUARY 18TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY~



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~MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER TERRI FINNERTY ED.D., DISTRICT 1~

Home Rule: The Florida constitution empowers citizens with the right of local self-government, or Home Rule. As the only form of voluntary government, Florida’s municipalities are the embodiment of this right. A city is created by its citizens to provide additional functions and services for the particular benefit of the community. Local citizens develop a charter to specify the form, functions and power of their city government. The incorporation and city charter are approved by voters in a local referendum.

Home Rule authorizes all governmental, corporate and propriety powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services. Home Rule is why not two cities are alike. City residents take pride in this diversity and responsibility. Strong Home Rule powers ensure that government stays close to the people it serves. Intrusion on Home Rule from the state or federal government undermines the constitutional right of citizens to govern themselves.

Last week I wrote, “As previously mentioned, the President of Florida League of Cities, Leo Longworth, Mayor of Bartow, has established actions we, as advocacy members of FLC, will be taking this year to encourage our residents to take part in letting our legislators know they support Home Rule because they live local and, we as a city, should be able to decide local.” There are 10 actions he has asked us to implement with **residents**. Last week I listed the first 5 actions and this week I will list the remaining 5. I look forward to working on each of these with you in the coming months of the 2019 Legislative Session which promises to be another difficult year for those of us who support and advocate for Home Rule.

- **Taken Inventory:**

Immediately follow-up. A simple reply acknowledging heir commitment to get engaged, coupled with a short survey - no more than 3 questions - works well, consider asking: What do you like most about our city? What are the most pressing issues facing our neighborhood? Are you comfortable with public speaking? These questions will help residents identify what they care about most and help you determine who might be your best advocate on a specific issue.

- **Pair Advocates with Issues:**

When asking residents to take action evaluate your advocates. Be selective about whom you engage based on the issue, their passion and their expertise. If you send every call to action to all individuals who have signed up, they are less likely to respond. However, if you communicate too little, residents may miss important messages.



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• **Provide Sample Talking Points:**

Do not just recycle points provided by your lobbyist or the Florida League of Cities. Reflect on the local impact of an issue and put yourself in the shoes of a business owner, civic leader, religious leader, homeowner or parent - not an elected official. Write from their perspective.

• **Determine “The Ask”:**

In addition to providing education on an issue, we must tell a legislator what action we want to see. Are you looking for a vote in favor or against a particular bill? Are you seeking an amendment or a question to be raised during a debate? Be clear in your desired outcome.

• **Say Thank You:**

Be public about thanking your advocates. If they’re willing, get photos and/or videos of their efforts, and highlight them in your digital communication, via social media and during council meetings.

Just as a caution, bills are being introduced now in both the Senate and the House. Next week I will present a bill we must all work hard to “kill” since it would impact a municipality that regulates or may consider regulating single-use plastic straws. So, fasten your seat belts, it promises to be a rocky ride.

Terri Finnerty, Ed.D
Commissioner District #1
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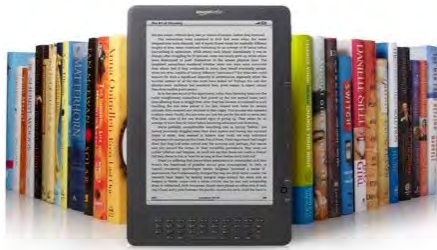
**on Valentine's Day
and all year long!**

**Used correctly, child safety seats reduce the
risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants, 54% for
toddlers, and 45% for children ages 4-8.***

**from NHTSA and Safe Kids Worldwide*

St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue
7301 Gulf Blvd
St. Pete Beach, FL, 33706
727-363-9206

Tech Tuesdays



Every 1st Tuesday

3:00-4:00 p.m.

E-book help

Every 2nd Tuesday

3:00-4:00 p.m.

iPads & tablet help



Every 3rd Tuesday

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Any Help

Every 4th Tuesday

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Smartphone help



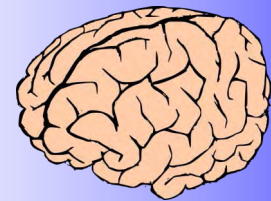
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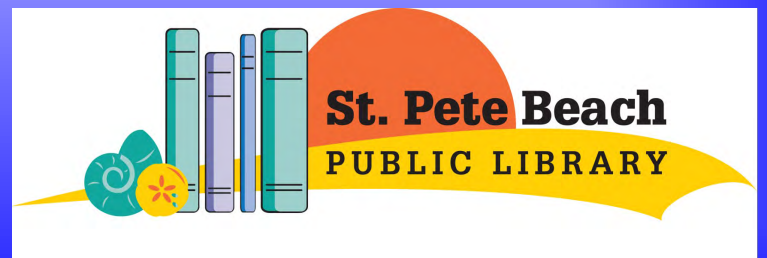


Thursday, February 21
11:00 a.m.

Come show off that big
of yours and become
Our Jeopardy champion

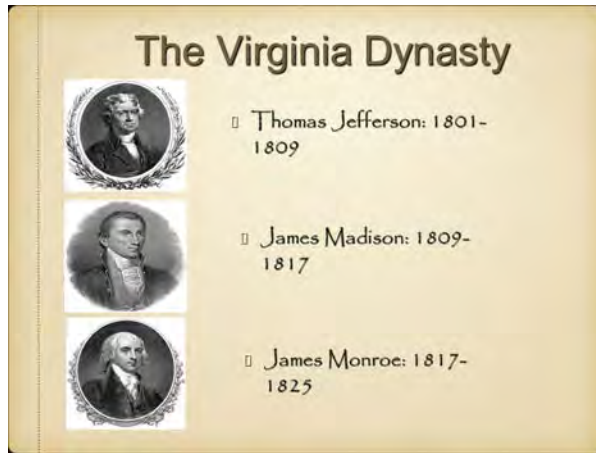


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**Topics in American History:
The Virginia Dynasty
Thursday, February 21
4:00 p.m.**



**Presented
by historian
David Busch**

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