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-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-Friday, 3:00 pm - Family Movie: *Wall-E*; Monday, 11:00 am - Storytime Sing & Learn (ages 0-5): Start your toddlers on the road to reading and school readiness as they learn numbers, colors, and the alphabet through stories, music, and dance; Monday, 6:00 pm - Lori Roy Book Talk: Meet the author and buy her new book *Gone Too Long* for signing; Tuesday, 3:00 pm - Tech Tuesday: Any Help; Wednesday, 3:00 pm: Movie: *Gravity*; Thursday, 4th of July - Library CLOSED; Friday, 3:00 pm - Children's Craft: Pool Noodle Lightsabers.

NEW at the Library! Download our new app (search "Pinellas Library Cooperative" in Google Play or the Apple App Store)! Search the catalog, manage your account and renew items, place holds, or scan any book's ISBN barcode to see if your library has a copy!

Also NEW, the film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free! Library card holders can sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting spblibrary.kanopy.com. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. St. Pete Beach Public Library: Celebrating 50 years at 365 73rd Ave.

-CINEMA ON THE SAND- Bring your chairs, blankets and your floats and join us at Upham Beach for a night under the stars! The best part...the movie is being played from a boat so you can relax and float during the movie! Movie starts at 8pm. Paradise Grille will have food and beverages for purchase. For more information, contact the St. Pete Beach Recreation Department at 727.363.9245.

Movie Dates:

July 12: The Meg

July 26: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Aug 9: Smokey & the Bandit

Aug 23: People's Choice (Facebook vote)

-COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS-

- Rock the Beach this 4th of July with awesome free live music performed by the Brian Caudill Band followed by headliner Stormbringer on Upham Beach (6850 Beach Plaza) in beautiful St. Pete Beach FL. Live music from the Brian Caudill Band is scheduled from 2:00pm-6:00pm followed by Stormbringer until 9:00pm. Fireworks are scheduled to be launched from the barge at 9:00pm located near 4700 block on Gulf Blvd (County Beach Parking Lot). For more information including parking, FAQ's and more visit www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245.
- St Pete Beach Public Works will host a Public Meeting at the City Recreation Building in the upstairs Ball Room **starting at 10:30am on July 30, 2019** to present information on the upcoming Sanitary Sewer and Undergrounding the Overhead Electrical Line projects. The sanitary sewer project will install a new pipe under the inside-south bound lane from 37th Ave to Gulf Winds Drive and the electrical project will underground overhead electrical lines from 35th Ave to 75th Ave. Both projects are scheduled to begin in January 2020 and are expected to last for over a year. All St. Pete Beach Businesses and those who conduct business in St. Pete Beach are welcome. One or more elected officials of the City may be in attendance.



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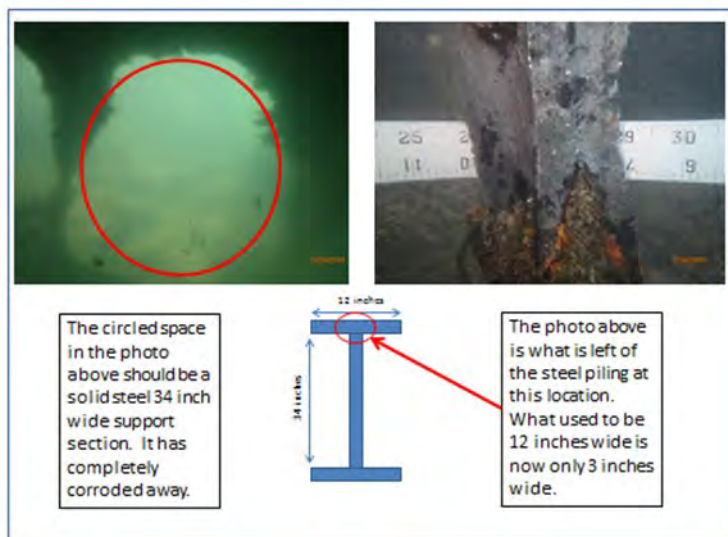
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CLOSED

The 1st Avenue Jetty Fishing Pier is closed due to structural concerns. The steel pilings supporting the concrete deck have significantly deteriorated over time due to sea salt corrosion. The pilings no longer have the strength to safely support the weight of the concrete deck and resist wave action.



The circled space in the photo above should be a solid steel 34 inch wide support section. It has completely corroded away.

The photo above is what is left of the steel piling at this location. What used to be 12 inches wide is now only 3 inches wide.

As we continue to evaluate options, a date for re-opening the pier has not been set. Public safety is our highest priority and we thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
St. Pete Beach Public Works

~MESSAGE FROM PINNELLAS COUNTY~

NOTICE: Of upcoming bridge structure repairs to the Pinellas County, Corey Causeway Drawbridge (connecting South Pasadena with St Pete Beach)

The northbound and southbound lanes will be closed intermittently during the hours of **9:00 p.m. through 5:00 a.m.** on these scheduled dates: Sunday, July 28th 2019 through Thursday, August 1, 2019, and again Sunday, August 4, 2019, through Thursday, August 8, 2019.



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(Photo by Karen Mason)

BLACK SKIMMERS

Black Skimmers are back at St. Pete Beach, where they have once again established a colonial nesting site near the public parking beach access. This colony already has over 600 skimmers with over 200 nests! Black Skimmers make “scrapes” in the sand, which are small depressions, in which they lay 3-4 eggs. Once the eggs

hatch, both parents will work hard to raise their flightless, downy-covered chicks. As more chicks hatch and grow older, they will begin venturing outside of the colony’s protected area looking for shade or to cool off by the water. This is when they will really need your help! These wandering chicks will be at risk since they blend in so well with the sand, similarly to the well-camouflaged eggs. Skimmer parents are great at defending their eggs and chicks against predators such as gulls and crows, but they need a little extra help to make sure they can successfully raise their families.

Tips for Helping the Black Skimmers:

Keep your distance and respect posted areas. If the birds become agitated, you are too close! Take a few steps back until the bird(s) have settled down. Signs and rope help keep people from accidentally stepping on eggs or chicks.

Avoid flushing birds. Large flocks of Black Skimmers from the colony sit by the water’s edge to cool off, sometimes with their chicks. Running through flocks will scare the birds, causing them to fly away. This uses up the energy needed to feed and protect chicks. Flightless chicks and eggs will be left alone and vulnerable to predators.

Leave fireworks at home. Fireworks set off within 1,000 ft of the colony will flush skimmers off their nests and can cause abandonment of chicks, resulting in death.

Keep pets off the beach and away from nesting areas. Even the friendliest dog will spook an entire skimmer colony.

Avoid feeding wildlife, especially the gulls and crows. Attracting these predators to the beach and near the colony puts the nests and chicks at risk for predation.

Spread the word! Tell others what you’ve learned about these incredible birds!

Want to get involved? Audubon Florida is looking for volunteer bird stewards to help educate the public during the busy weekends and 4th of July holiday. If you are interested in learning more about the stewardship program, please email Holley Short (hshort@audubon.org) or visit www.FLbeachbirds.org.



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Pinellas: Sea turtle nesting season gets underway

Beach residents and visitors reminded to take precautions until Oct. 31

Sea turtle nesting season starts today, and Pinellas County is reminding beach residents and visitors to keep conditions safe for sea turtles to thrive.

Loggerheads are the most common sea turtle to nest in Pinellas County, and females generally nest from early May through August. The eggs in each nest will typically incubate for 50 to 60 days before hatching.

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium monitors the beaches from Clearwater Beach through Indian Shores. Sand to Sea Inc. monitors the beaches from Redington Shores through Treasure Island, and Sea Turtle Trackers monitors the beaches of St Pete Beach, Shell Key and Outback Key. Staff members conduct early-morning patrols to locate new nesting sites. Citizens should not pick up hatchlings heading toward the water, shine lights or use photo equipment with a flash. Hatchlings use starlight and moonlight reflecting off the water to find their way to the ocean, and if they become misled by artificial light, they can become disoriented and die.

Besides checking the beaches every morning for signs of new nests, nesting staff mark the nests and rope them off to avoid human disturbance. As endangered and threatened species, Kemp's Ridley and Loggerhead turtles are protected under state and federal law, and disturbing their nests is illegal. To report the disturbance of a sea turtle nest, or report the sightings of turtles or hatchlings lost, stranded or wandering in the street, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement at 1-888-404-3922, or *FWC from a cell phone.

Most of Pinellas County's beach communities have ordinances prohibiting lighting that casts glare onto the beach during turtle nesting season, which ends on Oct. 31.

During nesting season, residents and beach visitors should do the following:

- Turn off outside lights, draw drapes and avoid using flashlights or fishing lamps on the beach.
- Remove obstacles such as sand castles or sand pits that may make it too difficult for hatchlings to make their way to the shoreline.
- Keep the beach clean. Eliminate trash items that may entangle baby hatchlings and adult turtles.
- Do not approach or harass adult turtles as they make their way back to sea.
- If residents spot turtle tracks or a possible nest, and it does not appear to be protected by stakes ribbon, call 1-888-404-3922.

By obeying the law and following some simple guidelines, residents and visitors can greatly improve the chances of sea turtle survival.





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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.

Drugs, veggie gardens and drag racing: Ron DeSantis signs 10 bills

Tampa Bay Times

A measure that would allow attorneys for the state to have access to a prescription-drug database as they pursue a lawsuit against the pharmaceutical industry over the opioid epidemic was among 10 bills signed Monday by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Also signed was a bill (HB 82) that will prevent local governments from passing rules against homeowners' vegetable gardens and a measure that cracks down on drag racing (HB 611). The signings -- nine were announced by the governor's office Tuesday morning -- came less than a week before all 10 of the bills will take effect July 1. The drug database law (HB 1253) was a priority during this year's legislative session of Attorney General Ashley Moody, who considered access to the records a critical weapon in the state's lawsuit against the pharmaceutical industry.

Harvest time: Front-yard vegetable gardens now legal in Florida

Florida Politics

The second time - or year - was the charm for a bill that will legalize front yard vegetable gardens in Florida. On Tuesday, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed SB 82 into law. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Rob Bradley of Fleming Island, renders "void and unenforceable" local jurisdiction over front yard gardens. "When I learned that the bill was signed I got artichoked up. Local governments will no longer be able to squash our freedom to grow vegetables on our land," Bradley said, continuing a tradition of puns on this subject. Jokes aside, the bill is serious for Bradley, and Floridians. The goal is to facilitate "the development of sustainable cultivation of vegetables and fruits at all levels of production, including for personal consumption."



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Why can't Wellington and other cities regulate Airbnbs?

The Palm Beach Post

After hundreds of teens packed an Airbnb in a quiet Wellington neighborhood last week for a chaotic party, neighbors and others in the village were left wondering: What can be done to prevent this from happening again? The answer, according to Wellington officials, is not much. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office responded about 9:30 p.m. Thursday to the home on Anhinga Drive, where deputies reported underage drinking and teens smoking pot as loud music thrummed from the home. An Airbnb listing for the house said no parties are allowed. The house is no longer listed on Airbnb. Repeated attempts by The Palm Beach Post to reach the home's owner have failed. Legislation passed by the state in 2011 ties the hands of local governments that may want to regulate vacation rentals, whether offered through Airbnb, private owners or another service, Mayor Anne Gerwig said.

Trump Administration to Take on Local Housing Barriers

The Washington Post

The Trump administration will explore using federal programs to push local governments to soften or eliminate rules that block housing construction, an issue that has stymied officials at all levels of government for years. President Trump signed an order Tuesday creating the White House Council on Eliminating Barriers to Affordable Housing Development, which will include members of eight federal agencies. "These are things that can be solved. A lot of [these rules] have been on the books for excessive amounts of time. They're not particularly relevant anymore," said Ben Carson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in an interview Tuesday with The Wall Street Journal.

Governor Signs Micro-Mobility Bill: E-Scooters Coming to Tallahassee In July

WJCT

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently signed off on granting e-scooter riders the same rights as bicyclists. Now, cities across Florida are implementing e-scooter programs. Tampa's City Council implemented an e-scooter pilot program on Memorial Day weekend. Tampa's Director of Transportation, Jean Duncan says the city is analyzing complaints to see what can be improved. "We've had complaints about...people stepping out onto a sidewalk and having a scooter whiz by... complaints about the scooters being in some of the off-limits areas," but Duncan says there have been positives as well. "We're also seeing people in business suits or even dresses clearly going to a meeting from one place to the next so we're hoping this has a real transportation value," she says. Tallahassee will also be starting an e-scooter pilot program soon. The City Commission added two more vendors—Bird and Spin to its pilot.



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DESANTIS SIGNS CHANGES IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

News Service of Florida

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law Tuesday a measure that will shift 19 law enforcement officers focused on environmental crimes from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill (HB 5401) is part of a series of environmental proposals DeSantis rolled out in January, including increased funding for Everglades restoration and water projects. DeSantis said during a bill-signing ceremony Tuesday at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center in Stuart that shifting the law-enforcement officers should make enforcement of environmental laws more effective. The creation of the Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Environmental Protection will take effect Monday.

UNDERGROUND POWER LINES BILL GOES TO DESANTIS

News Service of Florida

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday formally received a bill that could lead to an expansion of underground power lines in Florida, with supporters touting the measure as a way to help reduce electricity outages after hurricanes. A key part of the bill (SB 796) would change the way underground power-line projects are financed, a change that could lead to more projects --- but also higher bills for utility customers. Utilities such as Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Co. and Gulf Power typically include storm-hardening costs in base electric rates. But the bill would set up a separate process at the Florida Public Service Commission that would allow utilities each year to seek to collect money from customers for storm-protection projects, such as building underground power lines.

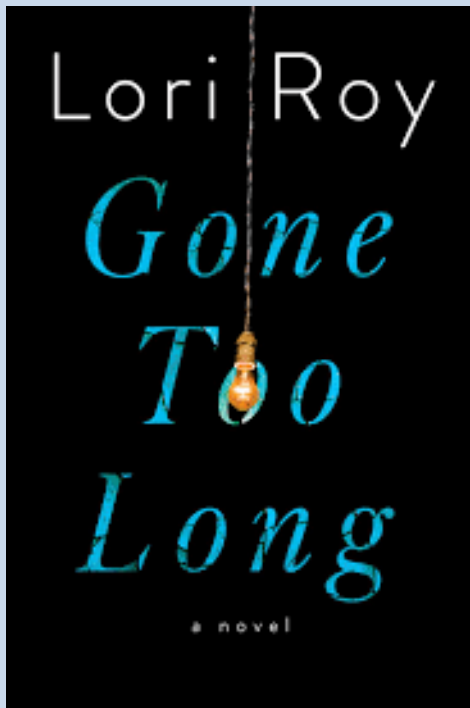
The information above was published by Florida League of City in their June 26th issue of FLA Clips. Governor DeSantis is still signing bills. I will continue to report on these issues as they are announced. Don't forget your elected state officials are back from Tallahassee for the summer, so now is the time to visit with them and let them know what your concerns and interests are for the 2020 legislative session. Let them hear from you now while they have the time to listen.

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Lori Roy Book Talk: *Gone Too Long*

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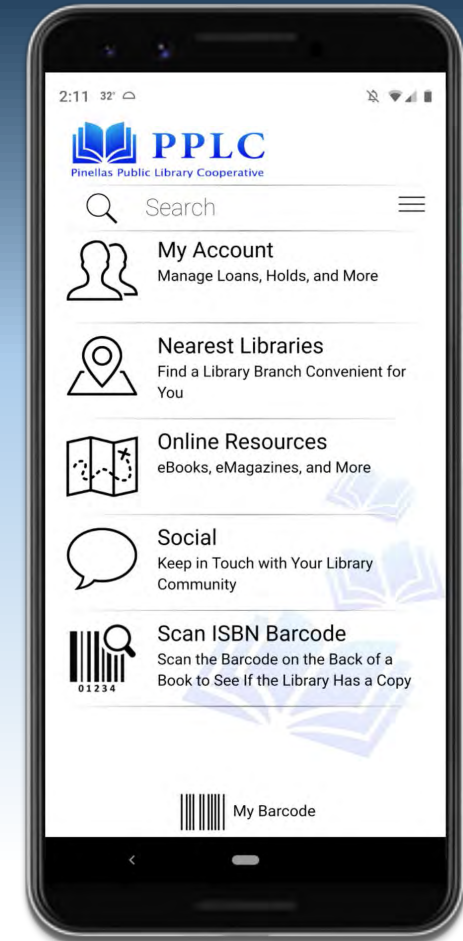
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