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~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS~Friday, 1:00 pm - Ice Cream Social: Adults are invited to enjoy a free ice cream sundae with fellow library patrons; 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, 12:00-2:00 pm - Census 2020: Info & Recruiting; Monday, 6:00 pm - Mayor's Open Office: Ask questions and discuss concerns with Mayor Alan Johnson; Tuesday, 3:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays: Any help; Wednesday, 11:00 am - Music Appreciation Series: The Music of Johannes Brahms; Thursday, 4:00 pm - Children's Craft: Make and Decorate; Friday, 1:00 pm - Beachcombing 101: Learn about seashells with Florida Naturalist Kevin van Dien.

~MESSAGE FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE~

Please note the change in City Commission meetings dates for September, 2019.

09/03/2019 at 6:00 p.m.: Budget Meeting, First Public Hearing
Regular City Commission meeting, immediately following

09/17/2019 at 6:00 p.m.: Budget Meeting, Final Public Hearing
Regular City Commission meeting, immediately following

The City Commission will NOT meet on 9/10/2019 or 9/24/2019.

~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:

August 23rd: The Meg

~COMMUNITY YARD SALE~ Time to clean out those closets and storage rooms and turn unwanted items into cash at the St. Pete Beach Community Center Yard Sale on September 21st from 8am-12pm. Registration starts August 1st, space is limited so make sure to sign up early. Each space is \$15, to make a reservation call 727-363-9245. Make sure to visit our website for events and programs year-round www.spbrec.com.

~COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EVENTS~

- Mistletoe Market—This year the St. Pete Beach Recreation Department will be hosting a holiday shopping event in the park! Come shop local vendors and find that perfect holiday gift for friends and family! The event will take place on Dec 7th from 12-6pm and will include the tree lighting ceremony as well as the Chambers Festival of Trees! Event is located at Horan Park 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. SPB FL 33706



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-MESSAGE FROM VICE MAYOR 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 Article 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.

Sorry I did not publish an article in the E Newsletter last week. I was in Orlando attending the annual Florida League of Cities conference at which I had a chance to go to some great sessions and to serve as the representative for St. Pete Beach on the Municipal Administration Legislative Committee establishing our priorities. These priorities will be the issues on which we will be lobbying our legislators during the 2020 legislative session.

The Florida League of Cities Legislative Committees consist of the 5 groups: (1) Finance, Taxation and Personnel; (2) Land Use and Economic Development; (3) Municipal Administration; (4) Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations; and (5) Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works.

Below is a list of those priorities each group decided upon. Each list contains a priority statement followed by policy position statements.

Finance, Taxation and Personnel

Priority Statement: Sales tax fairness - The Florid League of Cities Supports legislation to reform Florida’s sales and use tax laws that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers. Changes are needed to ensure in-state retailers are treated equitably.

Policy Position Statement: Digital Divide - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation that reduces the digital divide and expands broadband Internet access to all underserved areas of the state.

Policy Position Statement: Local Business Tax Protection - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation that protects general revenues collected from the local business tax. These revenues are used to provide essential municipal services, such as public safety and constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base strengthens the fiscal stability of local government and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses and protect the public.



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Land Use and Economic Development

Priority Statement: Private Property Rights “Bert Harris Act”. The Florida League of Cities Opposes changes to the Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act that do not consider everyone’s property rights or that create one-sided lawsuits that shift inordinate financial burdens onto local taxpayers and limit the ability of cities

to quickly resolve claims.

Policy Position Statement: Annexation - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of the incorporated areas, while protecting private property rights and respecting municipal boundaries.

Municipal Administration

Priority Statement: Short Term Rentals - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation providing for a collaboration between the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and cities to ensure that short-term rental properties abide by state and local regulations and be properly licensed and insured, are complying with state and local taxation requirements, and comply with industry-accepted safety practices. The Florida League of Cities supports legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended if the changes being made are equal to or less restrictive than the current regulation in place.

Policy Position Statement: Cybersecurity - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation dedicating state resources for the development and enhancement of municipal cybersecurity by providing funding for technical assistance, threat assessments, employee training, infrastructure improvements and data protection, including the protection of exempt and confidential information such as law enforcement personnel information and building plans for government and recreational buildings and infrastructure.

Policy Position Statement - Medical Marijuana - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation restoring municipal authority to regulate medical marijuana facilities within municipal boundaries.

Policy Position Statement - Smoke-Free Zones in City Parks - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation authorizing cities to establish smoke-free zones within the boundaries of a city park.



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Transportation and Governmental Relations

Drafty Priority Statement: Transportation Funding - Florida League of Cities supports legislation that will provide local governments with new and innovative revenue options and resources to finance critical infrastructure, maintenance and construction needs to meet the ever-changing transportation demands driven by dramatic population growth and new technology (autonomous vehicles) throughout Florida.

Policy Position Statement: Affordable Housing - The Florida League of Cities supports legislation that requires all monies from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs.

Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works

Priority Statement: Water Resources - Water is an essential public asset that benefits Florida's economy, residents, visitors and environment. Presently, Florida spends less than 1/10 of 1 percent of its entire state budget on water supply and water quality improvements. The Florida League of Cities supports legislation to address Florida's water quality crisis and water supply deficiencies.

Policy Position Statement: Resiliency - The Florida League of Cities Supports the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection and will Support legislation to fund and coordinate state resiliency programs with those of local governments.

Don't forget your elected state officials are back from Tallahassee for the summer, so now is the time to visit 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 and if you support the Florida League of Cities priority and policy position statements listed above - let them know!

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Vice Mayor
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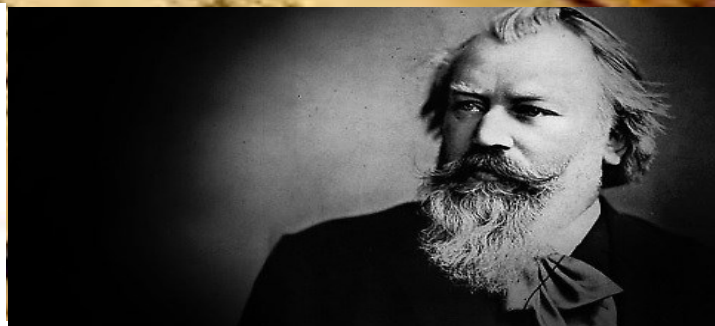
Representative Jennifer Webb
jennifer.webb@myfloridahouse.gov
Telephone: (727) 341-7385
Tallahassee: (850) 717-5069

Senator Jeff Brandes
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Telephone: (727) 563-2100
Tallahassee: (850) 487-5024

Music Appreciation Series: The Music of Johannes Brahms

Wednesday, August 28

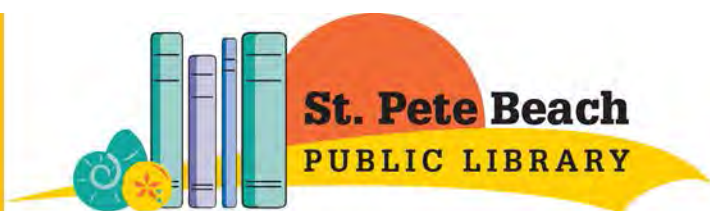
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Johannes Brahms is one of the Romantic period's most revered and popular composers.

We will cover essential facts about his life and listen to excerpts from some of his famous shorter pieces and the beautiful Symphony No. 4.

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Children's Craft: Make and Decorate

Thursday, August 29

4:00 p.m.



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BEACHCOMBING 101

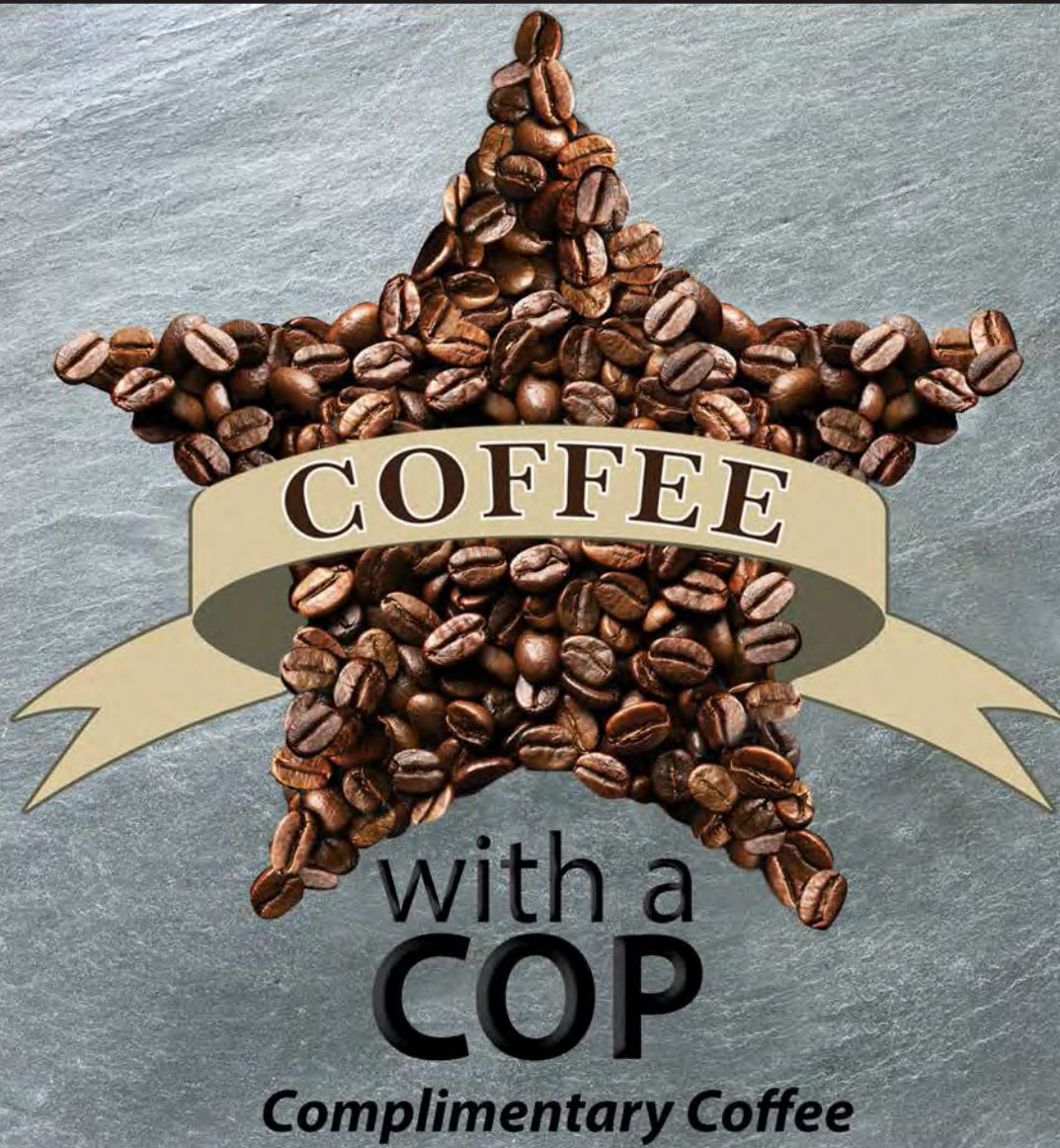
Friday, August 30, 1 p.m.

Beachcombing is a great way to get outside and explore our natural environment. Learning some basics about seashells will give you a new appreciation for the creatures that live on and beneath the sand. Come spend an hour and learn about our mollusk neighbors, the bivalves and the gastropods! Bring in your shells to have them identified!

**Presented by
Kevin van Dien,
biologist and Florida
Master Naturalist**

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Thursday, 10/03/19
Tampa Bay Beaches
Chamber of Commerce
6990 Gulf Boulevard
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
8:00am-10:30am



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