



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 6, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

POOL HOURS Sep 1–Oct 31

ADULT LAP SWIM

Mon: 7a-11a (11a-3p limited lanes)
Tue-Thu: 7a-10a—(11a-3p limited lanes)
Fri: 7a-11a -(11a-3p limited lanes)
Sat: 8am-10am—(10am-3pm limited lanes)
Sun: 12-3p (limited lanes ends 9/29)

PUBLIC SWIM (KIDDY POOL)

Mon-Fri: 10a-6p
Sat: 10a-3p
Sun: 12p-3p (ends 9/29)

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p
Sat: 9a-1pm
Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
September 9 @ 10a

Planning Board
September 16 @ 4p

City Commission Budget
Meeting
September 17 @ 6p

City Commission
September 17 @ 6:30p

Library Advisory Board
September 19 @ 2p

Board of Adjustment
September 25 @ 2p

Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop

~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS~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; Tuesday, 10:00 am-2:30 pm - S.H.I.N.E. Medicare Counseling; Tuesday, 3:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays: Any help; Wednesday, 3:30 pm - Blind Pass Road Meeting: Get updates on the current construction project; Friday, 4:30 pm - Roald Dahl Storytime.

~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.

~COMMUNITY YARD SALE~ St. Pete Beach Community Center Yard Sale on September 21st from 8am-12pm. Come and shop over 75 vendors. Someone's trash is another's treasure. Call 727.363.9245 for more information.

~BEACH CLEAN UP~Semi-annual event held at Upham Beach. Join us to help beautify our local beach Saturday October 19th from 9-11am.

~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. Food for sale from the Fire Department and Grillin & Chillin.

- Oct 4th: New Rulers
- Oct 11th: Horny Toads
- Oct 18: Black Honkeys
- Oct 25th: Big Brother Band

~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

[Vendor Application](#)



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 6, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

POOL HOURS Sep 1–Oct 31

ADULT LAP SWIM

Mon: 7a-11a (11a-3p limited lanes)

Tue-Thu: 7a-10a–(11a-3p limited lanes)

Fri: 7a-11a -(11a-3p limited lanes)

Sat: 8am-10am–(10am-3pm limited lanes)

Sun: 12-3p (limited lanes ends 9/29)

PUBLIC SWIM (KIDDY POOL)

Mon-Fri: 10a-6p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12p-3p (ends 9/29)

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

~

Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
September 9 @ 10a

~

Planning Board
September 16 @ 4p

~

City Commission Budget
Meeting
September 17 @ 6p

~

City Commission
September 17 @ 6:30p

~

Library Advisory Board
September 19 @ 2p

~

Board of Adjustment
September 25 @ 2p

Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop



~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.

Here are somethings happening throughout the state with regard to legislation passed during the 2019 session and signed by Governor DeSantis, as well as, other issues of concern.

Key medical marijuana issue goes to Supreme Court

Florida Politics

Days after a split appeals court refused to revisit a decision that could revolutionize the way medical marijuana operators do business in Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration has asked the state Supreme Court to take up the case. The 1st District Court of Appeal turned down a state request for the full appellate court to hear the case, a request known as seeking an “en banc” hearing. Judge Scott Makar wrote in a concurring opinion that “en banc” review is unwarranted and would serve only to delay the inevitable, which is to allow for our Supreme Court to weigh in and definitively pass upon the matter.” The 2-1 decision prompted lawyers for DeSantis to file an appeal with the Supreme Court on Friday. The state asked for the “en banc” hearing after a three-judge panel in July sided with Tampa-based firm Florigrown in finding that Florida’s law requiring pot operators to grow, process and distribute cannabis and related products created an “oligopoly” and runs afoul of a constitutional amendment that broadly legalized medical marijuana. The law, passed during a Special Legislative Session in 2017, was intended to carry out the amendment, approved by more than 71 percent of voters in 2016. Critics say the 2017 law shuts out firms from the industry because it requires licensees to perform all aspects of the business – rather than allowing companies to focus only on individual pieces.



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 6, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

POOL HOURS
Sep 1–Oct 31

ADULT LAP SWIM

Mon: 7a-11a (11a-3p limited lanes)

Tue-Thu: 7a-10a–(11a-3p limited lanes)

Fri: 7a-11a -(11a-3p limited lanes)

Sat: 8am-10am–(10am-3pm limited lanes)

Sun: 12-3p (limited lanes ends 9/29)

PUBLIC SWIM (KIDDY POOL)

Mon-Fri: 10a-6p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12p-3p (ends 9/29)

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

~

Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
September 9 @ 10a

~

Planning Board
September 16 @ 4p

~

City Commission Budget
Meeting
September 17 @ 6p

~

City Commission
September 17 @ 6:30p

~

Library Advisory Board
September 19 @ 2p

~

Board of Adjustment
September 25 @ 2p

Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop



~MESSAGE FROM VICE MAYOR TERRI FINNERTY ED.D., DISTRICT 1~

Deaths caused by drivers running red lights hits 10-year high, AAA study finds
WPTV

In 2017, 939 people were killed in red light running crashes in the United States, a 10-year high and an increase of 28% since 2012, according to a AAA traffic study released Thursday. The study found that 28% of crash deaths at intersections with traffic signals are the result of a driver running through a red light. The crashes claimed the lives of passengers or people in the other vehicle 46% of the time, while the driver who ran the red light was killed just over 35% of the time. In 5% of accidents, the person killed was a pedestrian or cyclist. “Drivers who decide to run a red light when they could have stopped safely are making a reckless choice that puts other road users in danger,” said David Yang, executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. “The data shows that red light running continues to be a traffic safety challenge. All road safety stakeholders must work together to change behavior and identify effective countermeasures.” Nearly one in three drivers say that in the last 30 days, they have blown through a red light when they could have safely stopped, according to the latest data from the AAA Foundation’s Traffic Safety Culture Index. Yet 85% of drivers view red light running as very dangerous.

Assault weapons registry would come at a cost *News Service of Florida*

A panel of state economists on Tuesday estimated it would cost \$4 million to build a registry to carry out a proposed constitutional amendment that targets possession of assault weapons, if Floridians approve the measure in November 2020. The ballot proposal, backed by the political committee Ban Assault Weapons NOW, would prohibit possession of assault weapons but would provide an exception for people who own the guns at the time the measure takes effect. Those people would be able to keep assault weapons if they register the guns with the state. Before people could register the weapons, a system would need to be developed under the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. One agency official warned economists on Tuesday that a “number of caveats” could impact the cost of the registry and the time it takes to build it. “When you are talking about a gun registry, you are talking about potentially millions of guns,” said Ron Draa, the law-enforcement agency’s director of external affairs. Draa told the panel of economists that they should consider the cost of background checks, about 2,500 work hours for staff to build the system and about \$3 million every year to maintain the registry. While the proposed ballot measure does not require the state agency to conduct background checks on the people registering their guns, Draa said not doing so could be “problematic.”



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 6, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

POOL HOURS
Sep 1–Oct 31

ADULT LAP SWIM

Mon: 7a-11a (11a-3p limited lanes)

Tue-Thu: 7a-10a–(11a-3p limited lanes)

Fri: 7a-11a –(11a-3p limited lanes)

Sat: 8am-10am–(10am-3pm limited lanes)

Sun: 12-3p (limited lanes ends 9/29)

PUBLIC SWIM (KIDDY POOL)

Mon-Fri: 10a-6p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12p-3p (ends 9/29)

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

~

Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
September 9 @ 10a

~

Planning Board
September 16 @ 4p

~

City Commission Budget
Meeting
September 17 @ 6p

~

City Commission
September 17 @ 6:30p

~

Library Advisory Board
September 19 @ 2p

~

Board of Adjustment
September 25 @ 2p

Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop



-MESSAGE FROM VICE MAYOR TERRI FINNERTY ED.D., DISTRICT 1–

Weather Agencies See Risk to Future Storm Forecasting From 5G Bloomberg

Weather agencies are warning that signals from new 5G mobile networks will make it harder to predict and track deadly storms, as the fiercest hurricane in more than 80 years tore across the Bahamas to threaten the U.S. East Coast. The global mobile industry is pushing back against meteorologists, who say radio waves from the fast-cellular networks will interfere with the ability of weather satellites to detect resonance from water particles. Those faint radio signatures offer clues to the future intensity and direction of storms. 5G technology is set to supercharge smartphones and connect factories at data speeds at least ten times faster than current networks. It uses frequencies of 24.25-27.5 gigahertz, while the weather satellites detect frequencies that are just a notch lower, at 23.8 GHz. “It’s a trade-off between the economic benefits of 5G and the costs for human life,” said Eric Allaix, national frequency manager at French weather agency Meteo-France. “The satellite won’t be able to distinguish if these signals will be appearing because there’s a hurricane coming, or if it’s a consequence of the out-of-band emissions of this 5G technology.”

Medical marijuana: Just 89 doctors certify 94,850 Florida patients, report finds Orlando Sentinel

As the number of Floridians allowed to use medical marijuana continues to grow, new numbers show that a relative handful of doctors have been responsible for a majority of the patients approved for pot. Florida had 168,810 patient “certifications” for medical marijuana between Oct. 1 and March 31, and more than half of them came from 89 doctors, according to a new draft state report on medical marijuana. The report has alarmed members of a special panel of doctors charged with keeping tabs on the ordering patterns of physicians who can authorize patients to take medical marijuana. Panel members fear that if left unabated, medical marijuana will become the state’s next public-health problem. “To me, I look at this data and say this is just another form of a pill mill.” Sarvam TerKonda, a Jacksonville medical doctor and member of the joint review panel, said last week after reviewing the six-month draft report.

Florida breathes easier after dodging ‘big one’ Florida Politics

Emergency operations slowly started to wind down Wednesday as Hurricane Dorian remained offshore, inching its way north and away from Florida. Airports started to reopen. Toll collections were ready to be reinstated, starting in South Florida. National attention had already shifted to whether Dorian would cause damage in the Carolinas and to the devastation the monstrous storm inflicted on the Bahamas. In Florida, Dorian caused at least 150,000 power outages as it continued to drop rain and cause some storm surges in the northeast part of the state. But there hadn’t been the destruction or flooding feared when earlier forecasts showed the storm making landfall and possibly crossing Florida. Jared Moskowitz, director of the state Division of Emergency Management, said Wednesday afternoon that this “was the best-case scenario for the state of Florida.”



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 6, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

POOL HOURS
Sep 1–Oct 31

ADULT LAP SWIM

Mon: 7a-11a (11a-3p limited lanes)

Tue-Thu: 7a-10a–(11a-3p limited lanes)

Fri: 7a-11a –(11a-3p limited lanes)

Sat: 8am-10am–(10am-3pm limited lanes)

Sun: 12-3p (limited lanes ends 9/29)

PUBLIC SWIM (KIDDY POOL)

Mon-Fri: 10a-6p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12p-3p (ends 9/29)

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

~

Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
September 9 @ 10a

~

Planning Board
September 16 @ 4p

~

City Commission Budget
Meeting
September 17 @ 6p

~

City Commission
September 17 @ 6:30p

~

Library Advisory Board
September 19 @ 2p

~

Board of Adjustment
September 25 @ 2p

Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop



-MESSAGE FROM VICE MAYOR TERRI FINNERTY ED.D., DISTRICT 1-

The Dorian test: DeSantis impresses local officials with his preparation

Tampa Bay Times

As Florida faced down the second-most-powerful hurricane recorded in the Atlantic Ocean, the state's new governor also faced his first big test. Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis took a measured approach and deliberately pivoted from the centralized message-making of his Republican predecessor, winning praise from local officials and emergency managers across the state. "I was dazzled," said Marty Senterfitt, emergency management director for Monroe County, who spent the weekend working out of the state's command center. He said he had a chance to watch DeSantis and Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez as they worked with emergency professionals coordinating the state's response to Hurricane Dorian. He said DeSantis was prepared – having read the 300-page state emergency operations plan. "He read it one time and memorized it, I think," Senterfitt said. And DeSantis applied his former Naval officer training to understanding the chain of command to facilitate communication between local and state officials. "He literally leans forward and coaches and then lets the decision be made at the local level," Senterfitt said.

House panels lined up to meet in September

News Service of Florida

Starting to gear up for the 2020 legislative session, House committees and subcommittees are scheduled to meet over four days in mid-September. House leaders have set aside time for the Appropriations Committee to meet Sept. 16, with more than two dozen other panels slated to meet during the following days, according to a schedule published on the House website. The Commerce Committee, State Affairs Committee, Education Committee, Health & Human Services Committee and Judiciary Committee could meet Sept. 17. That will be followed by subcommittees, including appropriations subcommittees, meeting on Sept. 18 and Sept. 19. The Senate published its schedule earlier and also set aside time for meetings over four days. Lawmakers will hold committee weeks in September, October, November and December before starting the 2020 session on Jan. 14.

5G tech is coming and it's 'an absolute mess,' Miami-Dade commissioner says

Miami Herald

Comparing the 5G tech revolution to the California gold rush, Miami-Dade Commissioner Eileen Higgins bemoaned the unsightly, sloppy and hazardous installation of telecommunications equipment on Miami streets. "It's a 5G fiasco," Higgins said during Wednesday's County Commission meeting. "Downtown is the epicenter of a land grab by the telecommunications companies. We have an absolute mess." Companies such as AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile are erecting new utility poles, boxes, and cables to accommodate the next generation of wireless technology – 5G –



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

September 6, 2019

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

POOL HOURS
Sep 1–Oct 31

ADULT LAP SWIM

Mon: 7a-11a (11a-3p limited lanes)

Tue-Thu: 7a-10a–(11a-3p limited lanes)

Fri: 7a-11a -(11a-3p limited lanes)

Sat: 8am-10am–(10am-3pm limited lanes)

Sun: 12-3p (limited lanes ends 9/29)

PUBLIC SWIM (KIDDY POOL)

Mon-Fri: 10a-6p

Sat: 10a-3p

Sun: 12p-3p (ends 9/29)

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 7a-8:30p

Sat: 9a-1pm

Sun: Closed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

~

Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
September 9 @ 10a

~

Planning Board
September 16 @ 4p

~

City Commission Budget
Meeting
September 17 @ 6p

~

City Commission
September 17 @ 6:30p

~

Library Advisory Board
September 19 @ 2p

~

Board of Adjustment
September 25 @ 2p

Commission meetings
replay on Ch. 642 on a
continuous loop



-MESSAGE FROM VICE MAYOR TERRI FINNERTY ED.D., DISTRICT 1-

touted as super-fast and super clear. They are in a race to expand their networks and “get to the future faster,” as Verizon says on its website. As a result, concrete poles are going up every 300 feet, sometimes in awkward spaces. Black splice cases are left sitting on the ground or strapped to trees with plastic yellow caution tape. Stray wires poke out into walkways. Rats’ nests of cable dangle from overhead lines. Sidewalks are repaired hastily and unevenly with cold asphalt patching. It looks ugly. It looks dangerous.

Village to limit fertilizer use

Keys News

Applying potent fertilizers to residential landscaping can be “too much of a good thing,” Islamorada Village Council members agreed Aug. 29. The council passed the first reading of a landscape ordinance that would prohibit the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus within 15 feet of a waterway or shoreline, and in an overall restricted period from June 1 to Sept. 30. “We have dozens and dozens of waterways, canals and basins that can be affected by nutrients,” Kelly Cox, an Islamorada resident who serves as attorney for the nonprofit Miami Waterkeepers group, told council members. “We need to concentrate on what we can do as a community to set the gold standard for water quality.” Another section of the proposed ordinance, likely to have its second reading Sept. 19, would ban the dumping of grass clippings or “vegetative debris” into a canal or water body.

The information above was published by Florida League of Cities in their September 3rd, 4th and 5th issues of FLA Clips. I will continue to report on these issues as they are announced. Don’t forget your elected state officials will be returning to Tallahassee in mid-September for the start of some committee meetings, 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. Remember the 2020 Legislative Session starts on January 14, 2020.

Terri Finnerty, Ed. D.
Vice Mayor
727-641-2314

tfinnerty@stpetebeach.org

Representative Jennifer Webb
jennifer.webb@myfloridahouse.gov

Telephone: (727) 341-7385
Tallahassee: (850) 717-5069

Senator Jeff Brandes
Brandes.jeff.web@flsenate.gov

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

Blind Pass Road Public Meeting

2nd Wednesday of every month

3:30 p.m.



- **Have your concerns addressed.**
- **Get your questions answered.**
- **Receive monthly updates about the construction of Blind Pass Road from Gulf Blvd to 75th Ave.**

St. Pete Beach Public Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
727-363-9238
SPBLibrary.com



S.H.I.N.E. Medicare Counseling
Tuesday, September 10
10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Register for one hour one-on-one
Medicare counseling
with a trained
Medicare counselor

St. Pete Beach Public Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
727-363-9238
SPBLibrary.com



Roald Dahl Storytime

Friday, September 13

4:30 p.m.

Ages 5-12



St. Pete Beach Public Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
727-363-9238
SPBLibrary.com





Utilities
(727) 464-4000

August 2019

Important Drinking Water Notice from Pinellas County

Effective Monday, September 23, 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 September 23 through October 12, 2019.

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 or call Customer Service at (727) 464-4000.



Water System Maintenance Program Frequently Asked Questions

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 protection to our customers against potentially harmful bacteria in the water supply. Many utilities using chloramine disinfection find it helpful to switch periodically to a free chlorine treatment program to maintain water quality. Based on water quality monitoring and sampling data, Pinellas County will perform the water system maintenance program once or twice a year.

What other benefits does the maintenance program provide?

This method of water quality maintenance is an effective alternative to flushing millions of gallons of drinking water. As a result of enhanced water quality monitoring and flushing strategies, flushing volumes continue to be reduced.

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 the 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?

Yes. The water will continue to meet federal and state standards for safe drinking water during this period. Health concerns associated with disinfection byproducts—total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and haloacetic acids five (HAA5s) are related to long-term exposure and not short-term maintenance actions. Additional information can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, by visiting www.cdc.gov and the World Health Organization website, by visiting www.who.int.

Do I need to boil the water?

No, boiling the water is not necessary.

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.

Why do we flush the water distribution system?

Having a written flushing plan is a regulatory requirement, however, Pinellas County Utilities has always employed flushing as one of the methods for keeping water quality at its best. Flushing the water mains improves water quality by removing sediment in the pipes and by eliminating stagnant water found in dead-end pipes in various locations throughout the system.

What if I have a water softener or any other type of water treatment device?

Residents with any type of water treatment devices should follow the manufacturer's specifications.

When will the program be conducted?

The second maintenance program for 2019 is scheduled to take place from **September 23 through October 12**. If there are any changes in the duration, customers will be notified through a news release and on www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

If I have questions, how can I find more information?

For more information, please visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities or contact Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service at (727) 464-4000 or your water service provider.