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May 9, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4th Friday Concert

May 9th, 6pm

SoundWave will take the stage at 7pm

POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

HOURS

Adult Lap Swim

Monday-Friday

7a-10a

M-Th 11a-4p (1 lane)

6-7p (3 lanes)

Fri. 11a-6p

Open Swim

Mon.-Fri.

10-11a

(Activity Pool Area Only)

M-Th 11a-4p, Fri 11a-6p

Sat. 10a-3p

Sun. 12-3p

Water Aerobics

Tues./Wed./Thurs.

10:15-11am

\$5 SPB Res./\$6 Non-Res.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

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City Commission

Workshop

May 13, 5p

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City Commission

May 13, 6p

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Planning Board

May 20, 4p

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~SPRING 4TH FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES BY 7-ELEVEN - TONIGHT come and relax in Horan Park and enjoy music by SoundWave, food, fun zone and more. Bring your own chair or blanket. This is the make-up concert from the rained out March concert. The fun starts at 6pm and the main act will perform 7-9pm. FREE!

~PASS-A-GRILLE WAY RECONSTRUCTION - The City Commission decided to fund preliminary planning for Pass-A-Grille Way reconstruction from Cabrillo Ave to 19th Ave this year. This preliminary work has been completed and a public meeting was held on Wednesday, 4/2/14, at the Warren Webster. Prior to beginning any actual design engineering for the project, City staff is encouraging people to provide input on the project. We invite them to [review the initial presentation and complete a public input form.](#)

~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS - Monday, 5:30 pm, Movies in May, *Zathura*; Wednesday, 10:30 am, I Just Got My iPad...Now What? (bring library card and Apple passwords); Thursday, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Pinellas County Affordable Care Act information desk; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Story Time for ages 0-3; Thursday, I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader, reading therapy dog; Friday, 11:00 am, E-Reader Hour, help downloading library e-books to Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.

~GENERAL PENSION BOARD VACANCY - The Employees' General Pension Board is seeking to fill their board vacancy with an individual who possesses a financial background. If you're interested please contact the City Clerk's Office at 363-9220 or come by City Hall at 155 Corey Avenue. [Volunteer Application](#)

~FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE POOL - on Sunday, May 18th from 12-3pm. Come enjoy music, family fun, slides, pool basketball, pool bingo and much more. Regular admission applied for entry in the event.

~SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS ONGOING - Camp starts on June 9th and runs until August 15th. Staff has many exciting activities scheduled for the kids this year! For all the information on the camps available, click [here](#).

~EXCELLENT SERVICE AWARD GIVEN TO DEPUTY JIM CAVAGNARO BY THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF - In October of last year, four suspects in a stolen vehicle committed an armed robbery in a quiet residential St. Pete Beach neighborhood. Upon hearing the radio transmission, Deputy Jim Cavagnaro immediately responded to the Pinellas Bayway in anticipation that the suspects would use that roadway as an escape route. Deputy Cavagnaro located the suspect vehicle and engaged in a brief pursuit that led to a dead end street. The suspect made a U-turn and then attempted to disable Deputy Cavagnaro's cruiser by ramming it. Instead, the suspect's vehicle came to an abrupt halt and the four suspects bailed and fled on foot. Deputy Cavagnaro remained calm and radioed the direction of travel of the suspects. One of them was flushed in his direction by other responding units. Deputy Cavagnaro arrested him. The three other suspects were also subsequently arrested by responding deputies. Deputy Cavagnaro's quick response, experience, calm demeanor and determination have earned him an Excellent Service Award.





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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - Three new guiding forces were recently elected, and a fourth is soon to be chosen through special election. That, alone, is a significant change. These new leaders bring a fresh outlook, new ideas, and a strong desire to move our community forward.

At the heart of moving forward is a vision for redeveloping the east and west ends of Corey Avenue to make downtown a more pedestrian friendly, water to water, business and entertainment thoroughfare.

I introduced the discussions of reconfiguring the Police Department Building as a new City Hall so that all of our municipal offices can be at the same location. This relocation would then allow the library to occupy the current City Hall building, creating a valuable multi-use facility for locals and tourists, right in the heart of our downtown district. Library patrons could enjoy expansive views of the Intercoastal Waterway and larger spaces for art exhibitions and conferences! Moreover, the library would be a main attraction directly on Corey Ave!

On the South end of town, the groundwork for reconstructing Pass-A-Grille Way, and the utilities beneath it, has begun. This includes a study on how we can best preserve Pass-A-Grille's unique character through design guidelines. The second workshop was held this past Wednesday.

A decision to put the challenge to our 2013 City Comprehensive Plan in abeyance was made by unanimous vote of the Commission. The intent of the abeyance is to allow time for the outcome of the appellate judge's ruling to be returned. As your Mayor, I vigorously support a comprehensive plan for our city that will allow our resort industry to update and upgrade their aging stock and amenities to meet the expectations of contemporary tourists. Their continued success is paramount to our city's vitality. As a resident, I also wish to protect the interests of the residential community. I look forward to the closure of litigation, which puts a comprehensive plan in place for our city so that we can finally move forward.

The Commissioners will initiate the recruitment process for a new City Manager. I encourage you to attend town hall meetings and provide your input. Help us decide what attributes you think are important in a City Manager. Help us pull together to implement a comprehensive plan for improvement. Help us guide this fabulous community to a bright new future. And let's all come together on this ride on the current of change!

As a reminder, City Commission meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Your input is invited, welcomed, and essential to our city!

-THE PASS-A-GRILLE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21 HAS BEEN POSTPONED in order to give residents more time to contribute to the project. Did you miss the walkabout and first workshop? Go to <http://www.stpetebeach.org/component/k2/item/55.html> to get caught up and fill out the comment forms. Submit them to Chelsey at cwelden@stpetebeach.org or drop them off at City Hall. Get involved in the conversation—we want to hear what you think, whether you live in Pass-a-Grille or not!

-QI GONG CLASS AT WARREN WEBSTER IN PASS-A-GRILLE - The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department has added a new class at the Warren Webster facility in Pass-A-Grille, 1500 Pass-A-Grille Way. Qi Gong is an ancient Chinese health care system that integrates slow graceful movements, breathing techniques and deep relaxation. Class is held every Tuesday 8:30- 10am. The cost is only \$10 per class. Join anytime. For more information call Joyce Lockwood at 727-433-9237 or email lockwoodjoyce@yahoo.com.