



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

May 16, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Family Fun Day @ Pool
Sunday May 18
12-3p

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

City Commission
Egan Park Improvements
Workshop
May 27, 5p,
Regular meeting at 6p

Board of Adjustment
May 28, 2p

Historic Preservation Board
June 5, 3:30p

Follow us on Twitter
@spb_gov.



-FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE POOL - THIS 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.

-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, *Planet 51*; Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group, *Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane; Tuesday, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Pinellas County Healthcare Navigator information table; Wednesday, 11:00 am, Suncoast Hospice: What Can It Do for You?; NO Mother Goose Story Time or reading therapy dog this week.

-ROBOTICS GROUP HAS BEEN INVITED TO WORLD ROBOFEST CONTEST- On March 15th the St. Pete Beach Robotics Group won the Regional Robofest contest held in Oldsmar and were invited to the "World Robofest" contest in Detroit Michigan at Lawrence Tech University this weekend.

-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](#)

-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](#).

-THE PASS-A-GRILLE "PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE" PROJECT 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.

-MEET THE PRINCIPAL OF THE NEW CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND DIGITAL LEARNING AT GULF BEACHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Families will have an opportunity to meet Principal Robert Kalach and learn more about the program. District and school staff will also be on hand to greet families and answer questions. Mr. Kalach will host the Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, in the ballroom at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St Pete Beach. Light refreshments will be served.

-EGAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS WORKSHOP MEETING will be held on Tuesday, May 27th at 5pm in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

May 16, 2014



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE - The past week was bursting with activity in our city!!! I've had the opportunity to attend several events to represent St. Pete Beach and would like to share a bit more about these incredible events with you. I'm so proud of our city and the phenomenal contributions made by our businesses and volunteers!!

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2014 TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL LUNCHEON St. Pete Beach was fully represented by all City Commissioners at the annual luncheon held in the lovely Grand Ballroom of the Don Cesar. Interesting presentations, informative static displays, and delectable food would have made the event a hit. However, St. Pete Beach can boast a far more significant moment on that day. The Chamber showed their appreciation for Pass A Grille's Frank T. Hurley's many contributions with the distinction of naming the award for Tourism Person of the Year in his honor. The Baystar Group Restaurateur Frank Chivas was named the first recipient of the 2014 Frank T. Hurley Tourism Person of the Year Award. Thank you to Betty, Ken, and Sean Hurley for being present and continuing the legacy of the Hurley family's long heritage of making St. Pete Beach a remarkable place to live, work and play.

FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2014 TAMPA BAY WATCH SEAGRASS REPLANTING - The team from Tampa Bay Watch was impressive as we worked under the new Bayway Bridge to transplant seagrass into an area that had been damaged by a barge. Representing St. Pete Beach, Dr. Finnerty and I joined Commissioners from St. Petersburg in learning about our waterways. Warm thanks to Mary Ann Renfrow from our very own Alden Suites who is on the Board of Directors for Tampa Bay Watch. A suggestion was made for our city to participate in restoration by placing Oyster Domes in the water along the Horan Park seawall. Learn more here and tell us what you think of the idea: http://www.tampabaywatch.org/restoration_oyster_domes.html



-CONGRESSMAN JOLLY EXTENDS BEACH RENOURISHMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY - Congressman David W. Jolly (FL-13) announced Friday that he was able to include language in the revised Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) that will extend the federal authorization of the 50-year ongoing beach renourishment project in Treasure Island, FL. "This is a big victory for Pinellas County and an issue that's critical to our economy, the environment and to public safety." Jolly said. "When I arrived in the House on March 13, the House WRRDA bill excluded Treasure Island from any extension of its beach renourishment program. Through extensive negotiations with my colleagues, I am proud to announce today that the Treasure Island project will now be authorized through 2022. I applaud House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bud Shuster for his leadership on this matter."

Since taking office, Jolly has made continuing federal support for Pinellas County beach renourishment a top priority, saying it helps the local economy by ensuring the area's beaches remain a sought-after destination for visitors from around the world.

"In Pinellas County alone, tourism officials estimate that visitors, most coming to enjoy our pristine beaches, have an annual economic impact of \$7.3 billion." But Jolly notes renourishment is a safety issue too. "Stable beaches protect public and private infrastructure along our coastline, and the communities that call them home. Beach renourishment provides a flood buffer, which is vital for protecting both lives and property during severe storms and hurricanes. Hurricane Sandy serves as a perfect example of how renourished beaches protect communities from damage and individuals from harm." The language clearing the way for continued federal support of beach renourishment in Treasure Island is included in the House and Senate conference agreement which will be filed in the House the week of May 19, 2014.

Here is the link to stay up-to-date on this project https://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/coastalMngmt/treasure_island.htm