



St. Pete Beach eNews

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June 27, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 4th Fireworks
@Upham Beach
around 9pm
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Summer Dive In Movies

July 11
Cars 2

Doors open at 8 pm, cost \$4
Aquatic Center

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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Finance & Budget Review
Committee
July 7, 9 & 10 @ 1pm
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City Commission
July 8th @ 6:00pm
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Recreation Advisory
July 9 @ 9am

-SUMMER DIVE-IN MOVIES - Bring your noodles, floats and chairs to lounge by the pool while watching a movie on our inflatable screen out under the stars. Snacks, drinks and glow jewelry will be sold. No outside coolers or food allowed. Doors open at 8:00 pm Admission is \$4.00 per person. The schedule for the Summer Dive-In Movies is: **TONIGHT June 27-Frozen**, July 11-Cars 2, July 18-The Lego Movie, July 25-Nut Job, August 1-Happy Feet, August 8-Despicable Me 2. Event will be cancelled in inclement weather.

-COMMUNITY MEETING IN PASS-A-GRILLE - The City will hold a public meeting as a next step in the Pass-a-Grille Pathway to the Future Project. At the meeting, residents will help staff in coming closer to creating Design Standards. Thursday, July 17th at 6:00 pm, Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, More info at www.stpetebeach.org

-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS- Monday, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Pinellas County Healthcare Navigator information table; Monday, 5:30 pm, Book & Film Discussion for ages 8+, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle; 2:00-4:00 pm, Wednesday Wonderings, for ages 9-12 (robots); Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Story Time for ages 0-3 (sight); Thursday, 2:00-4:00 pm, Thursday Thrills (sound); Thursday, 4:00 pm, *I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader*, skill-building for beginning readers; Friday, Library closed in honor of Independence Day.

-AQUA ZUMBA AT ST. PETE BEACH FAMILY AQUATICS CENTER - Get all the fun and benefit of Zumba with low impact and all the resistance qualities of the water. This Class is perfect for all ages and fitness levels. Burn calories, tone your whole body and have fun while you're doing it. Class is offered at The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. on Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-8p and Saturday 10:15 -11:15a. Cost is only \$5 SPB Residents and \$6 Non-Residents. This class also accepts Silver Sneakers! For more information call 727 -363-9264 or visit our website at www.spbrec.com.

-4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS - The City will have a fireworks display on Friday, July 4 around 9pm. The fireworks will be staged on Upham Beach, therefore this portion of the beach will be closed to everyone, except essential personnel at 5pm.

-PASS-A-GRILLE PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE PROJECT - Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to this project. Check out all of the comments we received at the Workshop and Design Fair <http://www.stpetebeach.org/component/k2/item/55.html> and let Chelsey know if you have any additional input cwelden@stpetebeach.org.

-FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Please lock your car doors and stow valuables out of sight. Check out the [Sheriff's website](http://www.stpetebeach.org) for access to programs and services to learn how to protect yourself, your family and your possessions. To contact our Community Policing Officer call 582-5721.



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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE - Week ending 27 JUNE 2014, SUNDAY, 22 JUNE 2014, CASA DE PANE GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING—Another week, another ribbon cutting!! St Pete Beach businesses are thriving!! Our Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce keeps my schedule full of events to celebrate business in our City. And this time, the pleasure was complemented by yummy-luscious Italian baked delights!! Prominently located on Gulf Boulevard, Casa De Pane offers fresh baked Italian pastries, pastas, pizza, and fresh made mozzarella cheese. If you need a jolt to kick start your day, try one of their espressos! You may enter a stranger, but you leave a member of the family!! Ana and her relatives take customer service to a whole new level!!



-TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014, WORKSHOP ON NUISANCE ORDINANCE - Special thanks to Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Paladeno and City Manager Shane Crawford who along with their Community Sheriffs Deputies presented to the Commission an informed briefing on their Nuisance Ordinance which has helped their city eliminate many nuisance problems. We gained a great deal of insight from their experiences thanks to the invitation extended to them by Commissioner Terri Finnerty! Our city is grateful to be a member of a group of Barrier Islands that have dynamic leaders that are mutually supportive. The benefit to our community is abundant when we participate at a regional level with our neighboring communities!!

-WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014, YOUTH COUNCIL BEACH CLEAN UP AND VIDEO - The Youth Council met on Wednesday for a day of filming for their Florida League of Cities Video on Upham Beach trash clean up. Thus far, we have nine youth who participate in SPB Youth Council: Richard Copenhaver - Video Director, Grace Marchant - Narrative Director, Austin Reece - Artistic Director, Kevin Rose - Narrative Associate, Shannon Premer - Video Script, Ethan Reece - Narrative Associate, Sara Lynn Premer - Video Script, Joey McMahon - Video Actor, Gabriel Lowe - Video Actor, Many thanks to these fine young men and women....and their parents...who make SPB Youth Council possible!!



-WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014, BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AT ST PETE BEACH - The City Clerk's office transformed the St Pete Beach Community Center into a festive Beach Ball Setting to welcome Mayors and Pinellas County officials for the Barrier Islands Government Council (BIG-C). <http://barrierislandscouncil.com/ reps.php> Council received updates on a bridge construction project affecting the northern BIG-C cities which will cause traffic detours in the Fall; estimated start time is September. The Council also received a legislative update from Representative Kathleen Peters who emphasized the loss of funding for mental health services and the impact that could have on our homeless population. For more on the 2014 legislative actions, see Representative Peter's webpage at <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4571>

-FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014 YOUTH COUNCIL SUBMITS PACKET TO 3RD ANNUAL FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES VIDEO COMPETITION - With the utmost enthusiasm and pride, I wrote an endorsement for the City of St Pete Beach Youth Council submission for the 3rd Annual Municipal Youth Council Video Competition that was put into the mail today to meet the deadline of 30 June 2014.

On 10 June 2014, our City Commission established the first Youth Council of St Pete Beach. A week later, five determined young men and women met for the first time to craft their agenda for tackling the Florida League of City (FLC) video challenge. The packet that they submitted to the judges was the result of a tenacious team with a drive to improve their city through their diligent efforts to keep our beaches free of debris.



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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE CONTINUED. . .

The magnitude of my awe in these impressive individuals is difficult to express in words. Within hours, the team had designed a logo (Angry Oyster Trash Can), selected a council color (Sea Oats), adopted an agenda for the coming year (Free of Debris Beach), crafted a FLC project focus (Beach Clean Up), and established a public outreach initiative (Adopt the Beach). They tackled all of these tasks knowing that they had no city funding for this year because they were a newly created council. In less than two weeks, they have rallied business, community and civic organization support for their endeavors. Their innovative creativity in fiscally prudent problem solving was a lesson for the entire Commission! Moreover, the caliber of the narrative and video product that they assembled in a short span of time surpassed all of our boldest expectations!

From a city government perspective, the topic chosen by the Youth Council is a real and pressing issue for our City. Our beaches are the driving force behind our tourist centric economy. The hospitality industry has enjoyed record setting occupancy this year. Our restaurants and beach bars welcome hundreds of visitors. But the price of success is steep in regards to the aftermath of the frivolity. Trash piles next to our receptacles because the frequency of pick up can't keep pace with the debris. Winds blow napkins and plastic cups from our hotels. Some vagrant visitors make trash castles with their beer bottles. These are embarrassing facts for a Mayor to admit, but by recognizing the problem, we can begin to take action towards a solution. Part of that action will come from the Youth Council. They will be working hand in hand with the community to remedy the accumulation of trash on our beaches to keep our sandy shores pristine!! Please lend your support and encouragement to the youth of our community!!!



NOTES FROM COMMISSIONER RICK FALKENSTEIN DISTRICT 2: ~LETS WALK AND TALK - Saturday June 28, 2014 9:00 am -10:30 am Commissioner Falkenstein will kick off his *Walk and Talk* on 55th Avenue and all the fingers with the residents of District 2. On select Saturdays I will pinpoint what neighborhood/streets I will be *Walking and Talking* thru the [St. Pete Beach eNews](#). I'm hoping this will give all residents in District 2 an opportunity to talk. Bring to the *Walk and Talk* any topic. I do understand some of our citizens can not be in the heat, I will be happy to meet with you in a cooler location.

~JULY 4 UPHAM BEACH CLOSED -The Upham Beach area will be closed to all public at 5pm due to the setup of the fireworks and they will be shot off from this location. BE SAFE AND ENJOY THE FIREWORKS! [God Bless America](#).

~LETS GO FISHING -This is what they're catching. [OFF THE BEACH](#), Whiting, some Trout, Rise and shine some Snook. [IN THE BAY](#) Around structures Mango Snapper, Trout and Catfish.

~BE A WINNER! WHAT'S IN OUR DISTRICT? We have 4 family businesses that serve the same cold item. Name them and email to dfalkenstein@stpetebeach.org. Include your name and email address. Drawing will be at the next commission meeting on July 8 during commission comments .

~NEW BEGINNINGS IN DISTRICT 2 - The Swim Boutique, 6650 Gulf Blvd. and Casa De Pane, 7110 Gulf Blvd. Let's give them a warm welcome.

-Ask your friends and neighbors if they receive the [ST. PETE BEACH eNEWS](#).