



St. Pete Beach eNews

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July 11, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Summer Dive In Movies

July 18, The Lego Movie

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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Planning Board

July 15, 4p

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Pension Board Mtgs.

July 17

Fire Pension 8:30a

General Pension 10:30a

Police Pension 1:30p

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Historic Preservation

July 17, 3:30p

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City Commission

July 22, 6pm

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Board of Adjustment

July 23, 2p

-NEW TO THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER—VOLLEYBALL LESSONS! - Private individual and group volleyball lessons are now being offered at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Individual lessons are \$50 per hour and group lessons range between \$30-\$40 per hours per player. For more information and to schedule a lesson contact Amie at amiewest180@yahoo.com.

-FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE POOL - on Sunday, July 20th 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 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: **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 - Join us at a community meeting for the Pass-a-Grille Pathway to the Future Project. Tindale-Oliver & Associates will reveal their findings and talk about next steps toward addressing the issues identified through the public outreach process. 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, 5:30 pm, An Evening at the Movies, *The Secret Life of Bees*; Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group, *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young* by Harold G. Moore; Wednesday, 10:30 am, I Just Got My iPad...Now What?, bring library card and Apple passwords; Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 pm, Wednesday Wonderings, for ages 9-12 (insects); Wednesday, 6:30 pm, "Bee Informed" with Special Guest Ashly the Bee Lady; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3 (touch); Thursday, 2:00-4:00 pm, Thursday Thrills (animals); Thursday, 4:00 pm, I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader, skill-building for beginning readers; Friday, 11:00 am, E-Reader Hour, download e-books to your Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.

-DUKE ENERGY POTENTIAL CHANGE IN BILLING DATE FOR SOME DUKE ENERGY CUSTOMERS THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER, MELISSA SEIXAS -As part of an on-going review of our electric delivery system and to further improve efficiency, it is necessary for us to make changes in the dates we currently read customer meters in a given month. Beginning in late July, we will change the meter reading and billing schedule for approximately 650,000 meters in Pinellas and Pasco counties. The change will occur over four months and the entire project should be completed by mid-November 2014. The upcoming change to customer meter readings will impact the date some customers receive their bills and, subsequently, the due date. Some customers may receive a bill covering a slightly extended period which could result in a higher than normal bill. After this one-time schedule adjustment, billing statements will be issued approximately every 30 days as they are today. Customers will receive letters in advance of the project, but recognize you might receive questions from your constituents as well. Duke Energy offers a number of payment programs to assist customers with their monthly bills and we are committed to working with them through this billing change as well. We are encouraging customers who need assistance with payment arrangements or who would like to learn about other programs to visit www.duke-energy.com/billingupdates or call our customer service center at 1-800-700-8744.



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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE - 29, JUNE, 2014, THE VALUE OF HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, I live on the Isle of Vina Del Mar. For \$25 per year per household, our Vina Del Mar Home Owners Association sponsors holiday parties, graduating seniors scholarships and town hall style information meetings.

At one of those meetings earlier this year, our Community Policeman, Deputy Mancusi, along with Deputy Campbell from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, gave a presentation about Neighborhood Watch. They encouraged local residents to be the "eyes and ears" for the Sheriff to help reduce crime. The residents were asked to call if they saw or learned of any suspicious activity.

Deb Rothenberger, the association correspondent, took this community solution to security another step. In the periodic newsletter, the community now receives updates on lost pets, stolen lawn chairs, and local gypsy thefts. Immediately, we become aware of what is occurring around us and we are more alert to ways to help our neighbors. The newsletter has become a marvelous reminder to keep us vigilant in attending to one another and aware of our surroundings.

The newsletter sent on 29 July 2014 alerted us to two very sad circumstance of vandalism. Of course, the stolen chairs that had been custom crafted by Marcus at Island Times was angering, but the story that struck the deepest chord was that of Sean Warlerski who works at the local Publix. Sean's bicycle was stolen from where it had been locked to a post outside of the Women's Club in Pass A Grille.

As a community, our Home Owners' Associations play an invaluable role in our communication, our life style, our neighbors, and our social connections. They keep us informed. They spread news of garage sales and gossip of who has the cutest grand-babies. The home owners associations are our most localized form of city government. I am so very proud of how our community works together at the neighborhood, condominium, and apartment level to help lift each other up and celebrate the full range of happy and sad times that we experience together. Thank you to all of our HOA's. I hope that you will include me on your newsletters and invite me to participate in your gatherings.

But the full story of the Vina HOA contribution is not realized until the following segment on the 30th of June....

MONDAY, 30 JUNE 2014, SERVING THE CITY - In past newsletter segments, I praised our St Pete Beach Firefighters for their bravery and dedication to our city as they provide advanced life support services and fire protection to our citizens.

Today, I have the honor of writing about them as people. They serve us daily in their professional capacity. They accept the ups and downs of their jobs along with the long hours with varying shifts. They do their duty and they get paid to do so. But Monday a week ago, they took action just because they are darn good folks with big hearts for the residents that they serve.

If you've read the segment above about our Home Owners' Association, then you know that Sean's bike was stolen. He works at our local Publix. He owns a big 'ole black Rottweiler that he walks around the neighborhood. He talks with adults and children alike with a warm and open ease. All of those elements make Sean an upstanding young man in this community. I can comment on all of his attributes and you would praise him. I don't even need to mention that he is "special needs" to tell you that this young man is a special member of our community. People know Sean and they love Sean because of who he is as a young man, not as a disability.



Our neighbors were angered to learn that his bicycle was stolen. Many individuals gave Sean money to buy a new bike. But our local firefighters did something else....they just bought him a new bike and delivered it in royal style to his home. Furthermore, they put up a pole at Station 22 where Sean will now lock his bike before he boards the PSTA trolley to get to work. I dare some ne'er-do-well scum bag to cross our Firefighters, Sheriffs and Community to try to steal the new bike. We won't stand for criminals in our community!! Moreover, we won't stand for the innocent victims to suffer.

I am Castle Bond.
We had a garage sale last
weekend. We had a lemonade
and bake sale. We painted
the lemonade and bake sale Booth.
We decided to split the
money in half. Piper and
Shelby are going to donate their
half to friends of strays. Me and
Kingsley are donating our half
to you. Me Piper and Kingsley
are brother and sister. Shelby
is a friend of Pipers.
My brother and I decided
to donate our half to
station 23 St Pete beach
Fire Station because you
save peoples lives from fires,
and you are also paramedics.
Half of our money we are donating
to you is \$108. Thank you
for keeping st Pete beach
safe.
From,
Castle Bond

TUESDAY, 1 JULY 2014, GENEROSITY OF
YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Castle, Kingsley, and Piper Bond are not your
average business owners in St Pete Beach.
They are the proud owners of a lemonade
stand in

Rather than try to describe what these young
people have contributed to our community, I
will let their words speak to you. Please read
the two letters below and see the picture of
these fine youngsters with our St Pete Beach
City Firefighters.

All the money
I make today
will go toward
Station 23 St. Pete
Beach Fire Station.
I want to donate
to them because
they save people
from fires. Kingsley

