



# St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

July 12, 2013

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Dive-In Movie

TONIGHT, July 12, 8p

Space Jam

Pool-7701 Boca Ciega Dr.

### POOL INFORMATION

Water temp. always 82°!

#### HOURS

##### Public Swim

M-F (zero depth) 10-11a

M-Th 11-4p

Friday 11-6p

Sat. 10-3p, Sun 12-3p

##### Twilight Swim

Mon & Wed 7p-8:30p

##### Adult Lap Swim

M-F 7-10a

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

M-Th (3 lanes) 6-7p

Friday (one lane) 11-6p

##### Water Aerobics

Tues/Wed/Thurs 10:15a,  
\$5 resident, \$6 non-resident

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Held at City Hall

Planning Board  
July 16, 4p

City Commission  
Budget Workshops  
July 17, 4p  
July 18 4p if needed

Pension Boards  
July 18

General 8:30a, Fire 10:30a  
& Police 1:30p

City Commission  
July 23, 6p

**~DIVE-IN MOVIES AT THE POOL!** Bring your noodles, floats and chairs to lounge by the pool while watching a movie on our big inflatable screen. Doors open at 8pm and it's just \$4 per person. **TONIGHT July 12, Space Jam; July 19, Cars 2; July 26, Wreck It Ralph; Aug 2, Hotel Transylvania; Aug 9, Madagascar 3.** The pool is located at 7701 Boca Ciega Dr.

**~VINA DEL MAR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION NOTICE-**The City's contractor is scheduled to begin work on the Vina Del Mar bridge deck on MONDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup>. This will involve lane closures. Bridge deck work will be done as quickly as possible, prior to school resuming in August. After completing the work on the bridge deck, the contractor will begin work underneath the bridge using a barge starting in late August or early September. For further information, please contact the Public Services Department at 363-9243.

**~LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS** - Saturdays through August 3, 10:15 am, Understanding *Who Am I?* (registration required) with Rev. Taddius Leitho, spiritual counselor and teacher of meditation, yoga, and stress reduction; Monday, 10:30 am, Monday Movie Matinee, *Fellowship of the Rings*; Monday, 2-3 pm, E-Reader Hours, staff help with Kindles, Nooks, etc.; Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group, *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain; Wildcard Wednesday, 1-3 pm, story and activities for ages 4+, fairies above and below; Thursday, 11 am, Mother Goose Story Time for ages 0-3; Thursday, 4 pm, Teen Scene, discussion and activities, *Gregor the Overlander* series by Suzanne Collins; Friday, 10:30 am, Advanced iPad Users Group (registration required).

**~McKenney Park Dog Park** at 9300 Blind Pass Road is now open!





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**-ST. PETE BEACH** was recently highlighted in the *Florida Planning Magazine*, prepared and distributed by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

THINGS ARE BLOOMING!

Marion County

Broward County

NorthPort

St. Pete Beach

Longboat Key

Promised Lands

Leon County

Gold Coast

Brevard County



## ST. PETE BEACH

By Chelsey Welden

Things are heating up in the Sunset Capital of Florida. Named such by former Governor Charlie Crist, the City of St. Pete Beach draws thousands of visitors every year to its white shores. Business was booming until the BP oil spill hit the Gulf and the recession hit the nation. One hotel's story reflects those hard times, but also Tampa Bay's ultimate triumph.

In 2007, the City approved site plans for a 36-room hotel with a restaurant and boat slips. Construction on the project progressed until the outer shell had been finished. But when the economy took a downturn and no work was done for a year, the permits on the property expired. It became overgrown with weeds, the perimeter fence was falling, and it was littered with construction debris. In all, the City was owed almost \$200,000 for code violations.

But City staff still has hope for the site, as a new developer started to pick up where the old developer left off. In March 2013, new site plans were approved which included such features as a porte-cochere, lush landscaping, and interesting design features. With the help of some variances and extra density awarded by the City, Hotel Zamora is back on track to becoming a beautiful boutique hotel. It's another beautiful day in the Sunshine State.

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**-Crime Stoppers** is a community-based program involving citizens, the media and law enforcement in the fight against crime. It is based on the principle that there is always someone out there besides the perpetrator who has information about a crime. Crime Stoppers gives people the opportunity to do the right thing and remain anonymous - which may be necessary for their own personal safety. If you have information on a suspect or a crime, you can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers. You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.



1-800-873-TIPS (8477)

4 Ways to Provide Tip Information Anonymously:

1-800-873-TIPS (24 hour tip line)

Online at [CrimeStoppersofPinellas.org](http://CrimeStoppersofPinellas.org)

iPhones, iPads, and Droids phones can download TipSubmit Mobile, a FREE App

From your cell phone: Text keyword TIP144, plus your message to CRIMES (274637)

Text **STOP** to 274637 to cancel. Text **HELP** to 274637 for help. Msg & Data Rates May Apply.



## Public Services Department

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Office: 7581 Boca Ciega Dr.  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706  
Phone: (727) 363-9243  
Fax: (727) 367-2736

### What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

### Why is there a concern about stormwater quality?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system that discharges to local waterbodies. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies. The City is mandated to annually report to the Florida Department of Environment Protection on stormwater protection, treatment, and water quality.

### How can washing my car affect stormwater runoff?

Washing your car on an impervious surface (i.e. concrete and asphalt) can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Use a commercial car wash as their water is drained to a waste water treatment facility, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

### Why can't I drain my pool into the street?

The chemicals in chlorinated and saltwater pools can kill fish and pollute the water. Drain treated pool water onto a grassy or planted area where the water can be absorbed by the soil. Dechlorinate the water. Any pool care company can test and neutralize the pool water.

# Stormwater FAQs

### What does lawn care and pet waste have to do with stormwater pollution?

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off, are carried through the storm sewer system, and pollute the waterbodies. Yard clippings (grass, brush, etc.) and leaves can wash into storm drains and can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life. Be sure to cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent the material from washing into the storm sewer system. Do not over fertilize or use pesticides during a forecasted rain event. Do not leave pet waste on the ground as it increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

### I am a commercial property owner and only have concrete sidewalks and an asphalt parking lot; do any of the stormwater issues really affect me?

Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm sewer system and enter local waterbodies. Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains. Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks. Do not wash off floors or decks, kitchen equipment, or dump mop buckets or other chemicals onto paved surfaces as this contaminated water is washed into the storm sewer system and enters local waterbodies.

### What is an illicit discharge and what are the consequences?

An illicit discharge is the discharge of pollutants or non-stormwater materials into a storm sewer system via overland flow, direct dumping, or illicit connections. There are exceptions, such as water used for firefighting. City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances, Section 106, provides for definition of illicit discharges and a fee structure for fines up to \$500.

### Who can I call to report an illicit discharge?

Contact City of St. Pete Beach Code Enforcement at 727.363.9211. You may also call Pinellas County's Watershed Management automated stormwater watchline at 727.464.5060.

### Where can I find more information?

Information can be found at the following websites:

[www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed](http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed)

[www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater)

[http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program\\_id=6](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=6)

[www.tbep.org](http://www.tbep.org)

[www.swfwmd.state.fl.us](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us)

[www.floridayards.org](http://www.floridayards.org)

<http://baysoundings.com/>

