



# St. Pete Beach eNews

*The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach*

**August 15, 2014**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Family Fun Day

Aug. 17, 12-3pm

@ the pool

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Before & After Childcare

Registration is on-going

See article or call 363-9245

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## 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

Budget workshops

Aug. 25 9am

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City Commission

Regular meeting

WED. Aug. 27 6pm

City Commission meetings  
replay on Ch. 615 on Thurs-  
days at 6 pm and Saturdays  
at noon

# FAMILY FUN DAYS



Enjoy a family fun day at the pool. We will have music, games, pool bingo, prizes and more on **August 17th** from 12-3pm.

**-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS-** Monday, 5:30 pm, An Evening at the Movies, *Shipping News*; Book Discussion Group, *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene; Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3 (bubbles); Thursday, 4:00 pm, I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader, skill building for beginning readers.

**-BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE REGISTRATION IS ON-GOING -** Before School care is for Gulf Beaches Elementary only Kindergarten- Fifth Grade, the program is licensed by the Pinellas County Licensing Board and includes activity and breakfast. Transportation is provided to Gulf Beaches Elementary. License #52-51-1420819. Hours are Mon-Fri: 6:30 am - Start of school, Fee: \$25.00 per week or \$90.00 per month (if pre-paid); Sibling discounts available.

After School Program is for Kindergarten- Fifth Grade. The program is licensed by the Pinellas County Licensing Board and includes homework time, snack, sports, crafts, games, and more. Transportation is provided from Azalea Elementary, Pasadena Fundamental Elementary and Gulf Beaches Elementary. License #52-51-1420819. Hours are Mon-Fri: Afterschool ends until 6:00 pm, Fee: \$45.00 per week or \$150.00 per month (if pre-paid); Sibling discounts available. All the information needed can be found at this link: <http://www.spbrec.com/recreational-programs/youth-teen/>, look under the Licensed After School Program tab.

**-COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE TABLES** are on sale for the Sept 27<sup>th</sup> garage sale. Go by the Recreation Office at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive or call 363-9245 for more information or to reserve your table.

**-BEACH NOURISHMENT** is taking place in Pass-A-Grille and will continue until approx. August 16th when they will be moving to the Upham Beach area. Click [here](#) for all the latest information from Pinellas County .

## **-SCRAPBOOK CROP ON AUGUST 23 & 24 AT THE ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER**

This fun and relaxing 2-Day Crop will be held at the beautiful St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Located just minutes from St. Pete Beach, the Community Center overlooks Boca Ciega Bay. This beach retreat starts off on Friday night with a kick-off Luau Party at the host hotel- Blind Pass Resort, 7901 Blind Pass Road. Saturday the crop will be at the Community Center from 10am - 10pm. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided in addition to snacks, drinks, and sweets! Return on Sunday for more scrapbooking fun from 10am-5pm and start your day off with a delicious waffle brunch. Snacks and drinks will also be provided. The cost is \$149 per person (hotel not included.) For more information call 727-393-1690 or visit Scraps of Art, 8990 Seminole Blvd.



# RED TIDE

## TOP 10 RED TIDE FACTS:

1. In Florida, red tide is caused by a microscopic alga (a plant-like microorganism) called *Karenia brevis* or *K. brevis*.
2. The organism produces a toxin that can affect the central nervous system of fish, birds, mammals and other animals.
3. At high concentrations (called blooms), the organism may discolor the water – sometimes red, light or dark green, brown or clear.
4. Red tides or Harmful Algal Blooms occur worldwide. *K. brevis* is found almost exclusively in the Gulf of Mexico but has been found on the east coast of Florida and off the coast of North Carolina.
5. Red tide blooms can last days, weeks or months and can also change daily due to wind conditions. Onshore winds normally bring it near the shore and offshore winds drive it out to sea.
6. Red tide was first officially recorded in Florida in 1844.
7. A red tide bloom needs biology (the organisms), chemistry (natural or man-made nutrients for growth), physics (concentrating and transport mechanisms). No one factor causes it. Tests are being conducted to see if coastal nutrients enhance or prolong blooms.
8. Report fish kills to FWRI at 1-800-636-0511. Check current red tide status information by county at [www.floridamarine.org](http://www.floridamarine.org).
9. To learn more about human health effects and Beach Conditions Reporting, please visit [www.mote.org/beaches](http://www.mote.org/beaches). To learn more about Red Tide, go to [www.start1.com](http://www.start1.com) or [www.redtideonline.com](http://www.redtideonline.com).
10. Red Tide Health Hotline is a FREE, 24/7 service staffed by medical professionals, 1-888-232-8635.



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# RED TIDE & YOUR PETS

- If your pet swims in a red tide patch at the beach, a thorough freshwater rinse as soon as possible is essential. Most dogs lick themselves after swimming and they will consume any toxin/organisms on their fur.
- Don't let your pet play in any sea foam - the foam has been shown to be 10X more toxic than water.
- If your pet has asthma, do not take him to the beach when red tide toxins are in the air. How do you know if it's in the air? Go to [www.mote.org/beaches](http://www.mote.org/beaches) or call 941-BEACHES.
- If your animal is acting differently
  - experiences a seizure
  - is clumsy
  - has diarrhea
  - is shaking
  - loses his balance
  - appears confused
  - seems to not be able to see

Seek veterinary care immediately. Red tide toxins can sometimes cause neurological symptoms.

- If you live near the water and your dog or cat has asthma, be vigilant about giving daily medication (in consultation with your veterinarian) during red tide.
- Do not let your dog or cat eat or play with dead fish. The toxins accumulate in the viscera (guts) and are very resistant to cooking and freezing.
- Birds - if you live near the water and your bird lives outside on a lanai or porch, consider bringing him inside to air conditioning. Depending on wind speed and direction, the toxins can travel at least 1 mile inland.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Lower cost vehicle registrations being mailed Monday**

*In an effort to save residents money, the Pinellas County Tax Collector is waiting to mail September registration renewals until Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>*

**CLEARWATER, FL, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014** – Residents visiting the Pinellas County Tax Collector’s Office to renew their vehicle registration after September 1<sup>st</sup> may be pleasantly surprised. The legislature passed Senate Bill 156, which lowers the cost of motor vehicle registration fees for Florida residents beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. It is estimated that Florida vehicle owners will save approximately \$400 million a year.

In a proactive effort Diane Nelson, Pinellas County Tax Collector, is mailing September renewals later than normal to reduce confusion and help residents take advantage of the new lower fees. She wants to give residents every opportunity to take advantage of the savings this legislation offers. She said, “I would be disheartened if someone with a September renewal accidentally renewed their vehicle registration before the 1<sup>st</sup> and missed out on the opportunity to save money because they were not informed of the new fee structure.”

All September renewals will be mailed out Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and will include an informational insert about the reduced fee structure. Residents will be able to renew their registrations at the new lower rates beginning Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, online and Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in branch offices. Tax Collector offices will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day. However, residents are encouraged to renew online at [taxcollect.com](http://taxcollect.com), where they may print a renewal confirmation receipt.

For more information about this good news, visit [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com).

**ABOUT THE PINELLAS COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE:** The Pinellas County Tax Collector’s Office is a constitutionally elected office responsible for collecting and distributing state and local taxes, and for providing driver license and motor vehicle registration services to Pinellas County residents. The Office received the 2013 Governor’s Sterling Award for performance excellence. For more information visit [www.taxcollect.com/newsroom](http://www.taxcollect.com/newsroom).

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