



St. Pete Beach eNews

The Official Electronic Newsletter of St. Pete Beach

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

City Offices closed on
Monday, Sept. 1
for Labor Day holiday

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Community Garage Sale
Sept. 27th
Community Center
7701 Boca Ciega Dr.

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Before & After Childcare
Registration is on-going
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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Historic Preservation Board
Sept. 2 @ 3:30p

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Recreation Advisory
Sept. 9 @ 9a

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

-RED TIDE UPDATE - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission reports that the 90-mile long and 60-mile wide patchy bloom of Red Tide remains offshore, hasn't reached any beaches and is still moving parallel to the coast, albeit very slowly. According to updated FWC forecasting models, there is still no timetable on when, where---or even if---landfall could happen given the number of variables (most notably wind and water currents). Florida Red Tide is a naturally occurring algae in the Gulf of Mexico and has been traced back to the 1500s. It occurs most years, but a bloom happens whenever there is a higher-than-normal concentration of the algae. Consistent with previous weeks, we'll get an update Friday from [FWC's Red Tide report](#), which maps the bloom and is released every Friday. Another good source of updated info is the [MOTE Marine Laboratory & Aquarium's reporting system](#), which publishes the results from 36 water testing sites around the state, including Caladesi Island and Fort De Soto Park.

The City of St Pete Beach is working on a contingency plan to respond in the event of a Red Tide coming ashore. The plan will ensure that our beaches are cleaned and debris is removed from the shores in a timely manner.

-CLERK WARNS FLORIDA RESIDENTS OF E-MAIL SCAM - The Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers released a warning for all residents to be aware of fraudulent e-mails by entities impersonating Clerks' offices across the state. This newest round of scams comes in the form of an e-mail referencing a missed court appearance. Unlike past scams, these e-mails attempt to retrieve personal data, forcefully, by a computer virus attached as a .zip file. These malicious attachments contain a "Trojan Horse" virus that becomes active as soon as the file is unzipped. Recent examples of these scams have been signed by fictitious county clerks. The Pinellas County Clerk of Court would like to remind residents that all court-related communications are sent through normal mail. Jury summons and failure to appear notices are never sent via phone or e-mail.

Important tips to remember: The Clerk's office does not call or e-mail residents to request payment for missing jury service. The office will also never request payment via any sort of prepaid debit card. The Clerk's office does not call or e-mail residents to verify information related to jury service or to notify them that they missed jury service. Communications are only sent by mail. If a resident fails to report for jury service, the individual could receive a failure to appear notice in the mail from a judge in their Circuit. Arrest warrants are not usually issued for failure to report for jury service. Please contact the Clerk's office, if you receive one. Do not open an e-mail attachment from any unfamiliar source, and never provide personal information to an unfamiliar source, either by phone or e-mail. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (727) 464-7000.

-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS- Monday, Library closed (Labor Day); Wednesday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Pinellas County Healthcare Navigator information table; Wednesday, 3:00 pm. iPad App of the Month Club (Flipbook); Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3 (movement); Thursday, 4:00 pm, I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader, skill building for beginning readers; Friday, 11:00 am, E-Reader Hour, help getting library books for Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.

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

-YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE - Sign up is going on now through September 5th at the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive for kids K - 8th grade, fee \$75. Practices will be held once a week and games will be held on Saturdays starting Oct. 4th.



Immediate Release

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Second 2014 water system maintenance program set to begin

The method of water treatment for Pinellas County and its wholesale customers will be temporarily modified between Tuesday, Sept. 2, and Thursday, Sept. 25. The second of two short-term changes from chloramine to chlorine disinfection this year is a routine maintenance measure designed to optimize water quality.

Those impacted include Pinellas County water customers as well as customers in the cities of Clearwater, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs.

This disinfection program is designed to maintain distribution system water quality and minimize the potential for any future problem. There have been no indications of significant bacteriological contamination problems in the system. The water will continue to meet federal and state standards for safe drinking water.

Kidney dialysis patients should not be impacted, but should contact their dialysis care provider for more information about chlorine treatment. Fish owners should not be affected if they already have a system in place to remove chloramines, but should contact local pet suppliers with any questions.

Customers may notice a slight difference in taste and/or odor of the water during this temporary change in treatment. Chlorine was used as the primary disinfectant in the water for more than 50 years prior to 2002.

Many communities using chloramine convert back to chlorine for a short period to maintain system water quality. Pinellas County switched to chloramine in 2002 to ensure compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards. The first short-term change from chloramine to chlorine disinfection this year ran from May 27 to June 16.

For more information, please visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities or contact Pinellas County Customer Service at (727) 464-4000.

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