



St. Pete Beach eNews

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September 12, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Community Garage Sale
Sept. 27th

Community Center
7701 Boca Ciega Dr.

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Operation Medicine Cabinet

Sept. 27th, 9a -2p
Community Center

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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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Planning Board

Sept. 16 @ 4p

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Board of Adjustment

Sept. 24 @ 1p

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City Commission

WED., Sept. 24 @ 6p

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Special City Commission

Mtg. - selection of City Manager

Candidates for interviewing

Sept. 29 @ 4p

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City Commission meetings re-
play on Ch. 615 on Thursdays
at 6 pm and Saturdays at noon

-OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET - will be held on Saturday, September 27th at the St. Pete Beach Community Center from 9 am-2 pm by the Pinellas County Sheriff Deputies. Bring in all your old medicine and let the Sheriff's Office dispose of it properly.

-LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS- Tuesday, 10:30 am, Book Discussion Group, *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton; Wednesday, 10:30 am, I Just Got My iPad...Now What? (bring library card and Apple passwords); Thursday, 11:00 am, Mother Goose Time for ages 0-3 (babies); 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 YARD SALE - Come and shop over 75 vendors at the Community Center. Someone's trash is another's treasure. When: Saturday, September 27th, 8am-12pm. Call 363-9245 for more information.

-LEGO® ROBOTICS- AFTER SCHOOL TEAM PROGRAM FOR AGES 8 AND OLDER - Lego® Robotics after school team program for ages 8 and older is starting September 8th at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Students will learn how to design, program and build a competitive robot using the Lego® Mindstorm Robotic kit. The "team" will have the opportunity to compete with their robots. The introductory class is held on Mondays from 4-5 pm and the Intermediate/ Advanced class meets Tuesday & Thursday 4-5 pm. For class fees and session dates please visit us at www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245.

-ST. PETE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER HAS CLASSES FOR EVERYONE. - Live It! with recreation this fall. Whether you are looking for a youth basketball program, senior line dancing, aqua fitness or an adult workout class the St. Pete Beach Community Center has a class for you. New this fall we have Qi Gong, Tai Chi, Move to Your Groove, Zumba Step, Voice Lessons and keep a look out for our new Trunk or Treat Event this October. Stop by the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. to pick up our new fall program guide. You can also visit our website, for a full list of classes.

-RED TIDE UPDATE FROM FWC - A patchy bloom of *Karenia brevis*, the Florida red tide organism, continues in the northeast Gulf of Mexico. Satellite images show a surface bloom approximately 5 to 15 miles offshore between Dixie and northern Pinellas counties and less than 3 miles offshore of Cedar Key (Levy County). Concentrations in these areas range from background to medium. Last week, fish kills were reported inshore at Honeymoon Island (Pinellas County) as well as offshore in the bloom area, where low oxygen in bottom waters was also detected. In addition, respiratory irritation was reported last week at Anclote Key, Honeymoon Island, Three Rook Island (Pinellas County) and offshore in the bloom area. A fish kill was reported this week approximately 7 miles offshore of Cedar Key (Levy County). No fish kills or respiratory irritation have been reported alongshore or inshore this week. Forecasts for the next three days by the USF-FWC Collaboration for Prediction of Red Tides show little movement of the bloom patch located closest to the coast near Levy County. The bloom patch further offshore of Levy and Dixie counties is moving northwest, while the patch offshore of northern Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando counties is moving to the north. Tables and maps of sample results are available at: (<http://myfwc.com/research/redtide/events/status/statewide/>). To learn more about various organisms that have been known to cause algal blooms in Florida waters, see our flickr page at (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/myfwc>) and click on "Harmful Algal Bloom Species". The FWRI HAB group in conjunction with Mote Marine Laboratory now have a facebook page. Please come like our page and learn interesting facts concerning red tide and other harmful algal blooms in Florida at: <http://facebook.com/FLHABs>.



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NOTES FROM COMMISSIONER RICK FALKENSTEIN, DISTRICT 2: SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

-LETS WALK AND TALK Saturday September 14 9am–10:30am Commissioner Rick Falkenstein with cooler mornings will be resuming WALK AND TALK thru the neighborhoods of 64th avenue, Bay Street, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Palm Points. Come join me as I walk thru these neighborhoods. Bring to the walk and talk any topic. I do understand some of our residents cannot be in the heat, I will be happy to meet with you in a cooler location.

-BAYWAY BRIDGE BASH: Celebrate the official opening of the New Pinellas Bayway Bridge, Friday, October 17, 2014, For more information go to www.baywaybash.com.

-Final Reading of the 2014-2015 City of St Pete Beach Budget. Wednesday September 24, 2014 6:00 pm

-SUNSETS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL AND CALMING: Sunset Times September 12) 7:37p, 13) 7:36p, 14) 7:35p, 15) 7:34p, 16) 7:33p, 17) 7:31p, 18) 7:30p.

-LETS GO FISHING - OFF THE BEACH Snook, Whiting, some Flounder. **SEAWALL AND DOCKS** Mangrove Snapper, Snook, Some Flounder. **FLATS** Trout, BIG Redfish and Snook. **SKYWAY** Mangrove Snapper, and Grouper on rock piles and bumpers. Spanish Mackerel in open water. **NOTE:** There are still a good number of Tarpon in the entire area. Special thanks to Bob at Gator Jims Tackle.

-NEW beginnings in District 2 Shells Seafood Restaurant, 7081 Gulf Blvd.

Ask your friends and neighbors if they receive the St. Pete Beach eNEWS.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE - RIDE ALONG - Monday, 8 September 2014 On Monday, I had the pleasure of riding along with the Public Services Department! They kept me busy with road repairs, sewer inspections, playground equipment inspections, and a review of the ongoing projects in our city! Our City Employees worked tirelessly to take care of our city. I was proud to spend some time learning more about their day to day tasks!!



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE CONTINUED - MCKENNEY PARK: LIFT STATION 12



Lift station 12 is nearly complete at McKinney Park. Duke energy is completing the installation to connect the electrical service to the new lift station pumps. When they are done, the new Liftstation can go into operation.

The new electric panels for all of the lift stations are approximately 5'10". You can see the height based on where I'm standing---I'm 5"6". The city will attempt to mask the impact of this large above ground structure with nice new landscaping.

Once complete, the yellow external bypass pump will be removed and the lift station will look more like a part of the sidewalk without being intrusive.



PUMP STATION 2

Construction to overhaul pump station two at the Gulf Boulevard and 55th Ave began last week. The project will take approximately 8 to 12 months to complete. This week, the manhole was repaired to prevent ground water intrusion that was leaking approximately 400 gallons of water per minute in to our system. The new lining of the pipe will prevent further ground water intrusion. In the coming months, all new pumps will be installed and this Pump station will be completely renovated. Thank you for the ongoing patience as we complete construction!

These pipes were removed from Lift station 6. The valves were so corroded that they could not be closed in the event of an emergency. The corrosive atmosphere in our soil puts a lot of pressure on our sewer system. The new updates will help improve the longevity of our system as we move forward.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARIA LOWE CONTINUED -

LIFT STATION 6

Installation of the new valves, pumps, and holding tanks is underway on West Vina Del Mar for lift station 6. The two concrete boxes are newly installed to protect the pumps and valves from corrosion. This construction project will last approximately a month.



NEW BEACH ACCESS SIGNS - Ongoing Project Our Public Services department is working to address the signage on our streets that is outdated, missing, or in disrepair. One project is to update the beach access signs. Thank you to the recreation department for contributing to the idea of matching the new signs to our beach ball parking stickers. The Beach Ball is a truly distinct way of identifying our city beach fun in the sun!!