

## SpringFest in Horan Park



Faith Blevins, 8, tries out a night vision scope mounted on a helmet, courtesy of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. The Blevins live in Pinellas Park.

Saturday morning, St. Pete Beach held its annual SpringFest in Horan Park. In addition to music and food, the city had different city, county and Ghostbuster vehicles on hand for a touch-a-truck event, a bounce house, and crafts for kids.

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## Gulfport Begins Budget Process

Expect a 25% increase in water bills, courtesy of St. Petersburg. Here are some other highlights of last Thursday's budget discussion.

- Gulfport has 108 full time employees; roughly 50 of those work for the police department.

"We're very thin," staff-wise, City Manager Jim O'Reilly said.

- City Manager Jim O'Reilly explained that the city is maxed out on events, and Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke asked if the city should hire a full time employee to coordinate events

- Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon suggested passing the cost of events on to the events themselves.

- The city does not have a wide range of options for making money, but, the city manager said, "there's been some growth in the general fund."

- Gulfport homes and businesses buy water from the City of Gulfport. The city buys that water from St. Petersburg. In October 2018, Gulfport's agreement with St. Petersburg for providing water and sewer services expires. At that time, St. Petersburg could raise rates as much as 25%.

Administrative Services Director Terry Gould told the council

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## Everything Including the Kitchen Sink

Betty Marron sorts through pots, pans, and other nautically-geared things at the Gulfport Marina Nautical Flea Market Saturday morning. The Marron family used to keep their boat at the Gulfport marina; they live in Buffalo and took a break from their vacation in Palmetto to drive up for the nautical flea market. Other tables had sinks, engine parts, cleats, and other marine-themed items.



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They appreciate your patience throughout this process. Please contact Bob Williams at 727-893-1066 if you have any questions regarding the closure of the park.

## Easter Production at Park Place Wesleyan

Park Place Wesleyan Church, 4400 70th Avenue N. in Pinellas Park, will present "One Day", an Easter event, on March 30th at 6 p.m. and March 31st at 10:15 a.m. Free, nursery provided. Call 526-3674 or [www.ppwc.org](http://www.ppwc.org).

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## Budget, from front page

“there’s a need to have a discussion about water and sewer rates...as you can see we are some of the lowest rates.”

- Council discussed asking the city manager to create a five-year plan.

“There’s a lot of assumptions in those,” the city manager cautioned. “If that’s something

you’d like me to prepare, I can do that. I have no problem with that. It’s going to be very broad.”

- Councilwoman Christine Brown asked the city manager how long it would take to move the police department to 49th Street and make the marina upgrades if the city did not borrow the money. The city manager told her he could do one of the two if the city brought it reserve savings down to the charter-mandated 25% of the annual budget.

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## Rays Opening Day Rally

Kick off the 2013 Rays season at the city’s official Opening Day Rally, Tuesday, April 2 from noon to 3 p.m. at Central Avenue and 13th St. Live

music with the “Troy Duncan Band”, kids’ activities, merchandise, grilled sandwiches and hot dogs, prizes and more will help fans get in the spirit for what they anticipate a championship-bound season for the Rays. Come out and support the home team!

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## Easter Sunday Service

St. Petersburg Community Church invites you to join them Easter Sunday, March 31st for a special celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join them at 9 a.m. for a free pancake breakfast served in their

Fellowship Hall. A special puppet show will help tell the message of Easter. At 10 a.m. they will celebrate the resurrection in worship with a special Easter message. Nursery will also be provided for children infant – age 4. The event is free. The concert will take place at the church located at 4501 30th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. For more information, contact the church at 727-525-0012 or visit [www.gracetograce.org](http://www.gracetograce.org).

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## Easter Sunrise Service

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## Gulfport Workshop Schedule Changes

Council will now hold its workshops at 4 in the afternoon. On the Thursday following the first council meeting, council will hold a regularly scheduled workshop. On the Thursday following the second council meeting, the council has the option to hold a second workshop. This will start next week.

## Who Represents Gulfport Outside Gulfport

At the Thursday, March 21 workshop, Gulfport city council discussed which members of the council would represent Gulfport at organizations outside the city.

Although Ward Four Councilmember Michael Fridovich said he had an in with the Suncoast League of Cities, Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke suggested Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown as the voting member. Any councilmember, including Councilman Fridovich, may attend

but may not vote. The council will decide on this in April.

## St. Pete Beach Gets a New Vice Mayor and New Suncoast League of Cities Rep

Based on seniority and who had not yet served, the St. Pete Beach city commissioner voted in favor of making Commissioner Lorraine Huhn (District One) the vice mayor.

Commissioner Melinda Pletcher, the new new District Four representative, will take over for the former District Four Commissioner, Bev Garnett, as the city's representative for the Suncoast League of Cities.

## Free Easter Egg Hunt

Northwest Presbyterian Church, 6330 54th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg will host a free family Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 10 a.m. Event features music, prizes, snow cones and a visit with the Easter Bunny! Call 727-544-4551.

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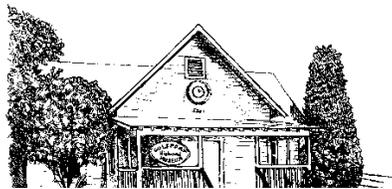
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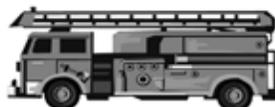
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ST. PETE BEACH – Dogs can run off leash at the Vina del Mar dog park, and the city won't find people for having their furry friends off leash at the southeastern tip of Pass-a-Grille just north of Merry Pier, but soon dogs will have a third place to meet other beach dogs: McKenney Park.

Resident requests for a dog park at the north end of the beach brought about the idea of a park, which the commission approved unanimously Tuesday night.

"The are we cleaned up will not support grass," Public Works Director Steve Hallock said of the areas under shade trees that the city plans to mulch with either cedar or eucalyptus mulch.

The North Beach Civic Association will help fund the new dog park at McKenney Park, including recycled plastic benches.

"We wanted to donate some money to the city and this looks like the best use," Deborah Martohue said. Ms. Martohue serves as vice president of the North Beach Civic Association. Dogs will have run of part of the southern end; the dog park will use

9,000 square feet of the 125,000 square foot park.

Costs include \$3,444 for fencing, \$2,000 for mulch, \$1,375 for four recycled plastic benches, \$800 for water fountains, \$800 for contingencies, as well as under \$280 for signage and \$270 for a dog bag station.

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## Rental Fees Change for City Parks, Community Center

ST. PETE BEACH – Citing increased demand for renting the community center on Saturdays, the city will now charge \$500 extra for any Saturday events.

Jennifer McMahan, Recreation Director, says the \$500 "Saturday premium" is in line with other facility fees in the industry.

Commissioners also set a rental rate for Horan Park, as people have started asking how they could rent the bayfront park for special events.

The community center has already surpassed its income for last year, according to McMahan.

On Saturdays, the city will now charge the following rental fees:

4 hour block - \$1,000 + \$500 premium = \$1,500  
 6 hour block - \$1,500 + \$500 premium = \$2,000  
 8 hour block - \$2,000 + \$500 premium = \$2,500  
 10 hour block - \$2,500 + \$500 premium = \$3,000

St Pete Beach Residents will still receive a 10% discount off the rental fees, although Ms. McMahan told the commission the bulk of the rentals came from outside the city.

The city will base its new fees for park rentals on anticipated attendance and follow below:

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## Egg Hunt in Pinellas Park

The Sunshine City Council invites all to come and have fun at the Annual Beta Sigma Phi Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. in England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N., Pinellas Park. Each age will be sectioned separate from baby to 10 year olds, allowing everyone a chance to find plastic eggs stuffed with candy. Come join them!

Beta Sigma Phi is an International Sorority which provides women with a social and cultural outlet. The 12 chapters of Sunshine City Council

meet at various times depending on the chapter format. Chapters participate and support a variety of service projects in the area.

If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Paula Adams, 727-347-6960.

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## Come out to Support YNOT Ministries

YNOT Ministries will be having a religious demonstration on Friday, March 29th at the Regions bank on Gulfport Blvd. and 58th Street S. from 1-3 p.m. They will be demonstrating what Easter really means to them. They would appreciate the support of the entire Gulfport community.

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## Register for Swim Lessons

The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, is offering "Learn to Swim Classes" for all ages through the American Red Cross. From infants six months of age to seniors, classes will teach proper technique and tips for safety in any water environment. Classes are held Monday through Thursday and run in two-week sessions of 30-minute classes. Classes are available morning and evening to fit every schedule. A two-week session is only \$40 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$45 for non-residents. Registration starts on Monday, April 1st at 9 a.m. Call 727-363-9264.

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## Corey Avenue Workshop: One Step Toward a Bustling Downtown

ST. PETE BEACH – As early as the end of June, the city could officially designate the Corey area as a redevelopment area and start working on projects that will spur redeveloping the downtown. The city designated the area as a CRA.

A CRA refers to a community reinvestment area.

“If you’ve been in Dunedin, they’re a CRA,” Community Development George Kinney said.

“If a community chooses to adopt one, then there are statutory requirements for how it’s set up and how it’s operated,” Mr. Kinney said. St. Pete Beach has designated the Corey area as a CRA (please see the accompanying map to see the boundaries of the district). Gulfport also has a CRA.

To help move the redevelopment along, city staff and commissioners told residents they wanted input about Corey Avenue from those affected by any changes. To that end, the city held a two-hour workshop last Thursday evening to hear from those with concerns about the area.

“We were trying to figure out a way to help ... focus on certain catalytic projects for redevelopment,” Mr. Kinney said. “It was to set the groundwork, lay out a road map for prioritization, for the CRA.”

Roughly 70 people attended Thursday’s workshop.

“There was a good mix of owners, merchants and residents,” Kinney said.

“There was overwhelming support that Corey Avenue needs to be redeveloped.... what we were going after in this workshop is what projects lay within the district that would be good ones to focus on to get the ball rolling,” Mr. Kinney said, saying he and staff looked for “shovel-ready” projects.

“There were all kinds of suggestions, on densities, on uses, styles, appearances, aesthetics, public art – the kind of things you normally get. Our job going forward is to take those comments and figure out how those comments support actual projects that can be the focal point of the CRA,” Mr. Kinney said.

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will help the city tailor those ideas, working them into projects that will spur other redevelopment in the district.

Money for these projects will come

from property taxes on land and buildings in the CRA, although Mr. Kinney stressed that the properties in the CRA would not see new taxes as a result of the CRA.

The funding structure, called TIF (Tax Increment Financing), works like this:

- Property values will not increase for properties in the CRA will not increase or decrease differently than they do elsewhere in the city.

- The value of the properties in the CRA the year a city establishes the CRA is considered the base year;

- As property value increases in the CRA, a portion of the taxes that the city earns as a result of the increase (not the full value) goes into a TIF fund,

- The city can then use that money for improvements in the CRA, and only in that area.

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## South Pasadena Beautification Awards

Compete in the First place and runner up awards in single dwelling, multiple dwelling and commercial categories. First place winners receive framed certificates and signs for property. Runner ups receive a framed certificate. The awards presentation will be held at the Arbor Day celebration on April 26, at 6 p.m. in Galatea Garden at 7015 Sunset Drive S. Information broadcasted on TV Channel 615. Call 727-384-0701.

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## Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg will offer Creative Crafts – Remembrance Jars on Monday, April 1st at 10 a.m. Cost is \$3.50 GCSP members, \$4.50 non-members for cost of materials.

On April 11 the will offer a Horticulture Seminar on “Raising Organic Plants” by Allen Cordell,

Herb Society, was a horticulturist at Pinellas County Extension. There will be herbs available for purchase. Come for coffee at 9:30 a.m., program begins at 10 a.m. Visitors welcomed.

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## Clean your Car, Send Kids to Camp

There will be a fundraising car wash for the Youth Group at Pasadena Baptist Church, 635 64th Street S. on Saturday, March 30th from

7:30 a.m until 3:30 p.m. Please help support these children so they can go to summer camp in June. Hotdogs, popcorn, drinks and more will also be for sale.

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## Egg Hunt in Treasure Island

The Gulf Beaches Rotary Club with the assistance of the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce and the Isle of Capri Civic Association will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30at 10 a.m. in the Treasure Island Community Center and Park, Gulf Boulevard at 106th Avenue. Activities for children 10 year old and younger will include an egg hunt; bonnet and hat contest; and a visit with the Easter Bunny. Bring your cameras so that you can take your picture with the Easter Bunny. The event is free. For additional information please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 727-360-4121 or 727-367-2303.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

The next scheduled Board meeting for Laureate Epsilon Theta is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at the home of Lucy Brushaber at 7 p.m.

Members are also working very hard on the upcoming Florida State Convention to be held at the St. Pete Hilton. Sharon Ingram is the chairman and the theme is “Suncoast Fiesta” to be held on May 17-18-19, 2013.

For more information, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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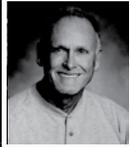


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## Jazz in the Stacks

Dave Manson and his O Som Do Jazz band will perform at the West St. Petersburg Community Library on April 4th at 7 p.m. The library is on the SPC/Gibbs campus at 6605 Fifth Avenue N. The 6-piece band features Brazilian bossa-nova and samba-jazz and is led by Rio de Janeiro singer Andrea Moraes Manson.

The easiest way to approach the library is from Ninth Ave. N. Turn south on 67th St. It will lead you right into the library parking lot. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of West St. Petersburg Community Library and is free. Call Elaine at 727-253-6904.

## Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The winter schedule of luncheons are one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. Today's menu is soup, koldunai (meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

## New Senior Excursions

The St. Pete Beach Community Center has extended their Senior Excursions. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with their friends. The new trips are as followed: April 12th Hard Rock Casino, April 26th St. Armands Circle, May 10th International Mall, June 7th SS American Victory and Lunch at Channelside, July 19th Tampa Bay Downs Horse Racing, and August 16th Hard Rock Casino.

All excursions will depart from the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. at 9 a.m. and returning by 4 p.m. All participants must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the excursion. Each trip is \$12 for residents and \$15 for

non-residents of St. Pete Beach. Visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call 727-363-9245.

## Junior Magic Basketball League

The City of St. Pete Beach Recreation and AD Basketball has partnered with the NBA and Orlando Magic with its youth basketball program. The program offers two coed age

divisions: Grades 3rd through 5th and Grades 6th through 8th. All participants will receive a Junior Magic Jersey, trophy, and a ticket to a Magic home game. The league will run from April to late June. Cost is \$90 per athlete. Register at The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call 727-363-9245 for more information.



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## Egg Diving



St. Pete Beach lifeguard Jay Witte empties goody-filled eggs into the community center pool for the annual underwater egg hunt.

Twice a year, St. Pete Beach holds an aquatic egg hunt at Easter and Halloween. This Saturday kids from south Pinellas dove for eggs, each hoping to find the golden egg that would win the prize baskets.

## Esalon Expands

The Gulfport Public Library is now presenting our eSalon all week. In their eSalon they help their customers access eBooks, audio books and music through their online databases. Instead of limiting themselves to Tuesday afternoon, they welcome your questions any time during their regular hours. Spruce up your skills and learn how to download eBooks every day of the week. Come by or call the Reference Desk at 727-893-1073.

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## Deadlines Approaching for 2012 Property Taxes

Tax Collector Diane Nelson would like to remind Pinellas County property owners of the upcoming payment deadlines for 2012 property taxes. Property owners have multiple options for paying their taxes, but the deadlines vary depending on the payment method:

- Online payments at [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com): Due by 11:55 p.m. on March 31
- Mail payments: Must have March postmark date
- In-person and drop box payments: Due by 5 p.m. on April 1

Payments received after the respective deadlines will be considered delinquent and will begin to accrue interest at 3 percent. For convenience, the tax collector's office encourages taxpayers to pay online at [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com), where payments can be made through an electronic check feature that securely transfers funds directly from a bank account. Credit card payments are also accepted online.

The 2012 tax roll included 408,354 tax bills that were mailed to Pinellas County property owners at the end of October. There are currently 41,000 unpaid tax bills, and the tax collector's office will send reminder notices to owners with unpaid bills as of March 8.

For more information about tax deadlines or other Pinellas County Tax Collector services, please visit [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com) or call 727-464-7777 to speak to a customer service representative.

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## Remembering Pam

A celebration plaque was purchased by friends of the late Pam McGinnis. There will be a small gathering at the Gulfport Senior Center on Friday, April 5 at noon at the Celebration Wall outside of the Senior Center. All are welcome to participate in her life and memory.

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## Aquamania Returns Bigger than Ever!

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gulfport are co-sponsoring the Pro Hydro-X Jet Tribe Tour's first race event of the season. This two day event will feature personal watercraft racing both closed course and freestyle. Event takes place April 6-7 on Gulfport Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tucked in with this full throttle action are two days of entertainment including a Kayak and Paddle Board Race and Recycle Regatta. This free event will have something for everyone to enjoy. Events features free admission, free kids activities, vendors, Corn Hole Tournament (sponsored by Tampa Bay Club Sports), kayak and paddle board races, JetLev Demonstration (sponsored by Trade Winds Island Resort), Recycle Regatta, beer, wine and food.

Come down to the Gulfport Beach and park for free. To become a vendor contact Suzanne King at [www.sikpromotions.com](http://www.sikpromotions.com). For more information on the races [www.prohydrox.com/gulfport.html](http://www.prohydrox.com/gulfport.html). To participate in the Corn Hole Tournament [www.tampabayclubsports.com](http://www.tampabayclubsports.com). To sign up for the kayak, paddle board or recycle regatta or general information [www.gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org](http://www.gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org)

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## Pass-a-Grille Tour of Homes

Iris Liskey signs people in to one of the five homes along the Pass-a-Grille tour of homes Saturday. The Pass-a-Grille Women's Club, who sponsor the event, sold almost 800 tickets by Saturday afternoon. The money from ticket sales supports the club as well as several charities.





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## Game Night is Back

The Bocce Club is once again sponsoring a Trivial Pursuit night. This fun game night will be held on Friday, April 5, at 7:15. Tables of 6-9 persons are available from any Bocce Board member and Edie in the office. Questions can also be answered by them or call Judy at 344-7558. Check Channel 96 for names and numbers of all Bocce Board members. A donation of \$5 is asked. This will give you a wonderful evening with coffee and soft drinks provided, along with a delicious dessert buffet.

Team #11 with Captain Anne Fitzpatrick, is waiting to defend their

title. Time is running out. Call now. See you in the Clubhouse Auditorium on Friday, April 5.

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## Community Yard Sale Space Available

Clear out your garage and join the St. Petersburg Recreation Center TASCOTeen Council's Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 6. The popular community yard sale with about 100 vendors in the beautiful Crescent Lake Park, located on the corner of 22nd Avenue and 5th Street North, 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Goodwill donation pickup available 1 p.m. to

2 p.m. following the event. Spaces still available for \$15 per space. For more information, call 893-7813. All proceeds support City of St. Petersburg TASCOTeen Programs. Sponsored by St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. Be sure to check out other exciting activities at [www.stpeteparksrec.org](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org).

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## First Friday Flea

Donations of small items are always welcome for the next First Friday Flea Market scheduled for Friday, April 5 from 9 a.m. – noon. Ideas for items include watches, any kind of jewelry, including costume jewelry, wallets, change purses, tote bags, purses, knick knacks, knitted slippers or any type slippers. Any clean useable item or items are greatly appreciated.

While you visit, please bring a canned good or two to the new "bucket of love" which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can get the assistance they need. Call 727-893-2237.

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## Women's Sailing Regatta

The Boca Ciega Yacht Club will host a Women's Sailing Regatta on Monday, April 8th, with a rain date of Tuesday, April 9th. The event is the annual Rainbow Regatta of the Florida Women's Sailing Association (known as FWSA). The two organizing groups are the Broad Reachers from the St. Petersburg Yacht Club station at Pass-a-Grille and the Treasure Island Tackers from Treasure Island. There will be 11 women's sailing organizations represented from this west-central region of Florida and they will be sailing in Prams and Sunfish. The organization was founded in 1973 and there are over 400 women sailing weekly at their respective clubs. The racing will take place in the morning and will be followed by a picnic luncheon and social hour.

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## Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their fourth Pancake Breakfast of the Season, Saturday, April 6th, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please note these new serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton

Drive So. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Ask anybody! Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$5 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help them help those in need. Their primary efforts are

directed towards sight preservation. There are many other community based functions they continue to sponsor and fund. Gulfport Lions is a service organization, meeting the needs of those less fortunate.

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## Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The annual business meeting and tea will be held on April 11th at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Committee leaders will give yearly reports and officers will be elected to serve next year. There will be no flower show this year.

Positions up for election are president, program chairman, membership chairman, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, yearbook chairman, treasurer and publicity. Anyone interested in applying for these positions may do so by calling Joyce McMahon at 321-9021 or may do so at the meeting; nominations from the floor will be welcomed.

The club will provide food and drink for the tea with members contributing \$5 each toward a portion of the cost. Please send your check payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club to Barbara Dye by April 8th.

Membership dues for next year will be collected starting at the April meeting. The \$5 fee (check payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) must be paid before June in order to have your name included in the yearbook.

The club would like to see more community involvement. If you are interested in gardening and would like to become a member, please call Joyce McMahon at 321-9021 or come to the meeting on April 11th. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to live in Gulfport or even have a garden!

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# The Gabs

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Denis Frain, Largo: "72°. That's kingfish weather."

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Libby Breivogel: "I'm a chicken. 70."

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Tony Fields, St. Petersburg: "Around 73°."

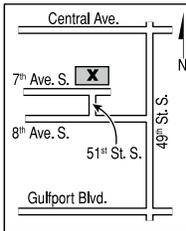
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Fran McLaughlin, Gulfport: "72.1°. We go in Homosassa Springs all the time and it's 72 °."

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group will host a Pancake Breakfast at the church, 107 16th Ave. St. Pete Beach. The \$7 per person charge, or \$25.00 per family, will help support the group's upcoming mission trip.

Easter worship services will be conducted at the church at 8:45 and 10 a.m. For more information please call the church office at 360-5508.

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## Easter Schedule at Gulfport Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday Service will be a combined service with Trinity Presbyterian and Lakeview Presbyterian held at Trinity Presbyterian, 2830 22nd Avenue S., St. Petersburg at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service will be a combined service with Trinity and Lakeview held at Gulfport Beach at noon weather permitting. If bad weather it will be held at Gulfport Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary, 5313 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on at the beach.

Easter Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Gulfport Presbyterian Church. There will be communion. After service finger foods will be served. Everyone is invited.

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This profound work was originally premiered on Good Friday and is particularly appropriate on that day. Unlike most other requiems this does not use the standard Latin text, but instead, Biblical texts chosen by Brahms for their comforting qualities. It will be sung in English.

This service and concert is open to the public. You, your family and friends are cordially invited to join us for this memorable work.

The Church is located at 227 70th Street S., St. Petersburg. Visit [www.pasadenacommunitychurch.org](http://www.pasadenacommunitychurch.org).

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## Band Returns to Galatea Garden

On April 11, at 7:30 p.m., the South Pasadena Community Band will present "Galatea Favorites". The free concert will take place in the beautiful Galatea Garden at 7001 Sunset Drive in South Pasadena. Gather your friends and your lawn chairs and come enjoy selections that include Raymond Overture, Les Miserables, and New York 1927. They look forward to entertaining you!

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## Republican Club to Meet

Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk of the Court, will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the

St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Mr. Burke will discuss the position he has taken and publicly put forth on the "red light cameras". Following his presentation Mr. Burke will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer Session. There is no charge to attend this event.

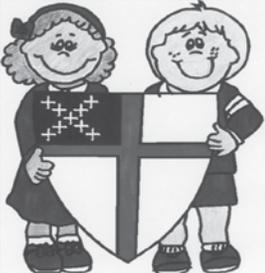
For more information on this event and other club activities, please call Gus Pries, 727-864-0312.

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- 38 College grounds
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- 6 That woman
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## City of St. Pete Beach: **Crosswalks**

**Q:** Why do some crosswalks on Gulf Boulevard flash all the time while others only flash when people cross?

**A:** Because of engineers, according to Public Works Director Steve Hallock.

“The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices provides guidelines but gives discretion to the engineer,” he says. “So two different engineers may have two different opinions on what the safest option is.”

There’s good news, though: the state approved “standardized pedestrian Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB)” on all of Gulf Boulevard, so soon they will all be the same up and down Pinellas County beaches – all the cities must sign the agreements to maintain the beacons and then the state will schedule installation.

## Conference on World Affairs Debuts

A group of local residents headed by local resident Ambassador(ret.) Doug McElhaney’s, in association with USF, are seeking to raise the awareness of global issues. The first annual St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 28-29 at Harbor Hall (former Dali Museum building). The 10 session conference is free and open to the general public and will bring together a prestigious group of international scholars, diplomats, military officers, authors, and specialists. For detailed information listing the sessions and bios on the panelists; visit the conference’s website: <http://www.stpetersburgintheworld.com>.

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## Forget-Me-Not

Loss can be devastating and often individuals are unsure as to how they should process their grief. What can a grief support group offer you? A focus group is being created for opportunity to share your experiences with others who are struggling with similar grief. Discuss feelings and learn appropriate ways to express your bereavement while learning techniques for coping with the feelings associated with the loss and gain a sense of empowerment.

If interested, please call the Gulfport Senior Center at 893-2237 or 893-1231 to get on the list. This is provided by Coast’s Older American’s Program. Call Meagan Flores at 727-272-7771.

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## Hawaiian Hula Dance Class

Learn to dance the Hawaiian Hula at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, March 20th - April 17th. The cost is \$40 for 5 week session or \$10 per drop-in class. Dance that will be taught will be “Dancing under the Sea”. The instructor is Kalina, who has studied hula for over 30 years and will share her dance knowledge, stories and protocol. Have lots of fun while doing a gentle exercise, great for strengthening bad knees! Call Kalina at 727-251-0424.

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## Unlocking the Door to Successful Caregiving

The 7th Annual Caregivers Conference - "Unlocking the Door to Successful Caregiving" will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This conference is sponsored by the James Sanderlin Neighborhood Center and will be held at Suncoast Hospice, 3050 First Avenue S., St. Petersburg. This is a free event and continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Call 727-321-9444 to register. Speakers and agencies providing services to caregivers will be present. This is a program aimed at helping persons struggling with caregiver responsibilities.

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## Bingo Volunteers Needed

The Gulfport Senior Center is looking for a few volunteers to assist with Bingo weekly on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. Duties are to help organize event and bingo caller and set out prizes. It's a great way to meet new people and play bingo at the same time. If you are interested please see Rachel at the Gulfport Senior Center or call 893-1231.

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## Grow Something for Children's Plant Fair

The Children's Plant Fair on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, is part of the Green Thumb Festival and is a non-competitive program designed to promote environmental awareness in children. Each participant will receive a "goody bag," and the first 100 plant entries each day receive a free t-shirt. This event welcomes students in preschool through fifth grade. The Green Thumb Festival Highlights include: Garden Club of St. Petersburg Flower Show, educational exhibits, grow and share, free mulch, kid's crafts, nursery plant vendors, plant auction, gardening tips, and a food court.

To participate, just complete two easy steps: Grow one or more plants in a container and second, bring your favorite plant and register card for "show and tell," at Walter Fuller between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on either Saturday or Sunday. The

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event takes place at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26 Avenue N., and starts at 9 a.m. and continues through 3 p.m.

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## Catch some Jazz

Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor "Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps" on Thursday, March 28th from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$7. Call 727-522-6877.

On Sunday, April 7 there will be a poolside concert and barbecue. "Bob

Leary and the Three Thin Guys" will play from 6-9 p.m. at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club, 6000 Sun Blvd., Tierra Verde. Reservations required to 727-596-7142. Admission \$25/35.

On Thursday, April 11 "Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps" will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Bilmar Beach Resort 10650 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island. Admission is \$7, students and military free with I.D. Call 727-522-6877.

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

March breaks free of the old adage and does not go out like a lamb as promised. As Pluto challenges the party of planetary influences in Aries (guest list including the sun, Venus, Uranus and Mars), he throws accusations and airs grievances. Old issues emerge for us like sea monsters from the deep. Some people will react by making bold and necessary changes -- so maybe these sea monsters are friendly after all.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Sometimes you fear that if you don't do the work that it won't be done correctly. Perhaps more precisely, it won't be done to your specifications of what's correct. This week you'll feel more open to letting people help and give their own spin to the job, too. Your attitude of openness makes life so much easier for all.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When you hear someone declare that there is no right or wrong way, you'll be skeptical. There is a right way -- the way that works for you. This week you may have to try up to three wrong ways in order to get to know what the right way is. Thursday and Friday are your sweet spot for getting a return on your efforts.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What you felt was really true -- you are being subjected to a subtle scrutiny. The trick is not to try and please them. Instead, deepen your belief in yourself to the point where you no longer care what their verdict is. This may require that you make changes, but these changes will be for you not for them.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Sainly types may choose to frame life in a way that doesn't allow for feeling aggrieved or resentful -- everyone is only doing his or her best. A more earthly point of view may be to log the grievance and strive to set the balance straight. Every action has a consequence. Don't you have a right to your reactions?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Many cats sleep for 70 percent of their lives. Is it because all that agility and sleek ferocity requires more than equal

down time for recuperation? Or is it that the dream life of a cat is so compelling that cats want to spend the majority of time there? You'll get more time than usual to indulge your feline needs to relax and dream.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Should you aim for the high risk, high competition option or go for the low hanging fruit? Start with the low hanging fruit, and while you're eating that you can decide how much life you are willing to trade to go for that juicy morsel at the top -- the one you'll have to fight the birds, and gravity, to taste.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In some way, you feel you must act to win your own respect over and over. This attitude keeps you from producing results, but it could also tire you out if you're not careful. This week, dare to say, "enough is enough" and take some time to relax -- to stop having to prove yourself and just be.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Adventure is a state of mind. You may not travel far and wide, meet fascinating new people or experience foreign cultures and customs this week, but you will do the truly adventurous thing -- face the life you know so well with curiosity, boldness and a willingness to be changed by all you learn.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's the tendency of human behavior to assume that others are pretty much believing and doing just as you are. You'll go against that tendency as you realize the novelty of your choices. Truly you are working on something unique and doing it in a unique way too. You're different, and you'll celebrate that.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's difficult to get enthusiastic about anything you don't know much about. But once you dig in and get some knowledge on a matter, you'll get a better understanding of what your level of involvement and enthusiasm could be. So before you decline offers or rule out possibilities, do a little research.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Accountability helps people keep

the sanctity their word. It's why most marriage ceremonies happen in the presence of witnesses. When making agreements this week, bring several parties into the deal, if only to provide the social accountability that will encourage all to participate as intended.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Find someone to bounce your ideas and work off of. Get a second, third and forth opinion. The more opinions you hear, the better you'll be at knowing which ones to apply. Also, your skin will get a bit thicker in this process. Thicker skin is one of the requirements necessary for creative folks like you to succeed.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Instead of accepting someone else's limiting idea of what you can do, you define yourself this year. This month brings a new set of friends. It will be fun later to tell the story of how you found each other. You'll inspire others in May. There's a learning curve, but you'll stick with a difficult endeavor and get all the way to the part where you make money in July. The special people in your life start to behave differently toward you because of the positive changes you make in September.

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As county officials begin preparing next year's budget, Pinellas County is getting the public involved by bringing the 2014 Budget Community Forum out to the community on Wednesday, April 10, in partnership with St. Petersburg College Seminole. An open house will be set up in the SPC Digtorium common area from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There visitors can browse information booths set up by the various Pinellas County departments. Residents can meet with county officials and their county commissioners, ask questions, provide feedback and learn more about county services.

From 7 to 8 p.m., an eTownHall will take place inside the Digtorium in front of a live audience. County commissioners and the county administrator will respond to comments and questions from the community as they discuss the budget, strategies for the future and the vision of the community as a whole.

This year's event will be moderated by Bay News 9 senior anchor Al Ruechel.

The eTownHall can be viewed live in the Digtorium, online through the Pinellas County website or over PCC-TV on Bright House Channel 622, Knology Channel 18 or Verizon Channel 44. Large screen viewing areas will be set up at other SPC campuses as well.

Questions to the panel can be submitted via the online blog, Twitter, by calling 888-409-5380 or via written submissions from the audience. The eTownHall blog will open 9 a.m. on Monday, April 8, for those who want to submit their questions and comments in advance.

For more information, to view the program or submit a question to the blog, go to [www.pinellascounty.org/etownhall](http://www.pinellascounty.org/etownhall). The St. Petersburg College Seminole campus is located at 9200 113th St. N. in Seminole.

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Teagan Smickle, left, and her sister Justine talk about Tae Kwon Do at the St. Pete Beach Summer Camp Expo Saturday.

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## A Very Special Mixer



On Thursday, March 21 The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce held its March Mixer at the Gulfport Little League field at Tomlinson Park, a place near and dear to the heart of our longtime, former Mayor, Mike Yakes.

Over the years, Mayor Yakes was, and is, a staunch supporter of the Little League Program not only here in Gulfport, but in the Southeast Region as well. Who can forget Mayor Mike throwing out the first pitch at the former regional ball field and the recognition those nationally televised games brought to Gulfport. Members of The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce presented former Mayor Mike a with portrait of himself in his honor.

## Last Chance to Submit Plays

If you want to submit a one act play to the Gulfport Community Players for consideration for their Summer One Act Festival, you only have two weeks left to do so! The Players have been taking submissions during February and March for their "13th Annual Summer One Act Play Festival", but they still need more plays. These plays have to be short, somewhere between 5 and 20 minutes in length. They must use a very limited set and props.

You must submit two hard copies of your play(s) to: Gulfport Community Players, Inc., 1619 49th Street S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

The plays can be comedies, drama, whatever, but must be suitable for all audiences (no R-rated language, etc.). The Players would prefer plays submitted from somewhat local playwrights, in keeping with the spirit of community theater. The deadline for submissions is March 30th so get those plays in now!

The Players will have their Play Reading Committee read the submitted plays in April. They will pick out what they think are the best plays and submit them to their Board for vote and approval in May. If your play is chosen, you will be contacted by the Players. You will not receive any money for your play however as they are a true community theater.

The chosen plays will be presented in their "13th Annual Summer One Act Festival" at the Hickman Theater. The Festival will run from July 11th through July 21st. Good luck!

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## MOWC to Meet

Military Officers Wives Club will meet for luncheon April 9 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The program will be "The Little Black Dress" by the members. All former, retired or active duty military spouses, their widows and former, retired or active duty female officers are invited to attend. Call for reservations 812-4868.

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# Marina Tops List of Council Priorities

At last Thursday's workshop, the new Gulfport city council discussed some of its priorities for the coming year. Below, we've broken down the priorities by councilmember. The order does not indicate priority unless indicated.

## Mayor Sam Henderson's Priorities



- Extend the Pinellas Trail spur into downtown, including crosswalks
- Increase the pace at which Gulfport replaces its sewer lines

• Address 49th Street with regards to public safety. It includes either moving the police department or

increasing the use of the 49th Street Neighborhood Center as satellite station, having a greater police presence, and enhancing facilities on 49th Street

- The 49th Street Retrofit project, which will involve the collection and physical treatment of stormwater before it enters Boca Ciega Bay and/or Clam Bayou
- Update the marina in phases

## Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke's Priorities (Ward One Councilman)



The vice mayor put upgrading the city marina at the top of the list. Here's the list of his priorities; the vice mayor also included a

lengthy explanation of his priorities, which you can read only online at TheGabber.com under "Gulfport News."

Here are the vice mayor's priorities:

- Marina upgrade
- Beach renourishment/replenishment [Not discussed during the workshop]

"Anything that makes it look like it did prior to the 90s," Vice Mayor Liedtke said. He'd like to see the beach come out as far as the Casino between the Williams pier and the Casino.

- Casino kitchen upgrade
- "We're subsidizing the Casino and I'd like to see us not have to do that," Vice Mayor Liedtke said.
- Employee healthcare costs
- Pending union contract negotiations
- Explore possibility for renting city hall space to private industry if the city moves the police station

## Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon's Priorities



Councilwoman Salmon listed the priorities below, although she told the Gabber "this is a first round; I have other concerns that are not necessarily

CIP [Capital Improvement Project] type projects."

Her priorities include:

- Five-year financial plan with a 20-year infrastructure plan, including a marina plan
- Infrastructure
- Marina
- Clam Bayou
- Upgrade parks and playgrounds

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**Ward Two Freshman Councilwoman Christine Brown's Priorities**



Top of the list for Councilwoman Brown? The marina.

"I want them all to be number one. But because the marina is a revenue producer I

think we should put it on top so we could bring in the fund to address the other items," she told the Gabber.

Her priorities include:

- Marina
- Infrastructure
- Clam Bayou

**Ward Four Freshman Councilman Michael Fridovich's Priorities**



Councilman Michael Fridovich wants the city to borrow \$5 million, something he said at the workshop and reiterated via e-mail to the Gabber.

"Money is cheap now," he said "Now is the time to make things happen here."

His priorities include:

- Create a five-year financial plan for the city
- Borrow \$5M to move police station, upgrade foliage, upgrade the marina, and replace some of the sewer infrastructure. He told the Gabber the marina upgrades he wanted to see included Harbormaster Denis Frain's list "excluding mooring balls."

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## Gulfport Sends Letter to the Boy Scouts of America

At last Thursday's city council workshop, Gulfport council agreed to send the following letter to the Boy Scouts of America. The letter will read as such:

Wayne Brock,  
Chief Scout Executive  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Council  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

March 21, 2013

*Mr. Brock;*

*We, the undersigned members of the City of Gulfport City Council, believe the Boy Scouts are a valuable community organization that in exposing young people to opportunities and leadership, continues to help educate and build character, all the while promoting the youth of America.*

*Understanding that the Boy Scouts of America is committed to a dialogue on its membership standards at the local and national levels and is listening to varying perspectives and concerns in the development of information for presentation to its National Executive Board, the undersigned feel that issues regarding membership standards should be determined at the local level.*

*The City of Gulfport opposes discrimination in all forms, and as such opposes the present policy that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation.*

*The National Council at their National Annual Meeting in May of this year should take action that would lift this national ban, but not reverse it, allowing each troop to decide for itself; adopting a national policy to allow individual packs and troops to establish their own non-discrimination policy.*

*Sincerely,*

*(Signed by the members of Gulfport city council)*

## Annual Spring Bonnet Tea

You don't want to miss the "Centennial" Spring Bonnet Tea on Sunday, April 7th from 3-5 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isla Blvd. N.E. A tasty selection of sandwiches and sweets will be served. In keeping with the 100th Anniversary theme, a special Vintage and Contemporary Fashion Show by "So Chic" will be the featured program. The cost is \$10 per person. Sunday dress attire suggested and hats are encouraged. Proceeds of the event to benefit the Historical Building Restoration Fund. For reservations, call 727-527-3250 or email: behamsah@msn.com.

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## Red Hot Beach Nuts News

On March 13th, 34 ladies with the Red Hot Beach Nuts of Gulfport, took a ride to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. Transportation was provided by All Florida Transportation. Mermaids have been entertaining visitors for over 60 years and what show they put on! The group also enjoyed the Wilderness River cruise and Animal Show which took place at the Riverside Theater. Their next outing will be to Sunken Gardens on April 9th.

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Excerpts heard at the March 21, 2013

## Gulfport City Council Workshop

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

*"We've always been a 'pay as you go' city... [but] If you're going to borrow money, now is the time to do so."* – Mayor Sam Henderson, about Councilman Michael Fridovich's assertion that the city should borrow \$5M.

*"I'm not too excited about going after – out of the blue – a five million dollar loan."*

– Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon

*"I can see both sides of the borrowing story."* – Councilwoman Christine Brown

*"Do you have a lot of cash? Of course. I can't tell you [how to spend it]... staff did a great job last year saving money."* – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, to the council

*"I know there's some dips in the road that keep getting filled in and I know there's something going on."* – Councilwoman Christine Brown about the sewer system

*"Organization costs would eat a lot of your principal."* – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about using bonds to make improvements.

*"If you're going to be serious about 49th, you've got to do this."* – Councilman Michael Fridovich, about moving the police station to 49th Street

*"Are you using the five million just to throw out there?"* – Mayor Sam Henderson, asking Councilman

Michael Fridovich how he arrived at the five million dollar number

*"What's a realistic amount of replacement to get done over a year?"* – Mayor Sam Henderson, to Public Works Don Sopak, about repairing the sewers

*"I can put as much in the ground as you got."* – Public Works Director Don Sopak

*"Beyond that I'm asking Santa Claus for too many presents."* – Mayor Sam Henderson, after listing his top priorities for the city

*"I think we should just get the letter and move on to city business, and get these things out of the way."* – Councilman Michael Fridovich, about a letter to the Boy Scouts of America regarding its policy regarding not allowing homosexual volunteers or members

*"We want to deal with business we can actually make an impact in"* – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about issues before council

*"I don't want to have anybody abused... city council, city staff, a Gulfport resident, or business."* – Mayor Sam Henderson, about public comment

*"There's a certain amount of civility... when you walk through those doors. You run for public office for reasons, but you don't run for public office to*

*be a dartboard for disgruntled citizens... You want to sit there and call me names, fine, but do it in a nice way."* – Councilman Michael Fridovich, about public comment during city meetings

*"I think some people come to public comment to get their name in the Gabber."*

– Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke

*"It's the least used way people can bring their issues forward."* – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about public comment

*"We work for them and if someone wants to come up here... if someone has something to say, I want them to say it. [So... I'm officially] backpedaling."* – Mayor Sam Henderson, about what people should discuss during the public session and whether or not the city should limit it to things relevant to the city of Gulfport. He cited an example given by Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon about helping people who turned to the city when they didn't realize they had other options.

*"I don't think this is a bully pulpit."* – Mayor Sam Henderson, about public comment

*"When something crosses that line ... that's where that's got to stop. I would like to see that not be a warning, but you just expired your opportunity to speak."* – Mayor Sam Henderson, about public comment

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: WRD

**Q:** What was the logic behind the 1992 decision to allow certain businesses downtown and not allow others? Can the current council change that ordinance?

**A:** "I cannot speak to the city council's logic in 1992," City Manager Jim O'Reilly said. "I can, professionally speaking, infer that the city of Gulfport at that time wanted to maintain control of the type or types of businesses that were permitted in the city's Waterfront Redevelopment District."

The current council could change what types of businesses and conditional uses the city allows in the Waterfront Redevelopment District.

## Fashion Show to Benefit Alzheimer's Association

A fashion show to benefit the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will take place at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Avenue S., on Saturday, April 20, from 1-3 p.m. Fountains residents will model styles by Bon Worth and assorted local retailers will offer accessories for onsite purchase. The event is open to the public and the suggested donation to attend is five dollars. For reservations or more information, call The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay at 727-381-5411.

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## Local Obituaries

**KING, ROBERT G.**, 74, formerly of Gulfport, Florida, passed in peace from the loving arms of his family to the loving arms of Jesus on March 22, 2013. Bob was born Sept. 2, 1938. Bob moved to Florida in 2003 and was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church where he served as church treasurer. In 2009, Bob moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family. There will be a memorial service for Bob on March 27, 2013 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Appleton WI. To read the complete obituary please go to [www.wichmannfargo.com](http://www.wichmannfargo.com).



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**POLEDRI, ROSE MARIE L.**, passed away on Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. She leaves behind her spouse and soul mate Joe after 40 years and daughter Rose Marie. Also other family members and many wonderful friends. She lived in Town Shores but she was a Brooklyn, NY girl forever. As her spouse and partner, I lost the love of my life and she took a big part of me with her the day she went to be with the Good Lord. Oh, how I miss her! There will be a memorial service on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 1000 55th Street S. in Gulfport.

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**SCIAN, SUZANNE BACH**, of Pass-A-Grille, died on March 11, 2013. She was 81 years old. Born in Utica, NY, she moved to St. Petersburg with her family in 1968, and in 1975 became a Pass-A-Grille resident. She loved the beach, books, Star Trek, her family and close friends. She will be sorely missed. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Marge Bach of Pass-A-Grille; her sister, Gretchen Fletcher of Sun City, AZ; her 4 children, Barbara, Michael, and Amy Scian, and Deborah Leadbetter; her 6 grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and their families. For a complete obituary, go to [www.beachmemorial.com](http://www.beachmemorial.com).



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He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 20 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

"Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through," said Sanders. "Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive

health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

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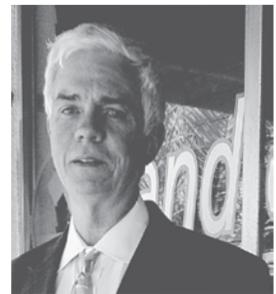
Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Internet Cafes. A Matter of Price?

What's the big fuss about the Internet Cafes? What am I missing? I can't say I was shocked a couple of weeks ago when the big crack down/close down happened, but I was surprised by the wholehearted support the move got from the political class. Yeah. I know both political parties were and are embarrassed that they took gobs of money from organizations fronting for Allied Veterans of the World, the supposed charity that was behind most of the operations. That embarrassment is deserved if only because no one questioned the source of the money. I wasn't surprised by that either.

However, it was like overnight that what was legal became illegal and everyone was against it. Feds and the state moved in and announced what everyone has known for years: Internet Cafes are really gambling joints. It works something like this: you pay for the use of a computer supposedly to play games and earn some points and sometimes gifts and sometime participate in a sweepstakes. Of course, the games are really gambling games, not skill games, but games of chance, and you get paid for winning. Duh! Again, "surprise, surprise" as old Gomer

Pyle used to say.

The big hit was that the so-called charity wasn't much of a charity handing out only a fraction of the money they raised, but getting all the bennies one gets as a charity. Still, what's that have to do with gambling? The real emphasis should be on how to monitor charities to make certain they are, indeed, charities, and not job centers for people with clever ideas. Just so you don't misread this. I'm not a gambler. I don't mind a bet, or a competitive card game, but I'm not turned on by gambling. At best, it's a bit of entertainment and almost always a costly bit of entertainment. The house always wins. I used to be really opposed to organized, regulated gambling, but I don't care now, one way or the other. It's not something at which I lose my money.

Which brings me back to the Cafes. Why can I visit the Hard Rock Cafe, or Indian Casinos, or the horse racing or dog track, or place my money down on the state run lottery, but I can't go into some little cafe in a strip mall and use a computer to dip into a gambling game? What's the difference between this and the wide spread sports betting that goes on. Newspapers even print the odds for professional games. As for the Internet Cafes, there was a legislative bill a couple of years ago

that sought to regulate and tax the games. It didn't go anywhere, but all of a sudden the games are banned and people are in jail.

Why did the games exist all this time with little organized opposition? Maybe the political contributions helped. Maybe these were the payoffs, so to speak. Maybe there were other factors. Just maybe this is about competition and protection of the existing legalized structure. How much money goes into whose pockets from the legal industry? Does it make a difference and did it make a difference here? In fairness, some law enforcement agencies have consistently complained about the cafes and some legislators have been opposed, too. They're making their point now.

However, isn't there another point that the Cafes, if legalized, are potential tax sources, not to mention job sources, just like the other games? And, maybe there are some other games that could be added. I was in Japan once where they play a game called Pachinko, a name taken pretty much from the sounds the games make. It's like a vertical pinball machine with ball bearings cascading down the face, hitting pins, releasing more balls (or not hitting pins) and the more balls you get the higher the score. The noise is overwhelming as well as mesmerizing. The places are packed although cash payouts are illegal. The trick is that you get a token, walk outside, and cash in at some hole-in-the-wall a few doors down.

Anyway, it would go over big here and would be a good complement to the Internet Cafes, if ruinous for your hearing.

The argument that we need to curtail gambling in the state, reminds me of the old story about the guy who asks the girl: "If I gave you a million dollars, would you go to bed with me?" The girl replies: "I'd do that." He then asks: "How about if I gave you \$50?" To which she replies: "What do you think I am? A whore".

To which he replies: "We've already established that. Now we're haggling price."

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## Springfest is all New this Year

The 19th annual Springfest will move to the green and tree-covered expanse of Gulfport's 7.5 acre Clymer Park along the Beach Blvd. approach to the City's historic waterfront district. Springfest will take place on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The theme of the event is also new this year, introducing Springfest as a "Garden, Art and Faerie Festival." For one day only, the park will be transformed into an "enchanted village" inhabited by costumed faeries, sprites, gnomes, ogres and trolls. Renaissance-era characters, gypsies, minstrels, wizards and roving entertainers in costume will also stroll through the event. All visitors are encouraged to join in the spirit of Springfest by donning wings, faerie-tale finery, Renaissance flair or any imagination-inspired attire. A costume contest will take place to recognize the most colorfully-clad visitors.

The event is free, family and dog-friendly, and open to the public. Activities and entertainment for all ages will be offered. Live music will be performed throughout the day. A wide variety of activities and entertainment will include a May pole dance, a labyrinth, magic shows, a treasure hunt and scavenger hunt. A children's area will offer many activities including tiara-making, face painting, pixie dusting, bubble blowing, a "faerie fight" and more. Live performances of "Makin' Larvae," a short "honey bee love story" by Kenny Silkie will take place during four shows. Vendors will offer live garden plants, garden art, flowers, herbs, Renaissance-period items, clothing, jewelry, art, hand-made crafts and more. Assorted food and drink vendors will be on hand, and an enchanted beer garden will offer adult beverages.

Free parking is available on site and free trolley rides to and from off-site parking will be offered. Springfest is customized by SIK Promotions and is hosted by the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce. Co-sponsors include the City of Gulfport, the

Gulfport Merchants Association and other community groups. For more information, visit and "like" Springfest on Facebook: ([www.facebook.com/GulfportSpringfest](http://www.facebook.com/GulfportSpringfest)) or call 727-322-5217.

Vendor space and sponsorship opportunities for Springfest are still available. Applicants may include, but are not limited to: faerie theme, fantasy, Renaissance, plants and gardening, garden art, artists, craftspersons, food and beverages, corporate sponsors, and 501(c)(3) children's non-profits. Chamber members will receive a discount. All merchants are asked to decorate their displays with a theme appropriate for the event, including faeries, fantasy, gardens, Renaissance or medieval periods. The merchandise itself need not be themed. Apply here: <http://suzieking.com/applicants/spring/gulfport-springfest>.

Clymer Park is located at 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport.

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## Women's Club Winds Down

The last meeting of the Gulfport Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in the Town Shores Clubhouse Auditorium.

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This meeting is known for its small bites pot luck lunch provided by the members. A used jewelry sale will also be held with jewelry donated by the members in which all proceeds from our jewelry sale will go to "Operation Smile" for one smile.

Registration and used jewelry will begin at 12 (noon) followed by guest speaker Dr. Kristie Wallace from Albert White Hospital who will share information regarding their "Brown Bag Check Up. This is a program where one can share her meds which will be check for interactions.

Lunch will follow their speaker's program. Please R.S.V.P. if you plan on attending this interesting meeting by calling either Marcia at 384-0188 or Judy at 344-7558. They need your reserve by Monday April 8th.

Gulfport Women's club is a volunteer, not for profit organization whose goal is to better serve the children and seniors of Gulfport. They encourage and welcome new members to join. Meetings are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month from November to April. If interested in joining, please call Joan (345-5443) or send check made out to GWC, PO B 531274, St. Petersburg, FL 33747 for an annual membership.

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- Fraud/Forgery-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Domestic-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Trespass-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.

**Noise-** 4600 Blk Tifton Dr. S.

**Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Saturday 3/16**

**Animal Call-** 5600 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Noise-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

**Noise-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.

**Animal Call-** 2200 Blk Horan Way S.

**Reckless Driver-** 1600 Blk Royal Palm Dr.

**Person Under Influence-** 4900 Blk 20th Ave. S.

**Sunday 3/17**

**Disturbance-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.

- Vandalism-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Domestic-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.
- Trash Dump-** Newton Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Disturbance-** 30th Ave. & 56th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** Gulfport Blvd. & 54th St. S.
- Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Monday 3/18**
- DUI-** Beach & Shore Blvd. S.
- Disturbance-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Prowler-** 1600 Blk 60th St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5500 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 5300 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 6200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 3/19**
- Theft-** 1600 Blk Hull St. S.
- Panhandler-** 1900 Blk 53rd Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
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- Civil Matter-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Wednesday 3/20**
- Noise-** 54th St. & 16th Ave. S.

- Prowler-** 1600 Blk 60th St. S.
- Domestic-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
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## Meeting for Charter School on the Beach

Academy by the Sea is a proposed public charter school for St. Pete Beach and surrounding communities, serving grades 4 through 8. They will hold their monthly public meeting on April 16 at 7 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center, Second Level, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach and everyone interested is invited. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Introduction
- Review of school's mission and goals
- Discussion of school admission policies
- Update on charter application, facility, budget and finances, fundraising/pledge party, search for corporate supporters
- New Ideas for Public Awareness
- Questions and Answer

Please visit [academybythesea.com](http://academybythesea.com) and like Academy by the Sea on Facebook. If you have questions, please contact them at [info@academybythesea.com](mailto:info@academybythesea.com).

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## Intermediate Spanish

This 6 week session will be held on Monday's from April 15-May 20. The fee is \$10 per class and is held in the Art room at the Gulfport Recreation center from 7:45-8:45 p.m. For more information please contact the instructor by email at: [tutoring@conversationalspanishnow.com](mailto:tutoring@conversationalspanishnow.com).

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## Animal Services needs Teen Volunteers

Pinellas County Animal Services is seeking responsible teen volunteers to help leader volunteers with dog walking. Teens must be between the ages of 16 and 18 and must commit to 12 hours per week at the shelter. The eight-week program will begin on Monday, June 10, and end on Friday, August 16.

Pinellas County Animal Services Teen Program is designed to prepare teens in the community for future leadership roles, create a sense of motivation and teach invaluable skills that will enable teens to grow into responsible young adults. By working at the shelter, teens will be prepared for the work force, gain hands-on

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experience and earn community service hours for graduation.

Students can download an online application at the Pinellas County Animal Services website at [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/volunteer.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/volunteer.htm) or complete the application at the Pinellas County Animal Services shelter located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Applications must be received by Saturday, April 13. Space in the program is limited.

Orientation training is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, and dog walking

training with a lead volunteer is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29. The program requires a commitment of 12 hours per week for three days a week. Morning and afternoon four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. Saturday shifts are available in the mornings only as the shelter closes early.

Contact the Animal Services Volunteer Coordinator at 727-582-2675 or [animalvolunteers@pinellascounty.org](mailto:animalvolunteers@pinellascounty.org).

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## Alternatives to Sweetbay Pharmacy

Pinellas County's Health and Human Services department reports that 3,500 Pinellas County Health Program customers have been affected by the closing of nine Sweetbay supermarkets in Pinellas County in mid February.

Clients who were getting prescription medications filled at Sweetbay stores that have closed in Pinellas County will need to find another pharmacy for that service within the PCHP network.

Health and Human Services advises clients to bring new prescriptions or transfer existing prescriptions to any other open Sweetbay store or to any one of the independent pharmacies within the PCHP network.

- ASAP Pharmacy, 8609 66th St. N., Suite C, Pinellas Park, 727-548-9170

- Community Specialty Pharmacy, 2215 MLK St., S., St. Petersburg, 727-896-0001

- Garon Pharmacy, 8000 Fourth St. N., St. Petersburg, 727-577-3170

- G&H Pharmacy, 8091 66th St. N., Pinellas Park, 727-209-9999

- HealthMed Pharmacy, 1839 Central Ave., #101, St. Petersburg, 727-894-3001

- The Prescription Shoppe, 600 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg, 727-822-4546

- Prime RX Pharmacy, 5985-B 49th St. N., St. Petersburg, 727-522-3222

- Urban Specialty Pharmacy, 3535 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, 727-327-9881

Network pharmacies are prepared to transfer prescription records or fulfill new requests as quickly as possible. Clients of PCHP can call the Health and Human Services department for more information at 727-464-8400.

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## Gulfport Lions Golf Tournament

The Gulfport Lions will be holding their first ever "Mulligan Open" golf tournament on Saturday, September 14th at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club. Registration is open to all golfers looking to have a great time. Registration fee is \$90 per golfer or \$360 per team. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

This is a Gulfport Lions activities project, with all net proceeds raised to be allocated to their community outreach programs. Especially earmarked for this activity is their Christmas toy shop and holiday food voucher program, which helps so many during the holiday season.

Entry fee into the tournament will include a \$25,000 hole in one contest, (with three other hole in one contest scheduled during the round), as well as other competitions during the course of play. A Southern style BBQ (other food options pending sponsorships) will be served after the round (including a roast pig) at the Lions Clubhouse where they will be having raffles, drawings, silent auctions and payoffs. Clubhouse location is 4630 Tifton Drive S., Gulfport.

They are currently looking for sponsorships/donations on many levels, from tournament sponsors to hole sponsors, to drink cart sponsors. There are so many opportunities to sponsor this great event that they can find one to fit your business/ budget needs. Remember, all proceeds go to their community outreach programs and may be tax deductible.

Please make sure you plan to be a part of this new Lions Club event. Ask any of your Lion friends for more information regarding registration and/or sponsoring, or contact Smokey Clark at 727-323-0116 or fclark89@tampabay.rr.com.

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## Toddler Story Time

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Liam Ahlschwede, 2½, looks for ghosts to bust in his Ghostbusters costume. His dad, one of the local Ghostbusters, had a similar costume. The Ahlschwedes live in St. Petersburg.



An instructor on hand showed the crowd how to line dance to songs such as "Achy Breaky Heart" and "Electric Slide."

## Events at Main Library

On Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m., Jim Schnur, archivist and librarian at USF-St. Petersburg, will discuss his new book, *Historic Pinellas County: A Centennial History*. He was the Pinellas County Historical Society's official historian of the centennial of independence from Hillsborough County (1912-2012).

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## Music in the Afternoon Returns

"Music in the Afternoon" is back! This event is free and open to all. The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, will be hosting this event on Sunday, April 21st from 2-4 p.m. This casual afternoon will feature light refreshments and plenty of dancing and socializing to the classic music of "The Rhythm Kings." If you are interested in attending please call the Community Center at 727-363-9245.

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## Beginning Spanish

This 8 week session for beginners will be held on Mondays from April 8-May 27. The fee is \$10 per class and is held in the Art room at the Gulfport Recreation center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information please contact the instructor by email at : [tutoring@conversationspanishnow.com](mailto:tutoring@conversationspanishnow.com).

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## Post 125

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm  Dinner 4:30-6:30pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am	No Lunch Served	Lunch 11-3  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

The Legion Riders meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

We invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas.

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9 a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

Dinners are now served 4-30-6:30 Friday and Saturday.

Rock-n-roll Dance Sat., April 20th.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Election of officers' nominations will be held April 9th at 7p.m. All offices are open. Members whose dues are paid are eligible for nomination. You must be present. Please think about the role you could have in the upcoming year! Voting will be held in May.

## Post 305

**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm  Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Stan Johnson 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Easter	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Dee Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Pizza available All Day	Dinner 6-8pm

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# Police officer knows rough spots, hidden gems of Midtown

By Chelsea Tatham



Almost two years ago, Officer Mike Geil says, he was almost killed in a fight while trying to arrest a man. He has jumped fences to catch people and seen the results of gruesome violence. He was even at the front of the house where a man being served a warrant murdered two fellow St. Petersburg Police officers in January 2011.

Four nights a week, Geil, 30, patrols the streets of District 1, a sprawling area of south St. Petersburg bound by Central Avenue to the north and 34th Street South to the west. He spends much of his time in Midtown.

Midtown is torn by a struggle between "people who want to make their community better and those who just don't care," says Geil, a six-year veteran of the police department who was born and raised in St.

Petersburg.

He is concerned about the impact the closing of the Sweetbay supermarket will have on a community that the city and community leaders spent millions of dollars and countless hours trying to revitalize.

That revitalization includes a post office and GTE Credit Union and improvements or restoration to Midtown landmarks like the Manhattan Casino, Royal Theater and Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum.

Geil is worried that the closing of Sweetbay will be a stepback in the revitalization process.

After the Sweetbay opened, he noticed a small decline in the number of people "just hanging out." It is important for any community to have family-owned businesses, he said, but many small-business owners in Midtown don't shoo away loiterers for fear of losing business.

"Having the majority of a community be small, corner stores and liquor stores invites loitering and crime," he said. "And it makes the place look bad."

Despite seeing all the problems in the neighborhood-- Geil has learned to separate from the negativity and has found

what he calls "hidden gems" within Midtown.

One of his hangout spots is the Duncan McClellan Glass studio and gallery at 550 24th St. S. The studio and gallery, part of a warehouse district-turned arts mecca, features many national and international artists and works like vases, sculptures, pottery and giant insects made of metal and colored glass. Owner Duncan McClellan is proud of his former fish and tomato packing plant transformed into a space for art.

McClellan is known nationwide for his galleries and art. He frequently hosts parties, dinners and art exhibits at his studio and welcomes the police who patrol the neighborhood.

"I'm thankful for their service in the area," McClellan said. "They are always welcomed here."

Another gem, Geil says, is one of the oldest cemeteries in St. Petersburg. The Greenwood Cemetery, on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Street South and 11th Avenue South, has graves dating back to the late 1800s. Off to the left of the entrance is a Civil War memorial where Union and Confederate soldiers are buried side by side.

The original keepers of the

cemetery, the Cunninghams, were all born in the late 1800s and are buried in the cemetery in a large granite tomb.

In the middle of the cemetery near the family graves is a tall statue of the Virgin Mary as a headstone. Engraved on the bottom is the phrase "The spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

Some officers in District 1 like to hang out in the cemetery waiting for calls. "I have some friends, some of them officers too, who like to do ghost hunts in here," Geil said.

Geil said there are people who have been born and raised in this area who are stuck in their ways and don't want their lives or their community to change. But he said there are many community members who work hard to keep their community improving.

During his years as an officer for Midtown, Geil says, he has seen things that could have made him lose faith in humanity. At first it was hard for him not to take home his work experiences. But he has grown as both an officer and a person, he says, and now he is able to separate duty and home life.

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## Enter "The Life of a Tree" Contest

The Sunshine Center hosts a photography and essay contest for St. Petersburg residents with \$1,000 in cash and gift prizes. Prizes will be given to the top three submissions with photo accounting for 75% and accompanying essay at 25% of the total score. The photo must be of a Jacaranda tree in full bloom. Jacarandas bloom March to mid-May and have distinct lavender flowers. The essay must be in relation to the title "The Life of a Tree" and not longer than one page/250 words. Photos will be judged on composition, clarity, beauty, size and juxtaposition to the tree's surroundings. Photos must represent the natural setting of the tree – no alterations please. The essay will be judged on fresh concept, figurative language, and ideas that may appeal to the imagination or engage the reader's senses. To enter, submit a matted 8"x10" photo with your contact information and the tree location along with the essay to the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street N., St. Petersburg, 33701. Free entry. Winners will be announced at a reception to be held at the Sunshine Center on Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m. Please call 727-893-7190 or e-mail sally.marvin@stpete.org for more information, if needed. Deadline for entries: April 25, 2013.

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churches, neighborhood associations, military groups, police, and many more. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street N. on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. Certificates for all nominees and prizes for the inductees will be awarded at that time. Please call 727-893-7101 for an application or visit the website [www.stpeteparksrec.org/office-on-aging.html](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/office-on-aging.html) for an on-line application. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2013.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## What are the Responsibilities of a Successor Trustee?

The use of a revocable living trust allows the beneficiaries of a trust to receive the assets of a deceased trust settlor without requiring formal Probate Court approval. A named successor trustee in a trust document has certain responsibilities which should be performed in the administration of the trust. Some of the ordinary and necessary steps which a successor trustee should take in lawful and proper trust administration are:

A. The trust document should be reviewed for legal sufficiency and interpretation as well as each trust amendment;

B. The implementation of the substitution of the successor trustee should be accomplished;

C. Interested persons concerning the administration of the trust should be served with the required notices in a proper and timely fashion;

D. A successor trustee has a legal duty to protect, insure and manage trust assets and may have liability for the improper accomplishment of these legal duties;

F. A successor trustee has an affirmative duty to invest trust assets in accordance with the prudent investor rule;

G. A successor trustee is responsible to make any contributions due to the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate in order to pay for creditor claims, administrative expenses and/or estate taxes;

H. A successor trustee has an obligation to inform and account to beneficiaries of the trust in a manner that is lawfully documented;

I. A successor trustee has a responsibility to make payment or compromise any claims made by

J. A successor trustee is required to identify and file all tax returns in a timely and proper manner and is liable to ensure that all due taxes are paid;

K. A successor trustee is required to obtain a nontaxable certificate if the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate has not obtained the nontaxable certificate from the State of Florida;

L. A successor trustee is required to distribute income and/or principal to beneficiaries of the deceased settlor's trust and is required to fund any further trusts provided for in the trust document; and

M. A successor trustee is obligated to perform all trust administration responsibilities as a fiduciary and should avoid self-dealing, prejudice or conflicts of interest. A successor trustee has a duty of impartiality in the performance of obligations to the trust beneficiaries.

The above is only a partial list of the duties of a successor trustee after a settlor of a trust passes on. Most of the successor trustee's duties should be accomplished with the guidance and assistance of competent legal counsel.

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# Pet Motel Pampers Pets

By Cathy Salustri



We all love our dogs, no question about it. We love to take them with us – to the park, on a drive, or to the beach. But sometimes man's best friend can't come with us. In those cases, you want people watching over your trusted companion who care about your dog as much as you do.

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"A lot of places charge extra for playtime; I can't do that. It's a flat fee, and it's my choice. If a dog wants to play, I will allow it if I feel the dog is ready," Kristen says. She doesn't base "if I feel the dog is ready" on her gut; she's a trained vet tech, and she knows that before two dogs fight, there are 64 signs they have that indicate a problem.

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We could go on about how happy all the dogs seemed when we toured the pet motel, but there's a lot more to Pasadena Pet Motel than boarding. Sure, your pet gets the royal treatment when you let her stay there, but you can also benefit from their services. If you hate to bathe your dog, they can groom him for you. They also groom cats, which, if you're a cat owner, can be a godsend when your furry feline finds a patch of oil in the yard.

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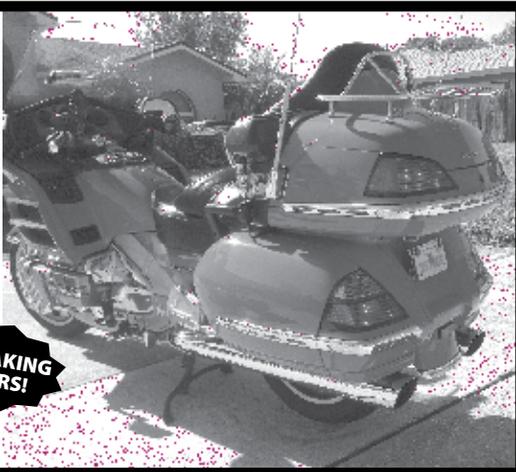
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City Clerk's Office

April 2013

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| April 2, 2013  | <b>Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm             |
| April 3, 2013  | <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Board</b><br>6:30 pm |
| April 4, 2013  | <b>City Council Workshop</b><br>4:00 pm       |
| April 10, 2013 | <b>Teen Council</b><br>4:45 pm                |
|                | <b>Board of Adjustment</b><br>6:30 pm         |
| April 16, 2013 | <b>Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm             |

All meetings are open to the public and are held in City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2401 53rd St. S., unless otherwise noted. Meetings may occasionally be added, cancelled or rescheduled after this list is published.

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**Pain:**

'Heavy', aching, or tired legs; painful calves....legs that feel 'older' than they should. You need an ultrasound evaluation. Remember - most vein problems are hidden – like icebergs.



**Blue Feet:** ('corona phlebectasia').

Blue veins at the foot and ankle indicates something is wrong –usually a failed greater saphenous vein. Get an ultrasound now. We will prevent further deterioration of your legs.



**Swollen Ankles:**

Swelling, increasing at the end of the day or when traveling. (90% venous etiology). Failure of vein valves is a much more common cause of swollen feet and ankles than cardiac and renal issues. Diuretics ('water pills') do not fix the cause of the problem. Vein treatment can.



**Cramps or Restlessness:**

Night cramps, 'Charley horses', nocturnal muscle cramping. (90% venous etiology). Medications and minerals might mask the problem but vein treatment will fix it. Night-time restlessness (and kicking) is often caused by venous failure – you need an ultrasound.



**Skin Changes:**

Red/brown discoloration, ulceration, eczema, itching & burning. When vein valves fail, the capillaries below are under pressure and leak fluid, protein and blood cells. The skin becomes sickened and discolored. Treatment will stop this progressive deterioration of your legs.



**Surface Veins: Spider (red), Reticular (blue) and Varicose Veins:**

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