Hello Neighbors and Happy June!

This is the time of year when our minds turn to all the great things we have come to enjoy as part of Summer in St Pete. The kids are out of school, everyone is spending time around pools and at the beach, the St Pete pride festival is right around the corner, and we are officially starting Hurricane Season.

Below is more information about hurricane season in general but I would be remiss if I didn't mention that one of the most important things you can do to prepare by making sure you have adequate flood insurance coverage on your home. I am heading to DC today to speak at the National Flood Conference about the importance of protecting yourself and having coverage even if you are in an X Flood Zone! I cannot stress it enough, X IS A FLOOD ZONE! Across the country we are seeing historical flooding in areas where people do not have coverage because they believed they didn't need it. If you are the victim of a flood and you do not have coverage, the average grant you can get from FEMA to rebuild is around $5000. What can you do with that?

The good news is that coverage in X Zones is very inexpensive and can be secured with your insurance agent at any time as long as there is not a named storm currently being tracked. So call your agent today and don't wait. Once we have a storm on the way it will be too late and it could be the costliest mistake you ever make!

I wish you all a happy and safe June!

Brandi

The 2019 Hurricane Season
June 1st to November 30th

The National Weather Service defines a hurricane as a "tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher." Hurricanes are rated according to intensity of sustained winds on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.

The 1-5 scale estimates potential property damage. A Category 3 or higher is considered a major hurricane. The National Hurricane Center advises preparedness:
- A hurricane watch indicates the possibility that a region could experience hurricane conditions within 48 hours.
- A hurricane warning indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours.

**Complete Hurricane Guide:** Click [HERE](#) for the complete Pinellas County Guide

**Know Your Zone:** Click [HERE](#) and enter your address for the most current information on your evacuation zone, shelter locations and EMS providers.

**Special Needs Shelters & Registration:** Click [HERE](#) for a list of special needs shelter locations and how to register in advance.

**Prepare for your Pet:** Click [HERE](#) for a list of Pet friendly shelters, pet supply list and preparation tips.

**Tax Free Holiday:** Now through June 6th Floridians can save money on much needed supplies for the 2019 Hurricane season. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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**Business Spotlight: Omnicell**

Omicell, Inc., a leading provider of medication management solutions and adherence tools for healthcare systems and pharmacies, had its Grand Re-Opening on May 1, 2019 showcasing its new Center of Excellence in North St. Petersburg.

Omicell is an industry leader in medication adherence solutions through robotics, software, packaging, and an enhanced customer briefing experience. Not only does the company take care of its customers it also takes care of its employees.

The new Omnicell Center of Excellence runs three shifts a day with over 250 full time employees. They offer a best-in-class wellness program designed to promote a healthy lifestyle. Exercise challenges, on-site gym facilities, and health coaching are just a few of their many exciting resources that support wellness. After all, they’re dedicated to improving healthcare for everyone, and they believe this goal starts with helping to improve the health of their own employees.

Council Member Brandi Gabbard spoke at the ribbon cutting pointing out that “Investment in new technologies and new products is an important source of economic growth for our region. Omnicell’s investment in healthcare technology and robotics here in St. Pete aligns with our Grow Smarter initiative by adding jobs in one of our five major industry sectors.”

We in District 2 are happy to re-welcome Omnicell to St. Petersburg where the sun shines on all who come to live, work and play.

Omicell offices are located at 2003 Gandy Blvd. N, St. Petersburg, Fl 33702.
HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!!!

St Pete Pride Celebration  
June 21-23, 2019  
Expected to draw more than 250,000, the St Pete Pride Celebration will again be the largest community event of the year. Residents and visitors will come together in a celebration of inclusion and love while enjoying a weekend of live performances, the largest Pride parade in the Southeast, community booths, art and fantastic food. Here are the main events but many others will take place all across town throughout the month. For more information please visit the St Pete Pride Website Here

June 21  
Concert  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
North Straub Park  
400 Bayshore Dr NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

June 22  
Parade  
2:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
St. Petersburg Waterfront  
375 Bayshore Dr. NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

June 23  
Festival  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Grand Central District  
2227 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Summer Reading Program

St. Petersburg Library System Summer Reading Launches on June 1  
Summer Reading 2019, presented by the St. Petersburg Library System, launches this June with two blast-off parties at the Main Library at 3745 9th Ave N. This year’s theme, A Universe of Stories, is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.  

All Ages Summer Reading Blast-Off Party: Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m.  
The opening party for all ages will include:  
- Distribution of the Summer Reading activity packet
Performance by DoDad’s Lab, a science-based children’s entertainer
Crafts in the Storytime room
Announcement of bookmark awards from Children’s Book Week

**Teen Summer Reading Blast-Off Party**: Thursday, June 6 at 5 p.m.

The opening party for teens will include:
- Distribution of the Summer Reading activity packet
- Caricature artist
- Crafts, video games and board games
- Light refreshments

Summer Reading runs June 1-August 4 and includes programming for infants through high schoolers at St. Petersburg Libraries. Readers can expect to enjoy space-themed books and reading activities with prizes and the Mayor’s Reading Challenge with a drawing for a special prize.

This year, Main Library, James W. Johnson Community Library and South Community Library will host Summer BreakSpot, where children 18 and under can enjoy free lunch at no cost. **BreakSpot will run Monday - Friday, 12-1 p.m. from June 1 through August 9.**

For more information, visit [www.splibraries.org/](http://www.splibraries.org/) or call 727-892-5296.

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**Important Dates - FY20 Budget**

**Monday July 1st**
Pinellas County Property Appraiser certifies Preliminary Tax Roll

**Monday, July 15th**
Mayor submits recommended FY20 Budget to City Council

**Thursday, July 18th**
City Council adopts tentative millage rate; sets September FY20 Budget Public Hearings

**Thursday, September 5th**
First FY20 Budget Public Hearing - Sunshine Center
330 5th Street North

**Thursday, September 19th**
Second FY20 Budget Public Hearing - Sunshine Center
330 5th Street North

**Thursday, October 1st**
FY20 Budget Begins

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**Reclaimed Water Service Notice**

Customers may experience low reclaimed water pressure at various times of the day due to the increased demand of reclaimed water during the dry season. This temporary service interruption will resolve once it starts raining more frequently.
To get the most of your reclaimed water, it is recommended to water from 5 to 9 a.m. or 7 to 11 p.m. Watering during the heat of the day is inefficient as much of the water is lost to evaporation and wind drift.

There are no City-wide restrictions on reclaimed water used for irrigation, but reclaimed water customers are asked to water no more than three days per week. Even numbers addresses should irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and odd numbers should irrigate on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

For more information, contact Water Resources at 727-892-5111 or 727-893-7261.

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**Summer Move Update**

On **June 17, 2019** the City Council and Mayor's office will be temporarily relocating to the old Police Department building while City Hall receives some needed renovations.

Beginning in **July** all public meetings will be held at the **Sunshine Center**

330 5th St N.
St. Pete, 33701

Publicly televised meetings will take place in the auditorium.

Parking will be available on site
Additional scheduling information will be available online at [stpete.org/meetingschedule](http://stpete.org/meetingschedule)

*St Petersburg City Council Annual Summer Break runs from June 17 to July 7, 2019*

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