DEPARTMENTS RELATED TO DAY-TO-DAY

Development Review Services Division: Elizabeth Abernethy, Manager; Shane Largent, Urban Forester
Contact: (727) 892-5498 or (727) 893-4249

- Review of Tree Removal Permits
- Review of Development Plans and Permits for compliance with Chapter 16 regulations

Development Review Services Division Procedures:
- Processing Tree removal permit applications
- Processing appeals to tree permit denials
- Review during DRC case processing
- Daily consultations regarding development proposals
- Review of residential and commercial development plans
- Handouts on tree preservation requirements and Grand Trees

Codes Compliance Department: Robert Gerdes, Director
Contact: (727) 893-7373 or Mayor’s Action Center (727) 893-7111

- Investigation of reports regarding tree removal
- Enforcement actions regarding Land Development Regulations

Pinellas County Water and Navigation: David Walker
Contact: (727) 453-3385

- Permits for Mangrove Trimming
- Investigation of Mangrove Trimming/Removal

Urban Planning & Historic Preservation Division: Derek Kilborn, Manager
Contact: (727) 893-7471

- Processing amendments to Land Development Regulations

Parks & Recreation Department, Forestry Division: William Olive, Linda Seufert
Contact: (727) 893-7317

- Trees on City property including parks and golf courses
- Right-of-way trimming and street overhangs as possible (no regular maintenance schedule), raise ups, alley ways as possible
- City Beautiful Commission Gift Tree Program 1997- 2015 & Gizella Kopsick Arboretum
- Memorial Tree Program
- Tree inventory, 2012 for parks and public right-of-ways
Office of Sustainability: Sharon Wright, Manager
Contact: (727) 551-3396
- Management of 2016 BP Settlement Fund Allocation ($500,000) for corridors
- Coordination with City Council Energy, Natural Resources, & Sustainability (ENRS) Committee

Stormwater, Pavement, and Traffic Operations: John Norris, Director; Cheryl Volkman, Ops Foreman/Arborist
Contact Mayor’s Action Center: (727) 893-7111
- Trees in medians, FDOT right-of-way, site-specific right-of-way depending on contract
- Palm tree trimming
- Utility right-of-way/Lake Maggiore fertilizer and landscape

COMMUNITY RELATED EFFORTS

City Beautiful Commission
- Assist and promote public programs/activities that will further the beautification and protection of the natural resources in and around St. Petersburg.
- Assist the Parks and Recreation Department with the initiating, planning, directing and coordinating of the following programs: the Annual City Beautiful Awards, the Gift Tree Program, and the Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum including the Brick Program.
- Assist with the formulation and implementation of City statutes and ordinances concerning property maintenance, beautification standards, signage and natural resources.
- Advise City Council in matters pertaining to the beautification of the city that will result in a more attractive and well-maintained city.
- Assist in any other function and duty assigned to it by the City Council.

St. Petersburg Residents & Business
- Responsible for trees in right-of-way (in front of house, business similar to requirement for mowing around sidewalk area, etc.)

St. Petersburg Sustainability Council (SPSC)
http://sustainstpete.org/
- “Year of Tree” and community engagement