



CITY CONNECTION

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NEW SOUTH PASADENA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The **New South Pasadena Civic Association** held its first meeting on Tuesday evening, September 6th in Hibiscus Hall in the City Hall building. The meeting, hosted by Donna Pietarinen and Pat Woulfe was attended by new members interested in participating in the revitalization of this organization. The goal is to become financially self-sufficient through fund raisers and membership while providing events and activities to be enjoyed by everyone in our city.

The first order of business was to develop a mission statement and prepare a brochure as a marketing tool to recruit new members and local businesses. Membership fees were determined as well. If you join now through December 31, 2016 the annual fee is \$10.00 per member. This amount will cover your membership through December 31, 2017! Effective January 1, 2017, the annual fee will be \$15.00 per member and \$25.00 per couple through December 31, 2017. If you are interested in joining our team, and we hope you are, please contact **Donna Pietarinen via email at d.pietarinen@gmail.com**.



Come and share your ideas, meet new people and become a member of this exciting team!

2016-2017 BUDGET

AND MILLAGE RATE ADOPTED

At the September 19th, 2016 Special Commission Meeting, the City Commission adopted a millage rate of 3.25.

A final budget for fiscal year 2016/2017 was also adopted and can be found on the city's website at www.mysouthpasadena.com.

SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS!

Sign up for e-news on the City's website to receive the latest news and future newsletters via email. Visit www.mysouthpasadena.com



NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION QUALIFYING PERIOD

The City of South Pasadena, Florida will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 for the election of two Commissioners. Qualifying begins at 12:00 noon on November 1, 2016 and ends at 12:00 noon on November 15, 2016. Candidates shall have been a resident of the city for one year and shall be a duly qualified elector of the city.

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall for anyone interested in becoming a candidate for the March 14, 2017 election. If you need further information, please call the City Clerk's office at 347-4171.

Employee "Spotlight" Natalie Leggette, Public Works



As you travel through our lovely City of South Pasadena, you notice all the flowers, trees and shrubs that are carefully placed and trimmed. For the past 26 years, this has been Natalie Leggette's life as the city's horticulturist. She retired from her career this September, she leaves a wonderful legacy of natural beauty for all to enjoy. Her team in the Public Works Department will continue to keep the city beautiful as they have done, but we will all miss seeing Natalie out there leading the way.

Natalie began her career in home licensed daycare and she worked at the Garden of Peace Lutheran Day School. She joined the City of South Pasadena in May, 1989 as a Maintenance Worker 1 and held several jobs up to her promotion to Supervisor of Horticulture in 1997. She also holds a degree in horticulture from the Pinellas Technical Education Center. Natalie was instrumental in attaining grants for the city for Highway Beautification, Plant a Tree Fund and Florida Communities Trust Preservation 2000 and ACSC. She designed the Barbara Gilberg Habitat, the Traffic Island Median, Pasadena Avenue and Gulfport Blvd. Medians, the Shore Drive Entrance Median and selected the many urns, benches and trash receptacles around the city.

During her extensive career, Natalie received many awards for her dedication and hard work. She received the Award of Excellence from the Native Plant Society, Future of the Region Certificate of Excellence in the

Environmental Category from the Tampa Bay Regional Council, Certificate of Excellence from the Urban Forestry Council and Conservationist of the Year from the Audubon Society.

Natalie always agreed to share her knowledge with others. She hosted regular trips through the Barbara Gilberg Habitat for interested participants, addressed groups in City Hall on issues of horticulture, recycling and ways to maintain health and whenever asked, she visited other cities and shared with their residents and civic leaders as well.

Natalie tells us that horticulture has been her lifelong passion. She began at the age of 4 working with her dad and grandfather in vegetable and flower gardens as well as mowing lawns. She put her knowledge and experience to great use in her years with our city and it shows.

Now it is time for Natalie to embark on a well-deserved retirement. She plans to be busy at home with some projects, but will enjoy spending time with her husband, family members and grandchildren. She loves to travel and will now have time to do that. We will all remember Natalie for her many qualities: horticulturist, co-worker, teacher, environmentalist, partner, conservationist, designer and most of all friend. On behalf of everyone who works for the City and our residents and business partners, we wish Natalie health and happiness in her retirement and we all want to express our thanks to her for making our city the best "place in the sun" anywhere!



Mayor Max V. Elson

From the Mayor's Office

Greetings everyone!

In this newsletter, I want to take the opportunity to point out to our residents the extent to which your Commissioners are involved in county and regional projects and organizations. Four of our five Commissioners recently attended the annual Florida League of Cities annual conference in Hollywood, FL (unfortunately Commissioner Bruce Howry was unable to attend due to prior obligations). This event is an educational forum with speakers and workshops covering a wide range of issues germane to local government. Because of our Florida Sunshine Laws, we as members of the Commission cannot speak to each other outside a public meeting about any topic that might come before us in a vote. The conference allows us to interact and converse with officials from other cities that might have faced some of the same issues.



Mayor Elson with Oliver Kugler and Bill Priakos at a recent TDC meeting.

Following the election in March, I immediately became active in the Pinellas County Council of Mayors. Most of the 24 Mayors in Pinellas County actively participate. Through this organization I was honored to be appointed to the prestigious Pinellas County Tourist Development Council (TDC). This is a 10 member board that helps oversee where the millions of dollars of the TDC's budget are spent regionally, nationally and internationally. In addition, I was appointed to the EMS Advisory Council which analyzes the procedures and protocols of emergency medical services throughout Pinellas County. I am honored to have these opportunities to serve!

We are honored to have Vice Mayor Arthur Penny as the current President of the Suncoast League of Cities, an organization that brings together communities in Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties. Commissioner Bruce Howry is the current President of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, which works to promote Pinellas County's coastal communities and businesses. Commissioner Lari Johnson has recently been appointed to the Forward Pinellas Board which aligns resources and plans for transportation and development in Pinellas County. She also heads up the Business Revitalization Committee for South Pasadena. Commissioner Neidinger serves as a member of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, which brings together key officials to address regional needs and issues. She has also been instrumental in the effort to reenergize the South Pasadena Civic Association. As citizens of South Pasadena, your voices and concerns are well represented locally, regionally, and statewide. We are excited about these leadership positions and I look forward to updating you on future developments.

Mayor Max Elson

P.S. Be sure to check out the information on page 4 about upcoming charity walks sponsored by the Hope, Health, and Sunshine Foundation, a local organization that is dedicated to helping cancer patients. I encourage you to join in these fun events benefiting a terrific cause!

GET ELECTION READY!



Tuesday, October 11, is the deadline to register to vote in the November 8 General Election. All voters are encouraged to Get Election Ready and update their voter information – including changes to their address, name and signature – prior to casting their ballot.

All Pinellas County voters will receive a 2-sided ballot with 11 ballot questions for the General Election. Voters are encouraged to request their mail ballot today and take advantage of the convenience of voting in the comfort of their home! Visit www.VotePinellas.com/MailBallot, call 727-464-VOTE (8683) or email MailBallot@VotePinellas.com.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Department News: **Fire Prevention Week** is the 7 days from Sunday to Saturday that includes October 9, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed 17,400 buildings and burned 2,000 acres. It’s a week to address fire safety issues in your home, but there’s no reason to wait until October to plan for safety.

Safety Tips: Newer smoke detectors have long-lasting 10 year batteries. If you have older smoke detectors, change the batteries twice a year. Smoke detectors save lives, but only if they are working. Also, have a plan to get out of your home if there is a fire: if the main entrance is blocked by smoke or flame, how will you get out? And how will you know if everyone else in the home has made it out safely? If you need help with this, contact the Fire Department at 344-1666 and ask about EDITH – Exit Drills In The Home.

Sheriff’s Department Tips: Here are some tips for keeping safe while at home: **Lights:** Leave at least one light on inside and out when you are away on a trip. **Unwanted Calls:** Do not give out personal information. **Internet Scams:** These have become more and more prevalent. When making a purchase online, make sure the site is secure before giving out your credit card number. **Strangers at the door:** Use a peephole, if possible; do-not open the door to strangers, unexpected repair people or those with deliveries; always ask for a company ID and call to verify if you are suspicious.

If you need to speak with a deputy from the Sheriff’s Department regarding a non-emergency issue, please call them directly at 727/582-6200. If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

169-25. ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Specific prohibitions. Any discharge to the stormwater system containing sewage, oil, or petroleum products, grass clippings, fertilizers, paints or paint solvents, industrial waste or other waste materials or containing any materials in violation of federal, state, county or municipal laws, rules, regulations, orders or permits is prohibited.

**Stormwater 24-Hour Watchline
464-5060**

Contact:
Chip Heintz, cheintz@pinellascounty.org
Bill Sova, wsova@pinellascounty.org
727-464-4425



Be a part of a local effort to support cancer patients!

The Hope, Health, and Sunshine Foundation is a local 501(c)3 charity organization that works to provide support and donations to cancer patients. Founded by Justin Doyle of the Horse and Jockey British Pub, the group raises funds through events and donations in order to provide things like gift cards and toys to cancer patients in the area. Please consider participating in their upcoming events!

Sunday, November 6th, 2016

5th Annual “To the Moon and Back” Walk
(17 mile walk to downtown St. Pete and back)

2nd Annual Todd’s Walk
(2 mile walk throughout South Pasadena)

To register, donate or find more information, please visit www.hhsfoundation.org



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

By, Arthur Penny, Vice-Mayor & Director of Community Improvement

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Community Improvement Department has been very busy - all of the Business Tax renewals have been completed and mailed. We are in the process of reviewing new software for business taxes, permitting and code enforcement. Palms of Pasadena Hospital has been issued their permit(s) and have started work.

But, most importantly, we have completed the annual Community Rating System (CRS) audit for 2016. This information is required to maintain our CRS rating of 7 which equates to a 15% reduction in flood insurance policies for all of our residences and community associations.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT - FAQ'S

Q: When performing work inside my house, what needs a permit?

A: A permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, remove or demolish any building, structure or part thereof.

- All new construction work requires a building permit.
- All existing construction work if altered requires a building permit.
- The following repair/replacement projects always require a permit (to name a few): Water heater change out, A/C change out, Heat pump/heater recovery change out, Tub/shower pan change out, Electrical service change out/repair, All repairs due to a fire.

You may contact the Community Improvement Department prior to the start of a project to discuss building code requirements or possible exceptions to a building permit our number is [727-343-4192](tel:727-343-4192).

Q: Why is obtaining a building permit of benefit to me as a homeowner?

A: When a permit is submitted to the Community Improvement Department, it is reviewed to see that it meets established minimum code criteria. The review and approval process allows problems to be identified and corrected before any non-complying work occurs.

- Having a permit allows a person knowledgeable in construction the opportunity to inspect and confirm that minimum code prescribed construction requirements are met.
- The transfer of property could be delayed when non-permitted work is discovered. Work completed without permits and/or inspections is deemed to be unsafe.
- Work that is done without a permit is subject to double permit fees and may have to be partially or completely demolished.

Q: What are the most important things I should know about hiring a contractor?

A: It is important to know if the contractor has a valid License/Certificate of Competency, if he/she can provide recent references, or if the contractor has expired permits. Other important information you should also know:

- If you wish to check on the license of an individual you can call the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board at (727) 582-3100. Additionally, you can contact the Pinellas County Building Department at (727) 464-3888.
- Compliance with the Code is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner. Be sure that all inspections have been approved and that you are satisfied with the work before making final payment to a contractor.

Protecting "Our Place in the Sun,"

*Arthur Penny, Vice-Mayor
and Director of Community Improvement*

CITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE VIEWING AND ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

Come out and join us!

Boats start at the North end of the route and arrive
in our waters between 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Refreshments will be served.

Bring your own chairs.

BOAT PARADE 6:15 - 7:30 PM
TREE LIGHTING 7 PM

Barbara Gilberg Habitat Park
1600 Pasadena Avenue S.



CITY HALL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND CONCERT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

Come enjoy holiday refreshments and mingle with the City Commission, staff, and Santa! Then walk over to Galatea Garden and listen to holiday music provided by Pasadena Fundamental Elementary!

Open House 4 PM to 6 PM

City Hall
7047 Sunset Drive South

Concert 6:30 PM

Dick Holmes Band Shell in Galatea Garden
7015 Sunset Drive South



Hope to see you there!

CALLING ALL BOATERS!

**Come win fabulous prizes
including cash and resort stays
just for getting in the holiday spirit
and cruising on your boat!**



**Sign up to be a part of the
City of South Pasadena & City of St. Pete Beach
Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
Friday, December 2, 2016**

**Anyone interested in participating in the parade
or being an event sponsor please contact:**

**Mandy Edmunds
727-363-9245**

a.edmunds@stpetebeach.org

PERMIT REMINDER

Be sure to only hire licensed contractors when having work done at your house, condo unit or business. No permit is necessary for painting or installation of carpet, but most other items DO require a permit.

All contractors must REGISTER with the City of South Pasadena at the Community Improvement Department **before** they can work in the City or be issued a permit in the City. This is done to ensure that only qualified, licensed and insured contractors are doing work for the residents of our community.

Remember, it is your responsibility to make sure that a permit has been obtained and posted prior to work being started. If there are any questions as to whether or not a permit is necessary, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Improvement Department at 343-4192 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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2016-2017 Business Tax Receipt Reminder

If you have not paid the Business Tax Receipt renewal fees for your business, you may have to pay a penalty. Business Tax Receipt renewal fees were due by September 30, 2016. Please pay these fees as soon as possible to avoid penalties.

After September 30th late charges are applied and delinquent notices are mailed out after the 1st of each month following. Please note that the Community Improvement Department Office is located in the City Hall Annex Building at 6940 Hibiscus Avenue South. Should you have any questions or need any assistance regarding your Business Tax Receipt Renewal, please contact the Community Improvement Department at 727-343-4192.

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NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS . . .

STORM

We fared relatively well throughout the storm. Many palm fronds blew down. Some of the city streets were flooded due to extreme high tides and heavy rainfall. Before, during and after Hurricane Hermine the Public Works staff kept the storm drains clean. Signs were put up to warn motorists about the high water.

FREE DANCE CLASSES RESUME OCTOBER 4TH

Come on out and join the fun!

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Tuesdays & Fridays



10:00 a.m. Dance Fusion
Wednesdays & Fridays (Seasonal)

10:30 a.m. Line Dancing
Tuesdays (Begins November 1st)

Hibiscus Hall - City Hall

Brochures and pamphlets on environmentally friendly landscaping are available at the Public Works Department or call 384-0701.





CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

STORM PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES

The City of South Pasadena suggests utilizing the following guidelines in helping you prepare for the upcoming Hurricane Season.

PRE HURRICANE SEASON MAINTENANCE

All major cutting of vegetation (i.e., tree removal) should be completed long before June 1st, the beginning of Hurricane Season.

- Cut back all trees and weak branches that could contact buildings.
- Thin your foliage so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that the trees/plants will be uprooted.
- Place trimmings at the curb on Tuesday/Fridays. The pile should not exceed 4 feet in length and 6" inches in diameter tied in bundles.
- Containerize small pieces of vegetation such as leaves, twigs, etc. in bags or cans that weigh less than 40 lbs. When full, place at the curb on your scheduled household waste pick up day.
- Clean your yard of any items that could become missiles in a storm such as old lumber, lawn furniture, bar-b-que grills, etc.

ONCE A STORM HAS BEEN NAMED

- Do not cut down trees or do major yard work.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce this type of debris.
- Once a storm watch or warning has been issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind.
- Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the normal collection process and there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material before the storm makes landfall. You could put not only yourself at risk but your neighbors as well.
- Do not take materials to the curb, transfer stations or landfill during a watch or warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm.

AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED

Please be patient!

- Keep household garbage, recycling and vegetative and/or construction storm debris in separate piles.
- The City of South Pasadena's number one priority is the collection of household garbage.
- Securely containerize all household garbage in plastic bags or cans on your scheduled pick up day.
- Do not place any debris near or on a fence, mailbox, power line equipment, poles, transformers, downed electrical wiring, water meters or storm drains.
- Be prepared to repair possible damage to yard areas from the specialized equipment used to collect storm debris.
- Contact the City of South Pasadena Public Works Department at (727) 384-0701 or City Hall at (727) 347-4171 for updates on your collection services.

IMPORTANT!

**** There is no reimbursement provided to any individual resident or condominium association who hires a private contractor to remove and dispose of storm related debris.**

The City of South Pasadena asks all residents of the City to be our partners in restoring the City to its pre-storm state. Your cooperation and support enables the City of South Pasadena to complete the entire process in the quickest, safest and most efficient manner possible.

The City of South Pasadena will provide regular updates on the progress of debris collection.

- Re-establishing normal household garbage and commercial waste collection is our first priority.
- It may be several weeks before the first collection of storm debris (vegetation and building material) is provided depending on the severity of the storm.
- **Clean vegetation only** 4' x 6" bundles will be collected on the first pass with construction debris and mixed loads (construction debris mixed with vegetation) on subsequent passes.

Please do not call the City of South Pasadena and ask that trucks be pulled from scheduled routes to pick up your own debris first. Deviation from carefully planned routes may cause delays to the entire process and creates a burden to those with the greatest need.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When is hurricane season?

A: Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th.

Q: Does the City of South Pasadena collect my storm debris or is it FEMA that provides the service?

A: The City of South Pasadena will manage the City's storm debris collection program in accordance with FEMA rules and guidelines. The City of South Pasadena may hire private contractors to collect all residential storm debris and FEMA representatives interpret and enforce the rules of collection.

Q: How soon will my regular garbage be collected following a storm?

A: Normal household garbage collection is the City's first priority and it will be the first thing collected following a storm's passing. Residents should have their normal household garbage ready for pickup on their regular scheduled collection day unless our public service announcements advise otherwise.

Q: When can we expect to have the first collection of storm debris?

A: Depending upon the severity of the storm. It may be several weeks before residents receive their first collection of storm debris.

Q: How many times will the City of South Pasadena and/or their contractor collect storm debris from my home?

A: The actual number of times can change depending upon the severity of the storm and amount of damage it leaves behind.

Q: Why do I have to separate my yard waste from my construction debris? Can't you pick them up in the same truck?

A: The collection of storm debris can be very costly and keeping debris types separate reduces the overall cost which is savings to the taxpayer. Processing clean vegetation is cheaper than processing vegetation with construction and other debris mixed in.

Q: The City of South Pasadena and/or their contractors left a lot of leaves, twigs, etc., when they picked up my vegetative debris pile. Who is responsible for cleaning that up?

A: The homeowner is responsible for cleaning up residual debris following the first collection. All leaves, twigs, etc., need to be raked up and containerized in plastic bags for collection on the next pass. Small debris that is not containerized cannot be collected by the heavy equipment used by storm debris contractors.

Q: Will there be more damage to my property from the storm debris collection process?

A: Because of the specialized, heavy duty equipment used to collect as much debris as possible in the shortest amount of time, minor damage to lawns is not uncommon. Residents should be prepared to add fill dirt and sod to the staging area of their yard if this occurs.

Q: Will the City of South Pasadena and/or their contractors come into my yard to collect my large debris so I don't have to transport it to the curb?

A: FEMA guidelines do not provide for the City of South Pasadena and/or their contractors to come into a resident's yard to collect debris. All debris must be moved curbside or to the nearest public right-of-way.

Q: Is there a cut-off date for getting my storm debris curbside?

A: There is a cut-off date however the City of South Pasadena does not know the exact date until collection begins and progress is measured. Generally speaking, collection can take anywhere from 45-180 days to complete. Residents should stay tuned to local media from the City of South Pasadena public announcements or call the City of South Pasadena Public Works Department at (727) 384-0701.

This information is being provided through the City of South Pasadena Public Works Department.
Thank you to all residents from your partners at the City of South Pasadena.

DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center (HEC₃)
2855 109th Avenue North (off 28th St. N.), St. Petersburg

Hours:

Monday - Friday

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed on all county observed holidays.

For more information including what items to bring and what not to bring,
 call (727) 464-7500 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities (A-Z Guide)

AUTOMOTIVE/LEAD ACID BATTERIES:

Most auto part retailers accept an old vehicle battery for no charge even if new battery is not purchased.

County Sanitation
 5601 Haines Rd. N.
 St. Petersburg, FL
 (727) 522-5794

Electro Battery
 3138 23rd Ave. N.
 St. Petersburg, FL
 (727) 323-4848

St. Pete Battery World
 2705 54th Ave. N.
 St. Petersburg, FL
 (727) 526-2200

MOTOR OIL (USED):

Advance Auto Parts
 4901 Gulfport Blvd.
 (727) 323-2971
 Accepts up to 5 gallons.

WHITE GOODS:

Waste Services Inc.
 (727) 572-6800
 (call first)
 No freon accepted.

GREASE (household):

Put in paper towels to absorb
 grease, place in bag and dispose in
 regular trash.

FUEL:

(diesel, gasoline, heating oil, boat fuel, kerosene,
 mixed fuels (clean/contaminated))

HEC₃ Facility
 2855 109th Avenue North

- Transport in approved fuel container
 (not returned)
- Do not smoke while transporting fuel
- If fuel exceeds 15 gallons call first
 (727) 464-7500

PAINT:

(water-based latex, vinyl or acrylic paint in spray or
 can)

Only empty/dry paint cans can be disposed in regular
 trash - take lid off container and place outside to dry.

HEC₃ will accept unopened/partially used cans.

Donate leftover paint to:

Habitat for Humanity (727) 209-2199

City of St. Petersburg (727) 893-7373 - repainting
 elderly/low-income residents.

PROPANE GAS CYLINDERS:

Small Tanks (up to 1 lb.)
 (Ex: camping stove tank)

HEC₃ Facility
 2900 110th Avenue North

Medium Tanks
 (2-20 lbs.)

(Ex: gas grill or turkey
 fryer tank)

Reuse by refilling tank
**If tank's wheel is round/
 star shaped,
 it cannot be refilled**

20 lb. Tank

Blue Rhino Propane
 Tank Exchange
 1-800-258-7466

Over 20 lbs.

Contact propane distribu-
 tor
 (on tank decal or stamp)

A Clean Environment Is Important To All Of Us!

In Pinellas County, storm drains flow directly into our creeks, lakes, Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico without treatment. In recent years, sources of water pollution, like industrial wastes from factories, have been greatly reduced. However, the majority of water pollution now occurs from things like cars leaking oil, wash water from restaurants, fertilizers from lawns and gardens, failing septic tanks, residential car washing and pet waste washing into the storm drains and into waterways. All these sources add up to a pollution problem! But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too - and that adds up to a pollution solution! The City and the County are committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our precious waterways.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!!

Pollution Prevention Is Up To You!

Did you know that storm drains are NOT connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment plants? The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. Untreated pollutants such as concrete, mortar, fertilizer in the grass clippings and many more flow directly into creeks, rivers, lakes and the ocean and are toxic to fish and other wildlife. Disposing of these materials into the storm drains causes serious ecological problems - and is PROHIBITED by law.

Best Management Practices

Best Management Practices, or BMP's, are procedures that help to prevent pollutants such as chemicals, concrete, mortar, pesticides, waste, paint and other hazardous materials from entering our storm drains. All of these sources add up to a pollution problem. But each of us can do our part to keep storm water clean. The efforts add up to a pollution solution!

What Can You Do?

- ✓ **Never** sweep or blow grass/lawn clippings into driveways, sidewalks, streets, gutters or storm drains.
- ✓ **Always** store both dry and wet materials under cover, protected from rainfall and runoff and away from storm drains and waterways.
- ✓ **Keep all construction debris away from the street, gutter and storm drains.**
- ✓ **Never dispose of washout into the street, storm drains, landscape drains, drainage ditches or streams.**
- ✓ Look for and clean up material that may have traveled away from your property after each days work.
- ✓ If you or your contractor keep a dumpster at your site, be sure it is securely covered with a lid or tarp when not in use.
- ✓ **Protect** dry materials from the wind. Don't allow dry products to blow into driveways, sidewalks, streets, gutters or storm drains.
- ✓ **Don't** place fill material, soil or compost piles on the sidewalk or street.
- ✓ During cleanups, check the street and gutters for sediment, refuse or debris. Look around the corner or down the street and clean up any materials that may have already traveled away from your property.

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT? FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING, PLEASE CALL:

**Community Improvement Department
(727) 343-4192**

ALL PROPERTY IN THE CITY LIMITS OF SOUTH PASADENA IS SUBJECT TO FLOODING!

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FLOOD FACTS

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies issued or renewed in the City of South Pasadena receives a 15% premium discount. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), this discount is the result of the City's qualifying as a Class 7 in the NFIP Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. The City has achieved this rating through activities such as maintenance of drainage facilities, regulation of stormwater discharge and distribution of this information as part of the Community Outreach Program.

Assistance is Available

Publications pertaining to property protection, flood safety, etc. can be obtained at South Pasadena City Hall – 7047 Sunset Drive South, South Pasadena, FL or information links on the City of South Pasadena website: mysouthpasadena.com. Questions pertaining to flood zone, protection methods, flood elevation certificates, grand assistance, etc. **please contact South Pasadena Community Improvement Department at (727) 343-4192**

Flood Insurance Rate Maps

The most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map for South Pasadena went into effect in 2003. Since all of South Pasadena is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, it is important to know the base flood elevation of the property and the flood insurance purchase requirements. The City of South Pasadena has copies of the elevation certificates for many structures in the community.

Are you insured?

The 2005 Hurricane Season was one of the worst on record and saw Florida impacted by four major hurricanes. Property losses due to flooding are not covered under most standard homeowner insurance policies. You can protect your home and its contents with flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is a federal program that enables property owners to buy flood insurance at reasonable rates in participating communities. In return, participating communities carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Federal Insurance Administration administers the NFIP.

As a Special Flood Hazard Area, flood insurance is required for all properties in the City of South Pasadena with a federally backed mortgage. To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. There is usually a waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effects, so do not wait until a storm threatens before you secure the flood insurance you need.

Flood Threat

Flooding in South Pasadena can be caused by heavy rainfall that occurs in short periods of time, as is common during summer thunderstorms, and by tidal surges that accompany coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricane tidal surges are the City's greatest threat and can cause flooding up to 24 hours before the "eye" of the storm reaches the coast. Because the City has low land elevations and abuts the Boca Ciega Bay, the flood threat is significant. FEMA has identified the entire City as a Special Flood Hazard Area on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. These maps establish base flood elevations for development within these areas with the lowest permitted habitable flood levels ranging from 10 to 15 feet above sea level.

Flood Warning Systems

The Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) works with the National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center, and the cities to monitor flood and storm threats and advise the communities accordingly. Flood alerts are issued by: TV 8; TV 13; TV10; and Bay News 9. For evacuation centers or other information on flooding, write to: Pinellas County Emergency Management, 400 S. Fort Harrison Avenue Room #111 Clearwater, FL. 33756 OR visit the County website: pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm

Storm Warnings

- Tropical storm watch: Tropical storm conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- Tropical storm warning: Tropical storm conditions are expected within 36 hours.
- Hurricane watch: Hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- Hurricane warning: Hurricane conditions expected within 36 hours.

All preparations should be complete.

Flood Safety Measures

South Pasadena residents can protect themselves from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood occurs. These safety measures include:



Prepare before the storm

- Know your evacuation plan. Evacuation time for South Pasadena could take hours because the City's evacuation routes are prone to flooding early in a storm. Pinellas County has posted all primary evacuation routes with blue and white signs.
- Review your family disaster plan.
- Get your survival kit (double check your kit and make necessary purchases of food, water, and medicines to avoid lines and traffic), important insurance papers, and identification ready.
- Prepare your home and yard (shop early, be sure you have all materials and tools necessary to shutter windows)
- If you have special needs, be sure your caregiver begins to implement your plan and, if needed, you are registered for a special needs shelter.
- Gather special supplies for infants, children, seniors and pets.

Pinellas County EMS, the South Pasadena Fire Department and PSTA work together to provide evacuation assistance to those persons requiring special assistance enrolled in the County's special assistance program. **If you are physically impaired or require special assistance to evacuate, write to:** Pinellas Co. Emergency Management 400 S. Fort Harrison Ave. Room #111 Clearwater, FL 33756 OR call (727) 464-3800 to register. Do not wait for a storm to strike! Write or call as soon as possible for an application requesting placement into the program.

Preparation for evacuation

Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to local stations, and if an evacuation order is given, comply with it. Even if the evacuation order turns out to be unnecessary, leaving the area is better than potentially risking the loss of life by staying.

When preparing your home prior to evacuation, it is advisable to:

- Turn off all the electricity, with the possible exception of the power to your refrigerator;
- Fill your tubs, sinks, and any available containers with water, in case fresh water is not available after the storm (Sanitize tubs and sinks with bleach, rinse and then fill);
- Shut off your water line to prevent any contaminated water from backing up into your house;
- Move as many valuables as possible to upper floor;
- Elevate furniture, if possible;
- Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas such as garage doors;
- Seal off sewer lines to the dwelling to prevent the backflow of sewer waters.

After the storm

The City will be working as quickly as possible to ensure a speedy and safe return to your homes.

- Keep a battery-powered radio with you so you can listen for emergency updates and news reports.
- Use a battery-powered flash light to inspect a damaged home (The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering- the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present).
- Stay off the streets. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects; downed electrical wires; and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Keep children away from the floodwaters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
- Clean everything that has been wet.
- Use the phone only to report life-threatening emergencies.
- Watch out for animals, especially poisonous snakes.

More people are injured after a storm due to unsafe buildings, downed power lines, contaminated water, and other unsafe conditions than are injured in the storm itself. Carefully check for structural damage prior to entering a building. Use caution when re-entering the structure. Turn on electricity one breaker at a time and watch for smoke or sparks.

Property Protection

While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many existing structures remain susceptible. Retrofitting non-compliant buildings is a recommended approach to reduce flooding because the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Several approaches to retrofitting are:

- Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
 - Construction of barriers (floodwalls, berms)
 - Dry flood proofing (water tight floor and wall systems)
 - Wet flood proofing (construction that allows the entry and passage of flood water and also removing or relocating items of value to higher elevation levels)
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Floodplain Management

The City's Stormwater Management Regulations require new construction and substantial remodeling to meet stringent standards in order to increase the survivability of structures, reduce the cost of repair and reconstruction after a storm event, and ensure that reasonably priced flood insurance is available.

Drainage System Maintenance

The City continues to improve and maintain its stormwater management system. This has reduced the amount and duration of road and yard flooding during the rainy season. The City routinely inspects and performs maintenance on drainage ditches, catch basins, and culverts that comprise the City's stormwater drainage system. **If you see any areas that may need additional maintenance or if you experience any localized drainage problems, please call South Pasadena (727) 343-4192.**

Permit Requirements

The City administers flood management regulations that are designed to minimize the potential of flood losses in the City. Any development requires a permit from the City of South Pasadena Community Improvement Department, which ensures that all construction meets the Flood Insurance Rate Map (F.I.R.M.) elevation requirements. Such regulations include minimum elevations of lowest living floor areas plus an additional two (2) feet of elevation known as freeboard. Flood proofing of non-residential property will also have an additional two (2) feet of freeboard added and the placement of fill shall only be allowed on a stem wall foundation and limitations on non-substantial improvements, additions and reconstruction. Following NFIP standards, the city mandates that if the cost of any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's depreciated value, then such work is considered a substantial improvement. The existing building is then required to meet the same standards as a new building.

The NFIP standards relating to substantial improvement are enforced through the development and building permitting process. Applicants for remodeling or repair of "nonconforming" structures (i.e. buildings which are not elevated to or above the base flood elevation) are required to submit a cost estimate of the improvement and, if necessary, an appraised value of the existing structure, to determine if the work constitutes a substantial improvement.

The building permit review is a necessary component of its participation in the NFIP, making flood insurance available to those who want to protect their property from flood damage. Development that occurs without permits threatens the City's continued participation in the NFIP and the ability to obtain flood insurance. If you see development occurring without permits, protect your rights and immediately contact the City. Two funding programs are available to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

SAFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE	
Category	Wind Speed
1	74-95 MPH
2	96-110 MPH
3	111-129 MPH
4	130-156 MPH
5	157 + MPH

POTENTIAL SURGE HEIGHTS (IN FEET)		
EVACUATION ZONES	A	4-8 FEET
	B	8-14 FEET
	C	14-19 FEET
	D	19-26 FEET
	E	26-29 FEET

Flood Mitigation Assistance

Qualified mitigation activities include elevation of the existing home or commercial structure, acquisition of the property, or relocation of insured structure out of the floodplain. The structure must be insured under the NFIP and have suffered 2 or more flood losses; each with a claim of at least \$1,000 within any ten-year period since 1978.

Sever Repetitive Loss Program

A Severe Repetitive Loss property is defined as a **residential property** that is insured under the National Flood Insurance Program and has at least 4 Flood Insurance claim payments (building and contents) over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000 within any ten-year period; Or has at least 2 separate Flood Insurance claims payments (building payments only) have been made with cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building within any ten-year period.

*For more information go to:
FEMA/NFIP at fema.gov/*

Pinellas County Emergency Management at pinellascounty.org/emergency

Florida Department of Emergency Management at floridadisaster.org

The Official Hurricane Guide for Pinellas County at pinellascounty.org/emergency/hurricaneguide.htm

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS NOVEMBER 6TH**



HOLIDAY CLOSURE SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

Veterans Day

Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 23 (12 Noon)
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25

Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 26 (Observed)



**2016
CALENDAR MEETINGS**

- Oct. 4 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Oct. 11 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Oct. 18 9:00 a.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Nov. 1 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Nov. 8 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Nov. 15 9:00 a.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Dec. 2 6:00 p.m. HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**
- Dec. 6 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Dec. 9 4:00 p.m. HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
to 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL
6:30 p.m. HOLIDAY CONCERT AT GALATEA GARDEN**
- Dec. 13 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting

COMMISSION MEETINGS

South Pasadena City Commission Meetings are broadcast live on Channel 643 and rebroadcast the following Wednesday and Monday at 11:00 a.m.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL 9-1-1
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATION NUMBER.**

<p>CITY HALL 7047 Sunset Drive South Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mayor, Commission, Finance & Administration Departments Phone: 727-347-4171 Fax: 727-345-0518</p>	<p>FIRE STATION 911 Oleander Way S.</p> <p>Public Safety Department Phone: 727-344-1666 Fax: 727-381-4324</p> <p>Pinellas County Sheriff Phone: 727-582-6200</p>	<p>CITY HALL ANNEX 6940 Hibiscus Avenue South Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Community Improvement Department Public Works Department</p> <p>Phone: 727-343-4192 Phone: 727-384-0701 Fax: 727-381-4819 Fax: 727-347-4254</p>
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