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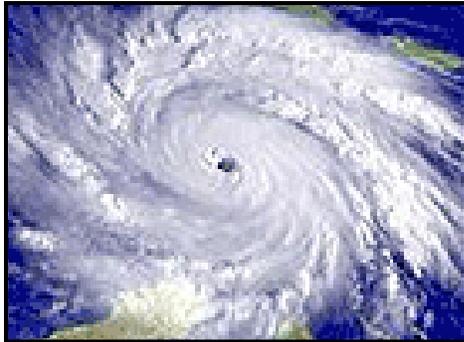
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Hurricane Season Ends November 30th

The weather may be calm now that Hurricane Irma has passed but don't forget that hurricane season does not end until November 30th! Residents are encouraged to maintain preparedness measures and keep disaster plans current.

For information on hurricane preparedness, please visit the Pinellas County Emergency Management website at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency or contact the South Pasadena Fire Department at 727-344-1666.

2017-2018 BUDGET

AND MILLAGE RATE ADOPTED

At the September 25th, 2017 Special Commission Meeting, the City Commission adopted a millage rate of 3.25.

A final budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 was also adopted and can be found on the city's website at www.mysouthpasadena.com.

Florida Department of Transportation's Pasadena Avenue Corridor Study Meeting

**October 24, 2017
5PM - 7PM**

City Hall - Hibiscus Hall
7047 Sunset Drive South
South Pasadena, FL 33707

PUBLIC WELCOME!

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION QUALIFYING PERIOD

The City of South Pasadena, Florida will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 for the election of two Commissioners. Qualifying begins at 12:00 noon on November 1, 2017 and ends at 12:00 noon on November 15, 2017. 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 Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall for anyone interested in becoming a candidate for the March 13, 2018 election. If you need further information, please call the City Clerk's office at 347-4171.

Penny for Pinellas Helps Keep South Pasadena “Our Place in the Sun.” By Vice Mayor Lari Johnson



This is What Your Penny Paid For In South Pasadena

South Pasadena residents have benefitted from Penny for Pinellas funding since 1990. The Penny has paid for projects and equipment like a new aerial platform ladder truck, fire rescue vehicle, playground equipment, and crosswalks. Here are a few examples of local projects funded by Penny for Pinellas in just the past three years:

Fire Department Aerial Platform Ladder Truck	\$855,000
Fire Department Rescue Vehicle	\$180,000
Firefighting Equipment (2015-2016)	\$ 82,000
Roadway and Alleyway Paving (2015-2017)	\$893,000
Stormwater/sewer slip-lining (2015-2016)	\$168,000
Shore Drive/Pasadena Isle Bridge (2017)	\$555,000

*Actual cost has been rounded to nearest thousand

The \$2.73 million in Penny for Pinellas revenue for capital expenditures shown above has enabled your City to upgrade and replace equipment and infrastructure systems in a timely and well-planned manner.



Penny for Pinellas Facts:

- This 1 percent sales tax is paid by everyone who spends money in Pinellas County, including non-residents. More than 30% of Penny revenue is generated by tourists and seasonal visitors, resulting in cost-savings to our citizens.
- Penny has funded thousands of county and city projects since 1990 without relying on property taxes.
- This tax is not collected on essentials like food and medications and is only collected on the first \$5000 of a single purchase, like a car or boat.
- This tax is used for capital expenditures for law enforcement, fire departments, stormwater, sewer/reclaimed water systems, roadway improvements and many more community investments that directly benefit you. It is never used for operations, salaries, or on-going maintenance expenses.

If you have driven on South Pasadena’s city streets, enjoyed our lovely parks, utilized our fire/emergency services, or yes, even flushed your toilet – you have experienced the benefits of Penny for Pinellas in the City of South Pasadena. On November 7, 2017, voters will decide on the Penny for Pinellas renewal for years 2020-2030. This is NOT a new tax, just a renewal of the penny tax that has been in effect since 1990.

Please remember to vote on November 7, 2017.



Mayor Max V. Elson

From the Mayor's Office

Greetings everyone!

South Pasadena may have been spared from the worst of Hurricane Irma but it was still a dangerous and uncertain time for our community. I want to take a moment to thank those who worked to ensure the safety of our community before, during, and after the storm including first responders, public works personnel, debris haulers, utility workers, and medical professionals. I would also like to say a special thank you to Reverend Dr. Charley Reeb and the staff of Pasadena Community Church. As you may not know, Pasadena Community Church serves as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the cities of South Pasadena, Treasure Island, and St. Pete Beach. During the storm, the church not only housed emergency personnel from all three cities but also provided resources and staff to assist as needed. Activating the EOC is not something our City takes lightly but I am grateful to know that we have such a supportive community partner in Pasadena Community Church in times of crisis.

Another noteworthy member of our local community is the Hope, Health, and Sunshine Foundation. This organization is a 501(c)3 charity that works to support and assist cancer patients. Last year, the group raised a total of \$40,000 through various fundraisers, including a walk down Pasadena Avenue called Todd's Walk. This year's Todd's Walk is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th. Check out page 10 or visit their website at www.hhsfoundation.org for more information on

how to support the Hope, Health, and Sunshine Foundation and their cause.

For those of you looking for some outdoor activities now that the heat of summer is letting up slightly, I'm happy to announce that South Pasadena now features pickleball courts. The City Commission recently approved the addition of pickleball lines on the existing tennis courts at Maynard A. Duryea Bay View Park and the courts have been painted and are ready to go! Don't worry tennis players, the courts are still marked for traditional tennis so they can be used for either game. For those that may not know, pickleball is a paddle and ball game similar to badminton, tennis, or ping-pong and can be played by two to four players. We hope this new recreational option will get a lot of use.



It may seem too early to start talking about winter events but many stores have had their decorations out for weeks already. Calendars fill up quickly during the holidays so take note of these events now! The Annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 8th and the Holiday Open House & Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th. Whether you participate in the boat parade, cheer for your favorites at the parade viewing party, or meet Santa at City Hall, I encourage you join us for the festivities this holiday season. For more information about these events, make sure to check out pages 8 & 9. Hope to see you there!

Mayor Max Elson

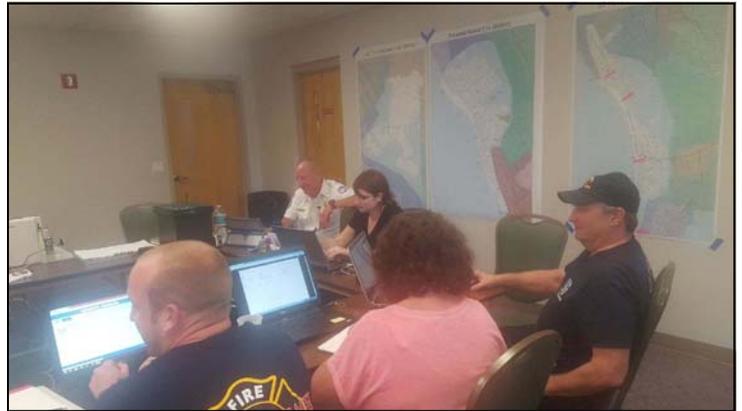


South Pasadena – A Great Teamwork Community!

By
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, Public Safety

For those of us who live and work in the great City of South Pasadena, we are thankful for our City workers who are dedicated to ensuring that we have a safe and clean place for ourselves and our families. With Hurricane Irma coming to town, our employees planned and executed pre-storm activities to minimize damages and

prepare for the safety of those who would be needed to respond after the storm. Our Public Works team, under the leadership of Director Garry Anderson went throughout the city to trim foliage, clear debris from the sewer grates and secure city buildings. They also provided sand bags to those who needed them to secure their properties. Our new Fire Chief and Director of Public Safety, David Mixson updated our Emergency Action Guide, along with input from our Deputy Fire Chief, Emery Culverhouse, our City Clerk, Carley Lewis, our Director of Community Improvement, Neal Schwartz and our Finance Director, Jim Graham. Since we would be utilizing an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the first time, they wanted to ensure that everything would run smoothly and in the interest of utmost safety. Our firefighter/emergency management personnel helped with the evacuation of residents with special needs to their designated shelters and they continued to respond to calls until the winds became sustained at 50 miles per hour.



Once the hurricane became imminent, our Public Works team and our firefighters took refuge in the designated EOC, the community center building at Pasadena Community Church. During emergencies, we share that facility with St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island and a large generator is provided by Treasure Island if there is a loss of power. The wonderful church volunteers at the EOC made sure everyone was comfortable and fed with hot meals around the clock. They are most appreciated by all!



After the hurricane passed, we were very fortunate that it was downgraded and we did not experience the storm surge that was expected. Under the leadership of Chief Mixson, the Public Works and firefighter teams went out through the city to ensure that it was safe to assess the damages and begin to prepare the city to get back to normal operations. While we had a few sewer lift stations that needed to have external power set up, we did not leak any sewer overflow in our city. The lift stations were monitored on a 24/7 basis by the Public Works crew, under the leadership of Assistant Director Shawn Shimko. Debris piled in front of homes and businesses was picked up by

Public Works and placed in large dumpsters provided in certain locations in the city. While the firefighters were checking for downed power lines around the city, they smelled smoke coming from one of the individual homes on Pasadena Isle. There was an electrical fire starting in the ceiling and they were able to access the home and contain the fire, minimizing the damage for the homeowners.



While many city residents experienced loss of power, cable and internet services for longer than usual due to the volume of needs throughout the county, our City workers at City Hall and the Community Improvement Annex remained steadfast and helped respond to questions, offered what guidance they could, and prepared documentation for the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

Thank you to all the A and B zone residents who heeded the evacuation warning and left for

alternate housing or shelters. This was and always is the right thing to do. It is for your safety and minimizes the dangers for our first responders.

I for one am proud to be a resident and Commissioner of the City of South Pasadena. It is truly "our place in the sun" not only because of our location and the small size of our city, but due to the people who work here and care for us every day. They are to be appreciated and commended for their focus on safety for all, beautification of our grounds and dedication to keeping the City of South Pasadena the best place in Florida to live, work & play!



NEWS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

Working
Smoke Alarms
SAVE LIVES



Test YOUR Alarms Monthly

Fire Prevention Week 2017 will begin on Sunday, October 8th and end on Saturday, October 14th. Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance, according to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925, beginning a tradition of the President of the United States signing a proclamation recognizing the occasion. It is observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in

which October 9 falls, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871, and did most of its damage October 9.

Each year, the National Fire Protection Association develops an educational theme for us to focus on during Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "2017 Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!". Here at the South Pasadena Fire Department we encourage you to make an escape plan for you and your family, then practice your escape plan regularly, and if you hear the smoke alarm, execute your plan and stay outside until help arrives. For a copy of the "Escape Planning Fact Sheet" please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Safety-in-the-home/Escape-planning/Basic-fire-escape-planning>. We encourage you to call us at 727-344-1666 to schedule a Fire Safety presentation for your family or community.

Employee "Spotlight"

Kayleigh Sloman, Community Improvement



We'd like you to get to know South Pasadena's Code Enforcement Officer, Kayleigh Sloman.

Kayleigh came to us in June 2014 as an Assistant Permit Tech. Prior to this position, she received her AA degree from the University of South Florida and served for 12 years as a vet tech at the Oakhurst Veterinarian Hospital caring for all the animals.

She was inspired to take on a new opportunity with a focus on environmental science, which was her focus in college. During her tenure with the City, Kayleigh attended many courses and was able to attain 3 certification levels through the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (FACE), a certification as a business tax official and a designation as a qualified storm water management inspector. She was promoted in October 2016 to the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Permit Tech where she serves us today.

Kayleigh truly enjoys her job with our city and most of all connecting with the residents, business owners and contractors who work here. She encourages people to reach out to her for information and she makes every effort to address all of their questions with qualified answers.

When Kayleigh is not at work, she finds time to teach group fitness classes, loves all outdoor activities including running, fishing and boating with her husband and no surprise, she cares for all of her pets including 3 dogs, a cat, 2 rabbits and 2 tortoises! She and her husband are also beekeepers with 3 hives!

When you see Kayleigh around and about in our city doing her job, feel free to say hello to her and thank her for the dedicated, professional work she does every day.

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.



FALL PREVENTION FACTS

According to the National Council on Aging, falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for older Americans. Falls threaten senior's safety and independence and generate enormous economic and personal costs. However, falling is not an inevitable result of aging. Through educational programs, practical lifestyle adjustments, and public safety-community partnerships, the number of falls among seniors can be substantially reduced. The following Fall Prevention and Safety Tips provided by the National Fire Protection Association can help older adults reduce their risk of falling decrease the chance of injury:

- 1. Exercise regularly** to build strength and improve your balance and coordination. Ask your doctor about the best physical exercise for you.
- 2. Take your time.** Get out of chairs slowly. Sit a moment before you get out of your bed. Stand and get your balance before you walk. Be aware of your surroundings.
- 3. Keep stairs and walking areas free** of electrical cords, shoes, clothing, books, magazines, and other items.
- 4. Improve the lighting** in and outside your home. Use nightlights or a flashlight to light the path between your bedroom and the bathroom. Turn on the lights before using the stairs. See an eye specialist once a year-better vision can help prevent falls.
- 5. Use non-slip mats** in the bathtub and the shower floors. Have grab bars installed on the wall next to the bathtub, shower, and toilet. Wipe up spilled liquids immediately.
- 6. Be aware of uneven surfaces** indoors and outdoors. If you must have scatter rugs, make sure they lay flat and do not slide when you step on them. Smooth out wrinkles and folds in carpeting. Be aware of uneven sidewalks and pavement outdoors. Always use hand rails if available and step carefully.
- 7. Stairways should be well lit** from both the top and the bottom. Have easy-to-grip handrails installed along the full length of both sides and the stairs.
- 8. Wear sturdy, well-fitting, low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles.** They are safer than high heels, thick-soled athletic shoes, slippers, or stocking feet

For more information on fall prevention or to schedule a presentation, please call the South Pasadena Fire Department at 727-344-1666.

FREE DANCE CLASSES RESUME OCTOBER 4TH

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Tuesdays & Fridays
10:00 a.m. Dance Fusion
Wednesdays & Fridays (Seasonal)



10:00 a.m. Line Dancing
Tuesdays (Begins October 10th)

Hibiscus Hall - City Hall

CITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE VIEWING AND ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

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 8, 2017**

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

**Mandy Edmunds
727-363-9245**

a.edmunds@stpetebeach.org



GET ELECTION READY!

Tuesday, October 10, is the deadline to register to vote in the November 7 County Referendum and Municipal General Elections. All voters are encouraged to Get Election Ready and update their voter information – including changes to their signature, name and address – prior to casting their ballot.

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 464-VOTE (8683) or email MailBallot@VotePinellas.com.

2017-2018 Business Tax Receipt Reminder



It's that time of the year for your Business Tax Receipt renewal for the 2017-2018 year.

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, 2017. 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 Licensing Officials, Ashley Dochinez or Kayleigh Sloman, at the Community Improvement Department at 727-343-4192.

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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 5th, 2017

6th Annual "To the Moon and Back" Walk
(17 mile walk to downtown St. Pete and back)

3rd Annual Todd's Walk
(2 mile walk throughout South Pasadena)

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

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



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

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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 5TH**



HOLIDAY CLOSURE SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

Veterans Day (Observed)

Friday, November 10

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 22 (12 Noon)
Thursday, November 23
Friday, November 24

Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 25

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



**2017
CALENDAR MEETINGS**

- Oct. 3 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Oct. 10 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Oct. 17 9:00 a.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Nov. 7 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Nov. 14 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Nov. 21 9:00 a.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Dec. 5 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Dec. 8 6:00 p.m. HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**
- Dec. 12 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Dec. 13 4:00 p.m. HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
to 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL**
- 6:30 p.m. HOLIDAY CONCERT AT GALATEA GARDEN**

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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