



CITY CONNECTION

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"Spotlight" on City Employees



Xavier Velez, Horticulturist

We have many great employees on our city team and we would like our residents and business partners to get to know them. In this new section of the City Connection newsletter we will be "spotlighting" an employee from a different department each quarter.

Meet Xavier Velez of our Public Works Department. Xavier has worked for our city for 8 years, starting in April 2006. He is our horticulturist and he began learning his trade by working at Home Depot and Lowes in their garden centers. In his role, he is responsible for designing, ordering and maintaining the flowers and plants around the city and in our parks. He holds several designations including FNGLA professional certification (Florida Nursery & Landscape Industry) which enables him to demonstrate proficiency in general horticultural knowledge, plant and pest identification, legal and regulatory issues and fertilizer use; and Best Management Practices for landscape design and installation.

Xavier loves his job, working outside in the fresh air with his team, making our city beautiful, meeting and speaking to residents and learning new things all the time to enhance his knowledge and abilities. Xavier was born in New Jersey, currently lives in St. Petersburg and he enjoys all sports including basketball and biking.

Stop by and say "hi" to Xavier when you see him around the city!

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION QUALIFYING PERIOD

The City of South Pasadena, Florida will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 for the election of two commissioners. Qualifying begins at 12:00 noon on November 3, 2014 and ends at 12:00 noon on November 17, 2014. 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 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall for anyone interested in becoming a candidate for the March 10th election. If you need further information, please call the City Clerk's office at 347-4171.



Finance Report From Commissioner Max Elson

The City of South Pasadena has been in the past, and remains today, in a very strong financial position. The ad valorem tax rate that the Commission implemented in September is one of the lowest of the 24 communities in Pinellas County. Some of our immediate neighbors are considerably higher. Over the past five years, we have been able to maintain the same low rate with no increases. We did this in spite of the fact that the economy was sluggish and the taxable value of properties decreased dramatically which reduced normal revenue. In the best interest of the citizens of South Pasadena and to be able to maintain the level of service they desire, we deemed it necessary to implement an increase in the millage rate. For an average residence with a value of \$150,000 and a homestead exemption, this results in a tax increase of roughly \$31 per year.

In addition to lost revenue from decreased taxable values, last year the city lost funding from Pinellas County for a fire district that was put up for bid. This represented a drop in revenue to the city of approximately \$400,000 through no fault of our own. The area involved is the unincorporated region between South Pasadena and Gulfport that is just across from our firehouse, Fire Station 20. Because we are the closest station to the area, we will still be the primary responder albeit with no revenue.

Thanks to the good management of prior Commissions over the years, we had a significant reserve of funds going into the recent recession. Over the last five years the Commission chose to utilize some of those funds as opposed to raising the tax rate to combat shrinking revenue. We still have adequate funds in reserves in the event of a disaster but the Commission felt the need to draw a line in the sand that we did not want to cross as far as dipping into reserves. We approached that line doing this year's budget. Thankfully our property values are coming back but more slowly than some other communities in the county.

There are only so many costs cuts that can be made without affecting services. For the past 3 months, we have gone over the budget literally line by line with each Department Head. We believe that our new tax rate is fair and equitable considering that it has not been raised in five years. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to attend any Commission meeting or to contact myself or any member of the Commission.

**HAVE YOU SEEN THE CITY'S
NEW WEBSITE YET?**



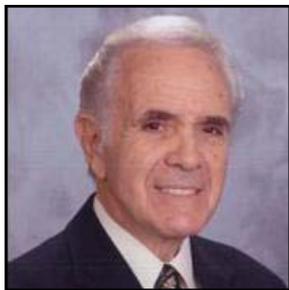
Please visit us at:

www.mysouthpasadena.com

2014-2015 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE ADOPTED

At the September 17th, 2014 Special Commission Meeting, the City Commission adopted a millage rate of 2.0105.

A final budget for fiscal year 2014/2015 was also adopted and can be found on the city's website at www.mysouthpasadena.com.



Mayor Dan Calabria

The Mayor's Corner

Greetings everyone,

Welcome back to our northern neighbors and friends!

Following is a brief report to bring you up to date on current goings in the City. As always, we invite you to attend our Regular Commission Meetings, usually held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at City Hall.

Some good news ...and not so good news

By now virtually everyone is aware that our newest business partner, Taco Bell, will soon have completed construction on their newest facility which we welcome with enthusiasm.

We look forward to having the convenience of Taco Bell in our City and expect that any number of our neighbors and visitors will also appreciate their being part of our landscape on Pasadena Avenue.

"Not so good news"...Unfortunately, it appears that the recent new owners of the former IHOP site have had a change of plans. It was disappointing to see the "For Sale" sign in place again and we hope another investor will recognize the opportunity presented in that location.

Another "Legacy" Business

No doubt you've noticed the marquee sign at Pasadena Liquors announcing the **25th Anniversary of Valenty's Lounge** here in South Pasadena. We take pride in and greatly appreciate the many contributions made to the City by the Valenty Family and look forward to the next milestone in their history in South Pasadena.

Announcing...

"The South Pasadena Business & Professional Guide" that will soon be available to all residences in the City. This has been a major effort underway for some months that faced some unusual challenges and misunderstandings on the part of some. So lets' review the basics of this new contribution to the future of our City and convenience to our neighbors.

First, the directory will include a listing of all businesses located in South Pasadena, in alphabetical order and by business category. This double listing is free, *at no cost*, to every licensed business/profession with a physical location within our City limits. While it's difficult to understand there has been some confusion about this new convenience for our residents, which is designed to help promote local businesses located in the City. However, every business located within the City may choose to have a 3 line, bold print listing instead of the 2 line listing at a modest cost, if they so desire. This allows any licensed business to purchase a 3 line, bold print ad for a modest cost of \$49. This is an option for listed businesses if they choose to take advantage of it.

In addition, businesses that are serving our City, but do not have a physical location within the City, may purchase a four color advertisement in several different sizes at a cost determined by "Custom Directories," the firm that has produced similar, internal directories for two of our largest Condominium Associations for several years. It is the sale of these four color advertisements that allows us to have these Directories provided at no cost to our residents.

We look forward to this business "friendly" project as a means of our demonstrating that the City of South Pasadena is "open for business," supports our business partners and welcomes new businesses to the City.

Coming Soon:

Look for an announcement of a new opportunity to communicate directly with the Mayor. The plan involves selecting a date during a weekday afternoon, e.g., 2:30 PM when Hibiscus Hall will be open to the public and they can express themselves on any subject they wish to discuss. Of course, it will conclude at 4 PM when City Hall closes - just in time for early bird dinner specials!

In addition, you will soon learn about the launch of our newly designed City website that will be more attractive, easier to navigate and include additional information that will prove helpful to residents. Look for it over the next couple of months.

Updates

If you are a member of a local group, condominium association, etc., and would like me to speak to your members or Board, please be sure to let me know. Please allow three (3) weeks advance notice and send your request directly to me at dcala@verizon.net.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with your group. Thank you.

Mayor Dan Calabria

**Free Outdoor Concert
by South Pasadena
Community Band
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2014
4:00 P.M.**

Galatea Garden Band Shell
7015 Sunset Drive South



Bring Your Own
Chairs & Blankets!

Band Sponsored by the City of South Pasadena

NEWS . . .

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Make a note on your calendar to do this twice a year: in the spring on the day we change to Daylight Savings Time, and in the fall when we change back to Eastern Standard Time. Smoke detectors can save lives, but only if they are in proper working condition.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS NOVEMBER 2ND**

Using candles or other flame-based decorations can be hazardous for Halloween. It's safer to use battery-powered lights or glo-sticks (and the glo-sticks look eerie, too!).

The Hurricane season is not officially over until November 30th. Have your personal "Go" Kit ready throughout the hurricane season. More information is available at the Pinellas County Emergency Management website, www.pinellascounty.org/emergency. Hurricane guides are available at City Hall and at the Fire Station.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

Did you know that motorists are not the only ones who can get tickets? Pinellas County pedestrian violation fines are \$62.50! Keep yourself safe and avoid fines by obeying traffic signals and state laws for pedestrians!



1. Use crosswalks to cross the street.
2. Obey traffic signals (walk/don't walk).
3. Walk on sidewalks, not in the roadway.

For more information on pedestrian safety and Florida traffic laws, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians>.

**FREE DANCE CLASSES
BEGIN OCTOBER 3RD**

- 10:00 a.m. - Tuesdays and Fridays
Line Dancing
- 10:00 a.m. - Wednesdays
Dance Exercise

Instructed by:
Elaine Eastman



**Come on out
and join the fun!**

Hibiscus Hall - City Hall

VICE MAYOR'S PAGE



*Arthur Penny, Vice Mayor
& Public Safety Commissioner*

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This month I want to discuss identify theft and ways to prevent this from happening to you.

IDENTITY THEFT

If your identity has been stolen, you must act quickly to resolve the problem and minimize the damage. For more information on identity theft, visit the following sites:

- www.consumer.ftc.gov
- www.idtheft.gov

What is Identity Theft?

Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money, destroy your credit and ruin your good name. However, there are ways you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft:

Protect Your Information

Shred all documents that show personal, financial, and medical information before you throw them away.

Review your bank, credit card, and account statements, and the explanation of medical benefits from your health plan. If a statement has mistakes or doesn't come on time, contact the business.

Do not respond to email, text, and phone messages that ask for personal information. Legitimate companies don't ask for information this way. Delete the messages.

Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a firewall on your computer. Set your computer's operating system, web browser, and security system to update automatically.

Never give out personal information, unless you are sure who you are giving the information to and for what purpose it will be used. Protect your social security, account numbers, passwords, pin numbers and other personal information.

Create passwords that mix letters, numbers, and special characters. Don't use the same password for more than one account. An easy way to create great passwords is to use a phrase and numbers such as; **I love living in South Pasadena 33707**. Take the first letter from each word and add the numbers to the end, i.e. Illisp33707 (make the first letter a capital). We all have has certain sayings or words from songs that we can easily remember.

When shopping or banking online, use websites that protect your financial information with encryption. An encrypted site has "https" at the beginning of the web address; "s" is for secure. If you use a public wireless network, don't send information to any website that isn't fully encrypted.

Read your credit reports. You have the right to a free credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. Order all three reports at once, or order one report every four months. To order, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

Protecting "Our Place in the Sun",

*Public Safety Commissioner and
Vice Mayor Arthur Penny*



CITY HOLIDAY EVENTS

City Hall Holiday Open House - New this year!

Come enjoy holiday refreshments and mingle with the City Commission, staff, and Santa!

Friday, December 12, 2014 from 4 PM to 6 PM
City Hall
7047 Sunset Drive South

Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Concert

Join us to light the holiday tree and listen to holiday music provided by Pasadena Fundamental Elementary!

Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM
Dick Holmes Band Shell in Galatea Garden
7015 Sunset Drive South

Hope to see you there!



HOLIDAY CLOSURE SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

Veterans Day
Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday, November 26 (12 Noon)
Thursday, November 27
Friday, November 28

Christmas Holiday
Thursday, December 25



Holiday Lighted Boat Parade Viewing

Friday, December 5, 2014
6:00 p.m. (approx.)

Barbara Gilberg Habitat Park
1600 Pasadena Avenue S.

Bring your own chairs.



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 5, 2014**

**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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NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS . . .

We are selecting the winter flowers now that will be placed in urns and flower beds in October.

Upcoming Recycling Event



Household/Business Electronics & Chemical Mobile Collection Event
Saturday, November 15, 2014
9 AM to 2 PM

Gulfport Neighborhood Center
1617 49th Street South

Hosted by the City of Gulfport and Pinellas County

Free for residents. Businesses pay reduced fees.

For more event information and details about accepted/prohibited items, please contact Pinellas County Solid Waste at 727-464-7500.

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST
EMPLOYEES!**

Kayleigh Sloman recently joined the Community Improvement Department as Assistant Permit Technician. Welcome aboard!

Terri Johnson is the new Administrative Secretary at the Fire Department. She replaced Doreen Sloman who recently retired. We wish them both the best of luck!



2014-2015 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, 2014. 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 Official/Permit Technician, Ashley Dochinez, at the Community Improvement Department at 727-343-4192.

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**ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN
TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOODS?**



Flood Hazard Area

Your property may be vulnerable to floods from heavy storms. To find out what flood zone your property is in, call the **Community Improvement Department** at 343-4192. The 100-year floodplain is an area that will on the average be flooded once every 100 years.

Flood Warning

South Pasadena participates in Pinellas County's warning system. Warnings will be given on television and radio. Turn to these media for instructions during times of possible flooding. The hurricane tabloid which lists evacuation areas and shelters is available at City Hall and the Fire Station.

Flood Safety

Being aware of steps to take to minimize loss prior to a flood is the first step to safety. The following steps can help:

- Tune to Radio Stations WYNF (FM 94.9); WRBQ (FM 104.7 and AM 1380); or WFLA (AM 970) or your local Bay News 9, ABC, CBS, or NBC affiliate on television for flood warnings.
- Heed warnings from officials; evacuate when orders are given.
- Don't wait for the last minute. Make plans now. If you can make plans to evacuate to a friend's house on high ground, it may be a little more comfortable than a shelter.
- Have a small bag with essentials prepared. Remember to include any medications.
- Be cautious at night.
- Have battery operated flashlights, radios, and televisions in working condition. Keep fresh batteries on hand.
- Do not panic.

Flood Insurance

For most families, a home and its contents are their greatest investments. Homeowner insurance does not cover losses from flooding. South Pasadena participates in the National Flood Insurance Program which makes flood insurance available to everyone in the City. We strongly urge you to consider buying flood insurance to protect yourself from a devastating loss. Property owners can insure their buildings and contents, and renters can insure their possessions. Get information from your agent now. Remember, there is a waiting period before any flood insurance takes effect. Even if you've never been flooded in the past that doesn't mean you can't be flooded in the future. Call your insurance agent now to be prepared for future events. Do not wait for a disaster to devastate your family.

Property Protection

A way to minimize loss prior to floods occurring is to retrofit your building. Retrofitting involves building flood walls, elevating a structure, etc. The City of South Pasadena's Building Official can assist property owners in how to accomplish these techniques.

Grant money for some mitigation projects is available from the following sources:

Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, www.FLASH.org
Community Development Department, www.pinellascounty.org/
State of Florida, www.mysafeflorida.com

For more information contact:

Community Improvement Department
727-343-4192



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.

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**

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)

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



COMMISSION MEETINGS

South Pasadena City Commission Meetings are broadcast live on Channel 615 and rebroadcast the following Wednesday and Monday at 11:00 a.m.

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**

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2014 CALENDAR MEETINGS

- Oct. 7 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by
7:00 p.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
*Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- Oct. 14 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Oct. 21 9:00 a.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Nov. 4 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by
7:00 p.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
*Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- Nov. 12 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Nov. 18 9:00 a.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
- Dec. 2 9:00 a.m. Agenda Meeting followed by
7:00 p.m. Administrative Workshop Meeting
*Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- Dec. 5 6:00 p.m. Holiday Lighted Boat Parade**
- Dec. 9 7:00 p.m. Regular Commission Meeting
- Dec. 12 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**
- 6:30 p.m. TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY
CONCERT AT GALATEA
GARDEN**
- *Tentative

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL 9-1-1
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<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 Phone: 727-343-4192 Fax: 727-381-4819</p> <p>Public Works Department Phone: 727-384-0701 Fax: 727-347-4254</p>
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