

South Pasadena, FL 33707

CITY CONNECTION



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Quarterly Newsletter

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SOUTH PASADENA MARCH 10, 2015 ELECTION CANCELED

As only two candidates applied and qualified for two Commission seats, the general election scheduled for March 10, 2015 has been canceled.

The two Commission seats will be filled by Gail Neidinger and Lari Johnson for a three year term. For further information, call the City Clerk's office at 347-4171.



Wishing all of you Happy Holidays & Happy New Year from the City Commission and staff.

> Mayor Dan Calabria Administration Department

Vice Mayor Arthur Penny Public Safety Department

Commissioner Gail Neidinger Community Improvement Department

Commissioner Bruce Howry
Public Works Department



Commissioner Max Elson Finance Department

Employee "Spotlight" - Nic Rasmussen South Pasadena Fire Department



Meet Lieutenant Nic Rasmussen of the South Pasadena Fire Department. Nic has provided services to our city for over 14 years. He began his career as a firefighter/emergency medical technician (EMT) in Alachua County, Florida in the city of La Crosse in 1998. From there, he worked at St. John's County Fire Rescue as a paramedic.

He came to our city in January of 2000. He was promoted to Lieutenant in April of 2008 and became Senior Lieutenant in May of 2014.

Nic has wanted to be a firefighter since he was a kid. He enjoys helping people in their time of need, being out with the public and training and working with the newer firefighters; but he especially likes the work schedule - 24 hours on and 48 hours off. This gives him more time to spend with his wife Courtney and their two daughters, Kaylee and Kristin.

When Nic is not working, he is an avid bike rider and spends time exercising to stay fit. When you see Nic around the city, introduce yourself and let him know you appreciate what he and the other first responders do to keep our citizens safe and well.

Thank you to all who came out to this year's holiday events! A great time was had by all!











Happy Holidays from the Administration Department/ City Clerk's Office!

From L to R: Administrative Secretary Virginia Alvarado, Santa, Deputy City Clerk Brianna Wetherwax and City Clerk Carley Lewis.

South Pasadena Civic Association Weekly Bingo Canceled

Thursday afternoon bingo at City Hall has been indefinitely canceled.

Agnes Stebelton, who has organized the event on behalf of the South Pasadena Civic Association, would like to thank all the loyal players for many years of participating. If anyone is interested in volunteering for her position as organizer, please call Agnes at 253-0260.



Thank you Agnes for giving of your time over the years!



1ST Place Luis & Michelle Alatorre 7051 South Shore Dr. S.

Runner Up Alton & Pauline O'Berry 1411 Durling Dr. S.

MULTI DWELLING

1ST Place Admiral Bldg. Bay Island Condominiums 7500 Sun Island Dr.

Runner Up Les Chateaux 1140 Rue Des Rois

COMMERCIAL

1ST Place Looks and Company The Salon 2525 Pasadena Ave. S.

Runner Up Horse & Jockey British Pub 1155 Pasadena Ave. S. Season's Greetings!

Merry Christmas,

Happy Hanukkah

Happy Kwanzaa

and

A Happy, Healthy &

Prosperous 2015 to All!

Dan Calabría, Mayor South Pasadena

2014 HOLIDAY EVENTS SPONSORS

The City of South Pasadena would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to this year's holiday events:

- Pasadena Liquors
- Pasadena Steak House
- Horse and Jockey British Pub
- Winn Dixie
- Willie's Burgers and Booze
- Pasadena Produce and Deli
- Leverock's Seafood House
- Publix
- Dunkin Donuts
- Toasted Monkey Beach Bar & Sports Grill
- Walmart Neighborhood Market

The Lighted Holiday Boat Parade, Holiday Open House, and Tree Lighting/Concert would not have been successful without the cooperation of these fantastic sponsors. Please patronize these businesses who help to make our events possible.

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Calling all Artists & Volunteers! Artspring March 27th - 29th

The city is looking for volunteers to help with the 29th Annual Artspring Exhibition. Four hour shifts are available on the following dates March 23 - 30, 2015. Please consider donating a few hours of your time.

Artists are also needed to exhibit their artwork in the following mediums: clay, fiber, wood, metals, glass, photography, paper or paint. Sculptures may be submitted in clay, wood, metals or glass. First, Second and Third Place

ribbons will be awarded in two categories (artwork and sculpture), along with the Mayor's Award and Honorable Mention ribbons. No entry fee required.

To register or for more information, please call City Hall at 347-4171.





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CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

- FOOD/DRINKS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

VICE MAYOR'S PAGE



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Arthur Penny, Vice Mayor & Public Safety Commissioner

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

There have been a number of changes made over this past year to make South Pasadena a safer place to live.

With the help of Kathleen Peters, our Florida House Representative, I was able to convince the FDOT to install pedestrian crossing signs on both sides of Pasadena Avenue near the entrance of Bay Island Condominiums. This is just the first step in my plan to help the residents of this community cross Pasadena Avenue safely to connect with the PSTA bus stop and use Fred Held Park.

In addition, with the consensus of the Commission, I was able to grant the Pinellas County School Board use of a city-owned covered bus stop on Pasadena Isle. The children will no longer have to wait in the street and rain for the school bus each morning.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY

More and more residents and visitors are walking and riding their bicycles to get to our local businesses and the beach. This makes being an educated pedestrian, bicyclist or driver a must. The following information will help keep you and your family safe to actively enjoy "Our Place in the Sun".

PEDESTRIANS

Obey all traffic laws. As a road user, you should always obey the pedestrian traffic laws to be safe on the road. If no sidewalks are present, walk against the direction of traffic so you can see oncoming vehicles.

- Always use the crosswalk. The marked crosswalk at signalized intersections is the safest place to
- Look then look again. Look left, right then left again before crossing.
- Be visible. Wear bright colors and reflective accessories such as belts, clothes, wristbands and shoes.

BICYCLISTS

- Obey all traffic laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. You should ride in the same direction of traffic on the street and obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- Yield to traffic when appropriate. It's better to yield than to "be in the right" and risk injury.
- Be predictable. Ride in a straight line and be sure those around you understand your intentions.
- Be visible. Spend a little extra on lights to get a bright headlight and taillight, and always use them at night. Position yourself in the lane so others can easily see you, especially at intersections.
- Watch for parked cars. Don't ride in the "door zone" of parked cars even when the bike lane is adjacent to them.

DRIVERS

- Obey all traffic laws. Stop or yield for pedestrians and bicycles and obey laws to be
- Stop before making a right on red. Pedestrians bicyclists using the crosswalks intersections rely on this time to cross. If you do not stop, you can hit them before you see them.
- Share the road. All users including pedestrians and bicyclists are allowed to use the roads safely. Respect and share the road.

Protecting "Our Place in the Sun",

Public Safety Commissioner and Vice Mayor Arthur Penny



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT DEPUTY CHIEF MADDELENA!

Mark Maddalena, our Deputy Chief of the South Pasadena Fire Department retired December 4, 2014. Mark provided services to the residents and businesses in our city as a firefighter, EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and paramedic for over 40 years, making him our longest tenured employee.

In the early years when Mark was contemplating his career choices, his stepbrother, a volunteer firefighter inspired him to get involved. He joined the South Pasadena Fire Department as a volunteer in 1974 and based on his dedication and excellent work, was hired on October 16, 1978. He put himself through EMT training and became a paramedic in 1981.

When asked about his favorite part of the job, he stated that it has been twofold: working with the team in the department and the challenges involved in helping our citizens in their time of need. Knowing that his actions can touch someone in a positive way, reassuring them with their needs like feeding their dog or locking the door when they are taken to the hospital makes his day. Treating people with respect & dignity and letting them know "it will be OK" has been Mark's focus over the years.

He leaves the city with mixed emotions. On one hand he will miss everyone he works with on a daily basis and on the other he looks forward to a well-deserved retirement which he will share with his wife Nicki. Mark said, "It's time for a change and I look forward to spending time with my family, especially my children and grandkids. I'm excited about the new challenges before me."

When Chief Dayton Saltsman was asked about Mark's retirement, he said, "I'm not happy that he's leaving, but I am happy for him."

Please join us in wishing Mark all the best in his retirement and we look forward to hearing from him on his new life ventures. On behalf of the City of South Pasadena, "thanks for your service Mark; thanks for everything!"

Public Safety Promotions

With the retirement of Deputy Chief Mark Maddalena, Lieutenant Emery Culverhouse has been promoted to Deputy Chief. Emery has been with the South Pasadena Fire Department for 17 years, starting as a Firefighter / Paramedic.

The lieutenant's position that Emery is vacating is being filled by Paul Whitehead. Paul has been with the department for almost 9 years, also beginning as a Firefighter / Paramedic.

Congratulations to Emery and Paul on their promotions!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEES . . .

Please join us in welcoming Adam Stacy and James McCafferty to the South Pasadena Fire Department. They will both hold the position of Firefighter/Paramedic.

Welcome aboard!

IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

The following employees are celebrating milestone anniversaries with the city:

Jeffrey Bergamo - 15 years Public Safety Dept., Firefighter/Paramedic November 15 •••••••••••

Tim Germack - 15 years
Public Works Dept., Maintenance Worker II
December 14

Thank You for Your Service!

PROTECT YOURSELF - HIRE A LICENSED CONTRACTOR

When you need something done it can be very tempting to hire the 'handyman' who your friend recommends. However, if this handyman were as qualified as he thinks he is, why doesn't he get a license? More importantly, if something goes wrong with the job, you have little to no recourse to make the job 'right'.

If you need work done such as a new air conditioner, water heater, kitchen or bath remodel, windows, sliding glass doors, etc, the Community Improvement Department can provide a list of licensed contractors that regularly do work in our community. We cannot recommend any one contractor but we will give you a short list and provide you with an internet link to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board where you can investigate all the licensed contractors in Pinellas County.

The best method to employ when considering your project is to speak to as many contractors as your personal tolerance will allow. Make sure you get competitive prices that compare the SAME (or at least functionally equivalent) products. Even better- make a list of what you want or expect to be done and use your list when you speak to contractors. When you speak to these contractors, don't be bashful. Ask ALL the questions you have in your mind. Remember, the only foolish question is the one you do not ask! If the contractor is annoyed by or dismissive of your questions, consider removing them from your list. Also, make an effort to get bids from at least three contractors. Bids/estimates should be within a few dollars. If one is too low, beware! If one is too high, beware!

Lastly, and very important, DO NOT pay in full until the city's Building Inspector has approved and signed the permit. Money can be very motivational if there is something about your project that is not completed to your satisfaction.

Please know that the City of South Pasadena is here for YOU! We don't represent the contractor, we represent YOU. It is our job to make sure that whoever you hire does the job in compliance with the Building Code.

Feel free to call us or stop by to discuss your project and ask any questions you may have. The Building Official and Building Inspector both have many years of construction experience and hold numerous state licenses. Staff will strive to answer your questions on the spot and if we can't we will get you an answer!

Happy Holidays to you and yours from the Community Improvement Department!





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

Neal Schwartz, Al Clark, Ashley Dochinez & Kayleigh Sloman

FEMA

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities (the City of South Pasadena is a participating community) to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal Government that states if a community will adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance to reduce future flood risks to new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Federal Government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. The NFIP has three interrelated components.

- **Floodplain Management** By law, FEMA is prohibited from providing flood insurance to property owners unless the community adopts and enforces floodplain management criteria, which are established in the NFIP regulations. The City of South Pasadena has complied with regulation.
- Flood Hazard Mapping Communities must be mapped and have flood risk zones established. The results of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) are presented on a map, referred to as a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Flood Hazard Maps are the risk assessment tools vital for floodplain management and for establishing flood insurance rates.

• Flood Insurance — Through partnerships with communities, such as the City of South Pasadena, the insurance industry and the lending industry, the NFIP helps to reduce flood damage by almost \$1 billion a year. Furthermore, buildings constructed in compliance with NFIP building standards suffer approximately 80% less damage annually than those not built in compliance.

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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From L-R: Commissioner Max Elson, Mayor Dan Calabria, Ashley Dochinez, Commissioner Gail Neidinger, and Vice Mayor Arthur Penny

Permit Tech/Business Tax Official Ashley Dochinez recently passed the Florida Association of Code Enforcement's Fundamentals of Code Enforcement exam. Ashley is now able to do code enforcement for the city. Congratulations Ashley!

Fire Department Safety Tips

Electric space heaters must be used with caution. Heaters are not dryers: do not dry clothes or store objects on top of them. Space heaters need just that – plenty of space around them. Allow at least three feet of space around portable heaters. Always unplug your space heater when not in use. Make sure all holiday decorations near your space heater are nonflammable or flame-retardant.

Always keep "real" Christmas trees in plenty of water. Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and gaps in insulation. Turn tree lights off when leaving or going to bed. Do not overload electric sockets. And here are some holiday safety tips for your pets: Hang ornaments higher up on the tree to avoid pets getting at them. If they break, the small pieces can be swallowed and are very harmful. Keep holiday sweets where your pets cannot get at them. Many of these treats, especially chocolates, can be toxic or harmful. Avoid candles whenever possible. If you absolutely must use candles, they should not be left lit when unattended. Do not leave candles where your pets can knock them over, or near flammable decorations.



ALL OF US AT THE SOUTH PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



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

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
 Electro Battery
 St. Pete Battery World

 5601 Haines Rd. N.
 3138 23rd Ave. N.
 2705 54th Ave. N.

 St. Petersburg, FL
 St. Petersburg, FL
 St. Petersburg, FL

 (727) 522-5794
 (727) 323-4848
 (727) 526-2200

MOTOR OIL (USED): WHITE GOODS: GREASE (household):

Advance Auto Parts
Waste Services Inc.
Put in paper towels to absorb
4901 Gulfport Blvd.
(727) 572-6800
grease, place in bag and dispose in
(727) 323-2971
(call first)
regular trash.
No freon accepted.

FUEL: PAINT

(diesel, gasoline, heating oil, boat fuel, kerosene, mixed fuels (clean/contaminated)) (water-based latex, vinyl or acrylic paint in spray or can)

HEC₃ Facility

Only empty/dry paint cans can be disposed in regular

2855 109th Avenue North

trash - take lid off container and place outside to dry.

• Transport in approved fuel container HEC₃ will accept unopened/partially used cans. (not returned)

Do not smoke while transporting fuel
 If fuel exceeds 15 gallons call first (727) 464-7500
 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.) Medium Tanks 20 lb. Tank Over 20 lbs. (Ex: camping stove tank) (2-20 lbs.)

(Ex: gas grill or turkey Blue Rhino Propane Contact propane distribu-

HEC₃ Facility fryer tank) Tank Exchange tor 2900 110th Avenue North Reuse by refilling tank 1-800-258-7466 (on tank decal or stamp)

900 110th Avenue North Reuse by refilling tank 1-800-258-7466 (on tank decal or stamp *If tank's wheel is round/

star shaped, it cannot be refilled* Rev. 7/13

FREE DANCE CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 7TH

10:00 a.m. - 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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

Christmas

Wednesday, December 24 (close 12 noon) Thursday, December 25 Friday, December 26

New Years

Thursday, January 1 Friday, January 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 19

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16



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

2015 CALENDAR MEETINGS

Jan.	6	9:00 a.m.	Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting *Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	
Jan.	13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Commission Meeting
Jan.	20	9:00 a.m.	Administrative Workshop Meeting
Feb.	3	9:00 a.m.	Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	*Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
Feb.	10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Commission Meeting
Feb.	17	9:00 a.m.	Administrative Workshop Meeting
Mar.	3	9:00 a.m.	Agenda Meeting followed by Administrative Workshop Meeting *Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	
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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.

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CITY HALL

7047 Sunset Drive South Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mayor, Commission, Finance & Administration Departments

Phone: 727-347-4171 Fax: 727-345-0518

FIRE STATION

911 Oleander Way S.

Public Safety Department

Phone: 727-344-1666 Fax: 727-381-4324

Pinellas County Sheriff

Phone: 727-582-6200

CITY HALL ANNEX

6940 Hibiscus Avenue South Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Community Improvement Department

Phone: 727-343-4192 Fax: 727-381-4819

Public Works Department

Phone: 727-384-0701 Fax: 727-347-4254