



THE BELLEAIR BEACH BREEZE

December 2013

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Upcoming City Council Meetings

December 2, 2013 - 6 pm

City of Belleair Beach
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Belleair Beach FL 33786

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Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm M-F

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Special Election

There will be a January 14, 2014 Special Primary and a March 11, 2014 Special General Election for U.S. Representative District 13.

With the unfortunate death of Congressman C.W. Bill Young, state statutes require the governor to schedule special elections to fill the vacancy.

Voter registration deadlines will be 29 days prior to each election: December 23, 2013 for the special primary and February 10, 2014 for the special general.

Florida has closed primaries, so only voters registered with a political party may vote in that party's primary election. Party affiliation may be changed up to 29 days prior to a primary election.

Early voting will be conducted for each election:

- Special Primary: January 4-12, 2014
- Special General: March 1-9, 2014
- Hours for both elections will be Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Belleair Beach Election



The Charter Amendment Question was approved. The Amendment asked voters to approve the use of a Magistrate ONLY IF a quorum of the Board of Adjustment Members could not be seated for a timely hearing.

An example would be summer vacations, holiday travel, etc. Under these conditions, it may be difficult to seat a voting quorum to hear variance requests each month. Only in this type of case would a Magistrate be used.

A total of 341 residents voted in the election of the 1276 registered voters. Or 26.72 % of our voters.

207 voted to approve the Amendment and 134 voted not to approve the Amendment.

The Magistrate to be utilized in these special circumstances is expected to be appointed in January 2014.

How You Can Fertilize like a Floridian and Keep our Waters Fun

- Reclaimed water can contain high amounts of nutrients and fertilizers may not be needed. Check with your water supplier.
- Skip the phosphorous: The Tampa Bay region is naturally rich in phosphorous. Only use phosphorous-based fertilizer if a soil test turns up a deficiency.
- Newly-installed landscapes cannot efficiently use nitrogen; do not apply nitrogen for the first 30 days.
- Go slow by half: 50% slow-release nitrogen provides nourishment over a longer period, saving you money
- Perfect 10. Keep fertilizer at least 10 feet away from any wetland or body of water.
- Sweep it up. Whisk any fertilizer granules that fall onto sidewalks, streets or driveways back into the landscape.
- On your guard. Use a deflector shield on your fertilizer spreaders so you spread it only where you need it.
- Keep the clippings. Don't blow your leaves or clippings into the road - leave them on your lawn. They can supply up to 50% of the nitrogen your grass needs.
- Watch the weather: Rainstorms don't water in fertilizer they wash it away, wasting your money and polluting our water. Limit granular fertilizer application to no more than 1 pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet.

Ask for credentials!

All fertilizer applicators must display a Pinellas County vehicle decal.

All landscape maintenance staff must display a Pinellas County vehicle decal.

NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

There has been a policy change regarding the Best Management Practices included in the countywide fertilizer & landscape ordinance.

Please note that all tree service company employees are now required to obtain BMP certification. This group now joins fertilizer and landscape maintenance companies in BMP certification requirements.

There are 2 certifications accepted in order to obtain the vehicle decal for landscape maintenance.

Visit <http://www.pinellascounty.org> for more.

A Non-Event

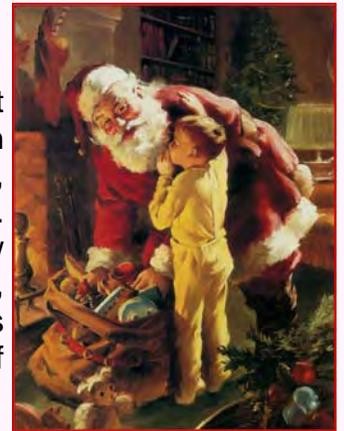
One year after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the East Coast, the 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season has not produced a single land-falling hurricane in the U.S. Instead of having above-average storm activity, as the seasonal hurricane outlooks unanimously called for, the season was quiet — notable for its inactivity.

“It’s not only quiet, but it’s got the potential to be near record quiet for the Atlantic Basin,” Chris Landsea, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said.

Why? Tropical weather systems depend on a plentiful supply of warm, moist air to form and Intensify, and when these storms ingest exceptionally dry air, as many of the storms have this year, they can choke to death in a matter of hours or days. For example, Tropical Storm Karen formed in the Gulf of Mexico, where landfall in the U.S. or Mexico is virtually assured, but died before reaching land because of the presence of dry air and strong wind shear.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

According to legend, Clement Clarke Moore wrote his immortal poem, A Visit from St. Nicholas, also known as The Night Before Christmas, for his family on Christmas Eve 1822. He never intended that it be published, but a family friend, Miss Harriet Butler, learned of the poem sometime later from Moore's children. She copied it into her album, and submitted it to the editor of the Troy (New York) Sentinel where it made its first appearance in print on December 23, 1823. Soon, the poem began to be reprinted in other newspapers, almanacs and magazines, with the first appearance in a book in The New York Book of Poetry, edited by Charles Fenno Hoffman, in 1837.



It was not until 1844, however, that Moore himself acknowledged authorship in a volume of his poetry entitled Poems, published at the request of his children. One hundred and eighty years later it is the most-published, most-read, most-memorized and most-collected book in all of Christmas literature.

Happy Hannukah

The history of Hannukah can be traced back to the rededication of the holy temple of Jerusalem by the Jews, by emerging victorious over the Hellenist Syrians in 165 BC. The Greek god of Syria, Antiochus, ordered the Jews to worship the Greek god and prohibited Jews from practicing their rituals. Even their holy temple was seized in 168 BC and was dedicated to Zeus. Not much time later, the angry Jews decided to fight back and restore the dignity of their holy temple. The fighting began in a village close to Jerusalem, known as Modiin.

The Syrians were defeated and the Jews took back their temple. In the temple, Judah found many things broken or missing. The temple was cleaned and repaired by Maccabee and his soldiers and then, a big dedication ceremony was held there. The Maccabees also wanted to light the golden menorah in the temple, but they could only find a small flask containing oil, which was enough to light the menorah for a day. However, the oil lasted in the menorah for eight days, quite miraculously. Later, this led to the tradition of lighting menorah on Hanukkah, for eight days.



Hanukkah is also known as the 'Festival of Lights'. As the name suggests, the entire festival is a celebration of the miraculous event that occurred years ago at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. This is the reason why lights and lighted decors play such an important part in the observation of the celebration.

Looking for the Perfect Gift?

With the holiday season approaching, we encourage you to continue thinking of the people in our community who are in need. As you plan your festivities with family and friends remember those who are hungry, without shelter, and those living with the fear of domestic violence.

Please consider giving a gift to RCS in the name of those on your holiday list.

We will send them a beautiful holiday card expressing your generosity and the hope and help that will be provided in their name.

A gift of help and hope is the greatest gift we can give!

<http://www.rcspinellas.org/>





Out 'n About



Theater

The Golden Dragon Acrobats
 Santa's Holiday Revue
 The Nutcracker
 Ringling Circus Nutcracker
 The Nutcracker Twist
 Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
 Sinbad

Largo Cultural Center
 Largo Cultural Center
 Largo Cultural Center
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Mahaffey Theater
 Mahaffey Theater
 Capitol Theatre

December 1, 2013 - 2 & 7 pm
 December 14, 2013 - 11 am
 December 14, 2014 - 3 & 7:30 pm
 December 14, 2013 - 7 pm
 December 21, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 December 28, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 December 21, 2013 - 7:30 pm

Concerts



Bonnie Raitt
 Yanni
 Rock & Roll Holiday Concert
 Huey Lewis and the News
 Chris Cornell
 Christmas Time In Ireland
 Mix 107 Acoustic Christmas
 Holiday Pops
 A Russian Christmas
 Trace Adkins Christmas Show
 ZZ Top

Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Largo Cultural Center
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Mahaffey Theater
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December 3, 2013 - 8 pm
 December 4, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 December 5, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 December 6, 2013 - 8 pm
 December 6, 2013 - 9 pm
 December 7, 2013 - 2 & 7 pm
 December 13, 2013 - 6:30 pm
 December 14, 2013 - 8 pm
 December 17, 2013 - 7:30 pm
 December 18, 2013 - 8 pm
 December 27, 2013 - 8 pm



Events/Crafts/Exhibits

St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena Lighted Boat Parade
 Madeira Beach Festival of Light
 Pinellas Paws Cause Holiday Celebration
 Trees and Traditions
 Redington Beach/Indian Shores Boat Parade
 IRB Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
 Treasure Island Holiday Boat Parade

South Pasadena
 Behind Madeira Recreation Field
 12450 Ulmerton Road, Largo
 Heritage Village
 Tom Stuart Causeway
 Holiday Inn Harborside
 The Club Treasure Island

December 6, 2013 - 6 pm
 December 7, 2013 - 6:30 pm
 December 7, 2013 - 10 am - 2 pm
 December 7, 2013 - 10 am
 December 15, 2013 - 6 pm
 December 21, 2013 - 7 pm
 December 21, 2013 - 6:20 pm

Are You Safe?

Holiday Shopping

The month of December is finally upon us, and so has the time for holiday spending.

It's not only a time when shoppers take advantage of sales, but also a time for criminals to take advantage of the shoppers.

There are a lot of thefts from motor vehicles during the Yule season, whether you park next to a store or farther away, it doesn't matter, opportunity is opportunity for thieves.

A few safety tips for your holiday shopping this year: Use the buddy system and shop with a friend. You are more likely to become a target if you are alone.

Park your car in a well-lit area and keep track of where it's parked. This will get you in your car and on your way faster.

Be careful what you post online. Don't alert others that you aren't at home. Consolidate packages so you're a less desirable target for criminals looking to steal your belongings.

Wear your purse across the body to keep your hands free for your keys, both when heading to your car and into your home.

Hide purchases from view in your parked car to prevent break-ins.

Be just as vigilant about your surroundings during the daylight hours. A crime can occur at any time.

Take extra precautions. For example, StreetSafe is a new mobile personal security system that uses your smart phone's GPS technology to connect to help instantly, before a situation turns into an emergency. Street Safe's "Walk With Me" service offers a live connection to a professional safety advisor to keep you safe when walking in unfamiliar or threatening surroundings and provides instant access to 911 if needed.

Stay alert while you are walking to your car. Talking or texting on your phone or digging in your purse for your keys while walking is a distraction and makes you an easy target.

Check the back seat for potential criminals before getting back in your car. Carry your keys in your hand while you are walking toward your vehicle, and pick a parking space that's easy to back out of so that you can leave the parking lot quickly.

Ask to have your packages delivered. Though this costs a little, you won't have to deal with the hassle of carrying your things to the car and then unloading them when you get home. Women carrying a lot of packages are often targets for criminals because such shoppers are distracted and not as mobile.

