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School starts soon, think safety!



August 22nd, is the first day of the 2011-2012 school year in Pinellas County, and Pinellas Park Fire Department wanted to remind parents about the importance of traveling safely to, and from school.

Keep in mind that children younger than age 9 or 10 often do not make good decisions regarding traffic safety, and generally should be accompanied by an adult or responsible older child on the walk to school or the bus stop. Regardless of the child's age, if the child's behavior or maturity suggests that he or she will be unsafe without adult or other supervision, or if the parents have any concerns about conditions on the route, parents should provide supervision on the walking route, and/or at the bus stop. Whatever your means or transportation to, and from school, take a few moments to review these safety tips with your child before school starts.

School Bus Safety

- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
- Do not move around on the bus.
- Check to see that no other traffic is

coming before crossing.

- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.

Car Safety

- All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.

• Your child should ride in a car safety seat with a harness as long as possible and then

ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. Your child is ready for a booster seat when the child has reached the top weight or height allowed for the seat, the child's shoulders are above the top harness slots, or the child's ears have reached the top of the seat.

- Your child should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly (usually when the child reaches about 4' 9" in height and is between 8 to 12 years of age). This means the shoulder belt lies across the middle of the chest and shoulder, not the neck or throat; the lap belt is low and snug across the thighs, not the stomach; and the child is tall enough to sit against the vehicle seat back with her legs bent at the knees and feet hanging down.
- All children under 13 years of age should ride in the rear seat of vehicles.
- Remember that many crashes occur

while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You may want to limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking, or talking on a cell phone.

Bike Safety

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- Use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- Wear bright colored clothing to increase visibility.
- Know the "rules of the road. Go online at <http://www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm>

Pedestrian Safety

- Make sure your child's walk to school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive, and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

Tips for Teaching Kids How to Be Safe Pedestrians

- Children under 10 should never cross the street alone. Hold the hand of an adult when crossing.
- Older children should always cross streets at the corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.



Get out and Explore a world of opportunity

Discover a future career. Develop a life-long interest. Explore the possibilities and make it happen!

If you are a young person between 14 and 20 years of age with an interest in becoming a police officer or firefighter, you can receive hands-on training right now. Exploring, a program created by the Boy Scouts of America, gives young men and women a first-hand look at the public safety profession.

On the national level, Exploring is a career education program that provides a controlled environment for young people to mature, and prepares them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers

get an opportunity to build a unique working relationship with members of the Pinellas Park Police and Fire Departments and other organizations in their community.



Police and Fire Departments create Explorer posts by matching their people and resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result

is a program that helps young adults pursue their special interests and contrib-

ute to their community through service projects.

Pinellas Park Police Explorer Post #912 trains in all aspects of law enforcement tactics and procedures. Police officers lend support and guidance to help Explorers reach their goals.

Young adults interested in joining the Police Explorer Post may call Detectives Luginbill or Tippet at (727) 541-0764 and for the Fire Explorers Post, please call Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Fazekas at (727) 688-2561.



City Hall

5141 78th Avenue N.

Phone: (727) 541-0700

Job Line: (727) 541-0703

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Public Meetings

Meetings subject to change/cancellation.

City Hall 5141 78th Ave. N.
(727) 541-0700

City Council Workshop August 23	City Hall, Second Floor 7:30 p.m.	Equestrian Board August 17	City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m.
City Council Agenda Session August 09	City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m.	Meet Your Mayor Call-In Show August 18	(727) 541-0828 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting August 09	City Hall, First Floor 7:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Board Workshop August 02	Park Station, Second Floor 7:00 p.m.
August 25	7:30 p.m.	Meeting August 04	7:00 p.m.
Board of Adjustment August 23	Park Station, Second Floor 7:00 p.m.	Recreation Board Cancelled for August	Pinellas Park Public Library
Code Enforcement Board August 18	City Hall, First Floor 8:00 a.m.	Special Magistrate August 24	City Hall, First Floor 4:00 p.m.

Government Relations

Administrative Office 5851 Park Blvd.
(727) 541-0721

UPCOMING EVENTS - Event Line (727) 541-0895

Full listing of events at www.pinellas-park.com

2nd - National Night Out

Target Parking Lot, 7150 U.S. 19. Time: 5 - 8 p.m. Cost: Free. Contact: (727) 803-0022 or (727) 244-1715.

09th - Pinellas Park Community Chorus

Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N. Time: 5 - 8. Cost: Free. Contact: (727) 541-4501.

27th - Firefighters' Movies In The Park

England Brothers Band Shell, 5010 81st Ave. N. Time: Dusk. Cost: Free Admission. Contact: (727) 687-4494.

27th - PPPD Speed Show

Equestrian Center @ Helen Howarth Park, 6301 94th Ave. N. Time: 6-10 p.m.. Cost: Free to the public. Contact: (727) 547-8495.



Events subject to change/cancellation.

MONTHLY EVENTS - Event Line (727) 541-0895

Every 1st Sunday - Pinellas Park Civic Orchestra - Oct. - April

Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. Time 7:30 p.m. Call (727) 397-3832.

Every 2nd Monday - Pinellas Park Art Society Meeting

Park Station, 5851 Park Boulevard. Starts at 7:00 p.m. Call (727) 541-2697.

Every 2nd Wednesday - Senior Center Pancake Breakfast - Sept.- May,

Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N. Starts at 9:00 a.m. Call (727) 541-0776.

Every 3rd Tuesday - Theatre Pipe Organ Performance

City Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N. Starts at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Performance is free to the public. Call (727) 541-0770.

Every 3rd Thursday - Pinellas Park Historical Society Meeting

Park Station, 5851 Park Boulevard. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Call (727) 546-7060.



The Center of Possibilities where "Dreams Are Created" and the "Possibilities Are Endless." For more information please call Joel Garren at 727-541-0805 x 3076 or jgarren@pinellas-park.com.

Library & Recreation

Administrative Office 7770 52nd St. N.
(727) 541-0718

Programs/Activities subject to change/cancellation.

LIBRARY - 7770 52nd St. N.

(727) 541-0718

ADULT PROGRAMS

(727) 541-0959

Bref Michael, Adult Services Librarian

Introductory Computer Classes - Please contact the Library's Information/Reference Desk at 541-0719 or 541-0851 for current schedule.

Adult Beginning Sign Language Classes Thursdays, June 16 - Aug. 25 6 - 7 p.m.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language Classes Thursdays, June 16 - Aug. 25 7 - 8 p.m.

Deaf Literacy Tutoring Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

(727) 541-0716

Arline Hollingsworth, Youth Services Librarian

Tuesdays
Story Time (Ages: 3-5) 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Program (Ages: Birth to 3) 10:45-11:05 a.m.

Wednesdays
Mother Goose Program (Ages: Birth to 3) 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Thursdays
Evening Mother Goose (Young Children & Parents) 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Youth Sign Language Classes June 20 - Aug. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tail Waggin' Tutors 2nd & 4th Thu. each month, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Appointments are required. Call 541-0716.

Sunday Spectacular: Sensational Science - Sunday, August 14 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required, call 541-0716.

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

(727) 541-0770

Individuals participating in City operated Recreation Programs must be registered and have their recreation ID card on hand at all times when using Recreation facilities. For more information on registration, please call the appropriate facility.

BRODERICK RECREATION CENTER

(727) 541-0844

6101 66th Avenue

ADULT PROGRAMS Dog Gone Positive W 6:15-7:15, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Pickle Ball M, W 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Fitness Room M-F 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. S 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS Open Rec Ages 6-12 M, F 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Open Art for Kids M, F 12:00-3:30 p.m.

Children's Cooking Ages 6-8 T 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Children's Cooking Ages 9-13 Th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **AMMA Martial**

Arts (T,Th), Cheer America-Hip Hop (M), Cheering (Sat), Yoga (M), Pilates (W), Fitness

Boot Camp (F).

FORBES RECREATION CENTER

(727) 541-0882

6401 94th Avenue North

ADULT PROGRAMS Fitness Room Open M-F 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., S 8:30-12:00 p.m.

Open Basketball Ages 15 Up TH 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Adult Lunch Basketball M-F 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS Arts & Crafts Ages 6-12 M, T, Th, F 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Children's Clay Class Ages 6-14 W 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Cooking Class Ages 9-14 F 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Teen Basketball Ages 13-17 F 7:30-8:45 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **AMMA Martial**

Arts (M/W), Dancing Dreams (T/TH/S), Zumba (W, F), Yoga (T/TH).

SENIOR CENTER

(727) 541-0776

7625 59th Street North

Arthritis Exercise T, F 9:05 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Seniorcize M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Pinochle & Double Euchre T 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Bingo W 6:30-9:00 p.m. & Thu. 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Monday Night Dance M 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Tai Chi M, W 9:00-9:45 p.m.

Billiards M, F 9:00-5:00 p.m.

Movie & Ice Cream (3rd Friday each month) 1:00-3:30 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **Zumba** (M),

Square Dancing (TH) 7:00-9:30 p.m., Senior Solo (2nd Monday each month) 1:30-4:00 p.m.