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Exposing an Invisible Killer: The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

Each year in America, unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning claims more than 400 lives and sends another 20,000 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

Understanding the Risk

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu.

These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure.

Where does carbon monoxide come from?

CO gas can come from several sources: gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning furnaces or fireplaces and motor vehicles.

Who is at risk?

Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. Medical experts believe that unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens and people with heart or lung problems are at even greater risk for CO poisoning.

What Actions Do I Take if My

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Goes Off?

What you need to do if your carbon monoxide alarm goes off depends on whether anyone is feeling ill or not.

If no one is feeling ill:

1. Silence the alarm.
2. Turn off all appliances and sources of combustion (i.e. furnace and fire place).
3. Ventilate the house with fresh air by opening doors and windows.
4. Call a qualified professional to investigate the source of the possible CO buildup.

If illness is a factor:

1. Evacuate all occupants immediately.
2. Determine how many occupants are ill and determine their symptoms.
3. Call your local emergency number and when relaying information to the dispatcher, include the number of people feeling ill.
4. Do not re-enter the home without the approval of a fire department representative.
5. Call a qualified professional to repair the source of the CO.

Protect Yourself and Your Family from CO Poisoning

- Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms. Make sure the alarm has been evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Under-

writers Laboratories (UL). Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present.

- Have a qualified professional check all fuel burning appliances, furnaces, venting and chimney systems at least once a year.
- Never use your range or oven to help heat your home and never use a charcoal grill or hibachi in your home or garage.
- Never keep a car running in a garage. Even if the garage doors are open, normal circulation will not provide enough fresh air to reliably prevent a dangerous buildup of CO.
- When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house. The presence of a carbon monoxide alarm in your home can save your life in the event of CO buildup.


Reminder To Residents

City Brush Site Closed on January 1st, in observance of New Year's Day.

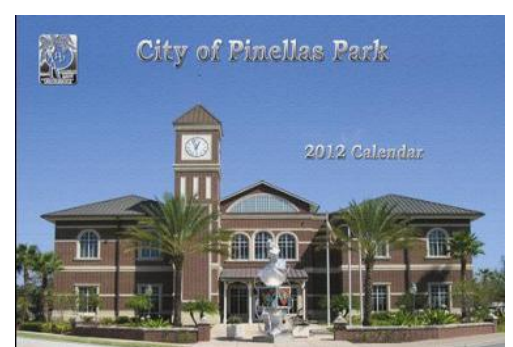
Free tax preparation & E-filing

Household income below \$50,000.00

KEEP YOUR MONEY GET BACK ALL THE MONEY YOU ARE ENTITLED TO WITHOUT EXPENSIVE TAX PREPARATION OR REFUND LOAN FEES. For Free VITA Tax preparation locations call 211 or visit www.jwbpinellas.org/vita

 WEALTH BUILDING COALITION OF PINELLAS COUNTY Promoting economic opportunities and financial education

Claim EITC and Build a Strong Future for You and Your Family.
EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)



GET YOUR

2012

CITY CALENDAR!

Calendars can be picked up free of charge at the following locations:

City Hall - 5141 78th Ave. N.

Technical Services Building
- 6051 78th Ave. N.

Public Library - 7770 52nd St. N.

Park Station - 5851 Park Blvd.

City Hall

5141 78th Avenue N.

Phone: (727) 541-0700

Job Line: (727) 541-0703

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Public Meetings

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

City Council Workshop
January 10
January 24
City Council Agenda Session
January 12
January 26
City Council Meeting
January 12
January 26
Board of Adjustment
January 24
Code Enforcement Board
January 19

City Hall, Second Floor
7:30 p.m.
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City Hall, First Floor
8:00 a.m.

Equestrian Board
February 15
Library Board
January 05
Planning & Zoning Board Workshop
January 03
Meeting
January 05
Recreation Board
January 30
Special Magistrate
January 25

City Hall, Second Floor
7:00 p.m.
Pinellas Park Public Library
7:00 p.m.
Park Station, Second Floor
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
Pinellas Park Public Library
6:30 p.m.
City Hall, First Floor
4:00 p.m.

Meetings subject to change/cancellation.

Government Relations

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

UPCOMING EVENTS - Event Line (727) 541-0895

For full listings of upcoming events check out the city website at www.pinellas-park.com

13th - 15th Bobby Darin Tribute Concert
Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N. Time: Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. Cost: \$25.00. Contact: (727) 541-0895.
21st - Firefighters' Movies in the Park
England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave. N. Time: Dusk. Cost: Free admission. Contact: (727) 687-4494.
21st - Model Train Show & Swap Meet
Knights of Columbus, 7177 58th St. N. Time: 10-3 p.m. Cost: Adults \$4.00, children 12 & under free. Contact: (727) 244-1341.
29th - Opera In The Park
Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N. Time: 2 p.m. Cost: Free admission & refreshments. Contact: (727) 547-0396.



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

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

ADULT PROGRAMS (727) 541-0959 Bret Michael, Adult Services Librarian

Introductory Computer Classes
Please contact the Library's Information/Reference Desk at 727-541-0719 or 727-541-0851 for current schedule.
Adult Beginning Sign Language Classes Thursdays, Jan.19-May 19 6 - 7 p.m.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language Classes Thursdays, Jan. 19-May 19 7 - 8 p.m.
Deaf Literacy Tutoring Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
Book Discussion Thursday, Jan. 19 2:00 p.m.
The Death of Ivan Ilyich, by Leo Tolstoy,

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.
Reading Patch Club (elementary school students) 2:00 p.m.
Thursdays
Evening Mother Goose (Young Children & Parents) 7:00-7:30 p.m.
Youth Sign Language Classes Thursdays, Jan. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tail Waggin' Tutors 2nd & 4th Thursday of each 3:00 - 5 p.m.
Appointments are required, call 541-0716.
Origami Workshop Tuesday, Jan. 10 6:30 p.m.
Registration required, call 541-0716.
Sunday Spectacular: Let It Snow Sunday, Jan. 08 2:00 p.m.
Registration 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

Computer Room	Mon-Fri	6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Computer Room	Sat	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Zumba	Mon	12:10 p.m.-12:50 p.m.
Fitness Room	Mon-Fri	6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
	Sat	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Fri	12:10-12:50 p.m.

Lunch Time Video Pilates Class - FREE
CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **AMMA Martial Arts** (TU/TH), **Dancing Dreams** (M/W), **Cheer America Hip Hop** (M), **Cheer America Cheering** (SA)

FORBES RECREATION CENTER (727) 541-0882 6401 94th Avenue North

Fitness Room	Mon.-Fri.	8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
	Sat	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Open Gym	Mon-Fri	Noon-2:00 p.m.
Teen Night (Ages 13-16 Only)	Fri	7:30-8:45 p.m.

CONTRACT CLASSES - Register with instructor(s). Call for fees and times: **AMMA Martial Arts** (M/W), **Dancing Dreams** (TU/TH/F/SA), **Cardio Sculpt** (M/W), **Cheer America** (SA), **Jazzercise** (M/W/F), **Sunshine Tumblers** (TU), **Zumba** (TU/WED), **Yoga** (TU/TH).

SENIOR CENTER (727) 541-0776 7625 59th Street North

Fitness Center	Mon, Wed, Thu	8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fitness Center	Tues, Fri	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Seniorcize	Mon, Wed, Fri	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Tai Chi	Mon, Wed	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Zumba	Mon	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Jolly Joints	Tue, Fri	9:00-9:45 a.m.
Shuffleboard: Open	Tue, Thu	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Shuffleboard: Y&W	Mon, Wed, Fri	12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Euchre	Mon	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Pinochle & Double Euchre	Tue	12:30-3:30 p.m.
Bingo	Wed/Thu	6:30-9:30 p.m./12:30-3 p.m.
Bridge	Fri	12:30-4 p.m.
Line Dancing	Tue	10:00-12:00 p.m.
Promenade Squares	Thu	6:00-9:45 p.m.

For Promenade Squares information call Shirley, (727) 733-2220

Programs/Activities subject to change/cancellation.