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June - November Hurricane Season 2011



Floods and tornadoes emphasize the need to be prepared for the coming hurricane season. The following steps may help ensure that your family and your home remain safe in the event of severe weather this season:

If You Plan To Stay At Home

- If you plan to stay - Plan and assemble your hurricane kits NOW!
- Stay alert to storm advisories.
- Purchase a NOAA weather radio.
- Get medications early if possible and don't forget things like toilet paper and batteries.
- Have enough food and water for at least 5 to 7 days.
- Protect valuable documents.
- Make your home more disaster resistant. Prepare to board up windows and glass doors, anchor loose yard objects or bring them inside.
- Get cash. Following a hurricane, banks and ATMs may be closed
- Fill your car with gasoline.
- Include your pet in the family

disaster plan. Don't forget the pet food!

- Listen to your local officials. Evacuate if told to do so.

Plan To Leave Early! Don't Wait Because The Roads Will Be Crowded.

- Stay alert to storm advisories
- Enact your family disaster plan
- Map out your route. Use travel routes specified by local authorities. DO NOT get on the road without a place to go.
- Fill your car with gasoline.
- Evacuate if told to do so. DO NOT get stranded – evacuate early!
- Enact your pet plan.
- Bring your disaster supply kit, include important documents.
- Secure your home before leaving. Board up windows and glass doors, anchor loose yard objects or bring them inside, and lock your doors.
- Get cash.
- Notify family and friends of your plans.

When evacuating, if possible, go to the home of either friends or family in a non-vulnerable area within the county. Next, try a motel or hotel. As a last resort, go to a shelter. Remember, shelters are not designed for comfort and do not usually accept pets.

If a hurricane threatens Pinellas County this season, Pinellas County

Emergency Management will announce shelter locations via local television news stations, Pinellas County Channel 18, and Pinellas Park TV Brighthouse Channel 615 and Verizon Channel 21, as the need for shelters arises.

For More Information

The more you know, the more prepared you will be this hurricane season. Please visit any of the following city buildings to get a copy of the *2011 Official Hurricane Guide for the Tampa Bay Area*: **Any Pinellas Park Fire Station; Pinellas Park Public Library, 7770 52nd St. N.; City Hall, 5141 78th Ave.; Technical Services Building, 6151 78th Ave. N.; Park Station, main lobby, 5851 Park Blvd.**

Visit the websites or call the phone numbers below for the latest hurricane, flood, or disaster information available:

City of Pinellas Park

www.pinellas-park.com

Click the blue *Emergency Mgt Info* button

Pinellas County

(727) 464-3800

www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/local.htm

Florida Emergency Information Line

(800) 342-3557

www.floridadisaster.org

Guard Against Increasing Identity Theft Crimes

Identity Theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the U.S. and the number one crime in the world. To reduce your risk of becoming a victim, adopt the following practices as part of your regular routine:

Order a copy of your credit report. You are allowed one report from each of the three national credit bureaus each year (Equifax, Experian and Trans Union). Use this to your advantage to monitor your credit throughout the year by ordering one report every four months from one of the credit bureaus.

- Opt Out 1-888-567-8688 or www.optoutprescreen.com - stops the use of your credit file information for pre-approved offers of

credit or insurance

- Direct Marketing Association - www.dmaconsumers.org or print out the registration form and mail it in or mail in a letter with your name, home address and signature to, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512 - limits the amount of catalogs and other items sent to prospective customers
- www.secureflorida.org - a website that list the best practices for internet safety, advises you of the latest viruses and other alerts and has the latest patches to fix the various problems.

To obtain your free credit report: www.annualcreditreport.com or 1-877

-322-8228 or write to, annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281 (you must include your full name including your middle name, if you are a Jr, a IV, etc..., your current address, your social security number, and which of the credit bureaus you would like to use - Equifax, Experian or Trans Union).

Practice the 3 D's for protecting your identity...

- 1). DETER identity thieves by safeguarding your information
- 2). DETECT suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements
- 3). DEFEND against ID theft as soon as you suspect a problem

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

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| City Council Workshop June 07 June 21 | City Hall, Second Floor 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Community Redevelopment Agency June 28 | City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m. |
| City Council Agenda Session June 09 June 23 | City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Equestrian Board June 15 | City Hall, Second Floor 7:00 p.m. |
| City Council Meeting June 09 June 23 | City Hall, First Floor 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Meet Your Mayor Call-In Show June 16 | (727) 541-0828 6:00 p.m. |
| Board of Adjustment June 28 | Park Station, Second Floor 7:00 p.m. | Planning & Zoning Board Workshop May 31 | Park Station, Second Floor 7:00 p.m. |
| Code Enforcement Board June 16 | City Hall, First Floor 8:00 a.m. | Meeting June 02 | Pinellas Park Public Library 7:00 p.m. |
| | | Recreation Board July 25 | City Hall, First Floor 4:00 p.m. |
| | | Special Magistrate June 22 | |

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

4th - Kiwanis Children's Fishing Derby

Freedom Lake Park, 9990 46th St. N. Time: 8:30 a.m. - Noon. Cost: Free. For children 12 and under. Contact: (727) 541-0744.

4th & 5th - Pepper Fest

England Brothers Band Shell, 5010 81st Ave. N. Time: Saturday 10-4 p.m. Sunday 11-4 p.m.. Cost: Adults \$2.00, children 12 & under are free. Contact: (727) 423-8433 or visit www.pinellaspepperfest.com.

21st - Wurlitzer Pipe Organ Concert

City Auditorium, 7690 59th St. N. Time: 11:30 - 1 p.m.. Cost: Free. Contact: (727) 546-0564.

25th - Firefighters' Movies In The Park

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



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

(727) 541-0959

Bret Michael, Adult Services Librarian

ADULT PROGRAMS 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, 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.

Adult Summer Reading Program June 20 - July 29

Read books of your choice and enter to win weekly drawings. For more information, call 541-0959 or stop by the Reference Desk at the Library.

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.

Reading Patch Club (elementary school age) 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

Word Play (younger elementary school age) 10:00 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: Going On a Bug Hunt - Sunday, June 12 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required, call 541-0716.

Youth Summer Reading Program: Many Stories Thursdays, June 23 & 30 2:00 p.m.

Join us for stories, games, crafts, and more!

Ballroom Dancing Tuesday, June 21 2:00 p.m.

Learn Ballroom Dance styles from different countries.

Thursdays

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

Bushido Karate Academy Demonstration Tuesday, June 28 2:00 p.m.

<3 the Art: Teen Art Showcase - Teens can submit artwork, photos, or written works for judging. Winners will be entered into the countywide, annual library publication, *MOAIC*. See staff at the Youth Services Desk for more details or call 541-0716.

Plug in @ Yur Library: Teen Summer Reading Program June 19-July 31

Read books of your choice, and fill out a short form for each to enter weekly drawings.

Hawaiian Teen Game Night F, June 24 7:00 p.m.

Registration is required, call 541-0716.

Doctor Who Expedition (Teens) W, June 29 6:30 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.

Pinocle & 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.