



2016

The Broadwater Breeze

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News and information for the Broadwater Community in St. Petersburg, Florida

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday March 5th

On March 5th, we will hold our annual Broadwater Neighborhood Garage Sale starting at 8:00 AM. We will run ads in the Tampa Bay Times, Gulfport Gabber and on Craigslist so be ready for throngs of shoppers. Maps of the neighborhood will be available on our website on March 4th for shoppers to print. We will be marking participating houses on the map so please email your name and address to infolink@broadwaterfl.org before March 3rd to register or call Tom at 638-1421. You may want to place a sign on the end of your street to direct folks your way. In order to keep a lane clear on 46th Ave. we ask that you inform shoppers not to park on the north side of 46th Ave S. We will be proactive in trying to control the traffic on 46th Ave S but we ask that you be patient on March 5th as you drive through the neighborhood.

17th Annual Broadwater Family Picnic

Sunday April 24th



Join your neighbors at Ft. De Soto from Noon to 4 PM. This is the longest running event for Broadwater and is fun for all ages. TASCOCO will once again be there with music, games, and inflatables for the kids.

More information will come via Infolink, Nextdoor and a flyer as the date gets closer so be sure to RSVP then. As always, we are in need of volunteers to help with this wonderful event.

If you are new to the neighborhood or the picnic, this is a great way to give back to our community and meet your neighbors.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kristie Wagner at kwagner127@gmail.com or 614-207-9848 or Gia Ockuly at gia0793@aol.com or 440-915-7383. Thanks in advance! Pictures from the 2014 picnic may be viewed at www.broadwaterfl.org 

Debris In Our Waters Are You Aware?



Many of our landscapers routinely blow grass clippings and other yard debris into our waters and streets. Did you know that no matter where this happens in Broadwater the debris will end up in our canals and Boca Ciega Bay? Did you know that fines up to \$10,000 can be levied for allowing yard debris, grass

clippings or pet waste to enter our waters even via street drains? This type of activity can contribute to algae blooms that lead to red tide and frankly make our canals ugly! Your lawn service is required to know these facts as well. In fact they are required to obtain a Best Management Practices (BMP) certification to do business in Pinellas County. The BMP course is a one-time 3 hour course that all employees are required to take. In order to protect our waters let's be proactive and make sure that we and our lawn services are aware of and follow these practices. If you observe illegal activity you should make the person aware and if it continues you should report it to Pinellas County. We have inserted the BMP guidelines in this newsletter for your reference and to make our landscapers aware. Together we can keep our waters clean.



General Meeting

Thursday March 3rd 7:00 PM
Grand Villa 3600 34th St. S
(come at 6:30 PM for appetizers)

Featured program

Updates on Maximo Marina and Skyway Marina District

SAVE THE DATE

- Mar 3: General Meeting at Grand Villa
- Mar 5: Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Apr 24: Neighborhood Picnic at Ft. DeSoto
- Apr 28: Board of Directors Meeting
- May 6: Summer Broadwater Breeze Deadline
- May 7: May Day Race

13TH Annual Broadwater Holiday Party

The 13th Annual Broadwater Holiday Party was a success thanks to Evelyn Hill and her volunteers. The 180 folks who attended met the new director of the Skyway Marina District Keri Melshenker and elected our 2016 Board of Directors. We were able to raise \$950.00 which included our 50/50 raffle winner Karrie Klement graciously donating her winnings back to the Guard! With the match from the Broadwater Civic Association and the 50/50 proceeds, a total of \$2136.00 went to our National Guard families. Thanks to all who donated and the following who helped make this event a success: Evelyn & Jim Hill, Rhonda Fuller, Linda & Dana Farden, Kristie & Tim Wagner, Dana Ando, Vicki Linkovich, Mike & Maria Roesner, Gerry & Lynne Moore, Sean & Jennifer Nyitray, Ray & Gia Ockuly, Jean & Roger Sheahen, Paul & Lee Krueger, Paula Briggs, Jeff & Anna Klement, Breanna & Tyler New, our photographers Chuck Goes and Edie Creter, Sgt. Ally and the National Guard Armory, The Impacs, Greg Dent for the 360 Vodka and Tequila, Home Depot (22nd Ave N) for the Poinsettias, Pinch A Penny Pools and Smith & Associates for donating raffle prizes. **Please visit www.broadwaterfl.org to view more photos of this event.**





Broadwater Boat Parade of Holiday Lights

It was the perfect evening for the 5th Annual Broadwater Boat Parade of Holiday Lights! Thanks to all of our participants for a great parade!! Thanks to all of you who cheered from the shore and those that took the time to vote for their favorite. Thanks to John & Sue O'Conner for organizing the event, Tosti's for donating the 2nd & 3rd place prizes, Maximo Seafood Shack for the pre-party and Jason & Kim for the post party. The results of the voting were:

First place: Boat #2 Jason & Kim Mottert



Tied for 2nd Place: Boat #5 Kevin & Michelle Stella (The Grinch Boat)



and Boat #10 John & Luz Sackett (The Kiss Boat)



Please visit www.broadwaterfl.org to view more photos of this event.



Way To Go BROADWATER

Joan Clear of 39th St S is a local artist whose works were featured as the Sun-tan Art Center's Featured Artist for the month of December with an opening reception held on December 16th. Congratulations Joan!!



For over 35 years, Broadwater resident **Barbara Townsend** has been volunteering in St. Petersburg Free Clinic's Health Center. She faithfully staffs the intake desk in the Health Center, welcoming patients and answering the phone with a kind word and a listening ear. Quiet and unassuming, Barbara isn't one to 'toot her own horn.' Yet her calm, quiet and consistent presence brings comfort to the patients she sees, and she is considered by staff to be a member of the team. The truth is Barbara finds joy in helping others and has been an active Block Captain on 44th St. S. for many years.



Block Captain **Megan Feter** of 48th Ave S. has been a leader in the charity organization called Girls Night to Give. In January, approximately 15 determined volunteers led by Megan used donations raised by Caravan of Hope to furnish a single mom's three bedroom, two and half bath townhouse from top to bottom. Many Broadwater folks helped with their donations of furniture, toys, plants, household items, artwork, and much more. The recipient was an amazing woman named Nicole Marchman. Nicole is a true survivor who has been in the foster care program her whole life. She has decided to make a huge difference in three little boys' lives by adopting three brothers out of the foster care system. Our Caravan of Hope is thrilled to help create a warm and beautiful home for this family to start their new life together. Nicole has also started a not for profit organization www.nicolemarchman.com/ to pay it forward! A big thank you goes out to Broadwater friends and neighbors who were so generous with their donations and time! Thanks to Stormax for donating space to stockpile donations. For more information about Girls Night to Give, please visit their Facebook page.

From The BCA Board

We welcome Bob Clark, Kristie Wagner, and Mark Ewin to the 2016 Board of Directors. We begin 2016 with some exciting upgrades coming to the Skyway Marina District. We are also going to be seeing some progress on the Maximo Marina renovations. Plan to attend the General Meeting on March 3rd to learn more. The 13th Annual Holiday Party in December was once again a success thanks to Evelyn Hill and her volunteers. We were also able to brighten the holidays for our National Guard families thanks to your generous donations that were matched by the Association. Our 5th Annual Broadwater Boat Parade of Holiday Lights was viewed by many folks from the shore as our boaters displayed some beautiful lights and creative themes! Our Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place on March 5th and our 17th Annual Family Picnic is going to happen on April 24th. This is a great event to attend and a lot of fun to get involved in. Broadwater will again be a sponsor to the May Day Run and Family Festival on May 7th. These events, and all of our social events, are made possible by the dues paying members of Broadwater. Your thirty dollars (that is only 8 cents per day) helps to make Broadwater one of the top neighborhoods in St. Petersburg. Plan to attend or get involved in the planning of Broadwater events in 2016. It is a great way to meet more of your neighbors and keep Broadwater strong.

Tom Ando
BCA President



Clear Your Clutter
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Broadwater Community Yard Sale
Donation Drive to Benefit Goodwill
Marina Village Shopping Center
4901 34th Street South
Behind Dollar Tree
Saturday 3/5/16
10:00A.M – 4:00PM

Goodwill gratefully accepts donations in good condition:
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Good World.

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Our Welcome Aboard representatives are Kris Holtman, Maria Roesner and Mary Lisan. Kris, Maria, and Mary all live on 44th St S and have teamed up to make sure all new residents are welcomed in a timely manner. If you need to let our Welcome Aboard ladies know about a new resident please email infolink@broadwaterfl.org or call Kris at 867-3172, Maria at 498-6899 or Mary at 215-962-8814

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Neighbors

- ◆ Bruno & Melanie Diaz 4056 38th Way S
- ◆ Walter & Sharon Jachimski 4400 38th St S
- ◆ Jeff & Alicia Joyner 4533 38th St S



BROADWATER HELPING HANDS

Broadwater Helping Hands is a volunteer program to assist those neighbors in need with projects ranging from property maintenance to assistance with hiring a qualified contractor at affordable rates. If you are interested in becoming a Helping Hands volunteer, or if you or someone you know might need a helping hand, please contact Kristen Mory at 727-688-9597 or kristenmory@yahoo.com



Kornell's Korner

Happy New Year and thanks for all of your support in my recent re-election campaign. Throughout the election I never stopped working for you and I appreciate your vote of confidence at the ballot box. Elections, especially local elections, really do make a difference! I am looking forward to many positive changes in 2016, starting with the Skyway Marina District. The new gateway signs marking the entrances to the district will be installed in April and new landscaping will be planted in June. In addition, the city's commitment to improving the area has been noticed by the private sector and they are also taking major steps to make the area look nicer. The Publix will undergo a major renovation starting in March and Burger King and Wendy's are knocking down their current, outdated buildings and replacing them with entirely new buildings. These projects will combine to make the area look dramatically nicer by the end of 2016. This should be helpful in recruiting private investors to the area. While we are working towards improving the area the most important action that each of us can take is to shop in the Skyway Marina District whenever possible. For fine wine and spirits there is Tosti's. We have a UPS store right here, so please don't shop elsewhere for these services. Beef O Brady's is my sports bar of choice, because I do not have to drive out of the area to get there. I recently had a conversation with a neighbor who purchases his pool supplies at the Pinch a Penny in the Tyrone area. I encouraged him to use the one right here in the Skyway Marina District! Spending our money locally will encourage new businesses to come into the Skyway Marina District. In addition to the Skyway Marina District I am working on a host of issues. As the budget process for 2017 kicks off I am looking to encourage the city to spend capital monies on solar energy thereby freeing up dollars in the operating budget and helping to protect our environment. I am also working to improve employment opportunities and trainings for local teens and to help develop our local music industry. I will continue to keep a watchful eye on the sewer plant expansion at the Southwest Plant and to keep you informed when issues arise. Please feel free to contact me at 727-893-7117 or Steve.kornell@stpete.org with any concerns or suggestions!

Early Spring Pool Care

Submitted by Darlene Ladous, Pinch-A-Penny Pools



After a chilly, rainy and oftentimes foggy winter, we are all happy that Spring is coming and that we will be using our pools again! For many pool owners, pool care and maintenance has not been high on the priority list. Now is the time to get the pool in shape to avoid algae problems and ensure safe swimming when

you are ready to go in!

The first thing you should do is test the water to see what needs to be balanced. We offer free water tests here at the store if you don't have a pool test kit. If you have a chlorine sanitized pool, now is the time to start shocking the pool weekly with liquid chlorine if you haven't been doing so. For those salt system pool owners, it is critical that you have enough salt in the pool to produce the chlorine you need for sanitization purposes. So make sure to have your salt tested! Now is also the time to take a good look at your filter. If you have a cartridge filter, inspect it to see if it is clean and in good condition. If not, now is a good time to replace it. For sand filters, a good backwash will ensure clear water. For those DE filter owners, now is the time to open the filter up and rinse off the grids (we call this a "split and clean") and then repopulate the pool with DE. It is recommended that this be done twice a year for best water clarity and filter performance, and we suggest spring and fall as the best times to do this maintenance.

If you haven't been brushing your pool and removing debris, get those brushes and nets out! Don't forget to check your pump and skimmer baskets and empty them if necessary. Take a good look (and listen to) your pump to make sure that it is cut back on the amount of time you ran your pump during the winter, now is the time to have it back to normal run time of 8 hours. We wish everyone an enjoyable spring, and we are here to help if you have any questions or problems getting your pool back to perfect!

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The Skyway Marina District

The monument signs will be completed and installed in just a few months, and the pedestrian lighting and redeveloped medians that include beautiful landscaping are also well into the planning stage. Our Skyway Marina District Business Directory is in circulation now, so there are some very major developments that are creating quite a buzz within the District. Come to the March 3rd General Meeting for updates and mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

March 15th: Franchise Night at the SPC Allstate Center 4-6 PM. This event is FREE and open to the public. Mats Bengston from FranNet, a franchise consultant will be presenting opportunities to invest in the Skyway Marina District.

May 7th: The 2nd Annual May Day Race! Broadwater is sponsoring a water stop once again. Registration is open now at www.active.com and volunteers can call 727-688-9597 to help make this event a success. To keep up to date with everything going on in the Skyway Marina District visit www.skywaymarinadistrict.org, follow us on Facebook or email Keri@skywaymarina.com.



2nd Annual May Day Races May 7, 2016

Hosted and Sponsored by Ceridian

Join your friends and neighbors for a 5 or 10k run/walk through beautiful Clam Bayou. Registration includes a tech shirt, goody bag, beautiful medal, breakfast, & more! Awards for overall and age group winners. *We also need volunteers!*

NEW - *Kids Dash for Cash*
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THE Real Estate Report

Prepared exclusively for the Broadwater/Maximo neighborhood by Sharon Simms, CIPS, CLHMS, CRS

First Quarter 2016

"Live Like A Local"

Realtor.com and Airbnb have teamed up to allow potential homebuyers to "live like a local" by experiencing a specific neighborhood before purchasing. Visitors to realtor.com will be able to book accommodations nationwide on Airbnb ranging from single family homes to condos, lofts and other properties located near their desired neighborhood.

-FLORIDA REALTOR® Magazine, September 2015

What do home buyers care about?

According to NAR's 2015 Home Buyer and Seller Report, heating and cooling costs were the most important environmental features for recent home buyers, with 84 percent finding these features at least somewhat important.

New "Remodeling Impact Report"

NAR and the National Association of the
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ANALYZING THE STATISTICS

Last year in Broadwater 26 waterfront homes and 7 non-waterfront homes sold. As of press time, there are 9 waterfront homes available and 4 non-waterfront homes. This represents a **3 month supply of waterfront homes** and a 7 month supply of non-waterfront homes.

There are 5 waterfront homes under contract: 4 of them are listed between \$650,000 and \$699,900 and the other is listed at \$820,000.

One waterfront home has sold this year at \$580,650. This was the home at 4264 45th St S which went under contract June 12, 2013. This "short sale" may have been short of money but it certainly wasn't a short time to closing! One non-waterfront home sold this year at \$370,000. 🏠



SHARON SIMMS
Waterfront Specialist
Your neighbor at
4372 48th Avenue S.

RENOVATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

As we go through the neighborhood we see lots of trucks and dumpsters. People are expanding up as well as out. It's been a few years since the last tear down and build new here in Broadwater.

Arthur Rutenberg Homes is building new "infill" homes in the Old Northeast. Known for building on larger lots, such as two here in Broadwater at 4401 37th

St S and 3744 42nd Ave S, they can also build an attractive 3,000 sq ft pool home on a lot as narrow as 40 feet.

If you have any questions on spec homes or custom homes or want to see some of the floor plans, call the Simms Team. And if you have questions about what remodeling projects will benefit you in the long run, we're always happy to give our input. 🏠

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Statistically Speaking

These figures show the current market and the recent Broadwater sales history according to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Prices vary by size, condition and location, so the \$/square foot has a tremendous range and is "nice to know" rather than a useful criteria.

	Waterfront					Non-Waterfront				
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF
Avail 2/12/16	9	350,000	1,100,000	637,163	208-337	4	320,000	427,000	349,180	132-201
Pndg 2/12/16	5	650,000	820,000	698,000	299-347	1	169,600	169,600	169,600	64
Sold YTD '16	1	580,650	580,650	580,650	158	1	370,000	370,000	370,000	159
Sold 2015	26	400,000	1,100,000	586,142	142-349	7	179,000	305,000	234,143	64-140

Many people ask me about market activity in neighboring communities as well. Here is a look at what's happening on the waterfront* in some other popular areas:

Waterfront	Active/Pndg as of 2/12/16			Sold YTD 2016		Sold 2015			
NEIGHBORHOOD	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High
Broadwater	14	350,000	1,100,000	1	580,650	580,650	26	400,000	1,100,000
Bayway Isles	12	675,000	4,995,000	0			8	605,000	1,370,000
Causeway Isles	3	499,900	995,000	4	375,000	580,000	20	325,000	650,000
Pasadena Yacht/Country Club	19	625,000	2,495,000	1	1,114,500	1,114,500	13	641,200	3,275,000
Pinellas Point/Bahama Shores	4	499,900	4,200,000	2	1,075,000	1,325,000	8	465,000	1,400,000
Snell Isle/Coffee Pot/Old NE	20	1,495,000	4,150,000	1	1,550,000	1,550,000	13	842,000	3,300,000
St. Pete Beach/Pass-a-Grille	54	339,500	4,500,000	6	520,000	1,040,000	50	380,000	2,150,000
Tierra Verde	34	599,000	5,999,000	0			24	630,000	1,875,000
Treasure Island	53	285,000	3,900,000	1	910,000	910,000	66	350,000	3,700,000
Venetian Isles	17	590,000	1,649,000	3	575,000	865,000	34	515,000	2,100,000
Yacht Club Estates	9	589,900	1,790,000	3	450,000	1,500,000	16	480,000	1,550,000

*This includes only "navigable water to the Gulf" properties - not lakes, ponds, etc.



Sharon Simms sells real estate, and she's good at it. Just ask your neighbors!

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Remodeling Industry (NARI) have done a first-time study looking at resale value and customer satisfaction of a dozen interior and eight exterior projects. Those with the greatest recovery are: **New roofing** (105%), **hardwood refinish** (100%), **insulation upgrade** (95%), **new wood floor** (91%) and **new garage door** (87%). By contrast, it was big-ticket items that resulted in the highest level of satisfaction for owners, which NAR has tracked as their "Joy Score."

Team News:

Sharon and Rob attended a special negotiation class as part of the annual **Certified Residential Specialist "Sell-A-Bration"** conference in Orlando, which is attended by top real estate professionals from around the country. This year there was also a delegation of more than 80 real estate professionals from Spain and a delegation of 4 from Italy.

MEET THE TEAM:

Sharon Simms,
Team Leader

Tami Simms,
Director of Marketing
& Concierge Services

Amy Dinovo,
Strategic Execution Officer
& Client Care Manager

Rob Johnson,
Certified Residential Specialist





MEMBERSHIP 2016

Your dues support this publication and all of the social activities of the Broadwater Civic Association. Thanks to our 161 paid members (30%) so far in 2016. If you have not joined yet, you may download the form at www.broadwaterfl.org under the Contact Us Tab. **Please be sure to fill it out completely even if your information has not changed.** This will insure that we have your information up to date. Please mail or drop it off to Vicki Linkovich or bring it with to the General Meeting on March 3rd.

BROADWATER REFERRAL LIST

Connie Beckman now maintains a list of referrals from Broadwater Residents for various home services. The list, which is available at www.broadwaterfl.org, is updated regularly. We are tracking the number of positive referrals for each contractor. **We ask that you review the current list and email Connie at conbek@kenbek.com with the name of any of the contractors on the list that you have utilized and would recommend.** You may also email her with any new referrals for home services you have utilized and would recommend. Please include the company (or individual's) name, phone number, and service type. You may still request referrals via infolink but we suggest you use the referral list and Nextdoor Broadwater first. If you do not have access to the internet, Connie may be reached at 727-867-3088.

RAIDSONLINE

NEW CRIME REPORTING TOOL

The Police department now reports crimes to RAIDS Online (www.raidsonline.com) instead of www.crimereports.com. You can customize the area you wish to monitor by entering your address into the filter on the left and designating a radius. You can also choose filter by crime type if you wish. You can also sign up to receive daily emails alerting you to crime in the area. **There are many other useful tools and** you have the ability to report crimes such as theft, criminal mischief, harassing phone calls, lost property, identity theft, or vehicle burglary online at www.stpete.org/police

NEXTDOOR BROADWATER

Nextdoor Broadwater is a free private network, limited to just Broadwater subscribers, that connects Broadwater neighbors. **You are able to post events, items wanted or for sale, crime and safety alerts, recommendations for local businesses and more. Nextdoor is also a great place to post about lost or found pets and suspicious activity you may see.** To join, request an invitation by emailing your name and address to infolink@broadwaterfl.org. For tips on how to adjust your Nextdoor settings go to www.broadwaterfl.org and look under the Resources Tab near the top of the home page.

BROADWATER WEBSITE



Our website at www.broadwaterfl.org is full of useful links, information and details of past and future Broadwater events. This should be your first stop if you are looking for answers to neighborhood or city questions. The Resources area on the top menu bar can direct you to city codes, street light outage reporting, trash & recycling pick-up schedules and much more. If you would like to see a useful link added please let us know via email infolink@broadwaterfl.org

REMINDERS

- Lock your vehicles and do not leave sought after items (guns, money, electronics) in them when unattended
- Do not blow yard debris into the streets or canals. This is illegal and can lead to algae blooms and fish kills
- Please clean up after your pet. It is against city ordinance to not pick up their waste so carry a bag and help keep Broadwater Beautiful!

LOST OR FOUND PET?

If you lose or find a pet we ask that you post a picture on Nextdoor Broadwater and provide as much detail as possible. Also report it to your Block Captain and email t.ando@turtlese.com. This method has reunited many pets with their owners.



BLOCK CAPTAINS

We were saddened by the passing recently of one of our long time Block Captains David Steinheimer. Dave was an active Captain for the north end of 45th St S (4200-4388) and was a friend to many in Broadwater. If you live in Dave's block and would like to be a Block Captain please contact Tom at t.ando@turtlese.com or 727-638-1421. Broadwater has 23 Block Captains who are your street level representatives in Broadwater. Each street or area has a Block Captain assigned to be **your first contact for neighborhood questions or concerns**. Block Captains also hand deliver the Broadwater Breeze and can collect your 2016 membership dues. Thanks to all of our Block Captains for their time and efforts to make Broadwater a great place to live!! If you do not know who your Block Captain is, go to www.broadwaterfl.org for a complete list.

BROADWATER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We welcome Brian Dault as our new Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Brian replaces Glenn Brown who has moved out of Broadwater. Brian has been an active Block Captain and Neighborhood Watch Patroller and we thank him for stepping up! Many thanks to all of our patrollers whose presence helps keep Broadwater safe. We recently held a one night training class to add Jean Sheahen, Rick Stern and Lynn & Preston Shoup to our list of patrollers. If you wish to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Patrol, please contact Brian at 727-424-9696 or bdaultgbc@gmail.com.

We also wish to thank our Community Service Officer Dennis Kelly for being a vital part of making Broadwater safe!! **We ask all residents to always be observant for any potential criminals looking for an opportunity.** Report anything suspicious to the police at 893-7780. This has proven to be a great deterrent in the past and assists our police department in preventing crime trends in Broadwater. We also ask that you do not give work to individuals that solicit door-to-door. You are taking a risk if an uninsured person is injured on your property. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle overnight and remember to lock your vehicles and garage door when unattended. An unlocked vehicle with a garage door opener is an easy way for a thief to enter your garage or home. Remember if calling the police even crosses your mind, do so!



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FREE 2016 Safe Boating Kit for All Boats and Paddle Craft

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The US Coast Guard Auxiliary has issued new 2016 Vessel Safety decals for safe boats including sail and power vessels, kayaks, canoes, row boats and paddle boards, free to boaters when their vessel passes a safe vessel check. Also available are FREE Eckerd College Search and Rescue stickers with phone number and VHF Channel and FREE Paddle Craft vessel identification stickers. Regardless of the type of boat or paddle craft, call me to come over to review the US Coast Guard safe boating requirements list and if your vessel satisfies the required criteria by using this simple checklist, I will issue a highly visible 2016 Vessel Safety Check decal that lets local police and sheriff patrol boats know that your vessel does not need to be boarded for inspection. If your vessel is deficient in any aspect on the safety list, you have the opportunity to correct the deficiency and I will return to check it out. Deficiencies are NOT reported to any law enforcement office. This inspection/review is done solely for your safety on the water and peace of mind that you have the minimum safety equipment onboard in an emergency. But no matter the ultimate outcome of the free inspection and review, the boater receives the Eckerd College Search and Rescue sticker (EC-SAR) sticker. EC-SAR provides free assistance to boaters (including towing) in Tampa Bay and up to 10 miles offshore in the Gulf and is in service 24/7. When my boat quit on me one day in the Bay, I used the number on my EC-SAR sticker by the helm and called. A rescue boat arrived within 15 minutes. EC-SAR is a true neighborhood benefit. No local boater should be without this sticker. Small boats and paddle craft often turn up in the Bay or in our canal after a storm. It's always a concern of the Coast Guard when an unmarked small boat or paddle craft is found adrift. Authorities often can't be immediately certain if they have an actual search and rescue case for a missing person or if the vessel is simply adrift. A FREE Paddle Craft vessel identification sticker with contact information on the vessel provides value for the owner and, more important, search and rescue teams. Does your first mate know how to take over in an emergency? A current schedule is also included of Boating Skills & Seamanship classes provided by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary every Tuesday, 7 pm on St. Pete Beach at the Warren Webster Building (only 10 to 15 minutes from Broadwater). These 12-week repeating-cycle (start anytime) comprehensive classes provide a sound, safe basis for the beginning boater and a refresher for the senior boater. All materials including the 400 page manual are \$45 per participant or \$60 per couple sharing materials. Important Note for Broadwater Canals: In addition to helping reduce injuries and death on the water, the Vessel Safety Check also helps keep the canals in clean and healthy. Item 15A requires inspection of the bilge for cleanliness. In some cases, non-compliance can occur due to an oil film on the surface water in the bilge that can then get pumped out into the canal during a rain storm. The simple remedy is to obtain an oil absorbent boom or pillow that removes or catches petroleum fluids before they make a dangerous mess in the bilge. Absorbers absorb oil but not water and won't disintegrate even after many uses. A 2-quart absorber costs about \$10. Call me at 727-865-2226 for more information and an appointment for your FREE Vessel Safety Check with Boating Kit.



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