



City of Seminole

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Seminole City Council



Back row: Councilor Roger Edelman, Vice-Mayor Jim Quinn, Councilor Chris Burke, Councilor Bob Matthews, Councilor Trish Springer and Councilor Thom Barnhorn.
Front row: Mayor Leslie Waters

Message from Mayor Leslie Waters State of the City

It is with great pride that I announce the City of Seminole is in solid fiscal shape again. Seminole has one of the lowest property tax rates in Pinellas County and one of the highest Fire Pension funding levels, at 95%, in the entire State. During 2015 we received our eighth Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and our seventh consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Both are prestigious recognitions that demonstrate the highest level of financial accountability and provide citizens transparency in the use of tax dollars.

In 2015, Ann Toney-Deal became the second City Manager of Seminole since it was founded 46 years ago. Jay Daigneault, of Trask-Daigneault, is our new City Attorney. Welcome, Ann and Jay!

I am pleased to say that the Seminole Red, White and Blue initiative of last year really caught the attention of many citizens, veterans posts, schools, city departments and civic organizations. During 2016 we will continue to encourage support of our

nation's colors in many patriotic ways around the City.

Terrific city programs will be offered again in 2016 including the Seminole Citizens Academy beginning Wednesday, March 30th, for seven consecutive Wednesday evenings. Contact hburford@myseminole.com for more information on City Government 101!

Our third Seminole Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, which covers a 15-hour period, will be held in April. Contact Brad Dykins to enroll in the next class of valued community volunteers at bdykins@myseminole.com

We are looking forward to Seminole's annual Pow Wow Festival and Parade, March 11-13, and think it will be one of our best ever!

The largest redevelopment project in the City, the Seminole City Center, is progressing well, and the countdown to the launch of the first kayak/canoe at Water Front Park is getting closer.

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AND VISITING
OUR COMMUNITY.

This year I hope you will visit the new Seminole Historical Museum at City Park, consider contributing food to the Interfaith Food Pantry on Starkey Road, and look into joining the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and/or the Friends of the Library.

Best wishes in 2016: For a Better Seminole ... together!

Visit our new Facebook Page:
City of Seminole City Council

2016 Seminole Hurricane Preparedness Seminar Announced

The City of Seminole will host its first annual Seminole Hurricane Preparedness Seminar on Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The event will provide timely and relevant information regarding hurricane preparedness to Seminole residents. Attendees can participate in two presentations provided by field experts in the areas of meteorology and family and home preparedness.

We have invited a local meteorologist experienced in Florida weather who will discuss aspects and conditions of hurricane development, hurricane dangers, and hurricane predictions and expectations for the 2016 season. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions specific to their needs and to better understand how hurricanes might impact Pinellas County.

Representatives of the City of Seminole will also provide practical information on preparing families and homes for the hurricane season, as well as an overview of City Emergency Management initiatives. Important County preparedness programs such as the Special Needs Database, commodities distribution and FEMA reimbursement programs will also be discussed. Participants will meet Seminole's new "Community Emergency Response Team" (CERT) and will be advised on how Seminole residents may become active volunteers during times of disaster.

The 2016 Seminole Hurricane Preparedness Seminar will be held in Program Rooms A-C at the Seminole Community Library, 9200 – 113th Street, N., Seminole. Please join us.



Citizens enjoy a variety of rides at the Seminole Pow Wow Festival.

Municipal Election November 8, 2016

The Seminole Municipal Election was held on November 3, 2015. Congratulations to Chris Burke and Trish Springer who were elected to serve three year terms.

Councilor Chris Burke has been a Council Member since November 2012. He is a decorated United States Army and Gulf War veteran and has lived in Seminole since 1979.

Councilor Trish Springer has been active in the community with the Kiwanis Club of Seminole and the city's Recreation Advisory Board. She has lived in Seminole for over 25 years.

The city's next election will be held on November 8, 2016, when two Council seats and the Mayor's seat will be on the ballot.



Remember, Seminole Recycles!



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

View City Council meetings on the
City's web site:

www.myseminole.com

Click on the icon:
"Watch Council Meetings"

Library Update

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Do you have the “smartest card” in your purse or wallet? Your local Pinellas library card is valid at all member libraries of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (www.pplc.us).

Check out e-books, download music, enjoy a program, read, learn, research and create @ Your Library! Visit the Innovation Lab on the second floor!

For All Ages

Two Towers Chess Club: Second and fourth Mondays of the month at 3:30 p.m. All levels welcome. Basic instruction available from chess coaches.

For Children and Families

Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., for ages 18 – 36 months.

Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., for ages 3 – 5 years.

Nature Walk: Tuesdays, March 15, and April 19 at 11:00 a.m., for ages 5 and under.

Crafty Kids: First and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., for grades K – 5.

Baby Time: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., for ages birth – 18 months.

Hands On!: First and third Wednesdays of the month at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., for grades PK – 5.

Wiggle, Giggle and Sing!: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., for ages 5 and under.

Family Movie Matinee: Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., for the whole family! No movie August 15.

For Teens

Library Teen Board General Meeting: Third Thursday of the month at 4:30-5:30 p.m., for grades 8-12.

“Live the Books” Book Club: Tuesdays, Feb. 23, and March 29. Times vary. For grades 6-12. Registration required.

Manga and Anime Club: Friday, March 18. Times vary. For grades 6-12.

SAT Practice Test: Saturday, March 12 at 8:30am-12:30 p.m., for middle and high school students.

For Adults

Backwards Travelers Historical Fiction Discussion Group: Third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Discussions of the best of historical fiction.

Book Buzz: First Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Drop by and enjoy talking to other readers about your favorite books.

Booktalkers: First Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Discussions of contemporary fiction and nonfiction.

Cinema at Sundown: Second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. Contemporary films from around the world.

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Movies from the golden age of Hollywood. No program March 25.

Doodle & Dazzle! Coloring for Adults: Last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., and fourth Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Unplug, relax, and recharge with this crafty program just for adults!

Great Books Discussion Group: Third Wednesday of the month, Jan. – May, at 2:00 p.m. Discussions of great works of literature, history, philosophy, religion, politics, economics and more.

Pause for Poetry: Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own creative works and/or read favorite selections aloud.

Scrabble Club: Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. No meeting March 15. Come and enjoy the classic crossword game!

Seminole Chess Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For novice, intermediate and advanced players.

Socrates Café: Second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m., Jan. – May. For people interested in discussing serious philosophical questions.

Sunday Musicale: March 6, Apr. 10, May 8, at 3:00 p.m. A variety of musical concerts for a Sunday afternoon!

Super Novels: Fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Reading and discussion of the best novels of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Thinker’s Have Discussion Group: Fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Explore short topical readings in philosophy, science, and culture.

Thrilling Tales: A Story Program for Adults: Second Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m., Jan. - May. Enjoy the simple pleasure of hearing good stories read aloud. Think of it as Audio Books – LIVE!

Wordsmiths Writing Group: First Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Bring 2 copies of your work (5-10 pages, double-spaced). Writers read each other’s drafts and provide written feedback.

Our community’s “living room” and gathering place – The Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College!



Visit our new Facebook Page:
Seminole Community Library @ SPC City

Events & Programs

Adult Kickball

Get active and have fun in this 6-week season and tournament on Tuesday nights. There will be special themed weeks during the season. Members only Free Agent Team available. Games start January 19, 2016. Contact the Recreation Department the Athletics Office for more details, 727-397-6085. \$150.00 Per Team (7-18 players per team - Member must register the team) \$15.00 Members Only Free Agent Team.

Boot Camp

Build strength, endurance and stamina. Come get in the best shape of your life! Tuesdays / Thursdays / Fridays, January 11 – February 20, February 28 – April 6, 2016, 6:15 – 7:15 a.m.

Masters Tennis

Enjoy tennis with a smaller court, slower ball and simplified scoring. Perfect for beginners or Seniors! Participation is free and equipment is provided. Every Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Seminole Tennis Club Park.

Personal Training

Schedule a one-on-one appointment with one of our certified trainers. 40 Minute Sessions. \$30.00 Members, \$45.00 Non-Members. Call 727-391-8345.

Seminole Family Camp Out (Free Community Event)

Families of all ages will enjoy camping out under the stars. Join us for activities and a campfire! Saturday, February 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Seminole City Park.

Community Yard Sale (Free Community Event)

Saturday, March 26, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Seminole Recreation Center.

Daddy Daughter Dance (all ages welcome)

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. \$50.00 Per Couple, \$15.00 Additional Daughters, Seminole City Park Community Building.

Art in the Park (Free Community Event)

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Seminole City Park.

Visit our new Facebook Page: City of Seminole Recreation



2016 Seminole Pow Wow Festival

The annual Pow Wow Festival includes a parade, fireworks, rides, entertainment and some of Seminole's best food. Food vendors from across Seminole and Pinellas County come out to showcase their mouth-watering treats!

Pow Wow Sponsorships available.

The City of Seminole Pow Wow Festival & Parade is a community-driven event that brings in over 15,000 attendees. You will get massive exposure to your community by becoming an event sponsor. Contact Becky Gunter at 727-391-8345 for more information.

Pow Wow Festival Events

Kiwanis Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tickets are sold in advance or at the door.

March 11 – 13, 2016. Weekend Pass "Mega Ticket" Unlimited Weekend Carnival. Wristbands, \$40.00 (Must be purchased by Friday, March 11, 2016.)

Carnival Opening Night!

Friday, March 11, 2016, 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. Live music and entertainment, carnival rides, games, food vendors. Carnival Ride Wristbands, \$20.00

Parade and Fireworks

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.



Artists show their work at the City's Art in the Park.

CERT Team Introduced



The picture was taken on August 27th, 2015, at Fire Station 29. This was the second Seminole CERT Class.

Left to right: Kitty Grubb, Joann Fox, Jeffrey Rue, Mike Soja, Anthony Woodson, Bill Barbosa, David Stoner, Patricia Kimble, Anita Lindsay, Adam Lowther, Secretary Lisa Bansavage, Erica Hanz, Melvin Ham, Christina DiTomaso, Fred Jones, Julie Diersing, Dr. Matthew Kramp, Mayor Leslie Waters, Program manager Brad Dykens, President Devon Blackburn, Councilor Thomas Barnhorn, Vice Mayor James Quinn.
Not Pictured: Otto Fox. (He took the photo.)

The City of Seminole has a new community service partner in safety and preparedness. Known as "CERT," the Community Emergency Response Team is a FEMA-trained group of residents managed by City personnel. CERT members have made a commitment to train and become involved in assisting with community needs during times of disaster and City-sponsored events. Members receive free training on how to intervene and manage emergency incidents. Initially, CERT members attend a 20-hour basic training program to prepare them to help families and neighbors in times of disaster. Other CERT training includes CPR, First Aid and Firefighter REHAB.

CERT Team members use their training to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Members learn how to work together as a team, conduct searches and perform non-hazardous jobs that drain first responder resources. Team members also perform needed volunteer assistance at the many wonderful special events in Seminole such as POW WOW and Winterfest.

The next CERT basic training will be April 5, 7 and 9, 2016. For more information about becoming a member of this fun and exciting group, contact CERT Program Manager Brad Dykens at 727-393-8711, ext 210, or email him at bdykens@myseminole.com.

Fire Safety

Every year there is an upswing of incidents related to seasonal home heating. You can be warm and safe this winter by following these simple safety steps.

- Stay at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters and central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional as dust, creosote and even small animals tend to block flues.
- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room and before going to bed.
- Use the fuel specified by the manufacturer for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure wood fireplaces have a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. These screens also help keep small children a safe distance away.
- When cleaning your fireplace, make sure the ashes are cool before disposing of them into a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- And as always, test your smoke alarms every month.

Visit our new Facebook Page: [City of Seminole Fire Rescue](#)

Public Works

Park Street / Starkey Road Roadway Improvements

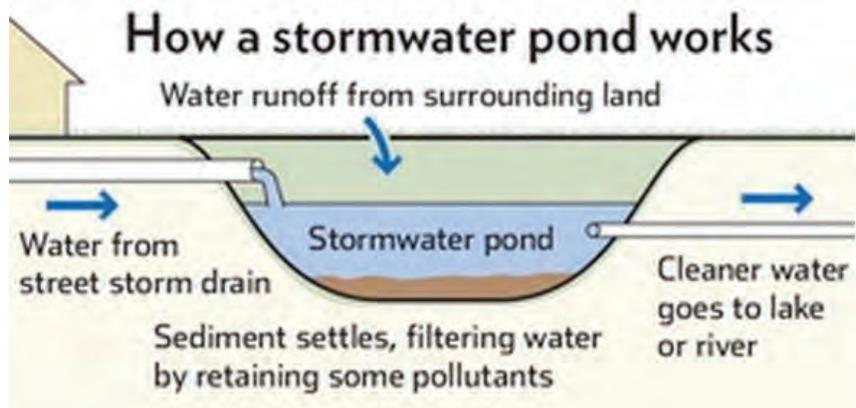


Pinellas County Public Works has recently begun a Park Street / Starkey Road Reconstruction Project. This Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project will include areas within the City of Seminole jurisdictional limits and extend from 84th Lane to 82nd Avenue. It is a “Penny for Pinellas” partially-funded project that will include roadway, drainage, pedestrian ADA, traffic signalization, sidewalks, gravity wall and utility relocation improvements. Pinellas County intends on maintaining traffic flow in all directions during the extent of the project. For short periods of time and with advance notice, the roadways may be restricted to one lane. For more information or if you have question regarding the project, you can contact the Pinellas County Construction Administration at 727-464-8821.

Why Is Stormwater Important?

If stormwater contained only rain, our jobs would be simple. But stormwater contains more. Much more!

Pollutants such as oils, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, lawn clippings, paints, other household chemicals, chlorine and even soil are picked up and carried along by stormwater. It travels across lawns and other surfaces, down roadside curbs, into storm drains, and ultimately into larger water bodies such as Lake Seminole and the ocean.



What can you do?

- Properly dispose of hazardous materials. To find out the dates and locations of mobile collection events by the Pinellas County Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center, “Like” us on Facebook City of Seminole Public Works Department & Building Division.
- Report illicit discharges (items other than rain) by containing soil piles on construction sites and de-chlorinating swimming pool water before draining.
- Report illicit discharges by calling the City of Seminole Public Works Department at 727-397-6383. Detailed information such as address and photos will help us inspect the issue.

For more information visit the City website at www.myseminole.com.



Community Development

Seminole City Center Redevelopment Process Continues

The redevelopment process of the former Seminole Mall, the new Seminole City Center, continues at a rapid pace. In August 2015, the City Council approved the development agreement which addressed items such as architectural style for all the building elevations, signage and landscaping.

City staff, too, is working to ensure a consistent architectural theme throughout the project site, that signage will be complementary in size and style with the architecture, and that proposed landscaping will be appropriate and positively accent the project.

Subsequent to the City Council's approval of the development agreement, the Mall owners and City staff worked to finalize the site plan for the 40-acre project. Once the site plan was approved, the Mall owners received demolition permits to remove the existing buildings on the site to allow for infrastructure-related work.

As demolition progresses and the infrastructure is installed, the Mall owners have received building permits to construct the new Bealls and Stein Mart department stores, and have also applied for building permits for an Earth Fare grocery and a Pollo Tropical restaurant. In the near future, the Mall owners will apply for building permits for a Sports Authority, a Petco, and more.

If you would like to see what the finalized Seminole City Center will look like, visit myseminole.com/comm_dev.htm and click on "Seminole Mall Redevelopment – Development Agreement Text and related exhibits," or search for the City of Seminole, Florida to access the City's home page. Then click on the Community Development button located just to the right of the City logo, and see the information buttons for the Seminole Mall Redevelopment and related information.



One of the proposed site plans for the new Seminole City Center.

The following are confirmed businesses that will be located at the New Seminole City Center. Others will be announced soon:

- Beall's
- Earth Fare
- Five Below
- Hair Cuttery
- Hand and Stone Massage
- HomeGoods
- Jersey Mike's
- Kirkland's
- LA Fitness

- Lee Spa Nails
- Mattress Firm
- Pei Wei
- Petco
- Pollo Tropical
- Rack Room Shoe Dept.
- Sports Authority
- Stein Mart
- ULTA



City of Seminole

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Seminole, FL 33772

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Web Info, Telephone Numbers & Addresses

City Hall **391-0204**
9199 113th Street North
Hours: M – F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Community Development **398-3108**
9199 113th Street North
Hours: M – F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Building/Code Enforcement/
Occupational License** **392-1966**
9199 113th Street North
Hours: M – F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Public Works **397-6383**
11195 - 70th Avenue North
Hours: M – F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fire Administration **393-8711**
9199 113th Street North
Hours: M – F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Recreation Center **391-8345**
9100 113th Street North
Hours: M – F 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sat 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Library **394-6905**
9200 113th Street North
Hours: Effective when SPC is in session
M – Th 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sat 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sun 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Waste Management **572-8779**
Trash Services, Special Pickups, Brush Disposal

Pinellas County Utilities **464-4000**
Water Services, Watering Restrictions

Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce **392-3245**
7995 113th Street North

Pinellas County Sheriff **582-6200**
***If your call is an emergency, Dial 9-1-1.**



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