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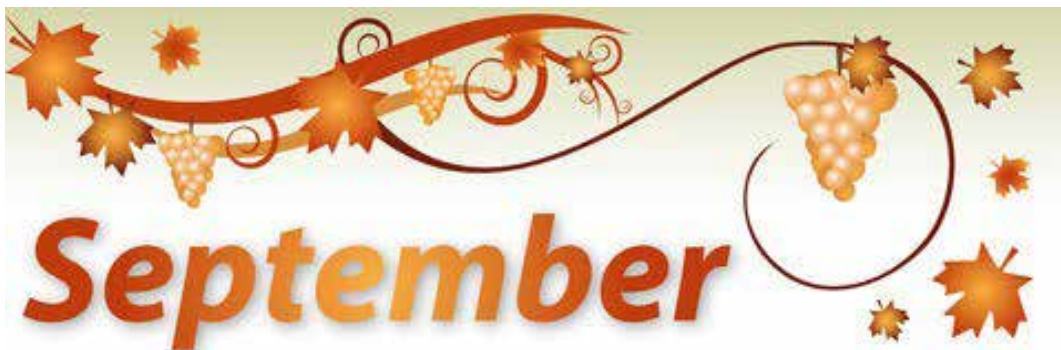
September is the 9th month of the zodiac

September's birthstone is a sapphire, which is associated with loyalty, sincerity and integrity.

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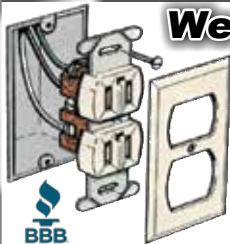
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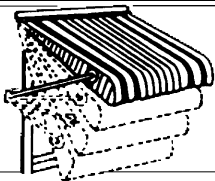
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## Art Museums

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**S**t. Pete/Clearwater is home to no fewer than seven art museums!

From the mind-bending works at the Salvador Dalí Museum to the extensive art collection at the Museum of Fine Arts and gorgeous glass art at the Imagine Museum, you'll find amazing art experiences at every turn. Check out one of the newest museums, the Fairgrounds St. Pete for an authentically Florida experience.



## Performing Arts

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**L**isten to the St. Petersburg Opera Co. at the Palladium Theater or hear the Florida Orchestra make beautiful music at the Mahaffey Theater.

Check out the schedule for The Studio@620, an intimate spot that's an integral part of the local arts scene. For wonderful theater, check out American Stage and freeFall Theatre Co. For big name musicians and traveling Broadway shows, there's Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.



Go for a cocktail and live music at the Floridian Social Club - a nearly century-old former movie house in downtown St. Pete. See an open-air concert at Jannus Live, a popular courtyard venue in St. Pete. The former bank building, built in 1924, now hosts band concerts. Another former movie house, the 1921 Bilheimer Capitol Theatre in Clearwater, hosts concerts and shows classic films.

## Gulfport Fresh Market

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## For the Pups

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### How Hot Is Too Hot for a Dog's Paws?

Perfect dog weather means never having to say “it’s too cold” or “it’s too hot” to go outdoors for playing, walks, or anything in between. What temperature is that? It’s different for every dog, but in general, a moderate 70 degrees Fahrenheit usually fits the bill for every dog.

When the weather gets blazing hot, though, it’s important to keep your dog protected from sunburn and UV rays. Knowing how to protect your dog in hot weather, and protect their paws from hot pavement, is critical.

#### How Hot Is Too Hot for Dog Paws?

When the thermometer registers 85 degrees Fahrenheit and stays elevated throughout the day, taking your dog everywhere you go, even for a short outing, can be dangerous. Spending even a few minutes to meander through an outdoor event can prove hazardous. That’s because you’re wearing shoes to protect your feet, but your dog isn’t.

“Pavement, like asphalt or artificial grass, can become incredibly hot and cause discomfort, blisters, and burn a dog’s paw pads,” says Dr. Jerry Klein, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer for

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Scorching surfaces are especially damaging to puppies with sensitive young paws. So how hot is too hot for a dog’s sensitive paw pads? “If the temperature is 85 degrees or over without the chance for the pavement to cool down, the ground may be too hot for safely walking a dog,” says Dr. Klein.

According to data reported by the Journal of the American Medical Association, when the air temperature is 86 degrees, the asphalt temperature registers 135 degrees. “To find out if the ground is too hot for your dog to walk on, place your hand comfortably on the pavement for ten seconds. If it’s too hot for your hand, it’s too hot for your dog’s paws,” says Dr. Klein.

Your bare foot serves as another good measurement. Hand or foot, the same temperature test works on all types of terrain, including sand, metal, and concrete. And when it comes to a so-hot-you-can-fry-an-egg-on-the-sidewalk surface, don’t discount dirt either.

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Ensure your dog has **ample access to water** and take walks in early morning or at night to avoid dehydration.

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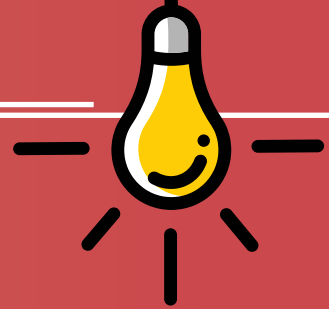
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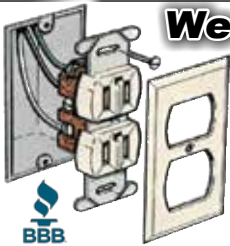
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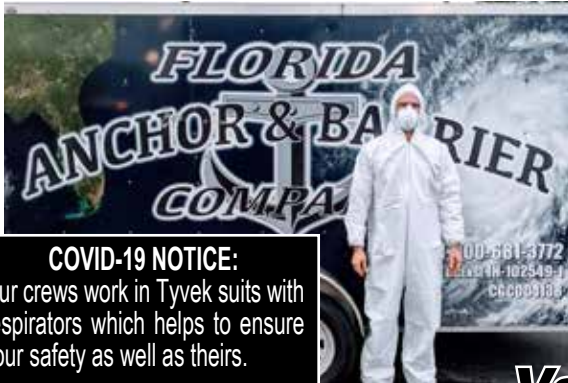


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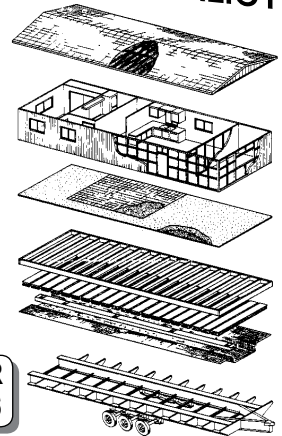
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Albert Einstein was married to his distant cousin; Elsa Einstein.

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A Mumbai thief was force-fed 48 bananas after being caught stealing a gold chain, the police ordered in the 48 piece basket and waited until the criminal could excrete the chain.

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The television smash-hit Breaking Bad was originally turned down by HBO, Showtime, and FX.

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by a guide. Unsurpassed flats fishing is the hallmark of the Florida Keys. Bays Being relatively shallow and easier on the kidneys than fishing offshore, bay waters teem with a hodgepodge of game fish favorites. Take a variety of rods and reels - light, medium and heavy - to aptly duel with whatever slurps up your bait or make-believe morsel. Some of the fishier hot spots are Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, Whitewater Bay, Chokoloskee Bay, Ponce de Leon Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Tampa Bay, Homosassa Bay, Waccasassa Bay, Apalachee Bay, West and East bays (Panama City) and Pensacola Bay. Jetties Look for concrete or rocky jetties that line both sides of a choice spot such as Sebastian Inlet. Many inlets are angler-friendly, providing access and facilities. Jockey to find a good casting stage for shots at tarpon, snook, redfish, jacks and mackerel that congregate during tidal changes. Free-line a floating live crab or shrimp with the current or cast a lead-head jig or lure up-current and work it back to you. Bridges Night fishing is best, especially on a full-moon phase. Cast a jig tipped with a shrimp up-current and hop it back to the piling. You'll lose a few rigs in the rocks but you'll also catch more snook and tarpon than anyone else. Many of the Keys bridges are perfect for this, as well as the Sunshine Skyway off Tampa. Some bridges offer catwalks and other facilities. Some bridges do not allow fishing, so follow posted regulations. Piers No boat? No problem. Just walk to deeper water. Pier anglers regularly catch Spanish mackerel, snook, tarpon, sheepshead, redfish, trout and other stars of the fishing world. Pilings themselves serve as an attractant, and lights shown in the water at night become fish magnets. Excellent pier fishing can be found in Broward and Miami-Dade counties as well as in the Panhandle. Shoreline Islands, beaches and even rocky coastal areas can be fished with good results. Move along quietly as fish can hear the slightest noises or even see you. Either soak a bait on the bottom or cast parallel to the beach to tempt snook or reds hunting the troughs for chewables. Rivers Mangrove shorelines and overhanging trees provide fish with a respite from direct sunlight. Drift along promising banks and cast the edges of the shoreline and near dead tree limbs, stumps and other obstructions. Anchor at a promising spot and cast up-current to work your offering past target points. Any of these places and techniques for tangling with game fish will produce successful Florida saltwater fishing trips. Be a part of the fun, but remember to keep only the fish you'll eat that night and release the rest. That will help ensure a healthy fishery in the future for both you and your children.







## HURRICANE SEASON

The threat of hurricanes is very real for Florida during the six-month long Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 until November 30. The peak of hurricane season occurs between mid-August and late October, when the waters in the equatorial Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico have warmed enough to help support the development of tropical waves. A common misconception in Florida is that there are parts of the state that do not get hurricanes. Since 1850, all of Florida's coastline has been impacted by at least one hurricane. With its long coastline and location, Florida frequently finds itself in the path of these intense storms. The southeast coastline is extremely susceptible to a land-falling hurricane, followed by the panhandle. Areas around Tampa, Jacksonville and the Big Bend do not have as high of a risk of a direct strike from a hurricane but are still susceptible to a landfall each year. Even if the hurricane makes landfall elsewhere in the state, the impacts can be felt hundreds of miles away. On August 13, 2004, Hurricane Charley made landfall around Punta Gorda, FL, as a Category 4. While the storm was powerful, the hurricane-force winds were contained to a small area.

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