

# COUNCIL MEETING

Municipal Building  
175-5<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Second Floor Council Chamber

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

October 10, 2013  
3:00 PM

**A. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call.**

**B. Approval of Agenda with Additions and Deletions.**

**C. Awards and Presentations**

1. [Presentation recognizing Kathryn "KC" Shelton and Tien Webber, 2013 Student Ambassadors.](#)
2. [Presentation of the CareFest Care Cup.](#)
3. [Proclamation recognizing International Shuffleboard Week.](#)
4. [Proclamation recognizing October 2013 as Cyber Security Awareness Month.](#)
5. [Proclamation recognizing October 19, 2013 as St. Petersburg Science Festival Day.](#)
6. [Proclamation to members of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation and the Community Law Program recognizing October 20-26, 2013 as National Pro Bono Week.](#)
7. [Proclamation recognizing October 6-12, 2013 as Fire Prevention Week.](#)
8. [Proclamation recognizing October 2013 as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.](#)
9. [Proclamation recognizing October 20-26, 2013 as Friends of the Library Week.](#)
10. [Presentation: Team FLA Elite Girls Softball Team St. Petersburg and United States Representative in Guayaquil, Ecuador at the Liga Del Sur Copa Invitational. "First Place Winner"](#)
11. [Announcements](#)

**D. Legal**

1. [Requesting City Council change the start time of the October 17, 2013 City Council meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to conduct an Attorney Client Session.](#)
2. [Announcement of an attorney-client session, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011\(8\), to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, in conjunction with the lawsuit styled Bradley Westphal v. City of St.](#)

Petersburg/City of St. Petersburg Risk Management & State of Florida, Workers' Compensation No. 10-019508SLR and First District Court of Appeal No. 1D12-3563.

3. Authorizing the Mayor or his disgree to execute all documents necessary, to apply for, accept and implement a Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA") Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant in the amount not to exceed \$174,900 for the property located at: 6323 Bayou Grande Blvd. N.E.

**E. Adjournment**

1. If you are deaf/hard of hearing and require the services of an interpreter, please contact the City Clerk, 893-7448, or call our TDD Number, 893-5259, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and we will provide that service for you.

Attached documents for item Presentation recognizing Kathryn "KC" Shelton and Tien Webber, 2013 Student Ambassadors.

# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

October 1, 2013

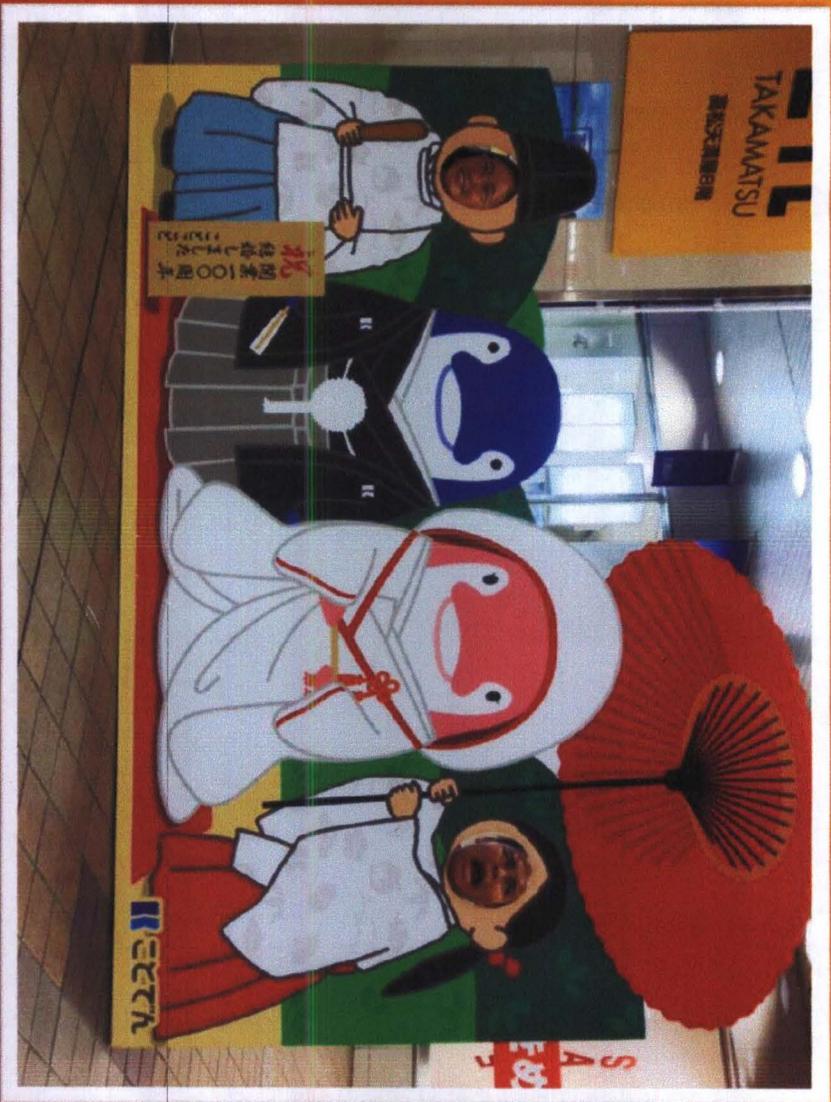
**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** 2013 St. Petersburg Student Ambassador Presentations

## **SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:**

October 10, 2013

Kathryn “KC” Shelton and Tien Weber, the 2013 St. Petersburg Student Ambassadors, will be giving a presentation of their experiences in our Sister City, Takamatsu, Japan.

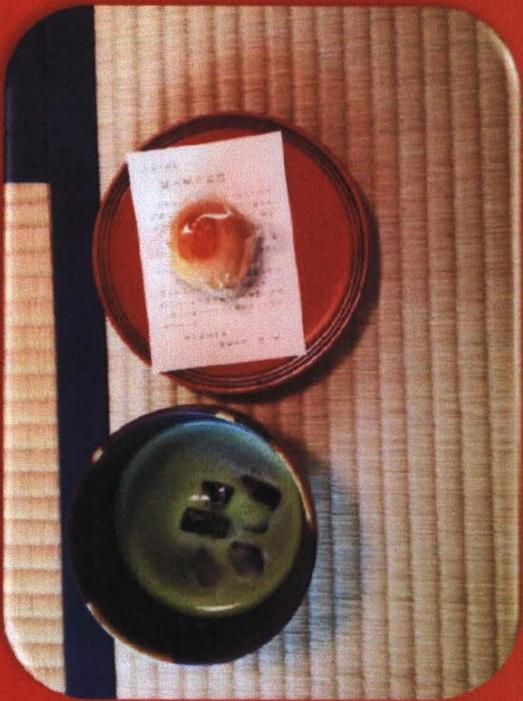


# Takamatsu 2013

Tien Weber

KC Shelton

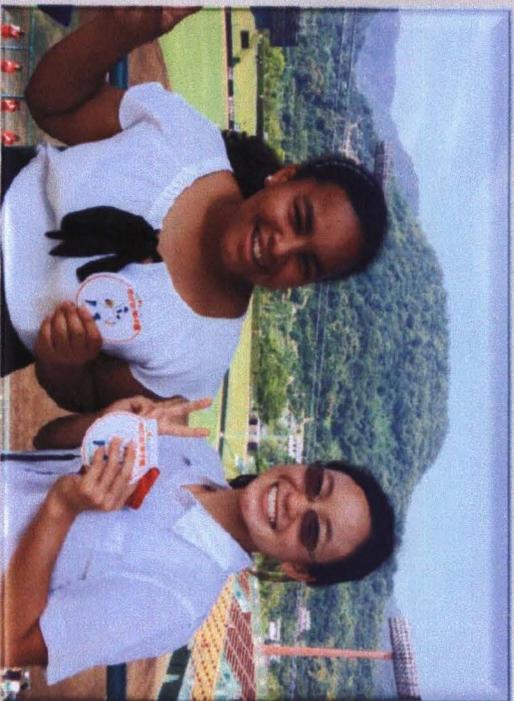
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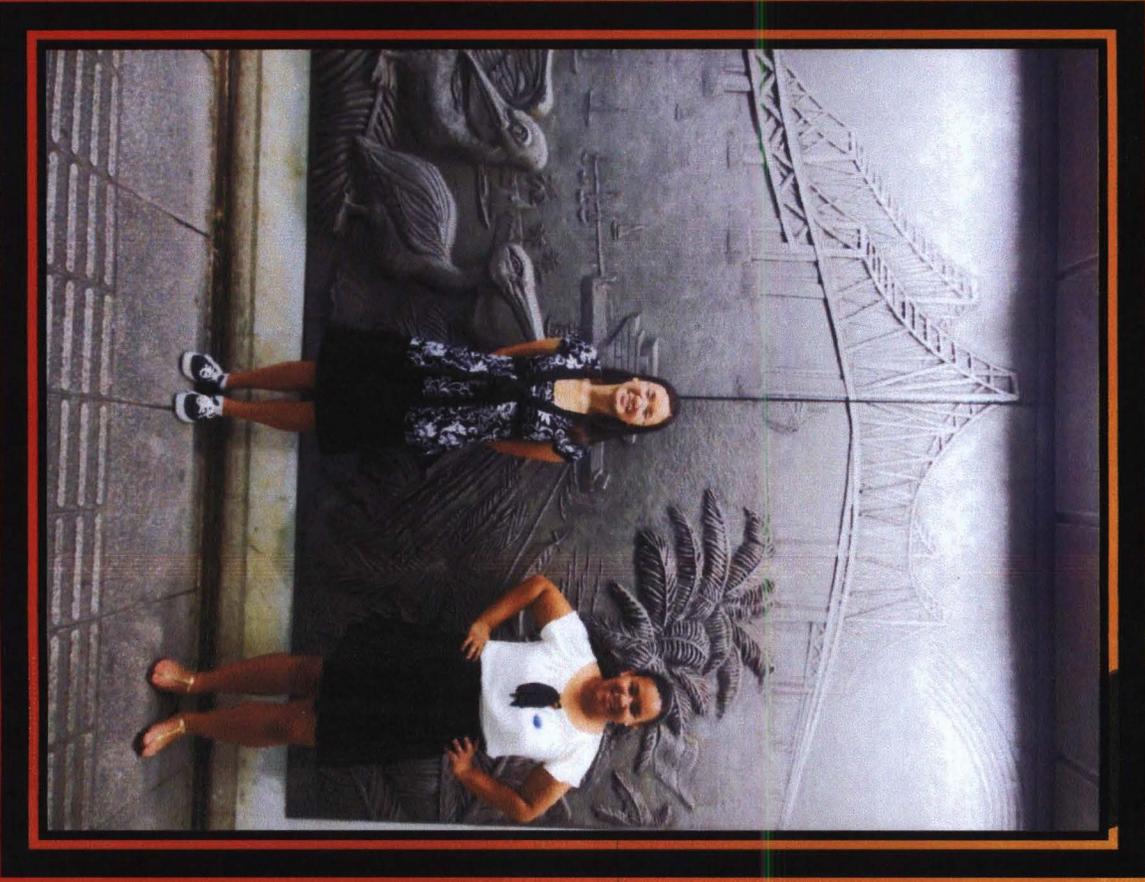
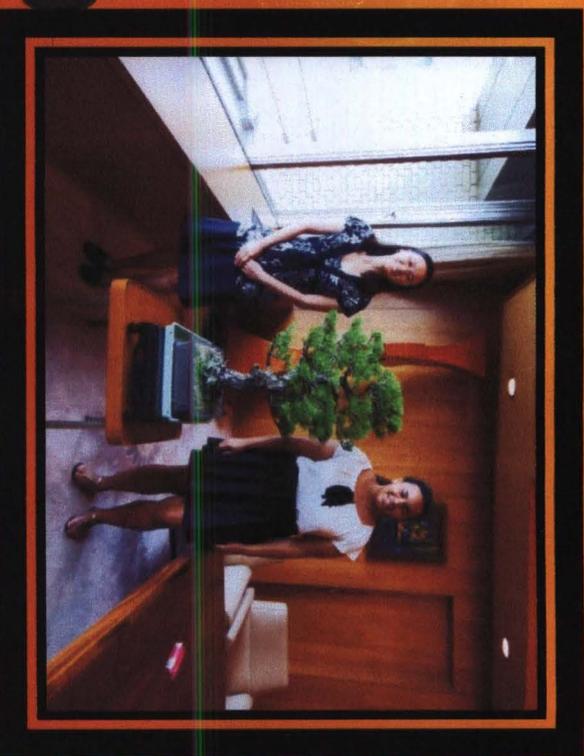
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# Takamatsu Daichi High School



# Meeting Mayor Onishi



# Ambassador Dinner



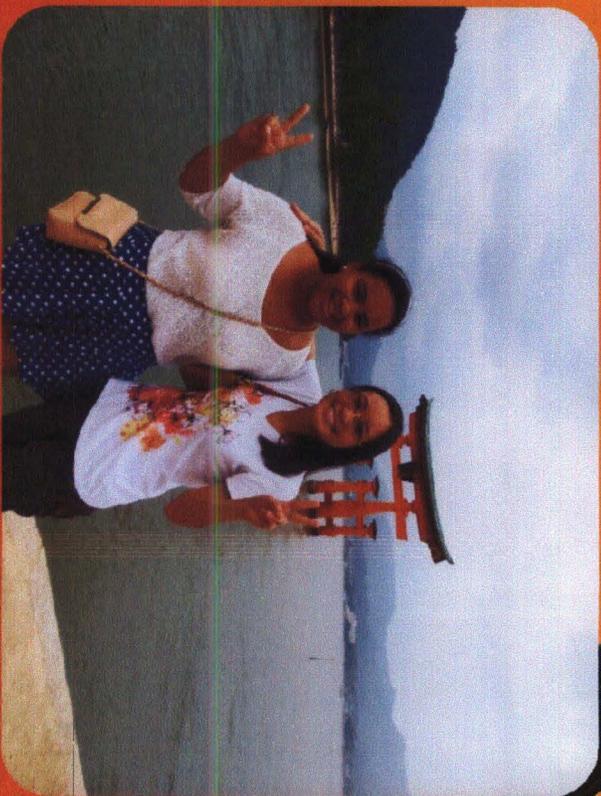
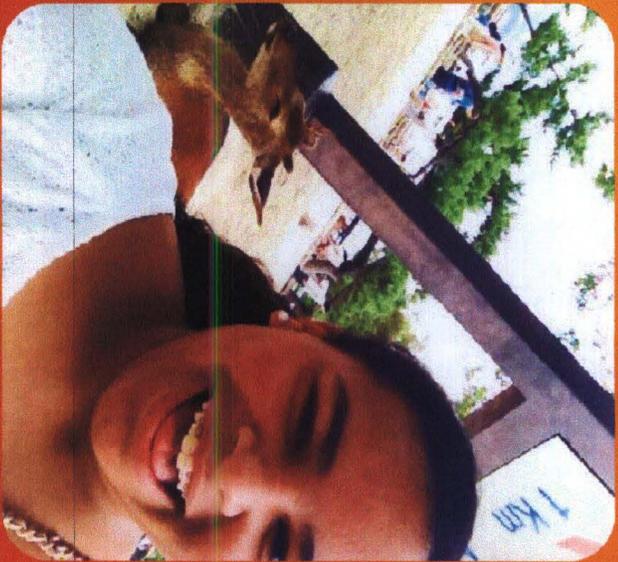
# KC's Families



# Tien's Families



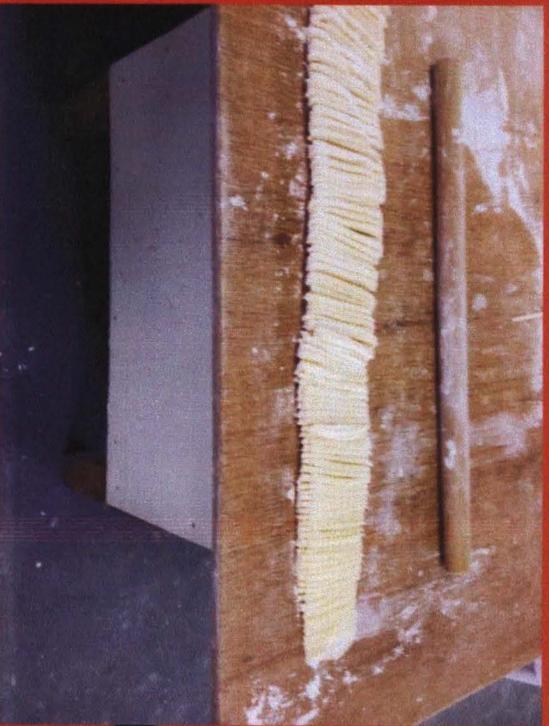
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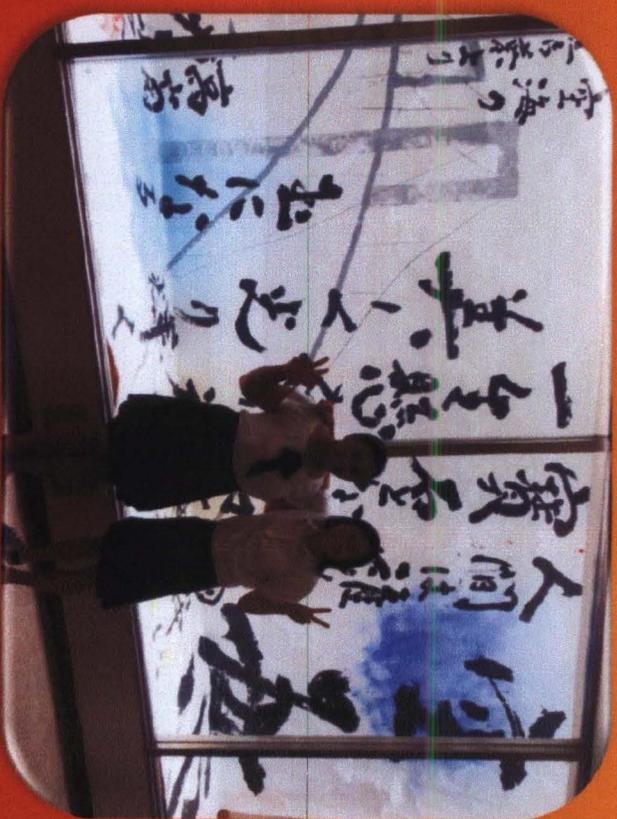
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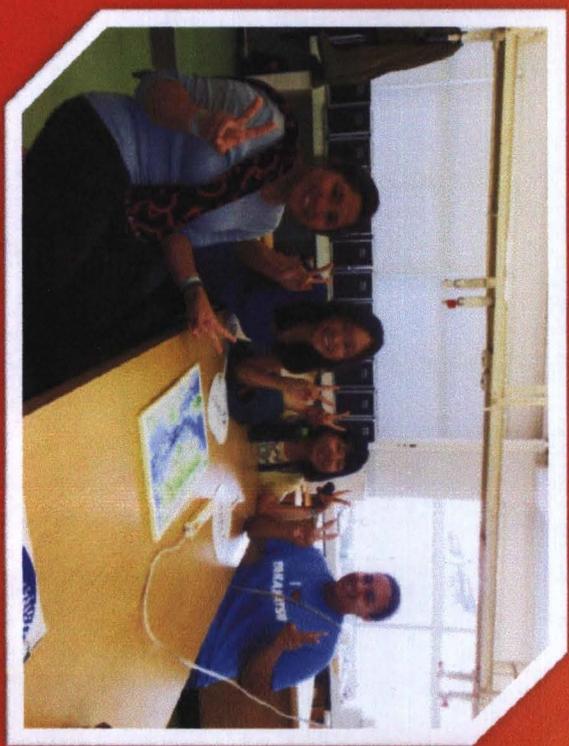
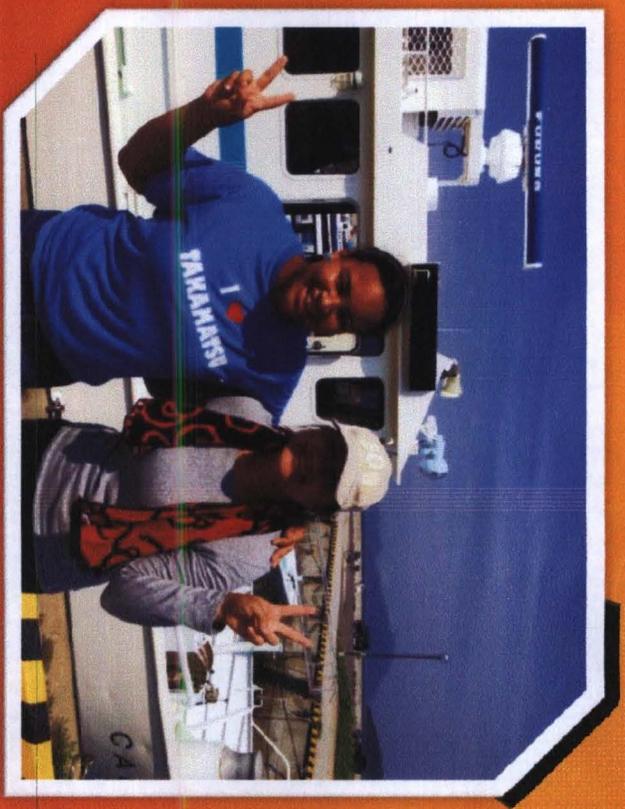
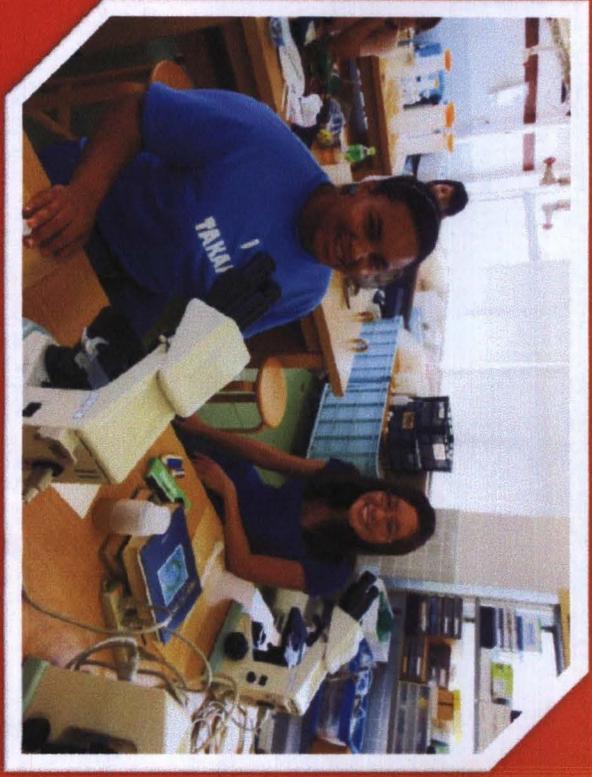
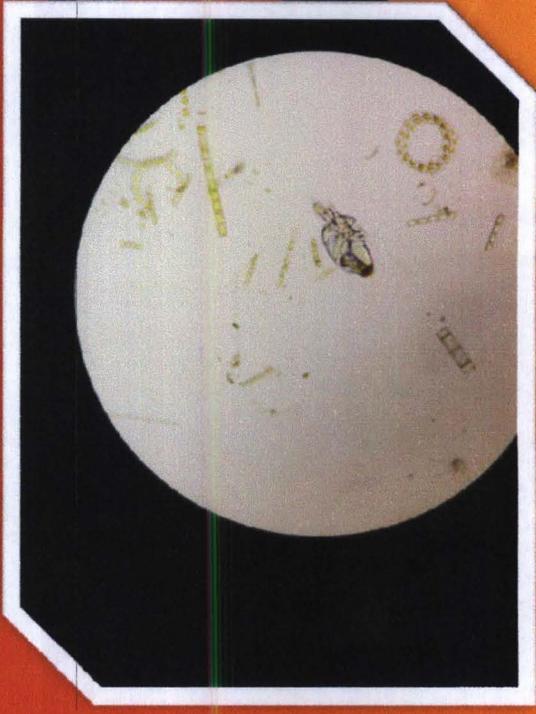
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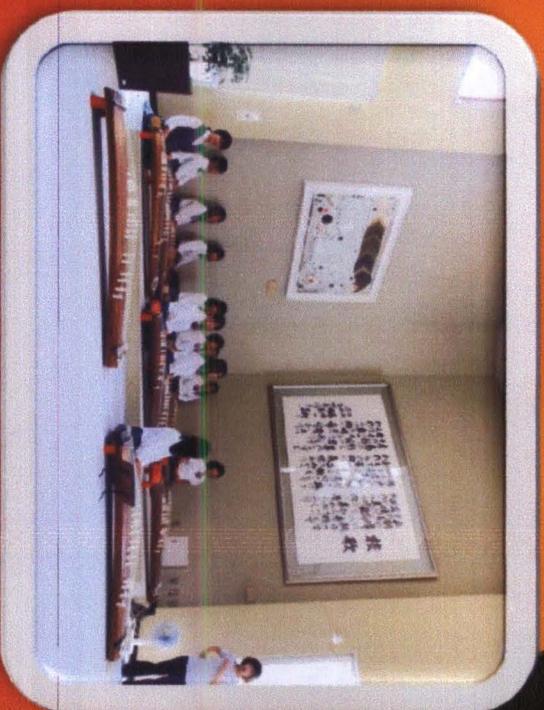
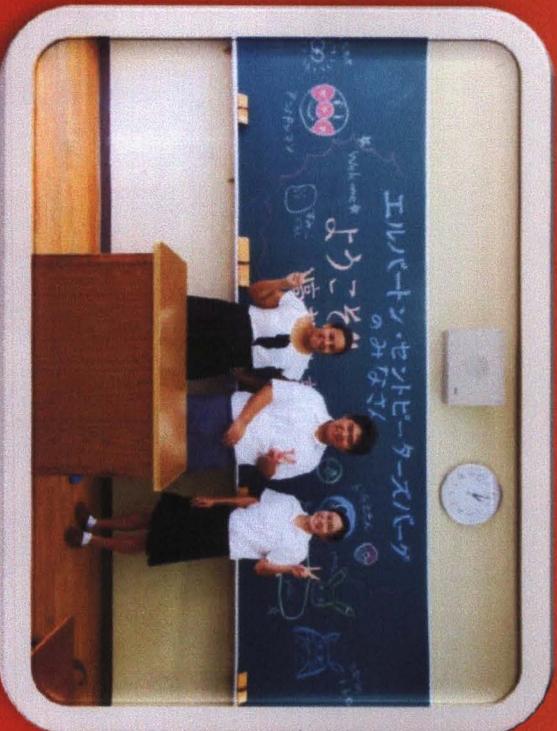
# Bonsai Planting



# Kagawa University



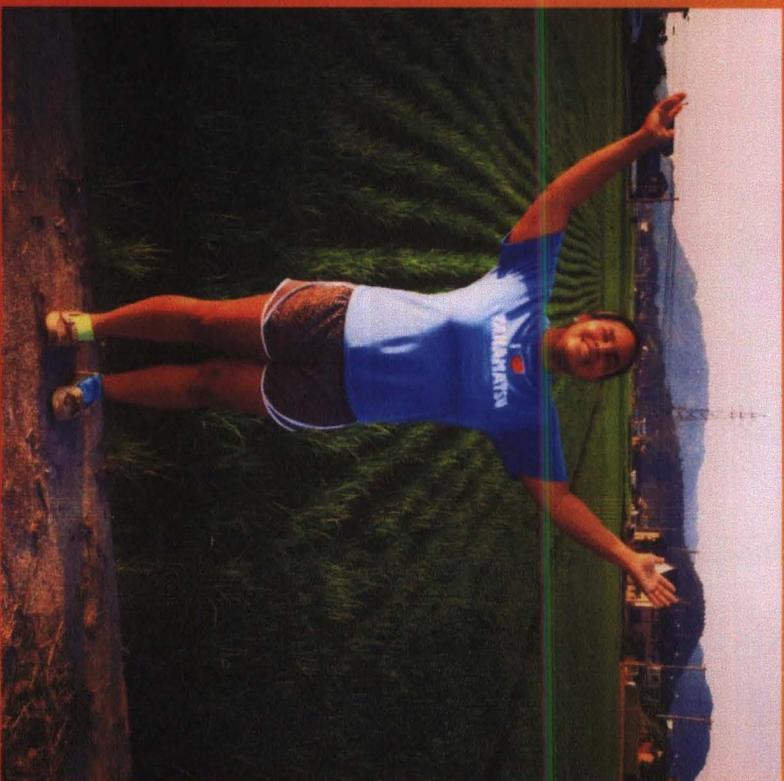
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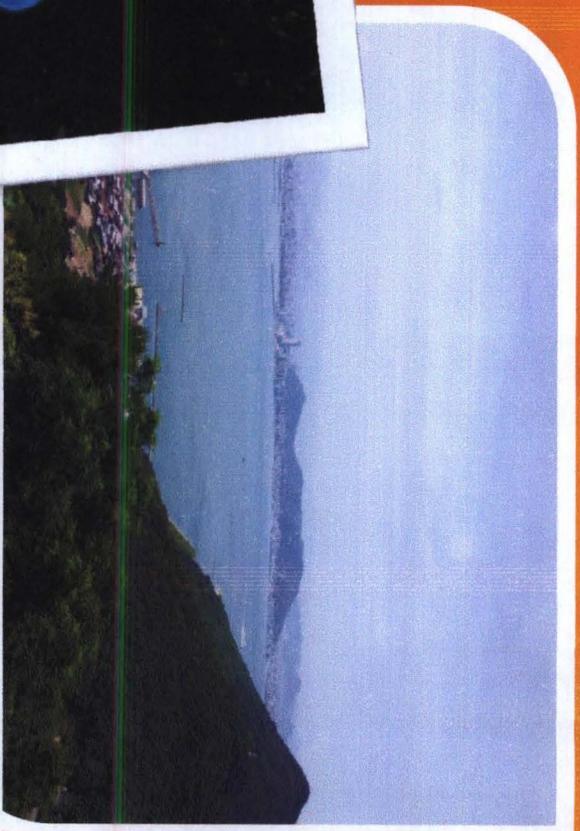
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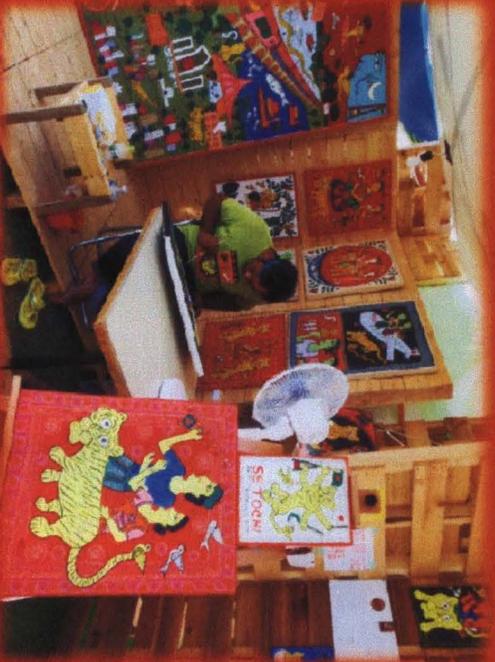
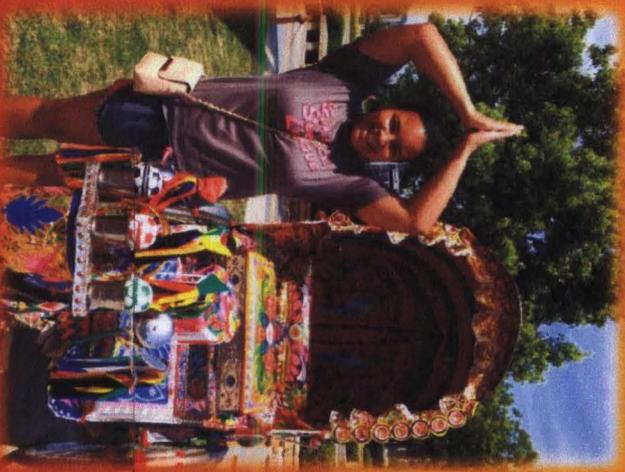
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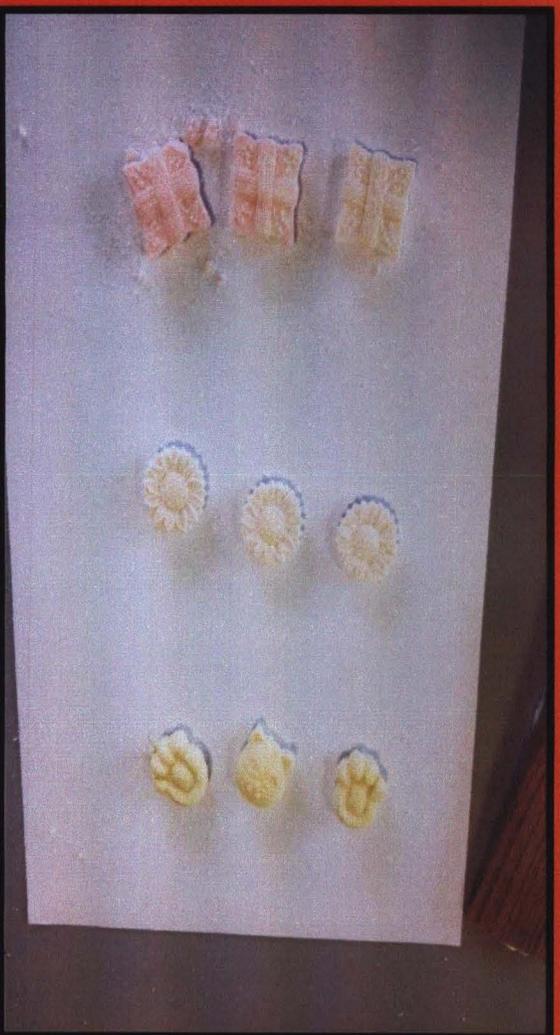
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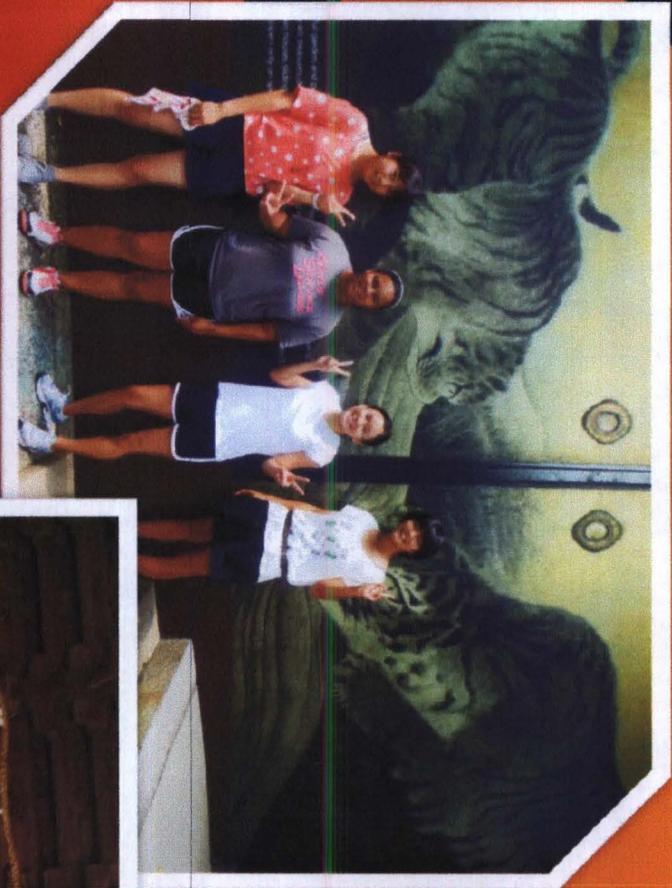
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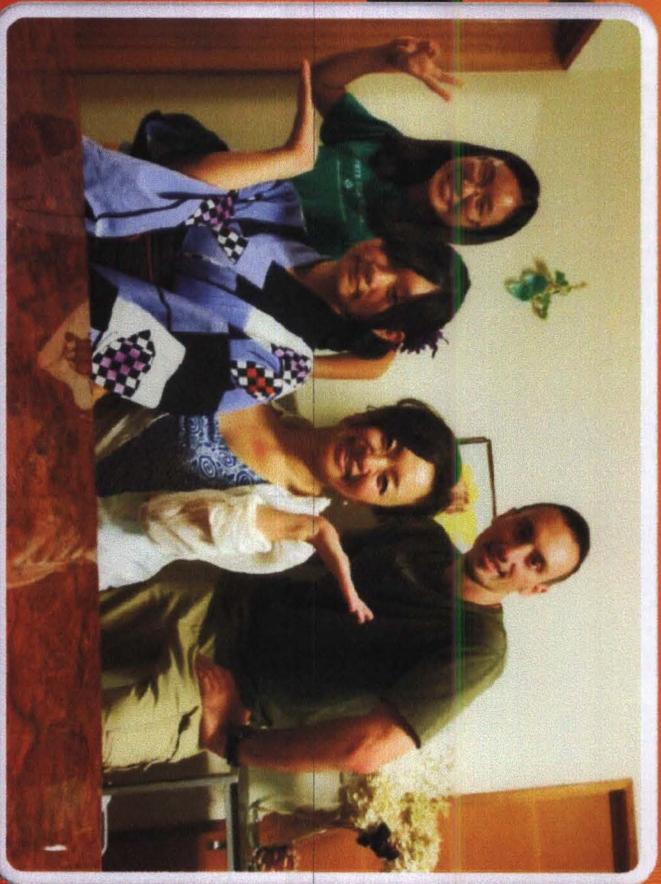
# Wasabon Workshop



# Konpira



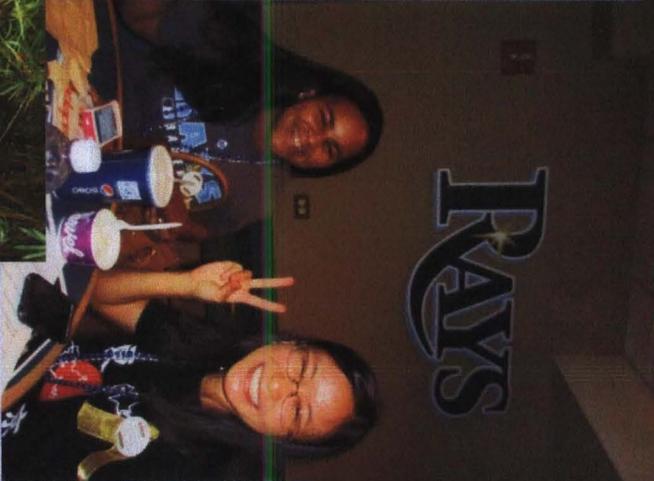
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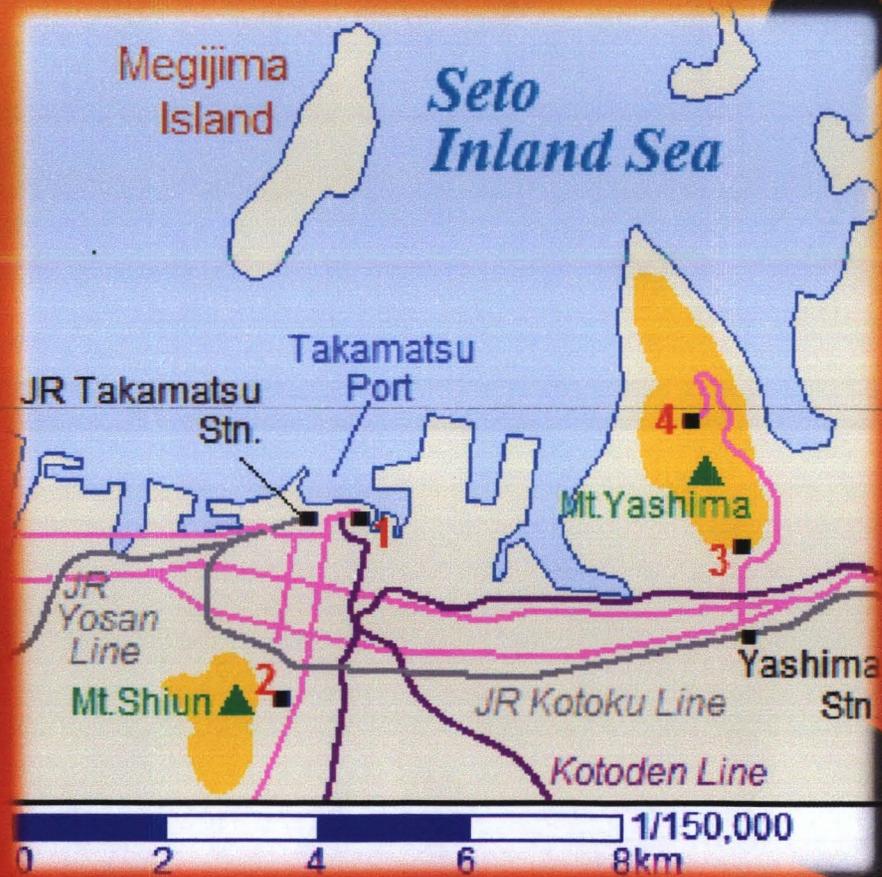
# Departure



# Takamatsu Ambassadors



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Attached documents for item Presentation of the CareFest Care Cup.

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

**TODAY'S DATE:** October 1, 2013

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**FROM:** Susie Ajoc, Director, Community Services Department ~~SAJ~~

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the Carefest Cup to the City of St. Petersburg

**COUNCIL DATE:** October 10, 2013

The Annual Carefest Event is a collaboration of faith-based, corporate, community and public sector organizations with a common goal, to make a difference in the community. The one-day event promotes volunteer service provided throughout the Tampa Bay area during the year. Communities in the Tampa Bay area “compete” for the Care Cup to earn the title of “City of Compassion”.

Over the last five years, St. Petersburg has retained the title. Somebody Cares Tampa Bay will present the 2013 Care Cup to Mayor Foster for another successful Carefest event, and designating the City of St. Petersburg as the “City of Compassion.”

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Attached documents for item Proclamation recognizing International Shuffleboard Week.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**RE:** Council Meeting October 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:** International Shuffleboard Week

**PRESENTATION:** Mayor will present a proclamation to Beth & Jim Allen and Christine Page recognizing October 20-25, 2013 as International Shuffleboard Week.

**WHEREAS,** the game of shuffleboard was introduced as a deck game on board ocean liners in the early 1800s and eventually landed on improvised courts in Daytona Beach, Florida in 1913; and

**WHEREAS,** with the popularity of the game growing, the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club was organized in 1924 at the Mirror Lake Shuffleboard Complex located at 559 Mirror Lake Drive; and

**WHEREAS,** during its heyday the Club gained worldwide fame as “The World’s Largest Shuffleboard Club,” by virtue of its 110 playing courts and annual membership of over 5,000 men and women; and

**WHEREAS,** following many years of boom, the club went through a dark period of disuse and disrepair. Through the efforts of people like Christine Page, President of the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club, and others – it now stands on the precipice of great change with an influx of members and improvements to the courts and other facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout its long history, the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club has always promoted and sponsored tournament-style play; and

**WHEREAS,** with the support of the International Shuffleboard Association, Jim and Beth Allen, owners of Allen’s Sporting Goods, the Pinellas County Convention and Visitors Bureau and others the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Shuffleboard Association World Championship will be held here in St. Petersburg during the week of October 20-25, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** during this year’s ISA World Championship, over 150 tournament players from 16 countries will compete and celebrate 100 years of shuffleboard history;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Foster,** Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg do hereby proclaim the week of October 20-25, 2013

## **International Shuffleboard Week**

in the City of St. Petersburg and encourage all our residents to visit the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club to witness the World Championship and to greet our many international competitors with all the warmth our Sunshine City can muster.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I**  
have hereunto set my hand and  
caused the Official Seal of the  
City of St. Petersburg, County  
of Pinellas and the State of  
Florida to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 2013.

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**Bill Foster**  
**Mayor**

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Attached documents for item Proclamation recognizing October 2013 as Cyber Security Awareness Month.

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**



**TO: The Honorable Members of City Council**

**RE: Council Meeting October 10, 2013**

**SUBJECT: Cyber Security Awareness Month**

**PRESENTATION: Mayor will present a proclamation recognizing October 2013 as Cyber Security Awareness Month.**

Attached documents for item Proclamation recognizing October 19, 2013 as St. Petersburg Science Festival Day.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**RE:** Council Meeting October 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:** St. Petersburg Science Festival Day

**PRESENTATION:** Mayor will present a proclamation to Howard Rutherford & Theresa Burgess, Co-Chairs of the Science Festival, recognizing October 19, 2013 as St. Petersburg Science Festival Day.

**WHEREAS,** the Third Annual St. Petersburg Science Festival will be held on the campus of University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Poynter Park, and the Bayboro Waterfront, on Saturday, October 19, 2013, in conjunction with MarineQuest; and

**WHEREAS,** the goal of the St. Petersburg Science Festival is to increase public awareness, interest, and understanding about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) by offering more than 100 fun, family-friendly, hands-on activities and shows; and

**WHEREAS,** through the various activities and shows the St. Petersburg Science Festival will increase engagement and participation in STEM learning opportunities among students and the public, showcasing the diversity of STEM occupations and offering a direct connection to our vibrant community of scientists; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize that science is essential for modern society. Every day, each of us benefit from scientific knowledge through the food we eat, the air we breathe, and the water we drink. Science and technology power our world, protect us from natural disasters, improve our health, and entertain us; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of the St. Petersburg community will have the opportunity to see how science is an economic engine for the City, Pinellas County, the Tampa Bay region, and the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of our greater community will have the opportunity to celebrate science, much like we celebrate sports, food, art, and music, integrated into our culture as a community tradition;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Foster,** Mayor of the City St. Petersburg, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2013 as

## **St. Petersburg Science Festival Day**

in the City of St. Petersburg and ask all citizens to join us in celebrating science and participating in the St. Petersburg Science Festival.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I**  
have hereunto set my hand and  
caused the official Seal of the  
City of St. Petersburg, County  
of Pinellas and State of Florida  
to be affixed this 10th day of  
October, 2013

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**Bill Foster**  
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Attached documents for item Proclamation to members of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation and the Community Law Program recognizing October 20-26, 2013 as National Pro Bono Week.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

RE: Council Meeting October 10, 2013

SUBJECT: National Pro Bono Week

PRESENTATION: Mayor will present a Proclamation to members of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation and the Community Law Program recognizing October 20-26, 2013 as National Pro Bono Week.

**WHEREAS,** thousands of Floridians continue to lack access to legal assistance that is often critical to their safety and independence, forcing them to resolve complex legal problems on their own, including domestic violence, divorce, child custody, evictions, mortgage foreclosures and the physical and financial abuse of the elderly; and

**WHEREAS,** the Supreme Court of Florida's Statement Regarding the Provision of Pro Bono Legal Services by Florida Lawyers underscores that lawyers have a special professional obligation to ensure that the justice system is accessible to everyone; and

**WHEREAS,** there are only about 23 legal aid lawyers to serve the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida's low income population; and

**WHEREAS,** while members of St. Petersburg's legal community donate substantial hours in free legal services and make generous financial contributions to legal aid organizations in our city, a huge unmet need for legal assistance remains for our disadvantaged citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the St. Petersburg Bar Association, Community Law Program, and St. Petersburg Bar Foundation provide a significant service to our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Community Law Program, through its panel of volunteer attorneys, provides necessary services to meet the needs of our disadvantaged; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Pro Bono Celebration is being observed across the country during the week of October 20-26, 2013, to recognize the valuable work lawyers do throughout the year, without fee, to represent those who cannot afford civil legal assistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL FOSTER,** Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2013

# Pro Bono Week

in the City of St. Petersburg, and urge all residents to recognize the contributions of our legal community to help those most in need.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas and State of Florida to be affixed this 10th day of October, 2013

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**Bill Foster**

Mayor

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Attached documents for item Proclamation recognizing October 6-12, 2013 as Fire Prevention Week.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**RE:** Council Meeting October 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Fire Prevention Week

**PRESENTATION:** Mayor will present a proclamation recognizing October 6-12, 2013 as Fire Prevention Week.

**WHEREAS,** the City of St. Petersburg is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

**WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS,** home fires killed more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS,** Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments respond to more than 156,000 annually between 2007 and 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of St. Petersburg's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of St. Petersburg's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL FOSTER,** Mayor of St. Petersburg, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 2013

## *Fire Prevention Week*

throughout the city, and I urge all the people of St. Petersburg to check their kitchen fire hazards and use safe cooking practice during Fire Prevention Week 2013, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of St. Petersburg fire and emergency services.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas and State of Florida to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

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**Bill Foster**  
**Mayor**

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Attached documents for item Proclamation recognizing October 2013 as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**



**TO: The Honorable Members of City Council**

**RE: Council Meeting October 10, 2013**

**SUBJECT: National Down Syndrome Awareness Month**

**PRESENTATION: Mayor will present a proclamation to Joseph Lee recognizing October 2013 as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.**

Attached documents for item Proclamation recognizing October 20-26, 2013 as Friends of the Library Week.

# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

September 12, 2013

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Friends of the Library Proclamation

## **SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:**

October 10, 2013

Friends of the Library Week is October 20-26, 2013. The St. Petersburg Library System would like to recognize the Friends of the Library for their time and support of the library.

Mika Nelson  
Library Director

**WHEREAS, *Friends of the Library*** groups support the St. Petersburg Public Library System by raising money thereby enabling our library system to move from good to great by providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and other special events throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS,** the work of the *Friends* highlight, on an on-going basis, the fact that our library system is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

**WHEREAS,** the *Friends* understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library system gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

**WHEREAS,** the *Friends'* gift of their time and commitment to the library system sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Bill Foster, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2013

## ***Friends of Libraries Week***

In the City of St. Petersburg and I encourage everyone to join the *Friends of the Library* and thank them for all they do to make our library system and our community so much better.

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**Bill Foster**  
**Mayor**

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Attached documents for item Presentation: Team FLA Elite Girls Softball Team St. Petersburg and United States Representative in Guayaquil, Ecuador at the Liga Del Sur Copa Invitational. "First Place Winner"

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
PRESENTATION**

**October 10, 2013**

**TO:           *Members of City Council***

**SUBJECT:**

*Presentation: Team FLA Elite Girls Softball Team  
St. Petersburg and United States Representative in  
Guayaquil, Ecuador at the Liga Del Sur Copa  
Invitational. "First Place Winner"*

**PRESENTER:**

*Bill Foster, Mayor*

**SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL ON:**

**October 10, 2013**

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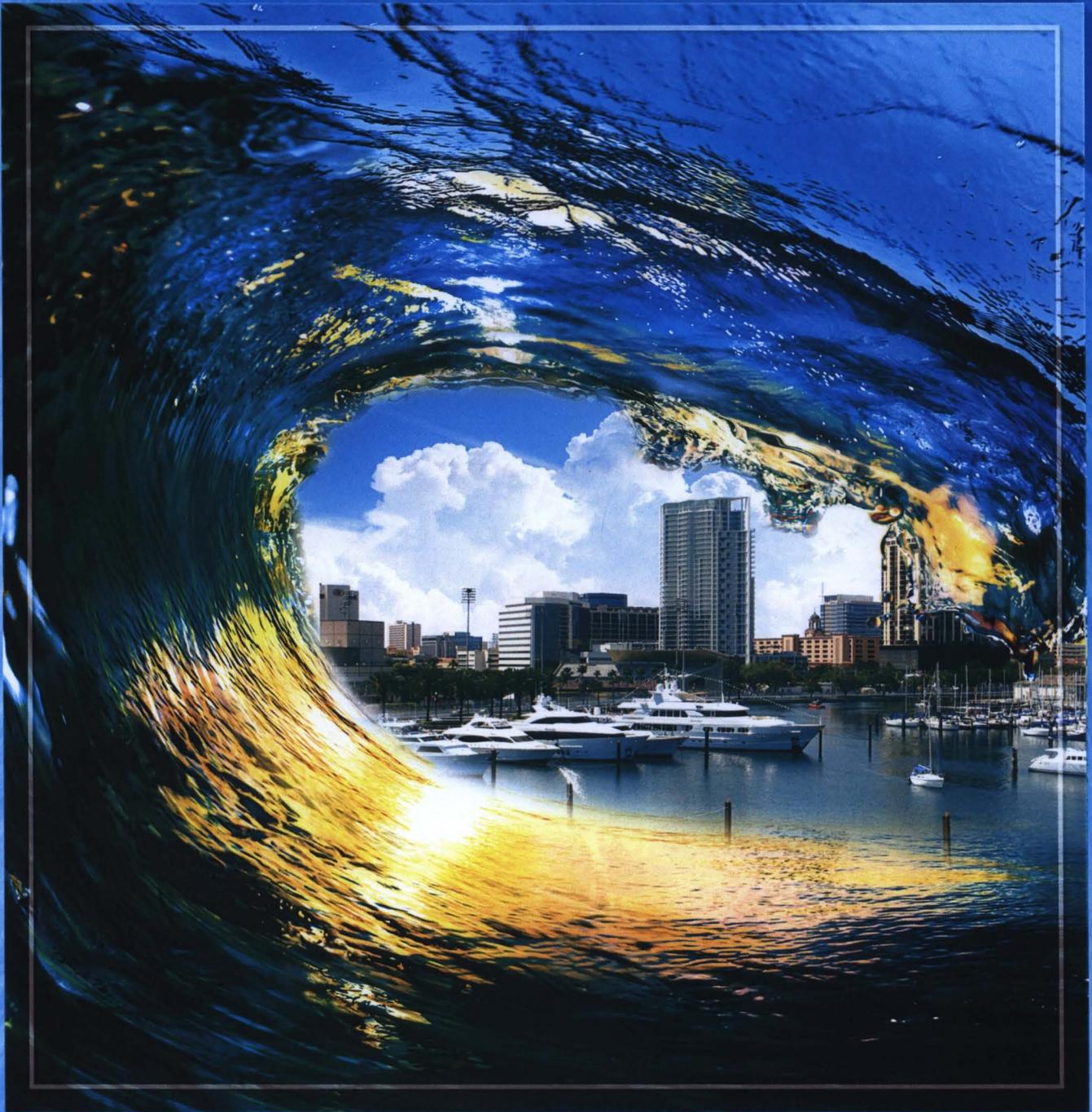
Attached documents for item Announcements

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# *st. petersburg*

Host of the 2014

BLUE Ocean Film Festival



F L O R I D A

*Announcements*

You may know that St. Petersburg, located on Florida's West Coast, is a city with a tropical climate and several of the best beaches in North America. However, you may not know that our city is also a dynamic nucleus for science, technology, education, medicine and the arts. Indeed, thanks to a number of productive collaborations St. Petersburg has emerged as an active and expanding center for environmental and intellectual activities.

### Just The Facts, Ma'am.

As the fourth largest city in Florida, St. Petersburg has a population of just under a quarter of a million with an average income approaching \$60,000. The city hosts 137 parks on approximately 2,300 acres of public land, including our jewel, a seven mile preserved downtown waterfront. For additional city demographics, please visit: [www.stpete.org/ataglance.asp](http://www.stpete.org/ataglance.asp)

### We ~~coulda been~~ are a Contender.

Over the years, St. Petersburg has grown from a somewhat sleepy waterfront community to a sophisticated urban city. But don't just take our word for it. Here's what some leading organizations say about us:

- *Best City for Business*: KPMG 2010
- *#1 Arts Destination*: American Style Magazine 2010-2012
- *Best Community for Young People*: America's Promise –The Alliance for Youth 2006 –2012
- *Top 10 Great Downtown Districts of the South*: Southern Business & Development
- *Municipality of the Year & Outstanding Green Government*: U.S. Green Bldg Council, 2012

### All Dressed Up and Plenty of Places to Go.

St. Petersburg is looking forward to hosting the 2014 BLUE Ocean Film Festival and we invite you to explore our world-class facilities that are clustered less than a mile apart and readily accessible on our Looper Trolley.

- Salvador Dali Museum [www.thedali.org](http://www.thedali.org)
- Poynter Institute [www.poynter.org](http://www.poynter.org)
- The Duke Energy Center for the Arts/Mahaffey Theater [www.themahaffey.com](http://www.themahaffey.com)
- Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort and Golf Club [www.marriott.com/TPASR](http://www.marriott.com/TPASR)
- Birchwood Hotel [www.thebirchwood.com](http://www.thebirchwood.com)
- Museum of Fine Arts [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org)
- American Stage Theater [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org)

### St. Petersburg's Life Aquatic.

We're surrounded by blue.... the crystal blue-green of the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay with sandy beaches and blue skies as far as the eye can see. So it's fitting that St. Petersburg has one of the largest marine research and technical centers in the United States.

Many organizations that support the life aquatic rest on our shores, including...

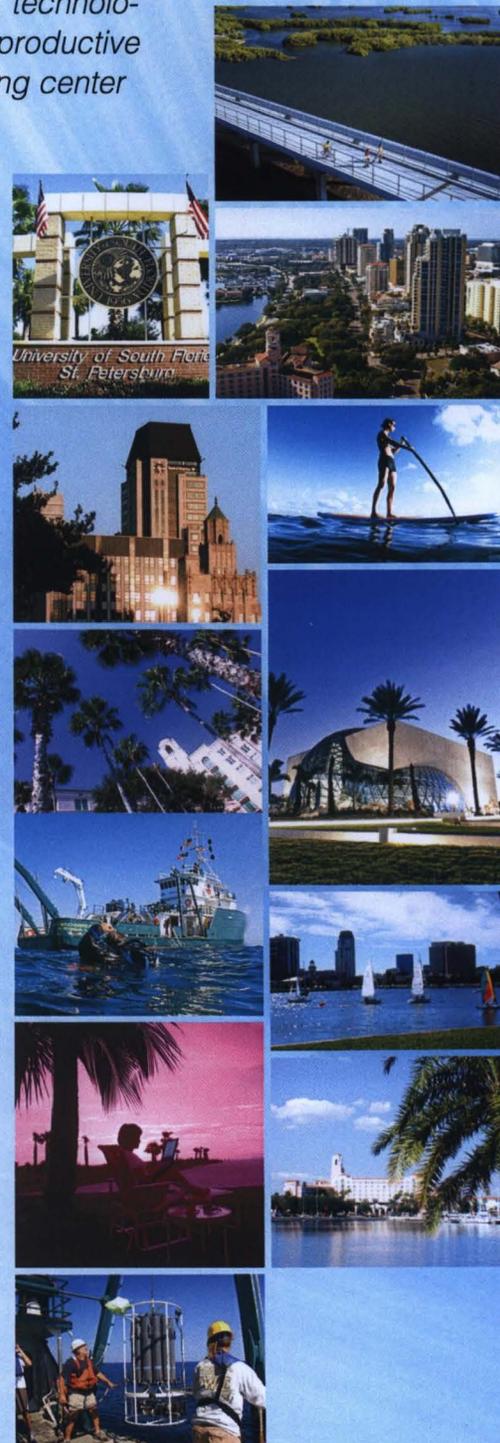
**The St. Petersburg Yacht Club.** Established in 1909 it is home to Ed Baird, coach of the 1995 America's Cup-winning Team New Zealand and a helmsman for the 2007 America's Cup-winning Alinghi syndicate, and Allison Jolly, Olympic sailing champion. [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)

**The St. Petersburg Ocean Team** is the premier consortium for marine science and oceanographic research in the Southeast and one of the top research and technology clusters in the nation. [www.spoceanteam.org](http://www.spoceanteam.org)

**University of South Florida College of Marine Science (USF – CMS)** is a global leader in applying science to society's needs through research, service, and training of future scientists. [www.marine.usf.edu](http://www.marine.usf.edu)

**The Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO)** provides shared use infrastructure for Florida's ocean science education and research programs. FIO was prominently involved in researching the BP oil spill of 2010. The research vessel, Weatherbird II, support biological, seismic, geological, environmental, weather, and physical oceanographic research. [www.marine.usf.edu/FIO](http://www.marine.usf.edu/FIO)  
[www.marine.usf.edu/COT](http://www.marine.usf.edu/COT)

**SRI International** is a global independent research and development organization involved with a wide variety of programs associated with technology transfer. St. Petersburg is headquarters to their Marine Technology program. [www.sri.com](http://www.sri.com)



**Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI)** is the primary statewide research program for Florida's marine environment. FWRI provides the comprehensive information needed by fish, wildlife, and ecosystem resource managers. [www.myfwc.com/research](http://www.myfwc.com/research)

**The U.S. Geological Survey Center for Coastal & Wetland Studies (USGS)** investigates scientific processes related to societal problems in coastal and marine environments, including natural hazards, resources, and environmental change. [www.coastal.er.usgs.gov](http://www.coastal.er.usgs.gov)

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** is entrusted with the conservation, management, and protection of marine fishery resources inhabiting federal waters off the southeastern U.S. [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

**Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (PORTS)** is a real-time data system that provides pilots of large ocean-going vessels the latest information on tides, currents, winds and waves. Established in 1991, PORTS was the first such system in the world and has improved the safety of maritime commerce in Tampa Bay. [www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports](http://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports)

**The International Ocean Institute (IOI)** is a non-profit, non-governmental international organization devoted to the sustainable development of the oceans. [www.IOInst.org](http://www.IOInst.org)

**The Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP)** is an intergovernmental partnership that coordinates bay restoration and protection, and is charged with implementing a comprehensive management plan for Tampa Bay. [www.tbep.org](http://www.tbep.org)

**University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP)** provides academic programs through three colleges to over 6,000 students on a waterfront campus. USFSP is collaborating with BLUE on curriculum offerings and venues for workshops and meetings. [www.usfsp.edu](http://www.usfsp.edu)

St. Petersburg College (SPC) downtown campus is providing substantial support for the BLUE Ocean Film Festival. [www.spc.edu](http://www.spc.edu)

St. Petersburg is the only city in the United States where a child can begin exploring the marine realm in kindergarten and continue, uninterrupted, through high school, undergraduate school and emerge from a graduate program with a Ph.D. in marine science.

**The Cousteau Divers Canterbury Project:** Pierre-Yves Cousteau, the youngest son of Jacques Cousteau, has recently chosen the Canterbury School of Florida in St. Petersburg as the U.S. headquarters for the first Cousteau Divers School in the world. Students from kindergarten through high school participate in this program. [www.cousteaudivers.org/](http://www.cousteaudivers.org/)

**Eckerd College of Marine Science:** Located on a beautiful waterfront campus near the Gulf of Mexico, Eckerd College has been highlighted in the book "A College that Changes Lives" and their excellent marine science program helps them live up to that moniker. Eckerd has a comprehensive marine science program along with a broad range of internship and research opportunities and study abroad programs. [www.eckerd.edu/academics/marinescience/](http://www.eckerd.edu/academics/marinescience/)

**University of South Florida – College of Marine Science (USF – CMS):** Offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees and has about 120 students from 21 countries enrolled in a graduate program covering an extensive array of interdisciplinary research including molecular scientific studies of the ocean, coral reefs, ocean acidification, satellite oceanography, marine geochemistry and mathematical modeling. Scientists from USF-CMS were among the first research groups to study the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and are still actively studying the effect the spill had on fisheries and on bottom dwelling organisms that live in and on the sediments of the northern Gulf. [www.marine.usf.edu](http://www.marine.usf.edu)

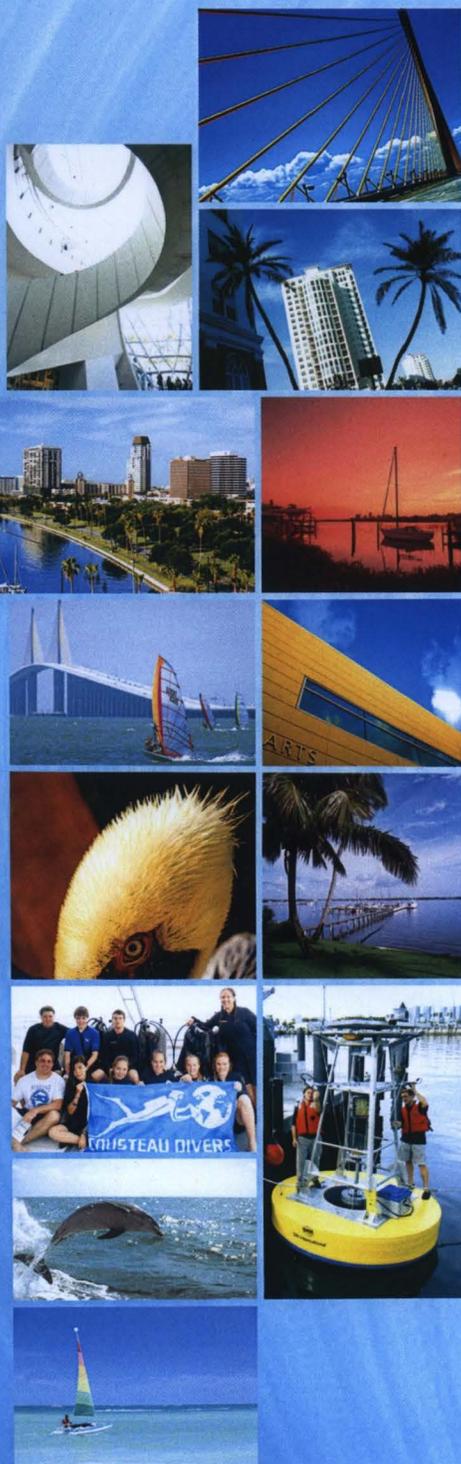
**Secrets of the Sea - Marine Exploration and Aquarium:** Enhances the public's understanding of the value and fragility of the marine environment through research, education and personal experiences. [www.thesectionsofthesea.org](http://www.thesectionsofthesea.org)

Tampa Bay's life aquatic extends well beyond St. Petersburg's city limits with many other marine research, education and entertainment venues.

**Florida Aquarium:** Ranked in the top 10 Aquariums in the country, the Florida Aquarium showcases the aquatic animals and ecosystems of Florida and around the world. [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org)

**Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA):** Home of the celebrated Winter the Dolphin, the CMA is far more than a well-known movie setting. CMA strives to preserve Florida's marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release. [www.seewinter.com](http://www.seewinter.com)

**Tradewinds Resort – Guy Harvey Outpost:** The Guy Harvey Outpost offers endless family adventures where visitors can experience the life, science and love for the sea. [www.tradewindsresort.com/guy\\_harvey\\_outpost.aspx](http://www.tradewindsresort.com/guy_harvey_outpost.aspx)





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For additional information about St Petersburg, Tampa Bay, or the Ocean Team (including photo and/or video opportunities), please, go ahead and contact us. We'll make your day.

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 BLUE Ocean: Debbie Kinder, Founder and CEO, [dk@blueoceanfilmfestival.org](mailto:dk@blueoceanfilmfestival.org)



Attached documents for item Requesting City Council change the start time of the October 17, 2013 City Council meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to conduct an Attorney Client Session.

Attached documents for item Announcement of an attorney-client session, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8), to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, in conjunction with the lawsuit styled Bradley Westphal v. City of

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Karl Nurse, Chair, & Members of City Council

FROM: Tish Elston, City Administrator 

SUBJECT: Rationale for Late Add to October 10, 2013 Council Agenda

DATE: October 9, 2013

I am requesting Council's indulgence in adding an item to the Legal section of the October 10<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda and further that this item be considered at the beginning of the meeting.

Last Tuesday, October 1, was the deadline for the submission of this year's FEMA Stock Elevation Grants. Staff had been in discussion with two homeowners about this grant program, which enables homeowners to seek reimbursement from FEMA for elevation of their structures. The city must be the applicant for the grant, ensure that flood and building codes are complied with and pass the money through to the homeowner upon satisfactory completion. Ultimately only one homeowner decided to seek funding and the application was filed by the deadline. The application requires the city's execution of specific Grant Assurances, including compliance with numerous federal laws and regulations. Normally those come at the grant award stage following Council's acceptance of the award. I am Administration's signatory for all grant application and award documents; however, I do not have the authority to sign grant assurances without Council's approval.

The State has advised that they will not process this application unless the Assurances Certification is executed by close of business October 16, 2013. Your action on this item will allow me to access FEMA's electronic portal to complete the execution of this Certification within the deadline.

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**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of October 10, 2013**  
**Legal Item**

TO: The Honorable Karl Nurse, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to execute all documents necessary, including but not limited to grant assurances, to apply for, accept and implement a Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA") Flood Mitigation Assistance ("FMA") Grant Program Hazard Mitigation Assistance ("HMA") Grant in the amount not to exceed \$174,900 for the property located at 6323 Bayou Grande Blvd, NE; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: On September 12, 2013, Planning and Economic Development staff were contacted by homeowner, Sharon Stock, regarding the possibility of making application for the above referenced grant. The applicant plans to spend approximately \$ 170,200 to elevate in place the existing single family structure at 6323 Bayou Grande Blvd. NE. The city is required to be the applicant for the FEMA funds and ultimately to pass through funding upon completion of construction.

The application was submitted through the electronic FEMA grants portal on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. However, it will not be processed further without execution of the Grant Assurances Certification by close of business Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

The application may be amended at any time and the City always retains the right to withdraw the application if, for example, funding is not approved or the City does not want to get involved in a cost reimbursement situation.

HMA grants contain federal funding of 75% of the projects eligible costs with the remaining 25% obtained from the homeowner. The City is permitted to take up to 5% of the project cost as an administrative fee for its part in the overall grant process. It is not known how long it will take for FEMA to approve the grant once they receive the application. After FEMA approval, it is anticipated it will take 12-18 months for funding, again dependent on Congressional funding.

Resolution No. 2013 - 402

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRANT ASSURANCES, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION ("FEMA") FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE ("FMA") GRANT PROGRAM HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE ("HMA") GRANT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$174,900 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6323 BAYOU GRANDE BLVD. N.E.; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA") has made available Hazard Mitigation Assistance ("HMA") grants under its Flood Mitigation Assistance ("FMA") Grant Program for construction projects to mitigate flooding; and

WHEREAS, Under the FMA Grant Program, the State is the applicant for grant processing and the local government is the sub-applicant for grant processing; and

WHEREAS, The responsible agency is the Florida Department of Emergency Management ("FDEM"), that has indicated that the local government must apply on behalf on the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the City will administer the grant; and

WHEREAS, HMA grants are cost-reimbursement type grants; and

WHEREAS, one application for the property located at 6323 Bayou Grande Blvd. N.E. was received in the amount of \$174,900; and

WHEREAS, HMA grants contain federal funding of 75% of the projects eligible costs with the remaining 25% obtained from the homeowner; and

WHEREAS, The City is permitted to take up to 5% of the project cost as an administrative fee for its part in the overall grant process; and

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WHEREAS, the application window for 2013 HMA grants closed on October 1, 2013;  
and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted in a timely manner, but was returned to the City as incomplete because grant assurances were not signed by the City and delivered as part of the application as required by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the HMA grant will require the execution of a grant agreement as well as an agreement with the homeowner for administration of the HMA grant and other documents necessary for the administration of the HMA grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary, including but not limited to grant assurances, to apply for, accept and implement a Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA") Flood Mitigation Assistance ("FMA") grant program Hazard Mitigation Assistance ("HMA") grant in the amount not to exceed \$174,900 for the property located at 6323 Bayou Grande Blvd. N.E.

This Resolution shall take effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: \_\_\_\_\_

Administration: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attached documents for item If you are deaf/hard of hearing and require the services of an interpreter, please contact the City Clerk, 893-7448, or call our TDD Number, 893-5259, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and we will provide that service for you.