GREETINGS

Happy New Year! I don’t know about you, but every year I set resolutions that are well intended but often don’t come to fruition. That’s why I am so excited to release this newsletter. My hopes are to provide pro-active communications about city businesses and district happenings. I hope you will reach out if you have ideas for stories, faces to feature, or businesses to mention. This edition includes an update on the 2015 “one water” plan that is long overdue. You often hear me say that the sewers were only the canary in the coal mine and this plan will assist us in looking at all water - potable, storm water, and sewage treatment holistically. If you’d like to receive these updates directly click here to subscribe.

-Amy

NEW DEVELOPMENT

On January 4, 2018, City Council unanimously approved a new development at 1601 Central in the Grand Central District. The property is currently occupied by World Liquors Inc. and a paved lot. Milhaus, a construction and property management company based in Indianapolis, plans to build a 6 story apartment complex with 251 market rate units.

PRIDE 2018

On January 9, 2018, St. Pete Pride organizers voted to keep the Street Festival component of Pride Weekend in the Grand Central district. Events will take place from June 20 - 24th. For more information please visit: www.stpetepride.com.

OPENING SOON

Imagine Museum, St. Petersburg’s newest collection of art, is hosting it’s grand opening on Tuesday, January 23. The museum will feature art from the American Glass Studio Movement from the 1960’s to today. It was recently named one of the fifteen most notable museum openings this year by Architectural Digest and is sure to be an asset to the Grand Central District. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on January 23rd at 10:30 A.M., along with speeches and guided tours. A Fire and Light Ball with cocktails, a strolling dinner, private tours, and entertainment will take place on Saturday, January 27th. For more information please visit: http://www.imaginemuseum.com/
On January 4, 2018, City Council unanimously approved a contract to develop an Integrated Water Resources Program for every type of water in St. Petersburg. The program will address the city's infrastructure needs by making recommendations to the City about how to improve in a cost effective and sustainable way that includes the priorities of our citizens.

St. Petersburg’s Water Resources Program has both immediate and long term needs that need to be addressed. The immediate needs of complying with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Consent Order, managing extreme weather events, replace aging infrastructure, and mitigating sewer overflow conditions will be the first priority. Long-term considerations such as climate change and sea water rise, sustainability and resiliency, and improving the recreational water quality will also be addressed.

For more information about the Integrated Water Resources Program or ways you can make your home more efficient, please visit: http://www.stpete.org/sustainability/water.php

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