



NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 8

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GREETINGS NEIGHBORS,

In the past two weeks, our state has been shaken by the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas. More than ever, now is the time to strengthen our neighborhood ties and become more resilient as a community. Communities with strong internal cohesion fare better in the face of crisis and help people better handle issues as they arise. At every neighborhood meeting I attend, I see the sense of pride in our neighborhoods and our city and I know District 8 is up to the challenge to support each other during these trying times.

This month's newsletter highlights our new district commander and an exciting announcement about the scope of the 34th Street Master Planning Process that will begin in the coming months. More importantly though, this newsletter is about you. We want to feature you - residents of District 8, your businesses, and events of interest. If you have an idea or recommendation please don't hesitate to reach out at amy.foster@stpete.org.

- Amy

34TH STREET MASTER PLAN

We have finally begun work on a Central Town Center and 34th Street North Revitalization Plan. The goal of this master plan is to encourage positive and cohesive growth along the 34th Street North Corridor from 22nd Ave. N. to Emerson Ave. S.

Community input will be vital to the success of this project so we will be working closely with all stakeholders to determine an identity for the area and create a detailed list of tasks to be included in the plan implementation.

Work will begin with a project kickoff meeting followed by data collection to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the area and determine if zoning, transportation, and visual character codes can be improved to better serve the area.

Public workshops will then be held to present these findings, outline tasks, and provide additional opportunities for public input on streetscapes and gateways.

If you would like to stay updated on the plan's progress and learn about future opportunities for community input, please sign up [here](#).



CALENDAR

Cocktails on the Courts

Saturday, March 3 from 6 - 10 pm
St. Pete Shuffleboard Club

Taste of Pride

Saturday, March 3 from 7 - 10 pm
The Coliseum

Annual Seafood and Music Festival

March 3 from 11 - 7 pm
Vinoy Park

Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, March 7 at 7pm
3251 3rd Ave. North

Firestone Grand Prix

Friday, March 9 from 8 am - 6pm
Saturday, March 10 from 8 am - 6 pm
Sunday, March 11 from 8 am - 6 pm

Disston Heights Civic Association

March 13 at 7 pm
4501 30th Ave. North

Artist Tour of Historic Kenwood

March 17 from 10 - 5 pm
March 18 from 12 - 5 pm
Historic Kenwood

North Kenwood Neighborhood Association

March 20 at 7
2001 28th St. North

Council of Neighborhood Associations

Wednesday, March 21 at 7 pm
The Sunshine Center

Central Oak Park Neighborhood Association

March 27 at 6:30
4444 5th Ave. North

FACES OF DISTRICT 8



Last month, Lieutenant Frank Williams was promoted to Major and will be taking over as commander for our area.

Williams has been with the St. Pete Police since beginning as a Patrol Officer in 1990. Police District 3 covers West St. Pete and parts of Disston Heights, Central Oak Park, Historic Kenwood, and North Kenwood. Keep an eye out for Major Williams around the community and say congratulations!

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

At the 2017 State of the Economy, City staff provided a robust presentation of statistics about the current state of the St. Petersburg economy. Highlights of the presentation included a 25% median household income growth and a 27% reduction in poverty from 2011 and 2016. Unemployment also continued to drop and is currently about 5%. Additionally, the 6.3 million Pinellas County visitors per year add about \$9.7 billion to our community. We have also had success in our efforts to attract new development and young professionals to the area and are focused on future smart growth.

EXPANDED SATURDAY MORNING MARKET

Looking to save time and avoid the crowds? You can now place orders from Saturday Morning Market vendors online and pick it up closer to home. Orders can be placed from Sunday at 3 pm to Tuesday at 8 pm and pickup takes place on Thursdays from 4-7 pm at 1114 Central Ave. or the Jet Jackson Center at Wildwood Park. For more information please visit: stpetersburg.localfoodmarketplace.com/



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