HI, NEIGHBORS!

I can't believe how quickly my first month serving on City Council has flown by! Things are busy at City Hall as we continue to discuss important issues like repairing and replacing our aging infrastructure, a comprehensive affordable and workforce housing plan, and the future of economic development in St. Petersburg. We have also begun to discuss our collective and individual priorities for the 2019 budget.

If you had a chance to attend the St. Petersburg State of the Economy presentation, you know our city is in a great economic position. Poverty and unemployment are down even though our population is growing. I will continue to work on the issues that matter most to you in the coming months, so please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Don't forget to check out my brand new video highlighting all the things I love about District 2! You can view it here: [http://bit.ly/2Fu9jYs](http://bit.ly/2Fu9jYs) or search for it on the City's YouTube Page. Also, if you'd like to sign up to get my monthly newsletter direct to your inbox, please sign up here.

- Brandi

HOME PROGRAM

St. Petersburg Police began working on a program designed to keep juveniles out of the criminal justice system in May 2016. The Habitual Offender Monitoring Enforcement unit (HOME) is comprised of nine different agencies from around the County that collaborate to reduce teen crime, especially auto theft. Police officers, crime analysts, and social workers from Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (PEMHS) monitor the county’s worst teen re-offenders. HOME monitors over 100 teens all with five or more felony arrests and court mandated ankle monitors. The HOME program has a 90% compliance rate of supervised teens, and is having a positive impact on St. Petersburg’s youth and crime statistics.

SEE, CLICK, FIX!

See, Click, Fix is an important tool for St. Petersburg residents to improve their neighborhoods. The free application can be downloaded in the Google Play or App Store. In the app, citizens can upload pictures and write descriptions about any local issue ranging from pot holes and sanitation issues, to code enforcement. Pictures are an essential part of helping City staff determine who needs to be sent out to fix the issue, so the more the better. After reporting an issue you can check back for status updates on the issues you have submitted as well as others in your area.

LOCK YOUR CAR!

At the time of newsletter publication there had been 67 auto thefts so far in 2018 compared with 101 by the same day last year. Car burglary has also gone down significantly with 136 incidents compared to 438 by this time last year. Although the situation seems to be improving it is still important to be vigilant in protecting yourself and your vehicle. About 25% of auto thefts had their keys in the car! Remember to lock your car, take the keys with you, and park in well lit areas. If you see something suspicious call the St. Pete Police Non-Emergency number (727-893-7780) or text “SPPD” and your tip to 847-411.
**TINNEY CREEK UPDATE**

Tinney Creek has been subject to sedimentation build up due to the FDOT construction of the Gandy Overpass. In order to address this problem, the City of St. Petersburg recently completed a project paid for by the FDOT contractor to remove these sediments from Tinney Creek east of 4th street.

A Special Assessment District (shown on the map above) requires a separate permitting and clearing process as it has been determined that only a specific group of properties will benefit from the clearing. The City’s Engineering Department is currently working on the permit applications necessary for the Special Assessment District which will also be paid for with a mix of FDOT contractor and City funds. The Engineering Department plans to have these applications submitted by the end of January. From there, Pinellas County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Army Corps of Engineers will have to approve before work on the Special Assessment District can begin.

The City is responsible for maintaining the stormwater component of the creek. However, if nearby homeowners want to use it for other purposes in the future, such as boating, they will be responsible for the cost of maintaining it. A letter notifying residents of this will be sent out soon.

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**CALENDAR**

**Localtopia**
February 3 from 10 - 5 pm
Williams Park

**Art Walk**
February 10 from 5 - 9 pm
Throughout City

**Barclay Estates Neighborhood Association**
February 15 at 6:30 pm
8867 15th Lane North

**Americana Cove Neighborhood Association**
Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm
Community Clubhouse

**5th Annual Fine Arts Festival**
February 24 and 25 from 10 - 5pm
Straub Park

**St. Pete Indie Market**
Saturday, February 3 at 11am
Green Bench Brewing Co.

**Rowdies Suncoast Invitational**
Saturday, February 17 at 5:00 &
Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 pm
Al Lang Stadium

**St. Pete Jazz Festival**
February 21 - 25 from 7-11 pm
The Palladium Theater

**Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**
Saturday, February 17 at 4 pm
480 Bayshore Dr. SE