Hi Neighbors! Thank you so much to the 100+ people that attended the 34th Street Master Plan Kickoff Meeting yesterday! Not only did we have a great turn out, we had some great discussions about our collective vision for the area. People defined the current 34th Street as a thoroughfare in need of a makeover with motels, convenience stores, and empty lots attracting crime. There were many great ideas for improvements with a consensus on increasing transportation options and connectivity, expanding local business and improving business facades, and beautifying the area with better lighting, landscaping, and signage that creates a sense of place. We heard your ideas loud and clear and can’t wait to see the consultants’ recommendations in a few months.

When the recommendations are complete in May/June 2019, there will be two more public meetings where you can provide additional feedback. To sign up to receive the latest information and a future online survey on the master planning process, click here. And as always, we want to hear from you about your upcoming events, newsworthy neighbors, and businesses. Email Kayleigh.Sagonowsky@st.pete.org with questions, concerns, or to be featured in our newsletter. - Amy

Face of District 8: Meet Deana Hawk!

Deana Hawk, the owner of Black Crow Coffee, will host the grand opening celebration for her second location in District 8 on Sunday, February 17th! Located at 2157 1st Ave South, Black Crow will be open 7 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm with their signature coffee and pastries (including vegan & gluten free). Black Crow has been operating for the past two years in Grand Central at nearby Calusa Commons. Hawk says, "We are thrilled that the space next to us has come available, so we are in the process of expanding into a full coffee shop. Our heart is in our community and Grand Central reflects what we love...We can’t wait to serve more of our beloved quirky city of St. Pete." Black Crow is known for their monthly art, music & poetry nights and their Grand Opening celebration will
Localtopia!

The 6th annual community celebration of all things local will take place February 2 from 10 - 5 pm at Williams Park. It will be postponed to February 23 in the case of rain. The event created by Keep St. Pete Local, also boasts a full day of live, local music! There will be over 200 local vendors and community organizations at the family, pet, and Eco-friendly event. For more information about the event, click here.

SPPD Launches PATH Team

The St. Pete Police Department recently launched a new Police Assisting The Homeless (PATH) team that will be working with homeless individuals and families to connect them to services like shelters and food banks. The addition of PATH will allow the police to better serve members of the community across the entire city. They will be targeting hot-spots based on community feedback, so don't hesitate to let your CSO officer know about problem areas.

15th Annual Chili Cook Off!

The Grand Central District's 15th Annual Chili Cook Off will take place on Saturday, February 23, rain or shine. The cook-off will take place in the 2400-2600 blocks of Central Ave. The event is a fundraiser for the Grand Central District, which supports and promotes area businesses while also providing neighborhood improvements like lighting, landscaping, and garbage cans. Attendees will have access to unlimited tastings of chili and beer specially selected for the event from 5 district breweries: If I Brewed the World, Avid Brew, Cage Brewing, Arcade Brewery, and Pinellas Ale Works. Restaurants, chef's, businesses, neighborhood associations and individuals can all compete in a variety of categories including best vegetarian, people's choice, and best neighborhood chili. To become a chili contestant or purchase tickets to this event, click here.

Neighborhood Associations

**Central Oak Park**  
Last Tuesday of the month at 6:30  
St. Luke's Church

**Disston Heights Civic Assoc.**  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7  
St. Pete Community Church

One Time Events

**Localtopia Festival**  
February 2 from from 10-5  
Williams Park

**Farm Share Food Distribution (Free)**  
February 8th at 10 am  
Fossil Park, Pavilion #4
North Kenwood  
3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at St. Pete Sanitation Offices

Historic Kenwood  
1st Wednesday of the month at 7 Metro Wellness

Garden Manor Lake Estates  
2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 at J.W. Cate Recreation Center

Ponce de Leon  
3rd Thursday of the month at 7 Gladden Park Recreation Center

St. Pete Heights  
February 26 at 7 pm Gladden Park Recreation Center

Mayor's State of the City Address  
February 8 at 11:30 am Sea Salt St. Pete

Metro Wellness Grand Opening  
February 9 at 3 pm 3251 3rd Ave N.

St. Pete Distance Classic  
February 10 at 6 am Vinoy Park

Historic Kenwood Garden Workshop  
February 16 at 9 am 2100 7th Ave. North

6th Annual Fine Arts Festival  
February 23 and 24th from 10 - 5 South Straub Park

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