



DISTRICT 8 NEWSLETTER

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HI NEIGHBORS,

It's hard to believe summer is already around the corner. Before we know it, it will be too hot to enjoy all our city has to offer. The majority of our work so far in 2018 has been focused on housing: housing equity, evaluating land development regulations to preserve the character of our neighborhoods, and protecting consumers during the construction boom. Protect yourself by reading this editorial, checking for complaints with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and ensuring a third party inspector evaluates the work of your builder. It's also never too early to think about your hurricane preparedness plan. Visit floridadisaster.org for help!

- Amy

P.S. - Do you know a person, business or event we should feature? Email us!

SUMMER IN ST.PETE!

Summer in St. Pete is always busy and exciting and now is the time to prepare for all of those summer activities. From kids camps, to teen employment, adult athletic leagues, and senior groups, St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department has something for everyone!

This year's kids camps include a wide variety of offerings like Technology Camp, Young Naturalist Camp, Wild Explorers Camp, Pioneer Camp, Herpetology Camp, Nature and Yoga Explorers Camp, and Raptor Camp. For a full list of camps and age requirements, visit: www.stpeteparksrec.org/camps.

For teens and adults, there are plenty of seasonal jobs available including lifeguard, water safety instructor, recreation center, and park positions. For more information, visit: www.stpeteparksrec.org/employment.

Adult athletic leagues can also be a fun way to get outside. Current offerings include men's and co-ed softball, men's flag football, men's 18 and 40 and up basketball, co-ed kickball, co-ed beach volleyball, and indoor volleyball. For more information, visit: www.stpeteparksrec.org/adult-leagues.

For seniors, there are a wide variety of art, exercise, and educational classes as well as many drop in groups. For a complete schedule, visit: www.stpeteparksrec.org/sunshine-senior-center.

FREE SUMMER LUNCH

Now through August 4, anyone under the age of 18 can eat for free at any of the following locations. Call 727-893-7441 with questions.

Lunch Only:

Dell Holmes Park, Pavilion #1
• 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Main Library

• 12 to 1 p.m.
Boyd Hill Pioneer Settlement
• 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch:

Campbell Park Center
• 8:30 - 9:30 and 12 - 1
Childs Park Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 12 - 2
Frank Pierce Center
• 8:15 - 9:30 and 12 - 2

Gladden Park Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 11:45 - 2
J.W. Cate Center
• 8:30 - 9:30 and 12 - 2
Lake Vista Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 11:30 - 2
Roberts Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 11:30 - 1:30
Shore Acres Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 12 - 1

Walter Fuller Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 12 - 12:45
Thomas "Jet" Jackson Center
• 8 - 9:30 and 12 - 1:30
Willis S. Johns Center
• 8:15 - 9:30 and 12 - 1:30
Azalea Elementary
• 7:30 - 8:30 and 12 - 1
TASCO Building
• 8-9:30 and 12:30- 1:30

CALENDAR

Movies in the Park

May 3: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
May 10: My Big Fat Greek Wedding
May 17: Father of the Bride
May 24: Back to the Future
May 31: Batman
Straub Park at 7 pm

Disston Heights Civic Association

Tuesday, May 8 at 7 pm
4501 30th Ave. North

North Kenwood Pancakes on the Porch

Saturday, May 12 at 9 am
1200 31st St N

Equality Florida Gala

Saturday, May 12 at 7pm
The Mahaffey Theater

North Kenwood Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 15 at 7
2001 28th St. North

Mayor's Youth Showcase of Achievement Awards

Thursday, May 17 from 7 - 9 pm
The Mahaffey Theater

Summer Fun and Water Safety Day

Saturday, May 19 from 11 am - 2 pm
Northwest Pool

Central Oak Park Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30
4444 5th Ave. North

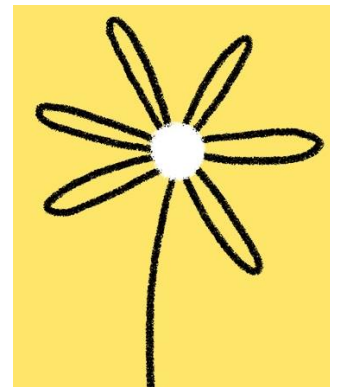
St. Pete Heights Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 29 at 7
Gladden Park

FACES OF DISTRICT 8



Bryan Casañas-Scarsella, Interim President of the St. Pete Heights Neighborhood Association, spearheaded the relaunch of his neighborhood association after decades of it being inactive. Last month, about 50 residents attended the neighborhood kick-off, where they voted to form the association and to change its name from Highland Grove to St. Pete Heights. Along with the interim board, Casañas, his husband Barry, and their dog Dexter are working hard to revitalize the neighborhood and start to build a stronger neighborhood community. Casañas, a Tampa Bay native, attended college in Ohio and obtained a Master's degree in French and International Studies at USF, where he worked as a French and Italian instructor. After working in France as a language instructor for several years, he moved back to St. Petersburg in 2014. One reason Casañas chose to move back to St. Petersburg is the city's European feel and pedestrian-friendly downtown. "I still miss Europe but living in St. Pete makes me feel like I've gotten the best of both worlds. St. Pete really has the charm and feel of a Mediterranean city. It's my little paradise." In 2015, Casañas began working as an admissions counselor at Eckerd College. Casañas is a member of the Council of Neighborhood Associations Leadership Class and is excited to use his experience to help improve and beautify St. Pete Heights. Join Bryan at the next St. Pete Heights meeting at Gladden Park Recreation Center at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 29th!



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