Hi Neighbors, I hope your holiday season is off to a great start! There are so many fun events going on this time of year - I hope you will enjoy all of the magic the holiday has to offer in St. Pete. Just reach out to me or my Legislative Aide Kayleigh Sagonowsky to get something on the calendar and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. - Amy

Face of District 8: Meet Mitch Faber

Mitch Faber and his wife Crystal have been proud owners of Old Key West Bar and Grill for the past five years, but they've recently added another business to the family. Mitch and Crystal purchased the old Half Time Pub at 1721 28th St. N. in June and have been hard at work to re-brand the bar. Now known as Our Bar, the Faber's have completed a major face-lift and added a liquor license to the over 50-year-old pub. In addition to a new front and back patio, they've added more seating, new paint and decor, and games like cornhole, horseshoes, and life-size beer pong. Our Bar's Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, December 7th. There will be food trucks, live music, and drink specials to celebrate. Our Bar is open from 11 am to 3 am every day. You can visit their Facebook for more details.
Last month, City Council voted to create a Tenants' Bill of Rights protecting local renters from discrimination and unjust late fees. Renters make up a large part of our community and I'm proud to advocate for policies that make it easier for them to find available housing and stay in their homes. In the coming months, I plan to continue this work and ask for your continued support. A displacement policy and lease attachment explaining tenants' rights are currently being drafted. To learn more about these proposals, click here or email your questions to kayleigh.sagonowsky@stpete.org.

The 34th Street Master Plan is nearly complete! The consultants have prepared a final draft of the district plan which will be presented to Council members on December 12th. To read the plan, click here. It includes recommendations for public safety, green space, transportation, district definition, urban form and economic development. The "union central" district plan even includes a recommendation for a multi-use trail around Emerald Lake! Once the final plan is approved by Council, recommendations will be prioritized and begin to be implemented along the corridor. Thank you to everyone for your feedback and participation along the way!

Grand Central’s Ho Ho Holiday Shop & Stroll

Businesses in the Grand Central District want to take care of all your holiday shopping needs this season! On December 11th and 12th, the district will host the largest co-op event in St. Pete known as the Ho Ho Holiday Shop and Stroll. There will be over 50 participating businesses with two full days of holiday deals, discounts, promotions and giveaways. To cap off the event the Annual Grand Central Holiday Party will be on December 12th from 5-pm at 3023 Central Ave. So bring a friend, grab a bite to eat, and start checking people off of your Christmas list! Click here for a map of participating businesses and a full list of promotions.

Private Laterals Ordinance
Have you heard of a private lateral? That's the technical term for the pipe that carries all the wastewater from your home to the city's infrastructure. The diagram below illustrates the the private and public parts of a typical residential sewer system. When private laterals are damaged or installed incorrectly, additional wastewater infiltrates the system. This can become problematic, especially during the rainy season. Private laterals were a leading cause of spills in 2015 and 2016. As part of the Consent Order resulting from those spills, City Council is required to pass an ordinance that sets up a plan to require homeowners to repair or replace private laterals when they fall into disrepair. Since the pipe is located on private property, properly maintaining the pipe will be the property owner's responsibility. The city will not be looking for damaged pipes, as that violates your constitutional right to privacy. Rather, they will work with homeowners when action is necessary. Since repairing private laterals if often pricey, the City is working on ways to help residents bear the cost. More information on these assistance programs will be shared in the next few months. I want to make sure all District 8 residents understand this new ordinance before it becomes effective in 2021. I am always available to answer any questions or to speak about this at one of your upcoming neighborhood meetings, just reach out to [Kayleigh](#) to set something up.

![Diagram of Inflow and Infiltration - Typical Residential Sewer](image)

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**Neighborhood Associations**

- **North Kenwood**
  3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM
  Flying Boat Brewery

- **Historic Kenwood / Holiday Potluck**
  1st Wednesday of the month at 7 PM
  Metro Wellness

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

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**One Time Events**

- **Shopapalooza!**
  Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10 AM - 5 PM
  Vinoy Park

- **Snowfest**
  Saturday, December 7th from 9 AM -2 PM
  North Straub Park

- **DHCA Holiday Potluck**
  December 10 at 6:30 PM
  St. Petersburg Community Church
Garden Manor Lake Estates
2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM
J.W. Cate Recreation Center

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

Central Oak Park, St. Pete Heights, and Station View will resume their monthly meetings in January.

Boley Centers' Jingle Bell Run
Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM
Albert Whitted Park

COPNA Holiday Block Party
December 14 from 6 - 11 PM
4th Ave. N. between 37th and 38th Streets

NKNA Holiday Party
December 17th 6:30 PM
Flying Boat Brewery

First Night St. Pete
December 31 from 4 PM to Midnight
Downtown St. Pete

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