HI NEIGHBORS!

February was a very busy month here at City Hall! Earlier this month I had the privilege of touring the new St Pete Pier site. What an incredible experience it was to see the progress firsthand. It was an honor to be one of the first to see the progress and be able to envision what we will all be enjoying for decades to come. Please visit their website at www.NewStPetePier.com and check it out for yourself!

While it is great to see what is happening around our city, this month's newsletter is focused on economic development and job growth right here in District 2! I recently attended the Gateway Business Associations first meeting of 2018. There are a lot of exciting things going on in the Gateway and Carillon business community. If you work in the area, I encourage your business to get involved. It is an exciting time for us and I look forward to working with our businesses and residents as we grow and prosper together.          - Brandi

THE NEXT BIG HUB

It is no secret that St. Pete is growing fast and catching the attention of new companies, professionals, and developers. In 2017 alone, over 3,000 new jobs were created, including 1,500 jobs in data analytics. The real challenge for many has become finding a place to house this growth while maintaining affordability and ease of access. Echelon, a local real estate firm, thinks they may have the answer. They recently finished working with the City to re-zone the 16 acre lot behind Publix in Carillon Park and the City approved a master site plan for the entire property. Echelon said they listened to market demands when designing a cohesive live, work, and play space complete with an internal circulator, residential units, and green space. The new Echelon City Center will include 500,000 sq ft. of office space, 700,000 sq ft. of retail space, 1,500 residential units, and 120 hotel rooms. The A.G. Spanos Company will begin the first phase of development, breaking ground in May on one part of the residential component. The City approved their plans for a new 5 story mid-rise apartment building with 2 courtyards and 289 units. The master plan for this community and the imminent construction of the first phase of building will begin the transformation from empty lot into to next big hub.

BUSINESS EXPANSIONS

Jabil announced last month, that after exploring alternative locations, they chose to stay in St. Petersburg because it is a terrific location and has great access to workforce and quality of life. They will expand their current campus by reconstructing one building and completely refurbishing two others.

Raymond James also recently announced their plans to grow in St. Petersburg. After working with the City to remediate traffic concerns near their campus, they purchased three new buildings in Carillon Park. Raymond James plans to hire 650 new employees to occupy this new space.
**BUS ROUTE**

The PSTA 100X bus route is being extended and will begin making trips on its new route in June 2018. The route includes stops at Certygy, Gandy Blvd., Dale Marbry Hwy., Britton Plaza and Lee Roy Crosstown Exwy. and will now include downtown St. Petersburg. Buses will run Monday - Friday.

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**EVENTS**

**Annual Seafood and Music Festival**  
Saturday, March 3 from 11 - 7 pm  
Vinoy Park

**Skyway 10k**  
Sunday, March 4 at 6 am  
Shuttles meet at Tropicana Field

**Northeast Terraces Neighborhood Association**  
Monday, March 5 at 6:30 pm  
Holy Family Church

**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

**Riviera Bay Neighborhood Association**  
Thursday, March 15 at 7 pm  
9401 4th Street North

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

**Caya Costa Neighborhood Association**  
March 26 at 6:30 pm  
9887 4th St. N., Suite 300

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**CARILLON PARK TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS**

If you work in one of the many offices located at Carillon Park, your daily commute may soon be improving! The following changes have been proposed to improve traffic flow throughout Carillon Park.

1) The intersection at Roosevelt Blvd. and 28th St. will be re-aligned to add an additional thru lane along Lake Carillon Drive.

2) The intersection at Carillon Parkway and Lake Carillon Drive will see the addition of northbound dual left and right turn lanes. A new mast-arm is proposed to accommodate the additional turn movement.

3) The intersection at Carillon Parkway and SR 688 / Ulmerton Road will include proposed widening in the median to accommodate a northbound to westbound triple left turn movement. A new mast-arm is proposed in the northeast corner to accommodate the additional left turn movement.

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