Happy Halloween Neighbors!

October is here and it is one of my favorite times of the year! The weather (hopefully) starts to get a little cooler, school is in full swing, hurricane season is almost over, and we get to enjoy the fun of Halloween! St Pete’s neighborhoods are known for their great participation in Trick or Treating and there are fantastic events all over the Bay Area! If you are looking for something right here in St Pete geared toward the older, braver crowd, check out TASCO’s 13th Annual Field of Screams: Quarantine. This event supports the City of St Pete Park and Recreation’s TASCO teen program. This program runs throughout the year and is focused on promoting positive youth leadership within our communities. Check out their website for more information on this event!

Hope to see you out and about enjoying all the great activities our city has to offer!

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District 2 Town Hall coming up NEXT WEEK!

When and Where?
Tuesday, October 9th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m
Willis S. Johns Recreation Center
6635 Dr Martin Luther King Jr, St Petersburg 33702

The first annual District 2 Town Hall is right around the corner and I am so excited to see you all there as we discuss the local issues of most importance to you!
Starting at 6 pm there will be community partners and city staff available to provide information on issues such as public safety, transportation, community involvement, housing programs, water and sewage issues, and flood insurance. Then starting around 6:45 we will start the Q&A portion of the evening. Hope to see you there and please bring a friend!

Biosolids Project at the SW Water Reclamation Facility

Did you know that the Southwest
Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) is currently undergoing major upgrades. It’s one of the largest projects in the city right now and has been a topic of frequent conversation at Council meetings, so in September I decided to visit the facility to see it for myself. The upgrades that are taking place will improve the general operations of the plant, decrease odors in nearby neighborhoods, and allow the facility to produce Class AA Biosolids which can be sold for use as commercial fertilizers. These are just a few of many benefits to this project. I want to say a special “Thank You” to the facility staff who work everyday to maintain our system and are overseeing this important and costly project. For more information click here.

SHINE Mural Festival

Every year, October brings the return of the SHINE Mural Festival in St. Petersburg. This year the festival will run from October 6th through 14th with at least 19 artists participating. This event put on yearly by the St. Pete Arts Alliance, draws visitors from near and far to see murals created in action. For information on volunteer opportunities, mural locations, and artist biographies, visit The St Pete Arts Alliance online.

Community Benefits

On September 20th, City Council unanimously approved the FY19 Budget which includes funding for a number of items certain to benefit the community. The city’s budget for Social Action Funding that is distributed to non-profits went up as well as the overall contribution to affordable housing efforts in our city. In addition the Rebates for Rehabs program that assists homeowners in fixing up their houses in the Southside CRA was increased to $200,000. With little steps like these, we are making huge strides towards bettering our community!

Get Ready to Vote!

October 9th is the last day to register to vote for the general election in November. To register or find out if you’re registered, click here. This year there are many important constitutional amendments to vote on in addition to state and federal races. The Florida League of Cities created a good summary of the proposed amendments that you can read here. If you still have questions regarding voting, contact the St. Petersburg Chapter of the League of Women Voters. Their contact information can be found here.

Spotlight: District 2 Parks and Recreation
St Petersburg has plenty of parks and recreation opportunities for those looking to get active! Our very own Riviera Bay Park right here in District 2 is a great example of that. Willis S. Johns, Roberts, and Shore Acres Recreation Centers are all great nearby options for District 2 residents as well. Our parks and recreation department has great offerings for residents of every age, from Beginner Hip Hop to Dog Training Classes and they're always expanding programming to meet citizens needs. If you don't find something you're interested in, let a manager know and they will do their best to accommodate your request! A new website and registration system are also coming soon to make it even easier for you to get out and enjoy all the services St. Pete has to offer. For more information, visit the Parks and Recreation website.

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