HI NEIGHBORS,

Last month, a hot button issue arose in St. Pete about the announcement from the Police Chief that Community Service Officers will have to be re-purposed to address new legislation requiring resource officers at every school. I’ve spoken to the Chief and he assures me this is a short term solution and these positions will be replaced as additional officers graduate from the Academy. There are still open questions about budget allocations and if the City or the school system will be ultimately responsible. I’ll be meeting with the Chief in the coming weeks and will keep you abreast of additional details and plans as soon as possible.

This month, we will welcome a new neighborhood association to District 8. St. Pete Heights will host their first meeting at the Gladden Park Recreation Center on April 24th at 7p.m. St. Pete Heights boundaries are from I-275 to 28th St. N. between 30th-38th Ave N. Also, the Garden Manor Lake Estates Association has resumed regular meetings at J.W. Cate Recreation Center on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. Garden Manor Lake Estates lies from 17th - 22nd Ave. N. and from Norfolk St. to 58th St. N. If you live in one of these areas, please join your neighbors at one of these upcoming meetings! - Amy

COMING SOON: TROPHY FISH

The Grand Central district will soon be home to a laid back fish and nautical inspired cocktail spot known as Trophy Fish. The property, located at 2060 Central Ave. is owned by partners Ryan Griffin, Blake Thompson, and Bill Griffin who also own Mandarin Hyde in downtown St. Pete. The partners hope to bring a “come all, serve all” philosophy to serving fish in central St. Pete.

Trophy Fish’s menu will change daily based on the freshest fish available. Customers will be able to identify what fish is on the menu each day by looking at the fish flags to be flown outside the restaurant. Trophy Fish will be open Thursday - Sunday and since there is a limited supply of their fresh catch, they recommend coming early! Trophy Fish is set to open later this Spring. For more information, visit: trophyfishstpete.com

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

While Spring cleaning this year, remember to test your smoke alarms. If you are unsure if your smoke alarms are working or you need a replacement, call 727-893-7233 to schedule your free smoke alarm delivery and installation from the St. Pete Fire Dept. Also, remember to lock your cars and take the keys. Leaving your keys in the car is actually illegal in the state of Florida and can void any insurance coverage on the vehicle. If you see anything suspicious, don’t hesitate to call the SPPD Non-Emergency number at 727-893-7780.
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Earth Day on April 21st from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Williams Park! The St. Pete Earth Day Festival is free to the public and is hosted by Chart 411, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Suncoast Sierra Club, Friends of Crescent Lake, Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Center and various other groups. Attendees are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transportation to the festival.

FACE OF DISTRICT EIGHT

Steven Herzfeld, Vice President of the North Kenwood Neighborhood Association, has been attending NKNA meetings before he and his wife Haley even closed on their house. The Seminole, FL native attended college and opened his first business in Boulder, CO before moving back to Florida last year. Herzfeld says that while he understands the frustration of the rising cost of housing, St. Petersburg is still a relatively great value compared to many other vibrant and growing cities and he is passionate about doing his part to better the community. Steven and Haley are biking enthusiasts and cite St. Pete’s bike friendly culture among their top reasons for moving here. Herzfeld plans on bringing his passion for biking to the Biker and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in the near future. Herzfeld’s current business, Velo Zephyr, designs and fabricates custom handmade racing bicycles and components from carbon fiber. They also create carbon fiber parts for clients outside of the cycling industry such as medical adaptations and exotic car repairs. Herzfeld is a member of the Council of Neighborhood Associations Leadership Class and hopes to use his experience to increase membership and participation in HKNA and lead the creation of regular events such as evening dog walks. Herzfeld says he loves his neighbors and the community of North Kenwood and is excited about the revitalization and reinvestment in his neighborhood.

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