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The next JTCA Meeting will be on
Monday July 21st
 Meeting is 6:00 PM Sharp, held at the
Tropicana Field, Left Field Meeting Room, 4th floor (club level)

Meeting Agenda

The Ray's will be explaining their proposal for a new waterfront stadium.

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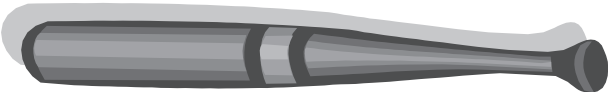
Jungle Terrace Civic Association
MEETS AT TROPICANA FIELD

July 21st at 6PM

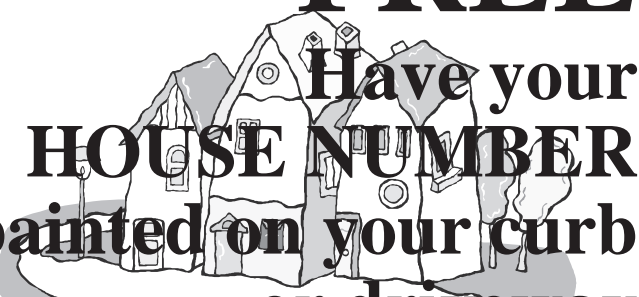
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Annual Membership Dues Due in January



MINUTES



Jungle Terrace Civic Association
 Minutes of Membership Meeting
 May 19, 2008

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. There were 25 members present.

Community Service Officer Patrick McGovern gave a report on crime statistics in Jungle Terrace area. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the May, 2008 meeting as published in the May/June 2008 newsletter. It passed unanimously.

Pete Brown gave the treasurer's report for April and May. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Pete Brown also gave information regarding tickets for Rays game/JTCA meeting.

Linda Mouriski gave a traffic report. There is going to be a survey taken at 34th Ave, Park St. and 80th St.

Debbie Lawson from the Public Service Department discussed the fact that we can call the Mayor's Action Line 893-7111 when we see any potential problems in our neighborhood, pot holes, street lights not working, etc. The Mayor's Action Line is also in our newsletter under "Important Phone Numbers".

Steve Plice was invited to give a report on the toxic waste in Azalea neighborhood. He noted that back in 1999, Raytheon said there would be a cleanup. Now we learn that cleanup plan was rejected by D.E.P. No explanation for why it is taking so long to develop a cleanup plan. Raytheon was to submit a report to D.E.P. mapping location of the plume. After D.E.P. approves this report, Raytheon has 60 days to submit cleanup plans.

Steve Lange from POWW gave a very informative

meeting about the No New Stadium. You can go to web site www.StPetePOWW.com for a lot more information.

There was a motion made to change the membership meetings to occur every month instead of every other month. Janet will look into this further.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Prez Sez!

As I drive through Jungle Terrace I am amazed at how many of us take pride in the way we present our homes and lawns. There are older homes being remodeled and look amazing! I am proud to call Jungle Terrace my home.

We are governed by codes that require us to maintain our property. If you feel these codes not being respected by a neighbor, please contact the Codes department for them to investigate and note any violations. The Codes Department number is listed under 'Important Phone Numbers'.

Please take note of these numbers and realize you have access to utilities and resources for which you pay taxes. 'Don't abuse but use responsibly'.

'Til next time, please let me know of items of neighborhood interest!

Janet

Annual Membership Dues Due in January

If you wish to join the Jungle Terrace Civic Association, please take a moment to fill out this membership form and bring it to the next meeting or send your dues to the address below. Please include **\$15.00** - per household for membership, due in January of each year. If you can donate more than the membership dues, it would be appreciated. We are a Nonprofit 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Civic Association.

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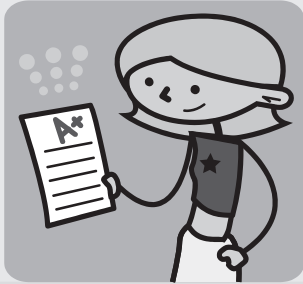
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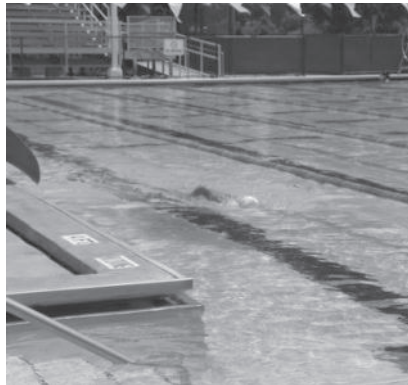
Azalea Middle School's 7th Grade celebrating 'End of the Year Incentive Trip' in Walter Fuller Park.



*L. Hawthorne, Asst. Principal
Teresa Anderson, Principal.*

Swimming anyone?

A long time resident of Jungle Terrace, Board Member and avid swimmer. She takes advantage of the wonderful pool accommodations offered in Walter Fuller Park. It may be fun to organize a 'swimmers group' to participate in the 'adults only hours'. Let Skip or one of the other Board members know if there is interest.



Thank you for
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Eileen Taylor

8014 29th Ave N.



Walter Fuller Park

Protecting Walter Fuller Park requires the continuing attention of Jungle Terrace Civic Association, and The Real Environmental Preserve Our Parks, Inc (REPOP).

Building a DORMITORY in the park was planned for Spring Training in the mid 1980s, without consulting the neighborhood as required by the City Ordinances. Dr. Ed Carlson wrote a lawsuit, and 300 people gave \$10 each for attorney Tom Reese. The neighborhoods prevailed and suggested a negotiated agreement in place of a lengthy appeal. The Agreement passes Public Hearing and City Council and was approved by the Court as part of its order. The Agreement continues today and the pertinent elements have been permanently made part of our Park Plan in our Neighborhood Plan, both adopted by the City Council.

The City then held a referendum worded in such a way that all other citizens were voted out of having a voice in their parks. Now Walter Fuller is the only park in the City where 65% of property owners within 200 yards of the park must approve major changes to the park.

In the late 1990s, the neighborhood, with attorney Tom Reese, successfully defended the 1987 Agreement in Court against the Soccer League who tried to have it nullified after 12 years, so the City could light the soccer fields across from the residential homes on 30th Avenue North.

REPOP and JTCA worked closely with the City in developing the Capital Improvements Projects that begin in 2008 and 2009. These include overlooks on Jungle Lake, an interior sidewalk around the lake, with sidewalks connecting to the perimeter sidewalks, lights along the interior sidewalks, keeping every third light on all night to prevent illegal activities in the park; the new decorative street lights already installed completely around the

park, revised parking and traffic flow at Walter Fuller Center with an ingress driveway and an egress driveway, keeping the same number of parking places as the main and the auxiliary parking lots, additional basketball court, and more. The 2009 phase is lighted field in place of the shell parking lot for soccer, diagonal parking along 26th Avenue North cutting 3 feet into the park, and making traffic control projections and lane shifts along the narrowed 26th Avenue.

BMX (bicycle) Track was to move, and now is not going to. It was not part of the Park Plan agreed to.

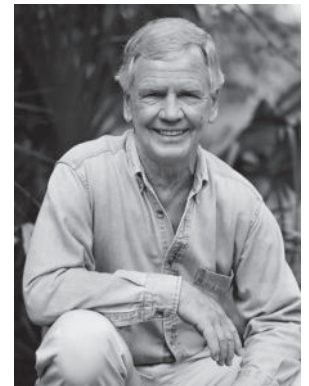
For 5+ years it has become more dilapidated and unsightly because the plan was to move. Currently it is a mess. Photos and letter detailing the issues have been presented to the City with little response. Neighborhood leaders continue to pursue this issue.

Over the years, the struggle has been to keep Walter Fuller Park a true PARK, rather than allowing it to become totally a Sports Complex. There are many of our neighbors who enjoy the park aspect rather than the sports aspect. A balance must be maintained.

20 years ago there were no city events in west St. Pete. JTCA developed the idea of Green Thumb Festival with the City and it has grown greatly every year. There are now limitations on the number of spaces and the number of booths of each type.

Dr. Ed Carlson is the President of REPOP. Janet Herring is the President of JTCA.

Dr. Carlson has been actively protecting our park and our neighborhood for 25 years.



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Pictured left to right are: Kristin Jablon - YDW, Alan Lambert - Recreation Supervisor, Brian Simonson - YDW, Chelsie Paradis - YDW, India Davis - Recreation Center Assistant, Aaron Wilcox - YDW, Ashley Labarbera - YDW, Tyrone Johnson - Maintenance Worker II, Chuck Boehme - Recreation Supervisor and Mike Biletdeoux - YDW.



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| Address | BR/BA | Sq. footage | Price | Days on Market |
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| 8314 40 Place N. | 2/1/5 | 1132 | \$119,500.00 | 53 |
| 3218 71st St. N. | 2/1 | 768 | \$142,000.00 | 1 |
| 8225 31st Ter N. | 2/2 | 1439 | \$177,000.00 | 5 |
| 8000 31 Ave N. | 4/2 | 1897 | \$200,000.00 | 214 |
| 7908 39th Terr N. | 3/2 | 1722 | \$324,900.00 | 64 |

Five homes sold in our area during this period of time and the average square footage was 1392. The average price per square foot was \$134.90

The sold prices have not been included to protect the privacy of the Buyers. Please call for additional information. The information sited in this ad is obtained from the MLS system, Realtors, owners, and the public records. The properties have been listed and sold by various participants in the MLS system.

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Green Thumb Festival 2008

This years Green Thumb Festival was bigger and better then ever. They have even expanded the parking area to include the grass area North of 30th Ave along 80th Street.

JTCA Board Member, Linda Sessions mans the JTCA booth. Thanks for the help Linda.



We had displays and demonstrations in the big tent for most of the day.



Many people brought their pets to the festival. Also people brought wagons and wheelbarrows to carry the plants they purchased.



The weather was perfect for the festival. We had a light breeze both days and the temperature was pleasant.



JTCA sponsor Paula Polan, owner of Art Stone, shows her magnificent display of orchids. How does she make them look so good? Linda and I are still tryinggrin...

Pinellas Trail Update

By **Bob Miller**

You may recall some articles I wrote in the pass about the Pinellas Trail where I showed “before and after” photo’s depicting the maintenance and cleanup efforts. (You can review this article on our web site at www.Jungle-Terrace.org and selecting “Pinellas Trail Maintenance Improvements”) Also, Dr Ed Carlson wrote an article about Trail Maintenance in the February 2007 newsletter. I also wrote an article about “Trail Fires” in the July / August 2007 newsletter (also available on our web site). This following is an update on these issues.

In the pictures prior and below you can see that indeed there has been an effective maintenance. The picture above is looking toward 38th Ave N with the Tyrone bridge at my back. The picture below is looking toward the Tyrone Blvd bridge with 22nd Ave N at my back.

I did see evidence of one fire near the Tyrone Blvd bridge. Maybe this one wasn’t intentionally set and instead was caused by a careless smoker. Let’s hope....



We may also be winning the war on Gang graffiti. There isn’t as much as a year ago and it looks like the business along Anvil St N are doing their part to cover it up.



Overall I’d have to say things are looking for the part of the Pinellas Trail that runs through our neighborhood thanks to the efforts of many people like Dr Ed Carlson and Councilman Herb Polson.

Is the proposed roundabout or circle at the intersection of Park Street South and Villagrande a good idea?

By John Stross

That depends on whom you ask.

I have looked into this issue quite a bit lately and have discovered some interesting aspects.

Since the erection of this temporary circle, there has been a dramatic increase in accidents according to the property owners at the northeast corner of Park St S and Villagrande. According to property owners, many drivers are confused when entering the circle – do I go – do I yield – what do I do? Let's face it, many Europeans have grown up with roundabouts, but most American's have not, and they can be confusing – ala Clearwater Beach. In any event, if we are in fact having an increase in accidents, we have to seriously consider if this is a good experiment.

The idea of installing the roundabout was a joint effort between the Old Pasadena Neighborhood



Association and the City of St. Petersburg. The Association felt that "traffic calming" was needed. They claim that the average speed on Park Street S is 40 MPH. I have personally driven Park Street S daily for over 30 years and don't agree with their findings. However, I fully support the right of a neighborhood association working with the City if "traffic calming" is necessary. I want to be clear that I do not have an

issue with the association's rights. I just feel that there are better solutions than roundabouts.

In addition to respecting the desires of the neighbors, we must also respect the rights of other citizens. Many of us living in the Jungle area, shop or dine in Pasadena. Continuing from Park Street N to Park Street South is logical. The City would much prefer that we went east on Central or First Avenue S on to Pasadena. With today's gas prices, who wants to drive an extra block, let alone another half mile? I don't.

In my opinion, the true heart of this issue is tax dollars. The City has budgeted an astonishing Forty Thousand Dollars for this project!

There are others proven means of "traffic calming" which cost a lot less than 40k. Boca Ceiga Drive installed speed tables or Humps at a cost of approximately \$800 each. This has dramatically decreased speeds on that street.

We should all ask our City leaders to be good stewards of our tax dollars. These are difficult financial times for almost everyone. We are all taking up a notch or two on our belts.

Mayor Baker, whom I respect greatly, has the difficult task of cutting services and reducing payroll, among other measures. Times are tough.

How would you like to be the City employee getting a pink slip and then finding out that the City is spending \$40k on a roundabout?

Doesn't sound fair to me. What do you think?

Let your Councilman know how you feel. Write Herb Polson council@stpete.org. or Mayor Rick Baker mayor@stpete.org. Please spend our tax dollars frugally and wisely.

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Medium Sudoku Puzzle #1—answers to last Mar/Apr puzzle

Here is another one...try it!!

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Medium Sudoku Puzzle #2—answers in next issue



Rays City Council public hearing #3—5/22/08

Good evening, I am Pete Brown. My wife and I live at 3030 Boca Ciega Drive N in St. Petersburg

This monster stadium does not belong on our public waterfront.

When the Rays are winning and playing the Yankees, the stands are still over half empty.

The financing of the new stadium is smoke and mirrors. The money is just crazy. There are many critical needs for our money.

We citizens, most of us struggling to be middle class, should not have to subsidize a big private business owned by out-of-state millionaires. We are now committed to spend \$323 million on the Trop according to the Times.

Most importantly, If you build it, they won't come. People who want to make money off the stadium deal are circling like vultures around road kill.

Most of those who are in favor of the stadium favor it for an economic interest, investment, business, jobs or shopping at a new "International Mall". We are not hearing from thousands of fans who attended a dozen or more games in the Trop and cannot wait to watch 50 or more games in a new waterfront ballpark. The only thing that will make this work is the certainty that the stands will be full. We are not hearing that.

After the construction jobs are over and the developer profits are in the bank, likely an out of state bank, We will have a \$600,000,000 dollar, plus, plus waterfront monster with disappointing crowds, in place of the Trop with disappointing crowds.

After several years the team will leave and then we will really be stuck. If you build it, they won't come. Please stop this craziness now.

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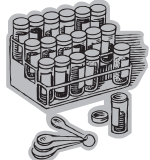


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| ● | New Moon | 2nd | 10:19 p.m. |
| ☾ | First Quarter | 10th | 12:35 a.m. |
| ☽ | Full Moon | 18th | 3:59 a.m. |
| ☾ | Last Quarter | 25th | 2:42 p.m. |



Astrological Sign:

August 2008

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Virgo (August 22 to September 22)

14th VJ Day



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| ● | New Moon | 1st | 6:13 a.m. |
| ☾ | First Quarter | 8th | 4:20 p.m. |
| ☽ | Full Moon | 16th | 5:16 p.m. |
| ☾ | Last Quarter | 23rd | 7:49 p.m. |
| ● | New Moon | 30th | 3:58 p.m. |



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| (CASA) | 898-3671 |
| City Council Office | 893-7177 |
| Codes (get a case number) | 893-7373 |
| Elderly Information | 893-7101 |
| Garbage Collection Inf. | 893-7334 |
| Graffiti | 893-7394 |
| Library - St. Petersburg College | 341-7199 |
| Mayor's Action Center | 893-7111 |
| Mosquito Control | 464-7503 |
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