

Jungle Terrace Civic Association

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The next JTCA Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th, Social 6:45PM, Meeting 7:00PM

The meeting will be held at Walter Fuller Youth Center. 7891 26th Ave N..

ON THE AGENDA

Royale Update - Les Porter

(Refreshments available)

City of St. Petersburg - Engineering Report





Neighborhood Leadership Graduation 2006 (Photo with Ex-Mayor Fisher and CONA Mentor Jerri Evans) Two of Jungle Terrace Civic Association Officers and Residents - Secretary Paula Zachem and Treasurer Yusuf Saeed, graduated from the Council of Neighborhood Association Leadership Program. (story on page 9).



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Minutes of Membership Meeting April 17th, 2006

Provided by Paula Zachem

Minutes of Membership Meeting May 15, 2006

The meeting started at 7:05 pm.

Officer J. Douglas, filling in for our CPO Rich Hladik, spoke of recent problems, or lack of them, in our area for the past month (photo on right).

A discussion was held regarding traffic calming in our area, with a request made that those who are interested in being on the traffic committee let Jungle Terrace President Steve Zachem know.

Discussion was also held about registering with Pinellas County for emergency evacuations during times of hurricanes and other emergencies, if you have special needs. JTCA's website will post access to that website as well as other relevant websites.

The Minutes of the April 2006 meeting were approved, as well as, the Treasurer's Report.

Tom Killian reported on the following events for the Neighborhood: Museum Day on Saturday, May 20 where all the local museums were free for the day: Pinellas Living Green Expo will be June 17 & 18; and the joint Neighborhood Picnic with CONA will be October 28, 2006, with Bob Miller's bluegrass band playing again.

Alan, the evening supervisor at Walter Fuller Center, discussed the upcoming programs they will be offering this summer. Program starts May 22.

He spoke about- *Impressions* magazine - done by the teens each quarter (photo pg 7). Schools participating in the after-school programs are 74th Street Elementary and Azalea Elementary. The community rooms are available for rent.

It was announced that **Helen Jones** passed away on May 1, 2006. She was a good volunteer that Jungle Terrace could count on when needed.

Baseball Nite for the neighborhoods is July 21, 2006, at 7 p.m. It is the Devil Rays vs. the Baltimore Orioles.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.



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Thanks to JTCA: A NEW School for Lealman

Late in 2001, JTCA was surprised with news that a school of 550 "dropout prevention students" were going to be "dropped" into our new Azalea Middle School. Believing they could be serious discipline problems, JTCA rose to the occasion, writing letters of opposition to the School Board. Dr. Ed Carlson's letter was posted on the Bulletin Board at Lealman school – resulting in anonymous mail. Then a counselor called, and JTCA discovered that Lealman is an academic intervention school to get students back on the right path. While 60% of students graduate high school, a long term study shows that 95% of Lealman Middle School students graduate high school. And, Glenn Bailey, long admired administrator by Dr. Carlson, was principal!

The school, built in 1926 was too old to be updated to code requirements. In the late 1990's, employees blamed allergies, asthma and other respiratory problems on the facility and had been plagued by termites, molding walls and mildew for years.

When a proposal was made to "place" Lealman students into P-Tech with adults, pregnant teens, and NO playground area; Dr. Ed Carlson and Steve Plice swung into action to assist the parent-teacher group. Florida Progress provided a grant for an exposition at Lealman to increase visibility, Mayor Baker attended. A nonprofit corporation was formed to receive money.

Working with CONA, the Mayor's office, state legislators, meetings with Dr. Hinesley (Superintendent of Schools) to determine what the School Board wanted, passing of state legislation, and the "leverage" of a Historical Preservation petition for all schools over 50 years; Lealman was finally promised a NEW school in April 2002. Longtime principal, Glenn Bailey retired in June 2004, a month before construction started on the site of the old 28th Street Drive-In.

In the fall of 2005, staff and students arrived on the new 14.6 acre campus at 4900 28th St. N. The \$14 million, 90,000-square-foot palace boasts modern technology labs and a multimedia center to rival any in the district. It has a modern gymnasium with a stage, a huge cafeteria with a trash compacter, and hurricane impact-resistant windows that let in plenty of light. The students and staff were accustomed to attending class in a city of 41 portables, now have a little piece of heaven on earth, at long last. "When the kids got off the bus they were shocked," principal Cheryl DiCicco said. "They had such dismal surroundings for so long."

Despite the more obvious bells and whistles that contributed to the cost, the children seem most impressed with the little things. "They were saying 'We finally have clean bathrooms. We finally have air conditioning in the gym." "These kids weren't asking for much," DiCicco said. "They just wanted to be able to walk from one building to another when it rained without getting wet." Justin Green, 14, is impressed with the new cafeteria. "The old cafeteria was very small," he said. "We were all squished. Now we're all spaced out." The eighth-grader said he is looking forward to operating a new camera as a news anchor for the morning announcements.

Students must meet certain requirements to attend Lealman, DiCicco said: They have failed a grade, are failing more than two classes, have been absent more than 15 days in the school year, or scored a 1 or 2 on the FCAT. The goal is for them to return to their zone school.

New Lealman school brings fresh attitudes (St. Petersburg Times article)

The old building made learning harder for kids who were already having difficulties. Their building makes school exciting. Marlon A. Walker, February 8, 2006.

Six months into their new building, teachers have been surprised by the boost in student morale compared to last year. Lealman principal, Cheryl DiCicco said she has been amazed with the boost in staff morale as well. "It was a real second-class environment," said DiCicco, an educator for 31 years, who came to Lealman two years ago as principal. "It's like night and day. This is a real school."

Teachers tell stories of rats running across classroom floors during lessons in the old school. Students tell stories of walking in the rain to go between classes. That has all stopped with the new building. "Because of the new environment, they're having more buy-in to what they're doing," teacher Laura Hunter said on the students' new-found willingness to be more active. The new environment, compounded with the students' new attitudes, has encouraged her as well. "When it got real bad in 1996, it was difficult to teach in (the old building)," said Hunter, who has been teaching at the school for 19 years. "For me, this is like a dream come true."

Student Daniel Askew, 13, who remembers the old building, said people had to deal with respiratory ailments. He said the new building's inclusion is the biggest advantage. "We have all our equipment in the new building," the eighth-grader said.

Seventh-grader Jenna Holland, 13, likes the amenities found in the new building. "I don't think anybody else has a dance room," she said. "We've got a better school than anyone else."

"Our kids need services they're not getting in other areas," said Darrell Kretz, the school's technology specialist. "They arrive with their little attitudes, but you see them grow to focus on graduating high school." Lealman offers extensive student services support, which includes an on-site social worker and psychologist.

Student Daniel said he appreciates the fact that he gets more help at Lealman than he would at his neighborhood school. Leaving Lealman, and its intimate environment, at the end of this school year worried him. "They give us one-on-one action here," he said.

"A lot of them come with social issues, so they're not ready to learn," DiCicco said. "We work through other problems to get them ready to concentrate in the classrooms. Here, they don't get lost in the crowd."





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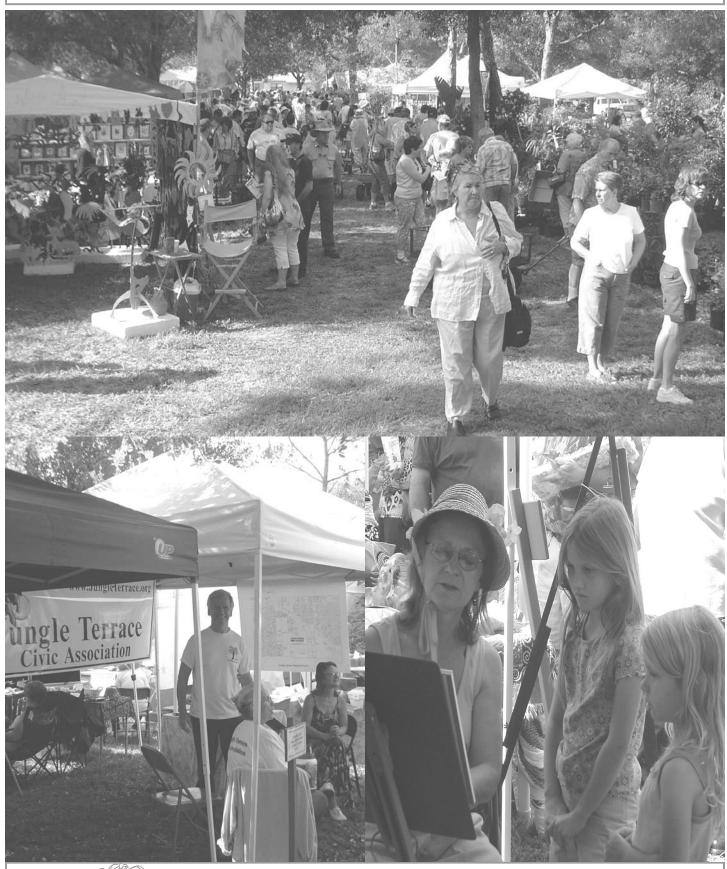
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West St. Petersburg Community Library News

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Children's Programs

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Preschool Story Time: (ages 3-5) Tues / Wed and Fri 10:00am

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The St. Petersburg Yacht Club hosted our event where twenty nine graduates received their certificates and leadership pins. Ingrid Comberg Leadership co-chairman served as master of ceremonies. Former Mayor David J. Fischer was our guest speaker and told the class about the city's growth and development over the last thirty years. Mayor Fischer started the Partnership Office which has gained a national reputation as the best in our country. Susan Ajoc Neighborhood Partnership Director spoke for the city and complimented the leadership program for its development of neighborhood leaders. The Neighborhood Leadership Program is eleven lessons over a five month period of time. The program is held the second and fourth Mondays of each month from six to nine in the evenings. Lessons are held at the Police Station, City Hall, Main Library and various other St. Petersburg locations. The program lets the students meet the people they need to know when problems occur in their neighborhood. Four hundred people have graduated from the leadership program over the last fourteen years. New classes are starting in January 2007, contact Ingrid Comberg 821-2192 for class schedule. CONA wants to thank Patricia Guaveia Planning Chairman and Greg Karpinsky co-chairman for their time and dedication. Special thanks to our group leaders for their help in making our program a success. Thanks to Progress Energy for sponsoring our Graduation Dinner.

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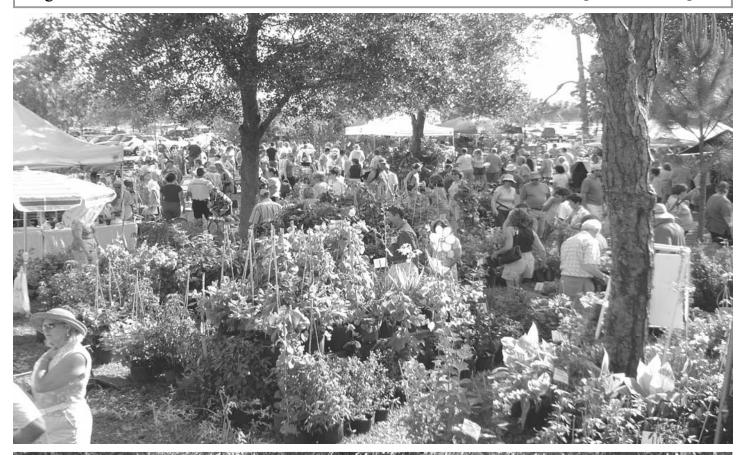
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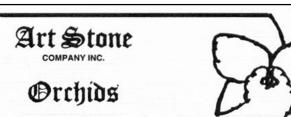
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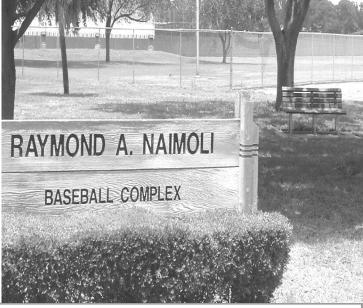


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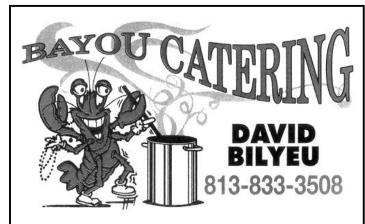
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Home of the Month

by Mary Scott

Steve & Kathy Seley have lived in their home at 8260 36th Avenue for the past 6 years. Their yard is adorned with home-made birds houses and tropical landscaping. They have replaced their roof with a very Key West style metal roof which adds to the character of their oasis. Out back they have added on a 1,000 sq foot deck from which they love to relax with their two Labradors. This is a very welcoming couple which makes it no surprise that their home was nominated by their neighbors.



Congratulations Steve and Kathy.

If you have, or know of a property that you would like to have nominated as Home of the Month, please call 384-1718





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Newsletter Articles

Do you have a letter, issue, article, or recipe you would like to publish in the JTCA newsletter? We welcome letters, comments, and contributions from our neighbors.

We would like to invite you to create articles that will inform our neighbors about items of interest relating to our neighborhood. Some suggested subjects are Pinellas Trail, Tyrone Corridor, Tyrone Square Mall, the Dog Park, Pool and Tennis Courts, Soccer League, Azalea Little League, Walter Fuller Park, the Devil Rays Complex, History of Abacrombie Park, our Linear Park 30th. Ave. N., the two schools in our area, Walter Fuller Center, Mobile home park on 34th. Ave, recipes, etc.

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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
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Azalea Elementary		893-2187
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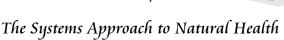
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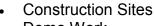


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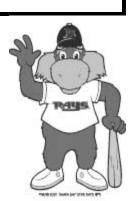
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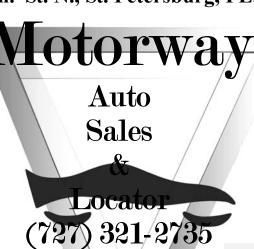
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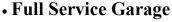


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