

Jungle Terrace Civic Association

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Jungle Terrace Civic Association City Beautification Award 2010

NSSP

Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol



Introducing NSSP and Electric Bike at JTCA November meeting. NSSP Scouts – “Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol.” Already 17 volunteers have stepped up to be NSSP Scouts. From left, Dr. Ed Carlson, Steve Cureton, Stanley Silverstein, Yaro Markewycz, Connie Dickenson and Dr. Roland Martens.

Prevention Power by Presence and Perception.

In challenging times for cities, neighborhoods take responsibility to expand the Presence of Police and City Resources through volunteer “Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol.”

Mission: Neighborhood Health through Active Volunteer Vigilance.

Motto: Have Fun Outdoors with Vigilant Eyes.

Slogan: Active Hearts, Hands and Heads = Health

JTCA, pursuing a Police Forfeiture Grant for an electric bicycle, named our program “Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol”. The idea and form continued to emerge – black polo shirt design, black-business cards with phone numbers of Police Non Emergency, Action Line, and

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5th Annual Parks CleanUPs

Saturday March 10, 2012, 9 a.m. – 3 Crews needed. 1. Pinellas Trail, meet at 22nd Ave. N.; 2. Abercrombie Park, meet at waterfront; 3. Walter Fuller Park, meet at Rec Center.

All volunteers welcome. We have everything you need.

Our next JTCA Meeting is

Monday, January 16, 2012

Social 6:45 p.m. – Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Azalea Middle School Principal Dr. Connie Kolosey

SPPD Officer Mitch Detty

Graffiti. Law Enforcement Officers helped us develop what to look for and how to behave.

Board Members around Walter Fuller Park are YES to bike "patrol" their neighborhoods. Other riders joined them, including our retired community police officer, and a Pinellas Trail Volunteer. Next, regular walkers began stepping forward for a shirt to wear and eyes to look. Pete Samsoe, Grounds Supervisor at the Baseball Center, volunteered 4 hours a week night patrol in their golf cart in Walter Fuller Park. At "Donuts in the

Park", more eager volunteers became Scouts.

Crime Watch last year: 1 person was interested.

NSSP Team: 17 Scouts already!!
No meetings, your regular activities, FUN and beneficial.

Thank you for stepping forward to help us "Practice Prevention through Presence and Perception."

NSSP also stands for "Neighborhood SNIPE SIGN Patrol". A hearty Scout says "You make 'em, we take 'em." "I think of it as a sport/game and I get in-

stant gratification by cleaning up the City. Everything looks so much better without this trash. Really, really better!"

City Sanitation has now joined in with two men in a truck out picking up snipe signs.

Join us! Simply remove signs and discard them in your garbage can.

"Good fortune follows those who are willing to help themselves."

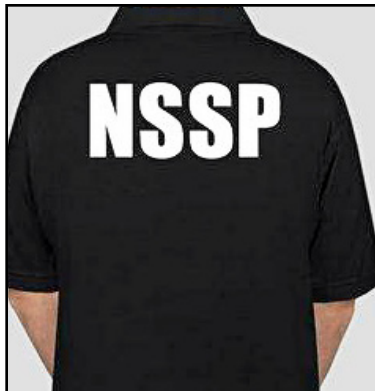
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JTCA Membership Dues Due in January!

To join Jungle Terrace Civic Association, please go to PayPal (below) or fill out this membership form and bring it to the next meeting, or mail your dues.

Dues are \$20 per household, due each January. Please consider donating more than the membership dues, this is greatly appreciated!

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President's Message

More good news. The **Stormwater Drain** project from Boca Ciega Bay to Jungle Lake (construction) is planned to be complete by December 31, 2011. Grass sod will be placed for final refinement and restoration. Thank you for your patience EVERYONE while this huge project was being accomplished.

Decorative Street Light Poles around WFP – thanks to **Yaro Markewycz** and **Dr. Ed** and **Dave Reed** with the City, over 20 broken base cover plates were replaced with new ones.

Dr. Ed met with **Councilman Herb Polson** to get GPS Locator Safety Markers at Centers and Shelters in Walter Fuller Park, like on the Pinellas Trail. Police Non Emergency number on them. Slogan “Go to Shelter/Center to Call Help!” Councilman Polson drafted a new business item for City Council for 4 large parks to receive GPS Safety Markers. He brought this to Council the end of November.

Our **new City Councilman, Charlie Gerdes**, carved out 2 hours to meet with Dr. Ed. They toured 3 parks and Jungle Terrace Neighborhood so Charlie has a clear sense of who we are, our quality of life, and the expanse of our neighborhood

Thanks to Secretary **Eileen Dardis**, JTCA again received a **Tampa Bay Estuary Program Grant** for 2012. See story in this issue.



Dr. Ed Carlson
JTCA President

Thank you also **Eileen** for another highly successful JTCA “Dumpster Day”.

Three Orange Safety Vests were procured for working on Pinellas Trail and near roads.

JTCA Volunteers Garden Granite Marker is finally in place with the discount and help of Sumner Granite and Bronze. Reads “Volunteers Garden ... by ... Jungle Terrace Civic Association.” Gopher Tortoise was installed in Garden by light pole. Bronze statue of boy in swim trunks “Swim Time” down hill by the lake – donated by JTCA on a matching private grant.

Two major parking issues have been resolved with the help of **Officer Detty** on one and Codes Inspector on the another. Thank you gentlemen.

Phil Whitehouse, City Parks Director, writes: “It was a pleasure to attend and even more special to receive the recognition from your organization. I especially thank for recognizing the field staff that we all know do the work. I’ve said many times that other Civic Associations would do well to copy many of the things that Jungle Terrace does. You are well attended, active and more importantly to me, work with the City, realizing we are all on the same side. Your efforts are most appreciated. Thank you.”

Donuts and Coffee in the Park + Kids Art in the Park were a big hit. People enjoyed stopping to visit and to view. They all encouraged a repeat of both next year. **Fray’s Donut House**, 4419 66th Street No. donated the donuts, coffee, cups, cream and sugar. A NEW Fray’s is moving in on Tyrone Blvd, just west of 38th Ave. The building was a donut shop years ago, then a sandwich shop, then a check cashing store, and now full circle to a donut shop again.

Tom Killian upgraded JTCA Wood Signs, changing lettering from yellow to white, on 30th Ave. N., and on signs located at 66 Way N. and at 68 St. N.

And the not so good news. St. Pete Police Forfeiture Grant: State statute states “funds acquired from forfeited property may not be used to supplant the budget of an agency.” BUT, 70% of the money went to City functions! 7% to 6 Neigh-

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MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 21, 2011

Dr. Ed Carlson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and Board Member Roland Martens lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. SPPD Officer Detty summarized recent crime in our neighborhood and reminded everyone to report suspicious activity by calling the police non-emergency number, 893-7780.



Eileen Dardis
Secretary

The Four Tune Nutz Barbershop Quartet performed.

The Candidates for JTCA Officers and Board of Directors was introduced.

JTCA presented Honor Awards of appreciation to St. Pete Parks staff members in recognition of their hard work

and dedication to the improvement of Walter Fuller Park

JTCA acknowledged and thanked Linda Dominick, Ideal Printing for her hard work and diligence in guiding us through the creation of our new newsletter format.

Ed Carlson presented our newly created team: NSSP, "Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol." Created to enhance quality of life and keep our neighborhood and parks crime-free. Each TEAM member receives a NSSP shirt and items needed to report maintenance issues, mischief, graffiti, and crime prevention.

JTCA has acquired an electric bicycle to be utilized by a member of the NSSP during patrol. To join the TEAM and help in the program, please contact Ed Carlson. See our website at www.NSSP.us.

Councilman Charlie Gerdes attended and spoke briefly, thanking everyone for their vote.

Board Member Yaro Markewycz presented his drawings and concept of creating "Chess" themed aspects for Walter Fuller Park. Named entrances and walkways. An Observation Tower designed to look like the "Rook". A Fountain with various levels and chess pieces (Pawn, Rook, Knight, Bishop, Queen, King).

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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borhoods, and 5 Neighborhood valid applications were refused, including JTCA for NSSP electric bike. Visit www.NSSP.us to see what SPPD deemed "low impact".

Bronze Statue **Swim Time Boy** - "Attempted Grand Theft", Nov 25, Friday after Thanksgiving, broken loose from base and rebar rods. SPPD Officer (who lives next to Abercrombie) investigated

and filed "Attempted Grand Theft" Case No. 2011-073955. Put Police Non-emergency 893-7780 in your Speed Dial.

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Today more than ever, it's important to market and list your house with a knowledgeable Realtor. One who knows the area and the values and Can market your home to gain its highest price.

If you are thinking of selling or buying in 2012 please give me a call.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2012.

Community Library News

Happy New Year from the West St. Petersburg Community Library at St. Petersburg College. We are your community library! This year, we are offering exciting computer classes free to the public. Our Supervised Lab will take place each Friday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Dedicated to self-paced tutorials, this workshop offers computer lab space to learners of all levels with on site help to get you unstuck. On Saturday, January 7th at 10:30am, we will feature an Excel advanced topics Class. This class caters to the more experienced users of Microsoft Excel. Thursday, January 12th, at 12:30pm, come and learn Microsoft Power Point to create great presentations. On Thursday, January 19th at 12:30pm, Bring the E-Readers you got over the holidays and see what the library can offer you for download. Thursday, January 26th at 12:30pm, we will offer a starter course in using the Microsoft Word. To register for any of our classes, call 727-341-7183.

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Submitted by Chuck Boehme, CPRP

The 2012 Recreational Program year is an exciting for Walter Fuller Center and Park. Added to our ongoing variety of fee classes (Gymnastics, Zumba Exercise Classes, Tae Kwon Do Lessons, Tennis Lessons and Baton) WFRC has a monthly Fly Fisherman's Meeting, Neighborhood Association Meetings, Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball and Licensed Child Care Programs.

Our 21st Century Middle School Program remains very popular. Middle School youths enjoy free tutoring, sports leagues, art activities, field trips and more. For Teen Program information please call Eric Ventura (727) 551-3095.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Jungle Terrace Civic Association

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Storm drain project completed, will ease flooding problems

The \$5,000,000 Storm Drain Capital Improvement Project that began over a year ago, completed construction on December 31.

The finishing touches continue until all areas are better than ever. For enduring the process, residents on 27th Ave N. west of

Park St. and on 28th Ave N. from Park St. to Walter Fuller Park received new curbs, driveway aprons and newly paved streets.

The old storm drain was 4 feet in diameter, and slowed the exit of water from Jungle Lake, causing flooding in area neighborhoods. The NEW Storm Drain is

5 feet x 8 feet Box Culvert which handles THREE TIMES the volume of water from the Lake to the Bay.

JTCA compliments and congratulates City Engineer **Carlos Frey** and the construction company for a very big job well done!



Storm Drain Project Reaches Destination



Four JTCA "Inspectors" on the Job

Granite Marker in "Volunteers Garden"



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GRANT: Tampa Bay Estuary Program

For 2012, JTCA was again awarded a Tampa Bay Estuary Program GRANT for Jungle Lake, Abercrombie Park, and Pinellas Trail.

Jungle Lake: Prior grant was the periphery of the lake, invasive vines and plants/trees. 2012 grant we are concentrating on the "fingers" out in the lake

that clean up the water before it exits to Boca Ciega Bay – removing invasive plants and vines after the City removes trees and brush they designate.

Abercrombie Park. Specifically the natural waterfront on Boca Ciega Bay, cleaning Mangroves from all the debris that floats in on the tides.

Pinellas Trail stretch is 3/4 mile between 22nd Ave North and Tyrone overpass, removing trees from deep drainage ditch to Jungle Lake, and invasive species like huge invasive Ficus (requested by County Arborist) as well as invasive vines. Cleaning Ditch.

Motorcycle Drill Team in Jungle Terrace

March 22, 11am Thursday, prior to the Night Parade for Festival of States, the famous Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team gifts PARC a magnificent demonstration of precision riding – including standing upright on seat, no hands!


Location is on 30th Avenue North at 75th Street, along the Azalea Little League Field. Come stand, or bring a chair, and be thrilled!



Dr. Ed welcomes Indianapolis Motorcycle Police Team to Jungle Terrace for the annual PARC demonstration.



Motorcycle Police Team member demonstrates the "No-Hands" ride on the motorcycle.

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Kids Art in the Park

Above: Connie, Eileen, Linda Sessions

Right: Connie's Goodies Table for Kids

An Individual and the Pinellas Trail

10+ years and counting, **John Prokop** relentlessly advocates for upgrades in maintenance of the Pinellas Trail.

John writes: "I met with several City Staff this morning under the Tyrone Overpass to discuss multiple areas of concern. This was a productive 45 minute meeting in which everyone got on the same page and is willing to coordinate a team work effort with the city, county and state to address the issues.

I highlighted these issues: 1) debris and litter under the bridge and surrounding area; 2) Overgrown brush and trees butting up against the Trail and behind Tyrone Mall parking lot; 3) Reinstall "No Dumping Signs" on the pillars under the bridge (dumping is recent problem again) and the signs I requested a few years back have been removed, or torn down (vandalism); 4) Clean out the sewers and drains near the overpass (on State DOT property) and on the street near the mall and drainage ditch (the recent heavy rains resulted in a serious flooding issue under the bridge; 5) Have the fence surrounding the large drainage ditch area repaired for safety and security reasons; 6) Have owners of property around the trail and underpass, clean up the litter and debris and prune branches of overgrowth on palms and trees; 7) Mowing being done completely on the overpass incline, is only done on the lower half of the rise of the bridge, it needs to be mowed all the way up; and 8) The adjoining Tyrone Mall property needs attention (pruning, edging, and general maintenance).

"On the plus side, the graffiti problem is nicely under control, and recently the area was partially cleaned up (litter and debris).

Some of the neglected areas were recently mowed and attended to. Tyrone Mall maintenance crews were out this very morning doing their part.

The people I met with were great, very positive and cooperative in working up an action plan. Special kudos and thanks to **Phil Whitehouse, Deborah Larson, Kathleen Markiewicz, Tom Lehmann and Herb Polson**. These people truly care about

our neighborhoods in our great city. Everyone took pride and care in wanting to make this area look good. It was a pleasure to work with them and to be part of their team.

Keeping this area maintained and groomed will be an ongoing challenge requiring monitoring, reporting and follow-up. With everyone working together in a team effort (city, county, state and Jungle Terrace Neighborhood Association) it will be successful venture.

As always thanks for your help and support in making Jungle Terrace one of the best places to live!

John Prokop

Ed Carlson expressed JTCA's APPRECIATION for John, who wrote "You are most welcomed Ed. I've worked on this a long time and was very happy to finally see some results. You have always been an inspiration and role model to me to make our neighborhood one of the city's

finest. The trail is like a "green diamond necklace" in our neighborhood and deserves to be a highlighted and beautified.

We are a role model association for others to demonstrate how neighborhood associations and civic leaders can work together as effective teams and make a difference. Sharing our time, resources, efforts, talents and by working together is truly a win / win solution.



TYRONE OVERPASS all cleaned up for the Holidays



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Carefest Project #825

Project Report: "Volunteers Garden" in Walter Fuller Park – Trimming, Removing 3 bushes, Weeding, Planting, and 3 Cubic Yards of Mulch, plus installing Gopher Tortoise Statue and Bronze Statue.

9/17/11 Two Volunteers trimmed, weeded, removed 3 overgrown plants, planted 8 plants, and secured to stakes as necessary in preparation for mulching.

9/23/11 Four Volunteers: 3 Cubic Yard dump truck load of Mini Pine Bark Nugget mulch, secure Gopher Tortoise statue with concrete.

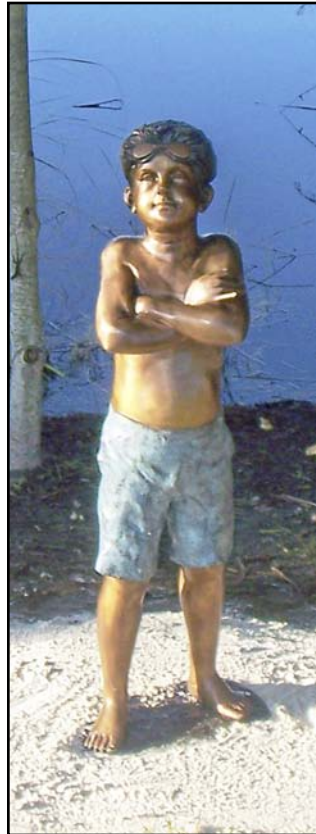
Trim larger limbs nearby at request of City staff and haul to brush site.

Install Bronze Statue "Swim Time Boy" with concrete and rebar.

TOTAL VOLUNTEER TIME: 30 HOURS

End Result: An even more beautiful Volunteers Garden, plus bronze and stone art creations for everyone to enjoy!

Thank YOU, all Volunteers!



Bronze Statue "Swim Time" Boy



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Bronze Statue Installation

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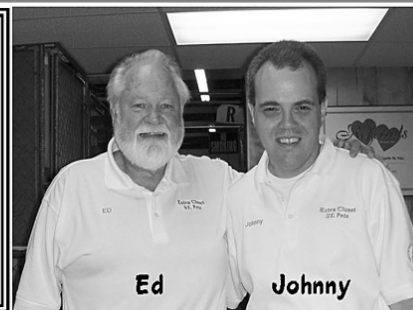
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To join the Jungle Terrace Discussion group, go to http://groups.Yahoo.com/groups/jungle_terrace or go to the Jungle Terrace web site at www.jungle-terrace.org for a link to the discussion list and how to join.

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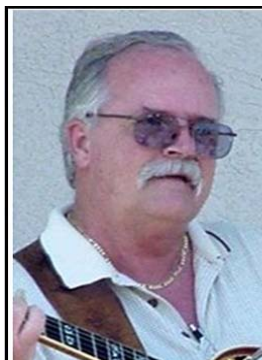
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Do you have a letter, issue, article, or recipe you would like to publish in the JTCA newsletter? We welcome letters, comments, and contributions from our neighbors. The deadline for submission of all articles is the 17th of March, June, September and December. We invite you to create articles that 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 Baseball Complex, History of Abercrombie Park, our Linear Park "Pinellas Trail," the two schools in our area, Walter Fuller Center, Mobile home park on 34th Ave, recipes, etc. Photos are welcome and encouraged for your story. Articles and photos can be in soft copy (preferred) or hard copy. Send to: Bob Miller, Bluegrass-Bob@earthlink.net.

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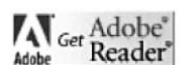
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