

# Jungle Terrace Civic Association

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## Tyrone Square Mall Celebrates 40th Birthday

Tyrone Square Mall opened Oct 5, 1972 with Miss Florida and the Lt. Governor featured. By Thanksgiving, most of the planned 109 stores were open in the million square foot shopping mall. Shoppers flocked to the mall, creating historic traffic jams. Tyrone Mall brought commercial and residential growth to west St. Pete with its sense of vibrancy.

Ohio developer Edward J. DeBartolo announced plans for the mall in 1971 with the theme “under one roof” appearing in more than 100 newspaper articles. The flow to the west dried up much business in downtown St. Pete, and was called “the new downtown.” Added attractions were the beautiful holiday decorations. The anchor stores were Sears, Roebuck & Co., Maas Brothers, JCPenney, Robinson’s and Wolf Brothers. Spencer’s Gifts



was a highlight for many, along with Orange Julius – still open 40 years later – and Farrah’s Ice Cream Parlor.

The Mall has gone through many renovations to keep current with changing times, thriving as one of two enclosed malls in Pinellas County. Now boasting 170 stores, including Sears, Dillard’s, JCPenney, Macy’s and the very popular H&M, the mall still fits the bill for parking, comfort, convenience, and variety of selections. We hope movie theaters are on the way!

### Officers for JTCA 2013 Election

President ~ Dr. Ed Carlson  
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Our next JTCA Meeting is  
**Monday, January 21, 2013**

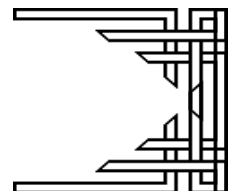
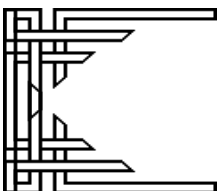
Social 6:45 p.m. – Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
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*Election of Officers and Board of Directors*  
*SPPD Officer Mitch Detty*  
*“Reverse Mortgages” by Malcolm Tennant*

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**March 30**  
**Saturday 9:30 am**

**Happy Valentines Day! Happy Easter!**

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Newsletter of the Year Award 2004  
City Beautification Award 2010  
Mayor’s Neighborhood Recognition Award 2012



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# President's Message

**“ENTWINED”** Stainless Steel Sculpture – City has sent the first payment to American Bronze Company in Sanford, FL to begin the process of creating this art piece. Robbie Robins, sculptor, has provided the stainless steel receiver to be embedded in the base, and we have a concrete contractor to build the base. Estimated installation in March!



Dr. Ed Carlson  
JTCA President

**JTCA** made a full sponsor's donation for a team at Azalea Youth Soccer League.

JTCA is creating a \$100 scholarship at the Science Center/STEM.

JTCA gifted Letter of Appreciation and Publix Gift Card to Park Staff Johnny and Javaris “J”.

When you see Johnny and J working in the park, wave or thank them.

**Parks Department** took action in 24 hours to our JTCA Board letter of details for enhancing Walter Fuller Park. They removed or relocated 18 signs: 4 moved into non-mow areas, 14 posts removed, signs eliminated or placed on other posts, with mile-markers on bridge, shelter and light posts.

AND, we got 7 truckloads of dirt, graded, and new sod with 3 new sprinklers by the picnic pavilion at Soccer Center. JTCA seeded the other area around the shelter with rye grass. Parks Staff has also been doing selec-

tive trimming of trees and removal of dead ones.

AND, in February, NEW bollards in the park will replace the old ones along 34th Ave No., 78th Street, and on the west end of the park by the Little League property.

AND, after a year, at the request of JTCA Board, 1,000 bluegills were added to Jungle Lake by **Ray Watson** of the

Fish and Wildlife Commission. In February, Jungle Lake will be stocked with genetically pure Florida Large Mouth Bass. See Photos.

**Bronze statue, Swim Time Boy**, was dramatically reinforced by neighbor Darryl Gilbert. Swim Time Boy was secured with 500 pounds of concrete by Darryl, Steve Cureton, Dr. Ed, and Matt Layman from North Carolina. See Photos.

**JTCA Volunteers** planted 2 gardens at 30th Ave/80th St N in the parking lot of the Baseball Center, across from the dog park. See Photos.

**Lyle Fowler**, Head of County Parks south of Ulmerton took a walk with Dr. Ed on the Pinellas Trail along Tyrone Mall and to see Stonehenge Park. Mr. Fowler is seeking lights under Tyrone Overpass for us, to enhance the safety.

**Dr. Dick Miller**, retired Veterinarian, and son **Chris** single-handedly cleaned the Ty-

rone Mall slope of the ditch along the Pinellas Trail. They broke up concrete and moved other dumped debris to bottom of ditch to be cleaned up by County Stormwater crews. They even used rakes and a blower! Pinellas Trail in Jungle Terrace has truly become a “Linear Park”. See Photos.

**Bike Path from Pinellas Trail:** Six of us – **Joe Kubicki**, Head of Transportation, **Mike Frederick**, Neighborhood Transportation, **Cheryl Stacks**, Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, **Councilman Charlie Gerdes**, **Tom Killian** and I met in WFP to develop 5 alternatives to the Bike Path entering WFP to connect to lake sidewalk. One we are all excited about “deadends” at the dumpster, and replaces unused asphalt parking places with 15 feet wide green space and narrower Bike Path. This year 32 additional parking places were painted on 80th Street, which creates a positive balance in parking places. Now we have to convince the city to let some parking places go in the WFC parking lot. Never used except at Green Thumb, then let people park in park.

Exceptional Accolades to JTCA Officers and Board: **Eileen Dardis**, **Jill Silverstein**, **Rich Meredith**, **Dr. Roland Martens**, **Susan Buckley**, **Yaro Markewycz** and **John Sweeny** for their dedication, focus, creativity and ACTION. 2012 is one of our finest years!!!

**GO JTCA! A GREAT Year!~!~!**

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# MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 15, 2012

The venue for the October meeting was the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Innovation Center, formerly called the Pinellas County Science Center. Dr. Ed Carlson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Eileen Dardis  
Secretary

SPPD Office Detty reported that there were fewer crimes in the past three months, with an approximate 50% decrease in the number of occurrences than in the prior three months. He also mentioned that the NSSP is having a positive effect in the area with no reports of graffiti in Walter Fuller and Aza-

lea Parks. He asked everyone to continue to be aware of what is happening in their neighborhood and to call the police non-emergency number, 893-7780, to report suspicious activity.

Kathleen Peters and Josh Shulman, both running for the House of Representatives, spoke to the assembly and presented their running platforms.

The Manager of Anytime Fitness, Mike, invited all to come and check out Anytime Fitness, the first 24 hour fitness center in the JTCA area. If you need physical therapy, check out Anytime

Fitness, they accept insurance.

There is now a Chess-in-the-Park program, open to children and adults, on Friday afternoons at 6 p.m. at the Soccer Shelter at WFP. There are 20 Azalea Middle School students already enrolled.

Joe Cuenco, Executive Director, of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education (STEM) Center explained to us that the focus of the Center is on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and how those disciplines work together in the manufacturing process and the elimination of non-value added work. The center works with the students of area schools.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**Azalea Middle School**

**Jan 21, 9am**

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# DIRT Roads Return to Jungle Terrace

Residents on 30th Avenue North feel like true “Florida Crackers” living on a dirt road for 6 months during the storm drain project. All the huge pipes are in the ground, and work has begun constructing the culverts at the right level to receive the stormwater runoff. Then new sidewalks and curbs to build prior to paving the street and raising it six inches. New taller power poles have been installed by Duke/Progress Energy. The City has replaced the water mains with new piping. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of February.



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# Stocking Jungle Lake with Bluegills and Bass

Thanks to Billy, fish biologist who walks his dog Barney in Walter Fuller Park letting us know that the lake needed to be restocked since being drained in 1997, JTCA Board began seeing restocking a year ago. In December, 1000 bluegill fish from small to large were added to the lake. After they get established, genetically pure Florida Large Mouth Bass will be added in February.



Ray Watson, Fish and Wildlife Commission and Dr. Ed supervise release of 1000 fish into Jungle Lake.

# Swim Time Boy Bronze Statue

With determined engineering and reinforcement, Swim Time Boy has been installed for the fourth time as an immovable object, thanks to Darryl Gilbert who inserted steel posts in the statue, then arc welded connectors. Steve Cureton, Dr. Ed, and Matt Layman then assisted by setting Swim Time Boy in 500 pounds of concrete.



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Darryl, Ed, Steve with Swim Time Boy.



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# NSSP

NSSP is now 27 scouts strong! Officer Mitch Detty, reported at our October meeting that statistics were “50% higher the prior quarter” (summer meeting).

SPPD issues 25 Tickets on Saturday and 7 on Sunday for parking on the grass in the park during a baseball event. The officer new to our area was reluctant. Sgt. Mike Bush came out, said yes, write tickets. He is updating all District

III Officers on the parking in the park problem and to issue tickets . . . since we are 3 years into the “education” process.

To PREVENT continuing repeats (no one likes getting a parking ticket), JTCA requested additional strategically placed signs (now installed), and replacing the required “Removable Curbs” on the two driveway entrances to the park for Green Thumb (now in place).

Then rehabilitating and grassing the barren area caused by vehicle traffic.

Principle Dr. Connie Kolosey, Azalea Middle School, reports that arrests are down over 50% from last year, and behavior is much improved. A dress code, modified uniform, is in place. NSSP is “visible” when school is dismissed and during arrival on various days. Congratulations Dr. Kolosey!!!

## Sheriffs’ “Operation Felon” Nabs 11,875 Criminals

A three week operation of the Florida Sheriffs Task Force (FSTF) removed 11,875 felons from the streets. Operation Felon Sweep combined the strengths of 43 Sheriffs’ Offices focused on capturing violent felons and felons with outstanding arrest warrants, plus sexual offenders and predators. Prior initiatives have targeted cyber sexual predators, prescription drug abusers and “deadbeat dads” resulting in arrests statewide. Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, Task Force Chairman, said, “The Florida Sheriffs Task Force continues to work tirelessly to make Florida one of the safest states in the country.”

*The Sheriff’s Star, Fall 2012.*

## REWARDS

\$100 for Identification and Location of “KORE” – Graffiti around Tyrone Overpass

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### Science Center / STEM

SCI-FI AND SKY NIGHT EVENT, January 19th. Join The Science Center and St. Petersburg Astronomy Club for a fun family evening. Doors open: 5:30 p.m. Telescope viewing: 7:45 p.m.- 9:45 p.m.

PLANETARIUM Shows: 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 8:40 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

Very special guest speaker 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. in the Auditorium

Movie: 8:00 p.m. TBD. The movie will be shown in our rear courtyard. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! In the case of inclement weather the movie will be held inside. \$3.00 Per Person Donation.

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase: between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

## NEW FITNESS ZONE DEDICATED AT AZALEA

Last week, the city dedicated another Fitness Zone at Azalea Park, 22nd Ave. and 72nd St. N. This unique, accessible outdoor fitness zone includes 14 pieces of single and multi-user equipment for people of all fitness levels, and is located adjacent to the Pinellas Trail. The zone is similar to other popular fitness facilities recently installed at Campbell, Gladden and Lake Vista Parks.

The city partnered with the Trust for Public Land, a national conservation organization, to provide outdoor exercise opportunities to local residents, and the city’s Committee to Advocate for Persons with by Trust for Public Land / MetLife, Communities Putting Prevention to Work / Pinellas County Health Department and the city’s Parks and Recreation Department. Impairments (CAPI).

**See our web site at [www.JungleTerrace.org](http://www.JungleTerrace.org) for all the latest happenings in our community!**





# Foster's Forecast



## December 2012

I am excited about our plans for Midtown, beginning with a ground breaking for the Midtown Campus of St. Petersburg College. We will also welcome Sylvia's Restaurant of Harlem to the Manhattan, christen a "Discover the Deuces" campaign, open the African American Heritage Trail, and continue the creation of a redevelopment/TIF district. Melrose will pilot my ANTS program (Advancing Neighborhoods through Schools) as we make quality of life and housing improvements to the blocks surrounding the elementary school.



Downtown skyline will change as we cut ribbons and break ground on new hotels and apartment buildings, welcome the Shops at St. Pete, begin creating a Waterfront Master Plan, and yes, begin construction of the new St. Pete Pier. We will break ground on a new police station, decommission our oldest water treatment facility, see park improvements at Mirror Lake, and welcome a new hospital and academic partner at Bayfront.

As we head farther south, residents and visitors will continue to enjoy the trails and blue-ways of the Clam Bayou Nature Preserve, and will add an enhanced Maximo Park to their destination list. The Pinellas Bayway Bridge (eastbound span) will open, offering greater access with ease to our neighbors on St. Pete Beach.

Go west to find us completing our enhancements to Childs Park, major stormwater improvement projects, and a hopeful groundbreaking of a much anticipated (and yes, tasteful) development on Ninth Ave. and 66th St. N.



North St. Petersburg will also see its share of successful development with anticipated growth in the industrial corridor, a ribbon cutting at the campus of American Strategic Insurance Corporation, and a first-ever park in District 2 at Rio Vista.

Our "Conversation on Central" will turn into an action plan in the coming year, and a new conversation will begin for 34th St. S.

Arts and culture will continue to remain a priority as I formally announce a partnership with Peter Kageyama in the development of a "For the Love of Cities" action plan.



I remain driven by the "7 S's for City Success" – seamlessness, safety, sustainability, small business, service, schools, sports/arts/culture, and am committed to the longterm economic vitality of the city, public safety, and quality of life for all residents and visitors.

Buckle up, enjoy the ride, and don't close your eyes. I don't want you to miss a thing in 2013!

p.s. Vegas odds have the Rays at 25/1 to win the World Series this coming year, and while I am no gambler, my money is on our Rays. Go Rays!!!

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## Meeting Dates

Meetings	Board Meetings
1/21	1/22
4/15	4/16
7/15	7/16
10/21	10/22

## Jungle Terrace Internet Discussion Group

"JTCA's Internet Discussion Group keeps you current on "JT Happenings". This ranges from events, lost pets to crime prevention, or requesting a resource to assist in your project.

Join: [http://groups.Yahoo.com/groups/jungle\\_terrace](http://groups.Yahoo.com/groups/jungle_terrace) or go to [www.Jungle-Terrace.org](http://www.Jungle-Terrace.org) for a link to the list and how to join.

For help, contact Bob Miller at 343-4436.  
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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. 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, 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: Eileen Dardis, eileen.dardis@yahoo.com.

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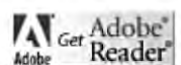
## Jungle Terrace Web Site

We have a web site for the Jungle Terrace Civic Association. It is at URL [www.Jungle-Terrace.org](http://www.Jungle-Terrace.org). It is available for viewing to anyone that has internet access. The web site has important organizational information, a Neighborhood map, the softcopy Newsletter and much more. The Newsletter and map are in PDF format.

If you don't have the Adobe PDF reader you can download it free at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) Look for this button

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below the city's five-year crime rate average. Our Police Department is the sixth agency in the United States to be accredited, and has been re-accredited this year. On behalf of our citizens, I thank the men and women of

the St. Pete Police Department for their commitment to protect us and keep the city safe. I also say thanks to citizens who work to reduce crime through their neighborhood crime watch organizations.

# Shopapalooza - SIGNS OF A REBOUNDED ECONOMY

In 2012, St. Pete permitted \$311 million in new construction projects underway in St. Petersburg. That is a 54 percent increase over last year's total of \$201,693,741, and the most active year since 2007. Some of the exciting new developments include a

new boutique hotel at the Grayl property on Beach Drive, a large market-rate apartment complex, Sam's Club, new facility expansions in our medical cluster, a bank under construction on Central Avenue, and the new ASI headquarters on MLK

Street N. on the former K-Mart site. I'd like to thank investors and those in the development community for recognizing that St. Petersburg is one of the brightest spots on Florida's Gulf coast, continuing as a leader in fostering vibrant economic growth.

# Blue Chip Economic Development web site

St. Pete's innovative Blue Chip site developed by our Economic Development Department is highlighted in Development News. The Web site uses a Google Map

application to highlight prime real estate parcels that are open for redevelopment. Since its inception last year, eight properties on the Blue Chip site have been

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The bottom line... Seller's, if you list your home to sell, it has to be priced to sell. What do I mean? An accurate comparative market analysis must be performed to determine the list price, and this analysis needs to be re-evaluated in 30 days if your home has not yet sold. Buyer's, there are many of you out there taking advantage of interest rates in the "3's."

Hesitate no more. Give me a call to discuss your needs. If lifestyle changes, family commitments or even a job relocation has triggered the need to sell your home, allow me to prepare your comparative market analysis. Our neighborhood is greatly desired. I always welcome the opportunity to meet my neighbors.

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