

Jungle Terrace Civic Association

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NSSP News and Actions

Azalea Middle School: The first day of school in January, NSSP TEAM Susan Buckley, Yaro Markewycz, Ed Carlson, Pete Samsoe and John in their big orange Kubota Cart with large magnetic NSSP signs front and back were stationed in the

parking lot when school let out. The Principal and Vice Principal thanked us. School Resource Officer Stone requested our help patrolling the sidewalk along 22nd Ave to Tyrone Mall as a deterrent to off school grounds behavior issues.

Encouragement by St. Pete Police: "I am happy to hear that you will continue your program of "Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol". I wish you great success in your program." Don Gibson, Police Legal Advisor, St. Pete Police Dept.

NSSP Air Force + Park Surveillance: Dave and Eugene both fly video camera equipped airplanes by remote control with a computer recording the flights. "This is just like being a bird," says Dave. They were both easily and eagerly recruited into our NSSP TEAM. They are providing surveillance over WFP.

Couple walking dogs in the park asked what NSSP stands for. I said "Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol". They remarked, "GOOD! We saw a man by the Mobile Home Park with a NSSP shirt on."

Multiple people have remarked on "seeing people with NSSP shirts on!"



NSSP at Azalea Middle School

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Our next JTCA Meeting is

Monday, April 16

Social 6:45 p.m. – Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Walter Fuller Center • 7891 26th Avenue North

Honor Award to Dave Reed, Director of Public Services

*Speaker: St. Pete Fire Department, Fire Fighter Paramedic Julie Groves
SPPD Officer Mitch Detty*

Easter Egg Hunt, April 7, 10 a.m., Walter Fuller Center

Green Thumb Festival, April 28, 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Walter Fuller Center

Jungle Terrace Civic Association

Newsletter of the Year Award 2004

City Beautification Award 2010

Mayor's Neighborhood Recognition Award 2012

Mayors Neighborhood Recognition Award

JTCA allied with Azalea Youth Soccer League, and submitted our entry with 10 photos of “Why Our Neighborhood is a Great Place to Live and Play.” Out of all the entries, JTCA was selected by the Mayor. The very first “Mayor’s Neighborhood Recognition Award” was pre-

sent to JTCA, allied with Azalea Youth Soccer League, with a check for \$2,500 to each organization. At City Council to receive the award from Mayor Foster were JTCA’s Eileen Dardis, John Sweeney, Dr. Roland Martens, Dr. Ed Carlson and AYSL’s Al Bartolotta.



From left, Sun Trust Bank representative P. J. Ostberg, Community Development Manager; Mayor Bill Foster, JTCA President Dr. Ed Carlson, JTCA Board Member John Sweeney, JTCA Secretary Eileen Dardis and JTCA Board Member Dr. Roland Martens.

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President's Message

A very busy and rewarding quarter to start 2012!

The first "Mayor's Neighborhood Recognition Award" was presented to JTCA, allied with Azalea Youth Soccer League, and a check for \$2,500 to each organization. **Eileen Dardis, Dr. Roland Martens, Dr. Ed Carlson** and AYSL's **Al Bartolotta** were present at City Council to receive the award from **Mayor Foster**.

The City and All American Concrete Company gave a picnic in Walter Fuller Park for the families inconvenienced by the year long storm drain project. **Mayor Bill Foster, Councilman Charlie Gerdes, Director of Public Works Mike Connors,** other City staff, and officials from the company participated.

The JTCA **Neighborhood Grant** for \$25,000 for "Entwined" was approved by the Grant Committee, by the City Council, and now is up for approval by the Art Committee.

The JTCA **Tampa Bay Estuary Program Grant** was completed with our 5th Annual 3-Parks CleanUP and planting of 32 bushes as wildlife food on the islands. *See Story.*

NSSP Scouts and Pete Samsoe with his street legal Kubota cart were in the parking



Dr. Ed Carlson
JTCA President

lot of Azalea Middle School on January 4th at dismissal so the kids can see that we are patrolling in the neighborhood.

They nicknamed us the "Neighborhood Ninja." We acquired an Air Force of two camera planes, and continue growing with 21 volunteers.

Two new **BOULDERS** are in place on the walk around the lake at the bridge by Walter

Fuller Center, and at the Soccer Center. Examples of Nature's Art, they visually integrate the walk around the lake with the boulders at the Volunteers Garden. JTCA purchased the boulders, and the City supplied the equipment and manpower to move and install them – each over one ton!

Board Member **John Sweeney** is a Power Walker and likes the safety of walking in the painted parking lanes along 80th Street and 30th Avenue. John organized a meeting with Neighborhood Transportation Director **Mike Frederick**. We met early one morning to discuss painting parking places on 26th Avenue, completing 80th Street, and possibly 75th Street, and posting NO PARKING ON GRASS signs along the south side of 26th Avenue. After engineering study, we agreed to parking on 26th and on 80th, but not on 75th since parking is now allowed on both sides but street is now

wide enough to paint them.

Dr. Ed met **Cheryl Stacks**, Bicycle and Pedestrian Director at Tyrone Overpass – 71st Street / 30th Avenue N to discuss enhancing the tacky entrance to the Pinellas Trail. Cheryl agrees and is defining ownership of the multiple properties.

Four Light issues in and around WFP were resolved. Particularly walkway from 80th Street into the Walter Fuller Center through all the trees (where have Green Thumb), just south of the play ground. We asked for a light 10 years ago, now two, but are not on past 11 p.m.

With the help of Councilman **Charlie Gerdes** on two of the issues, pressure continues on **Codes** regarding 4 properties.

A productive meeting with Azalea Little League President **Lee Fulmer** and 2 Board Members regarding parking and maintenance issues on their property.

Dr. Ed met in Walter Fuller Park with Parks Director **Phil Whitehouse**, Parks Operations Manager **Michael Vineyard**, and Parks Operations Foreman **Jim DeBee**. We toured the park and discusses many details, including the possibility of St. Pete's new Blue Ways (10 kayak and canoe trails) having their headquarters in the Concession Building remaining from BMX days, and the new storage building for Azalea Youth Soccer League, the boulders, and stocking the lake with bass and bluegill (bream) fish.

JTCA Membership Dues

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.

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MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 6, 2012

By: Eileen Dardis, Secretary

Dr. Ed Carlson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. SPPD Office Detty was not able to attend this meeting; however we are all reminded to call the police non-emergency number, 893-7780, to report suspicious activity in our neighborhood.

Jill Silverstein presented the Treasurer's Report for 2011. The Election of 2012 JTCA Officers and Board followed the Treasurer Report. Serving JTCA in 2012 are: Dr. Ed Carlson, President; Rich Meredith, Vice President; Jill Silverstein, Treasurer; Eileen Dardis, Secretary; Directors: Susan Buckley, Yaro Markewycz, Dr. Roland Martens, John Sweeney.

Dr. Connie Kolosey, the new Principal at Azalea Middle School, spoke



Eileen Dardis
Secretary

to the assembly of her plans and goals, and the challenges to achieve them.

The JTCA Annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 7th. Susan Buckley, Committee Chair, invited all to present to volunteer to participate in the event.

Jungle Terrace partnered with the Azalea Youth Soccer League to participate in the Mayor's Neighborhood Recognition Award competition and won. JTCA and AYSL will be recognized and awarded at the City Council Meeting on January 19th at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. JTCA applied for and was awarded a 2012 Tampa Bay Mini Grant, which will fund our continuing efforts to remove invasive plants from the Pinellas Trail (January 19th) and the Lake area at Walter Fuller Park. The JTCA Annual Parks CleanUp is March 10. Jungle Terrace

also applied for a 2012 Art Grant and had the 2nd highest ranking by 0.2 points and will now advance to the next phase of approvals by City Council, and the Art Committee.



Connie Kolosey

The NSSP (Neighborhood Scout and Safety Patrol) team is now 17 people strong and growing. They recently helped with traffic control at Azalea Middle School and will be patrolling Walter Fuller Park on Friday evenings. All team members are outfitted with shirts and/or sweatshirts and other items to assist with reporting light and maintenance issues plus crime prevention. For additional information, check out the www.NSSP.us website: Mission and Principles.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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THANK YOU to the 130 families who already renewed their membership for 2012.

As of March 15th, **66 families have included donations** with their renewal. In alphabetical order they are: Patricia Amos, William & Judith Anderson, Sharon Bolduc, Patricia Brown, R V Brunette, Leroy & Geraldine Carboni, Dr. Ed Carlson, Shirley Carroll, Gail Cass-Culver, Eileen M. Dardis, Larry and Betsy Dosh, Doris Eitel, Alice Emmet, Rick and Terri Feinberg, Helen Figley, Norma Franke, Helen Ibbitson, Tom Killian, Walter and Shirley Lehnert, Lou and Arlene LeVine, Antonini Mineo, Donna Mitchell, Malcolm and Ruth (Sterling) Moomey, Hazel Murphy, Kathirene and Iossem Oleg, Sue Pierce, Archibald Porter, Eugene Purdum Jr., Kevin and Christina Reardon, Katie and Clinton Rehnke, Roger and Pattie Remy, Mark and Molly Richardson, David and Teddi Robbins, Richard Russo, Dick Stanley, Shirley Stein, Robert and Marie Turner, Paul and Barbara Vellenga, Ronald and Joy Worley, Joseph and Donna Zacharczyk. Thank you for your support.

Remember you can donate any time at www.Jungle-Terrace.org or by mailing a check.

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Happy Spring!

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West St. Petersburg Community Library at St. Petersburg College: I invite you to come in for a tour. Find out about the wonderful free services available at your neighborhood library. We offer adult, teen and children's programs; Internet access and a wonderful collection of books, DVDs, music and audio books. This month's feature is our monthly adult book club that will meet on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. The Book Club selection for March is "Foreign Bodies" by Cynthia Ozick. Many copies of the book are available for checkout through our Pinellas Automated Library System (PALS) catalog. Please call 727-341-7183 to reserve your copy. For more information on our adult book club, check out our blog at <http://spbookclub.blogspot.com>. I look forward to seeing you at our next book club meeting! Kelly Malizia, Community Services Librarian.

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Submitted by Chuck Boehme, CPRP

With winter behind us, we now are looking forward to our very popular spring and summer recreational activities. Walter Fuller Park and Center kick off our community events with the annual free Green Thumb Festival on April 28th and 29th. The 2012 festival is highlighted by a Patriotic Flower Show in the gymnasium. Our exciting ten week teen and elementary summer camps begin on June 11th and conclude on Aug. 17th. Resident registration begins May 5th, at 8:00 AM, at The Walter Fuller Recreation Center. Registration for next school year's Before and After School Programs begins August 1, 2012. Many have noticed roof improvements at Walter Fuller Recreation Center. The City is installing solar panels on the gym roof which capture energy for center use. A kiosk will be located in the Center lobby to monitor this green initiative and to educate citizens on its benefits. For more information, please stop by or call us at 893-7443. See you soon.

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JTCA Gifts Two Tons of Boulders for Walter Fuller Park

JTCA gifted two large boulders to the City. City crews moved the boulders – a truck with trailer to haul each boulder, a front end loader to lift the boulder and a regular truck and 5 men. One boulder weighs 2,480 pounds, the other is 2,850 pounds!

Enjoy them on your walk around Jungle Lake. Examples of Nature’s Art, they visually integrate the walk around the lake along with the boulders at the Volunteers Garden.

JTCA Small Business of the Quarter Tyrone Family Restaurant

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the part of the outfall structure that allows the lake to lower slowly when there is a small rain to provide better water quality processes to take place before being discharged to the bay. When a large rain, runs over the entire top of the weir (dam).

30th Ave Storm Project

Jungle Terrace Neighborhood Plan identified 3 flooding areas. The Jungle Lake Outfall project will help all areas. A second storm water drain project begins in April 2012 on 30th Avenue North, from 75th Street to 78th Street at a cost over \$2 Million. Both projects were 15 years in coming!

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Friday nights in January, Ed Carlson, Pete Samsøe and other St. Pete Baseball Commission staff, patrolled the park for several hours, talking to many, and handing out many black cards with phone numbers on them. 10:50 p.m., Dr. Ed told 13 individuals that the park closes at 11 p.m.

TEAM Scout Stan Silverstein was effective in Walter Fuller Park: "Just for the record. Sunday afternoon, two guys were out on the fingers in Jungle Lake driving golf balls across the water and sidewalks. One hit a palm tree and almost hit me. I rode home and called you, then the Police. I went back to the park after I made my report to the police with the intention of assisting them with location or identification. When I got there the culprits had now stationed themselves in front of the new big water drain along side the dog park. They were driving golf balls into the lake a while standing on the public walkway. Hutzpah Indeed!

"I approached them and told them that it was illegal what they doing as well as walking out on the No Trespassing Finger (path). I also told them them that I was almost hit with their golf ball and

I had just called the police.

I took couple of pictures of them with the camera you gave me! They took off running and went down 30th Ave. They are about 16 to 17 years old, white. One is 6 feet tall with shoulder blond hair and the other is 5 ft 8 in with short cropped black hair. They had a bag with about 50 balls. I guess they thought it was a driving range. Unfortunately, by the time I left the park the second time the police had not arrived.

"I've got all the cards with phone number you gave me and I will be more prepared, next time."

Dr. Roland Martens, Plain clothes TEAM Member reports: "As I drove by Abercrombie Park at dusk this evening, I noticed out of the corner of my eye an unfamiliar activity going on in the park (closes at dark). Arriving home I explained to my wife that I had a NSSP duty to perform. Since I was already in very plain clothes (work jeans, etc.), I quickly hiked a few blocks along Park Street until I could ascertain strange silhouettes and the unusual movement of human animals slipping around in the darkness, and the barely audible rush of water accompanied by a clunking sound.

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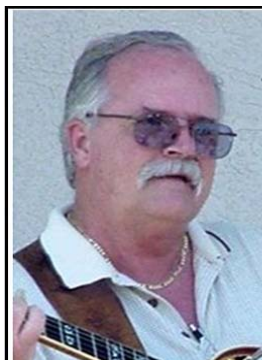
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