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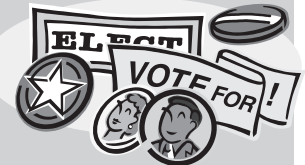
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## NOTICE:

Welcome home Tom Killian, with his Mom moving south to St. Pete. Arrives home on the 24th.

The next JTCA Meeting will be on **Monday, July 20th, 2009**  
Meeting is 7:00 PM Sharp, held at the **Walter Fuller Youth Center, 7891 26th Avenue North**

**Meeting Agenda**  
Meet the candidates for Mayor and City Council positions in St. Petersburg.



## Political Night

by Tom Killian

Our JTCA **July 20th** meeting is devoted to candidates running for Mayor and City Council positions in St. Petersburg. Ten candidates for these positions have already committed to our meeting!

We invite all home owners in the Jungle Terrace area and surrounding neighborhoods to attend to meet the candidates and hear their plans for our city.

This election is very important (Sept 1 Primary, Nov. 3 Final) because the winners will lead our city for the next four, possibly eight, years. Walter Fuller Center, 7891 26th Ave North.

Please attend and bring a neighbor so that you can make an educated decision on September 1 and November 3.

Co-sponsored by West Neighborhoods United, Inc.; Pasadena Bear Creek Neighborhood Association, and Pasadena Vista Neighborhood Association.

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# Traffic report

Our Jungle Terrace Neighborhood Plan approved and adopted by City Council identifies four (4) arterial streets. "Arterial streets" are defined as "Streets primarily designed for the efficient movement of traffic at relatively high speeds." These arterial streets 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., 38<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tyrone Blvd., and Park Street.

Accidents reported on arterial streets in 2007 were a combined total of 212, and for 2008 the combined total was 265 accidents. Location details of these accidents are on the charts below.

Research indicates that to keep traffic off residential streets and to move traffic back to arterial streets requires making the arterial street the more desirable option.

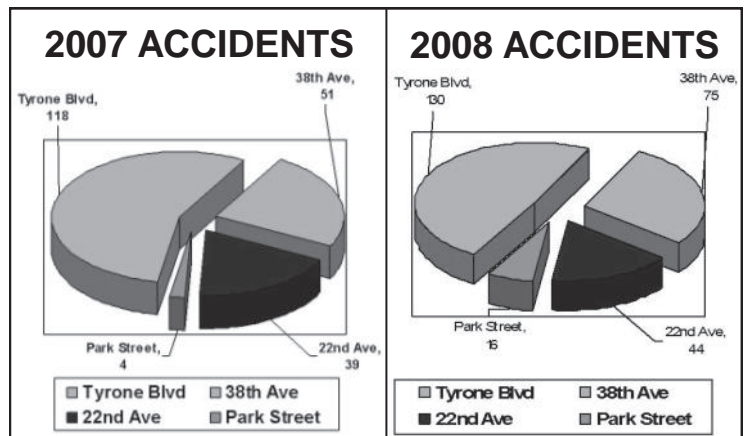
Analyzing crash statistics is a proven process for identifying high crash locations, patterns and the number of crashes.

Speed Humps have negative aspects creating noise, shifting the speed problem to an adjacent street, and delaying emergency vehicle response times. They have minimal impact on the worse drivers, while punishing the most responsible motorist. Speed humps are primarily used when no other option is available. Crosswalks are also a traffic calming tool and are usually selected for low speed, two or three lane narrow streets.

JTCA arterial street crashes are 1/4 of the national averages, indicating that JTCA arterial streets are far safer than the national average. Park Street is immensely safer than the other arterial Streets.

Comparing traffic data on Park Street from 2002 to 2008 shows 3,791 **LESS** vehicles per day. Speeds **DECREASED** by 7.1% average and a 23% **DECREASE** in those exceeding the speed limit. Park Street has shown continued improvement over recent years with decreased traffic and decreased speed.

The primary cause of pedestrian injuries is tripping and falling. Analysis of 8 years Pedestrian Crash Report provided by Mike Fredrick, City Traffic Engineer, shows only 1 pedestrian accident with a total of 60 Million vehicles.



## Annual Membership Dues Due in January

To join Jungle Terrace Civic Association, please fill out this membership form and bring it to the next meeting, or mail your dues. Dues are \$15 per household, due each January. Please consider donating more than the membership dues, this is greatly appreciated!

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## President's Message

Busy, busy two months: Easter Egg Hunt and Green Thumb in April, and JTCA's Walter Fuller Park CleanUp in May. Many thanks to the Volunteers who participated in each of these highly successful events!!

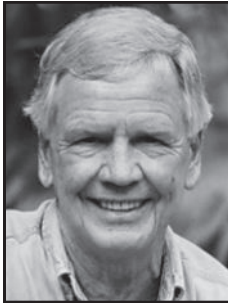
Our May meeting celebrated Raul Quintana, City Engineer, with a plaque for his leadership and co-operation in the Capital Improvement Project coming to completion in Walter Fuller Park. In addition to all the other amenities, 53 new trees were planted along the interior sidewalk around the lake. The Dog Park has a gate to the interior sidewalk and two new lights for evening use. New parking lot for Walter Fuller Center with lush landscaping, and the Swimming Pool parking lot received new landscaping. The BMX area is receiving a sprinkler system, sod, a new bench and trees. Raul said, "In all the years, in all the projects we have done in neighborhoods, this is the first time anyone has ever said 'Thank You.'"

Carlos Frey, City Engineer, presented the stormwater drain enlargement from Jungle Lake to Boca Ciega Bay. This welcome project, 15 years in arriving, will relieve much of the flooding in our neighborhood. The actual "digging" begins in January 2010, at a cost of \$5.2 Million.

West Neighborhoods United, Inc. and JTCA have sponsored meetings with the neighborhood presidents for several candidates for mayor so that they know us and that West St. Pete receives their attention. Be certain to attend our July 20 Candidates Forum and Political Night to hear all the candidates.

The Board and Bob Miller created "Graffiti/Vandalism/Arson" pages on [www.Jungle-Terrace.org](http://www.Jungle-Terrace.org) for photographs to create a history and pattern for police, gang unit, and graffiti team. Please use your camera and cell phone to photograph all that you see, then send to Bob Miller with date and location to place on the website. And, be willing to photograph actual vandals at work to provide to the police.

Thanks to each member for enhancing the Quality of Life in our neighborhood.



**Dr. Ed Carlson**  
JTCA President

## Award Winning Water Reclamation

St. Pete Water Reclamation Facilities received the Top Ten Facility Safety Award from the Florida Water Environment Association, for leadership and operational commitment to the safety of workers and the public. Congratulations to the men and women who work diligently daily for us and to protect our waters for future Floridians.

Specific recognition by the FWEA, the Earle B. Phelps Award, goes to Northeast Water Reclamation Facility for "Advanced Secondary" water treatment, in honor of maintaining the highest removal of pollutants. The "old plant" (1959) and the "new plant" (1979) average 250,000,000 gallons monthly of influent flow. The staff faces many challenges working with equipment of this age. Ron Nelson, Chief Plant Operator, applied for the award to recognize the operators and maintenance staff who do an excellent job keeping this plant working efficiently.

The FWEA is a member of the International Water Environment Federation of 40,000 water quality experts world wide, committed to the preservation and enhancement of the global water environment. The last time the City won the Phelps award was in 2002 for the Southwest WRF.

Abstract from "All About WATER," April 2009

## A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER

A member of our JTCA has been waiting several years for a double lung transplant. Due to this condition they cannot attend meetings, the mall, stores or movies in order to avoid catching an illness.

Terry is the first to offer her help with anything she can do at home. For several years she has filled 3,000 plastic Easter eggs with prizes. After the hunt, she washes the returned eggs to be ready and clean for the next hunt. Terry made several very cute bunny signs for the hunt, and bunny pictures for boys and girls to color while waiting for the Easter Bunny to arrive. She is also willing to fold and help in the mailing of our newsletter.

JTCA celebrates and thanks TERRY for volunteering her time and help to us. We also join our wishes and prayers for a healthy medical resolution for her.

# CleanUp Day in WF Park

By Monica Abbott

Memorial Day Weekend 2009 started with many heading to Walter Fuller Park for basketball and other fitness activities.



**Scott and Ed with Jill of many talents: bags, photos, cleaning up.**

Our group of volunteers headed there ready to bend and turn and bend and turn as we gathered for a community cleanup of the Park.

With Green Thumb over and park improvement work nearing completion, Jungle Terrace Civic Association

President Ed Carlson led the hardy group of volunteers that came out at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009 to pick up litter, prune and trim.

There were boots on the ground and boats on the lake as every bit of the park was patrolled for snack bags, water and drink bottles and cans, stray grocery bags, baseballs, basketballs, tennis balls, bottle caps, graffiti, and trash that had blown in or been left behind. Broken and dead limbs were trimmed.



**Tim and Stan off-loading Pete's 17' canoe**

Tim headed up the lake brigade with his kayak, and David and Stan in Pete Brown's canoe.

Linda Sessions took the quadrant from the playground area to the dog park. Monica Abbott cleaned from the playground to 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. North.

Linda Mouriski showed up with a golf cart to head for farther corners with Jill, Scott, Ed and Skip in tow. They clipped many dead branches, stacking them in big piles along the path.

The skies were intimidating and down pours looked imminent so the crew worked quickly. Two hours into the project thunder and lightning brought work to a halt, yet our accom-



**Skip Mitchell multi-tasking**

plishments were amazing! Wonderful improvements to the beauty and safety of Walter Fuller Park.

The work was like an archaeological dig without the digging. Archaeologists go to sites and learn about ancient civilizations by the trash that is unearthed.



**David and Stan cleaning Jungle Lake**

The Clean-Up Crew was more like recent history archaeologists. Remnants of the Easter Egg Hunt were found as tiny bits of stray plastic eggs. Plastic plant name and care sticks brought back memories of the Green Thumb Festival. Various colored plastic flags recalled the recent park improvement work. Around the playground area plastic spoons, forks and snack bags prevailed.



**Major Trimming and Clearing**

One ironic find – a round button with a doleful big billed bird pictured and the words “Please Don't Litter” printed at the top. This is a very on-point message for CleanUp Day and every day of the week!



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**New Pet in the Park! With Stan and David**

## Graffiti / Vandalism / Arson

We've added a page to our web site  
[http://www.jungle-terrace.org/files/JTCA\\_vandalism.pdf](http://www.jungle-terrace.org/files/JTCA_vandalism.pdf)  
 A link is also on the home page at  
[www.jungle-terrace.org](http://www.jungle-terrace.org)

The purpose of this page is to document graffiti, vandalism, and arson in the Jungle Terrace Civic Association area. Someone may recognize some detail in the pictures that could help law enforcement find the perpetrators. If you have pictures to add, please send them to [bluegrassbob@earthlink.net](mailto:bluegrassbob@earthlink.net) with the date taken and a comment describing the location and your observations. I will post the updated file on our web site. If you feel you have some information that would help identify the perpetrator, please post your info on the Jungle Terrace Discussion list at

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Address	BR/BA/garage	Sq. footage	Price	Days on Market
3018 82 Way N.	4/3	3183	\$539,000.00	34
6752 33 Ave N.	2/1	987	\$136,900.00	43
3120 66 Way N.	2/1	1014	\$119,900.00	28
3005 81 str St N.	2/1	926	\$144,900.00	39
7961 24th Ave N.	3/1	989	\$110,000.00	141
6741 34th Ave N.	2/1	1115	\$104,899.00	235
4400 38th Ave N.	2/1	912	\$ 64,900.00	64

There were 7 properties that have sold since 4/17/09 to date. The average square footage is 1304 with the selling price per square foot Averaging \$110. per square foot. Market time averages 83 days. The market is reflecting a lot of short sales and foreclosure properties and therefore the price per square foot has been reduced to \$110.

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.



## MINUTES



Clara J. Gibson

### Jungle Terrace Civic Association Minutes of Membership Meeting Monday, May 18, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7p.m. There was a motion to accept secretary's minutes without reading and second, motion carried. Upon motion made, seconded and passed: the

Minutes published in the Newsletter are sufficient in lieu of reading at meetings. Pete Brown presented the Treasurer's report. There was a discussion as to whether it needed to be read at every meeting. The motion passed to read the Treasurer's report twice a year in January & July.

President Carlson noted that the Walter Fuller Park Improvements are nearly done and a Park Clean-Up is set for 8a.m., Saturday, May 23, 2009. Volunteers should gather at the Walter Fuller Youth Center with bags, gloves and whatever else might be needed for clean up. Kayaks and canoes are on loan so that the Jungle Lake can be cleaned.

President Carlson reminded membership of the up-coming codes sweep, and that properties of concern should be written down and placed in the brown box at check-in area, given to Secretary Clara Gibson or President Carlson.

President Carlson presented an award of appreciation to Raul Quintana, City Engineering & Capital Improvement on behalf of Jungle Terrace Civic Association. He noted the improvements to Walter Fuller Park are nearly complete and the membership wanted to express appreciation to the City for the work. The award was accepted by Mr. Quintana on behalf of multiple city staff. He remarked this was the only time in his career that a neighborhood association said "Thank You" and had presented such an award – greatly appreciated by the city staff.

Officer Detty reported from March 17 to May 18, 2009 there were 6 residential burglaries, 9 suspicious activity calls, 2 Shots heard, 8 Auto thefts (5 at the Tyrone Mall), 11 vehicle burglaries (8 at the Tyrone Mall). There was one unarmed robbery in Wal-

ter Fuller Park involving two men that knew each other. Officer Detty reported a rash of residential daytime burglaries in other areas – 10 to 15 incidents in an afternoon -- thus neighbors should be alert. Generally the suspects case places to see if anyone is home. They knock or ring the bell, look in the windows, and try the doors. Please lock your doors and keep a vehicle in the driveway. Two have been caught, but Officer Detty advised that neighbors keep alert and call in all suspicious activity. The arsons along the Pinellas Trail consisted of three in one night and thought to be done by one group. The Tiger Auto business was included in this arson.

Neighborhood Partnership Director Susie Ajoc gave a power point presentation to explain what the NP does. NP came into being in 1993 with the strong major form of city government. She explained that neighborhoods and neighborhood associations are two distinct entities. Some issues transcend these groups and extend to entire areas involving all taxpayers.

Carlos Frey, Project Manager for the upcoming Jungle Lake drainage project gave a presentation and answered questions regarding this \$5.2 million capital improvement project. Bids go out in September 2009, and the actual work is expected to begin January 2010.

Under new business, Michael Frederick, Manager of Neighborhood Transportation asked that JTCA vote support for two bicycle projects: 1) Side Path 71<sup>st</sup> St. N., Belcher to 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. and on to the Pinellas Trail, and 2) W.F.P. Connector under the Overpass. This motion was passed by our membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Community Library

*Submitted by Kelly Malizia*

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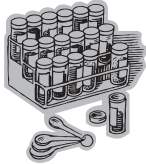


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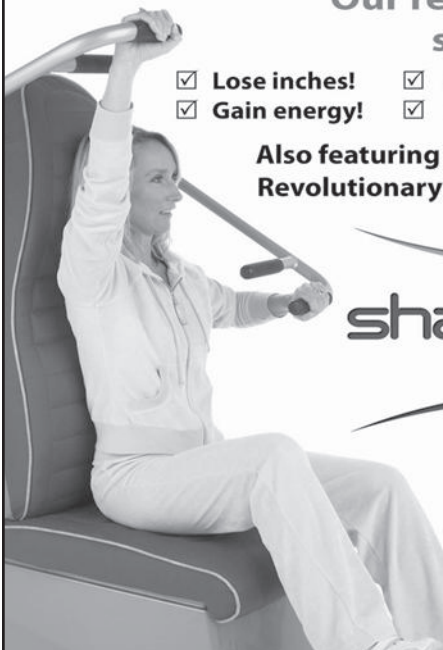
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**Your input will be helpful in keeping our neighborhood safe and alerting the Association instantly to problems.**

**When you sign up all postings will appear on your computer.**

To join the Jungle Terrace Discussion List please send a e-mail to Steve Plice at [steveplice@verizon.net](mailto:steveplice@verizon.net) to get 'on board'.

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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.

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