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The next JTCA Meeting will be on

Monday March 16th, 2009

Meeting is 7:00 PM Sharp, held at the Walter Fuller Youth Center, 7891 26th Avenue North

Meeting Agenda

*Community Service Officer - Patrick McGovern *Major Norm Belson - "Training for Defense"

JTCA Residents Only "Training for Defense" Sunday March 29 @ 2:00pm Knights Shooting Gallery 12000 US Highway 19 No.

Mark C. Johnson had been arrested 33 times since 1986, including robbery, larceny and battery. Unfortunately for 6th Grade teacher Juanita Enzor, he hoped to prey upon yet another victim. Police say Enzor, who lives alone, heard Johnson burst through her front door. Grabbing her gun, Enzor hid in the bedroom, and when Johnson entered the room, she shot him. Johnson attempted to attack Enzor . . . before falling dead. (St. Pete TIMES, 10/24/08)

Mailing Labels/Membership Status

We are starting a new process that will allow each member to verify the status of their membership on file. The upper right corner of the mailing label will have the last two digits of the year that you are paid thru. This ex-

ample shows the membership dues for 2009 have been paid.

No number indicates your membership is due for renewal.

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Note; Advertisers in the Jungle Terrace newsletter will receive a newsletter. Your label will indicate the month and year your ad renewal is due. ****

Easter Egg Hunt—Sat. Apr. 11th—Walter Fuller Park—10am



MINUTES



Clara J. Gibson

Jungle Terrace Civic Association Minutes of Membership Meeting Monday, January 19, 2009

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with 25 members present. Ron Anderson, Director of Tyrone Property Appraisal Office and Rick Smetana, Deputy of Appraisals (Clearwater) were at our meeting.

They discussed how they arrived at the Trim Notices that were sent out in August, 2008

Officer McGovern, our Community Service Officer gave the crime report. There were 27 calls, most of which were in Tyrone Mall. There were 4 homes burglarized which were NOT locked. His report gives us a heads up to lock our houses and cars. Dr. Ed Carlson gave us an update on the JTCA Neighborhood plan that's been in the works now for 9 years.

Monica Abbott, our C.O.N.A. Representative gave a report on the Monthly C.O.N.A. meeting. She extended an invitation that all members were encour-

aged and welcomed to attend the C.O.N.A. meetings. Elean Cushnie, our Public Service Representative, who replaced Debbie Larson, talked about the importance of reporting any code violations in our neighborhoods. You can go to www.stpete.org or call her at 551-3341 to report any violations.

Yaro Markewycz talked about the Chess Classes. He encourages all to take a class. He is an avid Chess player.

The Minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting were accepted as written in the Minutes of the meeting. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. Dr. Ed Carlson announced that he has accepted the President vacancy. He introduced the Officers and Board Members, who gave an introduction about themselves.

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Safety in Jungle Terrace

Robbery of Park Street 7-11; Shots fired at Tyrone Mall; Car-jacking; Woman stabbed to death; Boy molested on Pinellas Trail at 2pm . . . A discussion of safety in Jungle Terrace was initially picked up by the newspaper as "Everyone own a gun." See the Neighborhood Times article by Cristina Silva.

JTCA's March 16 program is Major Norm Belson, U.S. ARMY (Retired), Florida Certified Police Officer (Retired), 22 years civilian and military Police experience, military and civilian SWAT instructor, 10 years Vice and Street Crimes undercover officer, U.S. Army Counter Terrorist Planner, Special Operations Planner, NRA Trained Instructor. His wife of 40 years, Jane, is assistant firearms instructor. They have four children and three grandchildren.

Norm write, "I don't believe firearms training is the only step necessary to protect citizens. I take a very broad approach that includes robbery and burglary prevention, home defense and situational awareness. I offer a program, "Stay Safe Streets", as a community service to groups such as JTCA at no cost." Major Belson can tailor a security and defense plan for our neighborhood, or each participant. www.StaySafeStreets.com. Maj. Belson will provide updates on Concealed Weapons Permits, recently expanded laws, and the 33 states with reciprocity.

Pam and Becky suggested neighborhood training at Knights Shooting Gallery. Several neighbors responded eagerly. **March 29**th **at 2pm, Knights Shooting Gallery,** Is for JTCA residents. (12000 US Highway 19 N., 727-546-4447) Introduction for beginners and non-gun-owners: \$30 to shoot a variety of guns, or simply bring your own for target practice \$20.

A "Neighborhood Emergencies Plan" concept grew from the discussions:

• Guns are a method of defense, but not the only method. Tasers, umbrellas, situational awareness, placement of landscaping, and many more are all methods of defense.

- Preparedness for Fire, Hurricanes, Criminals, Riots, Floods and other untold events lies FIRST with the individual. Government agencies respond AFTER an event.
- We should plan for the worst and hope for the best including training for defense.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor: This is training for defense – yes, it can include weapons of defense, though not to the exclusion of all other considerations.

Wild West 49ers circled wagons every night and practiced methods of defense. Had they had waited to circle wagons for the first time while fighting off the enemy and figuring out what to use for defense at the same time – America might still be East of the Mississippi. When Davy Crockett was out "huntin' bar," he did not leave his wife and children defenseless and weaponless at school or working the homestead.

A Times reporter asked Dr. Ed Carlson how he learned to shoot. "At age 11, I got on the S/P City bus with my .22 rifle and rode out to the Police Shooting Range. A lot of shooting badges were won at summer camp."

Several municipalities REQUIRE gun ownership. "March 1982, **25** years ago, Kennesaw (Georgia, suburb of Atlanta) unanimously passed an ordinance requiring each head of household to own a gun. Since then, despite dire predictions of "Wild West" showdowns and increased violence and accidents, **not a single resident has been involved in a fatal shooting** – as a victim, attacker or defender."

"Crime rates plummeted for several years after the passage of the ordinance. The **2005** per capita crime rate was significantly **lower** than in 1981, when the population of 5,242 had a crime rate significantly higher than the national average. Meanwhile, the population has skyrocketed to 28,189." http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp? ARTICLE_ID=55288

"The key is to be prepared and not live in fear," Dr. Carlson said. (S/P Times 9/8/07)



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CONA 2009 Goals Report

Submitted by Steve Zachem

This was my first invitation to the CONA Goals workshop. The objective was to create a list of the top 3 priorities for the organization for the next 18 months. I was asked to attend by Dr. Carl-



son. Although there were a few procedural debates, one of which I started, the process flowed pretty smoothly. Trust a West side neighborhood to stir things up!

The meeting began with an overview of the current CONA initiatives: Land Development & Historic Preservation, Public Safety, Court Watch, Energy & Environment, Leadership and Membership. We then moved into 6 groups to discuss the issues we thought were a priority, with a goal of 3 topics to present to the entire session.

All of the presentations were in the form of 3 items, with sub-headings under each item for specific emphasis. Every group listed Public Safety and Policing as a concern – including the Request for Proposal for the Sheriff taking over for St. Petersburg Police, the Matrix report, Clarification of the current Police statistics and staffing, and the current non-pursuit policy.

Development and Codes drew a lot of interest, but not as much passion as the previous topic. We discussed respon-

sible development and environmental issues related to our previous years of accelerated building, including: water



use and run-off, pollution, decrease of permeable surface and aquifer damage, traffic issues, commercial and residential vacancy.

The vacancy issues surfaced concerns about squatters moving into these buildings. This is such an issue in Miami-Dade County, that some advocates are even working to match the homeless with vacant homes. Additionally quality of life issues and the perception of CONA within county government were discussed.

Although we could find no specific solutions—this was, after all, a goals session—I am confident that there will be something in the end product related to at least the policing and environmental issues.



Hopefully current funding realities will not prevent us from keeping this a great city in which to live. Barbara Heck has preliminarily defined the top 3 goals as:

- CONA Outreach and effectiveness
- Public Safety
- City Planning

The specific points many of us emphasized will hopefully be implemented as the "how" to obtain these goals. I am pleased to have worked with such an able and wise group of citizens to discuss our concerns and how to address them.



Coyotes in Pinellas

By Vicki Imbach and JoAnn Imbach-Zinkand

In the desert southwest it is common to hear a pack of coyotes baying in the evening. Not so in southern Pinellas county. It appears, however, that coyotes are here, making themselves at home in the mangroves and park areas.

This is not such good news for pet owners. While you may think your pet is safe from undomesticated wild life there are still



some steps that can be taken to insure their safety.

Coyotes began an eastward migration, first appearing in northwest Florida in 1970. They are now found throughout the state. They eat just about anything, as long as it's an easy catch. This does include smaller domestic animals (but seldom people).

To make your home safe from coyotes, the "Desert USA" website offers a good bit of informa-

tion. (www.desertusa.com/june96/cycot_qa.html) A few tips from this site include:

- Keep small pets inside from dusk until dawn. So far 8 pets have been documented as either missing or killed. If you know of any pets that are missing or that are known to have been attacked by a coyote, please contact Cathy Belcher at 4cathyb@gmail.com to assist in her efforts to have the coyotes removed from the area.
- Install a fence; a tall privacy fence with a deterrent to keep the animals from digging under is best.
- Don't leave pet food outside, do not allow fruits to litter the ground.
- Secure your trash.

As our neighborhoods age, undomesticated wild life are regaining their territories. Even though the coyotes are not native, it seems as though they are here to stay. Take a moment to consider if your yard can be considered habitat!





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1801 75th St N.	1/2	1092	79,900.00	51

Only 2 homes have sold in the Jungle area since the beginning of the year. The average price per square foot is \$64.98. With an average square footage of 1229. The prices have dropped and only homes that are priced right are moving!

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.

New Listings



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January JTCA Meeting Highlights



Elean Cushnie, Jungle Terrace's new Public Service Representative addresses the membership.



Community Service Officer Patrick McGovern discusses crime statistics with our members.



Tom Killian, meeting moderator, Ron Anderson, Clearwater Property Appraiser and Rick Smetana, Mgr. Tyrone Property Appraisal Office. Ron Anderson addressed many questions from our large audience..



Steve and Paula Zachem, regular meeting goers are expecting their third child.



Newly elected 2009 Officers and Board members.

Clara Gibson-Secretary, Dr. Ed Carlson-President, Jill Silverstein-Board, Pete Brown-Treasurer, not pictured Mary Lou Mitchell-Vice President, Linda Sessions-Board, Anita Stelljes-Board.

The Garden Club of St. Pete

Submitted by Diane Shafer

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is located at 500 Sunset Drive South,

St. Petersburg between Park Street South and the beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. It is just minutes away from Jungle Terrace.



We are calling all Jungle Terrace friends and neighbors to join us!

Come check out the March-April events of the **Garden Club of St. Petersburg**.

Mar. 2nd Creative Crafts 10:00 a.m. at the Garden Center Baskets

Mar. 3rd **Night Meeting** "Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners" 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Center Rain Barrels by Pinellas County ExtensionPlease call for reservations to Bobbi 463-4203Barrel Cost: \$30.00

Mar. 24thJungle Circle Meeting at the Garden Club 1:00 p.m. at the Garden Center Program: "In Your Easter Bonnet"Members decorate hats; prizes will be awarded.Dahleen Bache talks about "The Benefits of Plants in your Home"

Apr. 6th **Creative Crafts** 10:00 a.m. Garden Center/Spring Decorating

Apr. 7th **Night Meeting** "Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners" 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Center Program: Painting your Rain Barrel by Rosalie DiMento

Apr. 25thGREEN THUMB FESTIVAL

& 26thWalter Fuller Park/Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Apr. 28th**Jungle Circle Meeting**1:00 p.m. at the Garden Center
Program: "Butterflies in Your Garden"

"In the Garden"

A lot of us kept diaries when we were young. Did you ever think about keeping a Garden Journal? This is a great way to document what you do in your garden; your successes and failures, your nature observations, the weather that season, how plants survived a frost, wildlife in your yard, etc. You may want to note when a certain caterpillar starts munching away on a plant. For instance, a caterpillar on the Passion Flower Vine if left alone may turn into a beautiful butterfly, the Zebra Longwing. This is our State Butterfly; you wouldn't want destroy that caterpillar!?! (the caterpillar is a creamy white with black spines and does not sting). So try writing a journal; it will help your garden and you.

Demand Response Transportation (DART)

Submitted by Tom Killian

The Pinellas Suncoast Authority (PSTA) offers a special service for people with disabilities. It is offered to citizens of Pinellas County who are disabled or cannot independently use a regularly



assessable bus. Care Ride currently has the contract with the County. They are a friendly, dependable company who have many vans which transport people to doctors, dentists, food shopping and other necessary appointments. My aunt and I used the DART services after her leg amputation. We were very pleased with them. They allowed me to ride free because I was the Caregiver. The current cost one way is \$3.50 or \$7.00 round trip. These are very reasonable prices compared to a private rental which would cost at least \$50.00 one way for a short trip. They also have taxi cab service available. You must apply to see if you qualify for their services, it takes about 21 days. Theresa Jackson 540-1849 is the person to contact. or you can download an application at psta.net You may have to have your doctor sign paperwork regarding your condition. Please take advantage of this great program.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.





Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by: Jungle Terrace Civic Association Saturday, April 11th

10 am at Walter Fuller Park 7891 26th Ave N

Tots to 9 years of age - Free



meet the

Easter Bunny Bring your camera



Register for the hunt and receive a free raffle ticket for prize drawings

Hunt starts promptly at 10 am—Prizes given out at 10:15 am



If you can donate a prize or help with the set up, please call Skip Mitchell 345-4408





Community Library

Submitted by Kelly Malizia

Hello, All! I am the new Community Services Librarian at your community library, the West St. Petersburg Community Library at St. Petersburg College, Gibbs Campus.

For those of you who are not familiar with our library, I invite you to come in for a tour. Find out about the wonderful services that are available for free 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 new monthly book club that will meet on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. The Book Club selection for April is "A Spot of Bother" by Mark Haddon, for the meeting on Saturday, April 25th at 10:30a.m. 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!

Free Chess Classes Offered at Walter Fuller Center



Chess instructor Yaro Markewycz (L) and Tom Killian (R) Chess Committee Chairman instruct two young students on chess moves.

Free Chess classes are offered for beginning and inter-

mediary levels. The classes started Tuesday September 2nd, 2008. 6:30PM to 8:30PM Walter Fuller Center 7891 26th. Avenue N. Call 893-7443 to reserve a seat.







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7	1	5	8	3	4	9	6	2
8	3	2	7	9	6	5	1	4
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Medium Sudoku Puzzle #5—answers to last Nov/Dec puzzle

Here is another one...try it!!

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Medium Sudoku Puzzle #6—answers in next issue





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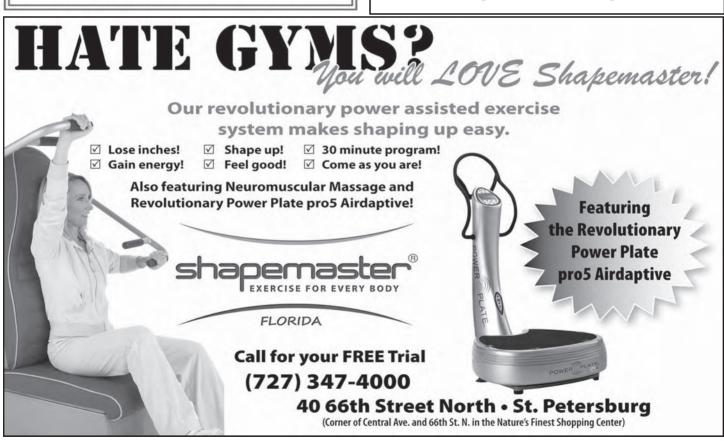
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Newsletter Articles

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.

Photos are welcome. We can also take photos for your article. Articles and photos can be in soft-copy (preferred) or hard copy.

Send to: Michelle Steele

jtcasteele@yahoo.com

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We have a web site for the Jungle Terrace Civic Association. It is at URL 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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(CASA)		898-3671
City Council Office		893-7177
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Elderly Information		893-7101
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Library - St. Petersburg College		341-7199
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The Jungle Terrace Internet Discussion Group

If you have a computer and want to find out what is happening today in your area, please sign up.

The Jungle Terrace Civic Association has an Internet Discussion Group on which you can catch up on the latest "JT Happenings". This could range from request for recipes, special events to crime prevention. Or if you need to request a resource to assist you in a project.



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 to get 'on board'.

Free to all Jungle Terrace Residents



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