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List addresses and
issues for improvement
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JTCA will send a nice
letter prior to City
CODES sweep.

# The next JTCA Meeting will be on Monday May 18th, 2009

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

## Meeting Agenda

- \*Community Service Officer Detty
- \*City Stormwater Management (Drainage) -Tom Gibson, Carlos Frey
- \*Neighborhood Partnership Director Susan Ajoc

# JTCA's Walter Fuller Park Cleanup

Announced at the March meeting, JTCA will conduct a WFP cleanup on May 23 at 8am beginning at the Walter Fuller Center.

The City will have completed the Capital Improvement Project, the Egg Hunt and Green Thumb Festival are over for the year, and the City will have cleaned the park as well as they are going to. Our goal is to do a "clean sweep" of the park and the lake to set an example for all using our park to keep it in pristine condition.

Pete Brown is volunteering his canoe and kayak for Stan Silverstein to use in the lake. The park maintenance crew, Darryl and Patrick, are excited about our effort and assist to them.

Please being gloves if you wish, and plastic bags for debris. We can leave these and larger items (branches, roots, etc) in grouped piles for Darryl and Patrick to pick up on Monday morning.

We look forward to a good group of JTCA Volunteers for perfecting our park.

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## May 23rd -- Sat. 9am -- Walter Fuller Park Cleanup



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### **MINUTES**



Clara J. Gibson

Jungle Terrace Civic Association Minutes of Membership Meeting Monday, March 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dr. Ed Carlson, President.

Ed Carlson reported that the minutes of the last meeting and treasurers reports were given at the recent board meeting and suggested that they be accepted without reading. There was a motion, second and vote to pass

New Community Service Officer, Mitch Detty, has patrolled this neighborhood for 3 ½ years. When Pat McGovern transferred back to patrol, Officer Detty requested the community police officer position. His phone number, same as former officer Pat McGovern is 742-6289. Most problems are at the mall. LOCK YOUR HOUSE AND CAR!

Ed Carlson reported on the Board meeting: Traffic Meeting with Mike Fredrick is coming up April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:15. May 23 we will have a JTCA park clean-up. The improvements to the park should be done by then and we will do a clean-up to make it really look good. A JTCA Garden in WFP was approved by the Board and the membership was agreeable. The details of the Traffic Letter developed by the Board of Directors was described in detail, and copy of the letter made available for anyone to read. There being no objection, the

position letter was approved by general consent to be sent to city, county, and the Park Street Group.

The Park Street Group meets Monday, March 23, 2009 at Admiral Farragut Chapel. JTCA will send the letter of our position based on the Traffic Plan developed for our Neighborhood Plan adopted by City Council. Our position is not to impede traffic flow or vision. Decoration such as upgraded street signs, lights are fine.

The Easter egg hunt is to be held on Sat April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Walter Fuller Center. Skip Mitchell discussed the plan. Please come at 8:00am to help hide the eggs. The actual hunt begins at 10:00am.

Green Thumb garden festival is to be April 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a tent and need volunteers to promote Jungle Terrace Civic Association. Please sign up.

JTCA will have a codes sweep. Prior to the next meeting note any code problems by address and problem and the association will ask the owner to solve problem.

Major Norm Belson Spoke on home / business security and concealed carry permits.

Old Business, none

New business, Larry Dosh spoke on Gerry-Mandering of voting districts. Wants a non-political committee to do the redistricting. Makes sense.

Listed questions for the Mayor candidates: Cost of new stadium. Curbside recycling. Homeless, begging, control signs. Future of Walter Fuller Park's Sports complexes

Moved, seconded and voted to adjourn. Pete Brown for Clara Gibson

# 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! We are a Nonprofit 501(c)3 Tax Exempt organization.

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# **President's Message**

For 55 years, since the conversion from septic tanks to sewer system, JTCA has been an effective proponent of Quality of Life in our neighborhood.

JTCA constantly invites new members, at Green Thumb Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, picnic, and paying the cost for 450 of our 700 Newsletters to be mailed to non -members on a rotational basis --2,700 per year. Our goal is every



Dr. Ed Carlson JTCA President

<u>neighbor</u> receiving a Newsletter and invitation <u>every</u> <u>year</u>. We invite other associations to meet with us.

Our online Discussion Group is an additional source of contact. JTCA Newsletter is available free on our award-winning website <a href="http://www.jungle-terrace.org/">http://www.jungle-terrace.org/</a>. Notice is sent to the Discussion Group as soon as the Newsletter is available.

Organizations from sororities to Nature Conservancy, NRA and neighborhood associations require membership and dues to be a voting member.

JTCA hosts the City when they wish to conduct public "neighborhood meetings", as when we were developing Park Plans, Neighborhood Plans, and Traffic Plans. The JTCA Traffic Committee for the Neighborhood Plan had 24 members. The City sent out 2,247 surveys with 268 returned. The Walter Fuller Park Capital Improvement Project is coming to fruition after 9 years.

May 20, 2009 meeting, JTCA is hosting the City in regard to the Drainage CIP -- a 5' x 8' box culvert drain from Jungle Lake to Boca Ciega Bay to begin this fall -- after 15 years. JTCA has encouraged the City to send out notice to all neighbors in the impacted area.

Park Patrols in our 3 parks are being effective. Neighborhood Representatives north and south of Tyrone are assisting neighbors.

Organizational Manuals are being completed on each aspect of the operations of JTCA.

We function very well with the hearty caring neighbors who choose to participate. They have strong personalities, and rise above them for the good of each other and the Quality of Life in Jungle Terrace.

JTCA Officers and Board appreciate every individual and business who participates!

# **New Stuff Happening in Walter Fuller Park**

Submitted by Jill Silverstein



BMX Gone



Stanley in the new overlook shelter.



New benches and garbage receptacles



# **Problems Associated With Traffic Calming Devices**

Research since 1996, compiled into a 400-page report, by Kathleen Calongne.

National Motorists Association, since 1982, <a href="http://www.motorists.org/trafficcalm/">http://www.motorists.org/trafficcalm/</a>.

Traffic calming devices, such as speed humps and traffic circles are spreading to communities without regard to their risks. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has avoided the examination of the problems associated with imposing vertical and horizontal deflection on vehicles and passengers, in order to encourage the proliferation of devices on city streets.

Funds allocated for traffic calming by the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program to the City of Portland, ME were **rescinded** when it was shown that the project of **humps increased emissions by 48%** without taking into consideration increased emissions from braking and acceleration required to negotiate the devices. An Austrian study, in 1994, using a mobile exhaust fume measuring-device registered an increase in vehicle emissions of **ten times** on streets with speed humps.

Deflection devices create even greater delays to emergency vehicles. The longer wheel-base, stiff suspension, high vehicle weight, sensitive equipment and injured victims requires slowing almost to a stop to negotiate the devices safely. Attempts have been made to silence the objections of rescue personnel to delays to emergency response by deflection devices. Fire chiefs, as city appointees, fear professional retribution and often will not voice concern until the level of risk becomes intolerable.

Emergency calls are *not* rare events. Houston, Texas responds to 150,000 emergency medical calls and 100,000 fire calls per year. There is an average of 250,000 deaths from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) each year in the U.S. American Heart Association (AHA) statistics indicate that 90% of these incidents occur outside of hospitals. There are about 5,000 pedestrian deaths per year in the U.S. Few of these occur on neighborhood streets. A ten-year study of pedestrian

deaths by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, found 35% of pedestrian victims were intoxicated. AHA statistics for SCA, show survivability is directly related to the response times. Seattle with a response time of less than **7 minutes saved 30%** of its SCA victims. New York with an average response time of **12 minutes saved only 2%**.

The cumulative effect of series of devices is often ignored. Series of devices turn seconds of delay into minutes – vehicles fail to regain cruising speed between the devices. Calming devices impose permanent, 24-hour delays to emergency response, unlike traffic congestion which occurs periodically. A fire department study in Austin, Texas, 1997, showed an increase in the travel time of ambulances of up to 100% transporting victims.

City councils and transportation divisions often portray delay to emergency response by calming devices as simply a tradeoff for increased safety. They avoid the analysis showing which risk is greater. Ronald Bowman, a scientist in Boulder, Colorado developed an analysis to compare these risks. The results show that even minor delay to emergency response by calming devices imposes far greater risk than **vehicles, speeding or not**. Bowman's analysis, showed a risk factor of 85 - 1 from an additional one **minute** of delay before one life might be saved by the devices – IF it can be shown that the devices do save lives. Bowman's analysis, based on the curve of survivability for victims of cardiac arrest and severe trauma (AHA), verified by a professional mathematician can be viewed online at: http://members.aol.com/ raybowman/risk97/eval1.html.

The Bowman analysis was applied to the City of Austin, Texas by Assistant Fire Chief, Les Bunte, with similar results. The report can be viewed online at: <a href="http://home.cfl.rr.com/gidusko/texts/tfc\_calm.pdf">http://home.cfl.rr.com/gidusko/texts/tfc\_calm.pdf</a>.

The results of these analyses show the tradeoff of the *perception (illusion)* of increased safety for the *real* risk to citizen survivability from delay to emergency response. The Institute of Transportation Engineers' (ITE) *Guidelines for the Design and Application of Speed Humps*, 1997, states **humps should never be placed on emergency response routes**. There are ...continued on page 5



now temporary or permanent moratoriums on devices in Berkeley California, Boulder Colorado, Portland Maine and Portland Oregon.

People with disabilities complain of lasting pain and injury caused by traveling over deflection devices. Significant testimony about the physical and psychological barrier deflection devices make to access to public rights-of-way has been given to the U.S. Access Board in Washington D.C. A web site addressing the problems of the disabled can be found at: www.digitalthreads.com/rada.

Although calming devices are built on the premise they will reduce accidents, a comprehensive study for the ITE and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) concludes: "Traffic calming in the U.S. is largely restricted to low volume residential streets. Collisions occur infrequently on such streets to begin with, and any systematic change in collision rates tends to get lost in the random variation from year to year. This limits our confidence in drawing inferences about safety impacts of traffic calming." (Traffic Calming: State of the Practice, Reid Ewing, 1999, P. 123)

Increased accidents have occurred after some

installations. Speed humps placed on a street at a school in Portland, Maine registered an increase in accidents of **35%**. Accidents increased **100%** after the installation of an experimental traffic circle in Boulder, Colorado. However, these dangers *remain* on their streets today.

People across the United States are opposing installation of deflection devices that damage vehicles, injure passengers, increase pollution, increase gas consumption and delay emergency responses. At my cost, I offer the 400-page report "Problems Associated with Traffic Calming Devices" to all interested individuals.

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8054 33 Ave N.	3/1/carport	1128	\$ 74,900.00	113
3019 Park St N.	3/1/none	1131	\$ 68,000.00	137

There were 12 properties that have sold since 2/09. The average square footage is 1,783 with the selling price per square foot averaging \$91.13 per square foot.

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.

















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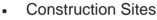
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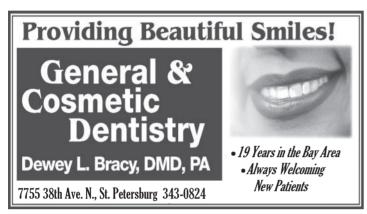
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Submitted by Kelly Malizia

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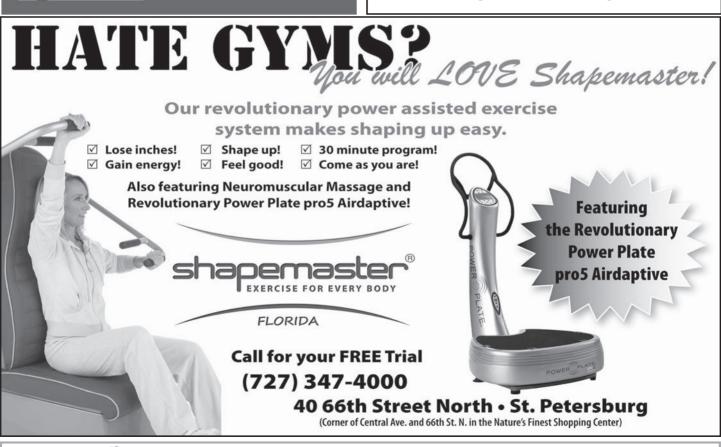
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Do you have a letter, issue, article, or recipe you would like to publish in the JTCA newsletter? We welcome letters, comments, and contributions from our neighbors.

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.

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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. 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** Look for this button

Questions contact Webmaster Bob Miller at **BluegrassBob@earthlink.net** 727-343-4436



## **Important Phone Numbers**

Assistance & Resources	211
Emergencies	911
Community Policing Officer	551-3183
Police (non-emergency)	893-7780
(CASA)	898-3671
City Council Office	893-7177
Codes (get a case number)	893-7373
Elderly Information	893-7101
Garbage Collection Inf.	893-7334
Graffiti	893-7394
Library - St. Petersburg College	341-7199
Mayor's Action Center	893-7111
Mosquito Control	464-7503
PARC (Pinellas Assoc. for Retarded Childre	n) 345-9111
Public Service Rep. (Elean Cushnie)	551-3341
Rodent Control	893-7360
<b>Schools</b> ; 74th St. Elementary	893-2120
Azalea Elementary	893-2187
Azalea Middle	893-2606
Street Lights (Progress Energy) 1	-800-228-8485
Tip Line	892-5000
Water & Sewer Problems	893-7261
Walter Fuller Center	893-7443
Walter Fuller Pool	893-7636
Free smoke detector Or home inspection	893-7233
Congressman Bill Young	893-3191
Senator Nelson - Orlando Office 1	-407-872-7161
Senator Martinez - " 1	-407-254-2573

# 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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Non-Emergency 893-7780 EMERGENCY 911 Jungle Terrace Civic Association c/o Bob Miller 8215 30th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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