

Jungle Terrace Civic Association

“HALL of HONORS”



Awards to outstanding individuals and to JTCA honoring their ongoing actions and activities benefiting Jungle Terrace Neighborhood.

1999
First Jungle Terrace
“HALL of HONORS”
Award

Steve Cureton, Community Police Officer

In the days when St. Pete had true Community Policing, Jungle Terrace had several good officers. Then a not so good one. We met with the Chief of Police, Major and Lieutenant. The result was getting Officer Steve Cureton appointed at our Community Police Officer. Steve was a Detective grade and served with SPPD for 25 years, the final ones in our area. Steve retired in January 2000.

A party at the Swim Center and Award were gifted to Steve by a very grateful and appreciative Jungle Terrace Civic Association for years of excellent service and personal caring. Steve participated with joy.

As a sailor for decades, a life dream was building a live-aboard sailboat. Steve realized his dream by building a 45 foot STEEL sailboat. Name: “Good Life.”



2003 City Neighborhood Partnership Awards

Jungle Terrace Civic Association Wins Award for
“Entrance Signs and Landscaping at Gateways to Neighborhood”

2004 “Newsletter of the Year”

Jungle Terrace receives **SIX Awards** at the Mayor's 8th Annual Neighborhood Partnership Awards



JTCA President Tom Killian accepts “Newsletter of the Year” award from Mayor Rick Baker.



In City Council chambers, the Mayor, his staff, and our Council members attended to honor the achievements of the 113 Neighborhood Associations in our city – 130 people attended. The five major categories that awards were given in:

- Newsletter of the Year 1st Place Jungle Terrace Civic Association
- President of the Year Tom Killian Honorable Mention
- Web site of the Year Honorable Mention Jungle Terrace Civic Assn
- Signs Project, Jungle Terrace Civic Association Honorable Mention
- Person of the Year Gail Culver Honorable Mention.

Jungle Terrace also received a Certificate Award for our Identification Signs for our FY04 Partnership Grant. Jungle Terrace was the big winner taking home six awards – the most of any association.

Thank you Bob Miller for your tremendous contribution to our association. Our Newsletter was voted best in the city. Bob also built and updates our Web site which received Honorable Mention. Linda Mouriski attended and accepted our awards for Project of the Year and Web site. She also took the pictures for this article. Linda is a very steady dedicated board member who helped us develop our newsletter and other new activities. Gail Culver received Honorable Mention for Person of the Year for her work at PARC helping the handicapped. I want to acknowledge our terrific newsletter committee who meets each month to bring you our Award winning newsletter.

2005 Annual Neighborhood Partnership Awards

- President of the Year: TOM KILLIAN
- Neighborhood Mentor of the Year: Tom Killian.
- Newsletter of the Year Honorable Mention.
- Website of the Year Honorable Mention
- Best Neighborhood Project: 4 Monuments for Tyrone Industrial Park



March 2005 JTCA President Tom Killian proudly displays JTCA Awards while presenting to Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) on HOW TO have a healthy neighborhood.

2006 St. Petersburg's "Citizen of the Month" Tom Killian



Councilman Rick Kriseman presents JTCA President Thomas Killian with the City of St. Petersburg's "Citizen of the Month" Award.

2006 Jungle Terrace is a Big Winner 9 Neighborhood Partnership Awards



Jungle Terrace Civic Association and members won 9 Awards.

- First Place Award: Neighborhood Mentor of the Year for the Associations' efforts.
- Outstanding Achievement Award Sustainability and Community Building, District 1.
- Outstanding Achievement Award Positive Voice for the Community, District 1.
- K.C. Jones won Honorable Mention for Person of the Year (Sixth from left) for all the work she has done for our Association.
- JTCA won Honorable Mentions for
 - Landscaping
 - Web Site
 - Newsletter
 - Project of the Year of the Industrial Park Identification Monuments.

July 2009, Walter Fuller Park Capital Improvement Project



Raul Quintana, Architect for City of St. Petersburg for 18 years. Raul has been a public sector Architect for 24 years. In 2011, Raul received the prestigious AIA Tampa Bay Award of Excellence for his contribution to the advancement of Architecture in the public sector. Raul and his wife Vicki are 27 year residents of St. Petersburg. Their two children, graduated from St. Pete High. Catherine is in the graduate Accounting program, University of Texas, and Nick is 2nd year at UNF.

Mr. Quintana accepted the award on behalf of multiple city staff. He remarked this was the only time in his career that a neighborhood association said “Thank You” and presented such an award – greatly appreciated by city staff.

2010 City Beautification Award Jungle Terrace Civic Association



The **Peggy Allen Award** honors the private initiative of groups whose volunteer efforts enhance the natural beauty of Saint Petersburg and promote the public stewardship of our environmental resources. The 2010 Award is presented to Jungle Terrace Civic Association (JTCA) for their long term efforts in improving Walter Fuller Park.

Work began in 2000 with a City grant to develop a Neighborhood Plan, approved by Council in November 2001. The Walter Fuller Park Plan, part of the Neighborhood Plan, featured new 8 foot wide sidewalks, three new lake shelters, additional trees, new picnic shelters near the Recreation Center, new parking lot, new dog park, revamped playground facilities, and moving the BMX track to a location in the County.

Funding and actual work proceeded over the next nine years until project completion in 2009. This large, long-term collaborative effort by the City and Jungle Terrace Civic Association has produced a 133 acre park that is one of the Crown Jewels in our City's extensive park system.

Late 2009, to further improve Walter Fuller Park, a Volunteers Celebration Garden with extensive landscaping of constantly flowering bushes, large river boulders, and bronze statuary was installed by JTCA volunteers who continue to provide all maintenance for this garden.

The City Beautiful Commission takes great pleasure in recognizing the persistent and continuing work of the Jungle Terrace Civic Association in making their neighborhood a more beautiful location in which to work, live and play.

November 2011, Parks and Recreation Staff

JTCA expresses our gratitude: "Thank you Phil for decades as a friend and a extremely capable Leader in creating a highly effective TEAM. Each member is highly skilled and caring in enhancing the Quality of Life in our City and Neighborhoods. The results SHOW!"



Phil Whitehouse is Parks and Field Operations Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Department. He came to St. Pete in 1976 from his hometown of Ashfield, Massachusetts (pop. 1,200). Phil graduated University of Massachusetts with a B.S. in Physical Education and has been with the City for 34 years holding a number of positions including Recreation Supervisor, Special Events Supervisor, Parks Operations Manager and Manager of Athletic Operations. He enjoys boating and fishing and enjoys recreation time with his family in the Florida Keys.



Mike Vineyard is a Park Operations Manager for the City of St. Pete Parks & Recreation Department. As the son of an Air Force officer, he traveled from west to east coasts and in Europe before settling in St. Petersburg in 1975. Mike began his career as Lifeguard at the newly built Fossil Park Pool. By 1977, he was promoted to Pool Supervisor at Walter Fuller. He continued advancing in Recreation as a Supervisor I and II in Aquatics. In 1988 he was promoted to Equipment Coordinator for the Parks Department. In 2005, Mike was promoted to his current position including Northwest District Parks. He enjoys traveling in his motor

home with family and hopes to so someday travel to the northwest and Canada.

JTCA says, “Thank you, Mike, for your years and years of personal attention, caring and quick response to all emails and phone messages! You do a super job.”



Jim DeBee is a Buckeye, born in Wellsville Ohio, May 1954. I moved to Florida 6 months later bringing my entire family with me. Graduating from St. Pete High School in 1972, I promptly went to work in the construction field. In 1975 I started my career with the City. Five months later I married my lovely wife Lois, an Azalea Ville girl. Starting as a horticulture spray technician, 5 years later I was promoted to a Park Operations Foreman. This is my second tour of duty in the Northwest District of 25 parks and 86 medians, which includes the Jungle Terrace neighborhood. Maintaining and improving the City’s beautiful parks is a

passion for me. I have enjoyed my 36 years of service with the Park’s Department!

JTCA says, “Jim, Thank you for working so closely with JTCA and assisting us in so many ways. Our entire neighborhood and everyone who enjoys Walter Fuller Park IMMENSELY appreciates you, and your vision of a healthy and beautiful park coming to fruition.

Together we have created a Crown Jewel of City Parks.”



Leamon “Patrick” Junious arrived in St. Petersburg at birth.

He graduated Dixie Hollins High School, and went to Iowa Central University on a scholarship for wrestling. Leamon is now 5 years with the City of St. Petersburg. He loves his wife, two teen sons, to sing gospel and attend church.

JTCA shouts:

“Thank you Leamon for keeping our park so pristine!”



Dillan Fioravanti is Italian descent, born in Pike County, Georgia, near Griffin. Dillan attended Pike County High School, has an older brother and younger sister. At age 19, Dillan adventured out to St. Petersburg 3 months ago. He is now 3 months with the City.

JTCA welcomes Dillan to our Neighborhood and to Walter Fuller Park!



Wesley

“Wes” Reed is a native, born and raised in St. Petersburg, Wes was lead Park Staff for several years. He loves having time with his wife and two children, and loves playing basketball. Out of 22 applicants, he was recently selected to be promoted to the Sanitation Department. Godspeed, Wes in your new position. We applaud you and appreciate your depth of caring and detail in keeping our park so magnificent.

2012 Mayor’s Neighborhood Recognition Award to Jungle Terrace Civic Association

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 presented 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.

June 2012, Lights around and in Walter Fuller Park



Dave Reed Project Coordinator with the Public Works Department. In charge of street lights, Dave Reed systematically has been lighting up our neighborhood. He began with a light in Dr. Ed's cul de sac, where they met. Then installed lights down 80th St. No. in Walter Fuller Park. Next was a section along 30th Avenue North, then another along 78th Street and 34th Avenue. Over 5 phases, all lights were completed around WF Park, and around the lake in WF Park. Dave is a Corvette man through the years. Thank You Dave Reed for lighting up our lives!

2013 Art Grant for ENTWINED



2014 April Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Awards

Great individuals who do not reside in Jungle Terrace, yet pitch-in to enhance the health, beauty and safety of our neighborhood are inducted into our Jungle Terrace "Hall of Honors" in recognition of our vast appreciation.



Connie Dickenson, PhD, Biological Anthropology, Pinellas Trail Volunteer helping in every JTCA Trail cleanup. In 1949, her parents came to Pass-A-Grille. After traveling the world, Connie returned to St. Pete as home.

She enjoys tying fishing flies, bicycling, and kayaking. She also collects teddy bears for the Rough Riders hospital program, can tabs for the Shriners, and used medical equipment for Project Cure. She enjoys 4 children and 11 grandchildren.



Pete Samsoe is a specialist in turf and grounds maintenance for 25+ years. He has headed crews for Al Lang Field, Huggins Field, Woodlawn Park, Puryear Park, Azalea Park and now the 5 baseball fields in Walter Fuller Park.

Pete served in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant. His wife is Karen, son is Scott age 22, and dog is Star. Pete is a good friend to Jungle Terrace enhancing landscaping and participating in safety patrols and contributing a staff person for cleanups.



Dr. Dick Miller, DVM, retired from 35 years of owning Northwest Veterinary Clinic on 66th Street N in our neighborhood. Dick is a Pinellas Trail Volunteer, and regularly turns out with his Sawz-All to help us improve the Trail.

Dick loves animals, people and keeping active. "One of my favorite volunteer activities now is working with Dr. Ed and others in maintaining the Pinellas Trail."



Margie Nichols, Codes Enforcement, City of St. Petersburg for 9 years, receives special accolades for Sports Authority's finally correcting 8 major areas including painting fence and replacing rusty compactor and dead trees and shrubs, and regular special requests for attention to other needed improvements - in addition to her daily eagle eye in Jungle Terrace neighborhood. Born and raised in Florida, Margie loves the outdoors - her son is 18, and her husband is with the Fire Department as Fire Plan Examiner. Her background is in real estate sales and property management. Margie enjoys tennis, beach volleyball, and cruises.

2014 Award to Jungle Terrace Civic Association

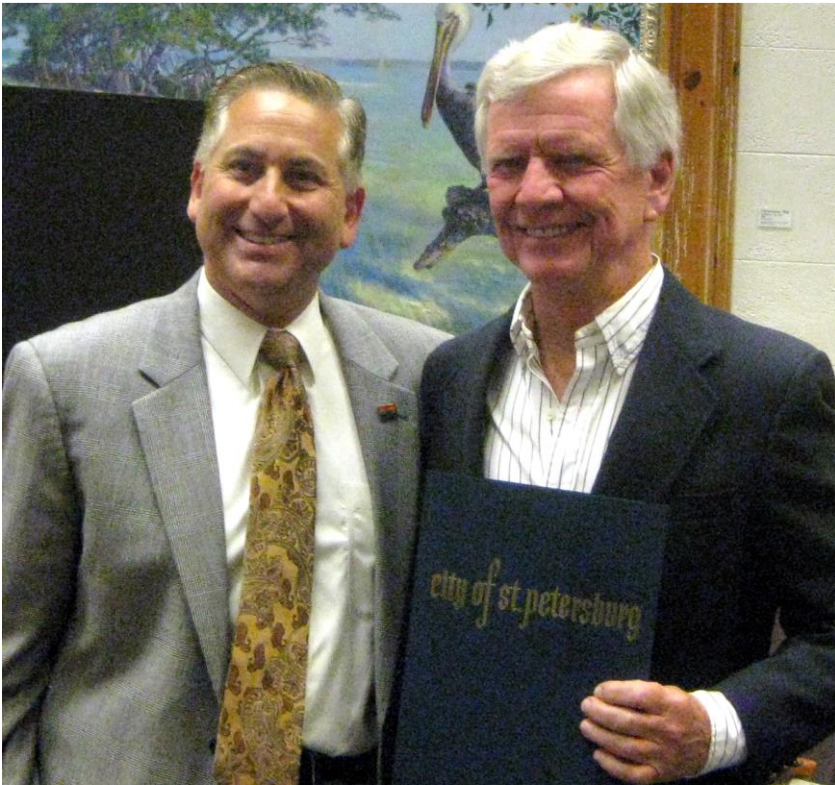
"Top Honors Award"

"MOST IMPROVED" Pinellas Trail Section

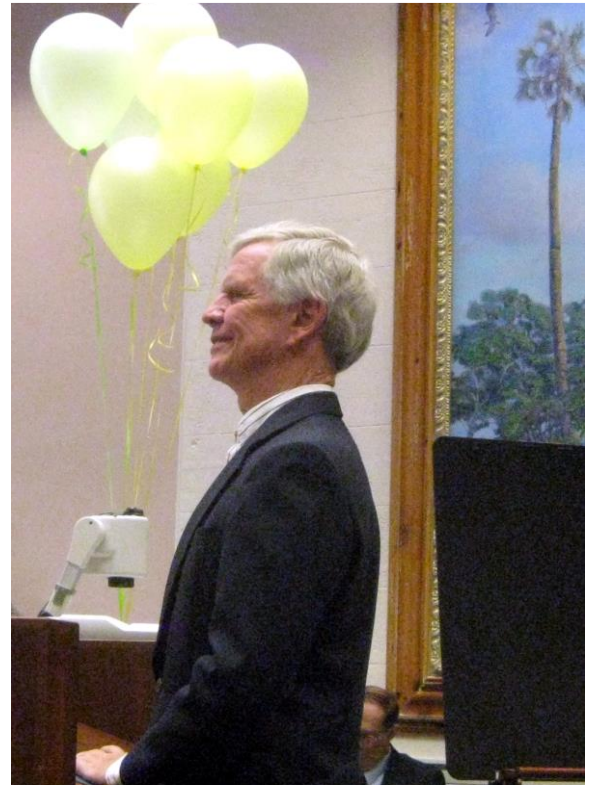
**“Adopt-A-Mile 9” recognizing the many improvements,
Hundreds of hours of Volunteer Time, and
JTCA investing Thousands of Dollars.**



2014 PROCLAMATION
“Jungle Terrace Day in the City of St. Petersburg”
for 60th Birthday of JTCA



Mayor presenting PROCLAMATION of April 21, 2014 “Jungle Terrace Civic Association Day in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida.”



Dr. Ed receiving accolades for Jungle Terrace Civic Association from City Council Members.



Mayor Rick Kriseman joyfully presents the PROCLAMATION at JTCA’s 60th Birthday Party!~!

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

WHEREAS, for 60 years, Jungle Terrace Civic Association has faithfully and continuously contributed to the health, safety, beauty and quality of life in Jungle Terrace Neighborhood and West St. Petersburg, and

WHEREAS, Jungle Terrace Civic Association is a continuing inspiration to other neighborhood organizations and is a member of the Council of Neighborhood Associations, and

WHEREAS, Jungle Terrace Civic Association participates in improving and maintaining Walter Fuller Park and Abercrombie Park, and

WHEREAS, Jungle Terrace Civic Association adopted one mile of the Pinellas Trail with continuous improvements and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Jungle Terrace Civic Association has won multiple awards in recognition of their volunteers contributions to this neighborhood and to our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK KRISEMAN, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2014

JUNGLE TERRACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION DAY

in St. Petersburg and urge all citizens to join with me in recognizing and thanking the Jungle Terrace Civic Association for their contributions to the City of St. Petersburg.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official Seal of
the City of St. Petersburg,
County of Pinellas and State
of Florida to be affixed this
10th day of April, 2014.



Rick Kriseman
Mayor



2014 Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Awards



Dr. LINN SENNOTT, GORILLA Life Member JTCA, Volunteer Extraordinaire, Years of Dedication in WF Park, Pinellas Trail and Planting.

Dr. Sennott is a "re-fired" mathematics professor coming to St. Petersburg in 2003. She enjoys teaching yoga at the Y and with her private students. Linn works with Dr. Ed as a Core Health and Heart Forgiveness Facilitator, assisting others to reclaim their Joy. She is the creator of the series "Core Creativity" evoking our inborn state of natural creativity, and "Heart Energy Yoga!," returning yoga to its spiritual roots.

Linn loves our wonderful city and enjoys working outside as a volunteer for Jungle Terrace Civic Association, beautifying our neighborhood, parks, and Pinellas Trail.

Outstanding **Engineers** with our **Public Works Department** created beautiful **RESULTS** over the past 3 years on two major Capital Improvement Projects: Larger Storm Drain from Jungle Lake to Boca Ceiga Bay (\$5.2 million), and 30th Ave. No. new Storm Drain to Jungle Lake, raise street, new curbs and sidewalk. No more flooding!

Listening to neighbors and JTCA, these four men created totally healthy projects – down to small details – such as black railings on the outfall, rather than bright shiny metal, curb cuts, garden areas, and much more.

Jungle Terrace honors each of you:

Mike Conners, Bruce Stenfors, Mike Ryle, Dan Saunders



DAN SAUNDERS, Senior Professional Engineer. Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Florida in 1973. Completed 40 years of service with the St. Petersburg City Engineering Department.

I remained single since moving here in 1968 from New York State where most of my siblings reside. Interests include singing in the choir, tropical fish and cycling with the local bicycle clubs including charity group rides. June 2014, I took a trip to El Salvador where I volunteered in laying block walls for a two room addition to an elementary school, as well as visiting a volcano, and a coffee factory.

2014 October Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Awards



JOHNNY JOHNSON, Lead Walter Fuller Park Staff Person. Constantly Enhances Our Enjoyment of Walter Fuller Park and Jungle Terrace Neighborhood. Johnny is Rattlers Youth Football League 17 years Volunteer and 5 years Coach.

JTCA sponsors Johnny's team each year for two years. Johnny is married with 4 children and 6 grandchildren. He is the Chef of "Cater to Your Needs" catering service for 15 years. Johnny is a member of New Hope Baptist Church, likes to play Dominoes, and is in a pool league.



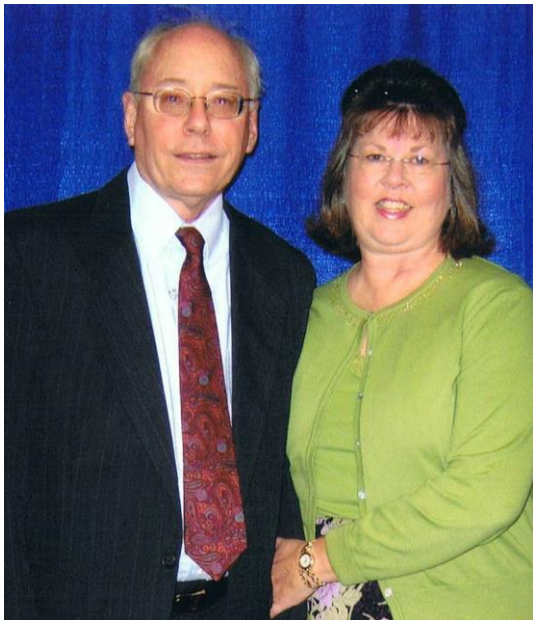
CEDRIK JAMERSON, WFP Staff: Each Day Enhancing Our Enjoyment of Walter Fuller Park and Jungle Terrace Neighborhood.

Cedrick played running back on the highly acclaimed North Marion High School football team in Ocala. His primary focus now is enjoying his 2 year old son and working-out in order keep up with him!

In 2015, Cedrick was promoted to Lead Walter Fuller Park Staff Person.

2015 January Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS"

JOHN and MARY SWEENY



JOHN SWEENY, Vice President of JTCA, was born in Philadelphia. I moved to St. Pete when I was 9 years old. I am a graduate of 74th St Elementary School, Northeast High School and Eckerd College. My degree is in Physics.

I worked 43 years for Baxter Healthcare traveling worldwide training individuals on the repair and use of artificial kidney machines. Retired in 2009.

In addition to volunteering for JTCA, I also teach chess skills to children, volunteer at the Florida Botanical Gardens, and lecture for national kidney associations upon request.

I lived in the Jungle Terrace neighborhood at 3219 76th St. N. in 1954 and 1955. I watched Tyrone Blvd. and the overpass being built at that time.

What a difference from the old two lane road!

MARY SWEENY, Volunteer Extraordinaire for JTCA, moved to St. Petersburg in 1954 and lived on Jungle Ave. in St. Petersburg. She attended Azalea Elementary, and Azalea Junior High School (Now Azalea Middle School). She is a graduate of Boca Ciega High School and St. Petersburg College. She worked as the payroll manager for Essilor Optical Co. for 30 years. She presently volunteers on the board of the Florida Botanical Gardens.

We have been married for 36 years.

We moved to the Jungle Terrace neighborhood in 1986.



Dr. ROLAND MARTENS, JTCA Board of Directors, retired teacher and counselor. Tyrone Middle School: teacher and Director of Counseling. At St. Pete Junior College in 1965, his career focused on teaching, counseling, and administration. He served as Director of Counseling and as Director of Health Related Programs. Planning Team, Faculty Governance Organization, plus Curriculum and Instruction Committee are part of his wide outreach.

Retiring in 2000, Dr. Martens returned to teach, establish the Career Exploration Program, and be adjunct Professor Emeritus in the College of Education at St. Pete College.

For Jungle Terrace Civic Association, Roland is long time Board Member, CONA Representative and Pinellas Trail Volunteer. Through the years, Roland currently Volunteers, or has been a Volunteer for 25+ groups and organizations!



JILL SILVERSTEIN, JTCA Treasurer.

I found JTCA and their public meetings 6 years ago when I was looking for someone to guide me to the proper city department in order to address a neighborhood problem.

I help mostly with Treasurer duties, bank deposits, Board Meetings, and maintaining our JTCA presence at our yearly Green Thumb Festival. I sew small purses and create small pottery items as gifts to Volunteers, and donations to Jungle Terrace Civic Assn.



JAROSLAW MARKEWYCZ, "YARO", JTCA Board of Directors, was born in Western Ukraine (Dec.10, 1932).

During the Second World War, at the end of 1944 (at the age of 12) he immigrated with his parents to Austria. After the Second World War, my parents moved to "D.P." camp (displaced persons) in the city of Regensburg, Bavaria Germany, and there we lived for five consecutive years. In 1950 my parents and I (18 years old) moved to live permanently in USA . . . the City of Chicago

Three years later I joined the U.S. Army forces, (Combat Engineer Group). Following basic training I served in Korea.

After US Army service, I started my education at the Chicago Technical College and received the Degree of Bachelor of Architectural Engineering. Then, I started to work for the City of Chicago for three different departments: The Community Conservation Board, Department of Urban Renewal , and finally for the Department of City Planning.

I retired and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida to live here permanently. I enjoy doing community planning and conservation, and Park and Trail improvements, for Jungle Terrace Civic Association in our neighborhoods.

[NOTE: Yaro is a Master Chess Player. He teaches Chess at Seminole Library and at Madeira Beach Fundamental School.]

2015 April Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Awards



DEBBIE LARSON Born and raised in St. Petersburg, live and own a home in Jungle Terrace for 35 years. Started work with the City 20 years ago as a Codes Inspector for two years then transferred to Public Works to become a Public Service Representative aka Community Service Rep. Now Community Service Supervisor. I also coordinate with Duke Energy regarding street light issues in the city.

My mother still lives in the city along with my two brothers. My daughter lives in Orlando as a charge nurse for Baptist Hospital. She went to Azalea Elementary and Middle School and then on to Boca Ciega High School. I have two cats Maggie and Jack. I have a large variety of hobbies . . . anything outdoors. Biking, Kayaking, golf and big time USF football fan.

What a nice thing for Jungle Terrace to do for us.



ELEAN CUSHNIE I began with the City in 1980 . . . 15 years in the Police Department, and the last 20 years as a Community Service Representative. I retire next year and looking forward to starting my own business, either a Bakery or a Fashion Boutique.

It is so very kind of your Neighborhood to honor us in this fashion.



SUSAN FUCHS I started with the city as a Code Inspector in 1994, and held that job for 5 1/2 years. When the opening for Public Service Representative presented itself, I eagerly jumped at the chance to move into this position.

I'll be retiring next year and looking forward to dog sitting and painting pet portraits!



Elean Cushnie, Dr. Ed Carlson, Susan Fuchs, Debbie Larson

2015 Award to Jungle Terrace Civic Association

Keep Pinellas Beautiful “Leadership Award”

Pinellas Trail “Adopt-A-Mile 9” recognizing our many improvements,
Hundreds of hours of Volunteer Time + JTCA investing \$1,000s



2016 April Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



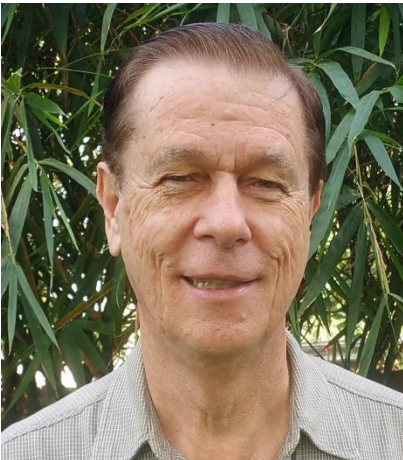
CHUCK BOEHME is Director of the Walter Fuller Recreation Center with a wide variety of youth and adult programs. Chuck is originally from Pittsburgh and went to college in California. Upon graduation, he began his career in the Leisure Services field in Ontario, Canada.

Chuck shares, "I decided to move to Florida in the late 1970's and in 1983 I was hired by the City of St. Petersburg as a Recreation Supervisor. Over the years, I have supervised many different recreation centers and enjoy assisting center staff in providing recreational programs for all ages.

I am married, and our two children attend St. Pete College and Osceola High School locally.

Thank you Jungle Terrace for so many good years together!

2016 July Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



TOM KILLIAN joined Jungle Terrace Civic Association in 2000. He served on our board in various capacities including Vice-President and **four times as President.**

For ten years he coordinated the JTCA newsletter and chaired the mailing committee.

Tom wrote **three successful city grant** applications awarded by the Neighborhood Partnership Office.

In 2005 the city honored Tom Killian as St. Pete's **Neighborhood President of the Year.**

For many years, Tom served on the Board of Directors of CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) as Vice-President, and as mentor for up-and-coming Neighborhood Associations. He is a graduate of the Neighborhood Leadership Program, where he continues serving as a planner, mentor, speaker and group leader.

Currently Tom is Trip Coordinator for his church.

His favorite hobby is Treasure Hunting with a Metal Detector as a member of the Suncoast Research and Recovery Club.

2016 October Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award

“PILLAR of PASSION and STRENGTH”

Celebrates

Representative Kathleen Peters



Representative Kathleen Peters is a friend to JTCA and regularly assists our neighborhood. She received her BA degree in Human Development from Eckerd College. In the Florida House, Representative Peters serves on the Economic Affairs Committee, Justice Appropriations, Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Transportation and Ports Subcommittee, and as Vice Chair for the Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee.

Rep. Peters achieved measurable success in the Florida legislature. Most notable are her efforts to reform mental health and substance use system. After extensive research, she brought statewide stakeholders to the table creating sweeping reform of a new infrastructure to ensure access and a continuum of quality care for anyone suffering from mental illness and/or addiction. She also passed legislation to address the extreme workforce shortage within this system.

Additional successful legislation passed ensures utility companies cannot take advantage of citizens through creative billing processes, eliminates taxes and fees for submerged land owners living in a condominium, ensures veterinarians can

compound medications to provide fast and effective treatment to their patients, eliminates potential fraud while allowing greater options for citizens to meet the vision care needs, and ensures veterans have the opportunity to continue their education at residential tuition rates.

Kathleen began her political career when elected to the South Pasadena City Commission in 2008 and served as Mayor from 2009 until she was elected to the Florida House in 2012. Prior to politics, she worked for the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, the YMCA of St Petersburg, and the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Peters has received numerous awards and recognition for her work and advocacy in youth development, juvenile justice, mental health, law enforcement, protecting home rule, and her extensive work on homeless issues.

Representative Peters is married and the mother of four sons living in Pinellas County and four grandsons.



ERIC VENTURA was born and raised in the beautiful neighborhood of Jungle Terrace. Grew up in the Walter Fuller after-school program and volunteered over 200 hours during my high school years. I was hired by the City of St. Petersburg Park & Recreation Department in 2003 as a Youth Development Worker.

In 2008, I had the honor of coming back to the center where I grew up, as the Teen Supervisor and have now made the transition to Recreation Supervisor. I love where I grew up and take great pride that this is the neighborhood where I lived all my early life.. My ultimate goal is for today's youth to have my same appreciation.

In my free time I enjoy playing sports, staying active and spending time with my little nieces.

I was raised by a single mother and she is my hero.

2017 April Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



Michael Frederick, St. Petersburg's Manager of Neighborhood Transportation. Mike handles all neighborhood questions and concerns and works with all residents and neighborhood associations to find the correct solution to address all situations.

Over the years, Mike is constantly an asset and great help to JTCA!

Always creative, Mike introduced the "Push Button" concept to help reduce the timeline of implementing projects and minimizing delays.

Originally from Toronto, Canada, Mr. Frederick has been in Florida since 1998 and worked for the City of St. Petersburg for 17 years. Mike has over 37 years of experience working on transportation issues.

Trained as a Civil Engineering Technologist, he is a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He won the Engineer of the Year award for the Tampa Bay Chapter (2011) and has been recognized as the Transportation Professional of the Year for the Florida Chapter in recognition and contributions to the profession and ITE (2012).

Mike's two daughters are both married and teachers.

He is granddad to two grandchildren – boy 1 and girl 4. Mike enjoys playing golf.

2017 July Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



Linda Seufert began work with the City of St Petersburg in 1989 as a Pool Supervisor. After working in Aquatics for 12 years, she moved to the Parks Department as a Supervisor for Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. In 2007, Linda was promoted to her current position as a Park Operations Manager, where she also took on the responsibility of overseeing the Green Thumb Festival, the city's Arbor Day celebration.

Linda has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University. Linda is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional, is certified in Natural Areas Management from the University of Florida and has completed the Parks and Recreation Management School through North Carolina State University and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). She enjoys gardening, cooking and traveling the back roads of the USA.

Jungle Terrace HONORS Linda Seufert for keeping our park and community beautiful.

2017 October Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



Kathy Markiewicz, Parks Operations Foreman, 31 Years with City Parks, began her career as a Maintenance Worker I on a crew truck, caring for parkland from Lassing Park to Coffee Pot Park.

I was promoted to a Maintenance Worker II, and assigned to Woodlawn Park. Later, I gained promotion to Horticultural Specialist I, then Specialist II at the City Nursery. When the City bought Sunken Gardens, I was primary for four and a half years bringing up to current levels of botanical beauty. While at Sunken Gardens, I was promoted to Parks Operations Foreman. I progressed from Sunken Gardens in 2004, and I currently serve as foreman in Horticulture with a crew of seven.

Our job duties include landscaping, work orders, maintenance of assigned areas, Gift Trees and Green Thumb Festival set up and tree sales area.

Little bit about my family and hobbies – I have two wonderful brothers who I enjoy spending time with...we enjoy cooking and caring for our rescue and SPCA adopted cats. I enjoy yoga and other types of exercise. My passion is growing orchids, hoyas angel trumpets. I get my horticulture genes from my grandmother who was an avid gardener in New England. I live in the neighborhood and love Walter Fuller Park and the Jungle area.

2018 January Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



Linda Mouriski, serves as Data Base Manager and Traffic Committee Chair for Jungle Terrace. Previously serving on our Board of Directors.

Recently retired from Ametek Corporation.

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Michael "Mike" Dove held multiple positions for the City of St. Petersburg. He arrived in 1980 as a senior planner for the City and held a variety of positions in the Planning Department. In 1993 at the request of Mayor Fischer, he created the City's first neighborhood partnership program, which has been recognized with national, state, and local awards. Mike has spoken at state and national conferences on community involvement, preparing neighborhood and business area plans, coordinating city efforts among departments for community redevelopment, and comprehensive planning. His educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree from Belmont Abbey College in NC and two Master's Degrees from Virginia Tech in City Management and Planning. He recently retired after 40 years of working at the local, county, and regional levels. Thirty of those years were for the City of St. Petersburg.

Mike retired from the City in 2007 and created the MyTown Team Consulting firm. In 2014, he returned to the City at the request of Mayor Kriseman to become the Neighborhood Affairs Administrator and renew his efforts enhancing neighborhood redevelopment citywide.

Mike has always believed in empowering neighborhood residents to both solve neighborhood issues and design projects that contribute to improving their quality of life.

2019 January Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



Dr. Linn Sennott is an enthusiastic resident of St. Petersburg since 2003. Linn retired as university mathematics professor and moved here from Illinois.

She found her “refirement” as a yoga teacher (five classes per week) and a volunteer. Linn volunteers for Jungle Terrace Civic Association and particularly loves working with JTCA clean-up teams, learning about plants and going “gloves on” to beautify Walter Fuller Park and the Pinellas Trail.

Linn was the main organizer of the 22 artists who painted 21 pillars under Tyrone overpass. This is now a pristine and colorful area called Stonehenge Park. She recruited muralists who created 9 murals on the Trail, opposite Cobb 10 Theatre, and further north.

Dr. Linn consistently donates time, energy, and dollars to Jungle Terrace.

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Hello, I am **Jerrod Koontz**, living in St. Petersburg for over 30 years. I am married and Dad to three very active daughters!

I coached soccer at Walter Fuller Park and love the park and neighborhood.

My company, Arbor Age Tree Service, has been serving our communities since 1997. We are a family-oriented company that strives to provide people with quality, affordable & expedient tree service. Our goals are safety, quality work, and customer satisfaction!

We have donated many hours to JTCA for Walter Fuller Park and Pinellas Trail.

Thank you for this honor!

2020 Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award Councilman Charlie Gerdes ~ 8 Years



Steve Nadel, Baseball City; Dominick Griesi, Azalea President 20 years; Dr. Ed; CHARLIE GERDES; Kathleen Peters, County Commission; Robert Blackmon, City Council

2023 January Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Award



Joe Zeoli, Managing Director, City Development Administration

Joe is a west-St. Pete resident for 60 years, and completed his 35th year of service with the City of St. Petersburg (Nov. 2022). Joe plans on retiring in the Spring of 2023.

The focus of his city career has been working on large public/private partnerships. He's been blessed to be a part of several transformational development projects including the original Bay Walk (SunDial) development and the domed baseball stadium now known as Tropicana Field. His responsibilities include being the contract administrator for the Tampa Bay Rays, the Rowdies, and St. Petersburg Baseball Commission at Walter Fuller Park Baseball Complex.

Back in 2011, he worked with the City's Sports Consultant and created the St. Pete International Baseball program which started at Al Lang Stadium but later called Walter Fuller home. The successful program ran for 10 years.

Joe plans to stay in St. Pete after his retirement, with his wife Donna, two children and three grandkids – all avid supporters and users of Walter Fuller Park.

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Hi! I am **David Johnson**, life-long Florida resident. I am blessed with five children and three grandchildren. I have worked with City of St. Petersburg for nine years. Three of those years as Staff Maintenance Director for Walter Fuller Park.

I take pride and joy in the job that I and my staff do keeping the park clean, mowed, trimmed, and making sure the Park is inviting for people to enjoy.

I really enjoy seeing people enjoy themselves at all facets of our jewel, Walter Fuller Park.

I hope to see YOU in the park someday soon!