

# *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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> St. No. in Walter Fuller Park. Next was a section along 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, then another along 78<sup>th</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> 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



**"Entwined"**  
**Neighbors Entwined with Neighbors**  
**Neighborhoods Entwined in Our City**  
**People Entwined with**  
**Art, Nature, Animals and Plants ~**  
**The Jungle**  
**Sculptor Robbie Robins**  
**Gift of Jungle Terrace Civic Association**

## 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**

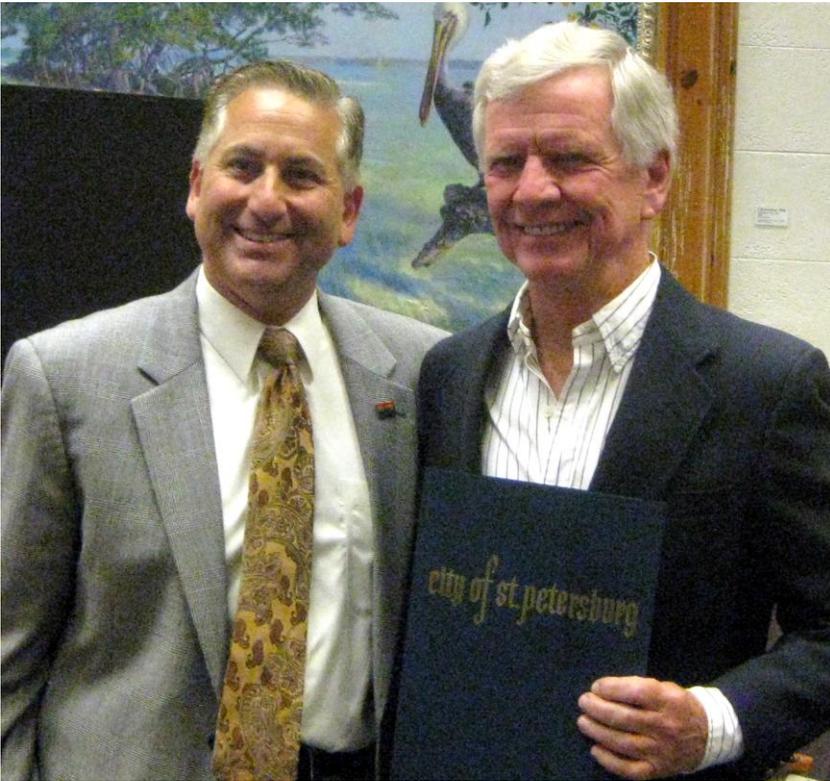
**"Top Honors Award"**

**"MOST IMPROVED" Pinellas Trail Section**

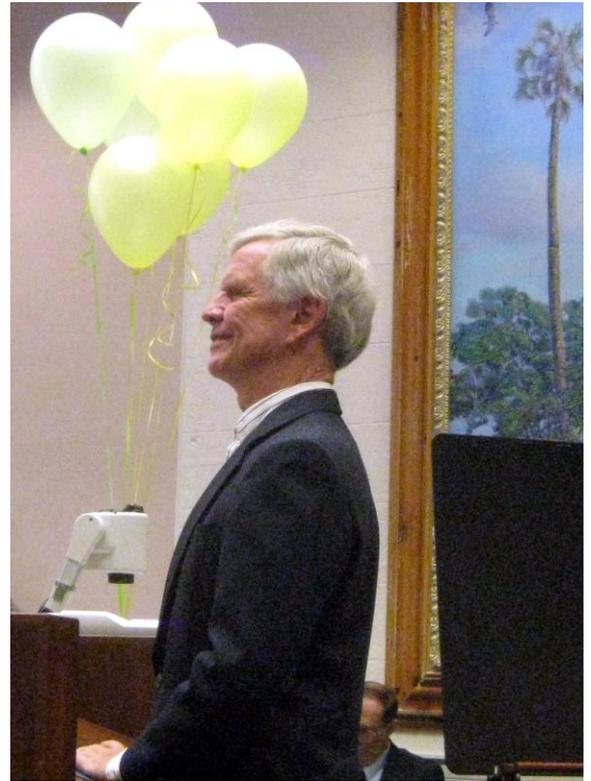
**“Adopt-A-Mile 9” recognizing the many improvements,  
Hundreds of hours of Volunteer Time, and  
JTCA investing Thousands of Dollars.**



**2014 PROCLAMATION**  
**“Jungle Terrace Day in the City of St. Petersburg”**  
**for 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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

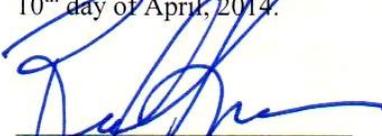
**WHEREAS**, Jungle Terrace Civic Association has won multiple awards in recognition of their volunteers contributions to this neighborhood and to our City.

**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  
10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

  
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**Rick Kriseman**  
Mayor



## **2014 July Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS" Awards**

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**

**Dan Saunders**

**Mike Ryle**

**Bruce Stenfors**