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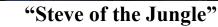
# ALERT NO Meeting Monday, October 18, 2021

Walter Fuller Center-7891 26th Av N Social 6:45 p.m. – Meeting 7:00 p.m.



State Rep. Linda Chaney presents 2010 Legislative Update







Officer David Jackson, CSO

http://junglecountryclubhistoryproject.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html



Vince Nowicki presents for Councilman Robert Blackmon



Dr. Jason Olvera, www.GentleStPeteDentist.com, 66th St. N.

### International Coastal Cleanup ~ Keep Pinellas Beautiful Abercrombie Park shores cleanup by Jungle Terrace



## BAD for St. PETE

## NO to ALL Ballot Questions Nov 2

### www.BadForStPete.com

Nov. 2nd election is an important milestone for our City!

A Referendum and 7 Amendments to our City Charter are on the Ballot.

Whether the Amendments pass or fail, will HAVE MAJOR FINANCIAL,

TAXES, AND LEGAL IMPACTS ON ST. PETE.

<u>www.BADforStPETE.com</u> provides <u>Ballot Language</u> in conjunction with a <u>Comment</u> to give you a clear understanding of the impact on our city.

\*\*\* Many hidden "details" behind each simplified "Ballot Question." \*\*\*

An objective study and evaluation of Ballot Questions shows the results caused by them are NOT in the best interests of St. Petersburg.

Recommend: Voters are **NO** to each question.

#### Referendum

Creates a system of corporate welfare – Vote NO

#### **Charter Amendments**

- 1. Divides the city and pits neighborhoods against each other NO
- 2. Ensures City Council districts are only drawn by political insiders NO
- 3. Creates a dedicated government position to opposing equality NO
- 4. Places handcuffs on the budget especially in the event of hurricane, natural disaster or public health emergency NO
- 5. Establishes unnecessary residency requirements for appointed positions within City Government NO
- 6. Attempts to solve a non-existent problem and adds 10 pages of legal jargon to our City Charter NO
- Forces St. Pete to look backwards instead of focusing on the future.
   Also opposes Equality NO

### \$3.5 Million in Federal and State funds Science Center to Rise Again

St. Pete Catalyst Bill DeYoung



Inside the Science Center Friday: City Councilmember Robert Blackmon, left, Representative Linda Cheney and Senator Darryl Rouson. Photos by Bill DeYoung.

With its shattered windows, peeling paint and gaping holes in the interior drywall, the St. Petersburg Science Center is a dilapidated shell of the shining beacon of knowledge that was dedicated in 1966 and expanded seven years later. The city-owned building at  $7701\ 22^{nd}$  Ave. N has been vacant for three years; plans were underway to bulldoze and use the land for an expansion of a nearby wastewater treatment plant.

Thanks to \$3 million in federal appropriations, added to \$500,000 in previously-approved state funds, the Science Center's bunsen burners will soon be lit once more.



<u>Pathfinder Outdoor Education</u>, a St. Petersburg nonprofit focused on outdoor and environmental education for young people, was specifically named on the grant application, and so will be the lead agency, working out of the building and making decisions as to what other groups can use it.

"There's no solid plan yet," said Amy Durand, the organization's executive director. "That's the next step, doing some strategic planning. Checking with the community, what the community wants and needs. How we can best support families, and the tech industry and jobs in St. Pete. But it's really limitless, what we can do."

City Councilmember Robert Blackmon, who spearheaded the process to save and restore the facility, said before a brief announcement ceremony Friday that he had once been a Science Center student. "Looking back, it was the greatest science education I ever had."

Blackmon received legislative support from Senator Darryl Rouson and Representative Linda Cheney, and from U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist, who introduced the appropriation bill in Congress. Rouson attended the Science Center as a youth. So did Cheney's children.

Blackmon says the Science Center will serve multiple uses – "like a food hall for science" – and that a community event space, unique to the west side of town, will be part of the design.

"In 2019, when I started talking about this, we didn't have a pandemic. We didn't have the worst red tide in recent memory. Now we do, and we want kids from the area to be able to help solve these problems and prevent them from happening again."

Durand, who's lived in St. Pete for two decades, said she's always hearing from local residents about the glory days of the Science Center.

"There's an Association of Science and Technology Centers in Washington, D.C., and I called them to talk about, what are the best practices for renovating a new science center? And they said 'That St. Petersburg Science Center – we talk to people all the time that love that place.'

"They had an intern who came and worked for them because he loved the Science Center so much. So there definitely was lightning in a bottle with this."



Pathfinder's Amy Durand receives the ceremonial big check. Photo by Amy Cianci.

### \$2.1 Million from City!

### CONGRATULATIONS!~! ROBERT!!!!

**HOORAY for Children, Families and Furthering FUN and Education!** 

### Science Center revival APPROVED by City Council

ST. PETERSBURG, TBT — Robert Blackmon cracked a joke Thursday about how he still has his Pathfinder Outdoor Education shirt from the fifth grade. He reminisced about his childhood visits to the Science Center.

Those memories came together in Blackmon's final pitch to fellow City Council members to secure the funding to make his pet project a reality.

It worked. City Council's Committee of the Whole voted 5-3 to recommend approving up to \$2.1 million for the Science Center from the city's Weeki Wachee Fund, a reserve meant to enhance recreation and environmental activities. Now, the city must transfer the 4-acre portion of the property from the city's Water Resources Department back to the city.

The Science Center will be restored as once was, a hub for science, technology, engineering and mathematics for students and teens, plus an event space. Opening in 1959, it closed in 2014. Adding ART – STEAM Center.

City says property is dilapidated and could be razed and used for affordable housing. Blackmon said the building has "good bones," a concrete building with a relatively new roof. One of the two air conditioning units is working.

Joe Hamilton, co-founder of the St. Petersburg Group, which is on board for being the project's manager, said he toured the facility and "was actually feeling pretty good about it."

Some council members thanked Blackmon for his dedication to the project. Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman and Amy Foster voted no. Figgs-Sanders adamantly opposed the project. She took issue with the process. "I've seen smaller projects go through more scrutiny," she said. Wheeler-Bowman agreed with Figgs-Sanders on all counts. "We don't get to decide as individual council members who's going to do a project," she said. "I would like to see what the next mayor is going to say." Foster questioned why the Science Center couldn't be relocated.

Blackmon is running against former Pinellas County Commissioner Ken Welch to be the next mayor of St. Petersburg on Nov. 2.



### Station 2 "Traffic Signal" Celebration



St. Pete Fire Rescue Station 2 celebrating the newly installed emergency traffic signal light. The signal light enhances safety measures for our firefighters and alerts residents travelling on 66th Street that emergency vehicles are entering the roadway. Special thanks to Rick Pauley local 747 IAFF President, Transportation Director Evan Mory, former District 1 Council Member Charlie Gerdes, Assistant City Administrator Tom Greene, and District 7 FDOT Secretary David Gwynn for their partnership on this important safety initiative.

New \$750,000 Engine is in the background.

### **New City ACTION Line**

St. Pete has a dedicated phone line for reporting problems with roads, sidewalks, street signs, stormwater catch basins, street sweeping or related issues. Call the Stormwater, Pavement and Traffic Operations Department directly at **727-893-7421** for the quickest response.

Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Alternatively, submit a ticket in SeeClickFix at **stpete.org/Action**.

## State Rep. Linda Chaney Achieves Great RESULTS for our Area!~!



# RGBERT BLACKMON

ST. PETE FOR ALL

"These days
Conservatives and
Liberals seldom share
the same room, let
alone the same ideas.
As Mayor, I'll work with
all people to find the
solutions we need to
move our city forward."

Robert Blackmon

Paid by Robert Blackmon for Mayor of St. Petersburg, Non-partisan.



**VOTE** 

# JEFF

DISTRICT 8

ST. PETE CITY COUNCIL



## Tampa Bay Times Tampa Bay Times Editorial Board July 27, 2021

St. Petersburg City Council: The Times editorial board recommendations

In this crowded race, Danner's moderate views and keen grasp of St. Petersburg government make him the best choice to take over for council member Amy Foster, who is term-limited... Danner would bring a balanced approach to the job, bolstered by deep experience.

For St. Petersburg City Council in District 8, the Times Editorial Board recommends Jeff Danner.



Former City Councilmember Jeff Danner is ready to serve you once again. Learn more about his plan to maintain balance, promote access, provide support,

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### Billy McGehee's Wild WORLD OF PICKLEBALL Live Stream



Kyle Yates #1 in U.S. Pickleball, blue shirt, left, with NFL players.



Gronkowski serves.



### RODENT TREATMENT PERMISSION/RELEASE FORM

FROM: Owner/Agent of Property Described Below

SUBJECT: Granting Permission to Place Rat Poison on Outside Premesis I, the undersigned, am the Owner, or the authorized agent of the Owner, of the property located at (the "Property") ADDRESS: (\*\*you must provide a proper, complete street address to ensure correct poison placement). I hereby grant permission to the City of St. Petersburg, through its authorized agents, to treat said Property for rodents by placing rat poison on the outside premises of the Property. I hereby waive my right to any and all compensation for damages that may result from persons or animals ingesting, or otherwise coming into contact with, said poison. Furthermore, I shall defend at my expense, pay on behalf of, hold harmless and indemnify the City, its officers, employees, agents, elected and appointed officials and volunteers (collectively, "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, liens, liabilities, penalties, fines, fees, judgments, losses and damages (collectively, "Claims"), whether or not a lawsuit is filed, including but not limited to costs, expenses, and attorneys' and experts' fees at trial and on appeal, and Claims for damage to property or bodily or personal injuries (including death at any time resulting therefrom) sustained by any persons or entities, which Claims are alleged or claimed to have arisen out of or in connection with the placement of said poison at the Property, unless a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the Indemnified Parties acted negligently or wrongfully in the placement of said poison at the Property. If I am not the person residing at the Property, I understand that it is my responsibility to notify such person that I have authorized the City to place poison on the outside premises of the Property. IF APPLICABLE: SIGNATURE: TENANT NAME: PRINT NAME: **TENANT PHONE NUMBER:** DATE: PHONE: SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS Mail to: Email to: City of St. Petersburg contact.sanitation@stpete.org Sanitation Department-Rodent Control Activity P.O. Box 2842 St. Petersburg, FL 33731



### **Jabil Tackles Trash at Clam Bayou**

Jabil team joins KPB at Clam Bayou to clean the shoreline and area waterbodies. They got to work in our canoes collecting a total of **342 pounds** of trash! Thank you Jabil for your commitment to keeping Pinellas County litter-free and beautiful!



### **Utility Rate Changes Toolkit**

What utility rates support, why rates are changing, payment plans, assistance programs, water conservation rebates and more.

The toolkit is at <a href="mailto:stpete.org/rates">stpete.org/rates</a>.

### Lift Station 87 Wet Weather Flow Transfer Project.

Webpage: <a href="https://www.stpete.org/residents/current">https://www.stpete.org/residents/current</a> projects/childs park lift station.php

Press Release: <a href="https://www.stpete.org/news\_detail\_T30\_R155.php">https://www.stpete.org/news\_detail\_T30\_R155.php</a>

Lift Station 87 Wet Weather Flow Transfer Project involves building a 3.5-million gallon per day (mgd) lift station at 690 43rd St. S. in Childs Park area. and new 16-inch diameter pipe to connect the lift station to Pasadena Master Pump Station on Park Circle So. This will help balance wet weather flow between **Northwest Water Reclamation Facility** and the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility and improve wastewater service reliability. This project is required by Florida Department of Environment Protection Consent Order No. 16-1280 to address wet weather overflows from the City's wastewater system. Construction is estimated to start late 2021-early 2022 and will occur at the new lift station site and along the chosen pipeline route. Sewer replacement work will occur on 43rd St. S., from the YMCA's entrance to the southwest corner of Fairmount Park Elementary School's property, so the road will be temporarily closed and detours put in place. Planning and coordination will take place to minimize impacts.

Nearby residents and businesses may hear construction activity during weekdays, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Construction is normally limited to weekdays, but some work may occur at night or on weekends to reduce impacts to the community. Residents will receive advance notice of any work that occurs outside normal construction hours.

There will be construction traffic to and from the new lift station site and near pipeline construction. Residents near the lift station may feel some vibration from heavy machinery.

More information, project map and meeting details can be found at <a href="style="style-type: style-type: style-ty

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