

68 Years Advocating for Jungle Terrace Neighborhood! 1st Quarter 2023 <u>www.Jungle-Terrace.org</u>

## **January Meeting** Monday, January 16, 2023

Walter Fuller Center-7891 26th Av N ~ Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Joe Zeoli, HALL of HONORS Les Porter, "Raytheon Property Development" JT Elections, Annual Reports "Since I was 9 ~ 70 Years in Jungle Terrace" ~ John Sweeny

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#### 2023 Nominations for JTCA Officers & Board

President ~ Dr. Ed Carlson Vice President ~ John Sweeny Secretary ~ Mark Siler Treasurer ~ Jill Silverstein Board Member ~ Lauren Sanders Board Member ~ John Prokop Board Member ~ Dale Eckholm Board Member ~ Matt Gross Honorary Board Member ~ Dr. Roland Martens

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Please make checks payable to: Jungle Terrace Civic Association or JTCA.

Mail to: JTCA, Jill Silverstein 8045 28th Ave. No., St. Pete, FL 33710 Phone 727 488 7696 (Note: Honorary/Scholarship Dues \$20)

## Jungle Terrace "HALL of HONORS"



Joe Zeoli, Managing Director, City Development Administration

Joe is a west-St. Pete resident for over 60 years, and just completed his 35th year of service with the City of St. Petersburg. 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 (now Sun Dial) development and the domed baseball stadium 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, then later called Walter Fuller home. The successful program ran for 10 years.

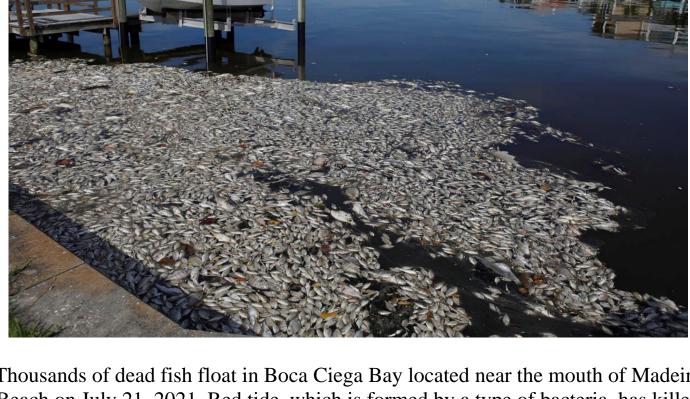
Joe plans to stay in St. Pete after his retirement, with his wife Donna, two children and three grandkids – all avid supporters and users of Walter Fuller Park.

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Local business: Chris Martin at "Reef and Reel" writes on relief for hurricane Ian... "10/3 We are doing a Hurricane Ian Relief drive, and delivered 8 truckloads so far."

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Boga Ceiga Bay continues to be polluted by Jungle Lake outflow.



Thousands of dead fish float in Boca Ciega Bay located near the mouth of Madeira Beach on July 21, 2021. Red tide, which is formed by a type of bacteria, has killed several tons of marine life in Florida. (Octavio Jones/Getty Images)

# Jungle Terrace pays to test polluted water flowing to Boca Ciega Bay

After 2 Sewage Spills, Jungle Lake was totally overgrown 7 times by aquatic weeds, removed 5 times by mechanical harvester 4 feet below surface, removing all heathy plants as well as invasives, undid SWFWMD design of 30 ft Littoral Shelf with healthy plants to remove pollutants, pesticides, oils, fertilizers before exiting to Boca Ciega Bay, to prevent eutrophicaion (nutrient enrichment) or the bay.

July JT meeting, State Rep. Linda Chaney made aware, and jumped on the issue. Photo Oct 22 Newsletter, SWFWMD staff toured lake with us. Basically: We build it, then up to others to maintain. Referred to Fish and Wildlife Commission, who sent us to Dept of Environmental Protection, who said up to City to test water exiting to bay.... the one who caused all the problems and has not come close to solving them.

Rep. Chaney told DEP that JTCA would pay to test the water. "What do you need?" Must be an Accredited Laboratory. So JT found Advanced Environmental Laboratories with 7 Labs in the state, and DEP as a client.

Consulting with Suncoast Water Keepers and Tampa Bay Water Keepers, the solution is replanting healthy plants to cleanup the water before leaves Jungle Lake. Now seeking grants and/or state funding.





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# Entrance Garden to Stonehenge Park/Trail at 30<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

## **<u>Before</u>** ~ Massive overgrowth





Scott and Dr. Ed, "How are we going to handle this mess."



#### In Process

Heavy trimming + 20 bags Bark Chips brought by V.P. John Sweeny & Mary.



#### Hand-watering the grass seed.



**<u>AFTER</u>** ~ Volunteers hard work plus TLC for a few months.



## **CAREFEST Jungle Terrace** Volunteers Garden, Coontie Fern Gardens, Stonehenge Park beneath Tyrone Overpass



**Before: Blowdown from Hurricane Ian** 





Steve supervising



Scott clearing downed tree.



Well trimmed, loads of trimmings.







Trim, Weed, Fertilize, Pine Bark Mulch





7 Magnolia Trees Weed, Fertilize, Pine Bark Mulch



Lani Mulching Pillars at Stonehenge Park

#### Rep. Linda Chaney "Improving Guardian System" Your AARP

# IMPROVING STATE GUARDIAN SYSTEM

Central database a vital tool for circuit courts

new statewide database will bring needed scrutiny to Florida's complex guardianship system when it launches July 1.

Florida

Among the first of its kind in the nation, the database will have key information on court-appointed guardians, including how many people they oversee, if they are registered with the state and if there are disciplinary actions against them.

Florida's guardianship system has long been rife with cases of abuse and neglect. It's unclear how many guardians are operating, but there are an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 active cases, says state Rep. Linda Chaney (R-St. Pete Beach), who sponsored legislation to create the database. "We don't even know what we

don't know," Chaney says.

While guardianship information exists, it is held in 67 individual county clerks' databases. Starting next year, courts will be able to search a central database. The public will have access to some information, such as the number and types of substantiated complaints against a guardian, but not the names of the wards they oversee.

The database—for which AARP ler. The database will help the

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Florida strongly advocated-was

a priority for last year's Guardian-

ship Improvement Task Force,

which was sponsored by Florida

to truly get a full picture of how

guardianships are playing out

in the state," says Zayne Smith,

AARP Florida's advocacy director,

Judges appoint guardians for

people deemed unable to make

their own decisions for reasons

such as dementia, a physical or

intellectual disability, or an alco-

Guardians can determine

where their charges live, what

health care they receive and

how their money is spent. Many

guardians are family members,

Guardianships have a purpose,

says Ken Burke, Pinellas County

circuit court clerk and comptrol-

but others are professionals.

who served on the task force.

**IDENTIFYING WRONGDOERS** 

hol or drug problem.

"This has long been needed

Court Clerks & Comptrollers.



courts do a better job of assessing how well guardians are performing, says Burke, who chaired last year's guardianship task force.

If a guardian has cases in three counties and one looks suspicious, you'll be able to see what's going on with the others, he says.

The database will make Florida's the first large-scale guardianship system with comprehensive data, says Anthony Palmieri, president of the National Guardianship Association.

Palmieri has investigated more than 2,000 abuse allegations over the past five years. Among them was the high-profile case of an Orlando-area woman charged with the aggravated abuse and neglect of a 75-year-old man who died in a Tampa hospital in 2019. Authorities say she had signed a do-not-resuscitate order against the man's wishes.

It took Palmieri four days of searching court records to discover that the guardian had hundreds of clients across 19 counties.

# PARC Successes!~!

#### ~ \$1.5 Million grant from State by **Rep. Linda Chaney**.

~ PARC stymied by City on wanting to move Discovery Education Center activities to their administrative property in Tyrone Industrial Park. Dr. Ed worked with them on creative approaches with the City . . . Voila! a way was found.

~ MURAL by Vitale Brothers article. Then drive by on 32nd Ave to see.

From: Michelle Detweiler <<u>MDetweiler@PARC-FL.org</u>> Sent: Sun, Oct 16, 2022 11:28 am Subject: RE: **Mazda moving** 

Thanks Dr. Ed for the heads up. I talked to Mazda earlier this year and it is something we may be interested in and they are aware.

We made excellent progress with the city because we purchased the building in 1995 and the zoning did allow for what we want to do at that time, they **officially grandfathered us in!** No variance or exception needed. So appreciate your support.

We are very excited about our mural by the **Vitale Brothers**! <u>https://stpetecatalyst.com/vitale-bros-and-shine-this-time-its-personal/amp/</u>



Johnny Vitale (on the lift) on site at Parc; artist Cheetah working with him.



## New "house" at Brush Site. Upgrade!

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