

66 Years Advocating for Jungle Terrace Neighborhood

1st Quarter 2021

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Meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021

Walter Fuller Center-7891 26th Av N Social 6:45 p.m. – Meeting 7:00 p.m. **JT Elections, Annual Reports**



Councilman Robert Blackmon, October Meeting, on Science Center revitalization.

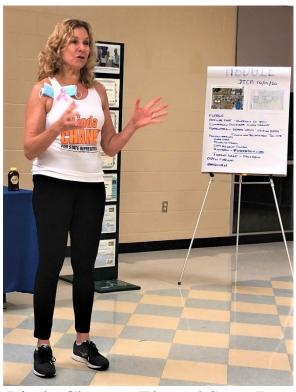
2021 Nominations for JTCA Officers & Board

President ~ Dr. Ed Carlson
Vice President ~ John Sweeny
Secretary ~ Mark Siler
Treasurer ~ Jill Silverstein
Board Member ~ Dr. Roland Martens
Board Member ~ Lauren Sanders
Board Member ~ John Hornbeck

BEES ~ 8,000 year old cave painting in Spain depicts honey harvesting.
50,000 Bees in typical hive, with ONE Queen Bee.
35% of our food requires Bee participation.
2.5 Million hives in U.S. today. 6 Million hives in the 1940s.
Individuals and homeowners: "Helping Bees" is essential!
Free "Bee Trap Box" delivered, to gather bees made into a hive elsewhere.



Bee Master Derek Lewis "Helping Bees"



Linda Chaney, Elected State Rep.



Dr. Ed describing events in Jungle Terrace

JTCA Proud Member of U.F. LAKEWATCH

Mark Siler is our liaison and sample collector each month, 4 locations.



FLORIDA LAKEWATCH

Florida LAKEWATCH is a citizen volunteer lake monitoring program that facilitates "hands-on" citizen participation in the management of Florida lakes, estuaries, rivers and springs through monthly monitoring activities.

Through University of Florida, LAKEWATCH exists since 1986. In 1991, the Florida Legislature recognized its importance and established Florida LAKEWATCH in the state statutes (Florida Statute 1004.49.).

LAKEWATCH is one of the largest lake monitoring programs in the nation with over 1,800 trained citizens currently monitoring **525** lakes, **175** estuary stations, **125** river stations, **20** coastal dune lakes and **10** spring runs in **57** counties.

3 JUNGLE TERRACE members participated in the TRAINING by FL-LAKEWATCH. Jungle Lake is now part of their program. Jungle Lake: one of only 4 lakes in Pinellas County, and 2nd largest.

80+ Lakes in St. Petersburg.



Congratulations!

Jungle Terrace is Awarded "Healthier Together Certification" Bronze recognition!

JCTA Awards

Newsletter of the Year Award 2004 City Beautification Award 2010 Mayor's Neighborhood Award 2012 **ENTWINED Sculpture 2013** Pinellas TRAIL "Enhancement Award" 2014 Mayor's JTCA PROCLAMATION 2015 **Keep Pinellas Beautiful - Runner Up-**Volunteer Group of the Year 2017 Council of Neighborhood Associations CareFest Award - Every Year "Senior Hall of Fame" Award and "Key to the City": Dr. Ed 2017 Mayor's "Best Project" Award 2018 Mayor's "Best Partnership" Award 2018 Mayor's "President of the Year" RU 2018 Mayor's "Website + Newsletter" Award 2018 **Honorable Mention**

Sgt. Daniel Barber heads our Community Police unit.



Sgt. Barber is 21 years with SPPD. A sergeant since 2008. I worked the majority of my career in District III. I was a Community Police Officer for four years assigned to the 34th Street Corridor in the early 2000's.



Mixed Use Project for the former Raytheon Property. 22nd Ave. No. at 72nd Street. www.PorterDev.com
Sports Complex, Crystal Lagoon, Apartments

Bike Path Tree Trimming by City Workers



Walter Fuller POOL ~ FREE Aqua Fitness

7883 26th Ave N

Aqua Fitness is the **FIRST TUESDAY of every month** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This workout includes both aqua jogging (equipment provided) and swim drills. Sign in at the front desk. All levels welcome. ADMISSION IS FREE! Presented by swim coaches from Swim St. Pete & St. Pete Running Company.

Also

A new coached swimming program at Walter Fuller Pool on Tuesday & Friday at 5:30 AM. Operatedby <u>@stpeterunningco</u> for a fee.

stpeterunningco.com/pages/swim-st-pete

JTCA VOLUNTEERS for CAREFEST in Volunteers Garden, Stonehenge Park, and on Pinellas TRAIL



Appreciating the County's help on the Trail land behind Greek Church, 4 Volunteers invested 18 hour of their lives expanding mower footprint and removing two very large bags of vagrant clothing, jeans, bra, underwear, purse, cans, bottles, etc. and etc.



JT Statue in Park, Tatting Lace collar added.

Volunteers Garden in Walter Fuller Park



Securing the border around Girl Walking Dog Statue.



70 Bags of Mulch in the Rising Sun.



Trucks, Trimmings, Equipment, Bags for Recycle

RESULTS!



Coontie Fern Gardens entrance to 30th Ave and WF Park



Stonehenge Park beneath Tyrone Overpass



Great News, the lights are back on under the bridge. Thank you Dr. Ed! John







Pinellas Trail behind Greek Church





Trail Major Brush Pile



Fish Kill in Jungle Lake

TWO TONS of Dead Fish removed in 10 days.

Dr. Ed reported, supervised, and got City to fund 2 WEEDOOs to remove rotting vegetation to not sink and suffocate fish breeding beds.







10 Trucks were on site, removing fish, put in 2 pumps + aerator.



2 WEEDOOs removing rotting vegetation.

Thanks to Jungle Terrace's daily persistence and help of State Legislator: City permanently installed 14 aerators, hired two Lake Management companies to return Jungle Lake to its pristine health, and perform MONTHLY MAINTENANCE!

GOAL



Our Jungle Lake used to look like this: well maintained and beautiful. GOAL for current intense effort to clean up and restore health and fish.

Student Leadership Groups – KEEP PINELLAS BEAUTIFUL



KPB VolunTEEN Program

Calling all middle and high school students looking to make a positive impact on the environment - the KPB VolunTEEN Program is for you! Whether you need documented service hours, or just want to get involved, our program allows you to volunteer while learning about local environmental issues and actively improving your community. Students can earn hours through a variety of opportunities in hands-on projects and waste reduction initiatives.





Spring Internship Program

KPB is looking for individuals who are passionate about engaging their community while spreading sustainable practices to join us as interns for the upcoming spring semester! There are a variety of positions available including Beautification, Environmental Conservation, Educational Program Development, Event Planning, Social Media/Videography and Grant Writing. Deadline to apply is Friday, December 4th.

Apply Now!

The Nature Conservancy protects vital lands in South Florida

Within the last several months, TNC has ensured the protection of more than 30 separate small but mighty properties within the South Dade Wetlands. This region – rich with migrating birds and imperiled species—contains freshwater wetlands critical to the replenishment of the Biscayne aquifer, the source of drinking water for millions of south Floridians. We identified and negotiated the protection of more than 500 acres, which were then purchased for restoration and management by our partner in this endeavor, Miami-Dade County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program.

Protecting Florida's black bears



When bear territory is protected, other threatened species also benefit. Humans do, too: Connected forests are important for our freshwater systems, and they provide natural protection from flooding, erosion and storms. TNC has been working to conserve forest territory for bears by funding a study to explore potential bear corridors in north-central Florida. The huge Ocala National Forest is connected to protected lands in the Wekiva River Basin by a narrow, partly populated 20-mile greenway edged by urban areas. University of Florida scientists worked with FWC and other partners to create a digital map, layering a decade of bear-tracking data. Learn more about these efforts here.

Hermit crabs on David Wolkowsky's Ballast Key

Nature is always on the move, as evidenced by these hermit crabs on David Wolkowsky's Ballast Key in the Key West National Wildlife refuge. Watch a video of the hermit crabs here.

Red-cockaded woodpecker and Scrub Jay bird surveys

TNC staff have been conducting surveys of two bird species on our preserves: the Florida scrub jay and red-cockaded woodpeckers. This is a very good year with a preserve record of 10 woodpecker family groups, with six producing at least one fledgling! We spotted two scrub jay families on our Tiger Creek Preserve. One family of 2 adults and 2 youngers, and the other has 4 adults and 2 youngsters.

TNC IN FLORIDA

Our mission: conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. For more than 56 years, we've been doing that in Florida. The Conservancy owns and manages **55,159 acres** in Florida including four preserves open to the public.

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