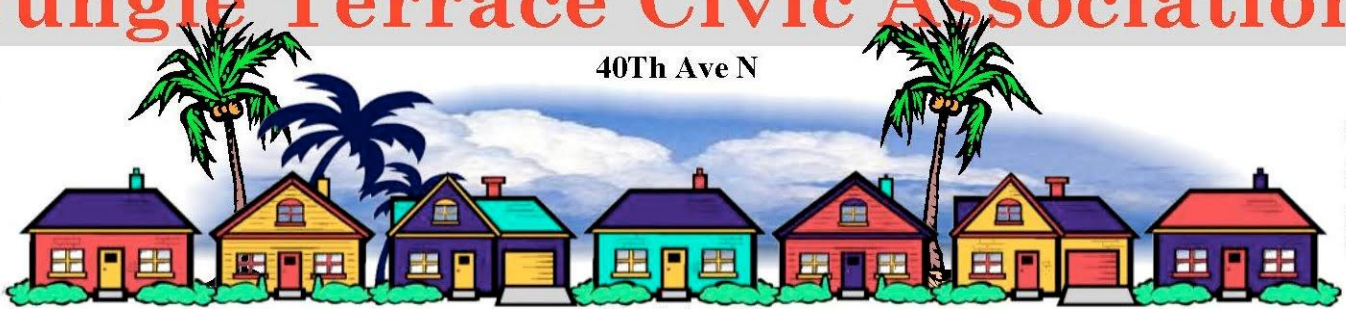


Jungle Terrace Civic Association

40Th Ave N

Boca Ciega Bay

66th St. N.



22nd Ave N

68 Years Advocating for Jungle Terrace Neighborhood!

2nd Quarter 2022

www.Jungle-Terrace.org

No April Meeting

GREEN THUMB FESTIVAL

April 23 & 24 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Petersburg's annual Arbor Day Celebration, the Green Thumb Festival, brings together plant and flower lovers, plus individuals and families looking for a fun weekend activity. With more than 120 garden, plant and flower vendors and exhibitors, Green Thumb brings the community together for a weekend of fun.

<http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/greenthumb/>

Jungle Terrace Pickleball

Silver Member "Healthy St. Pete" Outreach

~ Beginning Players Invited ~

Tues/Thurs/Sat 7:30-9 am

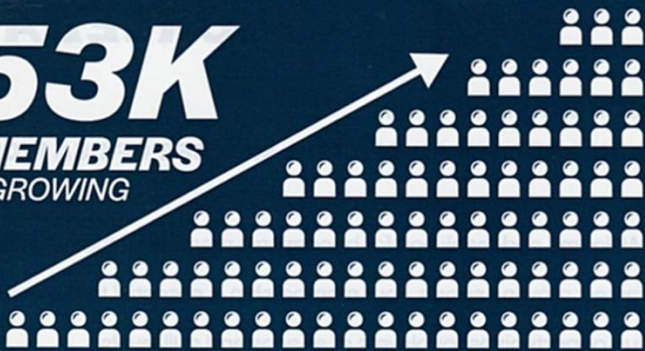


USA PICKLEBALL BY THE NUMBERS

One of the Fastest Growing Sports in the U.S.



53K
MEMBERS
& GROWING



441K
VOLUNTEER
HOURS A YEAR



\$325K

IN COMMUNITY GRANTS
FROM 2008 - 2021

\$31K

IN HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS
FROM 2017 - 2021

4

NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
SERIES MAJORS



12

REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

678
OFFICIALS



78
BALLS APPROVED TO DATE



1,243
PADDLES APPROVED
TO DATE

79K
RULEBOOKS DISTRIBUTED



LEARN MORE AT USAPICKLEBALL.ORG



Note: Dr. Ed is the official USA Pickleball Association "AMBASSADOR" to Pinellas County.

NATIONAL PICKLEBALL MONTH

America's Fastest Growing Sport Gains Nationwide Recognition All April Long

SURPRISE, Az. To further elevate the stature of the fastest growing sports in the United States, [USA Pickleball](#) designates the month of April is again "National Pickleball Month."

Designed for all ages and skill levels, Pickleball is a lively, social, active paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It's played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court. Pickleball, which was developed as a recreational game in 1965, uses a paddle and a plastic ball with holes and can be played as both singles and doubles competition. Games are generally played to 11 points, win by two, and points may only be scored by the serving team.

Another unique selling point for the sport is that pickleball courts are easy to build as sports facilities, for schools, and/or local communities. A pickleball court is 44 feet long by 20 feet wide, and many courts are **lined on existing sports surfaces**, such as tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts, in addition to being built as "standalone" courts. USA Pickleball estimates that each month an average of 95.6 new pickleball locations are being added to [places2play.org](#), with nearly 40,000 courts in the United States to date.

The 2022 Topline Pickleball Participant Report from the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), a premier trade association for the nation's top sports and fitness brands, reported that the sport currently has **more than 4.8 million** players in the US – an increase of **39.3%** over the last two years. With the popularity of Pickleball climbing rapidly, National Pickleball Month is dedicated to increasing growth and awareness of the sport for both the recreational and competitive player. The 5th annual National Pickleball Month promotion supports leisure and competitive Pickleball programs and leagues, encourages public parks and other facilities to offer opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to play, and helps bring about a higher level of interest in communities throughout the country.

"I recently had the honor of visiting the original pickleball court on Bainbridge Island where pickleball was invented in 1965 by Bill Bell, Barney McCallum, and Joel Pritchard. [March 28th, 2022](#), Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill to make pickleball the **official state sport of Washington**," said Stu Upson, USA Pickleball CEO. "57 years later, this was a tremendous tribute to our founders, and as we kick off National Pickleball Month, we are excited for the entire nation to join in on the celebration of our favorite game."

National Pickleball Month will also generate renewed interest in the many health, fitness, and social benefits of the sport. Anyone interested in learning how to play pickleball, visit [USAPickleball.org](#) for training videos created by Pickler and USA Pickleball to help you master the basics of the game.

"This is a continuing initiative to promote the sport at the local level throughout the U.S.," added Upson. "USA Pickleball established a nationwide network of more than 1,800 dedicated pickleball ambassadors and 57,000 members who will help more and more people of all ages get engaged with the sport."

For more information, visit [USAPickleball.org](#). Follow @USAPickleball on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) and #thankyouPICKLEBALL to engage in the National Pickleball Month celebration.

About USA Pickleball

The USA Pickleball Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) was established in 2005 to further the advancement of the sport on a national level. As the official governing body of pickleball in the United States, USA Pickleball promotes the growth of pickleball by maintaining the rules, setting player ratings, advancing the sport through its national network of 1,800 ambassadors, and sanctioning tournaments. Since 2013, USA Pickleball membership has grown 1,250% in its membership to nearly 57,000. More information can be found at [usapickleball.org](#).

Note: Dr. Ed is the official USA Pickleball Association AMBASSADOR to Pinellas County.

ACTION!~!

Sign Petition

TERM LIMITS ~ Pinellas County Commissioners

Commissioners again voted down Term Limits by 4-3 (see article).

Voters passed Term Limits: In 1996, 73 % of Voters passed a referendum for term limits on county commissioners.

But the rule was immediately challenged in court and never implemented amid legal wrangling through 2014.

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/pinellas/2022/02/08/pinellas-group-launches-push-to-put-county-commission-term-limits-on-ballot/>



Volunteers at 3 different events on Saturday March 19!~!

"8 IS Enough!"

PRINT Petition below, both sides.

Complete, Sign, and Mail to address on Petition.

Friends of Pinellas, 1043 31st Terrace NE, St. Pete, FL 33704

Pinellas County Charter Amendment Petition Form

Note:

- All information on this form, including your signature, becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.
- Under Florida law, it is a first degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.08, Florida Statutes, to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate, a minor political party, or an issue. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes]
- If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid.

Your name: _____
Please Print Name as it appears on your Voter Information Card

Your residential street address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Check here if this is a change of address for voter registration

Voter Registration Number _____ OR Date of Birth _____
MM/DD/YYYY

I am a registered voter of Florida and reside within Pinellas County and hereby petition the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to place the following proposed amendment to the Pinellas County Charter on the ballot in the general election:

BALLOT TITLE: Providing Term Limits for County Commissioners.

BALLOT SUMMARY: Amends Article III of the County Charter to limit the terms of county commissioners to two (2) consecutive terms in office, effective November 8, 2022. Currently, Pinellas County Commissioners are not subject to any form of term limits.

ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING AMENDED: Article III, Section 3.01, *Pinellas County Charter*.

FULL TEXT OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT: See page 2.

X _____
SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER

DATE OF SIGNATURE

Paid political advertisement paid for by Friends of Pinellas County, Inc., 1043 31ST Terrace N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

Paid Petition Circulator's Name and Mailing Address:

For Official Use Only:

Date Approved: _____

FULL TEXT OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT:

(New Language is underlined.)

ARTICLE III. - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Sec. 3.01. - Board of county commissioners; term limits.

(a) The legislative body of county government shall be the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall consist of seven commissioners, with four of the seven commissioners residing one in each of four county commission districts, the districts together covering the entire county and as nearly equal in population as practicable, and each commissioner being nominated and elected only by the qualified electors who reside in the same county commission district as the commissioner, and with three of the seven commissioners being nominated and elected at large. Each of the three at-large commissioners shall reside one in each of three districts, the three districts together covering the entire county and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The election, term of office, and compensation of members shall all be in accordance with general law.

(b) No commissioner shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Board. For purposes of this limitation, any period of service on the Board of less than eighteen (18) months shall not be deemed to constitute a term of service. Further, a commissioner who has served two (2) consecutive terms may thereafter serve additional term(s) only after a lapse of service in office of at least four years. No previous term or term that is in progress as of the effective date of this Amendment shall be considered a term of service for purposes of the limitations contained herein.

HOW DO I LOVE TREES? LET ME COUNT THE WAYS



BY REBEKAH HEPPNER
Pinellas County Master Gardener Volunteer

How many trees are there in the City of St. Petersburg?

No, this isn't a trick question or a game like how many marbles in the jar. The St. Petersburg Urban Forestry Committee, a part of the City Beautiful Commission, is undertaking a tree inventory. Why? Trees provide shade which makes us happier during the dog days of summer and keeps our electric bills down.

They provide habitat for birds and squirrels. But they also do something called "carbon sequestration," a very fancy sounding term that means they store CO₂, that bad gas that everyone is so worried about these days. There's a lot of talk about reducing our CO₂ emissions, but not much on increasing sequestration. Maybe because "increasing sequestration" is much harder to say three times fast?

Bottom line, the more trees we have, the less CO₂ in the atmosphere. So, we need trees. We should protect the ones we have. We should plant more. But how will we know 10, 50, 100 years from now if we have more or fewer trees if we don't know how many we have now? Hence, the need to count them.

Of course, we have all kinds of high-tech tools to measure the tree canopy in St. Petersburg and that has been done. The city can use that data to measure the overall increase or decrease over time. But wouldn't it be nice to know how much of the canopy is long-lived Live Oaks versus relatively shorter-lived Laurel Oaks? And how many pines are left in Pine-ellas, anyway? How many of our trees are invasive non-natives that need to be removed?

There is a cool website at pg-cloud.com/StPeteFL where you can watch the tree inventory grow, but why not log in and get your own trees on the map? Or the trees on your favorite walking path or in your favorite park?

In addition to gathering data, the tree inventory teaches about tree species and their value. Once a tree is identified (common name or genus and species) and measured (height and diameter) it can be entered in the appropriate spot on the tree map. Only a small amount of actual tree hugging is required. Then the mapping software not only shows you the Google street view of your tree, it calculates its economic value, breaking it down into stormwater management, property value, energy conservation, air quality and, of course, carbon sequestration. It is a real thing, see?

You say you aren't good at identifying trees? Don't have a clue what Pi is (needed to determine diameter) and can't remember the tangent rule from high school trig class (used to measure tree height)? Don't worry, the Urban Forestry Committee will provide training and tools that will make the identification and measurement easy—maybe even fun.

This is a great project for families, neighborhoods, civic clubs and youth groups. You can start by reading the handy Getting Started Guide on the website. If you want to learn more or schedule an in-person training for a small group, contact Cathy Harrelson, Chair, St. Petersburg Urban Forestry Committee (CathyHarrelson@gmail.com or 727-415-8805).

Hope to see you hugging a tree soon! 🌳

Second Nature

A 2020 study shows letting forests regrow naturally helps boost efforts to lessen climate change.

Nature Conservancy Magazine Spring 2022, p 54-59

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/magazine/magazine-articles/second-nature-reforestation/>

Smithsonian researchers with 100 Volunteers planted a variety of 20,000 native saplings on former cropland. Surprise!

The trees growing best came up from rootstock and seeds that were in the soil!
“Trees can grow themselves.”

Synthesizing 250 studies: Fledgling forests have the potential to absorb **9.8 Billion Tons** of Carbon Dioxide **EVERY YEAR** for 30 years!
Without negatively affecting native grasslands or food production.

In the Carpathian Mountains in Europe, farmland abandoned in 1990s has regrown into secondary forests of beech, sycamore, alder and other species.

The Atlantic Forest of Brazil naturally regained 6+ million acres in 25 years.

In the U.S. the Eastern Deciduous Forest, from Maine to Florida, mounted a comeback after nearly being lost.

From the early settlers in the U.S., from 1930 to 2000 forest cover in the Eastern U.S. increased from just 10% to nearly 40%.

“**Assisted natural regeneration**” improves the process! Plant specific trees.

Old Forests (**Old Trees**) are unrivaled in their ability to store carbon.

Photosynthesis is the oldest carbon-capture technology. Our greatest advances in carbon-capture technology don't hold a candle to Trees in efficiency or cost.

Rep. Linda Chaney ENHANCES District 69!

In addition to the Bills that Rep Chaney passed this session, she brought home to District 69 the grand total in benefits of **\$26,976,000** in requested appropriation projects. These include monies for continued restoration of **the Science Center and STEAM programming**; Tierra Verde Grand Canal; Madeira Beach John's Pass; Restored To Dream human trafficking facility; a fire truck for Lealman; St Pete Beach Fire Station upgrade; and roads, wastewater, sewer, and resilience projects for Treasure Island, St. Pete Beach, Madeira Beach. and Redington Beach.

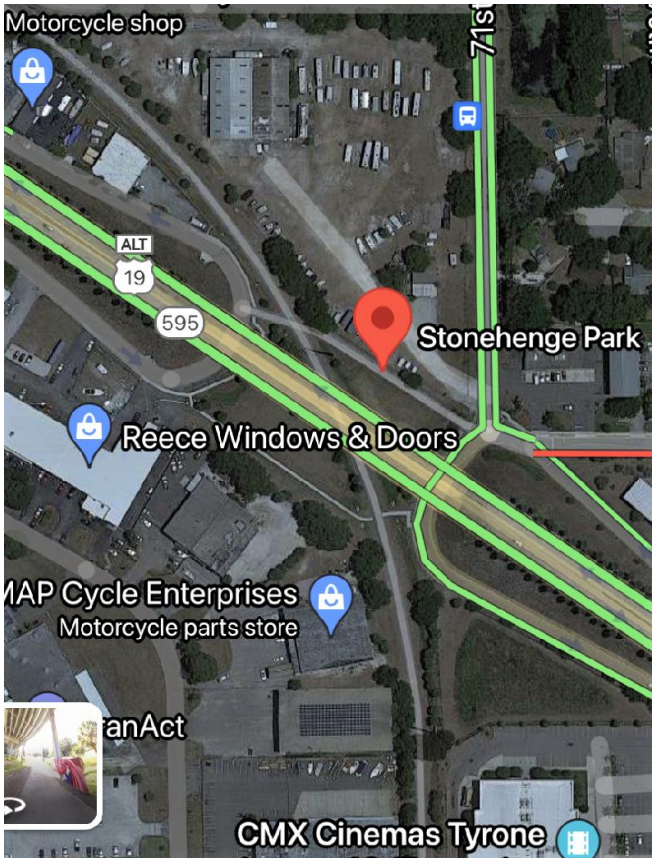
You ROCK! Rep. Linda Chaney!~!

Golden Rain Tree, WFP, 80th St N



Alert!

Stonehenge Park is now on Google Maps!



OVERVIEW UPDATES REVIEWS PHOTOS

More about this place. >

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Someone's sitting in the shade
today because someone planted
a tree a long time ago.

~
Warren Buffett

Billionaire investor and business magnate Warren Buffett's description of shade on a warm, sunny day is a perfect metaphor for the importance of long-term thinking and investing in the future.

When we realize our actions either help or harm our future selves — or later generations — the choices we make become immensely impactful. It may require sacrifice and hard work today - we will surely be thankful for our efforts in the long run.

“St. Pete people really like SUN . . . and really like SHADE!” Dr. Ed

NEW Jungle Prada Historic Marker



JUNGLE PRADA SITE

From ca. 1000-1700 CE, the indigenous Tocobaga people inhabited a village whose remnants feature in the Jungle Prada site. Archaeologists hypothesize that a micco (chief) lived in a dwelling atop the 12-foot-high platform mound overlooking the plaza, which may have served as a ceremonial area. A 900-foot-long midden mound contains the refuse of Tocobaga's primary food source, fish and shellfish harvested from the bay, as well as other items that help archaeologists better understand the lifestyle of Florida's indigenous people. Some historians also attribute this general vicinity to the April 12, 1528 landing of conquistador Pánfilo de Narváez's expedition to colonize Florida. Narvaez and 300 men departed on an ill-fated overland trek, of which only four survived. Over the next 8 years, those men walked to the Pacific Ocean in search of rescue, becoming the first Europeans and African to cross North America. Diseases introduced by Spanish expeditions eventually eliminated much of the native population of Florida, the likely reason this village was abandoned. Although most former Tocobaga sites along Boca Ciega Bay were destroyed by urban development in the 20th century, the Jungle Prada site remains well-preserved.

A FLORIDA HERITAGE SITE
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THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, THE ANDERSON FAMILY,
AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NEW Sign for Soccer Center!



Internet Scams ~ Be ALERT

Spot the Difference?

maybank2u.com is not the same as
maybank2u.com

citibank.com is not the same as
citibank.com

(the first one is correct, the second one
is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic
alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall
for this. Be careful for every mail
requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert

And here's another one:

HTTP:// & HTTPS:// . . . IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Keep this in mind!! Especially ordering online!
This is how hackers get your information.**

Do you know the difference between [http://](#) and [https://](#) ?

:// HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol.

The "S" stands for "secure".

When you visit a website or page, and look at the address in the web browser, it may likely begin with [http://](#) .

This means the website is talking to your browser using the regular "unsecured" language. It is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with website.

If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.

This is why you should **never ever**
enter your credit card number in an [http://](#) website!

However when the web address begins with [https://](#) , that basically means your computer is talking to the website **in a secure code** that no one can eavesdrop.

Vagrant Robbing House by Abercrombie CAUGHT!

JT Officer writes: He robbed my cousins' next door neighbor - he cased the house and knew when they left - when he got into their home he unlocked all the windows - took a gun that was in their house and went to Walter fuller park. It's ok they got him 👍 Owners had cameras inside the house, so they were watching him on their phone. Called the Police who arrested him in Walter Fuller Park - great police work!!!!

Owners had cameras, could see on their phone, called the Police.
Great Police work arresting him.

"Raison d'être" for JT "Zero Tolerance" for vagrants!



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Dr. Ed says, "Replace camera lens and camera in my old Galaxy Note 4 cell.

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