

Pinellas Trail Fires

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I walk the Pinellas Trail from 22nd. Ave. to the 38th. St. bridge and back several times a week for exercise. It's almost 3 miles round trip. Pinellas County did a great job of cleaning it up a month or two ago. I'm not sure the contractor assigned to maintain it has done anything since though.

Recently I noticed a couple of areas where it was obvious

that fires had occurred. Two locations were burned within a week of Memorial Day. Seeing these I started to notice other fire locations. Some looked old but there are 6 - 8 locations between 22nd Ave. and 38th Ave. I took some pictures and added them below. I went to Fire Station #9 located at the corner of 5th Ave and 66th St and asked if they were aware of the fires. They were aware and said the fires were likely set but they didn't know who was doing it. I told them I would let our neighborhood association know. Maybe there is someone that can add some information to the mystery.



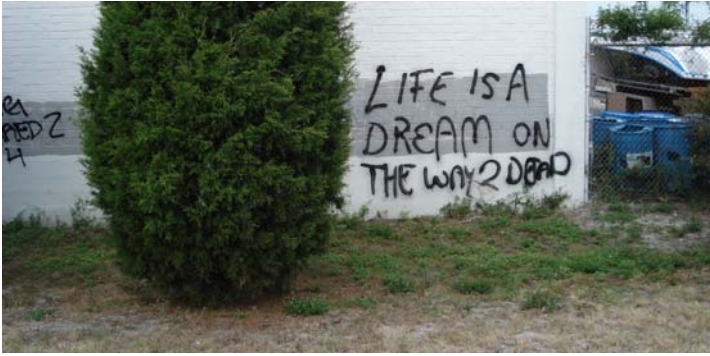
(above) This is a recent fire that scorched the back wall of a building. (below) this fire is next to the Mall parking lot. Both fires were around Memorial Day.



Two more fore locations along the trail. These look older.







Fresh Graffiti may be a clue as to who is setting the fires

