

The Heights

OCTOBER 2017



Disston Heights Civic Association celebrates 62 years

Since May 31, 1955 Disston Heights Civic Association has been there for you and your neighbors. You are invited to join us at our regular monthly meeting.

Disston Heights Civic Association

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CANDIDATE FORUM, Oct. 10

Please note: The standard meeting agenda has been amended in order to provide as much time as possible to the candidates.

6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Socializing / Networking

7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.: City Council Candidate Forum

7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Mayoral Candidate Forum



Both forums will be moderated by Mitch Perry, Reporter at Extensive Enterprises Media.

All DHCA events are family friendly!

St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N



Message
from the President

At the time I wrote my letter for the September issue of The Heights, Hurricane Irma was bearing down on Florida with an “as yet to be determined” location for landfall. Well, as we all learned and experienced, firsthand and up close, she was a “very determined” force of nature who had a mind all her own. Some of us evacuated only to come home – after waiting on long lines for gas – to houses and/or businesses without power. Some of us were left with lots of debris in our yards, not having any idea on how to begin to clean it up as Irma took toll on us, mentally and physically. We were hot. We were stressed. We were frustrated.

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Visit www.disstonheights.org for more information, including meeting minutes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Disston Plaza Publix Construction Project Information Meeting

WHAT: Representatives from Sembler Florida, Gulf Coast Consulting and Publix Super Markets, Inc. will address the upcoming construction project that will be taking place at the Disston Plaza Publix. **Please be advised seating is limited.** Maximum seating capacity is 40 plus an additional 10 SRO positions.

WHEN: OCT. 11, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

WHERE: The Sembler Co., 5858 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg (Media Room, 2nd Floor)

DHCA Saturday Morning Breakfast Social Club then Lake Cleanup

WHAT: We meet on the third Saturday of every month, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at The Burg Diner. Come for the duration; or, come for a few minutes to grab a coffee and gab with DHCA residents. DHCA Saturday Morning Breakfast Social Club attendees are responsible for paying for their own food and beverage.

Afterward, join us for a local lake cleanup.

WHEN: OCT. 21, 8 a.m.

WHERE: The Burg Diner, 2950 49th St. N

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BUT! We pulled together as a community!! For those who evacuated, neighbors provided updates on their houses. Neighbors helped neighbors clean up the debris in their yards. Those with power offered a respite from the heat and a warm shower to those without power. Lost pets were reunited with their owners ... to lots of tail wags and tears (of happiness). My heart truly swells with pride and gratitude in watching – and personally experiencing – our community come together.

As October is upon us, I for one am looking forward to seeing the temperature dip below 90F as that will make our Community Lake Cleanup events that much “cooler” ... in temperature and in being one of the “coolest” community events in St. Pete!

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming DHCA meetings, socials and events. It is “community” that keeps us strong and makes us stronger every day. So ... remember to bring a neighbor or two or three to the next DHCA event!

Caring for Charlene: Carefest 2017

On Sept. 30, DHCAers ranging in age from 5 to 75 participated in Caring for Charlene, the project we adopted for Carefest 2017.



Charlene Smith, an elderly widow and cancer survivor, who is a 45-plus year resident of Disston Heights, needed assistance in painting her screened-in porch and picking up old decking from a pool that was removed many years ago.

Although “Hurricane Irma fatigue” had not yet completely dissipated, DHCA volunteers put their own personal cleanup and repair jobs aside to help a neighbor in need.

This is an EXCELLENT example of our community pulling together! And, it is also an EXCELLENT example of showing the children of our community what it means to help others.

THANK YOU DHCA VOLUNTEERS!!

– Jennifer



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