

The Heights

OCTOBER 2018



Disston Heights Civic Association celebrates 63 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

P.O. Box 41592, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-1592



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Find DHCA Board info online

www.disstonheights.org/dhca-board.html

Upcoming events

Oct. 9: Next monthly meeting featuring a District 24 & District 69 Candidate Forum

Oct. 20: DHCA Saturday Morning Breakfast, The Burg Diner

Nov 13: DHCA November 2018 Monthly Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10

6:30 p.m. social hour, meeting starts at 7 p.m. sharp.
St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N

In addition to our regularly scheduled meeting, the DHCA will also be hosting a Candidate Forum
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Message
from the President

Disston Cares!

This year's CareFest project brought out the best in people ... and doggies! We hosted a free doggie wash at Gladden Park and partnered with a local rescue — we “adopted” Friends of Strays — and collected donations as well as over \$100 for them! In partnership with Gladden Park's Teen Program, the kids had a blast working together and divvying up activities such as shampooing and rinsing the doggies ... and some of them even “recruited” doggies as their owners were walking them around the park.



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



DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

St. Petersburg Community Church | 4501 30th Avenue N
October 9, 2018

Networking / Socializing	6:30 p.m.
Call to Order	7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	
Welcome New Members, First Time Visitors and Seasonal Residents	
Express Speaker Council Member Amy Foster – <i>Wawa Security Update</i>	7:02 p.m.
Police & Crime Report by District 3 Sergeant Gabriel Lopez	7:07 p.m.
Officers' & Committees Reports	7:15 p.m.
- Presentation of Slate of Officers: Dave Monroe, Nominating Committee Chair	
- Financial Update: Treasurer, Betsy Boynton	
- Announcements & Upcoming Events: President, Jennifer Joern	
DHCA Residents & Business Owners Forum (3 minutes per speaker + 2 minutes for discussion, per topic)	7:25 p.m.
- Public Participation Report: Calvary Chapel Fellowship, Pastor Hodges	
- Overnight Trailer Parking at Hartford Pond: DHCA Member, Smokey Ellis	
Candidate Forum	7:35 p.m.
- District 69 Candidates: Ray Blacklidge, Jennifer Webb	
- District 24 Candidates: Lindsay Cross	
- Moderator: Janelle Irwin Taylor, Florida Politics	
DHCA Raffle	8:29 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	Meeting Adjournment

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In return, each doggie received a free treat bag and cool-looking kerchief.

This was the first time any neighborhood association did something like this for CareFest. Not only was DHCA the first to offer a free doggie wash, we were also the first to collaborate with a City department (Parks & Recreation) to host the event on City property. "DHCA LOVES DOGGIES! DOGGIES LOVE DHCA!" is a great example of supporting the City's enhanced pet initiative as we are the second city in Florida participating in Mars Petcare's Better Cities for Pets movement to make St. Petersburg an even happier, healthier and more welcoming place for pets. Mayor Kriseman even stopped by to show his support of our event.

Please go to https://www.stpete.org/internal-news-detail_T2_R833.php for additional information regarding

this initiative. DHCA looks forward to continuing this event for future CareFest projects. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and website for event photos!

October brings back many neat events in the City including Preserve the Burg's Movies in the Parks (<https://preservetheburg.org/moviesinthepark>) and the SHINE Mural Festival (<https://stpeteartsalliance.org/shine-mural-festival/>) ... these are just a couple of my favorites.

And, of course, there is Halloween! But remember: October is also one of the more active months of Hurricane Season which officially ends on November 30th. So, be sure you (and your furry family members) are properly prepared (http://www.stpete.org/community/CAPI/emergency_preparation.php).

DHCA's final three meetings of the year are important. In October, our Nominating Committee Chair, Dave Monroe, will present the Slate of Of-

ficers supported by the DHCA Board as well as taking nominations from the floor.

Additionally, we will be hosting a Candidate Forum for District 24 and District 69. At our November meeting, members will vote for their DHCA Officers and Board for the next two years. As a reminder, only DHCA members will be allowed to vote. (DHCA defines a member as an individual, household or business who is current on their dues).

And, although we don't host an official meeting in December, this year's DHCA Holiday Pot Luck and Presidential Porch Party is scheduled for Dec. 1.

I look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming DHCA Meeting or event.

– Jennifer

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Worship Service at 10:00 AM Sundays



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FINANCE CORNER

Understanding Risk Tolerance Is Essential for Investment Success

How much risk are you willing to take to achieve your financial goals? You might think you can handle a lot of risk – but during a market downturn, if your investments decline in value, your risk tolerance will be tested. If you find yourself getting upset over short-term drops, you may need to lower your portfolio's overall risk level.

On the other hand, if you think you have a low risk tolerance and you start off investing quite conservatively, you might find that you're taking on another type of risk – the risk of not reaching your objectives,

such as a comfortable retirement. So, you may need to add more growth-oriented investments.

And your risk tolerance can change over time. When you're starting out in your career, you have time to overcome losses, so you can possibly afford to take on more risk. But when you're retired, you may need to shift some of your more risky, growth-seeking investments into more conservative, income-producing ones.

Become familiar with your own risk tolerance – it can play a big role in your investment decisions.

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DISSTON HEIGHTS REAL ESTATE FACTS FOR 2017

- In 2017, the Average Days on Market, from listing to Contract, was 16 Days.
- In 2017, the average list price for a single family home was \$200,000 +/-.
- In December 2017, one single family home sold for over \$400,000!

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