

# The Heights

MARCH 2017



**Easter Egg Hunt reminder**  
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## **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.

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## **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14**

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

## **Guest Speaker: St. Petersburg Police Chief Anthony Holloway**

Chief Holloway has taught law enforcement to governmental, military, educational and community organizations throughout Florida. He began his law enforcement career with the Clearwater Police Department in 1985. Upon his retirement in 2007, he was selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. In February 2010, he rejoined the Clearwater Police Department as Chief of Police, and in August 2014, he was selected as Chief of Police for the St. Petersburg Police Department.

March's meeting is sponsored by Jade Tree Wellness, which is providing Toby's Original Little Italy pizza.



*Message  
from the President*

In March, we welcome a change of season from winter to spring. Although, living in St. Pete, we really don't see much difference when transitioning from winter into spring (as it pertains to weather), it is still a good time to evaluate what type of "change" we can make that will positively impact ourselves, our families, our neighborhood and our city.

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**Visit [www.disstonheights.org](http://www.disstonheights.org) for more information, including meeting minutes**

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Did you know March is National Nutrition Month? This may be a good opportunity to establish – or re-establish your New Year's resolutions/goals – to include a healthy eating program for you and your family. Take

advantage of the beautiful spring weather and spend quality family time at The Saturday Morning Market, choosing fresh local produce and supporting local small businesses. Supporting your local small business owners

has an undeniable positive impact. For every dollar you spend locally, about 70 cents stays in our community. (For every dollar spent at a national big box store, less than 40 cents stays locally).

March is also National Youth Art Month. St. Pete is filled with beautiful and diverse art, whether that art is found as paintings or photographs in galleries and museums or as murals on buildings. The DHCA Beautification Committee, in which we have a student member representing the youth of our community, is affecting change in our neighborhood! We are excited to be partnering with local

artists on the Ruby Lake Mural Project. Be sure to attend DHCA's Monthly Meetings for project updates.

In closing, may the "Luck of the Irish" be with all of you. Did you know this phrase isn't about luck at all? According to Urban Dictionary, "Luck of the Irish" is more about an attitude; having a positive look at a bad situation.

So, I ask each of you to think about how you can change your attitude to impact yourselves, your family, your neighborhood and your city in a positive way ... and then take ACTION!

– Jennifer



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Disston Heights Neighborhood Association

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08 April, 2017  
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## CONA UPDATE

By CONA Liaison Richard McDaniel

Hello DHCA! Since this is my first article let me briefly introduce myself. My family has lived in Disston Heights since 1958, almost as long as the association has existed.

In fact, my wife Reyna and I are homeowners of the same house where my dad was raised. We have been members of DHCA since 2013 and both served on the board in 2013 and 2014. I am serving as CONA Delegate for the remainder of 2017.

Part of what I'll be doing is writing an article for "The Heights" about CONA's monthly meetings. I do not

have expertise in all the issues but will do my best to be both accurate and informative.

February's CONA meeting featured guest speaker Elizabeth Abernethy, zoning official and manager of St. Pete's Development Review Services. Abernethy's department reviewed 2007 zoning changes adopted by the city as part of Vision 2020. They propose 68 changes to update and clarify the city's Land Development Regulations. She discussed seven of these changes. For more information on LDRs and to

view the presentation please visit [www.stpete.org/LDR](http://www.stpete.org/LDR).

Bob Jeffery from the "Traditional Neighborhood Study Group" spoke next. Overall the group is happy with the city's work on LDRs. However, there are a couple of issues they would like to bring to the attention of the neighborhoods. Jeffery provided a handout for this purpose that I will send to anyone interested.

Short updates were given by audience members on the St. Pete Pier and the "Mayor's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee." There will be

a meeting March 14 on the redevelopment of Tyrone Square Mall. March CONA meeting will be a presentation by the Edwards Group of proposed Al Lang Stadium changes and upcoming referendum regarding the Tampa Bay Rowdies. CONA is the Council of Neighborhood Associations of St. Petersburg. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at the Sunshine Center, 330 5th St N. Members of the public are welcome. For additional information about anything in this article please email me, [rmcda@yahoo.com](mailto:rmcda@yahoo.com).

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