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Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 9

6:30 p.m. social hour, meeting starts at 7 p.m. sharp.

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

Spotlight Speakers: CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse)

Mo Venouziou, senior communications manager

Meeting Sponsor: Lisa Ansilio, financial advisor - Edward Jones



Message
from the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season with beloved family members and cherished friends. The beginning of a new year provides us with the opportunity to reflect back on the previous year — the good, the bad and the ugly — and to look forward to the new year with lots of good and, hopefully, not so much of the bad and ugly.



I, of course, like to focus on the good! Yes, I reflect on the bad and the ugly as it helps me understand how I can improve on turning them into good. And, DHCA certainly did some good last year! We started the Community Lake Clean Up Events to bring our residents closer together in keeping the area around our community lakes beautiful. We will continue to conduct them throughout 2018. We also participated in Carefest (our second year) in which we helped an elderly DH

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resident paint her porch and clean up her back yard. DHCA will definitely be adopting a Carefest project for 2018.

What can DHCA improve upon? Although we did have a few new members join during 2017, we always like to increase our attendance at meetings as well as increasing our membership (residents and business).

So, let's get the word out! Be sure to tell a neighbor or two or three about our meetings ... better yet, bring them to one! What else can DHCA do better? You tell us!

DHCA's mission is to have its residents and businesses come together to share their needs, ideas, issues and

concerns about their neighborhoods. Please be sure to contact any member of the DHCA Board as we are here to help you — and all of Disston Heights — be a preferred neighborhood in which to live, work, and play.

In closing, I quote T.S. Eliot: "For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. And, to make an end is to make a beginning."

2018 is upon us DHCA-ers! I look forward to a new beginning — with each and every one of you — to make our community and neighborhood the most sunshine-y of all in the Sunshine City!!


— Jennifer

The **Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA)** elected the below noted Board Members, for 2018, at it's December meeting:


- **President**, Marlene Murray (Meadowlawn Neighborhood Association)
- **Vice President**, Judy Landon (Harris Park Neighborhood Association)
- **Secretary**, Jennifer Joern (Disston Heights Civic Association)
- **Treasurer**, David Roman (Euclid - St. Paul's Neighborhood Association)

Congratulations to our own **Jennifer Joern** on your new position with CONA! For additional information about CONA, please visit their website at www.conastpete.org.

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Food drive items needed

DHCA will be collecting donations for CASA's "Soup-er Bowl: Food Drive for a Safe Home" at the Jan. 9 meeting. Acceptable items include:

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| - Soup | - Crackers |
| - Cereal | - Cookies |
| - Fruit Juice (100 percent juice) | - Dried Fruit |
| - Peanut Butter | - Oatmeal |
| - Jelly | - Pancake Mix |
| - Tuna | - Syrup |
| - Chicken (canned) | - Ketchup, Mustard & Mayo |
| - Vegetables (no corn) | - Spaghetti O's |
| - Fruit | - Ravioli |
| - Pasta Sauce (no box pasta, please) | - Taco Shells / Taco Kits |
| - Pop Tarts | - Rice |
| - Breakfast Bars | |
| - Mashed Potatoes | |
| - Mac & Cheese | |

Visit www.casa-stpete.org/SouperBowl for additional details.

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and gab with DHCA residents. Attendees are responsible for paying for their own food and beverage.

WHEN: JAN. 20, 8 a.m.

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



DHCA Pledge: Disston Heights children lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the DHCA candidate forum.

Welcome new DHCA members

- Ted and Candi Coppola
4522 22nd Ave. N
- Charlene Tomas
4960 17th Ave. N



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Express Speaker: Ruby Lake update

Spotlight Speakers: City of St. Petersburg — Complete Streets Program; Cheryl N. Stacks, transportation manager

www.stpete.org/transportation



Message
from the President

Aaahh ... February in Florida! Although winter is still bearing down in other parts of the country, our corner of Florida is waking up from its winter slumber. The mercury is rising and the sun is shining just a bit longer

making for outdoor activities — exercising, walking the dog, gardening, bike riding, taking in the sunset at the beach — so very enjoyable.

I LOVE this time of year! And, I LOVE our neighborhood and our Sunshine City! Did you know there is a really neat LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD mural in St. Pete? Did you know there are walking and biking tours (fee-based) of the murals in St. Pete? You can also take



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in the murals on your own (stpetemuraltour.com/map-of-st-pete-murals/). It's a great way to spend time with your loved ones while showing some love to your city. And, don't forget to show your love to a local business or two by stopping in for a bite to eat or by purchasing a souvenir for a loved one living in a cold-weather city ... to remind them of the "coolness" of our Sunshine City.

Yes, this month's message is all about LOVE. However, not to not push aside the importance of recognizing President's Day and Black History Month, a couple of quotes that I find thought-provoking ... I hope you do, too:

"I don't like that man. I must get to know him better." ~ Abraham Lincoln

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only LOVE can do that." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

– Jennifer

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President – The Friends of the Jack Kerouac House

Spotlight Speaker: Sembler Corp.

Disston Plaza Publix Construction Project Update

Meeting Sponsor: Nelly Calderon, Senior Tax Advisor - H&R Block
H&R Block will provide subs/sandwiches for the meeting.



Message
from the President

March is a time for “Spring Cleaning.” This phrase can take on many different meanings other than the most common of “cleaning the house” ... which, I really need to do. Anyone want to help me? :)

Speaking of cleaning, I am really looking forward to our Community Lake Clean Up Event at Ruby Lake on March 17. The City’s Stormwater, Pavement and Traffic Operations Team will be joining us with one of their boats. This is a family friendly event — as all DHCA’s events are — and I hope you will join me as we roll up our sleeves and partner alongside the City with the

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intended purpose to make our neighborhood a cleaner and more desirable place to live, play, raise a family and work. As author Cecil Baxter said: "You don't get anything clean without getting something else dirty." So, even though we will be the "something else" that gets dirty, it will be completely worth it!

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month;



and, March 8 is specifically designated as International Women's Day. I'm sure

each and every one of us reading this newsletter can recognize a woman — or

Community Lake Cleanup Event at Leslee Lake

women — in our lives who has had a great and lasting impact. I would like to recognize the women of DHCA who tirelessly volunteer their time on the DHCA Board in making our organization what it is today: Betsy Boynton, Gail Hebert, Heather Hoe, Pam Huff and Gloria Paine. I couldn't do it without you — XO

— Jennifer

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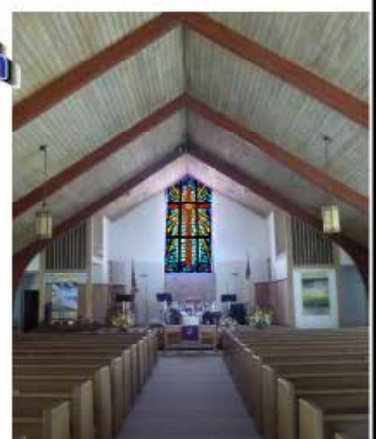
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SPPD provided a demonstration of the recently released Stat Map that Community Service Officer Christian discussed at DHCA's February meeting. This interactive tool displays the locations of citizen requests, including those submitted to the Mayor's Action Center and via SeeClickFix, as well as the locations of code violations and police calls for service. Please visit stat.stpete.org for additional information.

Rui Farias, Executive Director of the St. Petersburg Museum of History, provided a very lively and history-rich presentation of our Sunshine City. The museum's mission is to collect, preserve and communicate the history and heritage of Florida with an emphasis on St. Petersburg and the Pinellas Peninsula. DHCA is looking into having Rui as a Spotlight Speaker at an upcoming meeting. In the meantime, please visit spmoh.com

for current exhibits and events.

An update on the CONA Leadership Program was provided by CONA President, Marlene Murray. DHCA has sponsored our own, Pam Huff, Board Member and Director of Social Media & Communications, for 2018. Please visit for <https://stpetecona.org/cona-leadership/> for complete program details.

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

AFTER: Ruby Lake cleanup

Ruby Lake – 26th Avenue N and 35th Street N

EASTER EGG HUNT

DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

PRIZES!

Games

Chalk Art

Bean Bag Toss

Hop Scotch

Police Vehicles

SPPD K-9 Dogs Demonstration

Saturday, March 24th, 2018
Gladden Park @ 3901 30th Ave N

Registration 9:30 – 9:55
Egg hunt begins at 10:00

Age groups:
Walking to 4 years old
5 to 8 years old



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Express Speaker: Olga Bof, Keep St. Petersburg Local

Spotlight Speaker: SELF St. Pete (Solar and Energy Loan Fund)

Jessica Lewis, Program Manager | Clean Energy Loan Officer,
Solar United Neighbors of Florida

Julia Herbst, St. Petersburg Co-op Coordinator

Meeting Sponsor: Trey Malowany, Smith & Associates

Patrick Anderson, CrossCountry Mortgage.

Food provided will be from Chile Verde.



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Upcoming events

April 10: DHCA
Monthly Meeting

April 21: Saturday
Morning Breakfast
Social Club

8 a.m. at
the Burg Diner

May 8: DHCA
Monthly Meeting

May 19: DHCA
Breakfast Social

June 9: DHCA
Breakfast Social
and Community
Lake Cleanup
Event

June 12: DHCA
Monthly Meeting



Message
from the President



DHCA kicked off spring with the 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt ... and this year's event was one of best! The kids had a great time "hunting" for eggs containing candies, tiny trinkets and prizes. Everyone learned how Officer Regan and Crush, SPPD's Top Dog, help to keep our neighborhood and city safe. And, the kids got a chance to check out the new Fire Engine 6. This event was greatly supported by the teen volunteers of Gladden Park. As usual, our own Sergeant-at-Arms, Gail Hebert, brought her "A game" to ensure another successful and enjoyable Saturday morning was had by all in Disston Heights.

As a reminder, this year is an election year for all Disston Heights Civic Association Officer and Board Member positions. Each position holds

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a two-year term. The Board is in the process of formalizing (and finalizing) the Nominating Committee who will present the slate in October, with the election to take place at our November meeting. Only DHCA Members will be eligible to vote! If you want to vote in the November election, and are not yet a DHCA member, please be sure to sign up before summer break. (A DHCA Member is defined as a resident, household or business who is current with their annual membership dues). If you are a current DHCA Member and are interested in running for an Officer or Board position this year, please familiarize

yourself with the eligibility conditions and position requirements, found in the Officers and Duties section of our By-Laws posted on our website, and advise a member of the Nominating Committee or DHCA Board member of your interest.

We have a great selection of Express and Spotlight Speakers lined up before summer break is upon us; so be sure to grab a neighbor or two or three and come on over to a Disston Heights Civic Association Monthly Meeting. If you can't make a meeting, I hope to see you at an upcoming DHCA Breakfast Social or Community Lake Cleanup Event.

— Jennifer

CONA update

At the March CONA meeting, Paige Todd and Garrett Langley from Flocks Safety in Georgia presented about neighborhood license plate cameras. The cost is \$1,500 per camera. The technology recognizes if there's a license plate that's not normally in the neighborhood and can track it.

Cheryl Stacks, city transportation manager, spoke about Complete Streets. She's available for neighborhood association meetings; her email is: cheryl.stacks@stpete.org.

The next CONA meeting on April 18 will be about solar energy.

— Notes provided by Tim Huff

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Express Speaker: Gladden Park Teen Council, Gladden Park Summer Programs

Spotlight Speaker: Rick Craft, recreation and programming superintendent, City of St. Petersburg — Parks & Recreation

Meeting Sponsor: Martin Carpenter's AC & Heating
Food will be provided



Message from the President

**So long, spring!
Hello, summer!**

With summer just around the corner, there are still opportunities to take advantage of the cool[er] days and evenings before the heat — and humidity — really sets in for the next few ... okay, several ... months.

Preserve the 'Burg kicked off its Movies in the Park last week. Take in a classic movie with family, friends — you can even bring Fido — on Thursday evenings at North Straub Park. The fun begins at 7 p.m. with live entertainment, food and



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beverage trucks; plus, it's a great way to meet new people. All events are free to attend. Visit preservetheburg.org/page-1817759 for info.

The Tampa Bay Rowdies have been kicking the ball around the field since March and are currently sporting a .500 record. If you want to take in a game of "real football," check out rowdiessoccer.com/2018matches for additional information.

And, when it just gets too hot to want to do anything outside, take in a Tampa Bay Rays game where the temperature is guaranteed to remain steady at 72 degrees for the entire game. Check out their schedule at mlb.com/rays/schedule/2018-05, and don't forget to bring your cowbells as everyone "could use a little more cowbell."

There is still plenty to do around St. Pete ... even if you're not into movies or sports. Attending our May meeting will give you the opportunity to



Tropicana Field, City of St. Pete/Flickr

hear from various resources — Glad-den Park Recreation Center, SPPD Police Athletic League, and Leisure Services — to learn about their programs including what's on tap for the summer. Looking forward to seeing

you on Tuesday!

— Jennifer

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As construction continues on the Publix at Disston Plaza, be advised 49th Street lane closures are expected to begin June 1.

CONA update

At the April CONA meeting, SELF St. Pete's (Solar and Energy Loan Fund) Jessica Lewis, program manager, clean energy loan officer, gave a presentation similar to the one given at the DHCA monthly meeting in April about options available for residents who want to have solar projects but need assistance with funding. Julia Herbst, St. Petersburg Co-op coordinator for Solar United Neighbors of Florida, also spoke, along with a representative from Duke Energy Florida.

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Upcoming events

July 21: Saturday Morning Breakfast Social, The Burg Diner, 8 a.m.

Aug. 4: Presidential Porch Party



Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12
6:30 p.m. social hour, meeting starts at 7 p.m. sharp.
St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N
Express Speaker: Jim Nixon, Marketing Manager - Metro Wellness
LGBTQ City Liaison
Spotlight Speaker: St. Petersburg Museum of History
Rui Farias, Executive Director
Meeting Sponsor: Jenna Malowany, Go For The Green
Food will be provided



Message
from the President

At last month's meeting we learned about the various and many services and activities offered by St. Pete's Leisure Services which supports our city's golf courses, libraries and parks and recreation. Whether you want to take some golf lessons or schedule a round of golf with friends; take a break from the heat and visit one of the seven libraries to partake in a good book discussion or a movie;



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or show off your cool skateboard or BMX moves at the recently opened St. Petersburg Regional Skate Park, there certainly is enough to keep everyone — young and old ... and somewhere in between — busy and active while DHCA is on summer break for July and August.

At this month's meeting, we will learn about the fascinating history of our Sunshine City, plus a bit of Florida history, as we welcome Rui Farias, executive director of the St. Petersburg Museum of History (SPMOH), as our Spotlight Speaker.

Did you know SPMOH opened its doors in 1922?!? Did you know they have close to 5,000 "famous" autographed baseballs, known as Little Cooperstown?!?

I'm not going to steal any of Rui's thunder, but I will say the museum is a treasure if you want to learn more about the Sunshine City. Plus, the events they offer throughout the year



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... well, let's just say, "membership has its privileges."

I look forward to seeing all of you at our June meeting, the July and August Saturday Morning Breakfast Socials, and the Aug. 4 Presidential

Porch Party. If I don't see you at any of DHCA's events during our summer break, I hope to see you 'round the 'hood.

— Jennifer

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CONA update

CONA welcomed Liz Abernathy, Planning & Zoning, and Dave Goodwin, Planning & Economic Development, to the May membership meeting to discuss the topics of corrugated metal fencing for residential properties and the city's noise ordinance, respectively.

Currently, the city code allows for corrugated metal fencing installations on commercial and industrial properties only. Some residents and City Council members are interesting in having this material approved for residential installa-

tions. Planning & Zoning is doing more research and gathering more data to determine whether or not corrugated metal fencing will be considered as an approved material for residential installations. This process will take several months to complete.

The city's current noise ordinance follows a Plainly Audible Standard which was adopted in 2008. Plainly Audible means "any sound that can be heard clearly by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties." This is difficult to

enforce: From 2013 to 2017, only 99 citations were issued for about 16,400 noise complaints. The city is currently reviewing its noise ordinance and is considering re-adopting a decibel-based regulation that uses both dBA and dBC measurements.

For additional information and updates, please visit http://www.stpete.org/planning_zoning/ and scroll down to the Noise Ordinance Update found under Current Planning Projects.

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Upcoming events

Sept. 15: Saturday Morning Breakfast Social, The Burg Diner, 8 a.m., then **Lake Cleanup** immediately after at Sirmons Lake.

Sept. 29: CAREFEST at Gladden Park, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 11

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

**JOIN US for "Bottom of the Ballot" -
Ballot amendments explained, with
Dr. Frank Alcock, Political Science Professor
at New College of Florida**



Message
from the President

September memories & closing out 2018

As I write this message (Saturday morning, 9/8), I can't help but recall at this time last year, we were anxiously awaiting to see where Hurricane Irma would make landfall. Land she did ... on Sept. 10. This was the same day as our DHCA Monthly Meeting in which representatives from



Publix and Sembler Corporation were scheduled as our Spotlight Speakers to discuss the construction plans and timeline for the Disston Plaza Publix. Needless to say, the meeting was canceled. Now, a year later, the Disston Plaza Publix is open! Welcome back! During DHCA's

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Lend your washing hands for Disston's 2018 Carefest USA

Bring your washing hands! Disston Heights Civic Association is sponsoring a dog wash and pet supply collection for its Carefest USA project. If you have extra towels please bring the. Join us at Gladden Park at from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. One dog per person, tell a neighbor!



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summer break, the Board diligently worked to secure Spotlight Speakers who you don't want to miss.

Dr. Frank Alcock, Political Science Professor at the New College of Florida, will be discussing the amendments on the "Bottom of the Ballot" at our September meeting. In October, DHCA will be hosting a Candidate Forum for Florida Senate District 24 and Florida House District 69. November brings Sean King, director of Community Relations for Habitat of Humanity Pinellas County, to our meeting so we can learn about the meaningful impact this organization is making in our community. And,

of course, the year will close out with the DHCA Holiday Pot Luck & Presidential Porch Party on Dec. 1.

DHCA will also be hosting our regularly scheduled Saturday Morning Breakfast Socials at The Burg Diner as well as the final two Community Lake Clean Up events for the year (9/15 and 12/15). I hope to see you at Sirmons Lake on Sept. 15. And, of course, September wouldn't be the same without DHCA participating in CareFest 2018! This year's citywide event is scheduled for Sept. 29. DHCA is working with the City and Parks & Recreation to finalize the details of what we will be doing to give back to our neighborhood and community. See above — it's

going to be loads of soapy, tail-wagging fun.

In closing, this year is an election year for all DHCA Board Positions for the 2019-2020 term. Any active DHCA member (defined as current on dues) is eligible to be nominated for and run for any of the Executive and Board positions. Additionally, only active members of DHCA are eligible to vote in our November election. If you haven't already joined DHCA, consider signing up at either our September or October meetings (membership valid through December 2019).

See you on Tuesday!

— Jennifer

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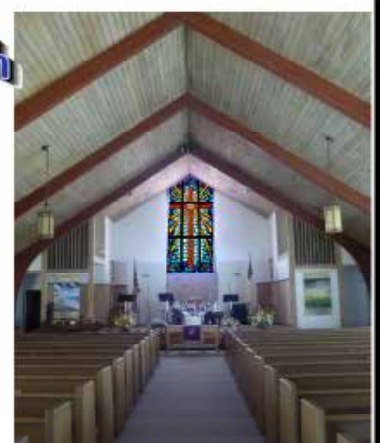
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CONA update, August meeting

• Sharon Winters of Preservation and Planning presented “potential increases to residential density in coastal high hazard areas.” There is a plan to increase density to coastal high hazard areas. Topics covered at the meeting were public safety vs. development, storm surge, sea level rise and how to mitigate risk, which they consulted with environmental

scientists, community leaders and emergency management. If changes are allowed, developers would have to address criteria to mitigate risk.

• Evan Mory, Director of Transportation and Parking Management, had a presentation on MLK Jr. Street’s complete streets project and paving. The project would include resurfacing work from 4th to 34th avenues

north, add bike lanes from 4th to 30th avenues north and add five enhanced pedestrian crosswalks. In order to accommodate bike lanes, one of five motor vehicle lanes will be repurposed and the speed limit in this area will be reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph. Construction was projected to begin in September.

— Notes prepared by Tim Huff

Call for nominations!

In November, the Disston Heights Civic Association will hold an election for new officers and board members.

If you want more information regarding the open positions, responsibilities of the various offices, or would like to self-nominate, please

Speak with Dave Monroe at the next DHCA meeting or contact him by email: monroe.david@spcollege.edu

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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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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 Gabiel Lopez	7:07 p.m.
Officers' & Committees Reports	7:15 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public Participation Report: Calvary Chapel Fellowship, Pastor Hodges- Overnight Trailer Parking at Hartford Pond: DHCA Member, Smokey Ellis	
Candidate Forum	7:35 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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/CAP/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.

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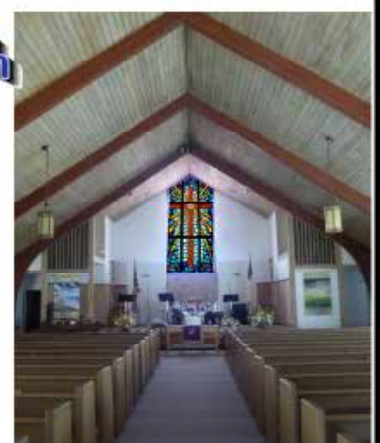
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NOVEMBER 2018



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

Connect with us online

[facebook.com/Disston-Heights-Civic-Association](https://www.facebook.com/Disston-Heights-Civic-Association) and on Nextdoor!



Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 13

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

Spotlight speaker: Habitat for Humanity Pinellas County
Sean King, Director of Community Relations

Meeting sponsor: Dr. Johanna Hartley,
Atlas Chiropractic Center

SEE the full agenda on Page 2



Message
from the President

Outgoing president's message

It is with a bit of emotion that I pen my final Message from the President for this newsletter.

It truly has been a pleasure to serve you — DHCA Membership — as President of DHCA these past two and half years. I have been a member of DHCA for the past 4+ years. During that time, I have learned that I really enjoy serving my neighborhood and community — outreach, connecting people and networking — and hope to have the opportunity to



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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
November 13, 2018

Networking / Socializing Ballots for the 2019-2020 Term will be handed out & collected during this time	6:30 p.m.
Call to Order	7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	
Welcome New Members, First Time Visitors and Seasonal Residents	
Meeting Sponsor Business Promotion Dr. Johanna Hartley – <i>Atlas Chiropractic Center</i>	7:02 p.m.
Express Speaker < OPEN >	7:05 p.m.
Police & Crime Report by CSO Gabriella Berger	7:10 p.m.
Officers' & Committees Reports	7:20 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Steven Hoe: Board Member- Pam Huff: Director of Communications & Social Media- Tim Huff: CONA Delegate- Gail Hebert: Sergeant at Arms- Treasurer: Betsy Boynton- Secretary: Heather Hoe- Vice President: <open>- President: Jennifer Joern	
DHCA Residents & Business Owners Forum	7:25 p.m.
Spotlight Speakers Sean King – <i>Director of Community Relations, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County</i>	7:30 p.m.
Announcement of Elected Officers & Board Members for 2019-2020 Term David Monroe – <i>Chair, Nominating Committee</i>	7:55 p.m.
DHCA Raffle	7:59 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	Meeting Adjournment

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continue to serve my neighborhood and community in the future.

I have also learned that I could not have done any of this without the help and support of current and past DHCA Board Members, DHCA members, City Staff, and SPPD.

To me, it boils down to a quote

from Aristotle: "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." In other words, when individual parts are connected together to form one entity, they are worth more than if the parts were in silos.

How does that translate to DHCA? Residents + local businesses + city leaders and city departments + CSOs, CPOs and neighborhood crime watch teams = one fantas-

tic neighborhood — DISSTON HEIGHTS! — and one fantastic organization — DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION!!

I hope to see you at the December 1st DHCA Holiday Pot Luck and Presidential Porch Party as we celebrate, together, DHCA's fantastic-ness!

With much gratitude,

— Jennifer



Upcoming events

Nov. 13: Next monthly meeting

Nov. 17: DHCA Saturday Morning Breakfast, The Burg Diner

Dec. 1: DHCA Holiday Pot Luck & Presidential Porch Party!
(Bring a neighbor!)



Saint Petersburg Community Church

A Baptist General Conference Church

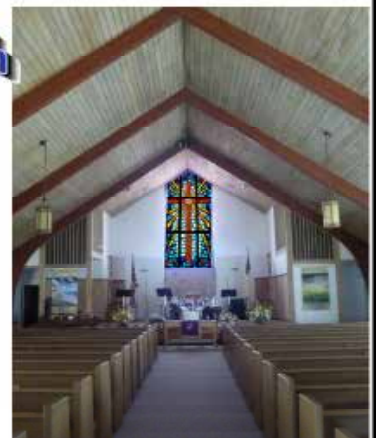
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Worship Service at 10:00 AM Sundays



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FINANCE CORNER

Questions to ask when considering an annuity

When you retire, you don't want to worry about running out of money. And that's why you should consider every available source of income. One such source might be a fixed annuity – but is it right for you?

A fixed annuity can potentially provide you with a lifetime income stream. Still, you always have other choices. So, ask yourself some questions:

First, is your other income from Social Security and pensions enough to meet your retirement expenses? If not, consider an annuity.

Second question: How much of your retirement funds should go

into an annuity? An annuity should only make up a certain percentage of your portfolio, along with stocks and bonds. This investment mix should be based on your age, risk tolerance and other factors.

Third question: What issues should you explore with a financial professional? You'll want to learn about fees, the costs of making early withdrawals and other considerations.

A fixed annuity could help you greatly during your retirement years. But it's a big investment – so get the help you need to determine if you're making the right choice.

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Sincerely,

Frank "Trey" Malowany III, Sales Associate
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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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