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JANUARY 2020



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 14

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

Spotlight Speaker: Mayor Rick Kriseman

Food will be provided, sponsored
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hindsight going into 2020

It's been one year since I became president of the Disston Heights Civic Association, and I've learned so much. But there's more to learn going into 2020 and improve upon last year's performance.

We'll be announcing dates for our yearly events — the DHCA Easter Egg Hunt at Gladden Park, and the DHCA Doggie Wash fundraiser, also at Gladden. Look for those dates soon, and consider volunteering your time this year to help us stuff some eggs, make our neighbors feel welcome, and do whatever you can to make Disston Heights rock!

— Pam Huff, DHCA president

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CONA update

CONA Goals Workshop:
Jan. 25 - 8AM to 1PM
Registration link:
<https://stpetecon.org/upcoming-events/cona-annual-goals-workshop/>

The Council of Neighborhood Associations of South Pinellas County, Inc. (CONA) is committed to maintaining its stature as a leading community organization for building a safe, high quality, and seamless city in order to meet the current and future needs of our diverse community. CONA's 2020 Goals Workshop is open to all neighborhoods within the City of St. Petersburg; and will be co-fa-



cilitated by Ms. Alison Barlow and Brother John Muhammad. Membership to CONA is not required to participate in this event. In order to participate in the

workshop, attendees should bring a smart device such as a tablet, laptop, or smart phone. Windows-based/PC and Android devices are preferred.

Notice of new secretary

At the Jan. 14 general membership meeting, the Diss-ton Heights Civic Association board will present Katie Wallace up for vote as the new Secretary. Heather Hoe has graciously kept this role in the interim position for

all of 2019 until we received interest from another.

NOTE: The board still has a Vice President position open, and if anyone is interested in being Sergeant at Arms, see any board member to discuss.



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Upcoming community workshop events

STPETE2050

StPete2050 is a citywide conversation about where our city is going and what it can become over the next 30 years.

The city will be hosting its second community workshop series, providing residents with three opportunities to discuss the results of the citywide survey released in November, review trends and alternatives, and explore additional ideas on how to shape the future of St. Pete. City Representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

You are an important part of this process and all feedback and suggestions are welcome.

WORKSHOP OPTION 1

January 29, 2020
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Center for Health Equity
2333 34th Street South

WORKSHOP OPTION 2

February 1, 2020
10:30 am- 12:30 pm
St. Petersburg Main Library
3745 9th Avenue North

WORKSHOP OPTION 3

February 4, 2020
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Willis S. Johns Recreation Center
6635 Dr Martin L King Jr Street North

For information on more ways to get involved, and to sign up for future emails and surveys please visit StPete2050.com.

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Spotlight Speaker: David Monroe,
St. Petersburg College

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Creating an identity for DHCA

The Disston Heights Civic Association board has worked with Treasurer (and talented graphic designer) Betsy Boynton to create a logo for Disston Heights. We hope the membership accepts the logo as representative of the neighborhood (and its peacocks). Expect to start seeing it around the 'hood!

— Pam Huff, DHCA President



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Notice of vice president

At the Feb. 11 general membership meeting, the Disston Heights Civic Association board will present Jenna Malowany as its Vice President, up for vote. The position has been vacant for longer than a year. Among other responsibilities, the VP is charged with finding guest speakers. There are still board positions open. If anyone is interested in joining, please reach out to a board member.

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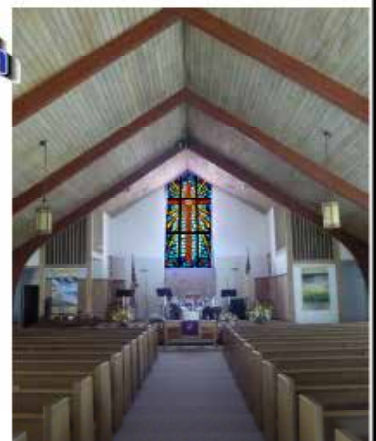
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Notes from Mayor Kriseman's talk at January meeting

Jan. 14 spotlight speaker: Mayor Rick Kriseman provided a 2020 update

1) 2050 Vision Plan- What will our city look like in 30 years? Strongly encouraged members to provide input, likes and dislikes. **StPete2050.com** or attend the CONA meetings

2) The Pier- unlike any other pier St. Pete has seen in history. An experience, not just a building over water.

- Open air market shaded with solar panels. He signed a bill to make St. Pete 100% renewable energy
- Adding trees and grassy area
- Janet Echelman artwork suspended in air, which will look, animated with the breeze. Grassy area below so you can sit under it.
- Million-dollar kid playground, ADA accessible
- Performance pavilion
- Spa Beach expansion with paddle board and kayak rentals
- Tilted lawn with shared structures
- Doc Ford Seafood restaurant with shaded (solar panel) parking
- To get to the pier you can walk the main road, tram or coastal thicket
- "The Great Lawn" before the Pier head
- Tampa marine Launch Discovery Center
- Driftwood Café
- Second floor restaurant and rooftop bar from the same owner as Birchwood and the Canopy
- Fishing off the back

Kriseman thanked attendees for being a part of our neighborhood association, stating "an association allows at least one loud voice."

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Express Speaker: Pat Barmore,
Friends of the Jack Kerouac House

Spotlight Speaker: Amy Foster,
St. Petersburg City Council, District 8

Also hear the local crime report from our Community Service Officer and meet firefighters who regularly attend, along with meeting your neighbors.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last Easter Egg Hunt for DHCA

For many years, the Disston Heights Civic Association has hosted an annual Easter Egg Hunt, led by the late Gail Hebert. Moving forward, this year's hunt on April 4 will be the last.

Starting next year, the DHCA plans to host a **Disston Spring Picnic**, bringing neighbors of all ages together for an afternoon of fun. Spread the word!

— Pam Huff, DHCA President

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Save the dates

- **April 4** - DHCA Easter Egg Hunt, Gladden Park @ 9am
- **April 14** - DHCA April Monthly Meeting; Spotlight Speaker: Lana Stevanovic, St. Pete Fire Rescue
- **May 2** - DHCA Doggie Wash fundraiser, Gladden Park @ 9am

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Go behind-the-scenes with the city's water resources department

Experience a behind-the-scenes look at the city's water treatment facilities. Plant operators and leaders from the Water Resources Department and Public Works Administration will be in attendance to lead tours and answer questions.

Get a firsthand look at drinking water sourcing and processing at the Cosme Water Treatment Plant:

Saturday, March 14

Cosme Water Treatment Plant

16150 Race Track Rd, Odessa, FL 33556

Learn how wastewater becomes reclaimed water at one of the reclaimed water treatment facilities:

Saturday, March 21

Northwest Water Reclamation Facility

7500 26th Ave. N

Saturday, March 28

Northeast Water Reclamation Facility

1160 62nd Ave. NE

WATER FACILITY OPEN HOUSES

Water Resources Department

1650 3rd Ave. N

727-893-7261

stpete.org/water

Tours will run 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with the last tour starting at 11 a.m.

Important information for attendees: Please plan to be outside with little to no shade for a considerable amount of walking, wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes and bring sunscreen. Photo ID is required for entry and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Facilities are not ADA accessible by default, however reasonable accommodations can be made by calling the Water Resources Department at 727-893-7261.

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<https://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/covid19/default.htm>

<http://www.stpete.org/emergency/>

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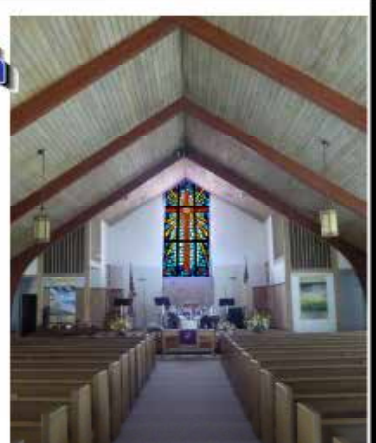
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Message from State Rep. Jennifer Webb, District 69

The following is an email reprinted with permission from Rep. Jennifer Webb on May 27, 2020.

Dear Friends,

The county, local cities, and our communities have done an amazing job supporting our families and small businesses. Pinellas County's "Pinellas Cares" program has been directly supporting families and businesses by paying bills like rent/mortgage, utilities, and car payments. The payments are up to \$3,000 per family and up to \$5,000 per business. Families can text "covid cares" to 898-211 for the documentation required to apply for the program. Businesses can apply to Economic Development Council. While the county's program supporting families will remain open, June 1 is the deadline for the small business portion of the Pinellas County Covid-19 program.

My staff and I are also working to set up a Zoom meeting with the Director of CareerSource Pinellas to discuss how she and her staff can assist our residents with unemployment compensation questions and with assistance with returning to work. Look for that event by checking my Facebook events.

Please like my Legislative Facebook Page. You will receive breaking updates on the our state's response to COVID-19, resources to help you during this crisis, and invitations to Legislative Town Halls.

It has been, and continues to be, my honor and pleasure to serve each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Representative Jennifer Webb

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We anticipate it will be virtual so please watch your emails for a link.

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Incoming case — Special exception for a house of worship

The following was sent to DHCA to advise that the city's Planning and Development Services office received application for a property in Disston Heights.

The applicant is seeking approval of a Special Exception for a House of Worship in the NT-1 zoning district. This application is currently scheduled to be heard before the Development Review Commission on Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. The formal hearing notice letter was mailed on/by Aug. 7. Information regarding this virtual meeting is below.

Please review the following information regarding this virtual meeting.

The Development Review Commission (DRC) Public Hearing will be a virtual meeting that will be conducted online on Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. Through the Zoom meeting, attendees can view content being presented, hear speakers, and make public comment. If you do not wish to participate, you may still watch the public hearing on the city's TV channel and internet livestream.

The public can attend the meeting in the following ways: watch live on Channel 15 WOW!/Channel 641 Spectrum/Channel 20 Frontier FiOS, watch live online at www.stpete.org/TV, listen and participate by dialing one of the following phone numbers: +1 312 626 6799 or, +1 646 876 9923 or, +1 253 215 8782 or, +1 301 715 8592 or, +1 346 248 7799 or, +1 669 900 6833 and entering Webinar ID: 950 9660 9210. You may also watch, listen, and participate on your computer, mobile phone, or other device by visiting the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/95096609210>.

The public may also participate in the meeting by providing public comment in the following ways: send an email to DRC@StPete.org, with your name, address and comment. If attending the Zoom meeting by computer or other device, use the "raise hand" button in the Zoom app. If attending the Zoom meeting by phone only, enter *9 on the phone to use the "raise hand" feature. For more information call 727-892-5498 or email the Development Review Services at DRC@stpete.org.

Questions? Contact Corey Malyszka at 727-892-5453.

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We will have an in-person meeting, socially distanced and max 50 people. Masks required. We will also Facebook Live stream the meeting.

Representatives from the Calvary Chapel church expansion project will be in attendance to present the new plans.

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Things to know in Disston Heights

Upcoming Budget Public Hearing No. 2

Council considers adoption of the final FY21 Budget and millage rate, and approval of the Capital Improvements Plan.

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chamber
175 5 St. N.

Public hearings can also be viewed live on stpete.org/StPeteTV or on digital cable channels:

1. Bright House - 641
2. Verizon FiOS - 20
3. WOW! Cable - 15

Cocktails with the Curator

CONA's Cocktails with the Curator will be taking place on Sept. 24 at the St. Petersburg Museum of History (SPMOH).

Date: Thursday, Sept. 24

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Petersburg Museum of History at 335 2nd Ave NE

RSVP: events@stpetecona.org
(Jennifer Joern)

CONA Member Rate: \$10 per person (*)



Non-CONA Member Rate: \$15 per person

Payment: Taken at the door (cash, credit card, check [made out to SPMOH])

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Police report

information provided by CSO Gabrielle Berger

From March 2020 to present:
23 Auto Thefts

4 Commercial Burglaries
29 Residential Burglaries

51 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Homicide

Seven ways to give back in St. Pete while social distancing

From: St. Petersburg Community Services

The culture of volunteering and giving back to the community that is part of the St. Pete Way traditionally culminates at the annual CareFest Day of Service. This year, to ensure health and safety, in-person events for CareFest have been canceled, but the commitment to giving back continues.

Between Sept. 12 - Oct. 24, St. Pete residents are encouraged to help from home, by donating their time, funds or supplies to assist those in need.

Here are seven ways DHCA can help the community during CareFest 2020 and beyond:

- **Adopt a Local Nonprofit:** Make a donation to a local organization or team up with your neighbors to adopt a nonprofit .
- **Donate Supplies:** Organize a donation drive for food, masks, school supplies, toiletries, and more. Some options include homeless relief, senior support, pet owners, and children and back to school. You can even donate old computers, tablets and cell phones.
- **Neighborhood Cleanup:** Dumpsters will be delivered for neighbors to help together and dispose of their collection separately.
- **Volunteer and Give Back Virtually:** Support St. Pete's youth through a number of volunteering or mentoring programs. More information can be found at pcsb.org/mentor.
- **Participate in a virtual 5K for a cause,** like the Healthy St. Pete Fit City Virtual 5K on Oct. 4-10.
- **Make a donation at a Power of Change Donation Station** yellow parking meter stations throughout the city and support homeless services.
- **Donate to the Utility Assistance Program:** Make one-time or recurring donations through your city of St. Petersburg utility bill.
- **Support local businesses:** Shop at local retailers and restaurants or offer professional services like accounting, marketing and technology for free to local businesses.

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OCTOBER 2020



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Disston Heights Civic Association

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



OCTOBER MEETING

DHCA's next general membership meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 pm (social time) with the meeting starting promptly at 7 p.m.

We will have an in-person meeting, socially distanced and max 50 people. Masks required. St. Petersburg muralist Johnny Vitale will be the guest speaker. DHCA will also present the board slate for November voting.

*Saint Petersburg Community Church
4501 30th Ave N, Saint Petersburg, FL 33713*

Find DHCA Board info
and Bylaws online
www.disstonheights.org

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Pastor Ken Rico

www.graceroGrace.org

Worship Service at 10:00 AM Sundays



News you can use

- **Update to Case No. 20-32000009** - 3762 and 3800 17th Avenue North, 3763, 3835, 3843, 3853, and 3863 16th Avenue North - Special Exception for a House of Worship: The Development Review Commission held a virtual meeting on Oct. 7 and approved the exception. The recording of that meeting can be viewed here: https://www.stpete.org/boards_and_committees/recorded_city_meetings.php

- The city collaborated with USFSP on a project that involves a resident survey at:

<https://bit.ly/36WIdnE>

This survey will help local and state emergency planners know how to target resources based on communities' needs so everyone can be better prepared and able to recover during extreme weather events, flooding, and hurricanes. The survey is through the Community Resiliency Information System or CRIS.

- **Police report:** One auto theft, three vehicle burglaries since the last report in September. Information provided by CSO Gabrielle Berger.

- **City facilities reopened Oct. 5**, including utility bill and traffic citation payment offices, and:

--Recreation centers

--Gyms and fitness centers will open and room rentals will be available. Classes and programming will resume at a later date.

--Each center will have its own opening plan and Covid-19 mitigation procedures.

--Libraries will reopen with limited hours. Services like computer access, curbside pickup, and book browsing will differ among library locations. On-site programming, meeting rooms and children's play areas will resume at a later date.

-- Events will resume: Event organizers will be required to comply with CDC guidelines and local health authorities when hosting. Events ranging from the Grand Prix to a wedding in a city park will return to standard permitting and approval processes.

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727-526-3265

www.christstpete.org

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DECEMBER MEETING

DHCA's monthly general membership meeting was canceled due to the rising number of coronavirus cases in the state.

The DHCA Board will decide if January's meeting will be in-person or virtual.

Congratulations to our random drawing winners of gift cards donated to DHCA! They'll be mailed soon. (See email)

Quarterly meeting dates in 2021:
January 12, 2021
April 13, 2021

September 14, 2021
December 14, 2021

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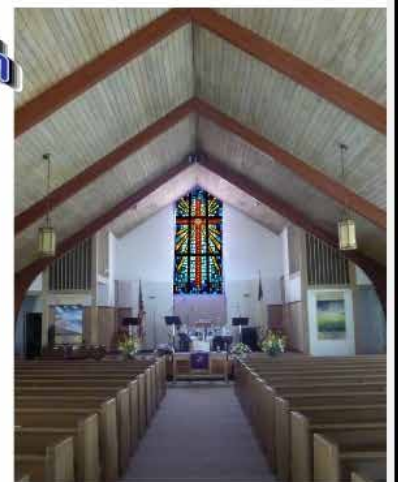
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• POLICE REPORT:

From 11-07-2020 To 12-07-2020

- 1 aggravated battery
- 3 auto theft
- 1 burglary battery
- 3 burglary commercial
- 5 burglary residence
- 29 burglary vehicle
- 3 shots heard in the area
- 1 shooting into a dwelling (case No. C2020042511)



• **RACE TO SAFE (information from the City of St. Petersburg):** In light of the continued community health risks posed by Covid-19 and a positivity rate (two week average) that has been above 5 percent for more than a month now, and in response to feedback from the community, the city is launching a new campaign to lower Pinellas County's Covid-19 positivity rate and become Florida's most Covid-safe community. The 'Race to Safe' is on.
SEE MORE: www.StPeteRaceToSafe.com.

• **STPETE2050: Vision plan and survey:** Provide feedback on the mission and goals identified in the plan and share your priorities for implementation moving forward. Review StPete2050: A Vision Plan for St. Petersburg on StPete2050.com, where you will find the survey link. The survey will remain open until February 4, 2021.

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