# The Heights

**SEPTEMBER 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

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# Find DHCA Board info online www.disstonheights.org/dhca-board.html

# 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





### 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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## 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



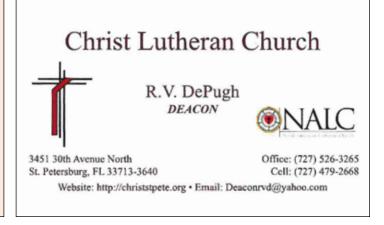


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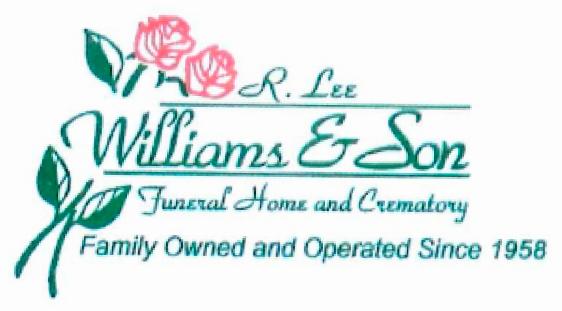




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