

The Heights

APRIL 2019



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

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Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9
6:30 p.m. social hour, meeting starts at 7 p.m. sharp.
St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N

Spotlight speakers: Stephanie Lawson & Christine Cantrell, HEAT Grant Program Monitor, Pinellas County Schools

Meeting sponsor: Lisa Ansilio, Financial Advisor
Edward Jones

Food & beverage will be provided



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The power of colorful eggs

The time has come for one of our biggest events of the year — the DHCA annual Easter Egg Hunt at Gladden Park! This year, we've enlisted the help of TASCO — Teen Arts, Sports, and Cultural Opportunities. The teenagers at Gladden are helping us fill the Easter eggs with candy for the children this year, and what a big help it is!

It's important to include all ages in the DHCA, to show kids the way when it comes to being involved, and to show adults that it's never too late to be a part of making your neighborhood a better place. We all have the power — **we just have to use it!**

See you Tuesday for the meeting and Saturday for the hunt!

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

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FINANCE CORNER

What can you do with your tax refund?

Are you getting a tax refund this year? If so, what should you do with it?

You could put it in your IRA. Last year's average refund was about \$2,700 according to the Internal Revenue Service. If you got that much this year, you'd have almost half of the annual IRA contribution limit of \$6,000, although you can contribute up to \$7,000 if you're 50 or older.

You could also use some of your refund to invest in a college fund. Or, you might want to pay some premiums on your life insurance or long-term care policies.

As an alternative, you could use the money to pay down some debts. The lower your debt load, the more you'll have available to invest for the future.

One last suggestion: Consider using your tax refund to help build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. With such a fund, you'll be less likely to dip into long-term investments to meet short-term needs.

You can help yourself make progress toward several financial goals with your tax refund – so put it to good use.

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Upcoming events

APRIL 13: Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Gladden Park

APRIL 20: DHCA Saturday Morning Breakfast, The Burg Diner

MAY 11: DHCA Fund-raiser - Doggie Wash at Gladden Park

MAY 14: Next monthly meeting

Sponsors needed!

Know a local business owner who wants to get their name out in the neighborhood? We still need sponsors for upcoming meetings. Sponsors are required to provide food and beverage (incl. plates/napkins/cups/utensils) for meeting attendees (~25 to 40 people). **Includes:** Promote your business at the beginning of the meeting with a three-minute "commercial;" distribute business cards and flyers; list your business in the Diston Heights Business Directory for free; waive the annual business membership fee of \$25.

Working together for your financial future



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News you can use – New stormwater rates

• **New tiered stormwater rates coming soon:** Beginning in October, utility customers will move from the current flat-rate-per-parcel stormwater fee to a new tiered rate system. The reason for the change is to provide residential customers with a more equitable distribution of monthly stormwater charges. The tiered rate system is based on the square footage of a prop-

erty's impervious surfaces which include areas like driveways, structures, parking lots and walkways. For more: https://www.stpete.org/billing_and_collections/utility_billing/docs/Stormwater_Rate_FAQs%2001.2019.pdf

• **St. Petersburg Water Resources Department to Host Facility Open Houses:** This April, three of St. Pete's water treat-

ment plants will open their doors to the public for open houses. Attendees can expect to learn about the process of water treatment and the work that goes into keeping the city flowing.

Remaining dates:

- Saturday, 4/20, 9 a.m. - noon: Northeast Water Reclamation Facility 1160 62nd Ave NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702
- Saturday, 4/27, 9 a.m. -

noon: Cosme Drinking Water Plant

16150 Race Track Rd, Odessa, FL 33556

For more: Water Resources at 727-893-7261.

• **Spread the word!! Doggie wash fundraiser for DHCA:** Suggested donation: \$5 per doggie. Each t will also receive a "Wag Bag" (aka: treat bag) and kerchief (while supplies last). May 11 at Gladden Park

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