

The Heights

JUNE 2017



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, June 13

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

Express Speaker: Elaine Carr, Voter Education
Office of SoE, Pinellas County

Spotlight Speaker: Cathy Salustri, Author, "Backroads of Paradise"

Meeting Sponsor: John and Jennifer Wagner, Tri State Mechanical Inc. Food and beverages will be provided



Message
from the President

SUMMERTIME IS HERE

"Summer summer summertime ... time to sit back and unwind" (DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, 1991). "Summer-time ... and the livin' is easy" (Billie Holiday, 1936). "School's out ... for summer" (Alice Cooper, 1972). These are three of my most favorite summertime songs because they all capture something a little bit different about this season ... whether it be in their lyrics, their music or the feeling each song provides.

DHCA is on summer break! Although we won't be meeting in July and August, it's important we stay connected with our

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

Summer Adventure: Check out a Little Free Library

By Carolyn Edds

a Little Free Library Steward

Summer is the time for adventure. Add literary adventures to your summer things-to-do list. We have several Little Free Libraries in our neighborhood. What is a Little Free Library? It is a library planted by a neighbor in the front yard to share books with the neighborhood.

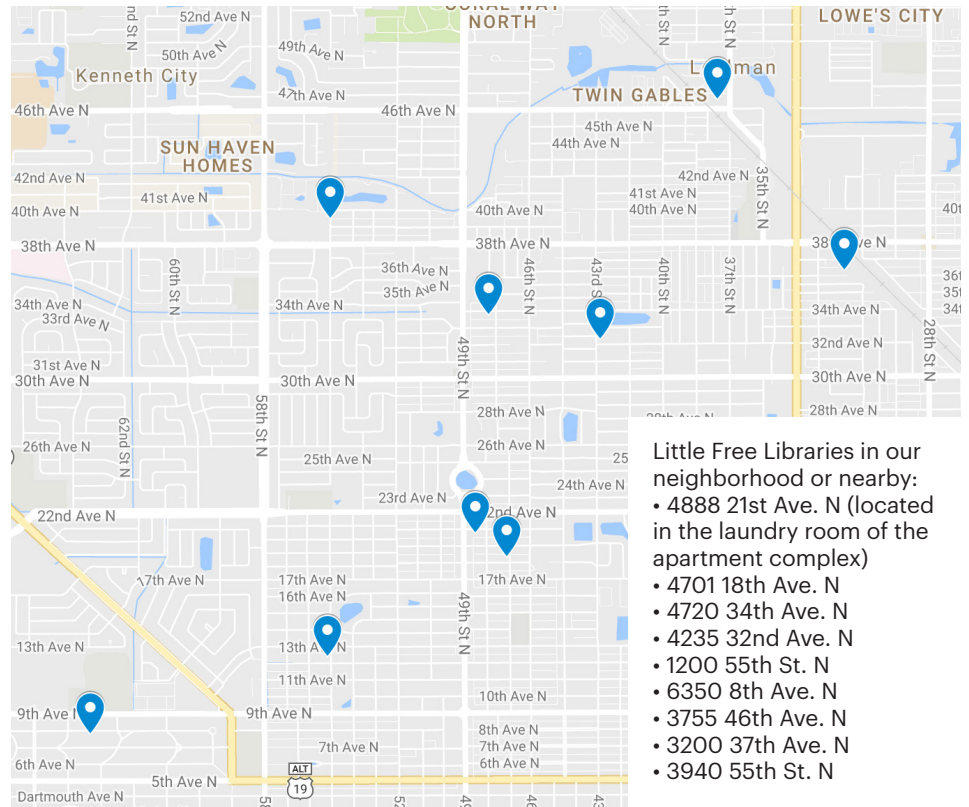
The philosophy is take a book, leave a book. If you have a book that you are done reading, drop it off at one of these neighborhood libraries and pick up something new to read. These libraries have no overdue fines and no due dates. You never know what books you will find waiting for you.

Some libraries have guest books. Feel free to leave a note for your Little Free Library steward, the neighbor who planted the library. Remember if you find a #StPeteRocks in one of these libraries, don't forget to post that on social media. Some people like to post pictures of Little Free Libraries to Instagram or Pinterest.

If your kids get bored this summer, take them for a walk or a bike ride to one of the Little Free Libraries. It can be fun to see the different designs of these libraries. Along the way, perhaps you'll pass one of the lakes in our neighborhood and get a chance to observe the many birds residing there. It's an opportunity for some fun exercise and the bonus is finding a new book to read.

Headed up to Philippe Park in Safety Harbor for a picnic or a day at the beach at Honeymoon Island State Park? Look for libraries along the way or at the parks. Both Honeymoon Island State Park and Phillippe Park have a Little Free Library. Safety Harbor has libraries at many city parks. Dunedin also has several libraries outside the buildings of several city departments.

Want to know where to find a library? Check out the map at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/> (or see above).



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Online, you can search by ZIP code or “near me” or by city. Keep in mind that the “near me” or ZIP code searches are better. In some cases, if there is a city like St. Petersburg, it might be in the database as Saint Petersburg, St. Petersburg or St Petersburg. That's three different searches.

Headed out of town, perhaps out of state on a family road trip? Bookmark the website for the map and look for a Little Free Library along the way or once you arrive at your destination. Books can be a good way to pass the time for the passengers in the car.

Sometimes you'll find books on CD at these libraries. Finished reading the book? Find another Little Free Library along the way to drop off the book and pick up a new one. Leave a note in a guest book, letting the steward know they had a visitor from warm, sunny Florida!



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CONA UPDATE

By CONA Delegate Richard McDaniel

May's CONA meeting featured several guest speakers. Chief Anthony Holloway of the St. Petersburg Police Department (SPPD) talked mostly about auto burglaries. This issue was the subject of an April 26 series in the *Tampa Bay Times*.

Holloway said there had been 17 cars stolen since the *Times* series. Thirteen stolen cars had the keys left inside the car and two were left running. Locking car doors reduces auto burglaries. These are usually crimes of opportunity. Most thieves will not break windows but move on in search of an unlocked car. Home burglaries are down for the year.

Eliana Aguilar from the

Florida Dept. of Health discussed the Community Resource Bus.

The CRB is sponsored by SPPD and rotates between the three police districts in the city. The bus provides free health screenings, safety information, giveaways and activities. For more information contact Eliana.Aguilar@flhealth.gov.

Mayor Rick Kriseman provided several updates. The pier is on budget and will be built.

Foundational work begins soon. New police station is on budget. The city has spent \$51 million on repairing the sewage system which includes manhole upgrades. Kriseman cannot promise there will be

no more sewage dumps but they are doing everything within their power to make the necessary fixes.

No news on the Tampa Bay Rays stadium search, but there will be no millage rate increase to fund a new stadium. The mayor will recommend that City Council approves spending 78 percent of Penny for Pinellas funds on infrastructure. St. Pete stands to lose \$5 million annually if the property tax exemption is approved in 2018.

If this money is lost, millage rates will have to increase or city services will be cut. The city hosts Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Open House on June 19, 6 p.m. at the Palladium. More information at www.stpete.org/budget.

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Robin Reed from the Neighborhood Review Committee discussed their recommendations on St. Pete's proposed changes to Land Development Regulations. To receive a handout of their recommendations email rmcda@yahoo.com.

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. June guest speaker is Cheryl Stacks, Transportation Manager with St. Petersburg, who will be discussing the Complete Streets program. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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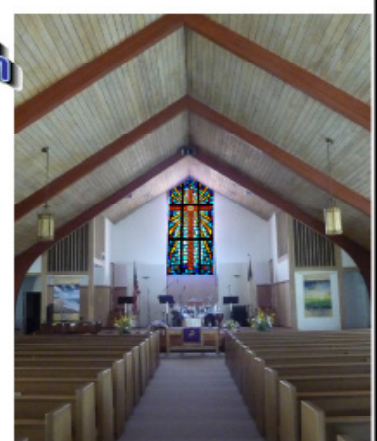
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neighborhoods and to our community. We will continue to host the Saturday Morning Breakfast Socials during our summer break (June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19); and, after we fuel up with some good eats and cafe con leche at The Burg Diner, we will make our way to one of our local lakes for a cleanup event. Additional information will be posted on our Facebook page the closer we get to these dates.

Be sure to mark Aug. 12 on your calendar as the Second Annual DHCA Presidential Porch Party will be taking place at my house from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone who attended last year's party had a great time ... so much so I had to refill my pool as the kids had a great time swimming and splashing!

So, be sure to bring your favorite dish and/or beverage, your swimsuits, good conversation and ideas for how we can continue to improve DHCA to meet the needs of you: our residents and business owners.

— Jennifer

Welcome new Disston Heights neighbors

- Karen and Doug Coggeshall
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