

# V.M. YBOR

Neighborhood Association Monthly Newsletter



## May 3rd Meeting Recap

*Minutes Provided by Gabby Gamble*

This month, we had the honor of hearing from Anthony Hopkins, our community affairs liaison from TPD as well as Inspector Carrion from Code Enforcement. Mr. Hopkins informed us that crime in Tampa has been on the decline overall. We also had a surprise guest from the owner and our neighbors from Elevenses.

Come to our next meeting to find out more information on our summer schedule, One Ybor Events and developments that impact your backyard! As always, follow us on Instagram and Facebook and check out our website for more information.

*See you at our next general meeting June 7th at 6:30 pm at Cuscaden Pool*

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We had the pleasure of hearing from Anthony Hopkins, our newly instated Community Affairs Liaison from TPD. He is a retired Macdill veteran and administrator from Jefferson High School. He informed us our district and

boundaries which relate to us and the police department. "The squeaky wheel gets the oil", as he quoted his grandmother. As crime watch citizens, we can download the Tip411 app to keep tabs on crime in the neighborhood and submit tips.



## What's Happening in Ybor City in May

*For specific event details, see the events tab on our website.*

- Saturday Markets *every Saturday* 9am-3pm
- May 11th - City of Tampa Parks Master Plan Open House 6pm-8pm
- May 12th - Neighborhood Cleanup 6pm-7pm meet at 2701 N 9th Street, please drop off any beverages you wish to enjoy after clean up at the Grimsdales where we will have pizza
- May 13th - City of Tampa Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Festival to honor Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage month 10am-6pm Curtis Hixon Park
- May 20th- Neighborhood Yard Sale 8am-2pm on the lot of East Columbus Drive and North 13th Street
- May 20th- Porch Party 6:30pm-10pm

<https://www.tampa.gov/asianpacificfestival>



## Porch Parties & Events

Join hosts George and Bonnie Garcia for the May Porch Party! The theme is Italian!

Guests are asked to bring side or dessert to share and beverage of choice.

The party starts at 6:30pm at 1017 E 17th Ave

## Neighborhood Yard Sale Returns!

After a long hiatus, our neighborhood association has brought back the community yard sale. This year, one of our gracious neighbors has volunteered their empty lot on the corner of Columbus and N 13th Street.

If you would like to participate in selling your items that need to be re-homed, please use the link below to register. The Neighborhood Association will provide advertising in local newspapers and on social media.

Bring your own table or pull your vehicle into the lot and sell items from your trunk - "car boot sale" style - all from a high profile space on Columbus Drive.

<https://vmybor.org/yard-sale>



## Code Enforcement

Inspector Carrion has been in code enforcement for 6 years. He informed us that the two most popular uses of code enforcement are Chapter 19 and Chapter 27.

Chapter 19 relates to property management and Chapter 27 relates to zoning and land use. As of 2022, Florida passed a bill where anonymous complaints are not accepted. This should not discourage neighbors to continue reporting as almost everything has a digital trail nowadays.

He gave us insight on the code enforcement process from start to finish and how to ensure that we are reporting an enforceable offense.

## AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in the United States, and recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. During AAPI Heritage Month, communities celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans with community festivals, government-sponsored activities and educational activities for students.

Ways to celebrate AAPI month in our neighborhood and city:

- Support AAPI owned businesses
- Listen to or read from AAPI authors, the internet and public library are great places to get these resources for FREE
- Go to Curtis Hixon Park on May 13th to enjoy the festival
- Be an ally and #StopAsianHate