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Summer Is Upon Us!

Hello Neighbors! Summer is upon us! Our usual afternoon storms have returned and so have the mosquitoes. Hopefully, they settle down soon. If you continue to have high amounts of mosquitoes, please make sure you do not have standing water in and around your yard and property. You can request the county spray in your area by contacting Pinellas County's Mosquito Control at 727-464-7503 or email mosquitocontrol@pinellascounty.org.

At the CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) June Meeting, we celebrated our SPPD Community Service Officers.

Chief Holloway and Assistant Chief Dente, along with other officers, updated the attendees with city statistics and programs. Overall, crime is down 25% in St. Petersburg. With our rapidly growing city, SPPD has plans to hire more officers and continue to reduce crime. We were informed of two new programs: PATH and HEAT. Police Assisting the Homeless is a new unit helping to assist the transient and homeless in our city who need and want help. And HEAT – Human Exploitation and Trafficking.

We broke out into mini sessions with each of the three districts sergeants and Officers. Sergeant Deary



and Officer Crawford did update more of our residents about the situation with transients at the WaWa on 4th Street. Our crime watch coordinator for Riviera Bay, Don Gilbert, and others worked with SPPD and WaWa Management to promptly solve the issue.

Lastly, as we celebrate the birth of our nation, let's all stay safe and hydrated as summer continues to heat us up! Happy Fourth of July!

Best,
Vicki Shuman

MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 16th
Starting at 6:30 pm
LOCATION: LIBERTY BAPTIST HALL
9401 4TH ST N
Corner of 94th Ave & 2nd St –
enter 94th Ave side under breezeway

2019 RBCA EVENTS

- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - July 16, Sep 17, Nov 19
- ADOPT-A-MILE - Aug 3, Nov 2
- GARDEN CLEANUP - TBD
- RBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (Tentative) - Aug 13, Oct 8, Dec 10
- YARD SALES - Oct 4-6

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Much to our surprise, we had a competing group of graduating kindergartners who needed our regular meeting space. So after our pizza social, we had the pleasure of meeting in the "attic." It was like a secret upstairs recording studio-type hang out space. It served us well and we appreciate Liberty Baptist Church for always accommodating our needs.

Our community service officer gave us great news — crime in general in northeast St. Petersburg is down.

Robert Barto, our Neighborhood Specialist from the City's Communities Services department, gave us updates. He explained the changes to the City's grant programs. In addition, he reminded us of CareFest coming up in September.



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City Council Member Brandi Gabbard reminded our residents of the Storm water rate changes coming on October 1st if city council approves.

Spotlight speaker Amy Keith from the League of Women Voters presented survey findings from a recent civic health survey. Results specific to our 33702 zip code were included in the presentation. We learned engaged communities are healthier and better at fixing problems. For more information: www.LWVSPA.org/Engage-St-Pete

4th of July Flags



The 4th of July is upon us and once again, our neighbor and real estate agent Brad Bess will line our streets with American Flags. He will most likely have them done by the time you read this. He will collect them starting the day after and it will take about 2 days, so please don't throw the flags away, and allow them to be picked up. If anyone has any questions or would like to assist in picking up the flags, please call Brad direct at 727-324-3077. Thanks, Brad!



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My family and I are committed to making this neighborhood the best that it can be, whether it is the 4th of July Flags, Footballs leading up to the big game, passing out the newsletters or most recently, sponsoring the Memorial Day Concert at the Sandbar!

I am a neighbor first, so feel free to call anytime with questions or assistance!



Hear what your neighbors have to say about me:

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"Brad Bess recently helped my wife and I purchase and sell a home. He was an aggressive advocate for us on our purchase and literally worked day and night to make sure everything went

smoothly. He was honest and knowledgeable, especially about the Riviera Bay market." — Brenton J. Ross, Esq.

"Brad is friendly, professional, prompt, and reliable. He is also a kind family man and is an active member of the community." — Megan Spears

"We had such a good experience buying a house with Brad we decided to sell our house through him too. Brad's a great realtor and all around a good guy, and we'd definitely recommend him to anybody moving into the area." — Phil and Erinn Skiba

"What first drew me to Brad was his friendly, honest personality, followed by his enthusiasm and commitment to our community. His recommendations have always been well-founded, accurate, and validated through his continuous, professional work efforts and current, overall market knowledge." — George Kern

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Riviera Bay Butterfly Garden

By Vicki Shuman

Here are some snapshots of what is planted in Riviera Bay's Community Butterfly Garden.

GAILLARDIA – BLANKET FLOWER. Also known as blanket flower, gaillardia is a sturdy native perennial with bright flowers that bloom throughout the summer and into the fall. The flowers grow on long stems above long, soft, hairy leaves. They are usually reddish purple or orange-red with yellow tips, but can also be solid yellow, orange, or red, and make excellent, long-lasting cut flowers that attract butterflies. Gaillardia re-seeds itself. Use gaillardia in the landscape as a ground cover, or plant it in containers. Gaillardia will tolerate extreme heat, sun, sandy soils, and even salt.

CLERODENDRUM UGANDENSE. Commonly known as Blue Butterfly Bush, this is a wonderful plant to have at home. It's not a fussy, high requirement plant. The flowers sport two hues of blue and truly resemble butterflies. The Blue Butterfly Bush requires warmth and light to flower. It flowers heavily during the warm months, and even if you cannot provide enough light and warmth during the winter time it might sporadically flower anyway. In the winter I grow mine next to a west facing window with additional grow lights. It's a very easy to grow this plant, virtually pest free. The leaves have a bit of a peppery smell to them, and that's probably the reason why this plant is quite resistant to bug infestations. It can survive down to 20°F, and sprout back from the root ball, but if grown indoors it's evergreen and with enough light everblooming.

PASSIFLORA INCARNATA. This is an herbaceous vine, up to 25 ft. long, that climbs with axillary tendrils or sprawls along the ground. Intricate, 3 in., lavender flower are short-stalked from leaf axils. The petals and sepals subtend a fringe of wavy or crimped, hair-like segments. The pistil and stamens

are also showy. Three-lobed, deciduous leaves are dark-green above and whitish below. The fruit is a large, orange-yellow berry with edible pulp. Like some other passion vines, Maypop spreads by root suckers. The plants were given



the name Passionflower or Passion vine because the floral parts were once said to represent aspects of the Christian crucifixion story, sometimes referred to as the Passion. The name Maypop comes from the hollow, yellow fruits that pop loudly when crushed. Yellow Passion Flower (*P. lutea*), a small yellow-flowered

species, occurs from southeast Pennsylvania to Florida, west to Texas and Oklahoma, and north to Missouri, Illinois, and West Virginia.

ALLAMANDA SCHOTTII - YELLOW ALLAMANDA - Of all the allamanda varieties among South Florida shrubs, bush allamanda is probably the most easy-to-grow, with bright green foliage and abundant yellow flowers. The clusters of golden trumpet-shaped blossoms appear on and off most of the year - more during warmer weather. Its size and color make it an ideal accent, hedge or single specimen for the yard...

even a n-ot-too-tall privacy screen around lanai or pool. If you like allamanda but the bush variety is too large for your needs, consider the dwarf variety.



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RBCA Adopt-A-Mile

By Vicki Shuman

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We partner with Keep Pinellas Beautiful. Their mission is to conserve and beautify our natural environment by means of community engagement and education. Four focal areas are: Litter Prevention, Waste Reduction, Conversation, and Beautification & Community Greening. To learn more about KPB and how you can get involved, please visit Kpbcares.org.

In the meantime, if you see trash or debris around our neighborhood, please consider picking it up and helping keep Riviera Bay a great place to live and play.


St. Pete Events

July 13 - HEALTHY ST. PETE'S TRAIL FUN RUN. Get Fit in the Park FREE workout. Run or walk the trails of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve with Healthy St. Pete. Trail Fun Run is every second Saturday from 9 - 10 a.m. at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S. St. Pete. 727-892-5994. www.HealthyStPeteFL.com/play

July 26 - ST. PETE GROUPER & CRAFT BEER FEST. Awesome Food, Craft Beers & Live Music with the Wild Roots. All food trucks will be serving up specialty grouper and seafood inspired dishes, along with their normal cuisine. Free admission. 480 Bayshore Dr. SE behind the Dali Museum in front of Albert Whitted Park. www.facebook.com/events/1506490819388154/



July 27 - HURRICANE PREP EVENT. Specialty vendors and guest speakers get you ready for the season. Demos and Education on Boating needs and prep. Giveaways & Raffles. 727-342-8001. West Marine, 2010 Tyrone Blvd N., St. Pete.

July 27 - ST PETE GRILL N CHILL FEST. Food trucks & vendors, marketplace (exhibitors and crafters), beer pavilion, roving ground entertainers, kids bounce area, pet-friendly and pet play area. Free admission, free parking. 4 pm - 10 pm. Coquina Key Plaza, 4350 6th Street, St Pete. (813) 906-5291




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