

On The Riviera

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA BAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION SINCE 1960

"It's Another Great Day in Riviera Bay!"

59th YEAR • MAY / JUNE 2019 ISSUE

www.rbcaneews.com



Springing Into Summer!

Hello Neighbors! We are well on our way to springing into summer. It appears our April showers are going to bring May flowers. If you haven't already, please check out the newly installed Butterfly Garden at Riviera Bay Park. It's in the large oval garden at the top of a hill. Many thanks to the City and to Zephyrhills Water for providing and installing for our residents and visitors to enjoy. A special thank you to Don, Rich, Patti, and Dana for helping as well.

With summer around the corner, we are looking to plan a summertime neighborhood social. If you have any ideas, please let me know. In addition, we are looking to engage more youth into our organization and would like to host a "Back to School" type event. Stay tuned for more details.

Some of you may know I participated, along with Brad Bess, in the 2018 CONA Leadership program. It was a fantastic experience to learn so much more about our

wonderful city in which I grew up. I am in search of one or two candidates who are RBCA members to participate in next year's CONA 2020 Class. If you are interested, please let me know. For more information, please visit: <https://stpetecon.org>

We are always looking for new ideas for our community. Please consider attending our bi-monthly meeting — the next one is May 21 — and tell us about your thoughts for the neighborhood. At our May meeting, we will have the following speakers: Robert Barto, City of St Pete Neighborhood Specialist; Councilwoman Brandi Gabbard; Amy Keith, League of Women Voters. Amy will be presenting findings from a recent Civic Health Survey. In July, we will have Jennifer Joern, President of CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations).

Best,
Vicki Shuman



Easter Egg Hunt line up!

MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21st
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 - May 21, Jul 16, Sep 17, Nov 19
- ADOPT-A-MILE - Aug 3, Nov 2
- GARDEN CLEANUP - TBD
- RBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (Tentative) - Jun 11, Aug 13, Oct 8, Dec 10
- YARD SALES - Oct 4-6



BRAD BESS

Local Realtor

**Unique Marketing
Strategies
FREE Assessment
of Your Home**

I love our wonderful neighborhood and love helping my neighbors achieve their Real Estate Goals.

Our neighborhood is consistently one of the most desirable areas in St. Petersburg.

Feel free to contact me anytime with advice on selling your home or simply asking about our current Market.

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:

"In August of 2017 we met Brad as we were looking to purchase a home in the Riviera Bay neighborhood. From the first day we met Brad, me and my wife were 110% satisfied with not only his professionalism, but the fact that he truly cared about our purchase.....it felt like doing business with a close family friend!" — *Trevor L McCarthy*

"He went above and beyond even after the sale, connecting us the services required to set up housekeeping. Brad was professional, reliable, honest and made purchasing our home smooth, and seamless." — *Desiree and Rick Panilio*

"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 Erin 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*

Call Today: 727-324-3077
email: bradbess@gmail.com



Riviera Bay Butterfly Garden

By Rich Perfidio

At the last March General Membership meeting, the RBCA Board of Directors (BoD) requested approval to remove the Rose Garden at Riviera Bay Park and replace it with a butterfly garden. As you might know, Rose Gardens don't do too well in Florida and require an inordinate amount of maintenance.

On 15 April 2019, RBCA BoD members, Don Gilbert, Rich Perfidio, Vicki Shuman, and Dana and Patti Thomas, joined forces with the City of St. Petersburg and volunteers from Zephyrhills Water to plant a Butterfly Garden at the park. Though RBCA had approved funds for this project, Zephyrhills Water agreed to donate plants, drinking water and breakfast, if St. Petersburg and RBCA would provide some volunteer labor to work alongside their volunteers. Your RBCA BoD readily jumped in to help beautify our neighborhood.

This beautiful butterfly garden will attract various species and provide hours of colorful enjoyment. At the center of the garden is a butterfly/bird bath surrounded by two trellises. The trellises host Passion Flower vines and are surrounded by various herbs, butterfly bushes, milkweed, and other

hummingbird and butterfly attractants. The design is both functional and aesthetically pleasing to provide color and food year-round.

We believe this partnership between RBCA, local government, and local business is a very big win for our community for generations to come.



Do you know where your **NextHome** is going to be?

GULF TO BAY



**CALL
Bernie Lutz
704-607-2995
bernielutz.com**

License #: SL3425808
NextHome Gulf to Bay



LIST PRICE



BEDS



BATHS



SQUARE FEET



LOT SIZE



RBCA Easter Egg Hunt Ice Cream Social



We had a wonderful turn out for our Easter Egg Hunt and Ice Cream Social! It was a beautiful day although a bit windy. Thank you so

much to Toni Michalove for filling hundreds of eggs with goodies. We also enjoyed a special treat from the Clara Rose Ice Cream Truck. I hope you enjoyed their ice cream as much as I did and we hope to have the Clara Rose truck join us again at future events.

RBCA Neighborhood & Canal Clean Up

Thank you to ALL who came out Saturday, April 6th the help Keep Riviera Bay Beautiful. A special thanks to Boy Scout troop # 263 who canoed through the canals and collected debris from our waterways. Many thanks to the RBCA Board members for coming together and making 2019's clean up a huge success. We cleaned our canals and streets and collected 230 pounds of trash. After the clean-



up, the large dumpsters were utilized by all and the City recorded 2.18 tons of garbage was collected.

Our next Adopt-A-Mile clean-up will be Saturday, August 3rd. 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.

Neighborhood Resident
AL'S SUPER
LAWN CARE
LICENSED & INSURED
343-7477



James R. "Jim" Kennedy, Jr.
821-6888

856 2nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

PERSONAL ATTENTION FROM AN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY

Wills & Trusts

Family Law

Personal Injury

Auto Accident

Medical Malpractice

www.jrklaw.com

jim@jrklaw.com

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION BY PHONE OR IN OFFICE



RBCA Ad Rates Start as low as
\$39 Per Issue!

Reach 1,300 Homes in
YOUR AREA

For Ad Rates 727-577-5500
or email
RBCAnews@aol.com

FOR SALE

Terri Hammer . . . REALTOR
"Your Neighborhood Specialist"
CALL, for a **FREE**, in-Home Consultation.

CHARLES RUTENBERG REALTY
"The Standard of Excellence"

Call 727-235-3810

ARE YOU:

- Thinking of buying or selling a home?
- Confused about today's changing home values?
- Unsure of Current Real Estate Values?

I am a 16+ year Riviera Bay Resident, helping Friends and Neighbors Buy and Sell Homes right here in our Neighborhood for more than 10 Years.

Convenient Office location at: **9079 4th St North, St. Petersburg**
727-235-3810 • email: TerriHammer@aol.com

LINDA MOORE
INC.
REALTOR
(727) 600-6136

Would you like to know the value of your home?
Call Linda for a **FREE** market analysis.

Would you like to find your home sweet home?
Call Linda to get your home search started.

Would you like to work with a Realtor who knows the area very well?
Linda lives in your neighborhood!

Linda Moore
Realtor/Broker/Owner
ABR, CRS, GRI, SFR, SRES
soldbylinda@gmail.com

BUYING OR SELLING • CALL LINDA MOORE
Selling Homes That Steal Your Heart Since 1982

Direct: 727-600-6136
www.LindaMooreHomes.net

Crime Watch Corner

By Don Gilbert



On March 12, 2019, the Riviera Bay Crime Watch held a meeting at Liberty Baptist Church. We had 9 volunteers meet with Officer Cory Crawford and Sgt. Jason Deary of the St. Petersburg Police Department.

One of the items discussed was the procedure of calling into the non-emergency phone number of 727-893-7780. Our concerns were it takes so long to answer the report writer's questions of our identity it seems to be inhibiting quick response on the part of the police department. They indicated when we call in to say "Suspicious Activity or Person" then the report writer is typing the information in real time to the field officer who is dispatched to the location. This is taking place as we are reporting to the writer.

I have found the process is very quick when we call in and identify the reason for the call, then identify our self with name, address, and location.

The Crime Watch is always here for the odd situations: Trying to reduce the commercial net fisherman who plaque

our canals. If they are licensed, then they are allowed to net fish our canals, but they are not allowed by City Code to launch from our Sunlit Cove boat launch. The launch is for public use only. No commercial use is permitted.

The St. Petersburg Police Department reports that we are one of the lowest residential areas for Criminal Activity in the city. We all need to do our part in observing, reporting and protecting our property and our community.

Let's Keep Our Neighborhood Safe

By Lori Intravichit

It is easy to travel on neighborhood streets at 35 mph and above without even realizing how fast we are driving. We have walkers, joggers, bikers and dog walkers who enjoy the lovely neighborhood on a daily basis. We do not have the luxury of sidewalks, so we all take to the streets. So, just a gentle reminder to watch your speed and keep our streets safe!




KAT'S CLEANING SERVICE

Your neighbors love me! Call for references!
Kat McClure (727) 579-7244

Dan Boldt
727-692-7365
iwantawalk.com

In-Home Pet Sitting
Dog Walking

iwantawalk@gmail.com

**I Want A Walk
PET SERVICES**

Licensed, Insured & Bonded

**CONCRETE &
ALL SURFACES!**

If you need:

- Driveways, Sidewalks, Patio, Pool Deck, Utility Pad, we do it!
- A "SeaWalk" to replace your old sea wall cap so walking along the water is a pleasure.

United Surface Technology Group, Inc.
Call for **FREE** estimate
(727) 277 - 2764

USTG
Inc.

*United Surface
Technology Group, Inc.*
9079 4th Street N. Suite #300
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

E-Mail: UnitedSurfaceTechnology@Gmail.com
A subsidiary of Southland Asset Management Company, Inc. CBC1255115

Summer Camps

St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of summer camps, including elementary and middle school camps, aquatics camps, tech camps, and a therapeutic recreation camp, that provides youth with a chance to experience something new at an affordable price. Summer Camps run Mon, June 3, through Fri, August 9. Times for camps vary. Fee assistance is available for those who qualify. Visit www.stpeteparksrec.org/camps to learn more and to view the summer camp guide. Play, learn and explore!



St. Pete Events

May 2-30 - ST. PETE MOVIES IN THE PARK. Bring family and friends to enjoy FREE film classics and music each Thursday evening in May in N. Straub Park. The fun begins with music at 7 pm and movies at dark, on Beach Drive and between 4th and 5th Avenues NE. Register for a chance to win free prizes at each event. Winners will be announced just before each screening. You must be present to win! May 16 - Ghost, May 23 - La La Land, May 30 - The Lorax. N. Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Drive NE, St. Petersburg. flaarp@aarp.org

May 17 - 3RD ANNUAL ST. PETE TACO & BEER FIESTA. Free Admission. First 300 guests will receive a free sombrero. Gourmet food trucks will serve special South American inspired dishes as well as their normal cuisine. Live band: TL Jentgens. Albert Whitted Park, 480 Bayshore Dr. SE., St. Petersburg. www.unation.com/event/668241911

June 21-23 - TAMPA BAY HOME SHOW. Free admission. Exhibits, giveaways, door prizes, seminars, and more. The latest trends in home remodeling: from kitchen and baths to flooring, to windows and home protection. Meet home improvement experts. Daily giveaways to the first 1,000 people in the door. Tropicana Field. 10times.com/tampa-bayhome-show

CLAY GLOVER, PA
REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL

Top 1% of Pinellas Real Estate Agents
Tell me about your real estate vision today!



For all your Riviera Bay real estate updates follow us here: facebook.com/RivieraBayNeighborhood
Clay@ClayGloverRealtor.com
727-641-5754

COLDWELL BANKER
RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

THE PRICE GROUP
PriceGroupRealtors.com

RBCA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

Vicki Shuman, 727-709-2123,
vickifour@yahoo.com

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Brad Bess - 727.324.3077,
bradbess@gmail.com

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP:

Lori Intravichit, 727-576-2903,
intravichit1@gmail.com

TREASURER:

Stephen Goetz, 919-579-9408,
Steveogoezt@gmail.com

DIRECTORS:

Toni Michalove - 727.492.5682,
reddogs02@gmail.com

Rich Perfidio - 407-978-2368
rich.rbca@yahoo.com

Dave Hoover - 727.579.3466,
dave.rbca@yahoo.com

Joe Baez - 727.804.5631,
stpete66@aol.com

Christian Rodgers - 812.243.9568

christian.rodgers@ahss.org

CRIMEWATCH COORDINATOR:

Don Gilbert, 727.286.1869,
dtipgilbert@gmail.com,

RBCA NEWSLETTER EDITOR & ADVERTISING:

AM Media Group - 727-577-5500
RBCAnews@aol.com

MAYOR'S ACTION LINE -

893-7111
(For any dept & # in the city)

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE

893-7780
COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICE

SQUAD - 551-3182

For ongoing problems and response
within 24 hours

Mayor Rick Kriseman - 893-7201
Mayor@stpete.org /

District 2 Councilwoman

Brandi Gabbard - 893-7117

Brandi.Gabbard@stpete.org



JOIN RBCA FACEBOOK!

Make sure you **LIKE** us on
FaceBook!

You can see what your neighbors are
up to, post pictures, events, etc. You can find us
going to FaceBook and typing in:

**Riviera Bay Civic Association,
Saint Petersburg, Flw**

Site maintained by Debby Obst



Nextdoor.com

Your Neighborhood News Source

If you haven't already signed up on Next-
Door.com, please consider doing so. This
site right now is our best way to get late-breaking info
out to you about upcoming events, lost & found pets, sus-
picious criminal activity, police reports, personal recom-
mendations, etc. You'll find it to be very informative.

RivieraBay.NextDoor.com

Liberty Baptist Church & Liberty Christian School



Dr. J. L. Lowe
Senior Pastor

*"You are invited to join
our Church Family. We have
ministries for every age."*

We are Located at:
9401 4th St. N.

St. Petersburg, Fl. 33702

Church Office: 727-576-1317

School Office: 727-576-9635



Check Us Out:

Bible Study - 9:15am • Morning Service - 10:30am • Wed. Night 6:15pm
www.libertybaptistchurch.net or www.libertychristiansch.com



@ Liberty Baptist Church and School

NEWSLETTER Volunteers needed

Wanted! Energetic, concerned
neighbors who want to be an
active part of their community. We are
looking for people to compile/gather
articles for our newsletter. It would
be nice if we could begin a monthly
newsletter. We are also looking for
people to spearhead new ideas and take
various "suggestions" into reality.

Contact: Vicki Shuman -
Vickifour@yahoo.com,
or any board member.

Membership Renewal Info

We are your neighborhood civic association and we work for you to maintain and improve your neighborhood. If you have not joined or renewed your membership in the Riviera Bay Civic Association, please take a moment to fill out this membership form and bring it to the next meeting or send your dues to the address below. Please show your support by sending in at least \$10.00. (A larger amount would be appreciated!) One association membership per household includes your spouse and children, to be purchased each calendar year.

*I would like to join/rejoin the Riviera Bay Civic Association. Enclosed please find at least \$10.00 (more is always appreciated)
association dues for our family for January through December.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to: Riviera Bay Civic Association

Mail to: Riviera Bay Civic Association, PO Box 55883, St. Petersburg, FL 33732