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RIVIERA BAY

March / April 2022 Edition
Riviera Bay Civic Association



We came out of 2021 with a bang (happy new year!) and are hitting the ground running to bring so many great opportunities to our community in 2022. Every January, I take some time to reflect on the past, see where I am in the present and start planning for the future. Last year was my first year working with the neighborhood association, which gave me the chance to meet new faces, bring new ideas to the community and work with a great group of volunteers who just want to make our neighborhood the best it can be. In 2021, we started our family food truck nights (giving some of us a break from thinking about dinner at least one night out of the week), grew our existing Thanksgiving dinner tradition into a Fall Festival, enjoyed holiday movies in the park, our 2nd annual golf

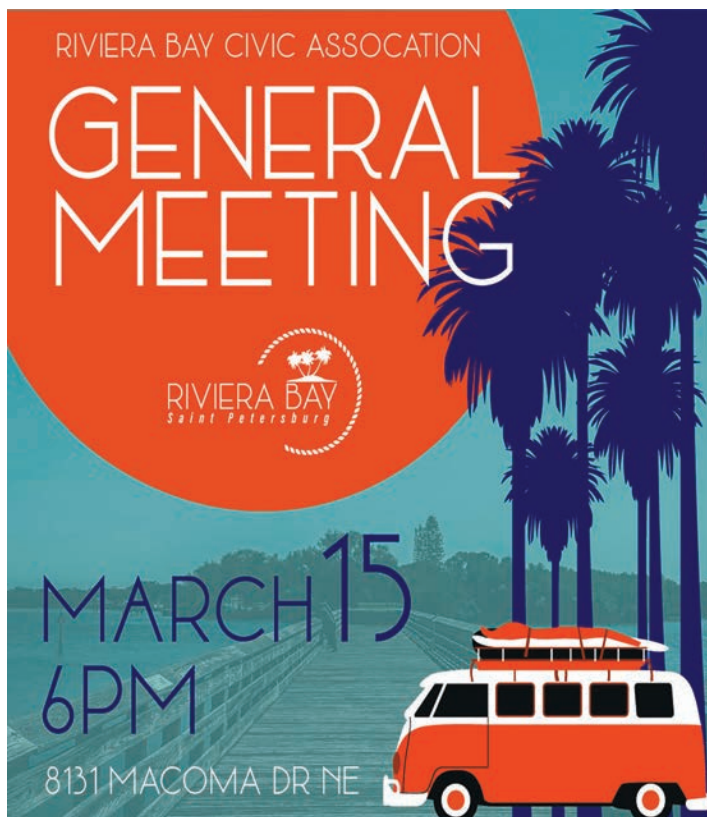
cart parade, brought back the holiday décor contest and enjoyed watching some really amazing, decorated boats. In addition to all that, we also worked on cleaning up our canals and maintaining our adopt-a-road cleanup efforts to keep our community beautiful. We had two neighborhood yard sales with so many participants and to top it off, we won a mini grant from the Utility Account Round Up Holiday Contest. Wow – what accomplishments, right? We live in such an amazing community with such great neighbors!

So...what's next you ask? What can we possibly add this year as we plan new events and projects to our schedules? We're here to listen and welcome new ideas and new involvement from our neighbors. We're seeing so many new families moving into the neighborhood, and they are being welcomed with open arms by existing residents. Some of which have recently become new board members and are bringing new energy and ideas to the table. Your board has decided to create committees which will allow them to specialize in specific areas that need attention with our neighborhood. Two of these committees

are Community Outreach Committee – overseeing memberships, events, fundraisers, newsletters and sponsorship opportunities and Environmental & Neighborhood Issues Committee – overseeing neighborhood and park issues, canal cleanup and adopt-a-road efforts.

If you find that you have ideas and input to share within these committees, we welcome them, and you can contact info@rivierabay.org to reach out. We are welcoming any and all volunteers help this year! In addition, all events and neighborhood opportunities will be accompanied by a signup genius for neighbors to help out when they can. You can keep an eye out for signup genius emails and links throughout the year. If you are a member of our association and have an email on file, you'll receive digital newsletters monthly, upcoming event details and opportunities to help and meet new neighbors. I am looking forward to working with our board this year and can't wait to see what this new year brings!

Erin Osburn





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ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Riviera Bay Neighborhood Board! We're happy to welcome new board members and to see the great things they'll bring to our community. This year we're excited to announce that we're expanding our efforts to bring new events and projects to the neighborhood. We've created committees within our board to oversee specific areas that need attention. If you are interested in helping out and/or volunteering on these committees, we are welcoming all of our neighbors to join. Please feel free to reach out to any of the committee members to see how you can help – we'd love to have you!

2022 BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Erin Osburn / Vice President: Colleen Esposito / Treasurer: Sean Singh / Secretary: Jessica Maugeri / Brad Bess / Brandon Huskins / Denise Gibbons / Dean Akers / Toni Michlove

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES INCLUDE:

- Community Outreach (memberships, events/fundraisers, newsletters, sponsors/advertisers)
- Environmental & Neighborhood Issues (canal cleanup, adopt a road, parks/neighborhood issues)



New Year, ~~New Me~~ Better Me

Whether you decide to make New Year resolutions or not, the beginning of the year often feels like a good time to better ourselves. We might set goals to exercise every day, be more productive or take up a new hobby - which we hope will turn us into more successful, well-rounded people. But can trying to reinvent ourselves at the start of a New Year actually be detrimental to our well-being?

Often, we use that New Year's resolution time to set commitments to ourselves in order to achieve ambitious goals. We've all done it, but how long does it last? For some, it can last all year and for others only days. How can we get to that point where it is manageable enough that we can stick with it year-round? At the same time, many of



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- **Unsure of Current Real Estate Values?**

us have worked hard over the last several years to get mentally and physically healthy. If we've worked so hard to get to these places, why change?

Sometimes, the pressure to stick to a goal can take the enjoyment out of the activity itself. For example, telling ourselves we will work out every single day may be impractical, particularly if alongside work or family commitments. So when we inevitably fall behind on the resolution and miss a few days, we may be more likely to abandon exercise entirely, rather than adjusting our expectations. These failures then become what we focus on – we tend to create goals or aims based on negative thoughts, such as 'I am overweight' rather than 'I want to be healthier'. This kind of thinking can chip away at self-esteem and lead us to reflect negatively about who we are. For people prone to unhelpful or negative thought patterns, such as those with depression, anxiety or eating disorders, focusing on these faults can be psychologically damaging. Setting healthier resolutions can be done mentally and physically.

Set small, manageable goals by ditching the big, abstract

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resolutions, and aim instead to complete some little goals. Even the word resolution is loaded with the idea that you have a problem that needs solving. By using little goals, you can make small changes that are sustainable, simple and realistic. This makes it easier to build them into routines, stay consistent, and even form them into a habit.

Don't focus on the New Year, focus on one day at a time. You will inevitably have days when you

abandon your new healthy regime. It's normal to struggle with lifestyle changes, so don't feel guilty if you have a day off. Instead of it being about a year - which in itself creates pressure - focusing on a day feels more doable.

Be kind to yourself because making self-improvements is admirable, but it is still important to be kind to yourself. Research shows how you treat yourself if you do fail can make a big difference to your mental well-being. Instead of being harshly critical of yourself, recognize that nobody is perfect, and that failure is inevitable sometimes. Set approach-orientated goals. Try to focus on the positive aspects of your goal.

The advertisement for Northern Air, Inc. is set against a background of a building's exterior with horizontal slats. A large blue diagonal stripe runs from the bottom left towards the top right. In the upper right corner, the Bryant logo is displayed, featuring the word 'bryant' in white on a red background, with 'Heating & Cooling Systems' below it and 'Factory Authorized Dealer' to the right. Below the Bryant logo is the Carrier logo, which consists of the word 'Carrier' in white script inside a dark blue oval. To the left of the Carrier logo is the Energy Star logo, showing a blue square with a white star and the words 'Energy' and 'ENERGY STAR'. To the right of the Carrier logo is the NATE logo, a circular seal with 'NATE' in large yellow letters, 'NORTH AMERICAN TECHNICIAN EXCELLENCE' around the top, and 'CERTIFYING THE FINEST IN HVACR' around the bottom. At the bottom of the advertisement, the company name 'NORTHERN AIR, INC.' is written in a large, stylized blue font with a white outline. Below this, 'Air Conditioning & Heating Contractors' is written in a smaller blue font. The phone number '727.541.4374' is prominently displayed in a large, bold blue font. Below the phone number, the address '7290 61st Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781' is listed. At the very bottom, the website 'www.northernairpinellas.com' and the text 'Family Owned & Operated' and 'State Cert. No. CAC029392' are provided.

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Buy Nothing Facebook Group

Whether you like to save money or you like to save the environment, a Facebook group, Buy Nothing, may be the place for you. The Buy Nothing Facebook group is based on the premise to, “buy less and share more. It makes us all richer and the planet cleaner.” Each Facebook Buy Nothing group is divided into different regional areas, so you communicate with those in your own community. Since your reading this in our Riviera Bay Neighborhood paper, you would join the “Buy Nothing St. Petersburg (North), FL” group.

Planning to travel? There’s a Buy Nothing Group for that too entitled, “Buy Nothing Travelers’ Network”. I used this once when I forgot my stroller at home and I was on vacation. I was quickly able to pick one up... for free!

Have extra clothes you want to donate but keep

forgetting to take them to Goodwill? Post them on your local Buy Nothing group, choose a recipient, and message them via direct message. Place the donations on the front porch and—poof! They’ll disappear! Gone

are the days of driving around with a bag or box of donations in your car until you finally give up and put them back in your garage. Don’t have clothes to donate? No problem! You can gift anything! Personally, I’ve gifted everything from clothes, kids toys, old bikes, jars, half used candles—you name it, someone wants it.

Donating isn’t the only benefit. After Tropical Storm Eta destroyed much of what was in my house, this Facebook group has been a Godsend. My family

received everything from appliances to wrapping paper, just simply by asking.

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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, or sponsoring the Memorial Day Concert at the Sandbar!

**I am a neighbor first, so feel free to call anytime
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Gateway Market Center Redesign

Plans progress for Gateway Market Center redesign and expansion



Newly filed plans show the owner of the Gateway Market Center is planning to construct five new buildings.

The Gateway Market Center at 7751-8229 9th St. N. is one of the largest shopping centers in St. Petersburg. It's anchored by Target and Publix Super Market.

Engineering firm Kimley-Horn filed an application for stormwater permits on behalf of its client InvenTrust Properties Corp., a real estate investment trust that has owned the shopping center since 2010.

The application states the proposed project consists of the new buildings, associated parking areas, stormwater system, utilities and the redesign of a portion of the existing buildings within the 47-acre retail plaza.

InvenTrust Properties declined to comment on the new project details.

However, last year, the owners told the St. Pete Catalyst they would renovate the center in 2022.

A rendering showing the proposed outparcel buildings at Gateway Market Center on 9th Street North. Image: InvenTrust Properties.

At that time, InvenTrust said about 60,000 square feet of the existing building area will be demolished and several new buildings will be constructed.

The two new anchor-sized buildings would be developed at the center and three new buildings for small shop tenants and restaurants will be added, according to InvenTrust's plans from last year.

The work is expected to take about 18 months to complete.

The shopping center recently added two new stores, HomeGoods and Five Below, which replaced Office Depot.

A lease for another major tenant, Beall's, expired this January and the tenant will not continue their lease, Dave Joss, the company's vice president of development and construction, previously said.

St. Petersburg Holiday Grant Winners!



This past holiday season, individuals in St. Pete were encouraged to donate to the City of St. Petersburg's Utility Assistance Program for a chance to win a \$500 mini-grant for their neighborhood.

Those who donated, helped their neighborhood while helping those in need. The Utility Assistance Program supports St. Pete utility customers who are having trouble with their utility costs. Funding to the program is based on donations and signing up to donate helps St. Pete families in need.

The top three neighborhoods with the most enrollment in the Utility Assistance Program from Nov. 1, 2021 to Jan. 1, 2022 would win a \$500 mini-grant for neighborhood events or activities. Winners were announced in February 2022 and Riviera Bay Civic Association was named a runner-up and received a \$300 grant!



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WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- **Adopt a Project:** Visit carefestusa.com to adopt a local project or submit a project.
- **Organize a Neighborhood Cleanup:** Neighborhood leaders can contact the Community Services Department at Ivan.Fountain@stpete.org or 727-892-5141 for more information and to schedule. Up to two neighborhood cleanups may be scheduled in the city per weekend.
- **Host a Donation Drive:** Collect items to donate to local nonprofit organizations. Contact the Community Services Department at ICAN@stpete.org or 727-551-3249 for more information.
- **Donate Funds:** Make a donation at a Power of Change Donation Station to support homeless services. Make easy, automatic donations through your utility bill by signing up for the Utility Assistance Program at stpete.org/UAP.
- **More:** Contact the Community Services Department at ICAN@stpete.org or 727-551-3249 for a list of project ideas, partners, local organizations and ways to help.

TRACK YOUR IMPACT

Help the City track your impact. Report back to the Community Services Department with how your neighborhood helped the community during CareFest by emailing ICAN@stpete.org. If your neighborhood has helped in ways not listed, let us know!

Find more information at
stpete.org/CareFest.

Any questions, contact Susie Ajoc
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*Please check with our Facebook page
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SPRING YARD SALES – March 4-6

ADOPT-A-ROAD / 83RD AVE CLEANUP – March 5

GENERAL MEETING – March 15

CANAL CLEANUP – March 19

SPRING FESTIVAL – April 9

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Membership Renewal Info

The Riviera Bay Civic Association works for the neighborhood to maintain, improve and create community events for all ages. As a member of the association, it allows you a say in neighborhood plans, event incentives and perks within our community. If you have not joined, please scan the QR code or fill out the form below and mail it to the PO Box address provided. Please show your support by sending at least \$10 (larger amounts are always welcomed) and memberships are per household which include your spouse/partner and children. Memberships should be renewed each calendar year.

I would like to join/rejoin the Riviera Bay Civic Association. Enclosed please find at least \$10. (more is always appreciated) association dues for our family for January through December.

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