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49TH ST SOUTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

Wow! 2020 is not even half over and has been a roller coaster ride! Now, a lot of us enjoy roller coaster rides, but I believe this is the exception!! Covid 19, protests, riots, closing States, opening States in phases, wearing masks, gowns and gloves, tropical storms, closing businesses for Covid, closing businesses for riots, home schooling, working from home, only 12 at a time on a city bus, no visits for our nursing home residents....

we can only pray and hope that the second half of 2020 is a bit less eventful! I saw this on Facebook and it made me smile "2020 needs to just pull over and let me out...I'll walk."

On the other hand, donations of meals and masks for first responders, childcare for first responders, designating first responders, healthcare, truck drivers, grocery stores, etc as heroes vs sports figures due to Covid.

There is good and bad in every situation. What you experience is up to you. PLEASE keep in mind, that as a local business owner, you have many responsibilities.

It is so very important that you care for yourself. If you don't care for yourself, you cannot give your all to your business, your customers and most importantly, your family.

We need to keep our eyes and ears open for each other and ourselves. Please know, I keep in contact with many to alert you all of anything I hear.

Also, please know, that we have come a long way in getting our municipalities (Gulfport and St. Petersburg) to work together and share information and teaming up. Let's pull together and keep each other safe!!

I would like to close with 2 quotes from 2 influential historical men (in alphabetical order):

“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”

John F. Kennedy



“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

“Will you accept responsibility for the future and provide love and light?”

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Jeri Reed

Jeri Reed, RN
President SO49



A TRIBUTE TO THOSE THAT SERVE:

by Phil Reed

Have you ever taken into consideration that all that serve us and perform as a First Responder take on a task that many of us never want to do. Day in and Day out many of our finest get up and prepare for a day that can be as different as night or day. Many have families and as they walk out the door of their home, the thought it could be the last time that they see their family goes thru their minds each day 52 weeks a year.

Each day can bring a new challenge, from a stolen bike, burglary of our home or our car, an argument, a lost child, a lost puppy, Medical Emergency or a fire or our Nurses taking care of your loved ones whatever the situation they respond.

The response can be minor but to us, that make that 911 call it is the end of the world.

They show up without a second thought because they have chosen to serve. They are not forced to do that but they chose that route because they care. Here in Gulfport Florida and Pinellas County we are so blessed to have such dedicated group of first responder and Nurses individuals that we have all grown to depend on.

Without forethought we know that the Police or Fire Department, Ambulance, Dr's or Nurses are just a brief call away, they respond within Minutes but yet many of us have forgotten to do one thing and that is to say "Thank You for Your Service", 5 words that means so much, it does not take a great deal of effort or cost you anything to just tell all of them THANK YOU.



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by Phil Reed





It is that time of the year again, that many of you have an opportunity on a very special day to show the one in your life who guided you and kissed your boo boos, taught you to swim, listened to your first break up, stood there as you graduate from high school, stood with you as you began your new life as a wife or husband and your adventure as a parent, who was there when you needed to cry on someone's shoulder and that special person who was there to laugh with you.

Please take the time to pick up the phone and give your dad a call and say 3 words, I LOVE YOU. Those 3 words cure a million things and remind DAD that he raised you right and with the 3 words it will bring a smile to all of us DADS from ear to ear.





Boca Ciega High School

Home of the Pirates

Congraduation 2020 BCHS Graduates Great Job

49th Street South Business Association wanted to recognize and Congratulate our wonderful High School Seniors for a job well done.



A special thanks to the **BCHS Alumni Class of 1966**. In an effort to celebrate the BCHS Class of 2020, they donated a \$20 Target or Publix gift card for each of our 412 seniors and early graduating juniors. **Doing the math...the Class of 1966 donated a total of \$8,240 to these deserving students**

TROLLEY MARKET SQUARE FAMILY FUN DAY

Sponsors needed to OPEN our Community!!

49th Street South Business Association is working on a FUN project for everyone. After Months of practicing the safe distancing at home, it is time to get out and re-emerge into the community. Our goal will be to get HUGE Water Slides and provide FREE, Hot Dogs, chips, Sodas, popcorn and Cotton Candy to the first 800 free. More FREE food will be added as we raise additional funds from the initial budget. To accomplish our basic goal we need to raise \$3800.00 and I need your help. Many of us have had a drastic down turn in our business, but we must look forward to the future and the bounce back of our community and our businesses. This will be a free and open event to the whole community. No date has been set yet because I am waiting on the word from the City and the Governor declaration of the start of the 3rd faze of the re-opening of our state. We are starting the fund raising now so that we are ready to set the date. Please think about getting involved today because without your help our projects would not be possible. I will have vendor space for my sponsors but there will be a limited number of spaces.

Sponsorship levels

<p>49th Street South Business Association is working on a FUN project for everyone. After Months of practicing the safe distancing at home, it is time to get out and re-emerge into the community. Free admission project for all that attend</p>	 Super Hero \$500	 Super Star \$400	 Hero \$300	 Star \$200	 Sponsor \$100
<p>All sponsors get a space to advertise their company Check the box for your area of kind donation</p>					



Contact: or Donation address
 Phil Reed 727-327-3509
 Mailing address
 49th Street South Business Association
 P.O. Box 531042
 St. Petersburg Florida 33747

Event Location
Trolley Market Square
4900 Tangerine Avenue South
Gulfport Florida, 33707

SAFETY CORNER

by Office Zachary Mills

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TELEMARKETERS, SCAMS AND ANNOYING PHONE CALLS

Although general day-to-day activities have been slowed down by the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems that certain types of crime happen no matter what is occurring in the world.

One such example now that people are home more often, is in regards to abusive phone calls. Abusive phone calls are not acceptable. In these cases, callers use the phone for a variety of reasons.

They may intend the call to be a simple prank. Or the call may be a more deliberate attempt to disturb or annoy you. More seriously, the call may be obscene, harassing, and/or threatening.

Calls of this nature may be illegal, punishable by criminal prosecution, and/or may subject the caller to civil liability.

We've all been subject to annoying, pointless, and harassing phone calls from telemarketers.



Be very suspicious of any unknown caller who says that you must respond immediately to the solicitation, offers to pick up the money from your home, instructs you to send or wire money, or claims to be a law enforcement officer who will help you in return for a fee. If you think that the call may be legitimate, but you don't want to purchase anything or make any contributions, just politely tell the caller:

1. You are not interested
 2. You don't want to waste their time by listening to a solicitation in which you are not interested (although sometimes staying on the phone with them for long periods of time, will take their time away from trying to bother others)
 3. You would like the caller to remove your name from their calling list.
- If the telemarketer persists in calling you, or if you suspect fraud and want to report it, contact the Office of the Attorney General in your state, your local consumer protection officer, and your local Better Business Bureau.
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SAFETY CORNER CONTINUED

To stop most commercial telemarketing calls, you can register your phone numbers with the National Do Not Call Registry.

You can register online at www.donotcall.gov or call (888) 382-1222. Your registration will not expire. Once your number has been on the registry for 31 days, most telemarketing calls will stop. However, you still may get:

1. Calls from or on behalf of political organizations, charities, and telephone surveyors
2. Calls from companies with whom you have an existing business relationship.

A company may call you for 18 months after you make a purchase or three months after you submit an inquiry or application. However, if you request that the company place your number on its own do-not-call list, they must honor your request. You should keep a record of the date you make the request.

3. Calls from companies you've given permission to call

Another way to reduce the amount of telemarketing calls and advertising mail you receive is to visit www.optoutprescreen.com and ask to have your name removed from their call or mail lists. Under consumer help. Within months of your request, the volume of calls and/or mail you receive should be reduced.

Your request will remain valid for five years; after that time you will have to re-register. (Phil Reed Personal note) In the past few months I have received several calls from someone pretending to be from Duke Energy that they are going to turn off the power if I do not pay them right away by getting a gift card and giving them the number.

This is a SCAM Duke energy does not EVER make that type of call and tell you to go get a gift card hang up on them.



WE ARE OPEN

Many of our fine restaurants and businesses are still open from auto repair to food, storage, tax preparedness, signs and more. PLEASE support them in this time of our Country's uncertainties. These locations are working hard to make sure that their employees have a way to support their families.

Gulfport Family Diner

www.gulfportdiner.com

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Smokin J's Bar B Que

sjtxbbq@gmail.com,

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Gulfport FI 33707
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4921 9th ave south
Gulfport FI. 33707

Full Plate

1431 49th street south
Gulfport FI. 33707
727-800-9171

McDonalds

5111 Gulfport Blvd,
Gulfport FL 33707

The Storage House

1 219 49th street south
Gulfport FI. 33707
727-327-9598

Remember, we are all affected by this virus and in a time of need we all need to continue our support of our local establishments who for years have donated thousands of dollars to our local charities.

Hubbard Marina

info@hubbardsmarina.com

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We wish our fellow business owners and community members health and wellness during this challenging and uncertain time.





Smokin' J's BBQ is open 12-8 Wednesday through Sunday. FREE bag lunches Daily while supplies last. Call ahead 727 329 8624 and we'll have your order ready for you. Please be patient as only one person at the pickup window at a time. Remember be safe and be kind. CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY. Thanks, John, Lisa and Team Smokin' J's

The advertisement has a yellow background. At the top, the words "FULL PLATE" are written in a red, arched font. Below this is a photograph of a plate of food, including a gyro, chicken wings, and a salad. Underneath the photo is a red ribbon banner with the text "Chicken & Gyro" in white. At the bottom, it says "WE CATER 727-800-9171", "1431 49th Street South", "Gulfport, FL 33707", "Business Hours", "11am - 9 pm", and "Monday to Saturday".



Gulfport Diner Updated hours during COVID-19 Pandemic.
 Curb Side Pickup:
 Mon-Fri 7:00am - 8:00pm
 Sat-Sun 7:00am - 2:00pm

The logo for Hubbard's Marina is on a red background. It features a green square in the center with a gold fish. The text "HUBBARD'S" is arched over the fish, and "MARINA" is written below it. On the left and right sides, the words "SIGHTSEEING" and "SHOPPING" are written vertically. At the bottom, it says "DEEP SEA FISHING".



SO49 MEMBERSHIP

by Phil Reed

Dear Member/Potential Member
It is that time again to renew your membership with the 49th Street South Business Association. We have had a great 11 years and we have seen a lot of changes to the area.

We have welcomed new businesses to the area resulting in an increase of daily traffic. We have had many successful projects that have also increased the exposure to the area.

What is in store for the future?

- Family Fun Day
- Blues and Brews in November
- A Night of Nuptials June 2021
- Monthly News Letters
- Bigger music festivals and car shows
- Business Seminars to help your business grow and much more.



Without your help we cannot continue the great works for our area. We ask you to renew your membership and if you are new, please consider joining us - the application form is on the next page.

New this year, members get a business card size ad in 6 news letters. Thank you for your attention.

Membership Team
49th Street South Business
Association

PO Box 531042 St., Petersburg Fl. 33707

**It is that time of the year again your 2020 Membership is now due
Please mail in a check helps us keep the vision going on 49th Street**



**49th Street South Business Association
Business, Associate, and Non-Profit
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020**

MISSION STATEMENT: The Association seeks to unite, enhance, and promote the 49th Street South business corridor and embedded residential communities, including three blocks to the east and west of 49th Street, and from 22nd Avenue South to Central Avenue. Using sustainable strategies, we seek to achieve a district regionally recognized for vibrancy, special goods and services, safety, and Entrepreneurial opportunity. Membership is open to all, as we believe that we can accomplish collectively that which we cannot do individually.

Business or Individual's Name _____
Business Owner's Name _____
Physical Address _____
City / State / Zip / County _____
Mailing Address (if different from above) _____
City / State / Zip _____
Phone _____
Fax _____ Email _____ Web Site _____

ANNUAL DUES

PLEASE CHECK MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- Member** –available to businesses; provides one vote per business. \$75.00
- Associate Member** –available to individuals interested in the advancement of the objectives of the Association; is a non-voting member.....50.00
- Non-Profit Member** – available to non-profits within the area; is a non-voting member..... 25.00

Please complete this application and return it with a check payable to:
49th Street South Business Association • P.O. Box 531042 • St. Petersburg, FL 33747

Total Annual Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Date of Birth _____ **Anniversary** _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMMITTEE INTERESTS

- Neighborhood Outreach/Community Relations**
- Perception/Conceptual Committee** (branding/appearance)
- Public Relations Committee**
- Other Suggestions** (please list/comment)

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