

V.M. YBOR

Neighborhood Association Monthly Newsletter



February 1st Meeting Recap

Minutes Provided by Gabby Gamble

This month we had 24 neighbors and guests in attendance! Our treasurer report states that we have a total of \$5447.70 in our bank account before our Neighborhood Cleanup.

We had guest speakers from TPD and the City of Tampa. Lieutenant Collin McCoy informed us of the going ons around district 3 and how TPD shifts work in our area. He also informed us that we are currently in a flux time and the city will begin looking for a new police chief (they are waiting until April). From the City of Tampa, we had the honor of hearing from Kelly Fearon & Bernie Corey who informed us of the Vision Zero Tampa project and its impacts to 14th Street/ARDC. This quick build program will allow for a protected bike lane, more parking, and beautiful landscapes with an opportunity for a mural around 26th Ave!

See you at our next general meeting at the J.C. Newman Cigar Company. March 1, 2023 6:30 pm

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ADVOCACY CORNER

The Tampa Municipal Election is on March 7th. All Vote by Mail requests have expired, and you will have to fill out another request to receive one for this election. Scan this QR code to vote by mail!



We encourage all our neighbors to be involved in our local elections. Consider attending the One Ybor candidate forum to learn more about those running to represent us.

Early Voting: February 27 - March 5, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Election Day: March 7, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Neighborhood Clean Up!

Thank you to all who came out to show their love and dedication to our neighborhood by keeping it clean!

As an association, we will alternate weekend days and times to make sure we meet all of our neighbors busy schedules! We will host all of our neighborhood cleanups the weekend after our general meeting.



What's Happening in Ybor City in February

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

- Saturday Markets *every Saturday* 9am-3pm
- Feb. 11th - Krewe of Knights of Sant'Yago Illuminated Knight Parade 7-10pm
- Feb. 18th - Porch Party 2701 N 9th Street 6-10 pm
- Feb. 26th - Social Sip: La Setima 2-4pm
- Feb 27th - Conversations with Castor 6-7pm Ragan Park
- Feb 28th - One Ybor Candidate Forum 6-8pm Zydeco Brew Werks

Porch Party!

Hosted by Tarry and Kelly Grimsdale, February 18th from 6-10pm. The theme is *Love Your Neighborhood*. Valentines attire encouraged, but not required. See you at 2701 N. 9th street on that Saturday!



Neighbor of the Month: Kevin Tydlaska-Dziedzic

Introduce yourselves and tell us how long you've lived in VM Ybor?

Hello! My name is Kevin Tydlaska-Dziedzic and both my husband Brandon and I have lived in VM Ybor since August of 2017. We have lived in Florida since late 2015 but like many, are transplants to both Florida and Tampa Bay. We've had lots of moving but are happy we landed... into our 1928 bungalow in VM Ybor.

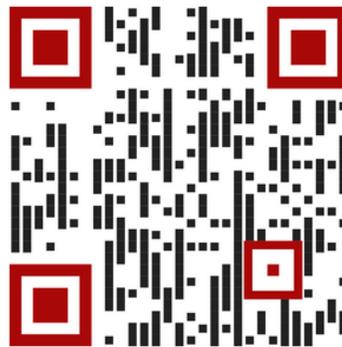
What improvements or changes would you like to see in VM Ybor?

I'd love to keep the diversity and culture that we currently see in VM Ybor. I love seeing the old become refurbished – having all these bungalows coming back to life is extremely exciting. I'd personally also love to see the city of Tampa put the same efforts they put into South Tampa into VM Ybor as well. Perhaps they can provide more city landscaping along our roadways?

We've heard that your company has won some awards recently! Tell us about your business and its accomplishments.

Both my husband and I have had careers in both the arts and marketing and in early 2018, decided to open our very own creative + marketing agency right here in Tampa. We called it BKN Creative.

To read the full interview provided by Dylan Breese, please scan this QR code!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February marks Black History month. And all month long, the **Tampa Bay History Center** has special programming honoring the legacy and achievements of African Americans throughout history. One of those events is a tour through the Robert W. Saunders Public Library's 'historic hallway', which is dedicated to black history throughout time, especially pivotal moments in the region.

The tour, called 'Our History in Black and White', led by curator of Black History at the Tampa Bay History Center Fred Hearns, discusses the Florida Black History Timeline, NAACP history, the Historic Central Avenue Corridor, Violet's Book Store and the African American Research Library. The tour is free, but registration is required. For more Black History Month events in Tampa, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/nhzbhjv9>