

2014



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News and information for the Broadwater Community in St. Petersburg, Florida

15th Annual Broadwater Family



April 27th

Join your neighbors at Ft. DeSoto from Noon to 4 PM. This is the longest running event for Broadwater and is fun for all ages. TASCOCO will once again be there with music, games, and inflatables for the kids. More information will come via infolink and a flyer as the date gets closer so be sure to RSVP. **If you would like to join a fun bunch of volunteers to help organize the picnic, contact Evelyn Hill at 864-4188 or BroadwaterInfo@aol.com.** Pictures from the 2013 picnic may be viewed at www.broadwaterfl.org

Neighborhood Garage Sale

On March 8th, we will hold our annual Broadwater Neighborhood Garage Sale. We will run ads in the Tampa Bay Times, Gulfport Gabber and on Craigslist so be ready for throngs of shoppers. Maps of the neighborhood will be available on our website for shoppers to print. **We will be marking participating houses on the map so please go to www.broadwaterfl.org before March 6th to register online.** **If you do not have internet access, please call Tom at 638-1421 by March 6th.** You may want to place a sign on the end of your street to direct folks your way. In order to keep a lane clear on 46th Ave. we ask that you inform shoppers not to park on the north side of 46th Ave S. We will be proactive in trying to control the traffic on 46th Ave S but we ask that you be patient on March 8th as you drive through the neighborhood.



**Broadwater
General Meeting**
Thursday March 6th
at 7:00 PM
SPC Allstate Center
3200 34th St. S
Featured program
Flood Insurance

11TH Annual Broadwater Holiday Party

Over 200 folks attended this event on December 13th. It was another great party thanks to Evelyn Hill and her wonderful volunteers Dana Ando, Paula Briggs, Cheryl Cook, Edie Creter, Linda & Dana Farden, Joy Fechko, Rhonda Fuller, Chuck Goes, Kris & Bruce Holtman, Vicki Linkovich, Mary & Marty Lisan, Kristen Mory, Ray Ockuly, Mike Pezze, Sheila Ramsdel, Maria Roesner, Roger Sheahen, Margaret Stone and Mike Zito. We also wish to thank The Impacs, Greg Dent, who graciously supplied us with the 360 Vodka and Tarantula Tequila, Sean Nyitray, The Staff of The Magnuson Resort, Tosti's, Home Depot 22nd Ave. North and our raffle prize donors: Kissin Cuzzins Restaurant, Smith & Associates -Lee Krueger, Richard Aaron, Outback Steakhouse 4th St., Flamingo Resort and The Magnuson Resort. Special Thanks to all of you who attended and generously donated \$701.00 (including Greg Day donating his 50/50 winnings!) to our National Guard Families. With the match from Broadwater and the 50/50 raffle proceeds, we were able to donate \$1618.00! Photos are on page 4 and more photos can be viewed at www.broadwaterfl.org .

SAVE THE DATE

- Mar 6: General Meeting 7PM
- Mar 8: Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Apr 27: Neighborhood Picnic at Ft. DeSoto
- May 1: Board of Directors Meeting
- May 9: Summer Broadwater Breeze Deadline

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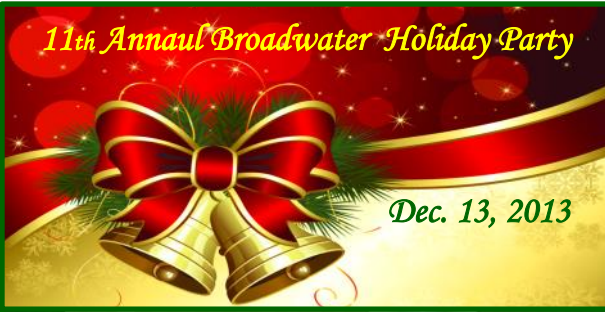
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From the BCA Board

2014 marks my 20th year living in Broadwater and I can't think of a better place to live!

There are many reasons I am proud to call Broadwater home and so many opportunities to enjoy all that we have to offer. We took advantage of a beautiful December night to have a very successful 3rd Annual Broadwater Boat Parade of Holiday Lights. The 11th Annual Holiday Party in December was also a great success thanks to Evelyn Hill and her awesome volunteers. Thanks to everyone who made both of these events happen and the more than 200 folks who attended the Holiday Party. Our Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place on March 8th and our 15th Annual Family Picnic is going to happen on April 27th. This is a great event to attend and a lot of fun to get involved in. These events, and all of our social events, are made possible by the dues paying members of Broadwater. Your thirty dollars (that is only 8 cents per day) helps to make Broadwater one of the top neighborhoods in St. Petersburg. We welcome Mary Lisan, John Ferguson, Jennifer Nyitray, Mike Zito, Margaret Stone, and Larry Sawyer to the 2014 Board of Directors. We had so many great volunteer candidates that we added 4 directors' positions to the Board. We look forward to bigger and better things in 2014 as we witness the dawn of the Skyway Marina District. I hope to see you at the next General Meeting on March 6th at SPC Allstate Center where we will discuss flood insurance and some ways to possibly save you money!

Tom Ando
BCA President



Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Needs You!

You have probably noticed the yellow signs on some of the bicycles riding by your house or vehicles with **Broadwater Neighborhood Watch** signs driving around your neighborhood. It's a great way to get exercise or to get out and meet your Broadwater neighbors, at the same time help deter crime in the neighborhood. Your help is needed in keeping our Broadwater Neighborhood safe. You can make a difference. We are all concerned about the possibility of increased crime in our neighborhood. Being proactive in our Broadwater community and helping with our Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Program is one of the best ways you can help deter future incidents from occurring.

Upon request a training session will be held for you and other concerned Broadwater neighbors, by our Saint Petersburg Police Department. The training class is only one evening, approximately 2 hours. It is very much a general introduction and information on how and what to do. It's very basic and not difficult. After completing the training class, most people involved in the program simply devote one assigned day (about 30-45 minutes) per month to patrol the Broadwater neighborhood at a time that is convenient for you. Now is the time to sign up and make a difference in our Broadwater neighborhood. With your help we can make our Neighborhood Watch program work more effectively.

If you have an interest in helping your Broadwater Neighborhood and want to sign up please contact Ted at Seefeldt@TampaBay.rr.com or 727-421-1201. Thank you for helping make Broadwater the best place to live!



Our Welcome Aboard representatives are Kris Holtman, Maria Roesner and Mary Lisan. Kris, Maria, and Mary all live on 44th St S and have teamed up to make sure all new residents are welcomed in a timely manner. If you need to let our Welcome Aboard ladies know about a new resident please email infolink@broadwaterfl.org or call Kris at 867-3172, Maria at 498-6899 or Mary at 215-962-8814. If you are new to Broadwater and have not been formally welcomed by Welcome Aboard, please email infolink@broadwaterfl.org so that we can let you know about all of the things that make Broadwater such a great neighborhood and provide you with some welcome gifts.

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Neighbors

- 👋 Bobby Butler & Micheal Lang 4394 48th Ave S
- 👋 Dan Clark & Theresa Larkin 4500 40th St S
- 👋 Tim & Kristie Wagner 3785 42nd Ave S
- 👋 Ray Cox & Diane Weeks 4429 39th St S

Donate Unsold Yard Sale Items and Help Change Lives



Wondering what to do with items that don't sell at the upcoming Broadwater Community Yard Sale? Donate them to Goodwill on March 8th! A Goodwill truck will be ready to accept your donations behind Marina Village Shopping Center at 4901 34th St. S 11 AM-4 PM. They'll even provide a receipt for tax purposes. More information is available at www.broadwaterfl.org or www.goodwill-suncoast.org Your donations of clothing and household items support Goodwill's services for people who are disabled, elderly or unemployed. Thanks in advance.



Health and Wellness Column

submitted by Kristen Mory

Are you a Race Car or a Jalopy? Article #1 - Fuel

I must start out by offering my apologies to those who have an affinity for jalopies; they do bring back many fun childhood memories! However, I think you will agree they are not the most shapely, speedy or star performer type vehicles around. When I work with personal training clients, I talk to them about choices and their goals in relation to what they are willing to do to accomplish those goals. First and foremost, before even talking about exercise, it is essential to consider the fuel that is going into the body. I ask people whether they would rather look and function like a race car or a jalopy. As I would expect the general response is “race car.” The follow up questions are, “if you owned a race car, would you fill it with low grade fuel? Allow it to run out of gas? Overfill the gas tank? Get up in the middle of the night and get more fuel?” I would expect the response to be “no” or at least “not on purpose” to all of those questions. Let's bring that analogy back to our bodies.

If we want our body to function and look like a race car, we have to treat it like one starting with the fuel. High grade fuel (non-processed food) is so essential to keeping our systems working at their best and keeping our filters from clogging. Avoiding “running on empty” will regulate blood sugar and allow us to operate efficiently without leaving us desperately seeking relief (often junk food and simple sugars) to satisfy our immediate need. Not “overfilling” your gas tank and eating at inopportune times will also keep those extra calories at bay and keep you at full throttle. Most of us have been trained to eat for various reasons including for emotional, social and habitual reasons. If you want to be a race car, consider eating for one reason and one reason only – to properly fuel your body for the next race. Keep this in mind each time you reach for that fuel nozzle, and decide whether you want to look and perform like a race car or a jalopy!

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Is Your Boat Safe?

Submitted by Phillip Creter,

Qualified Vessel Examiner and Instructor, Flotilla 78, USCG Auxiliary

- ✓ Does your boat have the required equipment to qualify as a “safe boat”?
- ✓ Does your first mate know what to do if the captain becomes disabled while underway in your boat?
- ✓ Does your boat have a 2014 Vessel Safety Check decal? 2014 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECALS are available.
- ✓ Have you taken an approved safe boating class (Boating Skills and Seamanship Course)?
- ✓ Do all of your boat operators who were born after January 1, 1988 have a Florida Boating Safety Identification Card if they are operating a motorboat with 10 horsepower or more?

To certify that your boat is safe, a U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Examiner will check specific items (based on the size of your vessel) for a successful completion of a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) and on completion, the vessel is issued a Vessel Safety Check decal for the current year. Items checked are:

Common requirements:

Display of Numbers, Registration/Documentation, Visual Distress Signals (VDSs) and Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) (Some requirements include: PFDs must be US Coast Guard approved and in good condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for each person on the boat (suggested but not required: with whistle and mirror attached). In Florida waters, children under 6 years of age on any vessel less than 26 feet must wear a properly fitted PFD. PFDs must be immediately available and not be stored in unopened plastic packaging.)

Some requirements for larger boats include:

Min. of 3 day/night flares are required. Check yours and be certain to have on board VDSs that have not expired! Fire Extinguishers, Sound Producing Devices, Navigation Lights, Pollution Placard, MARPOL Trash Placard, Ventilation, Backfire Flame Control, Marine Sanitation Devices, Navigation Rules (a publication by USCG) and Mufflers (All Florida vessel engines must be equipped with an effective muffling device. The use of any type of exhaust cutout that allows exhaust to bypass the engine muffling system is prohibited.). It is recommended that you also have on board a basic first aid kit, extra drinking water, a VHF-FM radio, an emergency position indicator radio beacon, and basic tools. When you enroll in a USCG Auxiliary Boating Skills & Seamanship Course, you will learn more safety specifics and receive a Florida Boater's Guide booklet (and Florida fish guide) with all the current boating laws and responsibilities. If your boat does not pass, no citation is issued. Instead, you are provided a written report on how to correct any discrepancies. A BS&S program is taught by USCGAux Flotilla 78 at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706, near the Don Cesar. This program is held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM on a 13-week cycle year round; join anytime and complete within 2 years. For more info on classes, feel free to contact Jim @ (727) 360-4846 or Warren @ (727) 321-7801. If you would like a free Vessel Safety Check for 2014, call Phil @ (727) 865-2226.

THE Real Estate Report

Prepared exclusively for the Broadwater/Maximo neighborhood by Sharon Simms, CIPS, CLHMS, CRS

First Quarter 2014

GRAND PRIX RETURNS DOWNTOWN

Put March 28-30 on your calendar as the Firestone Grand Prix returns to downtown St. Petersburg. Rev the engines and cover your ears! Our office at 238 Beach Drive NE isn't blocked by the event, but we certainly hear the cars when they race. What a great advertisement for St. Pete with the tv coverage - fingers crossed for sunshine!

BLUE OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL

The BLUE Ocean Film Festival is coming to St. Pete starting in November 2-9, 2014. The film festival is relocating here from Monterey, CA. It is held in the US every other year, in even numbered years. Odd numbered years it is held in Monaco. This is another coup for the St. Petersburg Ocean Team, a premier consortium for marine science, oceanographic and environmental research agencies and institutions. The Team and its related cluster industries employ over 1,600 people.

TRADER JOE'S COMING

For any of you familiar with Trader Joe's from other parts of the country, and for those of you making the trek See **Trader Joe's** (next page)

Florida is Popular with International Buyers!

The National Association of REALTORS® reports that 2013 had \$68+ Billion in residential sales to international buyers, just over half of whom have a permanent residence outside the US and are usually here for less than 6 months. The #1 destination for foreign buyers? It's Florida, ahead of New York and California. 23% of all international buyers of residential property buy in Florida.

That comprises about 9% of all Florida sales. 84% of those sales are cash sales and they pay a 50% higher average and median sale price. These are not dumb buyers - they typically investigate more than the average US buyer, so don't think they are a good target for overpriced listings!

For many years we've had clients from

Western Europe: Germany, England, Scotland, Sweden and of course, from Canada. The last few years, however, our team has had clients from India, China, Russia and many of the Eastern European countries.



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St Petersburg continues to earn recognition

The *New York Times* has named St. Petersburg as one of the top 50 places to visit in 2014. The web site livability.com has included St. Petersburg as one of the top 100 most livable cities for 2013. We're one of the top ARTplaces for 2013, and the #1 Arts Destination (yet again) for Mid-Size Cities.

Previous awards include one of 7 most beautiful and underrated cities in the US, Florida's first "Green City", "Tree City"

USA award, best city for dog parks, best walking city in Florida, top 10 great downtown waterfront districts, most livable community in the Southeast, and many more. And our Broadwater is a hidden gem, one of the best waterfront neighborhoods in St Petersburg. We're right in between the best city and the best beaches! 🏠



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Effect of Flood Insurance on Sales

There has been some concern about the effect that flood insurance rates is having on sales. The effect seems to be in the number of sales rather than the price of sales. Some buyers are not willing to look in a flood zone. From October 1 to December 31 of last year, all three sales were cash. The two sales so far this year, one waterfront and one non-waterfront, were both financed. Interestingly, the flood insurance for the waterfront sale I had was less than the seller had been paying. Current quotes I've seen

in the neighborhood have ranged from less than \$1,000/year to nearly \$4,000/year. As far as I know, the \$40,000+/yr quotes have been on the beaches.

According to Multiple Listing Service statistics, there were 104 waterfront sales in south Pinellas County between October 1, 2013 and February 15, 2014. During the sale period a year before, there were 567 waterfront sales in south Pinellas County - that means only 18% of last year's sales.

Statistically Speaking

These figures show the current market and the recent Broadwater sales history according to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Prices vary by size, condition and location, so the \$/square feet has a tremendous range and is "nice to know" rather than a useful criteria.

	Waterfront					Non-Waterfront				
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF
Avail 2/14/14	7	384,500	3,200,000	526,250*	165-421	5	225,000	375,000	272,380	111-143
Pndg 2/14/14	2	275,000	550,000	412,500	150-165	3	184,900	283,900	229,567	81-162
Sold YTD '14	1	520,000	520,000	520,000	269	1	270,000	270,000	270,000	151
Sold 2013	21	260,000	720,000	478,921	150-289	7	192,500	289,500	241,643	91-141

*Excludes the \$3,200,000 listing

Many people ask me about market activity in neighboring communities as well. Here is a look at what's happening on the waterfront* in some other popular areas:

Waterfront NEIGHBORHOOD	Active as of 2/14/14			Sold YTD 2014			Sold 2013		
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High
Broadwater	7	384,500	3,200,000	1	520,000	520,000	21	260,000	720,000
Bayway Isles	8	749,000	3,150,000	0	N/A	N/A	8	430,000	1,725,000
Causeway Isles	13	425,000	965,000	1	285,000	285,000	13	250,000	775,000
Pasadena Yacht/Country Club	20	719,900	4,900,000	1	1,755,000	1,755,000	15	530,000	2,350,000
Pinellas Point/Bahama Shores	8	699,000	2,500,000	1	763,000	763,000	6	560,000	2,600,000
Snell Isle/Coffee Pot/Old NE	28	822,500	4,250,000	0	N/A	N/A	26	675,000	3,600,000
St. Pete Beach/Pass-a-Grille	41	425,000	7,490,000	4	549,000	2,550,000	42	330,000	1,900,000
Tierra Verde	27	789,000	7,990,000	1	1,640,000	1,640,000	24	425,500	3,500,000
Treasure Island	28	449,000	2,999,999	4	418,000	885,000	45	300,000	1,200,000
Venetian Isles	8	399,000	2,599,000	1	1,440,000	1,440,000	25	370,500	1,485,000
Yacht Club Estates	13	505,000	1,875,000	3	450,000	645,000	26	375,000	1,652,000

*This includes only "navigable water to the Gulf" properties - not lakes, ponds, etc.

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to Sarasota for the closest Trader Joe's, it's great news that Trader Joe's is coming to St. Pete. Land has been purchased on 4th Street N at the corner of 28th Ave N. Construction should start within a month and the store is expected to open this year, 2014.

New Affiliation with CHRISTIE's International!

Sharon and The Simms Team have merged ALVA International into Coastal Properties Group International, which is the exclusive affiliate in Pinellas County for Christie's International Real Estate. Our phone numbers and address remain the same - the office has a whole new look.

Our traditional decor has been replaced by a Coastal Living look. Come by 238 Beach Drive NE when you're downtown and see the changes. We'll continue to list and sell real estate as we always have, and now we have more benefits to offer with Coastal and Christie's. Call us to see why we're so excited about this!

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Submitted by Dan Kozsuch, Sun Valley Property Management LLC

The ghosts and goblins have left, turkey leftovers are tucked neatly in the freezer, and Christmas decorations are 75% off. Summer is right around the corner!! This is the time of year when many of our grasses, plants, and ornamentals wake up from their state of dormancy...and also the time of year when many homeowners begin to consider hiring a lawn service to help maintain their beautiful properties. Most homeowners are fully aware of the importance and requirements of licensing and insurance when hiring a contractor to provide a service, but unfortunately, these requirements are not as clear when it comes to lawn care providers. Contrary to popular belief, in Pinellas County, lawn care providers are not required to carry a certain type of "license". These service providers ARE required to possess certain "certifications". According to Pinellas County Ordinance #10-06, lawn care providers and their employees are required to carry the Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) certification.

"The GI-BMPs are a science-based educational program for Green Industry workers (lawn-care and landscape maintenance professionals), brought to you by UF-IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ program. The GI-BMPs teach environmentally safe landscaping practices that help conserve and protect Florida's ground and surface waters. They can also save the Florida homeowner money, time, and effort; increase the beauty of the home landscape; and protect the health of your family, pets, and the environment." This program is geared towards reducing environmental stresses by training best practices for Landscape Installation, Lawn Care and Maintenance, Irrigation (Installation and Maintenance), Fertilization, and Disposal.

Improper lawn care practices can have a tremendously damaging effect on the environment, especially in coastal areas. Pinellas County requires several different certifications, depending on the services provided. These regulations and certifications are of great benefit to the industry, customers, and most importantly the environment. More information regarding certifications and requirements can be found at www.pinellascounty.org Insurance, more importantly level of coverage, is another important component of a lawn care provider's service. Being insured is more than just stating "Insured" on a business card. Always ask a potential provider for a certificate of insurance, and check the coverage levels to insure that it is sufficient according to the service they are providing.

It is always a good idea to do a little research before selecting any contractor...lawn care providers included! Don't be afraid to ask for proof of certifications, insurance certificates, business licensing, and references. Properly accredited providers will never be offended and will be more than happy to provide this information. For more information and helpful links, please visit our website at www.sunvalleypm.com, give us a call at 813-507-7485.

References: www.pinellascounty.org , <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/index.html>

The Rahall Estate

The City Real Estate Department determined that the asking price was out of the city's range based on the results of their appraisals. As long it remains on the market, the city can consider making an offer to purchase the property. Infolink subscribers will be updated as new information becomes available and you can also follow any updates on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CreateANewWaterfrontParkInStPete>

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Spring Pool Care

Submitted by Darlene Ladous, Pinch-A-Penny Pools

After a cold, rainy and oftentimes foggy winter, we are all happy that Spring is here and our pools can be used again! For many pool owners, pool care and maintenance has not been high on the priority list. Now is the time to get the pool in shape to avoid algae problems and ensure safe swimming. The first thing you should do is test the water to see what needs to be balanced. We offer free water tests here at the store if you don't have a pool test kit. If you have a chlorine sanitized pool, now is the time to start shocking the pool weekly with liquid chlorine if you haven't been doing so. For those salt pool owners, it is critical that you have enough salt in the pool to produce the chlorine you need for sanitization purposes. Now is also the time to take a good look at your filter. If you have a cartridge filter, inspect it to see if it is clean and in good condition. If not, now is a good time to replace it. For sand filters, a good backwash will ensure clear water. For those DE filter owners, now is the time to open the filter up and rinse off the grids (we call this a "split and clean") and then repopulate the pool with DE. It is recommended that this be done twice a year for best water clarity and filter performance, and we suggest spring and fall as the best times to do this maintenance.

If you haven't been brushing your pool and removing debris, get those brushes and nets out! Don't forget to check your pump and skimmer baskets and empty them if necessary. Take a good look (and listen to) your pump to make sure that it is running properly and quietly. And, if you cut back on the amount of time you ran your pump during the winter, now is the time to have it back to normal run time of 8 hours. We wish everyone an enjoyable spring, and we are here to help if you have any questions or problems getting your pool back to perfect!



Membership 2014

Your dues support this publication and all of the social activities of the Broadwater Civic Association. We have 132 members (25%) for 2014. If you have not joined yet, go to www.broadwaterfl.org to print a membership form. **Please be sure to fill it out completely even if your information or your pet's information has not changed.** This will insure that we have your information up to date. Please mail or drop it off to Vicki Linkovich or bring it with to the General Meeting on March 6th. Remember the yearly dues of \$30.00 is less than an evening out on the town. **Don't forget to join this year!**



Nextdoor Broadwater is a free private network that connects Broadwater neighbors. It is billed as Facebook for Neighbors and is limited to just Broadwater subscribers. You are able to post events, items wanted or for sale, crime and safety alerts, recommendations for local businesses and more. In the near future infolink will not be posting items for sale so this will be your tool for buying and selling in Broadwater. To join, request an invitation by emailing your name and address to t.ando@turtlese.com. Check it out at www.nextdoor.com and see why 182 neighbors have already joined. For tips on how to adjust your Nextdoor settings go to www.broadwaterfl.org



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Broadwater Website

Have you visited www.broadwaterfl.org lately? Please email ksessionscrowley@gmail.com to provide feedback or make suggestions for improving our site. If you have a question about Broadwater, this should be your first stop. If you have not seen them already, go to the events section to view pictures and videos from our 2013 events.



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Broadwater Boat Parade of Holiday Lights

What a great night we had for our 3rd Annual Boat Parade. Thanks to all of our boats for putting on a great show, our residents and judges who lined the parade route, **Thom & Becky** for hosting the pre-party, **Tony & Daisy** for hosting the Awards Party and **John & Sue O'Conner** for organizing another great Broadwater event! Make sure your boat is ready for the 2014 Parade on December 14!! **Congratulations to the top 3 boats as voted by our judges.** Please visit www.broadwaterfl.org to view more photos and video of this event. 



1st: Boat #10 John & Luz Sackett & Crew



2nd: Boat #4 Cheryl Cook, Jennie Wilson & Crew



3rd: Boat #5 Rich & Kristina Burger & Crew



The Skyway Marina District continues to move forward. We expect the City Council to adopt the final plan soon and the Skyway Marina District Business Association has been officially formed as a 501 c(3) corporation. The City Council recently voted 8-0 to allocate \$50,000 to the district to hire a point person to seek grants and funding as well as promote the district to potential investors. Your emails and attendance at council meetings made a huge impact in securing these funds for this fiscal year. This news along with the Maximo Marina renovations, are positive signs that this area is ready to explode. Now is the time to speak to people from all over about the Skyway Marina District because you never know when you may be in the presence of a potential investor. We know how great this

area and we need to convey this to others! Thank you for your continued support of the City, local businesses and your neighborhood leadership in this effort. Please visit www.stpete.org/34 for more information or you may contact project manager Gary Jones at 893-7100 or gary.jones@stpete.org.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Broadwater has 23 Block Captains who are your street level representatives in Broadwater. Each street or area has a Block Captain assigned to be **your first contact for neighborhood questions or concerns as well as lost and found pets.** Block Captains also hand deliver the Broadwater Breeze and can collect your 2014 membership dues. Thanks to all of our Block Captains for their time and efforts to make Broadwater a better place to live! If you do not know who your Block Captain is, go to www.broadwaterfl.org for a complete list. **We are looking for new Block Captains for 38th St S & 38th Way S north of 42nd Ave S.** If you reside in or near either of these two blocks and wish to join this great group, contact Tom at 638-1421 or t.ando@turtlese.com

BLOCK CAPTAINS IN ACTION!

On January 11th a group gathered to clean-up 38th St S between 46th Ave S and 48th Ave S. The clean-up was organized by 48th Ave. Block Captains Bob Uhrrie, Thom Burton and Joni Reese. They were helped by Dana & Linda Farden, Todd Reese, Ray Ockuly, John Hodges, Ted Vandegriff, Fred Beckmann and Stevie Daniels. Thanks to all of you for volunteering two hours of your Saturday morning! The area received some much needed trimming and raking and is a good candidate for some more extensive improvements. We are trying to coordinate with Maximo Marina and the City to further improve this area.



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BROADWATER HELPING HANDS
Submitted by: Kristen Mory

Thank you to the volunteers who joined us for a fun and crafty holiday swag party in December! During this event, Helping Hands volunteers joined Linda Worle from Flowers and Other Things to make holiday swags for special neighbors who were delighted to receive the holiday cheer! Thank you to all of our Helping Hands volunteers and donors; your acts of kindness mean so much to your fellow neighbors and friends! Stay tuned for an announcement about our next Family Bingo Night to benefit Helping Hands! Broadwater Helping Hands is a volunteer program to assist those neighbors in need with projects ranging from property maintenance to assistance with hiring a qualified contractor at affordable rates. If you are interested in becoming a Helping Hands volunteer, or if you or someone you know might need a helping hand, please contact Kristen Mory at 727-688-9597 or kristenmory@yahoo.com





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