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# The Broadwater Breeze

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



We are starting to see the hard work of the many volunteers pay off in the Skyway Marina District! The three new signs debuted in May with the official unveiling on May 25<sup>th</sup> as Mayor Kriseman, Steve Kornell and SMD Business Association Board and Arts Committee members officially cut the ribbon. We have also seen new landscaping in the medians on 34<sup>th</sup> St S. Maximo Marina renovation bids have been received and there is much progress in Bay Pointe Plaza renovations as well as interest in the old Home Depot site. Events such as The May Day Race and Movie Nights have exposed more people to the area that we love and call home. Please support these efforts and events as the success of the Skyway Marina District will benefit our businesses, neighborhoods and ultimately our city.



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## HALLOWEEN PARTY

We are planning our annual Halloween Party for Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a fun event for the entire family that requires many volunteers.

If you would like to be part of making this happen please contact Jennifer Nyitray at 727-560-2324 or [jennifer.nyitray@raymondjames.com](mailto:jennifer.nyitray@raymondjames.com)



## SAVE THE DATE

### General Meeting

Thursday Sept 8th at 7:00 PM  
at Grand Villa 3600 34<sup>th</sup> St. S

### Featured Program:

City Codes, Maximo  
Marina & Skyway Marina District Update  
Snacks and drink will be provided by Grand Villa so come at 6:30 PM to socialize.

- Sept 24: Carefest Lake Vista Park
- Oct 22: Halloween Party
- Nov 3: Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov 13: Winter Broadwater Breeze Deadline
- Dec 10: Broadwater Holiday Boat Parade
- Dec 17: Broadwater Holiday Party

## Beautification Award Fall 2016

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## 38<sup>th</sup> Street South Improvements

Thanks to all of you who participated in the survey and pledged to donate funds. Option #2 was the clear favorite at 47% and a total of \$27,050 was pledged. We are collecting those pledges now and are moving forward with Option 2 and the civil engineer and surveyor have been engaged to begin their work. Even if you do not live near this area, this im-

provement will help raise the value of all homes in Broadwater. This project is also a great example of how an active neighborhood can partner with the city to upgrade beyond the minimum standards and beautify an area of need. **If you have not done so already, please mail your check made out to Broadwater Civic Association to Mike Zito 4369 48<sup>th</sup> Ave S St. Petersburg, FL 33711.** If you have any questions, or would like to pledge or increase your pledge, contact Mike Zito at [Mikepzito@gmail.com](mailto:Mikepzito@gmail.com) or 813-727-7035. More details and updates can be found at [www.broadwaterfl.org](http://www.broadwaterfl.org). 

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# SKYWAY Marina District

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- NEW WENDY'S
- GATEWAY SIGNS
- BURGER KING REBUILD
- PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING PLAN
- NEW PUBLIX OPEN IN DECEMBER
- SKYWAY TREASURES & TRAILS BIKE RIDE
- CREATIVE LOAFING'S BEST OF THE BAY NOMINATIONS

- MOVIE NIGHTS
- NEW SIZZLE REEL
- MEDIAN LANDSCAPING
- COHESIVE ART & DESIGN GUIDELINES BY WANNAMACHER JENSEN ARCHITECTS
- NEW PET SUPERMARKET IN OCTOBER
- ANNUAL SKYWAY MARINA MAY DAY RACES

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE LIKE THE SKYWAY MARINA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE  
AND EMAIL KERI FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT [KERI@SKYWAYMARINA.COM](mailto:KERI@SKYWAYMARINA.COM).**

## From The BCA Board

Things are heating up in the Skyway Marina District. There is a plethora of activity (some you can see and some you can't) that is creating a buzz in the area. We thank the many Broadwater residents who have had a role in these developments in the Skyway Marina District. We encourage you to support our local businesses as this contributes to the success of the SMD and shows our city leaders that we are behind their efforts to revitalize the area. Our annual participation in Carefest (September 24<sup>th</sup>) also strengthens our relationship with the city. We are also proud of the grass roots effort led by Mike Zito and John Sokol to improve areas within Broadwater. This is the type of activity that demonstrates to city leaders how a unified neighborhood can flourish. **We rely on volunteers to do everything in Broadwater so please consider helping out with any of our projects and events throughout the year.** Be sure to be at our next General Meeting on September 8th at Grand Villa. Eric Hirvela with City of St. Petersburg Codes will speak about ways we can maintain our community. We will also have updates on Maximo Marina and the Skyway Marina District. **Come early to enjoy some snacks graciously provided by Grand Villa!**

Tom Ando  
BCA President



Lynne Moore has joined Welcome Aboard to provide us with a north side presence. If you are new to Broadwater and have not been formally welcomed by Welcome Aboard, please email [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto: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. Any resident can let our Welcome Aboard ladies know about a new resident via email at [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto:infolink@broadwaterfl.org) or by calling Maria Roesner at 498-6899 or Mary Lisan at 215-962-8814.

### *A Warm Welcome to our Newest Neighbors*

- ◆ Kirk & Linda Petrill 4300 48th Ave S
- ◆ Heidi Burg 3840 46th Ave S
- ◆ Brian & Rosana Dunn 4348 46th Ave S
- ◆ Fabio Morales & Rebecca Negron 3806 48th Ave S
- ◆ Mark & Tonya Roberts 4101 38th Way S
- ◆ Steve & Gail Bride 3978 41st St S

### *Welcome New Businesses*

- ◆ **Elite Watersports** 4100 34th St S (next to Pinch-A-Penny)
- ◆ **Gator Jim's Tackle** 3301 Pinellas Point Dr. S

Please support these and all of our local businesses especially those in Bay Pointe Plaza while under construction.

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## Investing in Your Community

*submitted by Evan Mory*

You have heard it now a thousand times, "Shop Local," "Invest in Your Community," "Support Local Businesses," etc. And maybe you have wondered, what should that mean for Broadwater Residents? Here are a few ideas, just in case you have not already thought of these already.

- Visit at least one of the food establishments in the Skyway Marina District at least once per week. Instead of visiting the same place, try to spread your visits around to at least two or three of the local restaurants. Take the time to offer compliments or constructive feedback if they do not live up to your expectations.
  - Even if you are not in the market for what the new shops in the Skyway Marina District are offering (for example, you are not into Kite Boarding), stop in the shop to meet the new owners; welcome them to our neighborhood and see what they have to offer. You might be surprised and be able to recommend them to others.
  - Try to visit business grand openings and special events. It further demonstrates our commitment to support our businesses and to our great City and makes a great impression on City leaders and possible investors.
  - Make your routine deposits at our local banks. Banks can justify their offices here in the district by the number of deposits they receive. So even if your main branch is in another location, or another ATM is more convenient, try to make it a point to do all of your banking (even at the ATMs) within our district.
  - Stay vigilant with your neighborhood watch and connect with our community police officers.
  - Volunteer at least once per year or offer a kind gesture to a neighbor in need. There is nothing better than a heartfelt gesture to help our community's heart grow stronger!
  - Support neighborhood improvements, like the proposed project on 38th St S in Broadwater
- We often think and talk about the things we do not have. It only takes one glimpse at the beautiful neighborhood; one kind word from a neighbor, family or friend; or one sunrise/sunset to realize how much we have – let's be thankful, supportive and "Enjoy Local!"



## Broadwater Helping Hands

If you or a neighbor in Broadwater needs a helping hand, please contact Kristen Mory at 727-688-9597 or [kristenmory@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenmory@yahoo.com). We have a wonderful group of volunteers and professionals who can assist you with a wide range of services. If we are not able to provide you with the needed services, we can at least help you find the resources you need. If you would like to be a Helping Hands volunteer, please contact Kristen. Broadwater Cares!



## CareFest™

### Be Caretagious on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

Carefest is an annual community service day that encourages people to become more involved in their community all year. Community projects are identified and then carried out the morning of September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Broadwater has participated the last 6 years and will do so once again in 2016. **Our volunteers will be working the registration tables at Lake Vista Park. There is also a project within Broadwater this year so if you are able to volunteer or have any questions, please email [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto:infolink@broadwaterfl.org) or call Tom at 727-638-1421.** Your participation shows the city leaders that Broadwater cares so join your neighbors and show your community spirit!

## Nextdoor Broadwater

Like any social media site, Nextdoor is a great site when used for what it intended for. **The activity that caused many to abandon Nextdoor (grandstanding, agenda promotion, hate) has been curtailed so please consider rejoining.** Nextdoor Broadwater is a free private network, limited to just Broadwater subscribers, that connects Broadwater neighbors. **You are able to post events, items wanted or for sale, crime and safety alerts, recommendations for local businesses and more. Nextdoor is also a great place to post about lost or found pets and suspicious activity you may see.** To join, request an invitation by emailing your name and address to [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto:infolink@broadwaterfl.org). For tips on how to adjust your Nextdoor settings go to [www.broadwaterfl.org](http://www.broadwaterfl.org) and look under the Resources Tab near the top of the home page.



## Lost or Found Pet?

If you lose or find a pet we ask that you post a picture on Nextdoor Broadwater and provide as much detail as possible. If you are not on Nextdoor please report it to your Block Captain and email [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto:infolink@broadwaterfl.org). These methods have been very effective tools for reuniting pets with their owners.

## Broadwater Infolink

Infolink is an email tool used to communicate information to residents of Broadwater usually once or twice a week. Infolink emails are sent via Mailchimp which is a mass email service that allows us to reach over 400 subscribers in one shot. **To subscribe go to [www.broadwaterfl.org](http://www.broadwaterfl.org) and click on the Contact Us tab or email your name, address, phone number to [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto:infolink@broadwaterfl.org).** Your information will be kept confidential so you will not receive spam or advertising e-mail. **If you have registered for Infolink and have not received any emails recently, please email us at [infolink@broadwaterfl.org](mailto:infolink@broadwaterfl.org) to let us know.**

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### Reminders

- Please leash and clean up after your pet. The city ordinance requires you to have your dog on a leash and pick up their waste so carry a bag and help keep Broadwater Beautiful!
- Please be mindful of the speed limit in Broadwater
- Please remember to turn your irrigation off during wet weather or better yet install a rain sensor
- Please discourage your dock company from using 38<sup>th</sup> St S (46<sup>th</sup> Ave to 48<sup>th</sup> Ave) to load materials

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# THE Real Estate Report

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

Third Quarter 2016

## Want A Weekend Pied-a-Terre?

For a long time some people have had a beach cottage or condo retreat to enjoy their weekends at the beach. In the last few years we've seen people buying a small condo in downtown St Pete to enjoy walking weekends in the city. There's so much going on downtown every weekend and great sidewalk dining. It's also a way to "taste" downtown living before selling your waterfront home and moving there. Yes, some Broadwater owners have a beach retreat, and some have a city retreat.

## Top 10 Trendiest Home Features

*Residential Specialist* magazine recently reported that an analysis of Realtor.com listings over the last five years showed the following features listed most often:

1. Fireplace
2. Wood floor
3. Carpet
4. Granite counters
5. Stainless steel appliances
6. Open floor plan
7. Walk-in closet
8. Formal dining room
9. Vaulted ceiling
10. Open kitchen

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## FROM THE STATISTICS

**Distress Sales:** Another waterfront short sale has been listed since our last report, at \$999,000. The property was listed for nearly a year, until January 2016, and has now come back on the market as a short sale. Remarks state this is a "bank approved" short sale at the listing price. There was one waterfront short sale closing early this year at \$580,650.

No non-waterfront distress sales are currently active on the market. One bank owned property (i.e. foreclosure) is under contract at a list price of \$299,500, and three bank owned properties have sold at \$152,500, \$169,600 and \$226,497.

**Cash Sales:** 35% of the waterfront sales this year have been for cash. 38% of the non-waterfront sales have been for cash.

There is a 3.5 month supply of waterfront homes actively on the market here in Broadwater, and there's a 2.5 month supply of non-waterfront homes currently showing Active in the MLS. 🏠



**SHARON SIMMS**  
Waterfront Specialist  
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## OPENING UP THE WALLS

Tastes change ... and repeat. Florida homes built in the 1950's were generally open plan living. By the 1970's, people wanted more separate rooms - much like many of the Broadwater homes with a

separate family room and living room, and a small dining room or ell.

Now the demand is for more open



Walls from a 4th bedroom were removed to make more casual living space in this home.

space again, and many of the Broadwater renovations have removed walls, or taken down the kitchen walls above counter level. This makes for a seemingly larger space and a 1,700 sq ft home can be quite

adequate for today's living. Instead of moving to a newer home, you may want to re-new the one you have. 🏠

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# Celebrating the Arts

In the month of September, St. Pete will get to show off like crazy! Starting with the Shine Mural Festival on 9/1, and culminating with the Central Avenue Solstice street festival on 9/24, there are three full weeks of events (more than 57 individual events at over 149 venues, by over 102 organizations and/or performers) planned to highlight the city's arts and culture. Find out more at [www.stpetefest.org](http://www.stpetefest.org), and make plans to enjoy the best of St. Pete!



# 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 foot has a tremendous range and is "nice to know" rather than a useful criteria.

	Broadwater:					Waterfront					Non-Waterfront				
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF
Avail 8/15/16	7	594,900	999,000	715,557	284-346	3	324,900	369,900	341,600	152-185					
Pndg 8/15/16	2	585,000	1,500,000	1,042,500	298-348	1	299,500			99					
Sold YTD '16	17	285,000	785,000	594,850	158-352	10	152,500	370,000	283,794	64-187					
Sold 2015	26	400,000	1,100,000	586,142	142-349	7	179,000	305,000	234,143	64-140					

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	Active/Pending as of 8/15/16				Sold YTD 2016		Sold 2015		
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD</b>									
Broadwater	9	585,000	1,500,000	17	285,000	785,000	26	400,000	1,100,000
Bayway Isles	12	930,000	4,995,000	3	650,000	1,025,000	8	605,000	1,370,000
Causeway Isles	5	495,000	649,000	9	375,000	1,145,000	20	325,000	650,000
Pasadena Yacht/Country Club	16	724,000	3,000,000	13	550,000	1,825,000	13	641,200	3,275,000
Pinellas Point/Bahama Shores	2	1,698,000	4,200,000	4	529,100	1,325,000	8	465,000	1,400,000
Snell Isle/Coffee Pot/Old NE	28	695,000	4,875,000	14	550,000	3,700,000	13	842,000	3,300,000
St. Pete Beach/Pass-a-Grille	44	549,900	3,300,000	44	395,000	4,100,000	50	380,000	2,150,000
Tierra Verde	26	799,900	6,400,000	12	460,000	2,050,000	24	630,000	1,875,000
Treasure Island	31	499,000	3,900,000	32	545,000	1,590,000	66	350,000	3,700,000
Venetian Isles/Arrowhead	10	650,000	1,799,000	23	326,000	904,700	34	515,000	2,100,000
Yacht Club Estates	10	635,000	1,799,999	12	450,000	1,500,000	16	480,000	1,550,000

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



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Interestingly, previous trends of oak and cherry cabinetry that had a strong foothold in the market are no longer popular.

## Have you had an energy audit?

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the average energy audit saves homeowners between 5 and 30 percent off their energy bills each year. With the average household spending \$2,060 on energy bills every year, according to EnergyStar, that means a savings between \$103 and \$618 annually!

You can hire a pro to the tune of \$200-\$550, or you can conduct an amateur version yourself by following the steps provided at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov). If you do want to hire a professional, search the Department of Energy's Residential Energy Services Network at [www.resnet.us](http://www.resnet.us). A professional will be able to more thoroughly check for leaks, to determine how useful your insulation is acting, and can often offer better recommendations for ways to address energy inefficiencies in your home.

## MEET THE TEAM:

**Sharon Simms,**  
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**Rob Johnson,**  
Certified Residential Specialist







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### BROADWATER REFERRAL LIST



Connie Beckman now maintains a list of referrals from Broadwater Residents for various home services. The list, which is available at [www.broadwaterfl.org](http://www.broadwaterfl.org), is updated regularly. We are tracking the number of positive referrals for each contractor. **We ask that you review the current list and email Connie at [conbek@kenbek.com](mailto:conbek@kenbek.com) with the name of any of the contractors on the list that you have utilized and would recommend.** You may also email her with any new referrals for home services you have utilized and would recommend. Please include the company (or individual's) name, phone number, and service type. You may still request referrals via infolink but we suggest you use the referral list and Nextdoor Broadwater first. If you do not have access to the internet, Connie may be reached at 727-867-3088.

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## BLOCK CAPTAINS

We recently said goodbye to long time Block Captain Bob Uhrie who moved from Broadwater. We wish to thank Bob making a difference in Broadwater! Joni Reese has replaced Bob on the east end of 48<sup>th</sup> Ave S and we welcome Judith Schleicher who replaces Joni on the west end of 48<sup>th</sup> Ave S. We are still looking for a new Block Captain for the north end of 45<sup>th</sup> St S (4200-4388). If you live in or near this block and would like to be a Block Captain please contact Tom at [t.ando@turtlese.com](mailto:t.ando@turtlese.com) or 727-638-1421. 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. Block Captains also hand deliver the Broadwater Breeze and can collect your 2016 membership dues. Thanks to all of our Block Captains for their time and efforts to make Broadwater a great place to live!! If you do not know who your Block Captain is, go to [www.broadwaterfl.org](http://www.broadwaterfl.org) for a complete list.

## BROADWATER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We have very little crime to report in the past few months so it shows that we are being proactive and extra observant for any potential criminals looking for opportunity. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle overnight and continue to lock your vehicles and garage door when unattended. We also ask that you do not give work to individuals that solicit door-to-door. You are taking a risk if an uninsured person is injured on your property. **Report anything suspicious to the police at 893-7780 (store this number in your cell phone). Remember if calling the police even crosses your mind, do so!** More crime prevention and reporting tools can be found at [www.stpete.org/police](http://www.stpete.org/police).

The Broadwater Neighborhood Watch provides a presence that helps deter crime as well. Thanks to Brian Dault and all of our volunteer patrollers for giving their time to help keep Broadwater safe! If you wish to join please contact Brian at [bdaultgbc@gmail.com](mailto:bdaultgbc@gmail.com) or 727-424-9696. We now have a team of Community Service Officers that can be reached at 727-551-3181. You will need to leave a message and an officer will respond to you. Officer Stanley Maybell is our direct contact for our team.



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### ***Kornell's Korner***

Things are as busy as ever at City Hall, with many positive developments for District 5 as well as the entire city of St. Petersburg. I am pleased to announce more good news for the Skyway Marina District! Phillips Development recently announced the purchase of the empty lot owned by Home Depot, directly north of the SPC campus on 34th Street South. Their intention is to build market rate apartments and 25,000 square feet of retail space. I will keep you informed as more details become available. Congratulations to Frank Bozиковich for making the deal happen. Special thanks to Mayor Rick Kriseman for making the Skyway Marina District a priority of his administration.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recently granted the City of St. Petersburg permission to remove the road materials they store on waterfront land directly adjacent to Maximo Park. This will make the area look much nicer and will allow the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department to convert the 4.5 waterfront acres into parkland, with public access. The removal of the materials should begin before the end of the year. Once the materials are removed, the Parks and Recreation Department will hold a community meeting to determine the desire of our citizens in regard to the use of the additional waterfront acreage. I began working on this project in 2011. Along the way I partnered with FDOT, the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, the city's Real Estate, Parking and Transportation, and Parks and Recreation Departments to make this happen. Thanks to Paul Steinman (FDOT), Mike Jefferis (Parks and Recreation), Evan Mory (Parking and Transportation) and Bruce Grimes (Real Estate) for all their hard work on this project. Special thanks to my Council colleagues for their unanimous vote to fund this project from the Weeki Wachee Fund. Fixing our aging sewer system remains on the top of my priority list and will stay there throughout my final term in office, which expires on January 2, 2020. City Council recently voted to approve three million dollars of BP monies for needed repairs to our sewer system. We also voted to increase the amount we will spend next year on repairing sewer pipes and manhole covers by eight million dollars for a total expenditure of 10.5 million dollars. In addition, we are also implementing needed repairs and updates at the sewer plants themselves. Some of these capital projects are almost complete, such as the new 15 million gallon storage tank adjacent to Eckerd College. Others will start soon. I will continue to push for these projects to be a priority. City Council recently voted to allocate \$400,000 to add three million gallons of emergency storage capacity at the Albert Whitted plant while the capital projects at the Southwest Plant are being completed. The city is moving forward as fast as possible, however, staff has informed Council that there is still a possibility of further discharges while these projects are in process. I have made it quite clear that I want them to find temporary solutions and that further spills will be unacceptable. It is my belief that the recent sewer discharges are the result of two factors. The first factor was the premature closing of the Albert Whitted Plant before the projects to increase capacity at the Southwest plant were completed. On December 17, 2011 I was the only NO vote in regard to the Albert Whitted Plant closure. The second factor is the lack of adequate long term funding for our sewer infrastructure. Mayor Kriseman and the St. Petersburg City Council have made large increases in these investments in our 2017 budget. These increases were called for in a study that was conducted by a well-respected consultant. The problems with our sewer infrastructure took a long time to develop, and the solutions will take long term commitment to bring our infrastructure back up to where it should be. The City of St. Petersburg, in the proposed 2017 budget, has made a strong step in the right direction. It is difficult to boil down such a complicated issue as the problems with our sewers into one or two paragraphs, so if you have further questions about this, or any other issue, don't hesitate to contact me at 727-893-7117 or [slkornel@stpete.org](mailto:slkornel@stpete.org).

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## Spotlight on Longtime Broadwater Neighbor, Dorothy Jenkins

*Submitted by Edie Creter*

Dorothy J. "Dot" Jenkins first moved to St. Petersburg in 1959 from Buffalo, NY. But 40 years ago, in 1976, she moved to Broadwater! She first built a home on 40th Street S and 10 years later, built a second home on 39th Street S. She moved to her current home on 42nd Avenue S in 1992.

Dorothy retired in 1992 from GTE Telephone here in St. Pete

after a long career as a Facility Technician. But many residents know of her through her love of music. She privately taught piano for all ages for at least 20 years and is beloved by her former students who keep in close contact with her. Currently she is the pianist for the well-known St. Petersburg Alumni Singers, a choral group that has been singing secular music, anthems and spirituals for 36 years. She and the group have performed with the Florida Symphony Orchestra and many other venues in St. Pete and elsewhere.



*Dorothy Jenkins surrounded by loving family and friends at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club. Photo credit: J Douse Photography*

Dorothy celebrated her 80th birthday with great style at the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club on July 16th. We were lucky enough to have been invited. In addition to all her friends from the Tampa-St. Pete area, her family and friends traveled from as far away as California, Colorado, Maryland, New York and Virginia to help her celebrate. The evening began with Dorothy's grand entrance on the arms of her nephews Eric Pollard of Virginia and Scott Varnado of Maryland. Emcee for the event was Gwendolyn Reese, who shared many comical stories and warm memories of her obvious favorite "Aunt Dot." Loretta Monroe-Calvin sang a stirring *a cappella* solo of *My Tribute* in honor of the occasion. After a very complete buffet dinner, we were all treated to the comedy of Lynnette Hardy, a senior herself, who reminded us all of life changes as we age. Not always pretty! Alumni Singers and guests sang a very heartfelt rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Dot, cuing the DJ, Johnny Harris (Prymetime Entertainment), to start the dancing. All told, a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady and neighbor. Here's hoping for many more happy birthdays for Dorothy!



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