



Summer 2009

# The Broadwater Breeze

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



## **SOUTHERN NEIGHBORHOODS UNITE**

submitted by Tom Ando

The neighborhoods south of Lake Maggiore have formed a coalition that hopes to bring a unified presence to city officials, increase neighborhood spirit, and promote economic development to the southern gateway neighborhoods. The group first met in February and found many common issues in each neighborhood. Patti Kent and myself have attended all 4 meetings with Lakewood Estates, Maximo Moorings, Greater Pinellas Point, and Coquina Key. The group staged a clean-up project on April 18<sup>th</sup> that was attended by eight Broadwater volunteers. We spruced up the bike/walk trail that connects 34<sup>th</sup> St to 31<sup>st</sup> St. just south of 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Thanks to Mike Milvain, Vicki Linkovich, Marilyn Frank, Ted & Linda Seefeldt, and Richard & Jean Townsend for joining me in this show of community spirit. We have also shared our Neighborhood Plan and Grant information with each neighborhood so they can benefit from our success. The group is currently working on prioritizing needs for our area parks and will sponsor a Candidates Forum on September 23 at Lakewood High School.



## **Broadwater General Meeting**

**Thursday June 18th at 7:00 PM**

at National Guard Armory  
3601 38th Ave. S.

### **Featured Speaker:**

Deborah Larson with the  
City of St. Petersburg General Services and  
David Reinhardt owner of the former JMS Hotel.



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## FROM THE BCA BOARD

Summer is upon us and hopefully the rainy season will help alleviate the severe drought conditions. Please continue to conserve water and be sure to limit your reclaimed water use when sprinkling is not necessary.

We welcome John Ferguson to the Board of Directors replacing Perry Dempsey, who could not fill the position due to travel commitments. John has been doing a great job serving as our Codes contact and looks forward to serving on the Board.

We had another successful Garage Sale on March 21<sup>st</sup> thanks to Patti Kent and our other volunteers. We also accumulated some more hours toward our Stop Sign Grant but still need to do much more. Please get your hours in to Marilyn Frank right away so we can close this grant out.

We are seeing some progress on the Former Knights Inn and will have the new owner, David Reinhardt, present at our next General Meeting on June 18th to fill us in on what to expect. Deborah Larson with City of St Petersburg General Services will also speak at the meeting. I hope to see you there.

Recently we have had to say goodbye to two residents who have made a difference in Broadwater. Dot Fentress has moved to Virginia to be close to her family after 32 years in Broadwater. Dot has volunteered many times over the years especially with the Garage Sale and she will be missed. Barry Noden is moving away leaving behind his legacy, The Neighborhood Watch. Barry, with help from Rhonda Fuller, helped keep the Neighborhood Patrol going as the first part of our Neighborhood Plan. We thank Barry for his many years of service to Broadwater and wish him luck in his new endeavors. Ted Seefeldt has taken over the Patrol and has already indoctrinated 12 new patrollers. Thank you Ted (and Linda) as well as all the dedicated volunteers who keep Broadwater moving forward!

Tom Ando  
BCA President



## NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT STATUS UPDATE

The Clean up weekend that was held in March in conjunction with our Neighborhood Garage has only yielded 40 additional hours to our Grant matching hours. I'm sure we have more hours out there that have not been reported as the dumpsters were totally filled and the Goodwill truck busy with receiving donations. Remember that your hours for the Haz Mat To Go collection are also included in the match.

Volunteers were involved in another cleanup sponsored by the South Side Summit Group on April 18<sup>th</sup> that cleaned the bike/walk underpass under I-275 that connects 34<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Street behind Pizza Hut. That gave us an additional 15.5 hours for our Grant Matching hours. This makes our number of Grant Matching hours remaining at 225.

Any future Grants cannot be applied for because of our outstanding Grant match hours remaining. This means we can not apply until at least September 2010. That is only if we come up with 225 hours by the application Deadline in September 2010. We have so much to be proud with all the new signs and Neighborhood Identity.

I THANK all who have reported their hours and sent them to me. **PLEASE if any of you have remaining hours to report for the Cleanup Weekend in March please contact me so I may pick them up or mail to me.**

Marilyn Frank, Grant Coordinator  
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## BLOCK CAPTAINS

Many thanks to the 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 2009 membership dues. If you live on 38<sup>th</sup> St north of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, we are seeking someone to replace Tim Parham as Block Captain. Contact Tom Ando if you can fill the position.

**THANK YOU**





## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE SAT. MARCH 21

On March 21, Broadwater held its annual Neighborhood Garage Sale. The weather was beautiful and the bargain hunters were plentiful! Thanks go out to Patti Kent for coordinating the sale.

Thanks also to Art Buccino, Linda Farden, Wally Bowles, Thom Burton, Debbie Larson, Chris Spoor, Jean Sheahan, and Patti Kent for volunteering an hour each to pass out maps. See pictures on front page and inside back page.



## MAXIMO POLICE RESOURCE CENTER IS THERE FOR YOU



The Maximo Resource Center is staffed entirely by volunteers and is located at 4815 34<sup>th</sup> St. South in Marina Village. The center has been the site of Broadwater Board Meetings and Neighborhood Watch Meetings for many years. The Maximo Resource Center has information and services for you!

Here are some of the things they offer:

- ☆ Free Bicycle Registration
  - ☆ Free CLUB for select automobiles targeted by thieves
  - ☆ Free Cell phones for 911 use only
  - ☆ Information & referral materials for many City Programs
  - ☆ Public Safety Information including crime stats and Police Dept. Program information
  - ☆ Brochures and contact numbers for various City and Local agencies
  - ☆ Collection point for old eyeglasses donated to health services agencies
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  - ☆ City job listings and much more!
- Come in and visit us and if you would like to volunteer, please call 866-7177.



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### JMS HOTEL UPDATE (former Knights Inn)

New ownership has taken possession of the property and immediately started the renovation process. We are scheduled to have David Reinhardt at the General Meeting to discuss his intentions for the hotel.

### HAVE A CODES ISSUE OR QUESTION?

Contact John Ferguson at 906-9303 or [jferguson@futurehomerealty.com](mailto:jferguson@futurehomerealty.com). John has been our Broadwater codes contact for several years and he has helped solve many issues. With his knowledge of city codes and working relationship with the Codes Department, John is a valuable asset to the Broadwater Community.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

as of 5/5/09

Submitted by Vicki Linkovich

Broadwater Civic Associations financial position continues to strengthen over the first four months of 2009. Year to date revenues of \$5,100 exceed year to date expenses by \$3,400. 2009 memberships in the amount of \$3000.00 and advertisement revenues of \$1,800 made up the majority of revenue to date. The larger expense categories include \$780 for Newsletter, \$480 Storage and \$340 of Miscellaneous. \$316 of the miscellaneous expense is made up of additional street sign expenses. Total cash and Certificates of Deposit total \$22,500. The Synovus Bank CD (\$8,271) comes due on 6/25/09. Given the current cash on hand, these dollars plus some anticipated free cash from the Wachovia Money Market will be reinvested when this CD comes due.

## MEMBERSHIP

Your dues are appreciated and support the many activities of the Broadwater Civic Association. Thanks to the 205 paid members thus far in 2009. We are at 38% and still 53 members shy of last year. If you have not paid your 2009 dues yet, you should have received a form in the mail. Please mail your check in the envelope provided or pay in person at the General Meeting on June 18th. Please bring your filled out member form if you pay in person.



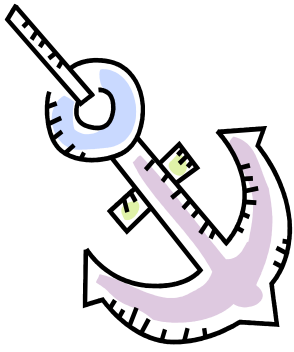
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**CANAL SECURITY**  
submitted by Tom Ando

We have had some incidents in our canals recently which require everyone's efforts to prevent. Items have been taken from docks and suspicious boats (usually with little or no running lights) have been reported. Broadwater residents have done the right thing by observing and reporting anything suspicious to the Police. We get many fishing boats in the canals at night taking advantage of our many lighted areas that attract some nice fish. Most of them are legitimate recreational fisherman and I make it a point to speak with them. I ask them to be careful around my light and wish them luck. Most are very respectful of our property and would not do anything to jeopardize their favorite fishing spots. Some of them have had bad experiences with Broadwater residents that do not want them in their canal. There is no way to stop them from legally fishing there so we may as well be courteous to them and ask them to watch for and report any suspicious activity. Several of them have my cell phone number and can alert me if necessary. Their presence in our waters at night may be the best form of security on the canals.

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# THE Real Estate Report

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

Second Quarter 2009

## Remodeling Returns

Exterior improvements, including wood deck additions and all types of siding replacement, return more than 80 percent of project costs upon resale, according to the *2008-09 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report*, produced by *Remodeling* magazine in cooperation with REALTOR® magazine. The report indicates that window replacements, kitchen and bath remodels also offer good returns, while home offices, sunroom additions and backup power generators are the least profitable.

## News Media Still Spreading Doom and Gloom

Statistics can be spun as much as a politician's speech, and newspapers believe that they can sell more papers with bad news. Figures are often given for the Tampa Bay area, which is such a composite the results are skewed. Hundreds of acres of new subdivisions in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties are lumped in with the Pinellas market, which is mostly resales. Even in St Pete, sales aren't consistent among neighborhoods. Each is unique.

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## Short Sales & Foreclosures

A few years ago, appraisers disregarded foreclosures or "distressed sales" when appraising homes. Now, short sales and foreclosures are so much a part of the market that appraisers have to include them. Buyers certainly do – since they want as much as possible for their money. If two homes are comparable (in the buyer's eyes), they'll purchase the less expensive one.

**A short sale is when the price the owner will get for the home is less than his mortgage balance(s), and thus it's "short" of paying off the debt.**

So far this year, short sales and foreclosures (1 of each) are 50% of the homes that have sold in Broadwater. Short

sales (2) are also 50% of the homes under contract. The "normal" sales and contracts pending are homes that were purchased in the 1970's to 1990's.

The majority of Broadwater homes currently on the market are NOT short sales or foreclosures – but many of them are being marketed at prices that are likely not to appraise. Most homes here are not sold for cash and are subject to the buyer obtaining a mortgage, which is subject to an appraisal. 




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## The Market in Costa Rica

There are some price declines in Costa Rica, too, but not as severe as most of the US. A colleague there says most of the declines you read about are from "wish" prices, not from prices anyone actually paid. Since many people are choosing to put some of their assets outside the US into fixed assets such as land, a condo or a single family home, they are generally not leveraging (financing) their purchase. So, there are some opportunities in Costa Rica where an owner wants his cash and will offer his property at a bargain price, but generally you don't have sales forced by over-leveraging as we do here.

One of my Broadwater clients talked with me recently about the market and opportunities in Costa Rica, went there, and made a purchase. Getting advice from the

right people is important, and his comment after returning was "Any concerns I may have originally had about going there and being taken advantage of were quickly dispelled by such a consummate professional." 



The community pool and view from Playa Panama in the Guanacaste region



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That said, even the “average” numbers for Pinellas County are improving. The median (an equal number above and below) number of homes sold reached a low figure of \$125,000 in January of this year. That's the lowest point in 7 years, which is more than 50% below the high of \$276,000 in October. Every month since has been increasing and reached \$144,000 in April.

The average (mean) home price also reached a low in January 2009 of \$191,000. The previous low was \$187,000 in March 2002. That's a 46% drop from October 2005's high of \$354,000. The number of homes going to contract has also gone up each month this year. **If any of you really like numbers, e-mail me at [stpetefl@gmail.com](mailto:stpetefl@gmail.com) and I'll send you a chart of the figures month by month.** 🏠

## Statistically Speaking

These figures show the current market and the recent Broadwater sales history. 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.

Broadwater:	Waterfront					Non-Waterfront				
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF
Avail 5/15/09	22	414,900	1,250,000	749,299	210-432	3	332,999	499,900	433,966	158-219
Pndg 5/15/09	4	399,000	459,900	439,725	190-242	2	240,000	274,900	257,450	127-133
Sold YTD '09	4	275,000	405,000	335,000	125-224	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sold 2008	11	300,000	1,700,000	746,364	122-660	2	152,000	350,000	251,000	64-136

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 as of 5/15/09				Sold YTD 2009		Sold 2008		
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD</b>									
Broadwater	22	414,900	1,250,000	4	399,000	459,900	11	300,000	1,700,000
Bayway Isles	11	790,000	2,800,000	1	1,770,000	1,770,000	8	540,000	2,089,800
Causeway Isles	20	299,900	3,200,000	3	308,250	425,000	9	400,000	575,000
Pasadena Yacht/Country Club	26	749,000	4,995,000	0	N/A	N/A	9	655,000	1,900,000
Pinellas Point/Bahama Shores	12	225,000	5,850,000	2	545,000	995,000	3	657,400	700,000
Snell Isle/Coffee Pot/Old NE	38	750,000	4,999,500	2	861,000	3,000,000	10	440,000	3,000,000
St. Pete Beach/Pass-a-Grille	99	435,000	5,900,000	13	410,000	5,250,000	29	425,000	3,300,000
Tierra Verde	46	695,000	10,000,000	6	400,000	1,350,000	8	770,825	5,600,000
Treasure Island	81	255,420	4,995,000	13	357,000	2,550,000	35	350,000	1,750,000
Venetian Isles	42	351,500	2,675,000	3	413,000	1,100,000	11	450,000	900,000
Yacht Club Estates	19	389,900	2,650,000	5	470,000	950,000	12	445,000	800,000

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

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## TEAM TRAVELS!

In March, Sharon and Tami traveled to Dallas, TX, for their annual planning meeting with the **Institute for Luxury Home Marketing**, for whom the duo teaches a certification class. There's likely to be less travel this year as a result of the economy; fewer people are able to spend the time and money on optional education. Even in the luxury arena, several groups have cancelled their annual conferences and seminars.

Later that month, just after the official grand opening of the new office on Beach Drive downtown, Sharon and Tami attended the biennial **Resort & Second Home Symposium** sponsored by the National Association of REALTORS® in Naples, FL. Among the resources that they found were several internet-based marketing sites for offering vacation rentals.

In April, the pair headed off to Phoenix, AZ, for an intensive marketing and social media “boot camp” called **BloodhoundBlog Unchained**. It was three 14-hour days of hands-on training in utilizing social media networks like LinkedIn and Facebook, maximizing search engine optimization for better marketing listings online, and high-level blogging techniques. It was exhausting but well worth the time and effort!

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## Mark Your Calendar

- Jun 18: General Meeting 7:00 PM  
National Guard Armory
- Jul 30: Board of Directors Meeting
- Aug 14: Fall Broadwater Breeze  
Deadline
- Sept 10: General Meeting

## Current Watering Restrictions

Due to drought conditions, new restrictions have been put in place effective immediately. Warnings will no longer be issued for a violation. You will be immediately subject to citations that carry fines. All lawn renovations not previously scheduled shall be postponed. Other non-essential lawn and landscape uses shall be eliminated. Also, hand watering and micro-irrigation are now limited to 6 PM to 8 AM. Aesthetic fountains and waterfalls (including storm water features) are limited to four hours of operation a day. As previously mandated, potable water restrictions are mandatory and only allow watering on Saturday for even addresses and Sunday for odd addresses. **Voluntary watering restrictions currently apply to reclaimed water.** Residents whose addresses end in odd numbers should run their sprinklers Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Residents whose addresses end in even numbers should run their systems Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. All watering should be only done between the hours of 5 AM to 9 AM and 7 PM to 11 PM. Let's help conserve our resources. **For more information and free materials about water restrictions, the drought and how you can conserve water both outdoors and indoors, visit [www.WaterMatters.org/drought](http://www.WaterMatters.org/drought).**



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## Caught Short? There is Help

You may have heard the term "Short Sale" in the news. Here is a simple definition for a complex situation. **A short sale occurs when a home is sold and the sales proceeds do not fully pay off the loan or loans on the property and one or more lenders accept a discounted payoff and allow the sale to close escrow.** This situation may occur if one wants to sell the home but have more owed on their home than the home is worth now. The home owner may be having trouble paying the mortgage because the interest rate has readjusted to a higher rate that when the home was purchased. Many home owners have already spent the home's equity using a home equity line of credit for what may have been very valid reasons. In the years 2004-2006 our home values skyrocket so the bank were happy to give you money. There are several other scenarios but too little space for details and each homeowner's situation is unique.

Homes in the above situation that become listed for sale at the request or direction of the lien holder are listed as "potential short sale" and must be handled by a real estate professional. Lenders prefer to have a home sold through the short sale process as a foreclosure is much more costly to them. Both short sale and foreclosure have impact on ones credit standing, in varying degrees.

If you or someone you know is in the situation of having to sell their home, suggest that they seek the counsel of their lawyer, their accountant and a trusted Realtor.

Submitted by Penny Flaherty, Realtor



## GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDER

Independence Day July 4: No change  
Labor Day Sept. 7: collection will be on Tuesday & Thursday  
2009 Schedule: <http://www.stpete.org/sanitation/residentialholidayschedule.htm>

## ELECTRONICS AND CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

Please visit <http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/hec3.htm> for a list of items you can bring to a mobile collection event or the county facility for disposal.





## FEATURE ARTICLE

VISIT BEEF O'BRADY'S AT 4775 34<sup>TH</sup> ST. S.

### FROM GRASS TO BOTANICAL GARDEN

submitted by Gary Kalember 4401 44<sup>th</sup> St South

When we bought our house in February 2006, the yard was all grass front, rear and both sides. I'm not a fan of spending my time cutting and trimming grass, so I started a program to turn our yard into a botanical garden. Fortunately, my neighbor Holly Waters, a Master Gardener, was splitting up her bromeliads and some were laying on her front yard. I had raised bromeliads when we lived in Atlanta and love them because of their beautiful flowers that seem to last forever and their low maintenance requirements. I asked her if she was getting rid of them and if so could I have them? She said I could have all of them and so began my garden. Since I was born and raised in Atlanta I had to relearn all my garden knowledge. Over the past three years, I have moved and transplanted until I have placed plants where I think they should belong and will do well. I converted many of my old mist sprinkler heads to a drip system. The areas that are shaded and covered with thick vegetation, no weeds grow. Even in the sunny spots where the Dwarf Oyster plants have taken over, they keep the weeds at bay. We now have 13 varieties of palm trees and close to 30 varieties of bromeliads, Thank you Holly. Frangi Pangi, Hibiscus, Iris, Bird of Paradise and Cannas provide beautiful flowers all summer long. On one side of the house is an herb garden and in most places where we have shade, I've got ferns growing. It now takes me less than thirty minutes to cut, trim and clean the yard. I do have to trim things up once a month in the summer and every two to three months in the late fall and winter. It's a real pleasure to walk about the yard in the early evening and see what has bloomed and take pictures to savor some of the more unusual bromeliads after they are gone. It's still a work in progress as I still have grass in the back yard, and I am still learning where some bromeliads like to be planted, but my botanical garden has become a reality.

Gary will receive a gift certificate compliments of Beef O' Brady's for his submission. If you have an article that you feel is worth publishing in Broadwater, please email it to [t.ando@turtlese.com](mailto:t.ando@turtlese.com). You may also drop off or mail to 4532 38<sup>th</sup> St. S, 33711. Deadline for the Fall 2009 issue is August 14.

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## **Broadwater Neighborhood Watch**



Recently, Ted Seefeldt assumed the Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Coordinator position from Barry Noden, so if you want to become active in helping the Neighborhood Watch you can contact Ted at 727-421-1201 or [Seeefeldt@TampaBay.rr.com](mailto:Seefeldt@TampaBay.rr.com). We thank Barry for his many years of coordinating this important element of our Neighborhood Plan and wish him the best of luck in his new neighborhood.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, a training class for new members of the Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Program was conducted by Officer Johnny Harris of the St Petersburg Police Department. The class was attended by 12 of our Broadwater neighbors who want to be active and make a difference in our community.

The new members are: John Ferguson, Craig Gatrell, Martin Pyke, Joan Shepard, Mike Zito, Jack Bosserman, Dave Bill, Ann Beaman, Chuck Blumenkamp, David Price, Wally Bowles, and Dick Flaherty.

The next time you see any of our Neighborhood Watch volunteers, please take the time and thank them for helping keep our Broadwater Neighborhood safe. Together, we as a neighborhood community can make a difference.

See picture on next page.



### **Neighborhood Watch Tip:**

Be sure to let your neighbors know when you are out of town so they can keep an eye on your home. Make sure they have a way to contact you if anything happens.



Jack Corey & Dot Fentress  
See story on page 7



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