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The Broadwater Breeze

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

Neighborhood Grant Update

submitted by Mike Milvain

GREAT NEWS!!

We are there!! We are OVER THE TOP!!

Broadwater has accumulated the 960 hours we need to retire the Broadwater Entry Signs and Landscaping Grant awarded in early 2011!!

As you may have noticed our landscape contractor, Pazourek Landscape and Tree, has completed the installation of the lights that illuminate each sign and the City has paid the final invoice so the initial, up-front component necessary to meet the terms of the Grant is fulfilled.

The last steps necessary to retire the up-front investment portion of the Grant will be to submit a report to the City of St. Petersburg Neighborhood Partnership Department that meets the documentation requirements required in the Grant Contract. Our goal is to have this report completed and have received the City's agreement that we have met all the conditions necessary to retire the Grant before year-end.

A perpetual component of the Grant is Broadwater's responsibility for the maintenance of the investment. Similar to the Street Signs Grant Broadwater had obtained in 2007; Broadwater has the ongoing maintenance responsibility for the signs, lighting and landscape. We will continue to organize "volunteer maintenance parties" and invest BCA funds as necessary to keep these areas attractive.


Special kudos go to the following 10 people for their great effort toward retiring the Grant by volunteering and submitting over 870 hours, or 91% of the total required. **Thank you all!!**

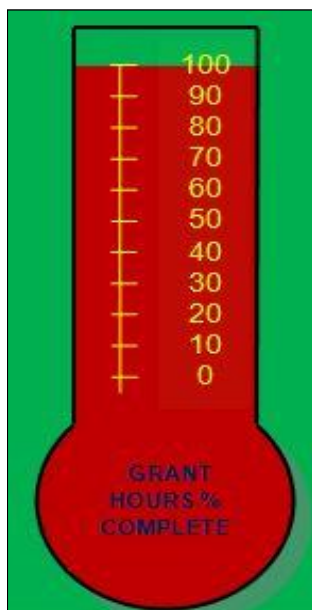


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Broadwater Helping Hands



Broadwater Helping Hands is a new volunteer organization started by Kristen Mory and Susie Kennedy that is designed to help neighbors in need. While Tropical Storm Debby was wreaking havoc on the area, a group of Broadwater residents joined forces to improve their neighborhood. Thirteen volunteers performed a major clean-up of a neighbor's property on June 23rd. The group weeded, trimmed and picked up around the home to help out a neighbor who was unable to perform the yard maintenance herself. Helping Hands has also arranged on going lawn service through **Pro Green** at a discounted price so she can maintain her yard. **Thanks go out to Kristen Mory, Susie Kennedy, Bob Gallen, Paul Krueger, Wayne & Jean Bond, Dana & Tom Ando, Jason Mottert, Wally Bowles, Ted & Linda Seefeldt and Tim Parham for volunteering their time and Pro Green for their generous support.** This is just one of the ways Broadwater Helping Hands can help a neighbor. Other services include transportation, pet care, companionship, help with technology, help with hiring contractors, and many more. **Continued on back page of this newsletter with photos.** 



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Judge Frank H. White, Broadwater Neighbor

Submitted by John Ferguson

As busy as we get with work or household chores, we sometimes forget the simple things in life, like getting to know your next door neighbor. This was the case for me this year when I found that my neighbor passed away. I didn't know Judge White, or his wife Mae, very well. Just to wave and nod a quick hello. It wasn't until I read his obituary and an article in the Tampa Bay Times that I found what an extraordinary person he was. Judge Frank H. White was a retired circuit court Judge in Pinellas County. He was one of the first African-American lawyers in St. Petersburg and the second black judge in Pinellas County. Judge White graduated the top of his class at Florida A&M University College of Law in 1959 and opened his own private law practice in St. Petersburg on 22nd Ave S. In 1961, Judge White and attorney James B. Sanderlin began research for a lawsuit against Pinellas County schools that eventually banned segregated schools in the district. Judge White went on to join the public defender's office and went on to winning a county judgeship. In 1981, Governor Bob Graham appointed him to a vacant circuit court judgeship.

Judge White retired in 1993. Judge White was born in Decatur Alabama and was one of seven children. He attended Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach and finished his undergraduate studies at Howard University in Washington DC. His wife, Elaine (Mae) White passed away earlier this year in April. They were married 60 years.

I now miss the opportunity that I might have had to get to know Judge White a little better to experience the lessons he could have shared about the long struggle towards racial equality that has long affected our country and our community. Judge White was a valuable part of our history and our values. I am proud to have met he and Mae and am sorry that I will never have the chance to wave or nod my head to say "Good day."



IMPORTANT DATES

2012



- Sept 6:** General Meeting at the Armory 7:00 PM
National Guard Armory 3601 38th Ave S
Featured: The Lens presentation by the
Architects of the new Pier.
- Sept 29:** CareFest at Campbell Park
- Oct 19:** Broadwater Night at Beef O'Brady's
- Oct 27:** Broadwater Halloween Party
- Nov 1:** Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov 6:** Election Day
- Nov 9:** Winter Broadwater Breeze Deadline
- Dec 14:** Broadwater Holiday Party at the Armory



Recently Photographed in Broadwater

Peacock submitted by Devin O'Neill

Rainbow submitted by Tom Ando

Got a picture of something interesting around
Broadwater? Submit to t.ando@turtlese.com



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From the BCA Board

Broadwater continues to be one of the most desirable neighborhoods in St. Petersburg. Broadwater was featured in a nice article in the August edition of The Island Reporter. Helping Hands is gaining momentum thanks to Kristen Mory, Susie Kennedy and some great volunteers. Join your neighbors on October 19th at Beef O'Brady's for Family Fun Night benefitting Helping Hands. Another way to support your community is by taking part in CareFest on September 29th. This will be our third year participating in this great event so please consider volunteering. November 6th is Election Day and your vote will show area politicians which areas of the city are most active. A large voter turnout will benefit our area in future endeavors as we try to attract more favorable businesses to the area. We regretfully accept Valerie Lauren's resignation from Welcome Aboard & Block Captain Chair due to personal commitments. We thank Valerie for bringing both of these important positions to a new level of excellence and hope to have her back on board in the future! If you would like to consider continuing to build on the foundation that Valerie has established and by chairing either position, please contact me at t.ando@turtlese.com or 638-1421. Broadwater prides itself on community participation and we invite everyone to the next General Meeting on September 6th at the Armory for a presentation of The Lens by the Pier architects.

Tom Ando
BCA President

WANTED

Now accepting nominations for the
2013 Broadwater Board of Directors
Contact Tom Ando at
t.ando@turtlese.com or 866-8070

WELCOME Newest Neighbors

Broadwater wants to welcome the following new families into our neighborhood:

Ronald & Lois Omslaer 4100 41st St S
Eric & Kristen Barnhart 4460 40th St S
Doug Hazelman & Jack Maynard 4380 43rd St S

If you are new to Broadwater and have not been formally welcomed by your Block Captain or by Welcome Aboard, please contact Tom Ando at t.ando@turtlese.com or 638-1421 so that we can let you know about our infolink, social events, garage sale, pet registry, quarterly community meetings, neighborhood watch, and our neighborhood projects and grants. We are a very active community and are excited to have you aboard!



Cub Scout Pack 202

Scouting is a program designed to instill the values of good citizenship, personal growth and service to others in our youth. It provides a positive, welcoming environment where young people can develop lasting friendships and fond memories. Activities such as camping and service projects provide our children with the opportunity to develop skills, self reliance and leadership. We have opportunities for boys Grade 1-5. Interested individuals can start at any grade level. For more information on how to start your scouting adventure today, please contact Veva Scott at 727-542-2520. Meetings start in September at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

Have a codes issue or question?

Contact John Ferguson at 906-9303 or john@justlistedstpete.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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General Meeting: General Meeting Sept. 6th

Thursday Sept. 6th at 7:00 PM National Guard Armory 3601 38th Ave S
Featured Presentation: The Lens presentation by the architects of the new Pier.

Be Caretagious on Sept 29th

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 29th. Broadwater participated the last two years and will do so once again in 2012. **Our volunteers will be working the registration tables at Campbell Park and will adopt another project if we get enough volunteers.** The day concludes with a celebration at Campbell Park that afternoon. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up online at www.broadwaterfl.org, at the General Meeting or call Tom Ando at 638-1421. Come out and show your Community Spirit! Go to www.broadwaterfl.org for more details and photos from CareFest 2011.

Family Fun Night at Beef 'O Brady's Oct 19

Broadwater residents and their families can enjoy food and drink specials, games, prizes and more while raising money and support for the Broadwater Helping Hands program. Join your neighbors from 6 PM to 9 PM and help out a great cause. More details coming soon via infolink.



Broadwater Halloween Party Oct 27

More details coming soon via infolink.



Trick or Treat Oct 31



Nov 2nd Day Light Savings Time Change

Nov 6th General Election Day

<http://www.votePINellas.com>



Broadwater Holiday Party Dec 14th

We are pleased to announce that the Armory demolition has been postponed until the first of the year so we plan to have our Annual Holiday Party there once again. Contact Evelyn Hill at broadwaterinfo@aol.com or 864-4188 if you would like to help with this great event.

Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Keep Tabs On Area Crime

Register for Crime Reports for our area: Register now and receive daily/weekly/monthly crime alerts in our neighborhood. Go to: <http://www.crimereports.com> to set up your account

To report crimes such as theft, criminal mischief, harassing phone calls, lost property, identity theft, or vehicle burglary online go to www.stpete.org/police

If you wish to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Patrol, please contact Broadwater Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Ted Seefeldt at 727-421-1201 or Seefeldt@TampaBay.rr.com

Garbage Collection Reminders

No changes for Labor Day or Veteran's Day. Thanksgiving Week: Monday & Wednesday collection
Go to http://www.stpete.org/sanitation/residential_collection/holidayschedule.asp for the complete schedule.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Vicki Linkovich

As of July 22, 2012 Cash and Certificates of Deposit total \$36,811. Revenues of \$8,922 include \$800 reimbursement from Maximo Marina for the expense to mulch the 46th Ave. entrance, membership dues in the amount of \$3,930 and a \$500 grant from the City of St. Petersburg for our Neighborhood Watch program. Advertising income of \$2,845 is below the same time last year due to timing of the receipt of funds. Expenses of \$5,202 include newsletter expenses of \$1,540, \$499 for Neighborhood Watch shirts which were funded by the \$500 grant, \$401 for Neighborhood Watch auto magnetic signs, block captain shirts for \$440 and storage expenses of \$530. Because the annual picnic was moved to April in 2012 from October, picnic expenses of \$1,002 do not compare to the same time period in 2011.

A full updated report will be available at the September 6th General Meeting.

Membership

Your dues are appreciated and support the many activities of the Broadwater Civic Association. We currently have 253 paid members (48%) and are 12 members shy of last year's total. If you have not sent your 2012 dues in, you may pay at the September 6th General Meeting, mail it to Vicki Linkovich, or drop it to your Block Captain. Please fill out the member form (available on the website) completely as we are always updating our database and want to make sure your information (and your pet information) is current. The form can be downloaded at www.broadwaterfl.org under the Contact Us tab. If you are not sure if your dues have been paid you may contact your Block Captain or email info-link@broadwaterfl.org to verify.



Volunteers Needed!!!

Broadwater Civic Association

Committees Positions Available

Block Captains, Membership and Welcome Aboard

Contact Tom Ando at t.ando@turtlese.com or 866-8070 if you would like to volunteer or find out more information.

Broadwater Civic Association Members & Committee Chairpersons

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Contractor Referrals	Lisa Lau	973-641-8295		lisalau18@yahoo.com
Welcome Aboard	NEED VOLUNTEER			

Resources:

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Maximo Resource Ctr.		866-7177	4815 34th St. S. Hours: M-F 9-12 Wed 1-4

THE Real Estate Report

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

Third Quarter 2012

TRIM notices are out: act now!

Every August the Pinellas Property Appraiser sends out TRIM notices that give the new tax valuations for properties in Pinellas County. You should have received yours in the mail by now. The notice gives the phone number to call with questions or for an appointment and in the bottom right shows the specific date that is your deadline to appeal the value (generally 25 days from when the notice was mailed). Filings must be done on the appropriate form and accompanied by a \$15 fee. If you wait til the tax bill comes out to contest your valuation - it's too late.

Insurance and refunds

We've had several questions on whether you get a refund if you cancel your insurance policy. Yes, on homeowners insurance you do get a refund for the unused portion, but there is always a minimum policy fee, so the refund won't be a true proration based only on the number of days insured. The same is true for a flood insurance policy, but with that, you'll only get a refund if you sell your home, not if you arbitrarily cancel it. They want to make sure you don't insure only for the hurricane season.

Citizens Changes Insurance Rules

Starting September 1, 2012, Citizens will require a 4 point inspection for any new or renewal policy on a home that's 30 or more years old - i.e., any home built before 1982. That applies to most of the homes in Broadwater. The four "points" are plumbing, electrical, HVAC (heating and air conditioning) and the roof.

The inspection must be done by an appropriate Florida licensed inspection and photos must accompany the report. In addition to a certification that all 4 systems are in good working order, note the following requirements: 1) the roof will need to have at least 3 more years of expected life; 2) no polybutylene pipes; and 3) if the house has single strand aluminum branch wiring, it must have documented remediation, either rewiring the home with copper or making ALL connections via

COPALUM crimp or AlumiConn. Note that this affects the salability of a house as well, as lenders for the buyer will not allow a closing if the house does not have insurance.

Note that Citizens has also reduced coverage: it no longer covers screens, it has reduced liability coverage to \$100,000, and it has set additional limits and exclusions. Be sure to check with your insurance agent before automatically sending in a renewal check. You may be able to buy supplemental insurance for some of these changes or there may be an alternate insurance carrier available. 🏠



SHARON SIMMS
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Why use a real estate agent to buy new construction?

It doesn't cost you anything and you get added value. Many of our Broadwater clients have decided to sell their waterfront home and move to new construction across the Skyway, choosing a brand new home and/or one on a golf course.

When you're "just looking" or "not yet serious about moving" and see an inviting developer's model home - retain your right to be represented. Don't sign in, because if you do that without an agent with you, you lock yourself in to working with the builder's agents, who represent the builder, not you, no matter how nice and helpful



they are. If you don't have your agent with you, tell the onsite agent that you won't sign in until you know they will compensate your agent. Yes, it's the builder who pays your agent, and the house won't cost you any more. In fact, your agent should be able to negotiate a better price (or options or terms) for you. Is the builder going to be more responsive to a single sale or to someone representing additional sales as well?

Read more in my blog article: <http://florida.ssimms.com/2012/08/14/why-use-a-real-estate-agent-to-buy-new-construction/#more-1875> 🏠



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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.

Broadwater:						Non-Waterfront					
	#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF		#	\$ Low	\$ High	Average	\$/SF
Avail 8/22/12	10	399,000	3,000,000	**	117-454		0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pndg 8/22/12	2	469,900	637,000	553,450	202-233		1	199,500	199,500	199,500	101
Sold YTD '12	11	300,000	535,000	413,136	157-233		0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sold 2011	19	315,000	850,000	435,868	140-250		8	175,000	267,500	227,750	81-141

** Eight listings are between \$399,000 and \$569,000. One at \$1,050,000 and one at \$3,500,000 skew averages.
The average of all ten listings is \$799,300. Excluding those listings over \$1M, the average is \$492,875.

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 8/22/12			Sold YTD 2012			Sold 2011		
NEIGHBORHOOD	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High	#	\$ Low	\$ High
Broadwater	10	399,000	3,000,000	11	300,000	535,000	19	315,000	850,000
Bayway Isles	3	674,900	995,000	4	550,000	974,000	8	485,000	4,000,000
Causeway Isles	10	305,600	999,900	9	250,000	841,500	10	278,000	615,000
Pasadena Yacht/Country Club	19	590,000	3,350,000	8	635,000	2,350,000	12	540,000	3,770,000
Pinellas Point/Bahama Shores	6	642,426	1,800,000	6	300,000	1,150,000	12	360,000	1,375,000
Snell Isle/Coffee Pot/Old NE	18	1,245,000	4,950,000	8	439,500	1,635,000	21	509,000	9,000,000
St. Pete Beach/Pass-a-Grille	36	399,000	4,795,000	39	335,000	2,900,000	62	297,000	3,400,000
Tierra Verde	28	550,000	3,985,000	14	500,000	1,472,500	24	296,500	3,475,000
Treasure Island	35	359,000	4,900,000	44	265,000	2,500,000	48	220,000	1,500,000
Venetian Isles	13	400,000	1,200,000	17	360,000	1,530,000	34	285,000	1,730,000
Yacht Club Estates	8	599,000	799,900	7	403,000	915,000	14	375,000	1,218,000

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

THE SIMMS TEAM

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Thinking of moving to a downtown condo?

Prices downtown are rising, inventory is decreasing, and rentals are scarce. Call Sharon at 866-0048 or visit our downtown office at 238 Beach Drive NE to set a time to discuss options.

TEAM NEWS!

In May, Tami taught the two-day **Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist (CLHMS)** certification course in Austin, Texas, and then spent a few days at the **Institute for Luxury Home Marketing** headquarters in Dallas, TX, to tape some promotional videos. In June, Tami represented the Institute at a conference of real estate professionals in Madrid, Spain (see photo below)!



The rest of the summer has kept the Team busy managing transactions here at home, but the Fall promises several conferences and courses around the country.

Sharon Simms,
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& Concierge Services

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Skyway Trail Construction

The City of St. Petersburg has been working to implement the City Trails program that was adopted by the City Council in 2003. It includes significant improvements to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations throughout St. Petersburg, including the exciting Skyway Trail along 37th Street.

Construction recently began on this 12-foot wide, concrete side path that travels along the east side of 37th Street between 32nd Avenue and 54th Avenue South. The work is being performed by city crews that will generally move from north to south on this project which is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

The Skyway Trail is a regional trail facility that is being constructed similar to the Pinellas Trail. Sections further to the north are either under construction now or are already completed. Those sections currently under construction will be open near October. The Skyway Trail connects to the Pinellas Trail, traversing through Childs Park then continues to the south through the new Clam Bayou Nature Preserve, with many sections built on scenic boardwalk-like bridges. The preserve area is already home to many birds, fish, and manatees.

From the south end of this project, trail users can connect with the Bayway Trail and Bike Route to Fort De Soto, or continue to the south to the fishing piers along the Sunshine Skyway Bridge where beautiful views of the shoreline at the tip of Pinellas County await bicyclists, walkers, and runners. The trail features a stunning view of both Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico with numerous islands dotting the landscape. The trail concludes at the North Skyway Fishing Pier. Questions regarding the Skyway Trail can be answered by contacting Cheryl Stacks, St. Petersburg's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator at 892-5328, or via email at cheryl.stacks@stpete.org.

Keep Your Gutters Clean

As a responsible homeowner you are required to maintain the gutter line in front of your property. Keeping the gutter clean not only enhances the look of your property but also keep water flowing to the storm drains. Standing water promotes algae growth and mosquito breeding. Yard clippings should not be left in the gutter or swept into the storm drains as they will end up in the canal. If you use a lawn service please remind them of these important points.

Emergency Contact Information for Drivers

submitted by Vicki Linkovich



While walking recently I heard some suspicious noises coming from a neighbor's house. I knew this neighbor had been out of town and I was not aware of the date of return. Another neighbor and I went to the front door and knocked without getting an answer. We tried the door and it was unlocked so we called the St. Petersburg Police non-emergency number (727-893-7780). They asked if we had a contact number for the owner. We did not have a number so the officer mentioned that the police have access to the State of Florida emergency contact information that drivers can provide and attach to their Driver License. This neighbor had not provided any emergency contact information and we were not aware of this program. The emergency contact information is captured on the Driver and Vehicle Information Database which is a secured database used by most law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida. It is not put onto the driver's license.

The emergency contact information program is the result of the efforts of Christine Olson. Ms. Olson worked with her State Representative to add emergency information to a person's driver's license or identification card after her daughter Tiffany was involved in a fatal traffic crash. Ms. Olson was not notified for several hours after the accident.

The information can be used to ensure a more effective deployment of our law enforcement officers (such as in my case where the neighbor was in fact home and officers would not have been deployed to investigate) or as in the case of Ms. Olson, a family member can be contacted more quickly in the case of a serious accident.

To sign up for this service, go to

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/emergencyhistory1.html>

Block Captains

Broadwater has 23 Block Captains that are assigned to each street or a portion of the larger streets. Your Block Captains hand out the Broadwater Breeze, help locate lost pets, promote membership, and are your first point of contact for just about anything in the neighborhood. They provide a presence on your block and are a key to the success of Broadwater. You can find a list of the Block Captains under the Contact Us tab at www.Broadwaterfl.org. We are in need of a Captain on 43rd St on the south side (to replace Ann Beaman). If you reside in this block and wish to join this great group, please contact Tom at t.ando@turtlese.com or 638-1421.



Health and Wellness Column

submitted by Kristen Mory

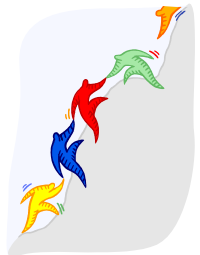
Who wouldn't volunteer to have good health?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as a tool to fit in a good workout and to maintain good health? If not, then consider the following as incentive to volunteer some time and benefit yourself and your community.

In 2007, the Corporation for National Community Service published a review of recent research and concluded that “volunteering provides individual health benefits in addition to social benefits. This research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.” It is no surprise that volunteering is good for your mind, body and spirit and particularly your heart! If your schedule is too full to squeeze in one more thing, why not consider volunteering as part of your daily workout?

There are many volunteer opportunities in the community and right in your backyard that include some form of physical activity. For example in Broadwater, we have the neighborhood beautification grant which asks us to log hours by picking up trash on our streets, canals and perform various other beautification tasks. This is a great excuse to kill two birds with one stone and get out for a walk and pick up any trash along the way. It is hardly an extra burden to pitch in when you are already out and about; I regularly pick up trash when I am out for a morning run or walk and just use it as an excuse to stop for a brief second and catch my breath! You can also pitch in by picking up trash in our canals while out kayaking or paddle boarding.

Broadwater also has a Helping Hands volunteer program to help out our neighbors in need by performing various tasks. Recently, we completed a yard clean-up for a neighbor on a Saturday morning. It was a lot of fun and a great workout for the volunteers as well! The group weeded, trimmed and picked up around the yard to help out a neighbor who was unable to perform the maintenance. Check out the www.broadwaterfl.org website for a link to a short video featuring the project and for more information about Helping Hands. If you or a neighbor of yours could use a helping hand, or if you are interested in being a Helping Hands volunteer please contact Kristen Mory at 727-688-9597 or via e-mail at kristenmory@yahoo.com to find out more about program details and eligibility requirements.



On September 29, 2012, the City of St. Petersburg has also asked us to volunteer for our community during CareFest. There are many CareFest projects in the City including two Broadwater projects (Working at the registration table for CareFest or helping with a yard clean up as part of the Helping Hands program). The City has also organized a clean-up of the pedestrian and bike trail between 34th Street South and the Skyway (the Bayway Trail). What a great way to show appreciation for our community and get in a good workout! So if you haven't already signed up for one of these projects, please consider doing so – if not only for your community, for your own good health! You can volunteer for the Broadwater CareFest projects and learn more about the Sept. 29th event by going to www.broadwaterfl.org or by contacting Tom at 727-638-1421. To learn more about CareFest go to www.carefest.com. Here's to your health and I hope to see you at an upcoming event!



Maximo Resource Center Needs Books

The Maximo Resource Center located in Marina Village near Beef O'Brady's needs your old books. The books are sold to help defray the operating costs. You may also purchase books at a great price to support the center. To donate books you may either drop them off when the center is open (866-7177, hours vary), or leave them at the door as the center is used by Police officers and they will bring them in. **If you would rather arrange to drop off books when the center is open, or have someone pick them up from you, please call Betty Watson at 867-0715.**



Kornell's Korner

34th Street Redevelopment

As your City Council Member for District 5 it is my pleasure to represent one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in St. Petersburg, Broadwater! Although it is a great neighborhood, the one issue I have heard the most is that people would like to see some development happen on 34th Street South. Many people would like to see some restaurants developed along this corridor. In researching this issue I have come to believe that in order to spark private development along this corridor the City of St. Petersburg will have to make investments in the infrastructure along the corridor such as streetscaping and lighting.

Earlier this year, a plan for development along the Central Avenue corridor, the Grand Central Plan, was developed by city staff. When it came before City Council for approval I asked why there was not a plan for development for 34th Street South. I was told by city staff that when the Grand Central plan was complete they would then be able to develop a plan for 34th Street South. This process should begin in January, 2013.

Next month I will put forward a new business item to City Council asking for a formal resolution requesting that staff put together a redevelopment plan for 34th Street South. I will need your support to email or call City Council and Mayor Foster and voice your support for the city's attention to this vital corridor. Stay tuned for more information in regard to this topic.

MAXIMO PARK

I am meeting with Mayor Foster and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss the state releasing some of the waterfront park land that they currently use for storage of road materials in Maximo Park. If this happens the waterfront portion of the parcel can be returned to use by the public.

City Council also recently approved a master plan for this park. Soon there will be major improvements, including all new boat ramps going into this park.

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

For all of you currently seeking coverage through Citizen's Property Insurance I am asking you to call my office at 893-7117 with any concerns related to their new inspection program. My concern is that these inspections are not needed. The City of St. Petersburg requires a permit and inspection for all new roofs. I intend to ask the state to accept the city inspection rather than forcing our residents to pay for an expensive private inspection. This may be a situation where the city and state governments can work together to provide better, and less expensive service to our citizens.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

There will be two public hearings in regard to the city budget. The first will be held on Thursday, September 13 with the second on Thursday, September 27. Each meeting will take place at St. Petersburg City Hall (175 5th Street North) at 6:00 PM. The Mayor has asked for a revenue increase and the City Council is considering a fire service fee or a millage increase to offset a 10 million dollar budget deficit for this year. Come out and let your voice be heard!

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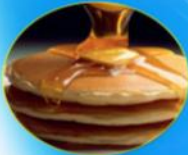
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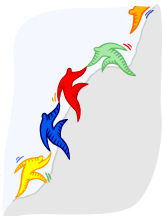
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