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Historic Gas Plant Redevelopment Project

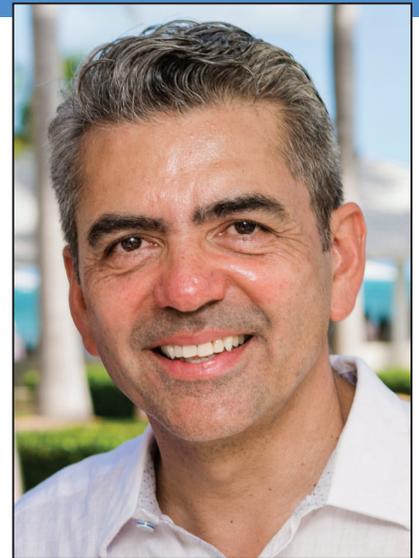
With our neighborhood being just a short distance to Tropicana Field and Rays baseball, the changes being proposed in this area can have an effect on us all. That's why I thought it would be helpful to provide a short overview of where things stand at this writing. Especially since, at least for me, it's all been so confusing with how large and complex the proposals are and with the scrapping of all the original proposals and the release of a new one.

First, a little history. Nearly 40 years ago, residents and businesses of the Historic Gas Plant community were displaced to pursue a major league baseball team and eventual opening of what is now Tropicana Field. The Gas Plant community consisted of predominantly African American neighborhoods. The construction of I-175 was one of the first displacements of residents of this area, cutting off the Gas Plant community from other historically African American neighborhoods to the south. With the declaration of slum and blight by the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (which has the same members as City Council) and the use of the Florida Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, the City would force residents and businesses of this entire district to relocate. The City was then free to pursue a major league team and build what became Tropicana Field.

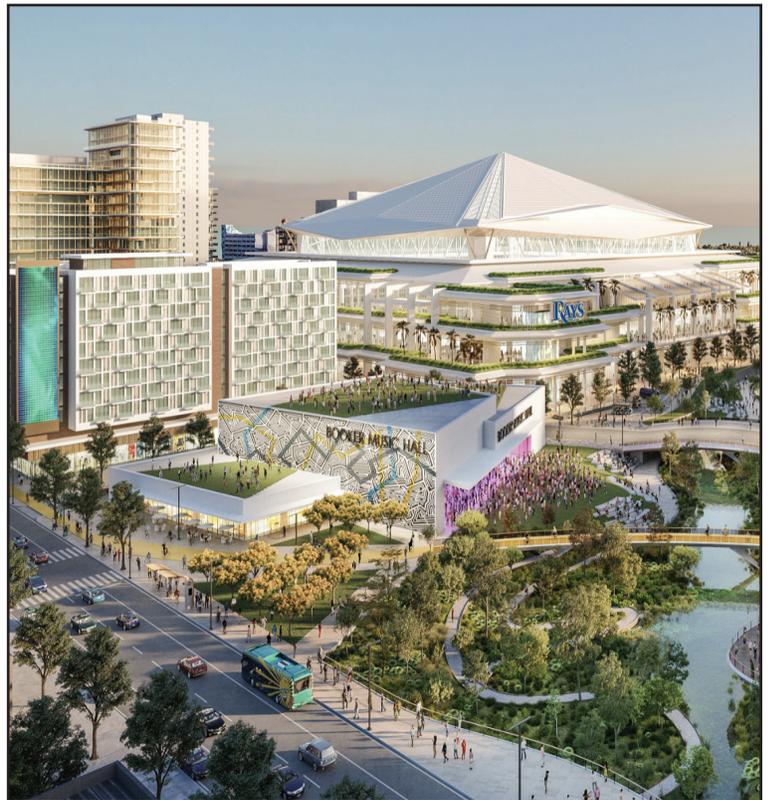
At the end of Mayor Kriseman's tenure, proposals were submitted to redevelop the area. However, when our current Mayor Ken Welch was sworn in, he quickly called for earlier proposals to be scrapped and for a new request to be issued. The opening of the request for proposal states that the City has the opportunity to fulfill unrealized promises that were made when the original community was displaced, bringing to St. Petersburg new attainable housing, equitable business opportunities, office space, meeting space, open space and overall equitable and impactful economic development that benefits all St. Petersburg residents and visitors.

On January 30th, Mayor Welch announced the selection of the Hines/Tampa Bay Rays proposal to redevelop the Historic Gas Plant District.

To help us all better understand the project, we will be hosting Brian Caper, Economic & Workforce Development Director of the City of St. Petersburg, at our next Neighborhood Meeting to be held on Monday, March 13th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at BOTE St.



Petersburg. Mr. Caper is uniquely qualified to discuss this project, as he led the Request for Proposal effort on behalf of the Mayor.



PROPOSAL FOR THE HISTORIC GAS PLANT DISTRICT

For information on the project and a copy of the proposal selected by the Mayor, please visit the City's website: www.stpete.org/residents/current_projects/tropicana_field_site.php. The project is still pending City Council approval.



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BOOK NOOK



Book Nook Leads:

Maureen Camphire and Sharon Dubble

The CHNA Book Club has been wildly successful! As a result, we now have two Book Groups, each with its own distinct membership.

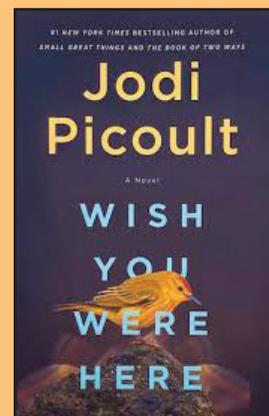
Book Group 1 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM
Co-leaders: Joanne Beckman & Sarah Hoddinott
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Wish You Were Here

by Jodi Picoult

April 2023

This is one of the first big-time novels that features the Covid-19 pandemic. The protagonist is a woman who has her entire life mapped out. Taking place in March 2020 she soon realizes that everything changes, including her boyfriend, their engagement, and the planned trip to the Galapagos.



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West With Giraffes
A Novel

West With Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

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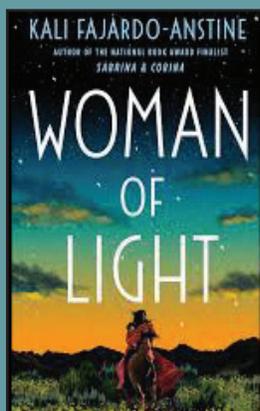
This true story about two giraffes being transported across the Lincoln Highway made headlines, and won the hearts of Depression-era America. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story with assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Woman of Light

by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

May 2023

Luz "Little Light" Lopez, a tea leaf reader and laundress, is left to fend for herself after older brother is run out of town by a violent white mob. As she navigates 1930's Denver, she begins to have visions that transport her to her indigenous homeland in which she learns of her ancestor origins and the importance of preserving their history.



Book Group 2 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Co-leaders: Melinda Borthick & Sharon Dubble

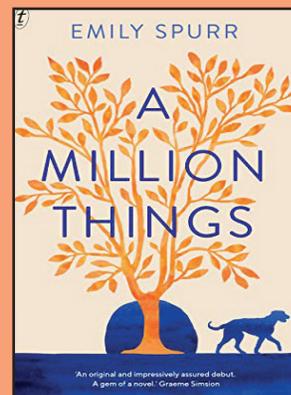
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A Million Things

by Emily Spurr

April 2023

This debut novel follows 55 days in the life of ten-year-old Rae, who must look after herself and her dog when her mother disappears. Spurr transforms a story of abandonment into an astonishing portrait of resilience and the families we make.



Flying Solo
A NOVEL

LINDA HOLMES
New York Times bestselling author of
Evvie Drake Starts Over

Flying Solo

by Linda Holmes

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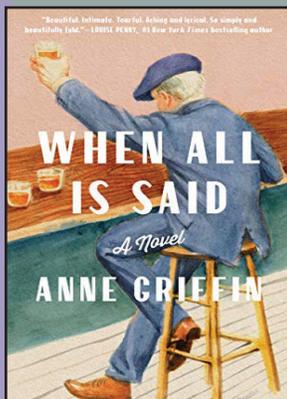
The author is the Pop Culture host on NPR. Her new novel is described as a down-to-earth art heist, twistier than "Ocean's Eleven."

When All is Said

by Ann Griffin

May 2023

Over the course of a Saturday night in June, Maurice Hannigan orders five different drinks at the Rainford House Hotel, and with each, he toasts a person vital to him. Through these people, the ones who left him behind, he tells his own life story with all its regrets and feuds, loves and triumphs.



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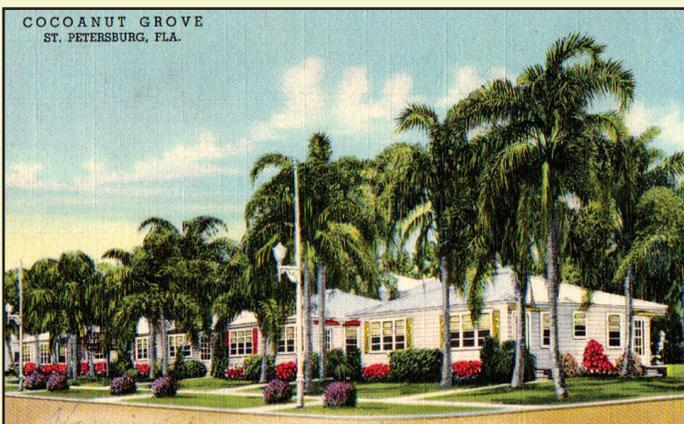


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In 1950, my family arrived in St. Petersburg, and at this time it was a small semi-rural town. City limits extended from 54th Ave N. to Pinellas Point, and from the bay to 28th Street. Everything else was essentially woods, creeks, and ponds. The streets of the downtown area, and the main roads leading to downtown, were all made of brick; all other roads were either dirt or crushed oyster shells. The Skyway Bridge didn't exist yet; instead, the Bee Line Ferry transported people and vehicles to Bradenton and Anna Maria Island. The Howard Frankland had also yet to appear, and so Gandy Bridge was the main connector from Tampa, which helped 4th St. N to gradually flourish into a long strip of tourist-friendly lodging and attractions. Along with Sunken Gardens, 4th Street offered the Earl Gresh Wood Parade (in the building currently being renovated for Sesh) and a Wild Animal Ranch on 4th St. and 48th Ave N.



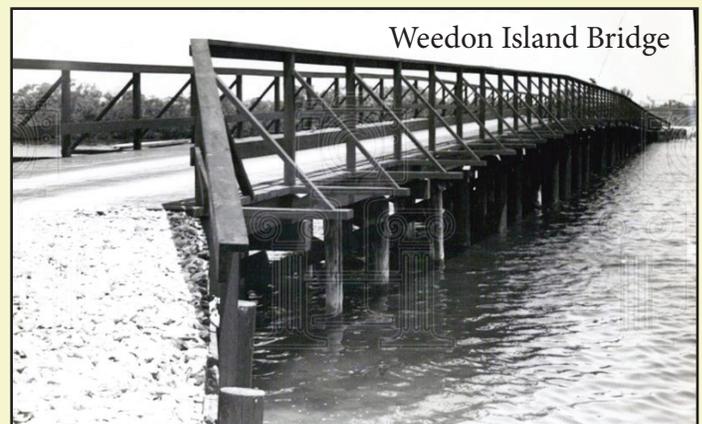
On the corner of 4th and 30th, where Fresh Market stands now, a 1940s camp site evolved into the Cocoanut Grove Motel. Until last year, the Holiday Apartments with its colorful doors presided over 4th street and 24th Ave North. During these years, Crescent Heights itself was being transformed from woodlands and orange groves to a small neighborhood. Where Rutland Storage is now at 30 Ave N. and 9th St./ MLK was a large field that served as a chopped and split wood depot of sorts. Folks came to collect their wood for heat and cooking from the huge piles of wood.



During 1950 a second Boom construction era began. Returning soldiers eager to begin their families in a greatly improving economy produced a "Boomer" generation all over the country, and St. Petersburg was no exception. The Skyway Bridge was completed in 1954, linking to US 19 34th Street to create another bustling strip of neon signs and traffic-friendly motels. This, along with the favorable weather, tourist promotional campaigns, and the invention of air conditioning resulted in St. Petersburg changing almost daily. I declare, even TV was first broadcast from the Million Dollar Pier in 1953.



Now our town began to expand mostly west and north. Fuller Flying Field, St. Petersburg's first airport which consisted of a grass runway in the Jungle area, was closed to make way for Tyrone Shopping Mall. Hundreds of acres of woods and citrus groves were leveled for entire neighborhoods to be built. The 40th Ave NE Bridge and the 83rd Ave N Bridge were also built during the early 60's, helping to create Snell Shores. The Weedon Island single-lane wooden bridge was no longer needed, and the center section was removed, leaving the remaining section as a fishing pier. Hoods Dairy, where I worked as a boy, was sold in the early 1960s, as the land purchases for I-275 and the eventual Howard Frankland were acquired. I left for Vietnam during 1967, and upon returning in 1973, I hardly recognized my childhood town. 50 years onward, the town has evolved into a city, but the people, neighborhood communities, and the sunshine still make St. Petersburg a special place.



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Tami Evans “Off The Rails”

In the Summer edition, we highlighted neighbor Tami Evans. At the time, in addition to her busy days as a consultant, she had debuted her funny and poignant solo show at the Orlando Fringe Festival. In the Summer article we mentioned that she was working to bring her show to St. Pete. And so now it's happening! Leading up to this performance, the show has been produced in Chicago, Nashville, Traverse City, South Orange Performing Arts Center, and Off-Broadway as part of the United Solo Fest of NYC - where it won a “Best of the Fest” award. The show is running at The Venue (500 24th St S), which is owned by our very own Crescent Heights neighbors Erika and Bruce Allums! It's a Crescent Heights collaboration that is sure to be a delight.

“Off The Rails”

Thursday, March 23, 2023

The Venue

500 24th Street S

Tickets: TamiEvans.com/off-the-rails



Period Poverty Project Campaign

Our friends at Daystar want to extend a warm thank you to everyone in Crescent Heights who responded to our call for feminine hygiene products. Because of your generosity, Daystar's client base was able to use a bigger percentage of their budget to buy food, pay electric bills, and pay other basic necessities. The Crescent Heights Book Clubs have continued to collect and donate personal products at each monthly meeting and were joined by four more of our neighbors who donated close to 40 packages of products.

This will be an ongoing project for the club. For anyone interested in assisting, please contact maurcamp@verizon.net or visit theperiodpovertyproject.com. In the meantime, look for news regarding our letter-writing campaign to champion the Florida Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools bill, which requires school districts to make menstrual hygiene products available, at no charge, in each school nurse's office or other physical school facility for health services.

Chili and Cornbread Cook-off

On January 21, Kevin Mort held his annual Chili and Cornbread Cook-off.

Darlene Asselin won Best Chili for her amazing vegan mushroom, black bean, and corn chili.



The award for Best Cornbread went to Barbara and Earl Bronsord.



If you'd like to recreate either of these winning recipes, visit crescentheightsneighborhood.com to read the full instructions.

Florida Homeowners Insurance Update and Tips

Homeowners insurance in Florida, and in our neighborhood, has continued to increase substantially. Claims litigation, the cost of reinsurance, rising building costs and hurricanes are some of the contributing factors. At our Neighborhood Meeting on May 2, 2022 we hosted Mark Friedlander from the Insurance Information Institute, a non-profit insurance research group, to provide information on the crisis we have been facing in the homeowners insurance market. Shortly after our meeting the legislature held a special session to address aspects of the crisis, but those changes were widely viewed as insufficient to address the crisis. In December 2022, the legislature held a second special session to consider Senate Bill 2-A to address the crisis. Below is a brief outline of what was adopted. To read the full analysis prepared by the legislative staff we have posted a copy to our Crescent Heights website (crescentheightsneighborhood.com) for easy access.

Senate Bill 2-A Key Points:

- Establishes the Florida Optional Reinsurance Assistance (FORA) Program for the 2023 hurricane season.
- In an attempt to combat fraudulent claims, the deadline to file a claim has been reduced from 2 years to 1 year for new or reopened claims.
- Insurance companies now have less time to acknowledge, investigate, and pay out on claims in an attempt to resolve claims in a timelier manner.
- Insolvent insurance companies are now required to give policyholders 45-days' notice before canceling policies (instead of just 30 days).
- One-way attorney fees are repealed. Meaning if lawyers are unsuccessful, they face having to pay their own legal and court costs, as well as those of the insurer. Previously, this was not the case. The insurer must still pay legal costs for the plaintiff (i.e. the homeowner) if the plaintiff is successful.
- Assignment of Benefit (AOB) agreements, which allowed homeowners to sign over insurance benefits to a third party, are now prohibited. Lawyers and other third-parties can no longer usurp homeowner rights.

Since these changes will take time to take effect and some of us are still dealing with renewal challenges, I spoke with local insurance agent Jenny Martin from the State Farm office on MLK and 17th Ave N and she had a couple of suggestions to decrease your premiums:

Get a wind mitigation inspection. This could save you the most on your premium. There is a standard, state form that insurance companies are required to accept to ensure your policy is correctly rated and provides you with the discounts you are eligible for. The age of your roof, how the roof decking, nail size, pattern and attachment are all taken into account. The shape of your roof also affects the discount. For example, if you have a hip roof, your discount is higher than a gable roof. Conducting this type of inspection and speaking with your insurance agent prior to replacing or repairing your roof could help to ensure you are addressing issues that have the greatest impact on your premium. Also, ask about available discounts. For example, does your insurance company offer a discount for bundling your auto and home, or for having a monitored alarm or no claims? Be sure to review your deductibles; increasing your deductibles can lower your premium. The bottom line is, contact your insurance agent to discuss your policy and ensure you are properly covered, while taking advantage of all the discounts available.



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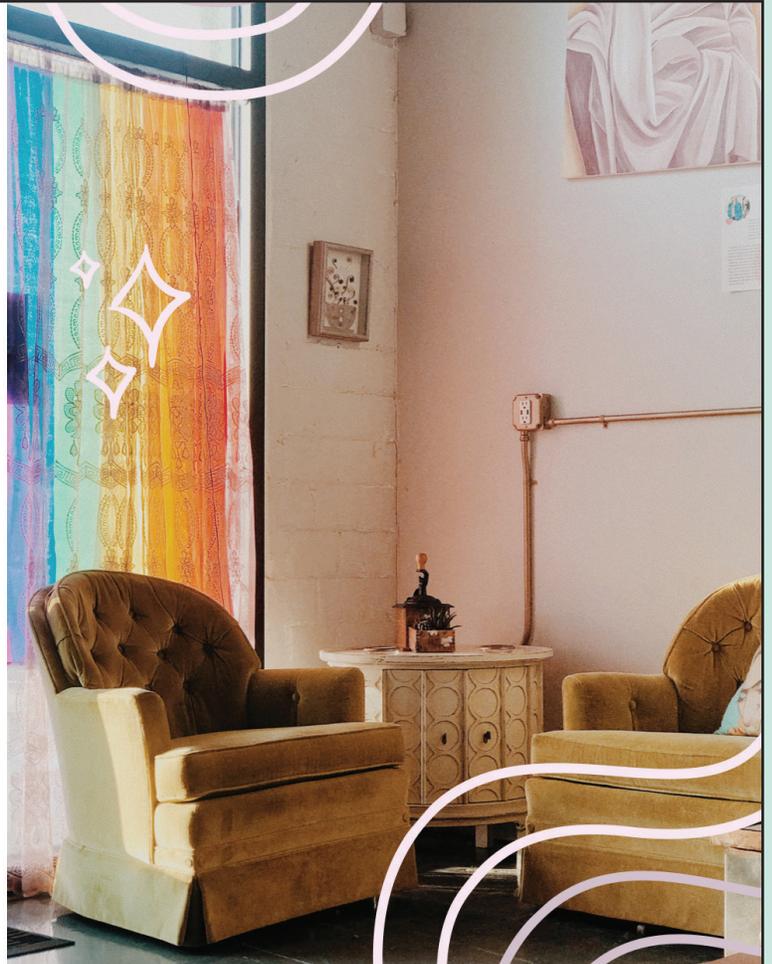
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Nature Watch South

Is There Cruelty in Nature? • Bill Richkus

The dictionary definition of cruelty is “...behavior that causes pain or suffering to a person or animal.” Most of us certainly use that term to characterize actions of humans directed at other humans as well as at animals, and nearly all people feel empathy for victims of cruelty. This element of human nature certainly enhances the well-being of society but also carries over to how many view certain types of violent interactions that take place in the wild. The reality, of course, is that what seems cruel to us is merely a mechanism of an ecosystem that allows that ecosystem to function and survive. But that reality doesn't prevent the tugs at one's heart when we witness some of the more violent interactions.

Sharon and I enjoy our morning walk around Crescent Lake each day in large part due to the birdlife we see, particularly in winter when the elegant white pelicans are on the lake. White pelicans will often rise in one location to fly to others on the water when it appears successful foraging is going on. Thus, in mid-January when we saw ten or a dozen birds converge in one location, we weren't surprised. But we were dismayed when we saw the object of the convergence, a single brown pelican.

An aggressive gang of white pelicans circled and closed in on the brown pelican, continuously jabbing at it with their large beaks in what appeared to be a frenzy. After several minutes the brown pelican squirted out from a gap in the circle, apparently uninjured. While we were shocked by the white pelicans' aggression, we later speculated that the brown pelican may have had fish or some other forage in its beak and was being attacked to give it up.



White Pelicans

Injury or pain imposed on cute and helpless young of any creature is nearly always considered to be extremely cruel by all but those of the hardest heart. So the fate of the numerous ducklings hatched by the muscovy ducks of Crescent Lake is a regular cause of heartache. While we know it is nature's way, it is still sad to pass by a hen with a dozen fuzzy ducklings one day, and watch their number dwindle over the succeeding days to a few or none. It is even more distressing to witness their termination. One day last year I noticed a great blue heron on the large grass area across the street from the lake, which seemed a strange place to forage for frogs or fish. Paying a bit more attention, I realized the source of its interest was a hen muscovy being trailed by ten ducklings. With a slow malevolent stride, the heron advanced on the oblivious ducklings and their mom. Seeking to thwart its evil intent, I started to dash over to shoo it away. But too late, as the heron lunged forward and snapped up a duckling and flew away, with the duckling wriggling in its beak! Talk about feeling sad....

Last year we saw a shrike sitting on the ballpark fence by the lake. The loggerhead shrike, about ten inches from beak to tail end, preys on small critters like grasshoppers, frogs and mice. But unlike hawks and owls, it lacks strong talons on its feet and captures its prey with its sharp beak. This creates a problem: how can the bird then use its beak to tear into its catch. The unique evolutionary solution to this challenge is the reason the shrike's other name is “butcher bird.” They impale their prey on sharp objects for safekeeping and for ease of tearing it apart later. For several days I studied the fence to see any sign of the shrike's larder, but I found no such grisly sight.



Loggerhead Shrike



Blue Heron



Muscovy hens and ducklings

All sorts of things go on in the wild that, from an anthropomorphic point of view, would seem cruel. So it is natural to be upset about the fate of the victims of the actions; that's just nature's way.

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“This fall, we reached out to Leah thinking about selling our home. We had questions about timing and concerns about the market, and were unsure exactly when or how to proceed to make the most for our beautiful home in St. Pete as we got ready to move across the country. Leah was, as always, incredibly generous with herself, her expertise, her time, and her deeply informed opinion. She met with us with a beautiful presentation of comparable homes in our area to discuss a possible price point, walked through every inch of our home and yard to understand everything that made it special, and gave us a few pricing options to consider, with good reasons why we might choose one or another. After a few days, we went with a strategy she suggested to possibly maximize the offer we might get on our home. Every single detail of the process that had the potential to be stressful and difficult happened exactly as she explained, exactly when she said it would happen. We had our home listed with a gorgeous presentation to the market, and received multiple offers at the end of the first weekend on the market. We sold thousands above listing price and closed 3 weeks after going under contract. The entire process was a dream from start to finish, and even when there were tough questions, Leah coached us through everything. We could not be more grateful for her phenomenal service, skill, kindness, or results! I do not hand out unsolicited recommendations lightly, but there is not a professional in any field I could recommend more highly than Leah Herzwurm for her real estate expertise and awesomeness as a human being.

- **Kate B.**

Leah and her staff were so impressive! We have been involved in numerous real estate transactions and our experience with Leah and her team was second to none. We especially loved the magical social media touches that Leah included in the presentation of our home to the public. We highly recommend Leah and the Herzwurm Homes Group of Compass to anyone looking to buy or sell a home.

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CHNA Citizen Foresters - Neighborhood Tree Inventory Update

by; Nioma Brown

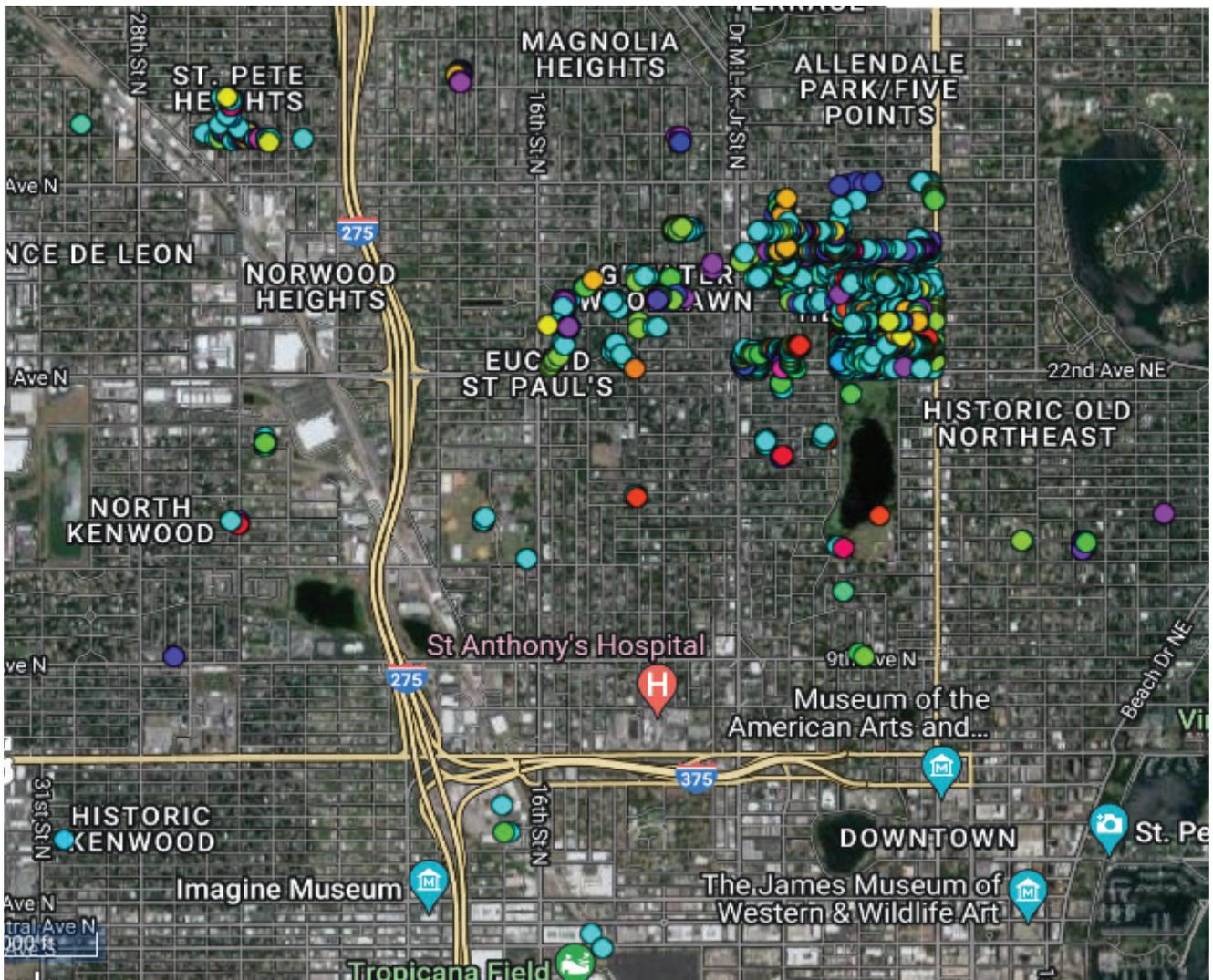
On July 16, 2022, the neighborhood held its launch meeting for the neighborhood chapter of St. Pete's Citizen Foresters Program. Neighborhood volunteers were trained on how to conduct the inventory, and so far the Crescent Heights team has seen the most significant progress of any neighborhood in the city.

I have been working with the Citizen Forester volunteers as well as directly with Larry Hay, the City's Urban Forester and Sustainability Coordinator on this project. Since our July meeting, the teams have surveyed about 33% of the neighborhood trees. The map below shows a dot for every tree that's been inventoried with the color representing species. To see the St. Petersburg interactive tree map, visit pg-cloud.com/StPeteFL/ When observing this map, the contrast between Crescent Heights' inventoried trees and that of surrounding neighborhoods is dramatic. The target for the completion of our inventory is May of this year.

Our neighborhood team has done such an amazing job that Mr. Hay has asked our members to help train citizen foresters in other neighborhoods. The team is also looking to identify "landmark" trees in the neighborhood for the city-wide landmark program. An example of a landmark tree is the Banyan tree located at the northwest corner of 25th Ave N and 8th Street N.

Some next steps that are being considered include having select members of the Urban Forester and Sustainability Committee assess the inventoried neighborhood canopy to determine how to best increase tree diversity, not only to add beauty but to make our urban forest more resilient. As we all know, a healthy and beautiful tree canopy also helps with home values in the neighborhood. The association is currently working with the City on identifying grants to assist with purchasing trees for residents.

For more information from the City on Tree Maintenance and Conservation, and city-wide goals for the tree canopy and green infrastructure, visit: www.stpete.org/residents/sustainability/trees.php



Our Crescent Heights neighborhood is full of dog lovers, as clearly demonstrated every morning and evening by the number of owners out on the street with their four-legged family members. You may have also noticed signs for Safe Paws Dog Rescue on several lawns, especially on the corner of 24th Ave N and 8th St, where Art and Jannean Shaul reside and base their 501(c)3 organization. Safe Paws has placed nearly 400 dogs since 2018 and is dedicated to helping dogs have their best life possible. The organization gives abandoned or surrendered dogs a new chance in life through fostering and adoption, helping families place dogs they can no longer care for with new owners, and helping families with limited means maintain their dogs.

In 2022, Safe Paws received a request for help from a local SPCA shelter. Amira, a 4-year-old boxer/American bulldog mix, needed a safe place to be loved and to learn to better socialize with other dogs. Safe Paws had the perfect foster home for her. Heather Aughe had already been volunteering with Safe Paws and had lost her beloved dog Bella a few months prior. Fostering Amira was perfect timing. As Heather shared, "I wasn't ready for a dog of my own, but fostering Amira fills my heart." Safe Paws takes some time to assess each potential foster dog, and although the shelter had indicated that Amira was not reactive to other dogs, Heather found she needed some additional training to meet the expectations for a dog to be adopted.

Safe Paws provides everything for a foster home to shelter, feed, and train their dogs, including doggie daycare and professional dog trainers, if needed. Heather, who owns Ciao Bella, a professional dog sitting and walking service, was able to work with Amira mostly on her own, and Amira has made tremendous progress toward maintaining a calm yet playful demeanor with other dogs. Amira is now ready to find her forever home and will be listed on [PetFinders.com](https://www.petfinders.com) to be adopted.

Safe Paws operates completely through dedicated volunteers and needs support from the community to continue its work. Donations, sponsorships by businesses or individuals, and fundraisers are always on their wish list. Fostering a dog is their most critical need, but permanent adoption is their ultimate goal and greatest reward. Volunteering can take many shapes, and all help is welcomed. Even sharing their mission through word-of-mouth or on social media can be of tremendous benefit to the organization. You can follow and share the work of this outstanding Crescent Heights charity through their website [SafePawsRescue.com](https://www.SafePawsRescue.com), their Facebook page, or on Instagram under [@safepawsanimal](https://www.instagram.com/safepawsanimal). For more information or to volunteer, email SafePaws.Florida@gmail.com.



Heather Aughe and Amira

Proposed Zoning Changes in the City

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Happy New Year, Crescent Heights! As many of you know, we are well underway with the public hearing process for the proposed NTM-1 zoning changes. I wanted to provide the neighborhood with information regarding public hearing dates, options to provide comments to the City Council, the zoning category's history, and what the proposed rezoning means for the City.

Many of you may have already received this information either from the City or through your neighborhood association, but I wanted to highlight the following City Council dates: March 2nd, 2023, at 3 pm (first reading and public hearing) and March 2rd, 2023, at 5 pm (second reading and final public hearing). The meeting location is City Hall, Council Chambers (175 5th St N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701). Members of the public are invited to provide comments either in person or in writing by emailing Ann.Vickstrom@stpete.org. The public hearings by the Development Review Commission (DRC) and the Community Planning and Preservation Commission (CPPC) will occur on February 1st and February 14th, respectively, before this newsletter is released.

These hearings are part of a process that began in late 2019 as part of a large-scale initiative to amend the City's land development regulations to address affordable housing. In late 2019, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Traditional Mixed Residential (NTM-1) zoning category, including its applicability standards and regulations. The creation of the NTM-1 category was centered on the approach described as "Missing Middle" housing because it provides multi-unit housing options comparable in scale to single-family homes and compatible with surrounding neighborhood styles. However, enacting the rezoning map for NTM-1 during the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with other operational changes, proved difficult, and the full implementation of NTM-1 was ultimately placed on hold. After completing the StPete2050 Plan in 2021, and with more input from community stakeholders, planning staff re-engaged the City Council to seek direction on the NTM-1 implementation through a series of committee workshops.

Over the course of these meetings, staff presented potential changes to address while completing the NTM-1 rezoning process. The applicability standards for the NTM-1 zoning district will remain unchanged from what was passed in 2019, with a limited exception for properties partially located in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA). The applicability standards apply to properties within 175 feet of the centerline of a Future Major Street (e.g., 22nd Ave N, 4th St N, 5th Ave N) if adjacent to a public alley and outside the CHHA (in the case of partial CHHA properties, if more than 75% of the property falls outside



the CHHA). In short, the proposed rezoning affects approximately 2,900 qualified parcels along the Future Major Streets corridors throughout the City.

The first proposed change allows for a "Missing Middle" density bonus in four additional zoning districts. The second proposed change clarifies applicability requirements, setbacks, landscaping, and parking. Finally, the last proposed change is more clerical than technical, as it seeks to align the NTM language with the recently passed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) ordinance, which expanded the option for ADUs to more parts of the City.

Additional information, including an interactive GIS map to check how these proposals affect your property's current zoning category is provided on the Housing Initiatives webpage at stpete.org/planning_projects/housing_initiatives.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

Sincerely,

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Neighborhood Events:

Neighborhood Meeting – Special Presentation
Monday, March 13 6:30 – 8:00 pm
BOTE, 2401 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street N
Speaker: Brian Caper, Economic & Workforce Development
Director, City of St. Petersburg.
Historic Gas Plant Redevelopment project

Hoppy Hour and Easter Egg Hunt Family Event
Saturday, April 8, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Huggins-Stengel Baseball Field - 1320 5th St N
Food Trucks, Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Face Painting, and a special
appearance by the Easter Bunny!
Please deliver 12 eggs to 785 25th Ave N by Wednesday, April 5th

Porch Party
Friday April 14th
5:30-8:30
Kristin & Tom Kowaleski
794 27th Ave
Feel free to bring a snacky dish or beverage to share.

Neighborhood Yard Sale
Saturday, April 15
9:00 am to Noon
This event will be held in coordination with our neighbors to the
North of 30th Ave - Five Points.

Events Around Town:

Explore the Vaults: Images Public and Private c. 1500-1800
Through May 21
Museum of Fine Arts

The Shape of Dreams
Through April 30
The Dalí Museum

The Stories They Tell: Indigenous Art and
the Photography of Edward S. Curtis
The James Museum
Through May 14

Advocacy Support Group
Friday March 10; 6:30-8:00pm
Walter Fuller Recreation Center

Awakening Festival
Saturday and Sunday March 11-12; 10:00am-7:00pm
North Straub Park

SPCA Tampa Bay's 31st Annual Pet Walk
April 2; 8:30am-12:00pm
North Straub Park

Tampa Bay Blues Festival
Friday April 14 - Sunday April 16; 12:30-10:00pm
Vinoy Park

Green Thumb Festival
April 29 - 30; 9:00am-4:00pm
Walter Fuller Park

Pioneer Mother's Day Event
Saturday May 7; 10:00am-3:00pm
Pinellas Pioneer Settlement; 3010 31st S

The Fast One-Page Business Plan
May 17; 6:00-7:30pm
The Greenhouse; 440 2nd Ave N

St. Pete Small Business Fest
Saturday May 20; 12:00-6:00pm
Williams Park

St. Pete Saturday Morning Market
Every Saturday; 9:00am-1:00pm
Al Lang Stadium

Saturday Morning Shoppe
1st Saturdays; 10:00am-3:00pm
1 Tropicana Dr.

Indie Flea
1st Sundays 12:00-4:00pm
14 18th St S

St. Pete Walking Mural Tour
Every Saturday; 10:00-11:30am
501 Central Ave.

Trail Fun Run
Second Saturday of the Month; 9:00-10:00am
Boyd Hill Nature Preserve

Pickleball 101
Second Tuesday; 6:00-7:00pm
Coquina Key Park

The following has information of city sponsored workshops
for water conservation. [https://www.stpete.org/residents/
sustainability/water_conservation/resources.php](https://www.stpete.org/residents/sustainability/water_conservation/resources.php)

Rainwater Guardian Workshops.
Workshop on collecting rainwater to save resources.
Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Register Here: <https://stpeteRWG20230318.eventbrite.com>
Tuesday, Apr. 18, 2023 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
Register Here: <https://stpeteRWG20230418.eventbrite.com>
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Register Here: <https://stpeteRWG20230503.eventbrite.com>

Getting to Know Your Sprinkler System
Join us to learn about the different components of sprinkler systems
and how they work together.
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Register: <https://stpeteSprinklerSystem20230412.eventbrite.com>