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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When I think about porches, the very first thing that comes to mind is CHNA porch parties! In recent years, our porch parties have happily outgrown their names—many now spill at least partially indoors, especially during the warmer months. That feels like a good problem to have.

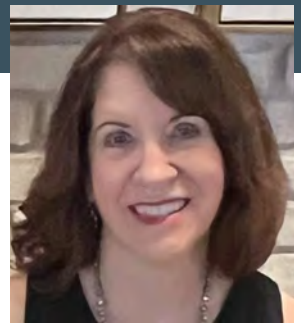
My next porch-related thought takes me to my own front porch swing. As a little girl visiting family in rural Northeastern Ohio, I was fascinated by homes with porch swings. I thought they were the coolest thing ever—and honestly, I still do. When we built our home in Crescent Heights in 2015, adding a swing to the front porch was a must. Over the years, it's become a place to chat with neighbors passing by, a quiet spot to read or enjoy a beverage, and even a bit of therapy for friends who've shared the swing while talking through troubles or tragedies. There's just something comforting about a porch swing—maybe it's the gentle motion, or maybe it's the way it brings fond childhood memories to the surface.

Both of these porch thoughts really capture the heart and soul of Crescent Heights. This is a neighborhood made up of more than houses and porches—it's a community of homes filled with truly special people. CHNA has helped foster that sense of connection, and it's wonderful to see participation in our activities continuing to grow. Our membership is higher than I've seen it since we moved here.

If you haven't yet joined in on one of our many activities, clubs, or gatherings, I hope you will. And as of this writing, we have zero porch parties on the events calendar! I hope you'll consider hosting—no porch required. CHNA provides a stipend for paper goods, and your neighbors bring the food, drinks, and fun.

See you around the neighborhood!

Amy



CHNA President  
Amy Kelso

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

One of my favorite parts about living in Crescent Heights is the porch life.

It's the simple stuff. Neighbors waving as they walk by. A quick hello that turns into a five-minute catch up. Seasonal decorations that quietly show a little personality. Porches here aren't just architectural details, they're invitations. A comfortable place to slow down, unwind, and feel connected, whether it's a quiet morning coffee or an evening with friends and family. Our porches say a lot about our personalities. Next time you're out walking, take a little extra time to notice them and you'll see just how unique your neighbors truly are.

And then there are the porch parties. If you've been to one, you know exactly what I mean. They're relaxed, welcoming, and uniquely Crescent Heights. Good conversations, familiar faces, new introductions, and the chance to see some truly great homes in our neighborhood. If you haven't attended one yet, consider this your nudge. You should absolutely come to the next one.

One of the best perks of being a CHNA member is that porch parties are free to attend. No tickets, no pressure, just an easy way to connect with your neighbors and experience the community that makes this neighborhood special. And yes, eat some delicious food.

Porches have always been about connection. This issue celebrates that spirit, and I hope it inspires you to pull up a chair, say hello, and maybe host or attend a porch gathering of your own.

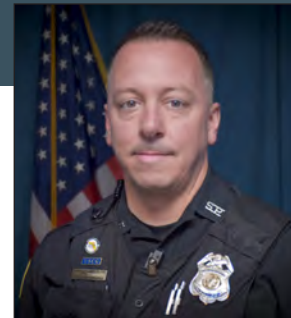
See you on the porch,

Thomas



CHNA Newsletter Editor  
Thomas Paterek

# OFFICER TIPS



Community Service Officer  
Jon Schweiger

Dear CHNA Community,

As we are moving into Spring some things you should be aware of.

During the tax season be aware that:

- The IRS or Department of Treasury will not contact you by email or phone.
- No U.S. government or state agency is going to call you out of the blue and demand money or information. They will send important legal information by mail.
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- No government/state/city/county agency will demand fines or unpaid taxes be paid with gift cards, or send a courier to pick up funds.

As Spring comes, so do Spring breakers, if you are visiting the beaches, and other city locations. Know that these locations can be crowded and become targets for thefts. Make sure you secure your valuables and lock your vehicles.

Traffic tends to increase during the springtime, so give yourself a little extra time to get to your destination. Drive safely and be cautious of other drivers.

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# THE COMFORT OF PORCHES

by Jim Tomlinson

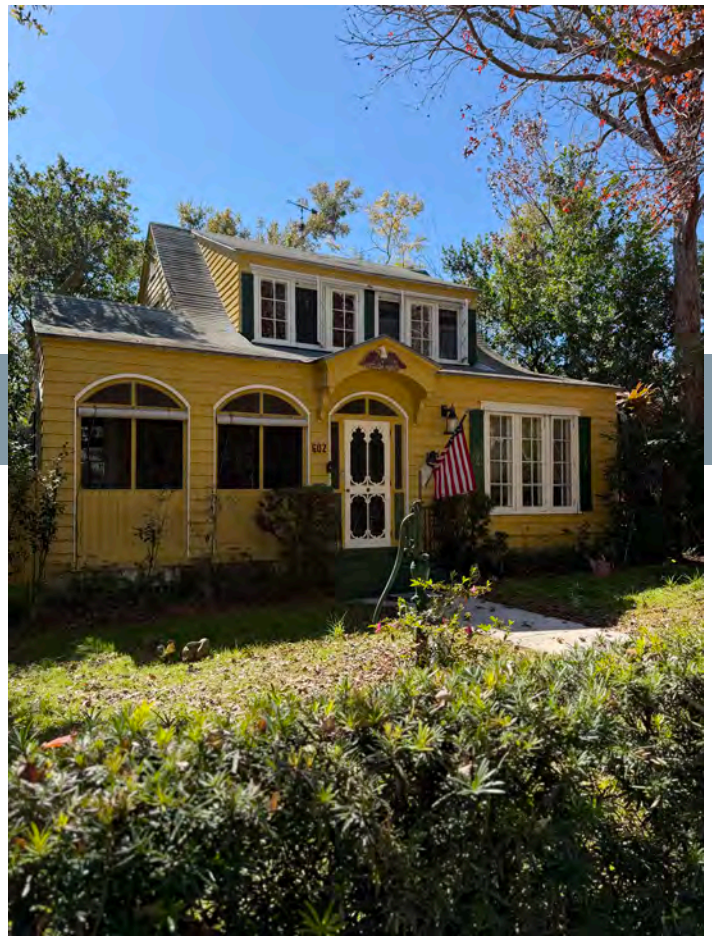
Crescent Heights Neighbor

In St. Petersburg traditional home construction during the very late 1800's-1950s often included a porch. Sometimes a front and back porch. This was essential before the development of electricity, fans, and air conditioning. Porches were a place for the resident to relax outside and or to socialize with local residents. By the 1920's electricity was common, but porches remained prominent with the initial neighborhood developments mostly seen in the Uptown, Old Northeast, Euclid-St. Paul, Woodlawn, Crescent Lake, and the Crescent Heights neighborhoods.

The Tomlinson family's first home in St. Petersburg during 1950 had a front and back porch. At eight years of age during 1956 I delivered newspapers for the Evening Independent. I took notice of porches because I could ride along and pitch the paper expertly onto the porch without hitting the plants or breaking a window. These early experiences influenced my choice in adult years for the purchase of a home in the traditional neighborhood of Crescent Heights with its predominantly 1920's-1950's homes with porches, tree canopied streets, a sense of place in a walk able neighborhood, and with nearby amenities.

During 1979 I was stationed at #4 fire station as a paramedic firefighter and while returning from a prior dispatch I saw the for sale sign By Owner at 602-24th Ave N. When off duty I inquired and the current owner named Mrs. Neri invited me inside onto the front porch. I had an immediate sense of comfort as though I had returned to my childhood home. The porch swing, deacon bench, wood wainscot ceiling, and copper screening were all familiar to me. Stepping past the double wood doors into the foyer while noticing the plaster walls with wall paper covering, arched entry ways, lace curtains, built in kitchen cabinets and the red oak hardwood floors throughout I knew I was home. The heart pine sub framing, exterior western red cedar ship lap siding, 46 windows, and interior custom milled Douglas fir wood base boards, door and window trim was evidence that this home was an owner custom built during the 1920's. In short order an offer was accepted, a handshake followed, and soon after I had a mortgage, marriage, and a wife. The porch had influential powers yet to be discovered.

Eva and I would often sit out on the porch swing by candle or oil lamp light for our early morning coffee and toast or



evening cup of tea (we do have an overhead electric light, but rarely use it). We have conversed with many people as they walked by and have met many neighbors this way. It was like having an outdoor picnic, but having the convince of being at home. We sometimes sleep out on the front porch to feel the breezes, to hear the distant thunder, or soft rain falling, owls, and birds in the morning. In time our young children would be rocked to sleep on the porch swing. Later, our young children and their friends would camp out on the front porch. We use the back porch as well for the washing machine, food freezer, canning, cooling of baked goods, and quick access to the backyard cloths line or garage.

Our 4 children are all on their own now and we have been in our home now 46 years with wonderful memories and no plans for moving. It is more than just a home with a porch, it is who we are.

Later, research would result with locating the records of the original owner builder which who were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and Mattie Remington that had personally built their own home during evenings and weekends during 1925. Additionally, the last Remington surviving family member was interviewed and had much to share about her folk's traveling from Michigan via 2 Model T Ford pickup trucks with 4 kids and her memories of her childhood home and her front porch experiences. Perhaps more of this is for some future newsletter article.

# CHNA CLUBS

## THE BOOK CLUB

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### FEBRUARY: MAAME BY JESSICA GEORGE

A coming-of-age novel that takes you inside the life of a young adult woman living in London with the awesome responsibility of taking care of her father who has Parkinson's disease. Her gutsy struggles to establish herself as an independent adult as she deals with the complex challenges of her family are portrayed sensitively and with humor. This is the well-regarded debut novel by a British author of Ghanaian heritage.

## BOOKNIKS

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Crescent Heights second book club is looking forward to its spring ready list!

### MARCH: JOHN AND PAUL: A LOVE STORY IN SONG BY NIELS LEONARD AND CONTRIBUTORS

A reflective exploration of the creative partnership between Paul McCartney and John Lennon, told through the evolution of their songs.

### APRIL: ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE: A LIFE

Alison Weir's Eleanor of Aquitaine is a biography that chronicles the life of the medieval queen, detailing her marriages to Louis VII of France and Henry II of England her political power, and her influence on major historical events.

### MAY: THE MIGHT RED

Louise Erdrich's collection of stories of people around a wedding in Argus, North Dakota. Two young men fight for the affection of Kismet Poe.

## NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

Contact Darlene at [darlene.asselin@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.asselin@gmail.com) to join

Thank you, Crescent Heights! Interest in our new Non-Fiction Book Club has been high and we are looking forward to our next meeting March 19.

### MARCH: NOBLE LAUREATE AND NIGHT, A MEMOIR BY HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ELIE WIESEL

In preparation for each discussion, we will be organizing a visit to the Florida Holocaust Museum where Wiesel's collection of papers, artwork, awards and personal artifacts will be housed. The visit will be open to all residents of Crescent Heights so look for an announcement of the date on Facebook & Instagram or email. The Non-Fiction Book Club is open to all.

## NEW FICTION BOOK CLUB

Contact Dana at [danaelizabethwood@gmail.com](mailto:danaelizabethwood@gmail.com) to join

Attention readers: A third fiction book club is in the works! We're big on books in Crescent Heights, and that means our reading clubs - particularly those dedicated to fiction - are maxxed-out at the moment.

If you're on the waitlist for either book club, and still have a strong interest in fiction, CHNA member Dana Wood Schoenbeck will be spearheading a third club in this category.

A writer herself, Dana was thinking that she may want to hone-in on the thriller genre. Depending on the population this third fiction book club attracts, she may further drill down to thrillers by female authors. (Think: Lucy Foley; Sally Hepworth, Ruth Ware and St. Pete's own Lisa Unger). Dana is open to all input on genre, and welcomes a co-leader for this new venture.

You are *exceptional*.  
Your real estate agent should be too.

## What Your Neighbors are Saying

"I cannot say enough good things about Leah and her team. They were knowledgeable, kind, and available every step of the way. We signed with Leah and we had an offer in less than two weeks! She and her team have helped us through every step of the process, answering our questions and putting us at ease during what could have been a stressful season. I never thought selling a home could be such a pleasant experience but they have made it one. We are so grateful and I'm leaving a review because I want more people to find them and have an experience like ours!" - Jen J.

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# WHY YOU SHOULD BE PAYING ATTENTION TO PROPERTY TAXES IN 2026

by **Lisset Hanewicz**  
City Council Chair

Property taxes are shaping up to be one of the biggest issues in this year's Florida legislative session. Several proposals moving through the Florida House would change how property taxes work by amending the Florida Constitution. Any such amendment would require approval by the Legislature (three-fifths of both chambers) and then at least 60% of voters statewide in 2026.

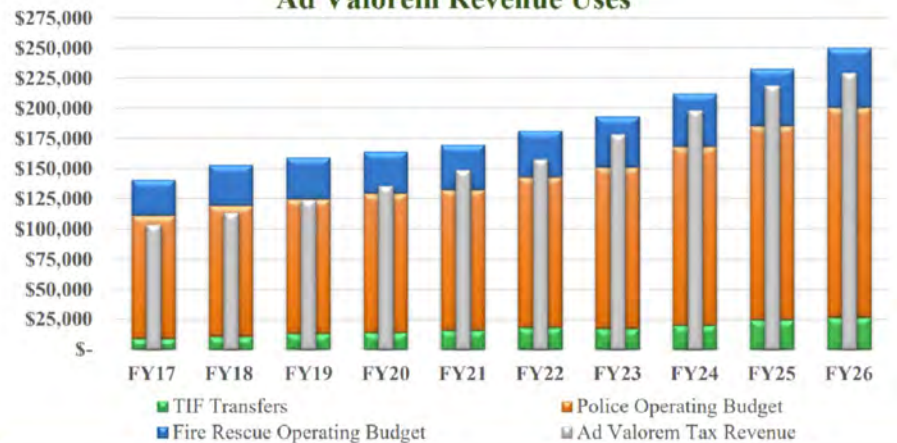
Lower property taxes may sound appealing, especially as home values rise. I understand those concerns. But it's also important to understand what property taxes pay for — and what could be affected if they are reduced or eliminated.

In St. Petersburg, property taxes are a major source of funding for essential services, particularly public safety. The vast majority of the City's property tax revenue supports our Police and Fire Departments. After required transfers to tax increment districts, Fiscal Year 2026 property tax revenue covers about 92% of the City's public safety costs. The remaining costs, along with parks, roads, libraries, and other core services, are funded through the City's General Fund.

These services don't pause when budgets get tight. When we need police officers or firefighters, we need them immediately. That reliability requires stable and predictable funding. Our City Charter also requires a balanced budget, which means that if a major revenue source is reduced, the City must either cut services, raise other taxes or fees, or do some combination of both.

Current proposals include provisions prohibiting reductions in total funding for law enforcement and first responders. However, there is no clear plan for how lost local revenue would be replaced. At the same time, the State of Florida's own financial outlook projects significant budget deficits in the coming years, raising questions about whether the state could offset the impact on cities.

**Ad Valorem Revenue Uses**



St. Petersburg has worked hard to balance affordability with maintaining essential services. The City has reduced its millage rate over time, from 6.7550 in Fiscal Year 2018 to 6.4525 in Fiscal Year 2026. Increases in individual tax bills are largely driven by rising property values and the increasing cost of providing services, not higher tax rates.

If these proposed constitutional amendments advance, voters will ultimately decide in 2026. That's why it's important to stay informed and understand the tradeoffs. Any reduction in property taxes has real consequences, and those costs don't disappear — they shift somewhere else.

I am proud of the work our Police and Fire Departments do every day to keep our community safe, and I remain committed to ensuring St. Petersburg continues to provide reliable, high-quality services for all residents. You get what you pay for — and that is why understanding the real impacts of these proposals matters, especially when the “math isn't mathing.”

Note: A good source that covers the city's budget is the Budget in Brief document, which you can find by visiting the city's website at [StPete.org/Budget](http://StPete.org/Budget). You can find this chart of how the city's property taxes cover the city's public safety costs on page 11.



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# FOR DARLENE & ROB ASSELIN, “PORCH PARTIES” HAVE BEEN CENTRAL TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKING & FRIENDSHIP-BUILDING

by Dana Wood Schoenbeck  
Crescent Heights Neighbor



File under genius: when Darlene and Rob Asselin moved to Crescent Heights from New Jersey during Covid, they had the brilliant idea to purchase a home with a nice, big, people-friendly porch. Even if the couple was just hanging out there by themselves, enjoying a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, they figured they could at least wave hello to the many dog owners passing by with their pooches.

“We were hoping all the front porches were a clue to a close neighborhood,” Rob recalls of the pair’s house-hunting recon. “The pumpkins in the trees were another sign.”

In those tricky “social-distance” days, the Asselins quickly developed a clever happy-hour workaround. “Soon we were at one end of our porch and another couple was at the other,” says Rob. “We did ‘bring your own snacks’ as well. It made a huge difference for us integrating ourselves into the neighborhood, especially when it was so difficult to find ways to meet people. Our porch was certainly instrumental.”

Flashforward to today, and the Asselins have almost more Crescent Heights connections than they can handle. Their large, lovely home, decorated with nods to years also spent living in The Netherlands and Switzerland, is a hub of neighborhood activities, be it Mahjong or Non-Fiction Book Club.

Still, Porch Parties rank high. One the couple hosted roughly 18 months ago, in the awful, nerve-wracking run-up to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, stands out in Rob’s mind.

“Stress was high,” he recalls. “We were anticipating the first major hurricanes since 1921. Everyone was prepared, but certainly the anticipation was building. For many of us, this was our first experience with hurricanes.”

As the group gathered on the Asselins spacious porch, cocktails in hand, storm-prep was Topic Number One. “We were quizzing each other,” he says, “to make sure everyone was prepared.”

As the surprisingly cheerful attached photo suggests, camaraderie and conviviality were the prevailing vibes that afternoon at the Asselins. Although a bit of storm PTSD might have stolen Rob’s recollection of whether it was taken before Helene or Milton, he does remember that it was snapped at about 5pm on the day prior to one of them.

“It was just great to know a bunch of people in the neighborhood that were staying,” he says, “and to realize that we were all in this together in case there were problems.”

As first-time mega front porch-owners – previous homes were either out in the sidewalk-free country or plunked in a bustling metropolis like Amsterdam – the Asselins have grown to love the unique way our Crescent Heights community bonds merely by stepping right outside our front doors and welcoming others.

“We’ve really enjoyed meeting our neighbors at the porch parties,” says Rob. “You can quickly get to know so many interesting people. And what’s more important is that they really want to meet you, too. Now that think of it, it’s about time for us to host another one.”

# NATURE WATCH SOUTH

## LITERARY THEMES IN NATURE

by **Bill Richkus**

Crescent Heights Neighbor

Sharon and I both enjoy reading, but our tastes in literature differ significantly. I'm into thrillers, murder mysteries and spy novels. Sharon's tastes are generally focused on classic and contemporary authors. We also both really enjoy our morning walks around Crescent Lake, observing the varied and vibrant wildlife communities that are always present. What is interesting to me is that many literary themes we find in our reading, such as love and relationships, or war and conflict, can be seen playing out in nature, particularly within the avian community that is the most visible at the lake.

War and conflict? How about two gorgeous red-beaked gallinules twitching their tails as they go at each other in a battle for a small shoreline territory? Love and passion (not to mention erotica)? How about several drake mallards pursuing a hen, competing to see who will succeed in mating with her (and sometimes two or three drakes almost drowning the hen as they try to mount her in the water!!). Greed and avarice? How about a group of white pelicans surrounding and attacking a brown pelican in an effort to steal its catch. Death and mortality? That brings me to the story I want to tell.

I know that many disparage the muscovy ducks that are so abundant at the lake, since they are an invasive, non-native species. I, however, view them as long-established immigrants who have become a part of the Crescent Lake ecosystem. They are quite prolific, and you can frequently see a hen with a large clutch of ducklings; I think the most I have ever counted was 15! But if you are a frequent visitor to the lake, you would also certainly have noticed that a group of ducklings you observe one day dwindles in number, day by day. Predators of the ducklings are numerous. While we've not seen otters at Crescent Lake in several years, in years past they definitely treated ducklings as tasty snacks. Snapping turtles and even largemouth bass will consume ducklings when available, and, when ducklings are waddling along on land, hawks, owls and even crows can swoop down to snatch one. But to me the most ominous threat to the Crescent Lake ducklings is the great blue heron!

I once observed a hen waddling across a grassy area followed by a string of ten ducklings. Close behind the duckling procession was a great blue heron, step by step cautiously approaching the group. Just as I was about to rush over to dissuade the heron, he lunged forward, snatching a duckling and rose into the air with the duckling wriggling in his beak. While I know that much of what seems cruel to humans is still just part of nature, I couldn't help feeling a bit



heartbroken seeing the struggling duckling disappear into the air.

That disheartening feeling came back to me the other day when Sharon and I stopped to watch a muscovy hen emerging from the marsh grass at the south end of the lake, near the pickle ball courts. We could see some movement around the hen, and as she reached the edge of the water, we saw that the movement was in fact a group of small ducklings, clearly only a day or two old. As she entered the water, I counted a total of thirteen, with all of them clustered closely around her body. And that closeness was a good thing, because about thirty feet away stood a great blue heron, its steely eyes focused on the hen and ducklings. We watched the hen slowly swim toward the open waters of the lake, with the ducklings swarming around her. As she moved away, the heron lifted off from the grass and silently glided back into the grass closer to the duck family. As the hen continued forward, a drake muscovy swam towards and then past the family group, causing one duckling to split off from the group to follow the drake. We were sure that confused individual would wind up heron food, but before the heron could make a move, the adventurer scooted back to mama. When the hen moved further along, the heron rose quietly and again glided down near her. At that point, we saw he had landed not only near the duck family but also just feet away from a second blue heron! We were now convinced that the duo would team up to wreak havoc on the duckling group, or they would battle each other for the privilege of dining on ducklings. But then the story took a sudden turn. The stalking heron approached the second heron, extended its head, and the two tweaked each other's beaks!! A heron kiss? We had earlier learned that a pair of great blue herons were, for the first time, nesting at the lake, and presumed these must be the nesters. In fifteen minutes, we had witnessed drama, terror, anxiety, compassion and love. But we didn't stay around to see how the story would turn out. We didn't want to witness death and mortality.

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# MEET BRIZZY

## PORCH WATCHER, TIMEKEEPER, AND NEIGHBORHOOD FAVORITE

by **Thomas Paterek**, Newsletter Editor  
**Leslie Wilson Gay**, Owner

Brizzy is an 8-year-old Labrador Retriever who has quietly become part of the rhythm of the neighborhood. At 80 pounds of muscle and heart, she's equal parts gentle observer and enthusiastic greeter. If you've walked past her house, chances are you've seen her relaxing on the porch swing, calmly watching the world go by like it's her personal post.

Brizzy's journey into her family began with a mission. She was raised as a puppy for Southeastern Guide Dogs (now Dogs, Inc.), joining her home at just 11 weeks old and weighing a mere 14 pounds. For the first year to 18 months of her life, she and her family worked on foundational training, preparing her for a future as a working dog. Depending on her abilities, that path could have led her to become a guide dog, a search and rescue dog, a PTSD companion, or even part of a breeding program.

Along the way, Brizzy was found to have a fold in her retina, creating a risk of vision loss. Because of that, she was unable to continue in the program. While that ended one chapter, it opened another. Her family was given the opportunity to adopt her, and they didn't hesitate for a second. Happily, her eyesight has never become an issue, and she's grown into a strong, healthy adult who fully embraced life as a beloved family dog.

At home and around the neighborhood, Brizzy is mostly laid back now that her puppy days are behind her. She rarely barks unless she's trying to communicate something important. She's social, friendly, and always happy to greet visitors. On walks, she makes it clear that meeting people is part of the experience, especially when children are involved. She also loves trotting along fences where other dogs might be out, clearly hoping for a game or at least a mutual sniff through the slats.

Brizzy is a creature of routine and takes her schedule very seriously. Breakfast happens at 7 am sharp, and her second



meal is expected at exactly 3 pm. Not 3:05. After each meal, she enjoys a neighborhood walk, which usually takes far longer than planned thanks to her dedication to sniffing every blade of grass. Evenings have their own structure too. If dinner prep isn't underway by 7 pm, Brizzy will let her opinion be known until order is restored. Food must never be left unattended either. As a skilled counter surfer, she's been known to steal a steak, an entire loaf of bread, and even a full package of biscuits.

True to her Labrador nature, Brizzy considers any food a treat and is completely food motivated. She's also perfected the art of sleeping and can nap like a professional. Recently, she's been introduced to boating, which she absolutely loves. Watching her ears flap wildly in the wind has quickly become a favorite sight.

Brizzy is friendly with other dogs, especially those her size or larger. If you ever see her suddenly sit while you're walking your dog past her, she's simply doing what she's been trained to do. Sitting and waiting helps keep her excitement in check and prevents her from enthusiastically pulling toward a new potential friend. It works most of the time.

While Brizzy didn't end up in a working role, she's found something just as meaningful. She's a steady presence, a porch-side lookout, and a warm, familiar face that makes the neighborhood feel just a little more connected.

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# CHNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### **CHNA General Membership Meeting**

**Monday, March 2**

**6:00 PM social time, 6:30 PM meeting**

Blush Tea & Coffee, 2382 Dr. MLK Street N

Guest speaker: John Barkett, co-founder & President of Friends of Trails Crossing, will be speaking about an exciting project, its progress and what it means for our community.

### **Crescent Heights Home Tour**

**Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Our first ever home tour event for Crescent Heights neighbors only! Check-in ahead of your self-guided tour of several homes in our neighborhood.

Additional details to come.

### **Holocaust Museum Visit**

**March (date TBD)**

### **Interested in hosting a Porch Party?**

Contact Jordan Postma, CHNA Events Director, at [communications.chna@gmail.com](mailto:communications.chna@gmail.com) or 334-559-4086.

## WHAT'S UP AROUND TOWN

### **Saturday Morning Market**

**Every Saturday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Al Lang Stadium, 230 1st Street S

### **Awakening into the Sun**

**Wellness Festival and Makers Market**

**Sunday, March 8, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Drive NE

### **Pickleball 101 | Get Fit St. Pete**

**Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Barlett Park, 2000 7th Street S

### **51st Annual Mainsail Art Festival**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 28 & 29**

Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Drive NE

### **Tampa Bay Rays 2026 Home Opener**

**Monday, April 6 vs. Chicago Cubs**

Tropicana Field, 1 Tropicana Drive

### **Tampa Bay Blues Festival: Tab Benoit & Samantha Fish**

**Sunday, April 12, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Drive NE

### **St. Pete CommUNITY Festival 2026**

**Saturday, March 7, 1:00 - 9:30 PM**

Azalea Park, 7335 13th Ave N

### **MAACM Studio Sips - Mother's Day Special**

**Glazed Tile Painting**

**Sunday, May 10, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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