



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Islanders,

All Davis Islands residents are invited to the Davis Islands Civic Association Annual Meeting & Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, from 7 to 9 pm at the Davis Islands Garden Club, 81 Columbia Drive. We have an excellent program this year. The much awaited South Davis Trail is getting closer to reality, and at the annual meeting, the City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department and the design consultants will present the concept layout for it. Please come out to see the drawings, and to ask your questions and give comments. Also at the meeting, we will have a little "mini-museum walk" by the three downtown museums with capital projects underway. The Children's Museum, Tampa Museum of Art, and History Museum have kindly agreed to bring displays and information for us. We will also be honoring outgoing board members and local residents for community service, including a special recognition to our Young Islanders for their outstanding work. Refreshments will be served and children are welcome.

past Parks Committee Chair who moved off the Islands this summer; Bobby Bobo; Vince Palori; past president Henry Gill; and, long-serving treasurer Pat Wolfe, for their contributions to Davis Islands for many years. We welcome new board member S. Kristopher Kral, who has been elected to fill the vacancy created by Rudy Fernandez's move.

Current members should have received their dues notice in early October and we thank everyone who has already renewed. If you still haven't renewed, or haven't joined, please do so. Your dues and donations support our website, our social events, and the support we provide to other organizations on the Islands.

If you have questions, or need information about the Civic Association or the annual meeting, please email us at davisislandscivic@gmail.com or call me at 813-259-9744. Meeting information will be posted at www.davisislandscivic.com

Sincerely,

Lisa DeVitto

Lisa DeVitto, President

I want to thank the following outgoing board members: Rudy Fernandez, past president and

DICA Celebration and Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 12th 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Davis Islands Garden Club (Details, page 4)

DAVIS ISLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD OFFICERS

President: Lisa DeVitto
Vice President: Jeffrey Stewart
Secretary: Phyllis Pacyna
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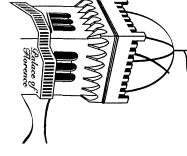
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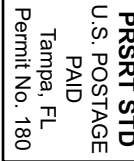
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Stephanie Rogers/Felicia Anderson - D.I. Young Islanders
Bill Sharpe - D.I. Chamber of Commerce

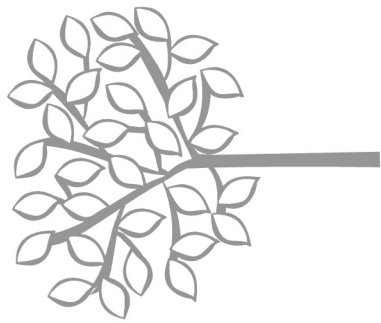
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LAST CHANCE FOR FREE TREES



Once again, the City of Tampa has offered to replenish Tampa's green spaces by planting trees on public property, including the right-of-way in front of your house. This is a great way to enhance Davis Islands with more trees and all the benefits they provide. Most trees will be planted in November, so this is the last chance to make your request. Thirty gallon shade and ornamental trees are available, with a maximum of two trees planted per address. I will submit a group application for Islands residents who would like to participate.

If you want to take part, PLEASE EMAIL ME BEFORE November 15, at rfernandez@twbaird.com with your name, address, phone number, where you want the tree(s) planted, the cross street nearest you, and your tree preference (Winged Elm, Live Oak, Dahoon Holly, or Magnolia)

Rudy Fernandez

RUDY, RUDY, RUDY

From the Board of Directors of the Davis Islands Civic Association, and on behalf of all the residents, neighbors and the business owners of Davis Islands, we offer our best wishes to Rudy Fernandez and his beautiful family, who moved off the Islands this Summer (although Rudy steadfastly claims his new home in Hyde Park will be closer to the tennis courts than his former residence on Martinique). Rudy made the Islands his home for over twenty years, eighteen of which he served the interests of the Islands as either a member of the Board of the Davis Islands Civic Association or as a member of the Tampa City Council. We all thank you Rudy, for your service to the community and efforts to make Davis Islands a very special neighborhood.

THAN UPDATE

Interested citizens are invited to participate in two city-wide organizations: *Neighbors United Against Crime in Tampa* (NUACT) is the successor organization to *Tampa Neighborhood Watch Association* (TNWA). NUACTION meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Tampa Police Department District offices on a rotating schedule. The November meeting is November 3 at District 3, 3808 North 22nd Street (242-3800).

The Tampa Code Enforcement Citizens Advisory Committee's next meeting is on Monday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Free Library Building, 102 East 7th Avenue.

Norbert Holz is the founding president of NUACTION and Chairman of the Code Enforcement CAC and is the contact person for these organizations. Reach him at NorbertHolz@tampabay.rr.com.

Patt Fosnaught

THAN Representative



STEWARDSHIP TEAM GUIDES OUR COMMUNITY

Stewardship Team Guides Our Community Vision Plan Implementation: *Progress Report & Invitation for Participants*

If you are like most residents on Davis Islands, you are interested in seeing the village center remain pedestrian friendly, you enjoy our beautiful landscaping, and you would like to see a paved trail along South Davis Boulevard and improvements to the swimming pool. These types of goals and many others are part of the fabric of the vision of the *Davis Islands Community Plan* that was approved by the City Council in 2007. After the Plan was approved, City Administration asked a group of stakeholders to serve as the plan's Stewardship Team to identify strategies needed to achieve the plan's vision.

We have become organized, and from January through June of 2008, the group worked to complete a *Strategic Action Plan for the Davis Islands Community Plan*. Elements of the plan include: proposals for new city policies and ordinances to protect parkland from conversion to other uses and to ensure a pedestrian-friendly village center as redevelopment occurs; a landscape master plan; a capital improvements plan to improve traffic calming, Roy Jenkins pool restoration, construction of a community center; and completion of the waterfront greenway along Seddon Channel and paved trail along South Davis Boulevard to Seaplane Basin Park. The strategic action plan also prioritizes all the identified actions by type of action. This detailed document is posted on the Davis Islands Civic Association website: www.davislandscivic.com -- Scroll to "Strategic Action Plan."

In September, the Stewardship Team reorganized for the plan implementation phase. We will function as a guiding and coordinating group responsible for working with stakeholders to implement the plan. The Team will coordinate with the City and the community to ensure progress, but not to necessarily be the implementers of the plan's elements. The actions will be carried out through a variety of implementers, including the City, other public agencies, the civic association, the chamber of commerce, businesses, institutions, private organizations, and residents. The Stewardship Team will bring stakeholders together, advocate on behalf of the plan's vision and strategic actions, be a central point of information about the status of plan implementation, disseminate this information to the community, and encourage community feedback on the progress and quality of the work.

-Charner Reese,

DICA Representative on the DI Plan Stewardship Team

Visit the Davis Islands Civic Association Website:

www.davislandscivic.com

or email us at: davislandscivic@gmail.com

DAVIS ISLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES - - WHAT THEY DO

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Learns about and/or has knowledge of community codes.
- Communicates with the City of Tampa Code Enforcement Division regarding possible code violations that need to be investigated.
- Provides information to DI residents who have questions or concerns.

LAND USE/ZONING

- Reviews Davis Islands rezoning proposals and variance requests and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors prior to scheduled City Council public hearings on the specific items. *Note: It is the policy of the Board of Directors not to weigh in on variances which only affect side or rear yards unless adjacent neighbors have concerns.*
- Contacts adjacent neighbors for input.
- When a neighbor opposes a variance, the committee researches the request and provides a recommendation to the Board in the same manner front yard and height variance requests are reviewed.

- Responsible for evaluation of variance requests including researching the request and considering the hardship from the perspective of all neighbors, including the community as a whole and the overall effects a variance proposal would have on the neighborhood, such as effects on drainage.
- Rezoning petitions are considered on a case-by-case basis, with both the petitioner and the adjacent neighbors provided the opportunity to make presentations before a vote is taken by the Board. The Committee holds the meetings at which presentations are made. These meetings are held the day of and prior to monthly Board meetings.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Organizes and oversees events that provide a focus for fun community interaction and social activities (such as the Ice Cream Social).
- Provides assistance to the membership committee in preparing for the annual membership meeting by planning and providing refreshments.
- Assists the publicist, website committee, and newsletter editor as appropriate to advertise upcoming social committee planned events.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Investigates traffic safety issues identified by the Board or by residents and recommends to the Board ways to address problems.
- Meets with City officials to gain technical information and to seek solutions.
- Assists publicist, fundraising committee, website committee and newsletter editor, as appropriate, to promote awareness and other needed actions.

WEBSITE

- Maintains and updates the organization's website, davislandscivic.com.
- Receives information for posting from other committees and Board members.

FUNDRAISING

- Develops fundraising strategies and a plan for approval by the Board.
- Undertakes fundraising activities as directed by the Board to raise money for Board identified capital improvement priorities and other projects requiring significant funds to implement.
- Works with the publicist, social committee, newsletter editor, website committee and membership committee, as appropriate, to accomplish funding raising goals.

COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Guide implementing actions within the association's jurisdiction and work with other entities, both public and private, involved in implementation. Prepare an annual "State of the Islands" progress report on achieving the plan's vision. Represent the association on the Community Plan Stewardship Team.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Maintains membership data base and conduct membership drives.
- Works with designated printing company to generate membership labels, printed material for specific mailings, including membership applications, requests for board of director applications, and ballots for voting on board of directors.
- Mails membership applications within two months of the fall newsletter mailing to those homes with no response, as a reminder to join
- Responsible, with assistance of Social Committee and other Board members, for program, preparations, setup and takedown for the annual membership meeting.
- Responsible for overseeing the counting of ballots for election of Board members (at annual membership meeting) and reporting the results at the end of the meeting.
- Reviews submitted membership applications in order to update membership list and to provide committee chairs with the names of new members interested in participating on committees.
- Spearheads the Board's efforts to recognize member accomplishments at special events and the fall membership meeting.

PARKS/GREENSPACE

- Researches needs and prioritizes proposed projects that would improve existing or provide new parks, recreation facilities, and open space improvements on Davis Islands and makes recommendations to the Board.
- Assists publicist, fundraising committee, website committee and newsletter editor, as appropriate, in activities that will promote and help fund improvements.
- Meets with City officials for technical assistance regarding needs, cost estimates, budgeting, grants, etc.
- Provides input on design of projects.

ISLAND ITEMS

CONTACTS THAT YOU CAN USE

Perhaps you see something suspicious? The non-emergency number for the Tampa Police Department is 231-6130. Our local officers have encouraged us to call anytime with concerns.

Maybe you can't see a thing at all? TECO is responsible for streetlight repair on the Islands. Write down the 6 digit number on the pole or note the nearest cross street and call 223-0800 or go to www.tampaelectric.com and see the "lights out" link.

Have a cracked sidewalk or pothole in the street? Call the City of Tampa at 622-1940 for potholes or 274-8303 for sidewalk issues.

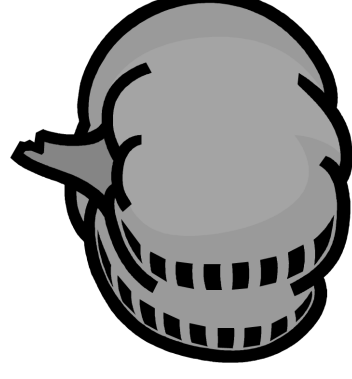
Have the Mosquitoes carried you off? Hillsborough County Mosquito and Aquatic Weed Control handles the thirsty little critters. Call 554-5029 for an inspection and service. Multiple service calls for the area will help provide a comprehensive prevention plan. Stop the mosquitoes before they take over!

Not Sure Who to Call? Then call the City of Tampa Information Line at 274-8211 and get helpful information to point you in the right direction.

OCTOBERWEEN FESTIVITIES

Hosted by the Davis Islands Chamber of Commerce

On October 25th, the Davis Islands Chamber of Commerce and Islands businesses are hosting an Octoberween Celebration in the downtown village. This family and pet-oriented event offers something for all ages and breeds. The fun kicks off at 1:00 PM with a pet costume contest at Wag, followed by the Kids Candy Hunt at 2:00, and a Kids Costume Contest at 3:30. Other Islands businesses are busy putting together even more events for the day. Come out and have fun in a safe, family-oriented DI environment!



YOUNG ISLANDERS UPDATE

Once again, the DI Young Islanders demonstrated just how "Green" they can be by participating in the Coastal Cleanup at the Basin Park on Davis Islands held on September 20, 2008. Dozens of Young Islanders donned gloves and free T-shirts for the event and had a fun morning of hard work. Thanks to all who participated again this year and for keeping our community sparkling and clean.

A special thanks goes out to our Hillsborough County Commissioners and the Children's Board for our 2008 Young Islanders Grant Monies. This year, we've designated the funds for the purchase of all 5 modules of the videos created by the AAA Traffic Safety Foundation's Kid's Safety Program that deliver all the safety essentials. Instead of merely shouting "watch for cars" as your kids head out onto the Islands' streets, parents can show them a professionally-produced, safety-certified video free of charge, thanks to Karen Abberger's hard work in writing this grant. Look for sign ups for a party preview when we will hand out the free videos to the Davis Islands community.

Looking towards the Holidays, keep your eyes open for volunteer service opportunities with the Ronald McDonald House. Finally, the Young Islanders would like to announce our new Coordinator, Felicia Anderson, who takes over from founders Karen Abberger and Jackie Saldhana. Felicia is still looking for participants and volunteers to help out with events. Please contact us at youngislanders@yahoo.com if you are interested in being a part of the leadership of this award-winning neighborhood community service organization.

Stephanie Rogers,

for DI Young Islanders

ISLAND ITEMS

DAVIS ISLANDS IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCOUNT STATUS

As part of its recent expansion, which impacted City of Tampa parkland, Tampa General Hospital donated \$1 million to the City of Tampa for community improvements on Davis Islands, to be held in a City account. The use of the funds are to be used as determined by the Improvement Fund committee. Tampa City Council designated the Improvement Fund committee to be comprised of three individuals, one representative each from the Davis Islands Chamber of Commerce, the Davis Islands Civic Association, and the Davis Islands Neighborhood Task Force.

The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department has provided the following report on the status of the account as of September 23, 2008: *“The \$1 million dollars was deposited in August*

2005. The expenditures to date, in which funding has been encumbered, is: \$143,341.80 for trail survey, environmental and design/construction documents. The total interest gained to date is \$119,128 (average of \$40,000 per year). The available balance as of today, including the above mentioned items, is \$976,187.16.”

These funds have been designated by the Improvement Fund board to be used primarily for the construction of a South Davis Trail. The City will present the concept plan and drawings at the Davis Islands Civic Association Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 12. There will be time for questions and comments. See Annual Meeting invitation in this newsletter for more details.

ALL RESIDENTS INVITED!

CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
7 to 9 pm

(Doors open at 6:30 pm)
Davis Islands Garden Club • 81 Columbia Drive

PROGRAM:

- Presentation by City Parks Dept:

South Davis Trail Concept Plan: Drawings, Q & A time, comment cards

Also Featuring:

- Honoring our Young Islanders
 - Mini-Museum Walk:

Displays by Children’s Museum, History Museum, Tampa Museum Walk

*Refreshments, prizes, annual business meeting
voting on new board members*

PLEASE JOIN OUR DAVIS ISLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION!!!

Thanks to all current members who received their renewal notices in mid-October and sent them in already. If you haven’t renewed, please do so, or use this form.

Website: www.davisislandscivic.com

Email: davisislandscivic@gmail.com

*The Davis Islands Civic Association is committed to enhancing our wonderful community.
Please join us today if you are not already a member.*

DAVIS ISLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION November 2008 – October 2009

Please complete form and mail it with your check payable to the Davis Islands Civic Association

ANNUAL DUES: \$ 25.00 Donations help with budget items:
Ice Cream & other socials, Young

DONATIONS: _____ Islanders, Website, Newsletter

TOTAL: _____

_____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWING MEMBER

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

THE ASSOCIATION HAS A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES. PLEASE CHECK ANY COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE:

_____ Code Enforcement	_____ Community Plan Implementation
_____ Membership & Database Mgmt	_____ Socials
_____ Land Use/Zoning	_____ Parks and Green Space
_____ Traffic Safety	_____ Website/email maintenance
_____ Newsletter	_____ THAN
_____ Grant Writing	_____ Community Relations

**MAIL TO: Davis Islands Civic Association
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Attn: Membership Committee**

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