



Bayside West Neighborhood Association

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Neighborhood Fair & Neighborhood Expo

Don't miss the exciting 2006 City of Tampa Neighborhood Fair & Hurricane Expo at RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM on June 17th! The Neighborhood & Community Relations Office team is going very big this year and it is going to be a lot of fun for everyone while also being very informative.

In addition, we just posted our fair link yesterday, www.tampagov.net/fair, which I encourage you to review and pass along to your neighbors.

The purpose and goal of

the neighborhood fair is to bring city government to the people. Attendees learn about city services with their families in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Participants from the city include the Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police, Chief of Fire, administrators, department heads, firemen, police officers and many more of the talented and hardworking city employees who every day strive to make a positive difference in Tampa. Just like in 2004, each City of Tampa department will have an information booth. There will also be musical entertainment, Radio Disney's Fun Squad, Reading

with the mayor, football with police and firemen, arts and crafts, games, Tampa Police ID fingerprinting, big city trucks, police helicopter and prizes raffled off throughout the day.

Members Needed: that means you!

Although Bayside West has begun with an encouraging number of new members, many of those members are living in Regency Cove. For the neighborhood to be represented not only in one concentrated area, but also in numbers, we need your participation. From past

experience, we know that the city does listen to the associations and issues that affect their neighborhoods. With the tremendous and seemingly uncontrolled growth occurring in south Tampa, it is more important than ever that voices be heard downtown expressing concerns about

what is taking place. Dues are almost inconsequential (\$5 per member) and meetings occur only every few months. However, without your support, the association cannot be effective. Information about joining on the back page.



*The next time you feel
the urge to procrasti-
nate....just put it off.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**The next meeting for the
Bayside West Neighbor-
hood Association:**

**When: Thursday eve-
ning, October 5, 2006.**

**Location: Jan Platt
Library on south
Manhattan.**

Time: 7pm—8:30pm

**WE NEED YOU THERE
SO PLEASE COME OUT
AND HEAR THE LATEST
NEWS AS WELL AS
VOICE YOUR CON-
CERNS.**



*According to the latest
official figures, 43.2%
of all statistics are to-
tally useless.*

Concern for Proposed Changes at Cove Apts.

The battle for our neighborhood has begun. We have a very experienced Developer who wants to make the most money he can by building on the Cove Apartment property, a perfectly legal ambition on his part. But, in order to do this, he will have to have zoning variances. He has admitted talking with our councilman, John Dingfelder about his plans. He did this before any of us ever glimpsed his presentation on May 18 at Friendship Hall. He knows that once he files his petition for rezoning, that sort of conversation is not allowed.

Change is inevitable here, but it is up to us to let the builder know what our limits are, those beyond which we will not allow him to go to exploit the property. Sixteen story towers in a single-family, mostly one-story-home neighborhood is an example of what is not acceptable. That kind of change is too extreme. It is not COMPATIBLE with the neighborhood, and it is not supported by EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. Those two points were stressed by a council member on May 25 at a zoning petitioner's hearing. It was broadcast live on Channel 15 as are many such hearings. This developer may think that by presenting 16 stories and then reducing it (giving the neighborhood something), he will still be able to get 10 or 12 stories (still too high). We need to understand what we are being asked to cooperate with. Because he does need our cooperation as a bona fide association in order to accomplish his "lofty" goals.

All of us who care about our neighbors and our neighborhood must educate ourselves about the things that City Council looks for when granting or denying petitions for rezoning. The best way to do this is by watching Channel 15 on Thursday evenings. You can learn what to say at a zoning hearing and what you might as well not say. You will learn to be concise. Whether you ever want to speak at a council meeting or not, if you care about your neighborhood, this is something you need to do in order to understand what is happening in your back yard. So, I cannot stress enough how important it is to do yourself the favor of paying attention in the comfort of your living room. And remind your neighbors to do the same. Council may be more apt to listen if we can learn to speak their language.

Anne O'Hara, secretary.

Contact the Bayside West Neighborhood Association 813-839-1066 if you have any further questions.

BE STREETWISE AND SAFE

You can learn to protect yourself from violent crimes such as robbery, or physical attacks. Here are some tips you should incorporate in your day to day life:

Be Streetwise and Safe

- Don't walk alone if you can help it. Most violent crimes are directed against a lone victim.
- Avoid walking in risky areas such as deserted streets, wooded areas, and dark alleys or parking lots.
- Walk near the curb, on lighted streets at night, and against the traffic. Travel known routes.
- Never flash your cash in public - that's just asking for trouble. Carry only the amount of money you actually need.
- Never hitchhike! People who pick up hitchhikers often have ideas other than wanting to help you.
- ALWAYS let someone know where you're going and when you'll return. If something should happen to you, they'll call for help when you don't show up.
- Carry change in your pocket in case you have to make an emergency phone call to family, a friend, or law enforcement. Remember that 911 calls are always free on pay phones and cellular phones as well.
- Try to park your car in well-lighted places. Always lock it when you leave - and look into and under the car before you get in to make sure you don't have an uninvited passenger.
- Avoid walking near doorways, shrubbery, and other dark places where someone might hide.
- Walk confidently. Be alert - notice who passes you and who's behind you.
- Keep your purse close to your body, covering the clasp or flap with your hand or forearm. Don't carry open purses without flaps. Keep your credit cards separate from your wallet.
- Carry a whistle or other noisemaker. If in trouble, use it! Muggers usually won't hang around to see what happens next.
- Have your keys in your hand when leaving home or work. Not only will this save time opening the door, but keys make an excellent weapon if need be.
- If you want to help a disabled vehicle, don't get out of the car. Drive to the nearest well-lighted area with a phone and call the police.
- Don't pull over for flashing headlights. An emergency vehicle or Law Enforcement vehicle will have flashing red and/or blue lights.



Learning is the process of preparing to deal with new situations.

"You can never be too careful."

**Captain of
Titanic**



The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing making one.

If you are interested in more information about the association, you can call Jerry Frankhouser at 918-5382 or email savegandy@USA.com

The association's website is www.baysidewest.50megs.com

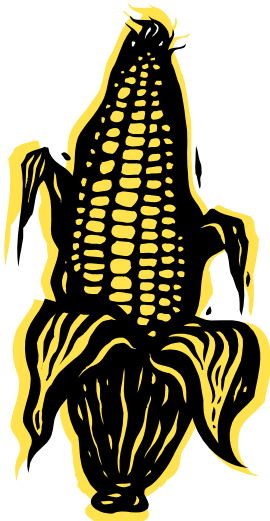
Dues of \$5 per person may be mailed to Dan Dillon at 4853 W. Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611.

NEWSLETTER: Comments, suggestions, articles, etc. can be emailed to Editor, Earl Paul at ep7711@yahoo.com or he can be reached at 813.837.2893

Important Numbers:

TPD Non-Emergency.....	231-6130
City Council.....	274-8131
Police Chief (Stephen Hogue).....	276-3200
City Mayor (Pam Iorio)	274-8251
Animal Services	744-5660
Code Enforcement (Don Scott)	426-6024
Streetlights	228-1111
Garbage Pickup	348-1146
City Information	274-7734

Letter From the President



Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Bayside West Neighborhood Association. The good turnout at the meetings is really encouraging. It is a way for us to get and give information that is important about our neighborhood.

One way a neighborhood association can be successful is for all to pitch in and help. Being a block captain, encouraging your neighbors to join the association, helping with fundraising projects are all ways to help.

Recently we had a problem with the sidewalks on Manhattan Ave. At our April meeting, Jim Hudock from the Transportation Department of the city told us the sidewalks would remain open during construction. However, for 2 weeks, before Memorial Day, they did not keep their promise. I sent an email to city personnel shortly before Memorial Day to remind them the sidewalks were not open and some equipment was blocking passage. The next day they fixed it. Thus, people who needed to walk to the grocery store could do so. This is the asso-

ciation at work.

Before I was interested in starting a neighborhood association, I watched City Council meetings on cable channel 15. These meetings run the gamut from setting traffic laws to raising tax money to zoning. It offers great insight into the workings of the City

Consider, too, joining us in the Association; the more voices/members we have, the more effective we'll be.

Jerry Frankhouser,
President