

The Communicator



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President's Message

I would like to announce that Bayside West Neighborhood Association has been awarded a Tampa City Council Mini-Grant of \$750.00. This will be used to mail one copy of the newsletter to all the homes in our association area. It will be the summer issue that will be out late July, or early August. This grant should also help to get a card mailing to all for the fall meeting. We also applied for a County Mini-Grant but did not make the cut. We will try again next year. That grant was to put up two additional neighborhood signs along South Manhattan near Gandy and one south of Euclid on South Westshore.

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. You can get an application in this newsletter or on our web site: www.baysidewest.50megs.com.



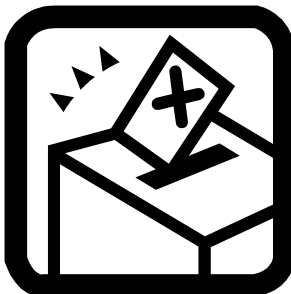
The next meeting is January 22, 2008 at the Friendship Hall at Regency Cove from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm. The Motta Group will talk about the Georgetown redevelopment project and we will have election of officers after their part of the program. Make sure you are a member for 2008 to run for office and be able to vote.

Jerry

Jerry Frankhouser, President

ELECTION TIME IS HERE!

The January 22nd meeting is the time for election of officers. If you would like to be nominated please contact the President at savegandy@usa.com or 813-839-1066.



One of the rules of the election is that to be a candidate or voter, you must be a paid member for 2008. We will have a table for you to sign in and pay your \$5.00 per person membership fee or you can get a membership form on the Bayside West website:



NEXT Association MEETING

Tuesday, January 22nd ★ 7:00 p.m.
Regency Cove Friendship Hall
4581 W. Gandy Boulevard

Email us at: SaveGandy@USA.com
Visit our website: www.BaysideWest.50Megs.com

PROTECT YOURSELF!

The North American Securities Administrators Association Inc. offers tips to help you avoid becoming the victim of a scam:

Don't be a "courtesy" victim. Con artists thrive on people too polite to hang up or slam the door.

Don't judge a book by its cover. Con artists are more likely to look like a charming grandchild than a villain.

Beware of strangers touting strange deals. Keep saying "no" until you've had the opportunity to check out the "investment opportunity," the company and the person. Contact Florida's Office of Financial Regulation at (850) 410-9805 or www.flofr.com.

Always stay in charge of your money. Don't trust anyone who offers to manage your finances for you.

Watch out for salespeople who prey on your fears. Of course you worry about outliving your savings or losing everything to a catastrophic illness - but beware of anyone who keeps reminding you of these dangers.

Don't make a tragedy worse with rash financial decisions. If the death or disability of your spouse suddenly puts you in charge of your finances, seek professional advice instead of responding to a solicitation.

Monitor your investments, ask tough questions, get periodic written reports. Look for hidden fees. Don't let a false sense of friendship prevent you from asking "rude" questions.

Look for any trouble in retrieving your principal or cashing out profits. If a stockbroker, financial planner or other "professional" stalls when you want to withdraw your principal or profits, beware. Any legitimate restrictions should be explained in advance.

Don't let embarrassment or fear keep you from reporting suspected fraud. Contact the Federal Trade Commission at toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357) or go to: www.ftc.gov.

Once you've lost money, don't let the con artist "reload" by promising to get it back through a new scheme. Quit immediately.

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In our world, we're all from Missouri - you have to show us. Years of experience, sometimes bitter, have taught us a thing or two. More than most, we know that if it sounds too good to be true, it truly is.

Sure, we occasionally get burned. Before the word "phishing" was coined to describe the criminal effort online to obtain computer passwords and credit card information, I fell for an official looking e-mail from the payment exchange operation, PayPal. It asked that I reaffirm all my personal information, including my password. I followed instructions.

...Then it dawned on me - Why would PayPal ask for information it already had? I hurried to the site, at once changing my password and forwarding the e-mail to PayPal security. It was a close call, never to be forgotten.

Yes, I mourn those long-gone days of trust and innocence. But my generation's greed and neglect of the powerful idea of citizenship killed those days, perhaps forever.

Excerpt from an article by Frank Kaiser, a nationally syndicated columnist who lives in Clearwater. His Web site, www.suddenlyseneior.com, includes nostalgia and links to senior-focused sites. Contact him at: frank@suddenlyseneior.com, or by writing to: 2431 Canadian Way, Suite 21, Clearwater, FL 33763.

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FREE PLANTS AVAILABLE TO A GOOD HOME

Yes, I said "FREE"! There is nothing I dislike more than having to throw away perfectly good plants while folks go to their nearest hardware store to buy them. I have tried placing them at the curb but that isn't the best way to find them a home. I have the following plants available: Bromeliads, Heliconias, Gingers, Orchids, Bananas, Crown of Thorns and Plumeria (aka Frangipani). I have mature and young plants. I have cuttings and full trees. If you need plants, contact me. If you have plants to share, contact me.

FREE FRUIT PICKING

Yes, I said "FREE" there too. Some neighbors have citrus trees but don't like to eat the fruit or clean the mess. Other neighbors have more mangos and avocados than they know what to do with. I like fruits of all kinds and I know lots of people who sure would like to have them. So I will help you pick your trees for free and share the fruit with folks who want and need it. If you need help getting your trees picked, contact me. If you want some of the free fruit, contact me. If anyone has calamandin trees (those little sour oranges), I would like the fruit. Or if you want to volunteer to help, contact me.

FREE PLANT SWAP

Yup. One more time. FREE! I would like to propose that those of us with excess plants, cuttings and seeds find a way to gather together to share our bounties. We could do it like a garage sale and pick one day each season to place the extras by the curb. If you want to share plants, if you have ideas, contact me.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

I have offered to contribute some trees and plants to be used for the beautification of the entrances to our neighborhoods and the retention areas. Maybe we can get some of the businesses on Manhattan and Gandy to plant some free tropical shade trees next to the sidewalks. If you have ideas or plants to donate, contact me.

FREE ORGANIC CO-OP NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN

So I've got big dreams. I would like to find a small plot of land in our neighborhood where we could start an organic produce and herbs garden where people could earn free produce by volunteering to work in the gardens. We could even do earth boxes in the parking lot of the old Winn Dixie. If you have big green dreams too, contact me.

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