



Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association Newsletter

**Next CHNA
Neighborhood
Get Together**

When:
Friday, Feb 11
7:00 pm

What:
Porch Party! See
details to the right

Where:
At host Bruce and
Erica Allums
house at 780 25th
Avenue North

**Become a CHNA
MEMBER in 2011
and help out the
community!!!**

Your dues go directly toward providing fun neighborhood events like the Halloween Party and keeping the residents informed. Please see the last page of the newsletter for additional information about how to pay your household's dues. Join your neighbors in supporting your neighborhood association!

**** Only \$20/year ****

**Payments can be
mailed or on PayPal**

Stay up-to-date on news from the neighborhood

Porch Party Preceding Neighborhood Clean-Up – Friday, February 11, 2011

7:00pm @ 780 25th Avenue N

Host: Bruce & Erica Allums

Bring your own beverage and a snack/appetizer to share. This is nothing more than plain old good fashioned fun - look forward to seeing you there/then!

Neighborhood Clean-Up - Saturday, February 12, 2011

Please join us for a neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, February 12, 2011. We will meet at 737 26th Ave N. at 9:00 am to pass out garbage bags and gloves. From here, you and your family can clean up anywhere around our neighborhood or in Crescent Lake Park. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and show your pride in the community. Also, this is your last chance to contribute volunteer hours for our neighborhood lighting grant. At our last event, neighbors volunteered 39 hours to help keep our neighborhood looking great. Let's see if we can get even more volunteer hours this time!

Grant Hours are Due

Please remember to submit your grant hours log (if you need a sheet we can get you one) to president@mychna.org so we can submit our final hours and settle up our portion of the neighborhood grant commitment that made the new historic acorn lights in the neighborhood possible. Thanks for your help on this important project!

Neighborhood Market

The Church of the Beatitudes will holding a local market on the first Saturday of each month beginning in February with a produce wagon, caterer, crafters and flea market/yard sale items. Hours are from 9-2pm and it is only \$20 to set up a booth!

Please email office@churchofbeatitudes.org for more information.

Street Construction

The City of St. Petersburg has advised us they will be finalizing construction on our neighborhood traffic plan. Please excuse the disturbance at 5th Street & 27th Avenue and 8th Street & 26th Avenue as they install "Raised Brick Imprinted Intersections" like you see elsewhere throughout the neighborhood. Contact president@mychna.org with questions or call the City of St. Petersburg directly at 727 893 7843.

In Your Service,

Greg Holden, President

Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association

president@mychna.org

Happy Valentine's Day – a brief history

No one knows the exact origin of Valentine's Day for sure, but the most popular theory dates back to the time of the Roman Empire during the reign of Claudius II, 270 AD. Claudius didn't want men to marry during wartime because he believed single men made better soldiers. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret wedding ceremonies. For this, Valentine was jailed and then executed by order of the Emperor on February 14. While in jail, he wrote a love note to the jailor's daughter signing it, "From your Valentine." Other traditions came later. For example:

Many believe the 'X' symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an 'X.' The 'X' was then kissed to show their sincerity.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."

In Wales, wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favorite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared February 14th the holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, Australia, Denmark, and Italy. Hallmark has over 1330 different cards specifically for Valentine's Day. Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentine's cards with teachers, classmates, and family members.

Illuminated Night Parade

We have been invited to submit one or several floats into the Illuminated Night Parade at 7pm on March 24 which will kick-off the Honda Grand Prix. Please email president@mychna.org if you have ideas, trailers, convertibles or old cars - or if you don't have any of that but are just interested in getting involved in this!

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Tip Line - 727-892-5000

Call Before You Dig - 800-432-4770

Mayor's Action Line - 727-893-7111

Trash & Brush Collection/Recycling - 727-893-7398

Progress Energy (Report Street Light Outage)

800-228-8485 (location and pole #)

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**Sign up now
online, Spring
leagues start
in March!**



**Friday & Saturday SOCCER leagues
for 3-12 year olds in St. Petersburg &
Safety Harbor. 8 week league is \$99.
Leagues start March 4, 11, & 12!**



**Friday & Saturday FLAG FOOTBALL
leagues for 3-13 year olds in St. Pete
& Clearwater. 8 week league is \$99.
Leagues start March 5 & 11!**

**Sign up at www.ClubSportKids.com or
call 877-820-2582 Ext 3 for more info!**

**Advertising in the
CHNA Newsletter**

The Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association Newsletter is published monthly, except August and December, and is distributed to each of the nearly 600 homes in Crescent Heights and to neighborhood businesses. Advertising helps offset printing costs for the newsletter. Advertising space is made available each month; deadline for all ads is the 25th of each month prior to the publication. All ads should be camera-ready or in electronic format. Payment is due at time of ad placement. If you are interested in advertising or need rates, please email you needs to newsletter@mychna.org.

Join the CHNA Association TODAY! Help support the neighborhood and efforts to make this a great place to live. Cost is just \$20 a year (Jan-Dec).

Sign up for membership online and pay with PayPal at www.myCHNA.org! Or fill out this membership form and mail or bring to the next monthly meeting.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Alternate Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fee is \$20 payable to CHNA. Bring to meeting or mail to CHNA, PO Box 76051, St. Pete, FL 33734