



Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Next CHNA Neighborhood Get Togethers

When:
Wed, March 23
7:00 pm

What:
Neighborhood
Appreciation Party
we need you to
attend to make
this a success.
Wine and light
snacks will be
served and we'll
meet each!!

Where:
Location to be
announced on the
website and via
our emails

When:
Tues, April 19
Doors open at
6:30pm, meeting
at 7:00 pm
(gardens open for
free 8-8:30)

What:
Joint meeting of
neighborhoods
featuring Mayor
Foster

Where:
Sunken Gardens
at 1825 4th St. N.

Great work by neighbors – thank you!!!

Fundraising Bake Sale Recap

On January 24th, St. Petersburg Police Department Officers Thomas Baitinger and Jeffrey Yaslowitz were gunned down in the line of duty protecting our community. On February 20th, the Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association held a bake sale to benefit them and the families of these fallen officers.

The bake sale “committee” – my sisters Kathy Adams and Pat Spudie, my niece Mollie Spudie, our surrogate sister (and best neighbor ever!) Christine Davison and I – would like to thank all of our fantastic neighbors for your tremendous support. We would also like to thank the Dairy Inn (1201 Dr. MLK Jr., St., N.) for donating goods and coffee – the owner is a Crescent Heights resident who supports many neighborhood events, which is appreciated!

In approximately three hours time, during which we enjoyed meeting lots of phenomenal people, we had raised \$675, all of which was donated to the Jeffrey Yaslowitz-Thomas Baitinger Memorial Fund at Wachovia Bank. Also, we donated the remaining baked goods to the SPPD Headquarters downtown and to our local St. Petersburg Fire Department Station on 4th Street as a personal thank you from the neighborhood.

During the sale, numerous SPPD Officers and other employees stopped by to say thank you (and buy some goods!), which was particularly rewarding. To them, and all of the other officers, we say thank you for your service to our community. Sadly, SPPD Officer David Crawford was gunned down in the line of duty on February 21st. We hope that everyone is as generous in their support of him and his family as we saw for Officers Baitinger and Yaslowitz.

Historical Lighting Grant - Volunteer Obligation Fulfilled

The neighbors of Crescent Heights came together over the last year and worked hard to fulfill a volunteer obligation of 1,250 hours promised to the city of St. Petersburg in exchange for our six new “historical” acorn lights placed through the neighborhood. 1,295 hours and 4 minutes were officially recorded and reported to the City, so our neighborhood remains in good standing and eligible for future neighborhood improvement grants. Volunteer hours were obtained through two neighborhood clean-up events and also the new crime watch program. Fantastic job, and many, many thanks to those that participated!

There were many neighbors who volunteered a substantial amount of hours and helped to make the fulfillment of the grant obligation possible. An extra special thank you to the following individuals: Genine Thompson, Rober Silverberg, Nioma Brown, Jim Tomlinson, Eva Tomlinson, Jessica Tomlinson, Harrison Boyd, Louise Boyd, Ross Boyd, Madeline Boyd, Allen Burrett, Louise Burrett, Fred DeJohn, Donna DeJohn, Christine Hayes, Barbara Howard, David Kornbluth, Julie Kornbluth, Sara McElroy, Mary Yates, Eric Yates, Bill Wright, and Jen Wright. These neighbors literally donated hundreds of hours of their time and energy toward this project. Many other neighbors donated their time and energy as well, and we extend the thanks of all of the neighbors of Crescent Heights to everyone who helped to fulfill the grant.

Greg Holden • Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association • president@mychna.org

March Home of the Month – 726 27th Ave North

Home & Owner info: Marty Hallas (Mrs. Donald J.) - the home was built in 1952 and we have lived there since 1998.

Why did you choose to live in Crescent Heights: My husband and I lived for 34 years on Coffee Pot Bayou on Snell Isle. We wanted to move off the water and out of the flood zone. We had bought a house in Crescent Heights for our daughter Christy in 1989 and a house at 720 27th Avenue North for our son Gary in 1993. Their best friends Hugh and Kim Fetner lived next door to Gary. When they wanted to sell their house in 1998 we had already been looking for ourselves, and were excited to buy it from them. Gary had moved to Boca Raton and we had rented his house, but the Fetners' floor plan was more suited to what we wanted, and we sold the 720 house to the Baldwins who have since had four children and renovated that house to more than double the size it was!

Have you done any major projects or renovations in your home?: The house has two bedrooms and had one full bath and a half bath off the master bedroom. We took part of an adjacent closet to add a large shower to that bath. To give more closet space we added five feet to the back of the house which gave us a large walk in closet added to the master bedroom, and on the other bedroom we added a small closet and added a back door leading to the door of the detached garage. When our addition was completed we added a new roof and had the outside of the house painted. This summer our wooden fence needed to be replaced which led to replacement of a back deck, repainting the outside of the house, replacing a pump and sprinkler system and putting in new sod and landscaping. I am pleased with the new look to the house and yard .

Are there any unique features in your home?: When you walk in the front door into the living room there is a dining room to the right and a sun porch to the left which gives an openness, with no feeling that you are in a small house. I like the hardwood floors, and the tiles on the kitchen counter that were used in houses built in the early 50's.

What do you love about living in St. Pete?: We loved having our children grow up in St. Pete and they also went to St. Pete High. We were happy that we had downsized four years before Don's death in 2002. Don was an optometrist in St. Pete for 38 years and never fully retired, but he enjoyed his woodworking hobby in our garage, walks around Crescent Lake, and being near his work and just down the street from the Credit Union. In 2003 Gary took a job in St. Pete and he and Kelly moved here from Boca Raton and bought their home in Crescent Heights, two blocks from me. Morea is six now and Tanner is four and a half and I am enjoying being their grandma!



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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)
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Easter Egg Hunt at the park

The Easter Egg Hunt for kids to be held at Crescent Lake on Saturday April 19th at 9:30 am. There will be filled eggs for the kids to find-they just need to bring a basket-and juice and snacks for all! If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event (we always need people to help hide the eggs and set up snacks) contact Mary Yates at marycyates@mindspring.com.

Please help deliver the newsletter!!

Looking for an easy way to get involved in the neighborhood? We need help delivering the newsletter to 28th Ave N. and 22nd Ave N. This commitment only requires about an hour of your time each month, and you can deliver the newsletters when it is convenient for you. Contact Jennifer Wright at jennifer.lyn.wright@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

***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