

# CONA Newsletter

The Council of Neighborhood Associations of South Pinellas County

February 2011

## February President's Message

Our hearts go out to all those affected by the tragic events of the morning of January 24, 2011. The families of Officer Yaslowitz and Sgt. Baitinger now without their loved ones, men whose lives were cut all too short. The St Petersburg Police Department which now must charge ahead without their trusted brothers. The Perry Bayview neighborhood residents who saw their lives disrupted on that horrific morning. Mrs Lacy must now put her life back together. We stand ready to pitch in and help as the healing process continues.

A number of fund-raisers are being planned and conducted, several within the CONA family. There will be items for sale at the CONA Board Meeting Wednesday, February, 16, 2011. The proceeds will go to help the families of the fallen officers.

At our January meeting, the presenter from the Pier Referendum Committee raised a number of questions about demolition and reconstruction of the Pier. That led us to invite Mayor Foster to get a different point of view so come on out to hear what he has to say. He will likely give us information on a variety of other topics too.

We will also hear from Greg Plantamura of the Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project. Because of time constraints, this will be a teaser version. He has a longer interactive version available to the neighborhoods.

We have scheduled our Goals Workshop for Saturday February 26, 2011. Mark your calendars. We would again like to get one representative from each neighborhood. We will set the priorities and goals for the next 12 to 18 months. Last year's goals are posted on the CONA website if you want to review them before attending. Find and bookmark our website at: [www.conastpete.org](http://www.conastpete.org)

As you can see from some of the committee reports, we are very actively addressing topics that will ultimately impact our neighborhoods. The Energy and Environment Committee is focused on not only making our neighborhoods more environmentally friendly, but also influencing the way our governing bodies view the environment. Contact Tim Martin to join their effort. The City Budget Review Committee has already begun to collect the necessary data to help influence the City Budget. Join Travis Jarmanin this endeavor. The Land Development and Historic Resources Committee is reviewing the way St Petersburg allows buildings to be destroyed. Join Monica and help preserve our heritage. Court Watch, under Donna Law has set a mission statement and looks to be an advocate for neighborhoods. Our Diversity Committee under the guidance of Will Michaels is reaching out to a number of groups. Our Public Safety Committee under Cass Rael, has met with both Mayor Foster and Chief Harmon as well as the committee at large to set some priorities. CONA Leadership under the stewardship of Ingrid Comberg is training yet another class of neighborhood leaders.

Come, get involved and make our neighborhoods even better. If you have not already done so, please remember to make sure your \$35 dues check has been sent for 2011. Also remember for those doing mass mailings, an additional \$15 gives your neighborhood access to the CONA mailing permit. It cuts the postage bill in about half. Don't forget to send your articles for inclusion in the CONA Newsletter to Cathy Wilson.

Our next CONA Board Meeting is 7:00 PM February 16, 2011 at the Sunshine Center 330 5th Street North

Mike Gulley

## CONA Board Meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2011

The **SUNSHINE CENTER, 330 5th St. N.**  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

### Agenda Items:

Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project  
Mayor Foster - Pier Information  
Committee Reports  
New Business

### Upcoming Events:

Mar. 16, 7PM - Regular CONA Meeting  
Other upcoming events on page 7.

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### CONA Newsletter Deadlines

Copy Deadline: 25th of each month  
In Hand: 2nd Wednesday of month  
Coordinator: Cathy Wilson, 455-9546  
We welcome articles, items of interest  
and meeting reminders. All submissions to  
the CONA Newsletter may be edited  
for clarity, taste and length.

# 2011 CONA Members

**THANK YOU** to these **CONA Members** who have sent in their **2011 dues...**

Albert Whitted Airport	Highland Oaks
Americana Cove	Historic Kenwood
Bahama Shores	Historic Old Northeast
Bartlett Park	Jungle Terrace Civic
Bayway Isles	Lakewood Estates Civic
Brighton Bay Master	Lakewood Terrace
Broadwater Civic	Live Oaks
Central Oak Park	Northeast Terraces
Downtown Neighborhood	Old Southeast
Downtown Residents Civic	Pasadena Bear Creek
Eden Isle	Riviera Bay Civic
Greater Pinellas Point	Snell Isle Property Owners
Greater Woodlawn	Tropical Shores
Grand Central	Wildwood Heights

Mistakes can happen so... If your association has paid their 2011 dues but you don't see your name here, please contact our Membership Chair, Andrea Hildebran at [hildebran@gmail.com](mailto:hildebran@gmail.com)

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## 2011 CONA LEADERSHIP "ORIENTATION CLASS" THANKS

What a great start we had on Jan 10th for a wonderfully diverse group of present & future community leaders representing many different areas throughout all of St Pete.

Thanks to all of our speakers that night, former Mayor Rick Baker, Council Members Wengay Newton & Bill Dudley, CONA President Mike Gulley & former CONA President Will Michaels for sharing their "leadership" wisdom and thanks also to Carrie Laird, Ruthie Hardy, & Jackie Duart from the Sunshine Center for helping to coordinate the venue for this event.

Thanks very much to the 4th St N MELTING POT Restaurant and the 4th St N CHICK-FIL Restaurant for donating all the wonderful food and desserts.

Thanks also to Aaron & Toni Lynn Sharpe from Pasadena Bear Creek for donating great cookies & water and to hosts Dave & Donna Hoover from Riviera Bay Civic for donating all the paper goods and coordinating the entire social side of this event. Also, many thanks go out to everyone that helped with setting up and cleaning up the venue afterward.

Leadership Chair Ingrid Comberg and all the Mentors do such a great job every year that we think it should be mandatory for all St Pete residents to attend this series of classes.

# Committee Reports/Updates

The **City Budget Committee** was formed subsequent to last year's budget crisis, and our work continues into 2011 at the request of Mayor Foster and CONA President Mike Gulley.

Our goal is to assist the city in identifying opportunities to close the \$12M "revenue gap" in the General Fund. This account is the source of funding most of the basic services/major functions of the city such as public safety (Police, Fire) as well as amenities and civic services associated with our parks, recreation centers, libraries, and neighborhood services. Many of the city's internal (i.e., Administrative) costs are also financed by the General Fund. The General Fund is primarily headcount-driven; approximately 75% of the fund is cost for salaries and benefits.

We expect to meet regularly during the upcoming budget cycle, with much of the work being done by email and with an occasional presentation to Council members and the Mayor. Committee meeting times and locations have not yet been established. Membership is open to all interested CONA members - please contact the Chairman, Travis Jarman at [cona.mail@bayway.org](mailto:cona.mail@bayway.org) for more information.

Travis Jarman, Chair

## Court Watch

Mission Statement - "St. Petersburg Court Watch is to heighten public awareness, encourage accountability, promote the quality of life within the community, and establish partnerships with neighborhood residents, police, and the judicial system."

## Goals

1. Heighten public awareness of the negative effects habitual offenders have on the economy, society, and the quality of life.
2. Promote an environment in which prosecution to the fullest extent of the law is encouraged.
3. Support and encourage accountability of the criminal justice system to the public by monitoring appropriateness of sentencing by judges.
4. Communicate and establish a partnership with all branches of law enforcement and the judicial system.

Donna Law, Chair

## Diversity Committee

The new CONA Diversity Committee will hold an organizational meeting on Feb. 7th. A report will be made at the Board meeting. Committee Members include Latoya

Brown (Campbell Park), Mike Gulley (Coquina Key), Andrea Hildebran (Bartlett Park), Will Michaels (Bahama Shores), Ali Montsho (Westminster Heights), Maureen Stafford (Historic Old Northeast), Kai Warren (Historic Roser Park), and Vel Thompson (Lakewood Estates). Additional persons wishing to participate in this committee may contact Will Michaels at [wmichaelscona@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wmichaelscona@tampabay.rr.com) or 420-9195.  
*Will Michaels, Chair*

## Land Development & Historic Resources Committee

The 2011 CONA Land Development & Historic Resources Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011 at the home of Committee Chair Monica Abbott.

The primary focus of this meeting will be in response to City staff request to review and comment on the proposed revisions to the Downtown Corridor Demolition Policy.

A DVD of the December 16, 2010 Public Service and Infrastructure City Council Committee where City Staff presented information regarding the demolition revisions has been purchased from the City Government Channel and will be played for the LD/HR Committee along with a handout of the supporting documents.

A report on their findings will be made to the CONA Executive Committee and if recommended by the EC, the report will also be presented to the CONA Board Meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Additionally, the LD/HR Committee will consider the audio taping, videotaping and SKYPE communication of this meeting should anyone want to review the meeting, but they are unable to personally attend.

Other matters under the watch of the LD/HR committee include: Land marking of the Jennie Hall Pool, the Campbell Park Bath House, the Bartlett Park Tennis Courts and the demolition by neglect of the locally land-marked Sunset Inn.

Members of the LD/HR committee are also following developments regarding the Intermodal Transportation Building; high-speed rail; and digital signs/bench advertising, among other matters.

*Monica Abbott, Chair*

# I Remember My Green Mother

Kermit the Frog said it so simply, “It’s not easy being green.”

But my mother was green before Kermit the Frog, before green became the cool, socially responsible way of living it is today. My mom’s carbon footprint was infinitesimal long before Al Gore won his Noble Prize for work on Global Warming.

Growing up in the fifties and sixties with a green mother was the epitome of anti cool and my brother, sister and I used to shake our heads at mom’s religious saving of all table scraps, potato peelings, lemon rinds, coffee grounds and the like in a big lidded pot under the sink until she could take it all outside to her garden and bury the brew amongst her vegetables and flowers.

I mean, come on mom, get with the program. The cars are modeled on jets and gas is cheap and plentiful. The chemical plants of Niagara Falls, New York are chugging out fertilizers and bug killers and all kinds of miracle products a plenty, there is no need for this kitchen chemistry. Be cool mom. None of our friends’ moms do this stuff.

And what was with those clothes lines strung between two sturdy metal poles that dad had planted in the back yard? Why wouldn’t she use that great electric dryer? She even clung to her wringer washer long after the water guzzling automatic clothes washers were standard fare in the modern households.

Laundry day, she would start with the cleanest clothes and work up to the heavier stuff using the same tub of water and run each piece through the wringer until it was flat as an old tin can run over by a Cadillac.

She had pants stretchers for my father’s work trousers. She would insert the rickety frame into each pant leg looking like they too had been run over. The frames made a perfect drying form, creasing the pant leg and minimizing wrinkling and ironing later.

Towels, sheets, shirts, blouses, socks and all the unmentionables were dropped in the oilcloth lined wicker basket for transport to the back yard where wind and sun worked their magic.

Her clothes pin bag, a cloth pouch hung over a clothes hanger was expertly moved along the line as she retrieved wooden pegs or wooden pinch clothes pins depending on the weight of the load. Sheets were pinned with their top border on one line and bottom border on another. Then they furled and flapped like suburban sails in the wind.

They were a little rough to the touch when dried, but oh the scent captured in the pillowcases and sheets. The windblown, sun kissed smell was the ultimate aromatherapy. At the end of a long day we snuggled down deep into our cotton cocoons and breathed deeply of their intoxicating, soothing fragrance that floated us off to dreamland.

Newspapers were saved until they were mountainous, then

bundled and driven to a junkyard where the car was weighed pre and post off loading and mom was given some small amount of money which always pleased her—a penny saved is a penny earned.

Of course, glass pop bottles were always saved and recycled even before there was a refundable deposit on them.

Glass mayonnaise jars were mini nurseries for rose cuttings and other tender propagations. My mother grew the most beautiful roses, many of which she multiplied time and time again as if by magic from miniscule cuttings from the mother plant.

In her hay day, she had magnificent dinner plate dahlias that shone in all shades of color along her garden’s border. Every fall she would dig up the tender bulbs, nestle them in peat moss and newspaper until spring and then replace them in the warm, soft earth to dazzle again and again.

She loved all forms of iris also. Their tall stalks so regal with their elegantly simple purple petals at the top—bearded, unbearded, all shades of purples royal, mauve, cobalt, and variegated specimens that went from soft ivory centers to pink blush to lavender tips.

She would propagate these too by taking dustings of the yellow pollen to other plants like a bee. Later in life she became frustrated and sad at the decimation of her iris stock by nasty bore beetles that infiltrated the iris and destroyed 90% of her collection.

She never got her driver’s license. Her nine brothers told her, “Don’t worry Mary, we’ll take you anywhere you want to go.” And they did, until their lives moved on without her. So she took the bus or walked everywhere. To the end, her heart was strong. Later in life, she had tried to get her driver’s license, but she lacked the confidence that might have helped her in younger days and after three tries and rattled nerves, she gave up.

She was fearless in her walking, day or night. She would take the buses any where they went, explore different areas of the city and beyond and find her way home with produce from farmers markets and bags from Buffalo five and dime stores. One of my fondest memories is of getting on a city bus to downtown Niagara Falls, then transferring to a big Greyhound going to Buffalo where we got off and stood in awestruck joy at the Adam Meldrum and Anderson Department Store animated Christmas window. I still remember the smell of the big city department stores with their elegant displays and gloved elevator operators that deposited us unto wondrous floor after floor. We never ate in their fancy tearooms, but it was a treat to eat at Neisner’s long red and silver lunch counter. To this day, a grilled cheese sandwich, French fries and a Chocolate shake is one of my favorite comfort meals.

By Monica Abbott

# Honor the Fallen and Those Who Remain

We were all shocked as the tragedy unfolded that Monday morning, January 24th, 2011. As we struggle to deal with the impact, as we remember the officers who gave their lives in service to our community and the officer who was wounded, let us also remember the families of Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz and Sgt. Tom Baitinger. They have suffered and will continue to suffer the loss of their loved ones due to an unspeakable act by a desperate criminal. Their lives are forever changed. As we grieve, we must remember their sacrifice and keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Remember also the residents in the small, quiet neighborhood of Perry Bayview. They have lived through a horrible ordeal that ended with the loss of three lives, serious injury to another and the complete destruction of a home in their neighborhood. They are shocked and saddened that something so awful could happen in their peaceful community. CONA has reached out to Perry Bayview and offered our condolences, sympathy and assistance to their president, Ms. Emma Walker. We stand in solidarity with them through this terrible time.

## **Donations for the families of the two officers can be made to:**

The Jeffrey Yaslowitz/Thomas Baitinger Memorial Fund at your local bay area Wachovia Bank or to the Suncoast Law Enforcement Charities, 14141 46th ST N, Ste. #1205, Clearwater, FL 33762. For credit card donations, call (727) 532-1722.

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## Keep Tampa Bay Blue

### **Save the Bays of St. Pete – Keep Your Trash Off the Street**

Our bays and bayous are a part of St. Petersburg for all to enjoy. By doing our part to minimize our impact, they will remain healthy and productive. Help keep our bays and waterways clean!

#### **Easy things you can do prevent stormwater pollution**

- Never dump anything down the storm drains
- Wash your car on the lawn instead of roads or driveways
- Check your car for leaks and dispose of waste oil properly
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly
- Sweep up driveways, sidewalks and roads
- Don't blow leaves into the street or storm drains
- Pick up after your pets
- Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground

#### **Effects on the Environment – Trash that lasts**

Unfortunately, litter in our waterways and on our beaches lasts a long time, often years. Litter, especially plastics, takes many decades to several hundred years to break down, thereby threatening wildlife and public health for generations. Consider how long it takes for items commonly found in our waterways to break down:

- Cardboard box, 2 weeks
- Banana peel, 2-5 weeks
- Apple core, 2 month
- Cigarette filter, 2-5 years
- Tin can, 50 years
- Aluminum can, 80-200 years
- Plastic bottle, 450 years
- Glass, 1 million years
- Orange peel, 2-5 weeks
- Newspaper, 6 weeks
- Wool sock, 1-5 years
- Plastic bag, 10-20 years
- Foam plastic cup, 50 years
- Disposable diaper, 450 years
- Fishing line, 500 years
- Rubber tire, infinity

As you can see, the natural items take a shorter time to decompose and the man-made items (often the more pervasive and abundant) take much longer.

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# CONA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

## The Sunshine Multi-Service Center - January, 2011

- President Mike Gulley opened our meeting leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.
  - As an item of Unfinished Business V.P. Cathy Wilson moved that Faye Jackson be elected to Chair the CONA Audit, Committee vacated by newly elected President Mike Gulley. [Motion Approved]
  - Pinellas County Commissioner Ken Welch officiated at the swearing-in of our CONA Officers and Standing Committee Chairs for 2012. They were: President: Mike Gulley, 1st Vice: Cathy Wilson, 2nd Vice: Lillian Baker, Secretary: Conrad Weiser, Treasurer: April Gausman, Past President: Will Michaels, Audit: Faye Jackson, CONA Leadership: Ingrid Comberg, Court Watch: Donna Law, Land Development: Monica Abbott, Membership: Andrea Hildebran, Nominations: Theresa McEachern, Public Safety: Cass Rael Sr.
  - Treasurer April Gausman reported a year end balance of \$1,187.00
  - Theresa McEachern announced award of the CONA Citizen of the Month to Dorothy Gilliam who could not be with us tonight.
  - Melissa Brochu, speaking for the American Cancer Society encouraged volunteers, from all of our neighborhoods, to take part in their "Relay for Life Program".
  - Tom Lambdon, representing the local group "Vote On The Pier" made an appeal for petitions to include, on the Florida November ballot, the question of retaining the current inverted pyramid structure of our waterfront Pier.
    - He argued that the City Council vote to demolish the current structure had not been authorized by a public referendum.
    - He discussed several alternatives that could be cost effective preservation strategies.
    - Florida Law requires collection of over 16,000 petitions collected by mid July, to place a question on the ballot.
    - A Sarasota engineering organization has proposed a technology system to remedy the current pier piling corrosion.
    - Will Michaels noted that the Mayor acknowledged that new data on the Pier's repairs, (i.e. new technology), could be a "Game Changer" for the Council's decision.
  - M. Sherman, (Crossroads), moved that CONA invite the Mayor or City Council members to our next meeting to review the options currently available for consideration of the Pier's disposition. [Motion Approved]
  - Tom English spoke as a booster for the revived Negro Baseball League that last performed locally in the 1960's.
    - He spoke of black baseball teams, affiliated with the league, have been signed up in many parts of the country waiting to compete at Al Lang Stadium for a Black World Series.
    - They're hoping the competition can begin here on Memorial Day Weekend with ticket prices between \$5 and \$7.
  - Ingrid Comberg reported the first session of CONA Leadership for 2011 included 24 excellent, eager students.
  - Monica Abbott spoke for her LDR/Historic Preservation Comm. appealing for supporters at tomorrow's, (6p.m.), City Council meeting, where preservation of the historic Blocker House will be debated.
  - Cass Rael outlined his 2011 plans for our CONA Public Safety Committee.
    - He envisions more visits to member neighborhood association meetings.
    - Committee voting by e-mail will be implemented. There will be wider use of e-mail Crime Watch Alerts.
    - Periodic meetings with the Mayor and the Chief of Police will continue.
    - Councilman Newton expressed the hope that the 34th St. Crime Watch, once led by the late Lou Del Prete could be revived.
  - Andrea Hildebran, as Membership Chair, is working with Travis Jarman to compile a new comprehensive membership list that will be accessible to other CONA committees on-line.
  - Will Michaels spoke briefly of plans for his new Special Committee: Diversity Education
  - Theresa McEachern appealed for more volunteers to assist with her Nominations Committee.
    - She noted that Vel Thompson's Midtown Committee is organized as a CONA Special Committee, not simply a subset of the LDR & Historic Preservation Committee.
  - Donna Law, our CONA Court Watch Chair, read their Mission Statement focusing on four goals: 1) Awareness of the fugitives residing in the neighborhood. 2) Finding top offenders in neighborhoods. 3) Press the court for appropriate sentencing. 4) Cultivate the partnership of our Police and our Courts to rid our community of repeat offenders.
  - Tim Martin told of his plans for our Environment & Energy Conservation Committee.
    - They plan to meet on the fourth Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Globe Lounge on Central Avenue.
    - An early effort will be remediation of Booker Creek behind Ed White Hospital on January 29th.
    - City wide waste reduction is a primary goal, as is "Green Thinking" in all phases of our community.
    - It was noted that Tim is now the official CONA Representative to the Pinellas Living Green Expo.
  - Travis Jarman, Chair of our CONA City Budget Review Committee had no inputs for this evening's meeting.
  - Cathy Wilson, the new Editor of our CONA Newsletter, spoke of how she has expanded our subscriber's mailing list.
  - Will Michaels, moved that CONA address the Mayor with a request that the recycling collection contractors be required to use the alleys, not curbsides on our streets. [He noted that depositing trash curbside on the street is a violation]. [Motion Approved]
- Our meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Conrad Weiser, Secretary

### Welcome Back Leslie Curran!!!

District #4 Council Member Leslie Curran has recovered from her accident and has returned to her chair in Council Chambers. We're glad she's back and wish her a continued recovery

# Mike Frederick Honored

Our own traffic calming guru, Mike Frederick, has received a prestigious award and was recognized by City Council for his achievements in January 2011. All of us who have tilted at the traffic calming beast in our neighborhoods know that Mike's solid information and calm delivery have helped many a plan through approval and construction. Mike also hosts a Traffic Calming segment at the Florida Neighborhoods Conference each year. His presentations are always rated as "excellent" by the attendees. (Must be due to all that "on the job training" he got while our neighbors were taking him apart over speed humps.)

Mike was the guiding hand behind a brand new pedestrian crosswalk system we tested here in St. Petersburg. The data he gathered has helped take this system nationwide, proving that it has an almost unheard of 90%+ compliance rate. The systems will be installed throughout the city at hazardous crossings during 2012. Mike also did the work to gain grant funding to pay for them. For all his hard work on this effort, he was awarded Transportation Manager of the Year by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. The text of the award is as follows:

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) is an international professional organization designed to further the policy and technical activities associated with transportation worldwide. ITE has a Tampa Bay Chapter which annually awards its Outstanding Transportation Professional of the Year Award to a deserving member.

**This year the City's Neighborhood Transportation Manager was nominated by his peers and elected as the Tampa Bay Chapter's Transportation Professional of the Year. This year's award went to Mike Frederick and we wish to recognize him for his extremely commendable achievement.**

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## Coming Events

- 2/15 Household Budgeting Seminar Part I, 6-9pm Sunshine Ctr 330 5th Street N.
  - 2/15 Discovery Night – Magnet Programs at John Hopkins Middle School, 6-8pm, 701 16th Street N.
  - 2/19 Pioneer Music Jamboree, 10am-4pm Pinellas Pioneer Settlement 2900 31st Street S.
  - 2/19 Quarterly Car Show, 11am-4pm The Pier
  - 2/22 Household Budgeting Seminar Part II, 6-9pm Sunshine Ctr 330 5th Street N.
  - 3/1 First Time Home Buyer Seminar Part I, 6-9pm Sunshine Ctr 330 5th Street N
  - 3/4 First Friday/Get Downtown, 5:30pm Central between 2nd & 3rd Avenues
  - 3/5 AWAPS Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11:30am Albert Whitted Airport 451 8th Avenue S.E. \$10.00 admission
  - 3/8 First Time Home Buyer's Seminar, Part II, 6-9pm Sunshine Ctr 330 5th St N.
  - 3/10 Mayor's Night Out 2011, 7-9pm Willis Johns Rec Center 6635 MLK St. N.
  - 3/11 – 3/13 11th Annual St. Pete Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival Vinoy Park Hours: Fri 5-10pm, Saturday 12-10pm, Sunday 12-7pm
  - 3/11 – 3/13 30th Annual Antiquarian Book Fair, Coliseum 535 4th Avenue N. Hours: Fri 5:30-9pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm
  - 3/16 CONA Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm Sunshine Center 330 5th Street N.
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## We're talkin' BASEBALL!!!

We have an exciting line up of baseball opportunities waiting for us this spring. Al Lang Field opens as one of the venues for the Big East/Big Ten Baseball challenge on February 18th, 19th and 20th. Check the city's website at [www.stpete.org](http://www.stpete.org) at EVENTS to see the full schedule of teams and games.

We also kick off our new International Baseball season in February. All games will be played at Al Lang Field 230 1st Street N.E. but the teams and times vary. Here's the line up so far:

- 2/21 Penn State vs Nexen Heroes (Japan) 12pm
- 2/24 Nexen Heroes vs USA (St. Petersburg College)
- 2/26 Canada vs Nexen Heroes 2pm
- 2/27 Beach State Pros vs Canada 1pm
- 2/28 Nexen Heroes vs Canada 1pm
- 3/1 Nexen Heroes vs the Netherlands 1pm and Canada vs USA (SPC) 7pm
- 3/3 Netherlands vs Nexen Heroes 7pm
- 3/4 Toronto Blue Jays (MLB) vs Canada 1pm
- 3/5 Netherlands vs Canada 7pm
- 3/9 Tampa Bay Rays (MLB) vs Netherlands 1pm
- 3/11 Netherlands vs USA (SPC) 7pm
- 3/13 Philadelphia Phillies (MLB) vs Netherlands 1pm



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**Frequently Called Numbers**

Animal Control: 582-2600  
City Council: 893-7117  
Codes Compliance: 893-7373  
County Commission: 464-3377  
Mayor's Action Line: 893-7111  
Neighborhood Partnership Office: 892-5141  
Sanitation: 893-7334  
SPPD: 893-7780 (non-emergency)

**Florida Abuse Hotline: 800-962-2873**

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## Recipe Corner

### Hot Crescent Bites

A fast and easy taste treat for all kinds of gatherings. We like to use ham in our "bites" but have done them with Turkey and Cheddar and with Roast Beef and Provolone. We use a pinch of horseradish on the Roast Beef - Sublime!!!

1/2 lb Shaved Deli Ham

1/4 lb Baby Swiss

Brown or Honey Dijon Mustard

2 cans of Crescent roll dough

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Open crescent roll cans and separate each crescent roll piece onto a baking stone or cookie sheet. Dice ham and drop roughly a teaspoon full into the center of each piece of dough. Top with a small piece of cheese and add a drop of mustard. Roll the flat end up and fold both corners in then wrap the top point over. Bake for 10-15 minutes until brown. Makes 16 "bites".

## Did You Know...

That St. Petersburg is home to the first ever LEED certified Dunkin' Donuts building? Opened in 2008, this building has energy efficient concrete foam block walls, motion sensor lighting in restrooms and offices, water conserving plumbing fixtures and uses reclaimed water for outside irrigation. There are areas in the store for the collection and storage of recyclables too. It looks just like the flagship model Dunkin' Donuts store but is up to 40% more energy efficient while conserving resources and will serve as the model for all future Dunkin' Donuts stores. Visit this store and see the new face of green for yourself. It's located at 76th Avenue and 4th Street North.