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Our Neighborhood Boundaries

Hillsborough Ave South
to Dr. ML King Blvd
& I-275 East to 15th St

From the President

Sherry Genovar-Simons

Well the year is off and running and already we are approaching our second general membership meeting. Considering all the questions regarding the Greenprinting of Giddens Park, I have asked Andy Lutton, head of the Mayor's Beautification Program to come and give us the "down and dirty" update and be available to answer your questions. This is the perfect time to come and get the real story!

Southeast Seminole Heights has formed a partnership with the St. Petersburg Times. The Times is very interested in supporting "neighborhoods" and has offered to sponsor this upcoming General Membership meeting. They will provide the refreshments and we will have the honor of having as our guest speaker, area columnist Ernest Hooper. Other "neighborhood-friendly" ideas will be discussed at the meeting.

On another note, there is some real concern about the number of sexual offenders who live within the boundaries of our neighborhood. We will be having a special meeting next month concerning this issue, and our Neighborhood Watch Board Member, Frank Roder, will conduct this meeting, in conjunction with TPD's SPIN (Sexual Predator Identification and Notification) Program. This meeting will teach us about our rights, the rights of the sexual predators and what we can and cannot do. The date of this meeting will be announced at the March General Membership meeting. If you cannot attend, please log on to www.seshca.com for updates on time and location of this very informative meeting.

General Membership Meeting Tuesday, March 21 • 7pm

**Special Guests: Susan Thurston, City Times Editor,
St. Petersburg Times
and Andy Lutton, Mayor's Beautification Program**

**We will also be nominating and voting to fill the vacant Trustee position
on the Board.**

**Seminole Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall,
east side entrance Hillsborough & Nebraska**

**Be sure not to miss the refreshments and silent auction
before the meeting at 6:30!**

Important Numbers

TPD Non-Emergency	231-6130
TPD Dist. 1 (W. of Nebraska)	354-6600
TPD Dist. 2 (E. of Nebraska)	931-6500
TPD Dist. 3	276-3700
Quad Squad	276-3444 or 276-3443
<i>Will investigate street level drugs</i>	
Police Chief Stephen Hogue	276-3200
City Council	274-8131
Mayor Pam Iorio	274-8251
County Commission	272-5720
Animal Services	744-5660
Code Enforcement	274-5545
City Clerk	274-8396
Garbage Pickup	348-1146

Committees

NEAT Annual Clean-Up

Rodney Blake..... 232-1925

Membership/Welcome Neighbor

Rue Herbert..... 237-4944

Jerry Beeman..... 237-0533

Betty Dowd..... 996-2964

Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention

Frank Roder..... 238-1772

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Bernice Pelham..... 237-5498

Vehicle Patrol

Sherry Simons..... 789-9489

Newsletter

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Paint Your Heart Out Tampa

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Home Tour

Erin Parsons..... 631-7712

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Diane Jenkins..... 237-0287

Youth Organization

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VOZO - Variance, Overlay, Zoning

Oversight Committee

Beverly Morrow..... 237-2213

NICE - N'hood Improvement Code Enforcement

Stan Lassater..... 239-0025



Responsible Pet Ownership Checklist

by Jennifer Jacobs

Owning a pet is not just a privilege—it's a responsibility. Our animals depend on us for, at minimum, food and shelter, and deserve much more. Anyone that has owned a pet has experienced their love, devotion, loyalty and companionship in return. As a responsible pet owner, you need to consider if you are fulfilling all your obligations as its owner. Here are a few things to remember when owning a pet.

I.D. Your Pet

Your pet should wear an identification tag with your name, address and phone number at all times. This will increase the chances of your pet being returned to you if he is lost or runs away. Microchips and tattoos are methods of permanently identifying your pet, and are becoming more popular. Speak with your vet about which options are best for you.

Vaccinate

Dogs and cats should follow a strict schedule of vaccinations to prevent diseases. Keep your pet current on his vaccinations, following the schedule recommended by your veterinarian.

Rabies vaccinations are required in Hillsborough County. All dogs, cats, and ferrets four months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian and be registered with Hillsborough County Animal Control. Failure to vaccinate your pet means you could be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense and a mandatory court appearance for the third offense. All dogs are required to wear the rabies tag when outside. Cats, when outside, are required to wear the tag or to be microchipped, tattooed, or have an ear tag that can be used to identify the cat so the owner can be traced. If your animal is picked up by animal control and does not have a rabies tag or other item listed above the fine for the first offense is \$30, \$60 for the second offense and a mandatory court appearance for the third offense.

Spay or Neuter Your Pet

Today, sterilization is considered just a part of being a responsible pet owner. The cost of the spay or neuter surgery represents a relatively small one-time expense when compared to its benefits. A sterile pet is healthier, behaves better, and can never produce more unwanted animals. Last year Hillsborough County euthanized close to 30,000 unwanted cats and dogs and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to control unwanted animals.

Low cost spay/neuter programs in our area

Hillsborough County offers a low cost spay/neuter program with the fee being only \$10 per animal to those who qualify. To find out if you qualify, please call 744-5660 or visit their website at "<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animalservices/>"

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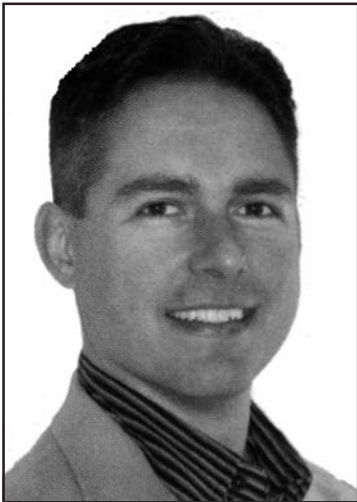
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Recent 'SOLDS' In Our Neighborhood:

Address	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Sq. Feet	Asking Price	Sold For
910 E. McBerry	4	2	1720	\$319,000	\$314,000
811 E. Cayuga	8	3	2912	\$290,000	\$270,000
1312 E. Frierson	4	2	1765	\$206,500	\$206,500
904 E. McBerry	3	1	1186	\$208,000	\$206,000
922 E. Shadowlawn	3	2	1300	\$199,000	\$198,000
1202 E. Emma	2	1	1120	\$190,000	\$195,000
1308 E. Curtis	3	2	1410	\$184,900	\$188,000
913 E. Chelsea	3	1	1580	\$189,000	\$185,000
810 E. Genesee	4	1	1936	\$200,000	\$185,000
901 E. McBerry	3	1	1290	\$190,000	\$183,000
1110 E. Genesee	3	2	1298	\$169,000	\$165,000
1421 E. Frierson	2	2	1352	\$157,000	\$157,000
809 E. New Orleans	2	1	948	\$149,000	\$147,000
916 E. Cayuga	2	1	825	\$149,900	\$147,775
1207 E. Curtis	2	1	832	\$142,900	\$142,900
812 E. Curtis	2	1	1178	\$149,000	\$135,500
4219 N. 13th St.	2	1	741	\$135,000	\$135,000
1402 E. Curtis	3	2	1086	\$130,000	\$133,500
1406 E. Caracas	2	1	891	\$129,000	\$115,000



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Look for interesting and helpful tips covering many issues we face here in Southeast Seminole Heights. We welcome your questions, so send them via e-mail to thenuttyrail@yahoo.com, or mail to The Nutty Nail, c/o Southeast Seminole Heights Civic Association, Post Office Box 7298, Tampa, Florida 33673.

Question: Hi Nutty, within the past several months I read an article regarding types of attic insulations but unfortunately cannot remember where I read it or what all of the types were. Can you advise as we are about to undertake the project of re-insulating our attic? *Staying Toasty in SESH*

The Nutty Nail: Well toasty toes what a great question especially with the chilly days ahead of us. Many homeowners are used to seeing the rolls of insulation at their local Home Depot but few understand the numbers associated with those huge rolls, how to choose the right insulation or the fact that they have more environmentally friendly options than the old pink fiberglass.

To start, when you look at insulation you will notice a number associated with it known as the R-value or resistance to heat flow value. Current standards in most parts of the U.S. call for at least an R-13 value for exterior walls and an R-38 value for ceilings (the latter being higher because of heat's tendency to rise). In short the higher the number the better the insulation. Good news is that you have many choices and price options that you may want to explore for your project ahead. Insulation is categorized under two types, fiber and foam and both have choices that appeal to the environmentally friendly homeowner:

Fiber Insulations:

Cellulose -made from shredded, fluffed-up newsprint containing 85 percent recycled material and 15 percent borate-based fire retardant (borates are environmentally safe mineral compounds that also stop mold and pests). Blown in dry or sprayed on wet (damp). Has a higher R-value than fiberglass and costs about the same.

Cotton – recycled material turned into thick type batting and is used to insulate walls and floors. Treated with the same borate fire retardant used in cellulose, shredded cotton is a popular low-chemical choice. Not recommended for attic insulation.

Fiberglass - manufacturers have worked hard over the years to make this a more environmentally friendly material by using a higher recycled content (up to 40 percent) and reduction of airborne fibers. Comes in batts or is chopped and blown into floor and wall cavities.

Mineral Wool - made from recycled slag and mined basalt rock. It is naturally

resistant to fire and pests and is highly sound absorbent. While it has been associated with the same potential airborne-fiber risk as fiberglass, one mineral wool product, rigid-board foundation insulation, poses no such problem while providing a waterproof barrier.

Sheared Wool - sheared from animals (living-no animal cruelty), the cleaned fiber is formed into batts and lofty loose fill, then treated for moth- and mildew-proofing. Like cotton, wool tends to primarily be a health-related choice.

Foam Insulations:

Cementitious - Made from magnesium oxide cement mixed with water, frothed with air, and pumped into cavities, it's efficient, naturally fireproof, and resists mold and pests.

Polyisocyanate and polyurethane - Both of these foams are made with an oil-derived chemical, polyisocyanate and considering the energy these products save and the fact that their blowing agents(water for polyisocyanate a non-ozone-depleting chemical for polyurethane) are environmentally benign. These come in two types, open-cell and closed-cell. Close-cell delivers a higher R-value and a higher price.

Agricultural Based - from agricultural resources like soybean oil, sugar cane, and corn. Environmental benefits aside, oil's recent price trajectory makes these products even more appealing. Available as sprayed foam and also a soy-based, a rigid board.

Good luck on your project toasty and feel free to email if you have any further questions. **Nutty**

SESHCA General Membership Meeting Dates

March 21 • May 16 • July 18 • September 19 (Nominations for 2007 Officers/Directors)

October 17 (Election of Officers for 2007)

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at Seminole Heights Church - Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 pm.

Note: SESHCA Board Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month, except for conflicting holidays (then 2nd Monday) at the Kathryn Malone Center @ 7:00 pm

Porch Parties 2006

There's always a good time to be had at our porch parties. They're becoming legendary! Books will be written, stories told and movies made about our porch parties ... well, maybe not, but they are tons of fun no matter! They are held on the first friday of each month and are open to ALL Southeast Seminole Heights residents and guests. The festivities begin at 7pm and all we ask is that you bring a dish/snack and beverage of your choice. Come by and get to know all your neighbors and have a great time!! Bring some of your neighbor with you! You'll be glad you did. We still have a few open spots, so if you'd like to host a party at your home on one of the listed available dates, please contact Jennifer Zapasnik, Social Committee chairperson at 767-2643.

April 7th

Maria and Manny Gutierrez
910 North Bay St.

You kill it, we grill it! The grill will be sizzlin', so bring your favorite fare!

May 5th

Sylvia and Joe Vanacore • 715 Ellicott St.

June 2nd

Pat Benjamin • 926 E. Shadowlawn

July 7th

Available

August 4th

Available

September 1st

Available

October 6th

Frank Roder and Michael Palmer
908 Louisiana

November 3rd

Available

December

SESHCA Holiday Party
Location & date to be announced.



Our November, 2005 porch party was held at the home of Rich Guagliardo and Claude Maggi. As strange as these neighborhood "partygoers" may look, the theme of the party was the 1970's/Disco ... we have some brave souls who weren't afraid to dress the part! Pictured above, (l to r) President, Sherry Simons, daughter Kristina, Jennifer Shelton, Ellison Smith, Amanda and Guillermo Becerra, and Vice President of Communications, Maria Garcia.

Keep up-to-date on all neighborhood happenings
by logging on to www.seshca.com

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On sale at General Membership meetings, can be purchased from any
Board member, or call Ellison Smith @231-0578.

Paint Your Heart Out Tampa 2005

Call For Volunteers

**Paint Your Heart Out - Tampa 2006
will be held on April 22.**

This one-day, annual citywide event paints the homes of senior citizens on fixed incomes. Each year 110 homes are painted!! Over the years, Southeast Seminole Heights Civic Association's paint teams have painted over 20 homes in our neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer, please call Frank Roder at 238-1772.

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Don't see yourself in this picture? Well, you can change that! Get on this year's team!!!



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Workshops are free, however attendees have the option of purchasing a micro-irrigation kit for \$10. This program is often provided in conjunction with a Rain Barrel Workshop and/or a Compost Happens Workshop.

Upcoming Workshop: May 14, 2005

For more information, log on to:
<http://hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/>><http://hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/>
or call 813-744-5519 ext. 146

Did You Know?

*It is a violation of the law
to carry an open container of alcohol
(beer, wine, liquor)?
Tampa Police will issue a
citation for this offense.*

FREE presentations by the Hillsborough County Extension Service

March 13

Container Gardening, Master Gardener Lucy Hoyt: 10 a.m., Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library, Countryway Blvd., Westchase, (813) 964-2968.

Wildflowers & Native Plants, Master Gardener JoAnne Whale: 7 p.m., Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McClendon St., Plant City, 33566, (813) 757-9216.

March 14

Container Gardening, Master Gardener Lucy Hoyt: 10 a.m., Austin Davis Library, 17808 Wayne Road, Odessa, (813) 264-3901.

Bromeliads, Master Gardener Eileen Hart: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Jimmie B. Keel Library, 2902 West Bearss Avenue, Carrollwood, 33613, (813) 264-3831.

Butterfly Gardening, Master Gardeners Peggy & Darryl D Eggleston: 7 p.m., Riverview Library, 10509 Riverview Drive, Riverview, 33569, (813) 671-7690.

March 15

Monet's Garden Comes to Florida, Master Gardener Adrienne DeNisco: 10 a.m., North Tampa Library, 8916 N. Boulevard, Tampa, 33604, (813) 554-5031.

March 16

Roses, Master Gardener Norma Bean: 10 a.m., Charles Fendig Library, 3909 W. Neptune St., Tampa, 33629, (813) 272-6000.

Rain Barrels, Master Gardener Marina Pryce: 7 p.m., West Gate Regional Library (Town'N Country), 7606 Paula Drive, Tampa, 33615, (813) 975-2111.

March 18

Compost Happens, Rain Barrel & Water Wise Workshops, Lisa Strange, Marina Pryce & Dawn Dickens: CH 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. /RB 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. /WW 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Hillsborough County Extension, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, 33584. Pre-registration is required, (813) 744-5519 x146.

March 21

Edibles, Master Gardener Lee Medart: 7 p.m., Temple Terrace Library, 202 Bullard Parkway, Temple Terrace, 33617, (813) 989-7160.

March 22

Landscape Design Workshop, Marina Pryce: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Hillsborough County Extension, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, 33584. Pre-registration is required, (813) 744-5519 x144.

For more information: <http://hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/>

..... Banner Award Nomination Form

Banners are awarded 4 times a year to homes and businesses in the following categories:

Outstanding Exterior Renovation

Home Address: _____

Reason for nominating this home: _____

Outstanding Landscaping

Home Address: _____

Reason for nominating this home: _____

Outstanding Neighborhood Business

Business Name/Address: _____

Reason for nominating this business: _____

You may nominate homes and businesses anonymously, or if you would like to include your name, phone number and address, you may do so below:

Your Name: _____ Your telephone: _____

Your Address: _____

Please bring this form to our next meeting or mail to: SESHCA Banner Awards, P.O. Box 7298, Tampa, FL 33673

Responsible Pet Ownership Checklist *continued from page 2*

The Humane Society of Tampa Bay also offers a low cost spay neuter program in conjunction with a vaccination program. These services are only available in conjunction with spay or neuter surgery. The Humane Society of Tampa Bay does not provide any veterinary care for pets who are already sterilized or for owners who choose not to sterilize their pets. To find out more about this program please call 870-3304 or visit <http://www.humanesocietytampa.org>

Containment and Control

Not everyone will love your pet as much as you do. Keep your pet on your property. Don't force your pet's company on a neighbor who isn't comfortable with dogs or cats.

It is essential that you have a secure method of keeping your dog on your property. Check your fence for spots vulnerable to chewing or digging. If your yard is not fenced, consider a large dog run or invisible fencing. If your property is not fenced in some way, stress to family members that the dog must be leashed at all times when taken outdoors.



Keep cats indoors. Indoor cats live happier and longer lives. Provide them with scratching posts, cat condos and toys to keep them entertained and prevent them from scratching furniture.

Teach Basic Commands

Teach your dog basic commands such as sit, stay, come and down. Training your dog will not only make your life easier, but will also fulfill your dog's desire to learn and please you.

Low Cost Dog Obedience Classes in Our Area

Obedience classes can be a great experience for you and your dog. The Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department is offering classes at two recreation centers on dog obedience as part of a well-rounded leisure program. The classes, taught by contracted instructors, are available for a nominal fee. Please contact your nearest recreation facility or phone (813) 975-2160 for latest schedule and registration information.

Prevent Nuisance Barking

Don't let your dog's incessant barking annoy your neighbors. Keep your dogs inside the majority of the day, remember dogs are pack animals and want to be inside with the rest of the pack! Teach your dog not to bark without real provocation. If your dog's barking is causing problems while you're away from home, try a silencing collar. Hillsborough County has ordinance against animals consistently and/or constantly makes excessive noise. You can be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense and a mandatory court appearance for the third offense.

Don't Leave Leavings

Always carry a plastic "baggy" or two with you when you walk your dog to pick up any waste it leaves behind, then dispose of the waste properly. Failure to clean up after your dog is disrespectful to your neighbors and can spread disease.

Prepare for Disaster

Be prepared to care for your dog in the event of a disaster such as fire, flood, hurricane or earthquake. Make an emergency kit with clean water, food, and first aid equipment. Find out in advance if the evacuation shelters in your area allow animals. If not, develop alternatives.

2006 Membership Form

\$10 per person or \$35 per business for a one-year membership

We are an all-volunteer organization. Officers and Committee Chairs receive no compensation.

Please bring this form to the next meeting or mail to:

Southeast Seminole Heights Civic Association, Post Office Box 7298, Tampa, Florida 33673

Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$10 Membership per person
 \$35 Membership - Business

Business Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Thank you for your interest in Southeast Seminole Heights! We encourage all our neighbors to get involved! Please feel free to help out by selecting an area of interest you feel you can enhance. Just check the appropriate box and we will see that the information gets to the proper person/committee.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> N'hood Watch Block Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint Your Heart out | <input type="checkbox"/> NEAT |
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