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Magazine



## Beach Sand— Where did it come from?

Sand is something most of us who live near the beach take for granted. We hate it when the kids track it into the house or car, but we love it when it is time to go to the beach. The sand on our Gulf and Bay beaches has been around for a long, long time; longer than anyone can remember. Actually, longer than humans have existed. Have you ever wondered where it originally came from? **Turn to page 7**

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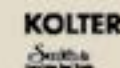
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vote is October 7 for the November 5th election, where City Council members from Districts 1,3,5, and 7 will be elected. USF SP is located at 140 7th Avenue S.

**SHINE RETURNS** SHINE Mural Festival, an art exhibition all over the city, illustrates the power of art in public spaces and reflects St. Petersburg's creative and vibrant spirit. Bringing more than 70 new murals to the city since its inception, SHINE returns for its fifth year October 18-26. For updates visit [shinemuralfest.com](http://shinemuralfest.com).

**CONTEST WINNER** We have a winner - Andy Charles, a resident living in zip code 33701, was the winner of our Grouper Trivia Contest. He was randomly selected from the entries with the correct answers and won a \$100 gift certificate good at any of the GoToSteves.com restaurants. "I am saving the gift certificate for our wedding anniversary," Andy says. "We plan to use it at 400 Beach Seafood and Tap House, just around the corner."

**IT TAKES A VOLUNTEER VILLAGE** If you are looking to volunteer for an organization, this event is for you. It will be showcasing opportunities for civic-minded folks to volunteer for over 50 organizations and events, for just a one-time commitment or ongoing ones - from special events to board service. You can sign-up to volunteer right there. It is on Sunday, October 27th from 11am to 3pm at the St Pete Shuffleboard Club.

There will be food trucks, snacks, a cash bar, shuffleboard, and prizes. No pets please. Get more information at [StPeteVolunteerVillage.org](http://StPeteVolunteerVillage.org).

## TRY LAWN BOWLING

Lawn Bowling has made a comeback, thanks to the "St. Petersburg Lawn Bowling Club." They are inviting residents and snowbirds, young and old, to join them on the courts. They play Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am, weather permitting. New guests enjoy a free lesson plus their second visit is FREE. The City Courts are located near the Coliseum. Call Trevor Cleland at 344-4240 for information or to get involved.



# and More...



## PINBALL ARCADE MUSEUM

Are you a pin ball wizard? Or just a fan? A new museum opened at 2313 Central Avenue, in the Grand Central District with all the old favorites. You do not pay per machine as in the past,

you pay \$12 at the door and play all day. The museum is filled with many arcade machines from owner Andy Kline's personal collection.

**FIRST NIGHT ST. PETE** The 27th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration of the Arts: First Night St Petersburg is going to ring in the 2020 New Year with eight hours of family friendly music, dance, aerial arts, an Interactive Art Park-filled with hands on art exhibits, a music circle and a Peek a pod! Also new this year is the Mad Hatters Tea Party! An improv interactive theatre experience, sponsored by Amica Insurance. Tickets go on sale in November 2019 and can be purchased at [www.FirstNightStPete.com](http://www.FirstNightStPete.com).

**READY TO STOP SMOKING?** St. Anthony's Hospital is offering a Smoking Cessation Class, Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 am. Valuable tools are provided during this two-hour class to help you quit using tobacco including coping with cravings and physical and emotional symptoms. The class includes free aids to help quit using tobacco while supplies last. It will be held at St. Anthony's Hospital Cafeteria Fishbowl, Ground Floor, 1200 Seventh Ave. N, St. Petersburg. Get more information at [BayCare.org/Events](http://BayCare.org/Events).

**SOLID WASTE FEES INCREASING** Pinellas County Solid Waste received approval to increase the rate for municipal solid waste, commercial and yard waste by an average of 6 percent, beginning on Oct. 1. The approved disposal rate will increase from \$37.50 to \$39.75 per ton.

Solid Waste anticipates requesting two more increases, each at 6 percent, over the next two years.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary needs people to greet visitors, feed the birds, help with maintenance, work in the gift shop and answer calls regarding injured birds. If you have a desire to help, call 391-6211 or just stop by. They are located at 18328 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores.

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## SAND'S BEGINNINGS

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

For eons, powerful rivers, constant winds, and changing water levels created - and moved - our sand. No grain of sand is new; each is millions of years old and the creation of constant scouring, polishing, tumbling and traveling of different types of rock.

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, Florida was much larger. At one time, you could walk on land another 75 miles west of today's Florida's western edge. Then, the water rose and most of Florida was under water. Only the area near Lake Wales (Bok Tower) was above the waterline, eventually the waters receded to where it is today.

While it was underwater, the waves pounded the rocky Florida surface creating infinite grains of sand. The withdrawing waters caused erosion and carried the sand to the Gulf of Mexico, depositing it on our land and also at the bottom of the sea.

Glaciers and rain continued the process of erosion. Each drop of rain is the equivalent of a hammer blow - miniscule but mighty over time - turning rocks into granules. Every river emptying into the Gulf of Mexico carried various amounts of sand and sediment in its water. This sediment makes up the bottoms of today's lakes, rivers and seashores.

The Gulf's sand never stops moving. Whether you live in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, or Texas - the beach is always different every day. Sand shifts with the help of winds, rain, currents and even the moon's tides.

Quartz is the second most prevalent mineral on Earth and dates back to the Pleistocene times (beginning 2.6 million years ago and ended about 12,000 years ago). Found inside almost every type of rock, quartz is in all of our area rivers. Sediment containing crushed quartz has been deposited in the Gulf for millions of years. It is the chief particle found in beach sand - the part that blinds you on a sunny day.

Most of the sand on Florida's beaches originated from the Piedmont and Appalachian highlands. Eroded rock washed southward down the Apalachicola and Tennessee rivers which once reached the Gulf of Mexico. The currents distributed the mountain-made sand across the panhandle and eventually here.

So, when you stroll the beach, you are really walking on mountains. You are also walking on sea life, too, since the sand is mixed with coral, fossilized marine life,

and pulverized mollusk shells.

"Florida's Gulf Beaches might be the whitest in the world, with a special sparkle and glitter," wrote Rachel Carson. "The dry sand squeaks under our feet. The beaches are another world - warm, drowsy, and white - yet filled with color, unequivocally inviting, which is why, in recent history, they have been awash with human activity (i.e. tourism)."

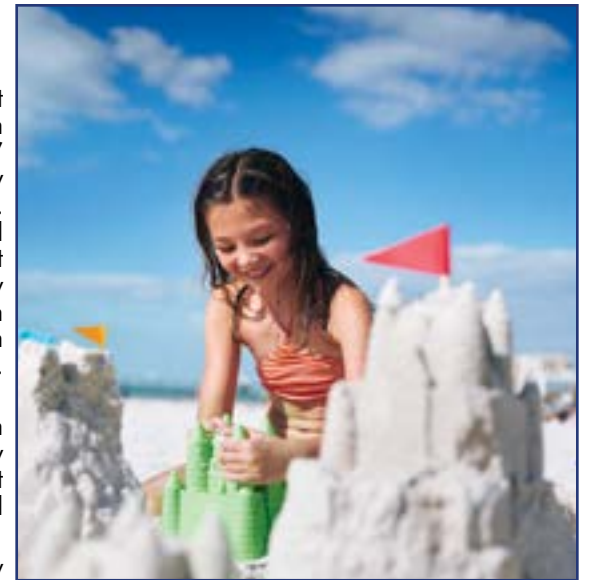
Pinellas beaches have been recognized recently by a variety of media and people, as the best beaches in Florida, the United States, and even the world.

"Sugar-like" is a word commonly used to describe the look and feel of the sand on Pinellas Beaches. Lisa Chandler, Clearwater Beach resident and business owner created The Sugar Sand Festival, featuring sand sculptors made from Clearwater Beach's sand.

"Sand color and consistency is determined by the sand's components. Corals and shells control the texture and color of sand. Most Florida beaches are made up of quartz crystals mixed with coral and shells. However, not Clearwater Beach," Chandler explains.

"Clearwater Beach's sugar sand is one of the purest and whitest sands anywhere in the state of Florida! This is because sugar sand is primarily quartz crystal with barely any shells or coral, giving it a colorless tone and a 'sugar' like feel," says Chandler. And best of all, when you sink your toes into our sand, it's cool to the touch! No shoes required," adds Chandler.

One of the most famous rankers of area beaches is Dr. Beach, a.k.a.



beaches on a variety of criteria including beach width, beach material, condition, softness, slope, color, smell, wildlife, pests, trash, litter, views, buildings, urbanization, access, amenities, and more. As you can see, it goes well beyond the quality of the sand and is designed to feature beaches where people like to also walk, enjoy scenery, play sports and other activities.

Various beaches on Florida's West Coast have won the coveted honor of Best Beach. The award is never given to the same beach twice. In 2005, Ft. De Soto won the top honor, 2008 Clearwater's Caladesi Island won it and in 2017, neighboring Siesta Key, just 50 miles to the south of Pinellas was the winner. Clearwater Beach is sure to be soon.

Another media-sponsored contest that Pinellas Beaches likes to brag about is Trip Advisor's "Travel Choice Awards." Clearwater Beach has won it four times in the last decade - 2012, 2016, 2018 and again in 2019.

"Soft sand, clear water and balmy temperatures are the common threads among these award-winning beaches," says Trip Advisor's Brooke Ferencski. "The Florida beaches stake the claim as the most decorated beaches in the United States." This is the fourth year in a row a Florida Beach topped the U.S. list.

Clearwater Beach recently won a similar contest sponsored by "USA Today."

If you are looking for the best beaches in the world for your next vacation, you do not have to go far - the best beach sand in the world might be right here in Pinellas County.



Stephen Leatherman. He is an American geoscientist, coastal ecologist, and author. Every year, since 1991, Dr. Beach surveys and ranks over 650 U.S.



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### IT'S MORE THAN STRAWS

By Becky Griffin

"Skip the plastic straw." Haven't we all heard that? In truth, it's much bigger than straws. In a perfect world it would be - "Skip the **PLASTIC!**"

Americans use 50 billion plastic water bottles each year. They dispose of 100 billion plastic bags - about 360 bags a year for each man, woman and child in our country. And what about those straws? Americans use 500 million plastic straws **EVERY DAY.**

Each year, 13 million tons of plastic finds its way into the ocean where it can be consumed by marine life - 50%-80% of dead sea turtles have ingested plastic bags, which resemble jellyfish. Researchers estimate over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic are already in our oceans.

When the nationally recognized organization Surfrider Foundation realized how plastic was impacting our oceans, they created their "Rise Above Plastics" campaign. Knowing one of the best ways to stop a problem is at its source, part of the campaign is their Ocean Friendly Restaurants certification, stopping plastic pollution - one restaurant, one customer at a time.

Surfrider's restaurant campaign is a list of criteria that reduces a restaurant's use of plastic and that is a lot more than straws. Restaurants that follow all five of the main criteria, and two of the six optional criteria are Certified Ocean Friendly by the Surfrider Foundation.

To be certified, restaurants **MUST** follow these five criteria:

1. No plastic foam or Styrofoam is used. Take out containers, cups, plates, etc., must be in other forms
2. Proper recycling practices are followed
3. Only reusable tableware is available for dining in the restaurant. Disposable cutlery for takeout orders is only provided upon request
4. No plastic bags used for takeout or to-go orders - paper only
5. Straws are provided only upon request.

In addition, at least two of these criteria must be followed:

- No beverages are sold in plastic bottles.
- Discounts are offered for customers with reusable mug, bag, etc.
- Vegetarian/vegan food options are regularly offered
- All seafood must be certified as sustainable or be a "Best Choice" or "Good Alternative" as defined by Seafood Watch
- Water conservation, like low-flow faucets and toilets, are in use
- Energy efficiency efforts such as LED lighting and Energy Star appliances, are in use

Locally, these restaurants are officially Certified Ocean Friendly by the Surfrider Foundation: **Clearwater** - Bob Heilman's Beachcomber & Bobby's Bistro & Wine Bar; **Indian Rocks Beach**- Aqua Prime; **Redington Shores** - Broke N Bored Grill; **Gulfport** - Tangelo's Grille; **Dunedin** - The Honu Restaurant

Many other restaurants are in the process of making these changes. Those that can't adopt all the criteria are encouraged to adopt as many as possible.

**What Can You Do To Help?** When dining out, if you notice a restaurant following the criteria, complement them on their efforts. If you notice ways they can improve, mention that too. As restaurant owners realize this is important to their customers, they will do more. Hopefully, their increased awareness will cause changes and reduce our plastic footprint.

**Who is the Surfrider Foundation?** Surfrider is a national network of volunteers supported by legal, policy and science experts with 81 chapters around the country. They are transforming their passion into lasting protection for the ocean, waves and beaches. Visit [www.Surfrider.org](http://www.Surfrider.org) for more information about their ongoing projects. Restaurants wishing to get Ocean Friendly certified can get information at [go.surfrider.org/ofr](http://go.surfrider.org/ofr).

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**RANDY WAYNE WHITE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**

*The former fishing guide rides the tide to success with his best-selling Doc Ford crime novels and his Doc Ford restaurants - coming to the new St Pete Pier.*

By Tom Scherberger

Randy Wayne White spent 13 years working as a full-time fishing guide out of Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel. He was on the water 300 days a year and had more than 3,000 paid charters when it all came to a sudden halt.

It was 1987 and government regulators closed Tarpon Bay to power boats. White found himself suddenly out of work, with a wife and young kids to support. "So I wrote a novel," he says. "It was a great, yet terrifying opportunity."

And one that would change his life.

White had already written numerous freelance articles for national publications and cranked out 18 crime novels in his spare time, all of them quickie books-for-hire under pen names. "The longest any of these books took me to write — on an old Underwood typewriter — was four weeks, always at night before charters," he recalls. "It was frustrating. I wanted to write books that would sell, but were also literate and literary."

Three years after the marina closed, White published Sanibel Flats, featuring Doc Ford, a former government agent turned biologist living on Sanibel.

It was a hit. White would go on to write 24 more Doc Ford crime novels. His books have not only been New York Times best-sellers but widely praised for their vivid descriptions of Florida. He has been called "a wonderful writer" by the writer Paul Theroux and "a fine storyteller" by Peter Matthiessen, the noted Florida author and fellow fishing guide. White has won the John D. MacDonald Award for Literary Excellence, and the Conch Republic Prize for Literature.

And now White is co-recipient of the Florida Humanities Council's 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. "It still

hasn't hit me, the enormity of it," says White, 69. "My grandchildren will know it's a big deal. I'm very honored."

White grew up in Ohio and was working as a lineman and phone installer in the Midwest in the early 1970s when he decided he wanted to be a reporter. He started calling newspapers in the South. "No respectable newspaper would hire someone with no experience or credentials," he says. "I didn't go to college at all. I had nothing."

Somehow he talked his way into a job as a copy editor at the Fort Myers News-Press, even though he was (and still is, he says) a "terrible speller." He started writing feature stories for the paper in his spare time and soon was given his own column. He started working part-time as a fishing guide and eventually quit the newspaper to be a guide full time.

He kept writing, though, and one day submitted an unsolicited story to Outside magazine about a canoe trip from Pine Island to Key West. The story was rejected, but the editor liked it enough to ask him to write about "backcountry Florida, the Everglades to the Keys." He would go on to become a contributing editor for Outside.

His magazine writing has taken him all over the world, but Florida remains a source of endless fascination. "Florida is just rich and alive," White says. "I love roaming the backcountry areas of Florida and trying to record that original Florida voice .... If I lived to be 300 I would never run out of ideas."

White started writing while living in an old house on Pine Island, just north of Sanibel, on land where Calusa Indians once lived, "a remote place with an uninterrupted sense of history that reaches back thousands of years...I would remind myself that in that precise intersection people have been telling

stories for at least 4,000 years," he says. He still owns the house and visits often, but his success draws fans who want to see the cracker house where the famous writer lives. So he now lives in nearby Sanibel with his singer-songwriter wife, Wendy Webb. He has two grown sons, Lee and Rogan.

By now he has written 50 books and countless magazine pieces for national publications and has launched a new series of young adult fiction. But it's still a battle every time he sits down to write. "It never gets easier," he says. "It's just one terrifying freaking day after another." Still, he writes every day. "Seven days a week, no matter where I am," he says. "Once you get a hold of a storyline, if you take a break for three or four days you're in trouble."

An idea for a story usually starts with a place and grows from there. "I wish I could do outlines," he says. "Rarely do I know an ending." His stories feature adventure, exploration, history and spirituality. And finely etched, often quirky characters. "I write lengthy bios of all the characters," he says. "I want to know them better than any reader will ever know them." And White is his toughest critic. He once threw away 33,000 words of a Doc Ford novel.

He's also an adventurer. During the Mariel boatlift of 1980, White piloted a 55-foot boat to Cuba. He had planned to pick up the aunt of a Cuban-American friend but wound up returning with 147 refugees, jammed elbow to elbow. Another time, he was on an assignment in Colombia when he met some pepper growers. He wound up buying peppers they couldn't sell to make his own line of Doc Ford's hot sauce. The hot sauce led to another venture: Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grill, a seafood restaurant first in Sanibel and now with locations in Fort Myers Beach and Captiva. He figured getting involved in a restaurant would be a good way to sell hot sauce. Soon a fourth location will open in downtown St. Petersburg. "I have yet to make a cent on the hot sauce," he says with a laugh.

With his long sense of history, White is optimistic about Florida's future. "Florida is a liquid creature and it's a very tough place, very resilient," he says. "I think Florida is going to be just fine. I don't share the apocalyptic view of many people. Florida has survived human habitation and manipulation for 12,000 years. Florida is a survivor."

So is White. He has survived every terrifying day of writing and returned the next day for more. He's now working on his 26th Doc Ford mystery. It is set in Sanibel.

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# Business Briefs

**4TH AND VINE HAD A BABY** Elizabeth is back and with her is her new baby, Isabella. After a short maternity leave to have her first baby, Elizabeth Swierbinski is back in her store at 4th & Vine. October is her One Year anniversary! To celebrate, she is offering \$5 off any wine purchase over \$30 or \$10 off any wine purchase over \$50. Join her every Thursday as she hosts Wine Tastings from 5-8 pm. Find her in the North Ward School Building at 327 11th Avenue North or call 400-3975.



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**COCO MED SPA** This new med spa is opening soon in the North Ward School House on 4th Street N., in the same building as Grand Hacienda restaurant. Coco Med Spa is located on the east corner where Growing Up was located. First-time clients will receive \$50 off their first service! Visit [CocoMedSpa.com](http://CocoMedSpa.com).

# Business Briefs

**SIP AND DRY** Here is a new spot that lets you get a blow out and wine at the same time. Blair Hiller, a born and raised St Pete resident, opened the fashionable new women's hair salon in late August.



“I have always wanted to open a blow dry bar,” Blair says. “Sip and Dry Blow Bar is the newest blow dry salon in the area. We pride ourselves in offering \$40 blowouts. It does not matter how long your hair is or the type of hair you have. Our focus is on wash & style for any occasion, while you unwind with one of our free beverages.”

Find them at 2210 4th Street North, next to the Athenian Greek Restaurant. Call 800-2409 for an appointment or just stroll in. Get more info at [SipAndDryBlowBar.com](http://SipAndDryBlowBar.com).

**NEW GYM** The new Movement Sanctuary on 5th Ave North is excited about their new business, new building, and their murals. This converted warehouse with over 7,000 square feet and 35-foot ceilings, is a haven for motion and discovery. There is an acro-yoga gym with walls covered by dozens of murals and large format art. They also offer Jiu-Jitsu and Capoeira classes. They are located near downtown at 950 5th Avenue N.

**FIRE AT THE 200 BLOCK OF FIRST STREET N.** The fire that destroyed Karma Juice Bar caused sustained significant damage to Salon La Ru, D Gallerie, Good Night Moon, Dot Ice Cream and The Shave Cave. The costs of remediation and replacement is too high and Salon La Ru will not reopen. Stylist Rudy Andrews has relocated to Bayfront Tower Hair Design at 21 Beach Drive SE on the ground floor. The Shave Cave has returned to the Sundial. Vladimir's Collection on the corner was not affected.

**SALTAIRE** The latest new condo building will be going up soon in the parking lot just north of The Hilton Hotel. Called Saltaire, it is being developed by the Kolter Group, who built the 41-story ONE.

Saltire will be 34-stories, with 192-units. Prices start at \$900,000 but the four penthouses are priced upwards to \$5 million. Construction is scheduled to begin by years end.

**NEW DENTAL OFFICE**

Dr. Brian Leeson opened a family dental practice in the new strip center at 1800 4th Street N., across the street from Sunken Gardens. They are now open and accepting new patients. Call for an appointment at 478-2256 or get more information at [www.4thStreetFamilyDentistry.com](http://www.4thStreetFamilyDentistry.com).



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## Bar & Restaurant News



**DR. BBQ WINS A 'BURGER** They were recognized as being the "New Biz on the Block" and awarded a Good 'Burger by the St Pete Chamber of Commerce. They recently announced they are offering a bottomless brunch. They have bottomless mimosas during brunch hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Dr.BBQ's One Year anniversary is coming up in October. Stay tuned for announcements about a celebration.

**HOPS & PROPS STILL OPEN** Behind all that construction fencing, Hops and Props, located next door to the St Pete Museum of History, is still open. People may not be able to see them, but now in their fifth year, they are open every day and evening. Stop in for a cold one at 335 2nd Avenue N.E. and tell them we sent you. No need to wear a hard hat.

### IBERIAN ROOSTER LAUNCHES FOOD CONSCIOUS MENU

This downtown Portuguese fusion restaurant debuted a new menu inspired by the influences of the Iberian Peninsula during colonial times.



The refined fare features an array of unique Portuguese dishes and offers gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. A few of the new menu dishes include the Chimichurri Steak, Shishito Peppers, Minchi Pot Pie (shown above), Duck Fat Braised Pork Belly, and Kari Debal.

In the historic Kress Building, the Iberian Rooster is located at 475 Central Avenue North #100, St. Petersburg. Visit [www.iberianrooster.com](http://www.iberianrooster.com).



### CRABBY BILL'S OPENS IN ST. PETE

The Crabby Bill's Family Brands newest venture, Crabby Bill's Fish Camp, located at 10316 Roosevelt Blvd. N. St. Petersburg, is a family friendly restaurant offering daily specials and happy hour. The menu includes seafood with a southern element, and focuses on sustainability and eco-friendly ingredients. Of

course they have your favorite Crabby classics, along with some unique twists. Restaurant hours are Monday-Thursday 11am-10pm and Sunday 11am-9 pm. To get in contact, call 727- 202-8954 or visit [www.crabbybillsfishcamp.com](http://www.crabbybillsfishcamp.com).

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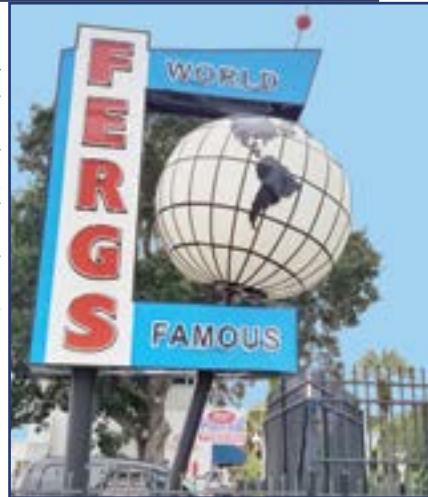
**MIO'S REPLACES MEZE** 119 Mio's Grill and Cafe, now open in the former Meze 119 location, is a fast-casual Mediterranean restaurant. They have many vegetarian options, but also feature a half pound cheeseburger with melted mozzarella cheese. They offer a late-night menu Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm to 3am. Find Mio's at 119 2nd Street N., north of Starbucks. Call 727-498-8627.

**TROPEZ OPENS** This new eatery, in the former spot of Asie, offers an extensive menu of small plates made for sharing and a craft cocktail bar. They are open for lunch and dinner and offer a weekend brunch. See their full menu or book a reservation at [www.eatintropez.com](http://www.eatintropez.com). Find them at 437 Central Avenue. Call 727-898-4300.

**BRASS BOWL ON CENTRAL AVENUE** Using only finest organic ingredients, their menu offers bowls, flatbreads, and juices. It is a big place with takeout orders in the front and sit-down orders in the back. Check it out at 654 Central Avenue.

### AS THE WORLD TURNS

When World Liquors closed, they had no place for their iconic spinning globe sign, so they sold it at an auction. Mark Ferguson, owner of Ferg's Sport Bar, bought it for just over \$5,000, which went to two local charities. After a lot of back and forth with sign ordinance people and the building department, the sign was finally lifted into place at its new Central Avenue location - the northeast corner of Ferg's property.



"The World Liquors giant globe has been a staple on Central Avenue since 1961," says Ferg. "Now, 58 years later, the World Globe has been restored and moved to its new home - hopefully for another 58 years."

**WAFFLES ARE BACK** Datz St Pete is bringing back their ever popular Waffle of the Week. One recent flavor was The Cheesy Hogg - Chorizo, bacon, and cheddar cheese atop a corn waffle. Stay tuned to their social media pages for flavor and theme announcements as their team comes up with them. Enjoy their weekday happy hours - 7-9am and 3-6 pm in the restaurant, and 3-7pm at the bar.



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Cary Stiff, one of the two Jazz Holiday founders holding an original shirts from that first music festival forty years ago.

### Bar & Restaurant News

#### EL CAP IS BUSINESS AS USUAL

El Cap's Longtime owner Mary Jean Bonfili passed away in May. Her loyal employees and customers vowed to keep things running smoothly while the legal issues were sorted out. Turns out, Mary Jean, shown here many years ago, left the restaurant to her two longtime managers, Cindy and Tara. She gave her beloved horses to her trainer. Her father-in-law founded the restaurant, famous for their hamburgers, before she and husband Frank took it over. Now, El Cap is beginning its third life at 3500 4th Street N.



**POPPO'S OPENS IN THE EDGE DISTRICT** This small Mexican restaurant, called Poppo's Taqueria, is open for lunch and dinner with tacos, burritos, quesadillas, and more. See their menu at [www.Poppotaqueria.com](http://www.Poppotaqueria.com). Find them on the north side of Central Avenue at 1033 Central Avenue.

**COPA'S REPLACES GENARO'S** A new wine bar is under construction where Genero's Café was. Copa's Wine Bar is expecting to open in September at 1047 Central Avenue.

**JAMAICA COMES TO GRAND CENTRAL** Calabash Jamaican Eatery is getting ready to open, next to the new Pinball Museum at 2319 Central Avenue. They hope to open any day.

**THE BIRCHWOOD HOSTING ARTFUL DINING** Benefiting The St Pete Art Alliance, the Fifth Annual Artful Five Course Wine Pairing Dinner, is October 16. Each serving throughout the dinner will feature a specially selected estate wine. Reservations and tickets may be purchased by calling John Collings at 518-5142 or [www.StPeteArtsAlliance.org](http://www.StPeteArtsAlliance.org).

**FIRST WATCH OPENS ON 4TH STREET** Now with seven locations in Pinellas County, the newest First Watch is open at 1345 4th Street N. First Watch, only offering breakfast, lunch and brunch, is open 7am to 2:30pm. The store has a nautical theme and the food is excitingly different with large servings. Last year they won an award as one of the Best Places to Work. This store opened June 1st. Find them next to Burger Monger.

**MUST WINE LOFT** Located in the historical 5th Avenue Lofts building in downtown St. Petersburg, they are turning an old laundromat into an updated European-inspired Wine & Cheese Loft.

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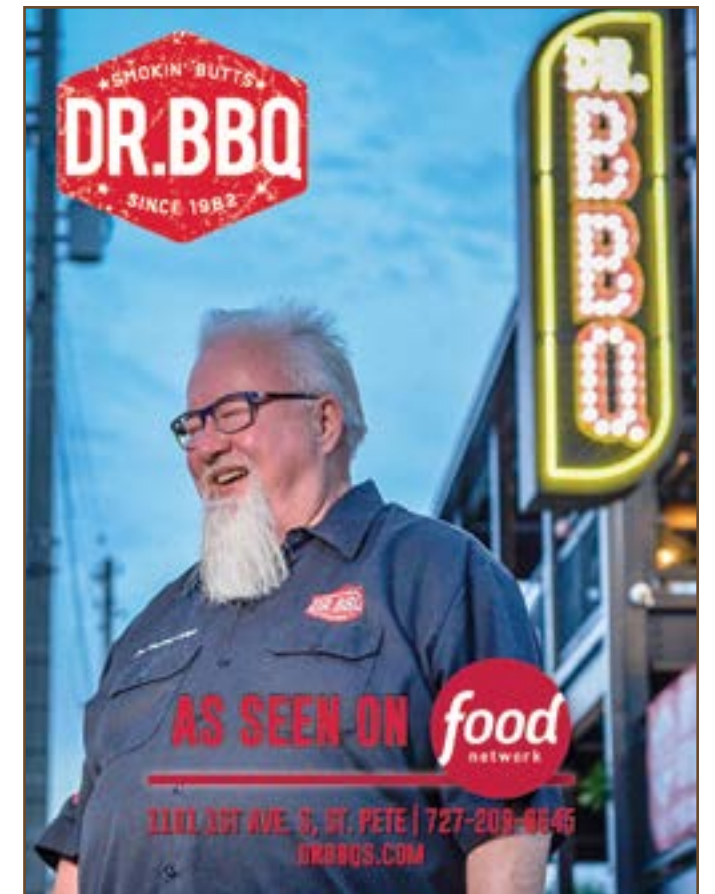
**Karma Juice Bar**, east of Sundial was destroyed in a fire July 4th and is looking for a new location.

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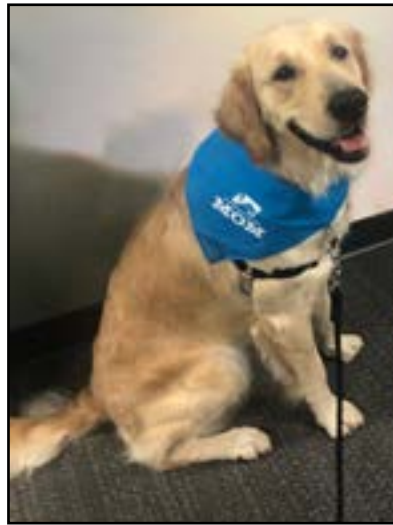
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Olivia

### RAISING A SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOG BREEDER

By Erin Emmett

Meet Olivia. She is a Breeder for the Southeastern Guide Dogs, and I am lucky enough to be her Breeder Host mom. Two years ago, my company, Rogan and Associates, became aware of the needs of Southeastern Guide Dogs and spent a day there to determine how we could help fulfill their mission. Since that initial visit, two of our financial planners, including myself, have become volunteer Breeder Hosts.

A Breeder Host is a volunteer who has a Breeder Dog living in their homes. We take the dogs to the Southeastern Guide Dog campus as needed for breeding and whelping. As a host, we donate our time and financially support our dog in order to help Southeastern Guide Dogs provide guide dogs to people with vision loss and emotional support dogs to returning veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and other disabilities.

A guide dog transforms lives. These skilled dogs are smart, fit, and highly trained. For the first year of their life, they participate in innovative puppy education with expert trainers in a volunteer's home. Once they are matched with a visually impaired individual, the dog and its student spend twenty days on the Southeastern Guide Dogs' campus training together. Certified instructors provide students with individualized, hands-on training. All of this is provided at no cost to the individual, but graduates must be financially capable of caring for a healthy and active guide dog.

Most of the dogs in the program are Labradors, but Olivia is one of a handful of Golden Retrievers. During her career as a Breeder, she can have up to four litters of guide dog puppies (male Breeders typically have 6-8 litters). After that, she will be retired, which usually happens by age six. I will be allowed to officially adopt her then. Until then, Southeastern Guide Dogs owns Olivia and has guidelines I must follow. They determine her diet, provide wellness exams, and restrict her activities. She cannot go to a dog park or be exposed to non-neutered male dogs and she must stay within 75 miles of the Southeastern Guide Dogs campus. Even after I adopt her, she will have eye, health and wellness exams every two years at the Southeastern Guide Dogs Genetics and Research Center.

Olivia first lived with a Southeastern Guide Dog Puppy Raiser just like the guide dogs, but she was chosen to be a Breeder because of her superior genetics, excellent health, and gentle temperament. If she hadn't been selected to be a Breeder, she would have gone on to be a guide dog. She will be two years old this October and has not had a litter yet, but we are hopefully she will have her first one this fall. She will have all her puppies on campus and after they are born, she will stay there for up to three months. Once her puppies are weaned and ready to go live with their own Puppy Raiser, she will come home with me.

I was matched with Olivia in March and since then, she has brought much joy and fun as our family pet. Even though she was already 15 months old when I brought her home, she immediately bonded with my family and loves being part of our day-to-day lives providing lots of doggy kisses. She also enjoys her visits to the Southeastern Guide Dog campus in Palmetto and staying with all her Breeder friends when needed.

All guide dogs and services are provided free of charge and Southeastern Guide Dogs receives no government funding. Because of this, they depend on an army of volunteers, like me, to be able to provide dogs to those in need. In addition to Breeder Hosts, they need volunteer Puppy Raiser. Puppy Raisers have a team to work with that teaches them how to raise a future guide or service dog. Other volunteers are "co-raisers" and puppy sit when raisers are traveling.

If you don't have the time to devote to being a Puppy Raiser or a Breeder Host, volunteer opportunities are available on their campus and High School students may obtain Bright Future hours through their work with the organization. It is expensive to raise these dogs and provide for their healthcare, so to raise funds they sponsor Walkathons, Pet Parades and other activities and are always looking for volunteers and participants, too.

They accept cash donations and their Web site lists many items they need. Donating an item is as easy as clicking on the items of need and buying it directly through your Amazon account. It will then be delivered directly to their campus. All donations are tax deductible.



Some of the Rogan and Associates Financial Planners staff visiting the Southeastern Guide Dog Campus

Campus visitors can enjoy a guided walking tour that provides an in-depth overview of their state-of-the-art facilities and a peek at what happens behind the scenes. The campus is located at 4210 77th Street East, Palmetto. For more information, call 941-729-5665 or visit [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).

If you would like to talk more about this, feel free to contact me, Erin Emmett, 727-712-3400, or [erin@roganfinancial.com](mailto:erin@roganfinancial.com).



Olivia and I at the office.

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## NATION'S FIRST UNDERWATER VETERANS' MEMORIAL OPENS

By Pete Magnani

The "Circle of Heroes" officially opened August 5th on the Veteran's Reef, one of Pinellas County's forty-two artificial reefs scattered offshore between St. Pete Beach and Tarpon Springs. This is the first phase of the Circle with twelve concrete life-sized statues representing men and women of the United States Armed Forces. The statues making up Circle of Heroes were made possible thanks to the generosity of private businesses, community donors and Pinellas County.

The dedication ceremony, held on boats above the reef, featured speeches by Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Neysa Grzywa of Deep Sea Valkyries, and Vietnam Veteran Dave Miller, who also volunteers at Bay Pines VA Hospital. Dr. Heyward Mathews, professor of Oceanography and SCUBA instructor at St. Petersburg College for nearly fifty years, was in the water wearing full SCUBA gear. He cut the ceremonial red ribbon that was stretched between two boats to officially open the memorial. Afterwards, more than 30 divers descended forty feet into the Gulf of Mexico for the "First Dive" on the Circle of Heroes site.



The Circle of Heroes is the brainchild of Dr. Mathews. He conceived the idea ten years ago and has been the driving force behind its completion. Mathews also co-founded the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and Pinellas County's Artificial Reef Program.

In addition to honoring those who served, the monument will be a destination for organizations like the Arizona based Deep-Sea Valkyries, which uses SCUBA as an alternative therapy for combat-wounded veterans. The statues will also attract recreational SCUBA divers from around the country.



The project is not complete. Another twelve statues will be installed in 2020, including one honoring Seaman Apprentice William Flores, who was killed in 1980 when the USCG Cutter Blackthorn collided with a tanker and sank in Tampa Bay.

"This underwater exhibit featuring our nation's heroes will also help sustain marine life in our Gulf waters by serving as an artificial reef," said former Congressman David Jolly, whose non-profit, Brighter Future Florida, is spearheading the campaign to complete the memorial. "I also thank my uncle, Dr. Heyward Mathews, for creating the concept, and for his dedication to growing the dive community and tourism in our region," Jolly added.

In addition to its benefit to veterans and recreational divers, the Circle will serve as a haven for many types of sea life, from coral and marine fauna to sharks and Goliath Grouper. Mooring balls have been installed to prevent the need for boaters to drop anchors, which could damage the statues. This first-of-its-kind underwater memorial is located about 10 miles west of Clearwater Beach.

## Organizational News...

### WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

They are holding a September Social Meeting at 400 Beach Seafood, Thursday, September 19 at 5pm where they will present their 2020 Grant Awards. The cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Barbara Marshall - Barbara@HTHRelocation.com. Non-members are welcome to attend. For more information, visit wccstpete.com or call 727-744-9114.

### BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS

Kids, aged 6-13, will be treated to a free day of fishing and will go home with their catch, poles and tackle boxes during the Breakfast Optimists' Fish-A-Thon. It will be held at Gators in John's Pass on Saturday, September 29th. They usually host 40-60 kids. Prizes are awarded for biggest, heaviest, cutest, and ugliest fish. Plus, there is food. Also, plan to attend their First Fridays on Central Avenue October 4 and November 1. That is where the money comes from. For more information, go to [www.BreakfastOptimists.org](http://www.BreakfastOptimists.org).

### HISTORIC OLD NORTHEAST (HONNA)

They have several events over the next few months.

October 6th - Annual Field Day of Fun.

October 27 - Trunk or Treat

December 8 - Annual Holiday Tour of Homes

Contact President Natalie DeVicente at 409-2891. To host one of their Porch Parties, contact Susan Arsenault, SueAtcp@aol.com. Get more information at [www.honna.org](http://www.honna.org).

### EXCHANGE CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG

Every November, they host a picnic to recognize and honor families that have adopted hard to place foster children. This year it will be November 9th. This picnic brings these special families together for a few hours of fun and fellowship. Club members provide and serve lunch.

The Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the St. Pete Yacht Club. Get more information at [StPeteExchange.portalBuzz.com](http://StPeteExchange.portalBuzz.com)

### KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG

They are hosting their 6th Annual Fischer-Carr Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, November 7, at the St Petersburg Country Club starting at 1pm. Net proceeds provide Take Stock in Children Scholarships through the Pinellas Education Foundation and St. Pete's Promise for students of low-income families. Over 340 students have been provided scholarships by the Kiwanis since 2005. To play, email Bob Byelick at [RByelick@AbbeyAdams.com](mailto:RByelick@AbbeyAdams.com). Visit [SPKiwanis.org](http://SPKiwanis.org).

### ST ANTHONY'S FOUNDATION AUXILIARY

The St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation is holding their annual Bingo / Fashion Show at The Bayfront Hilton on November 12, beginning at 4pm. Tickets are \$65 in advance. There will be free valet parking. Please RSVP by October 22 to Roseanna Costa at [CO55Starr@AOL.com](mailto:CO55Starr@AOL.com)

### ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

Oct 9th is their general meeting at the cathedral of St Peter. Dr Kanika Tomalin is the guest speaker. Wine and nibbles are sponsored by Suncoast Credit Union.

The next porch party is at Florida Craft Dec. 10th, 6-8pm

The organization, representing residents downtown from 5th Ave. N to 5th Ave. S including the Edge District, aims to build a stronger community by bringing neighbors together and serving as a collective voice for downtown issues.

E-mail President Karen Carmichael, [Sunny1015K@Verizon.net](mailto:Sunny1015K@Verizon.net). Membership and event tickets are available at [stpetedna.org](http://stpetedna.org).

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## Coming Events

### 5TH ANNUAL SUPERHERO 5K

Attention Superheroes! Lace up your running shoes and race for a cause - to help abused children in need! The Guardian Ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay invites you to the 5th Annual SuperHero 5K, Walk and Stroller Roll.

Whether you are a competitive runner, a casual walker, or just love the idea of supporting a wonderful cause, participating in the Superhero 5k allows you to show your support for abused and neglected children in Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The family-friendly, all ages, and abilities event will be Saturday, October 12, starting and ending at Safety Harbor Municipal Marina located at 110 Veterans Memorial Lane in Safety Harbor.

SuperHero costumes are encouraged, but not required. The race course will run along the beautiful Safety Harbor waterfront. Registration is preferred in advance for the SuperHero 5K at [www.thesuperhero5k.com](http://www.thesuperhero5k.com).

### BRAT BLAST BY THE NORTHEAST EXCHANGE CLUB

The Northeast Exchange Club is hosting this fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity November 10 from noon until 6pm at 3 Daughters Brewing, 222 22nd Street S. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of and include a Brat, bag of chips, a beer or soda of your choice, and valuable coupons from local participating business. Also, enjoy live music, a car show and games. Tickets may be purchased Online at [eventliveus.com/purchase/event/1178801](http://eventliveus.com/purchase/event/1178801). Net proceeds will be used to repair a local veteran's home through Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties' Home Repair Program.

### SAVOR ST PETE

A new to downtown food and wine event is coming to North Straub Park in November 2-3. It is called Savor St Pete Festival, but it was previously called "Uncorked" when it was held on Clearwater Beach.

This year's theme is "Arts. Eats. Beats." Promoter Tammy Gail explains, "The event showcases the talents of renowned wine and spirits producers, brew masters, chefs and culinary personalities to educate, entice, enlighten and entertain you." In other words--there will be a lot of food, drink and music.

### MOVIES IN NORTH STRAUB PARK

Preserve The Burg is once again hosting free movies in North Straub Park during October. Movies are every Thursday, beginning at dark - this year there will be five starting with October 3 and ending with a scary one on Halloween Night, October 31. Set up begins at 6pm. Arrive early to enjoy live music. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Food and drink will be for sale.

### CLEARWATER BEACH SUPER BOAT RACES

Now in its 11th year, the Super Boat Races have a new sponsor, Hooters! The first race was in 2008, and since, a lot of water has passed under the hulls of the many speed boats. This year's race is Sunday, September 29, with boats on display near Harborview Marina on September 27-28. Come on down and see the boats. It is FREE.

### JOHN'S PASS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The annual John's Pass Seafood Festival has been moved to a different weekend. In the past it was always Halloween weekend, this year it will be one week earlier - October 19-20. It is an arts and crafts show with lots of fresh seafood to eat. Parking is difficult, so we recommend taking the Beach Trolley. Get more information at [JohnsPassSeafoodFest.com](http://JohnsPassSeafoodFest.com).

## Coming Events

### COUNTRY JUBILEE

#### A Fall Tradition at Heritage Village

The 41st annual Country Jubilee is back again at Pinellas County's Heritage Village, located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo, on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10am to 4pm. The event is sponsored by the Pinellas County Historical Society. All proceeds go to support the operation of Heritage Village. The event offers visitors a wide variety of crafts; live bluegrass, folk, rock and traditional country music along with stepping into the past to enjoy old-timey fun-filled family activities.

**Cornucopia of Crafters** - More than 85 craft vendors will sell home-created items, including: candles, soap, doll clothing, honey, smoked almonds, paintings, photography, jewelry, stained glass, handmade holiday decorations, and much more.

**Fantastic food** - Visitors can choose from pulled pork sandwiches smoked in the Village's own smokehouse; hot dogs, sausages; chicken platters, pizza, Greek dishes; kettle corn, and more. For dessert - delicious, brownies, pies and cookies will be available along with many other choices.

**Musical offerings** - Bluegrass, folk, Country and many other styles of musical entertainment will be offered at the bandstand, starting at 10 am. There will be a Jam Session 10 am to 4 pm in front of the Walsingham House.

**Entertainment/Demonstrations** - Back by Popular Demand for the 41st annual Country Jubilee, children will have an opportunity to build a wooden 210 PWS-Minnow or a PWS Spritsail from a kit via Seaworthy Small Ships, Inc. After the construction of the boat the children may sail it in a small pond near the Boat House. Supplies are limited so get there early before they sail away. A \$2 Donation is requested for each boat.

At the Train Depot, the Morse Telegraph Club Florida Chapter will be demonstrating how people communicated with Morse code. Four Men and Their Trains, a local train enthusiast club, will run "G" scale model trains all day at the Train Depot.

Free event parking and free shuttle buses are located at 119th Street between Ulmerton and Walsingham roads. A cash donation of \$5 for adults, 12 years and older, is suggested for admission. Children under 12 enter free.

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The 161-year-old lighthouse is still working to guide ships into Tampa Bay. Come see its majestic spiral staircase and participate in the many activities sure to enlighten all ages.

See Civil War re-enactors, stroll the island on our self-guided walk with interpretive sites along the way, including nature, wildlife, military and history. There will be guided walking tours, a silent auction and a viewing of the lighthouse. There will be live birds of prey from Boyd Hill Preserve, The Egmont Shanty Singers, presentations on history and wildlife and a Florida flag history presentation.

Food, drinks and souvenirs will be available for purchase on the island. Shuttle ferries will be leaving Fort DeSoto Park from 9am to 2pm, with the last ferry returning to Fort DeSoto at 4pm.

Day passes include the ferry: Adults \$25, Young Adults 12-18 \$15, Youth 6-11 \$10 and 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Bay Pier boarding site starting at 8:30am. Follow the brown "Egmont Key Ferry" signs to the location.

For more information, visit [EgmontKey.info](http://EgmontKey.info). Look for the "Discover the Island" link at the left side. If you still need additional information, call 813-361-7563.

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