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Letter From the President

Hello all, hope everyone is keeping warm during our winter cold snaps. Many of my tropical plants have begun to look a little leafless.

This month I would like to talk about process — especially the process of the Tropicana Field redevelopment as proposed by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

There has been a great deal of discussion surrounding the recently announced proposal by the Devil Rays. Some have been critical of the process to date: “It’s happening too fast”; “Why don’t I get a say?”; “Who is going to pay for it?”

Others have been supportive: “Wow, we can finally have shopping in our downtown,” and “Think of all the affordable housing that can be built on the site.”...

First and foremost, if you think this is only about the downtown, think again. Good, bad or indifferent, we are one of the closest neighborhoods bordering the existing Tropicana Field, so what ever happens, this will have implications to us as a neighborhood. The changes could all be good, they could all be bad or a mixture, but

this will affect us.

Secondly, we all have to face the fact that at some point Tropicana Field will be redeveloped. This could happen as proposed within a few years, or it could be many, many years from now, long after most of us are pushing up the daisies. So, that being said, even if you think that the current proposal is something you’re not interested in, it still begs the question: “What is the best way to redevelop such a uniquely large site (84-86 acres)?”

To that end, and back to the process, it is best in analyzing any issue to have correct and detailed information. As a starting point, we have arranged that the Devil Rays present their proposal at our February meeting. **Please note that we are having the meeting at Tropicana Field because our typical room at Hospice is booked that month.**

I have also requested a representative of the City outline what steps will be taken to investigate the process and to present the topic of the City-wide referendum, which will allow you to vote on the process.

So what else do you need

to be aware of? Well, The Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) has put together a task force to evaluate the process. Several of us from the neighborhood are participating. We will let you know the outcome of that process, but in the meantime, if any one is interested in participating they should contact me directly. Also, the City held one and will be holding additional meetings and public input sessions prior to any referendum so that people can provide their input.

Whether you agree with the proposal or not, or merely don’t know, I hope that you appreciate that there is a process for people to have a say and that your neighborhood associating was able to arrange for a specialized meeting to get information to you. Additionally, the fact that this issue will come before ALL citizens in the form of a city-wide referendum is spectacular in its own right. [Thank you City Charter for protecting our waterfront park system.]

I look forward to seeing you at this very special meeting and look forward to your future participation in this highly charged topic.

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Please contact Molly Davis (Welcome Basket Chairperson) with addresses of new neighbors who should get a welcome basket. Her e-mail is: HelloMollyB@aol.com

**MEETING
LOCATION**
General Meeting
February 7 • 7:00 p.m.
Tropicana Field
16th Street and
1st Avenue South

Great Business

Cappy's Pizza
2401 Central Avenue

Although they are not yet open for business, the folks at Cappy's were very gracious to provide pizzas and salad for January's HKNA meeting. The food was plentiful and delicious. We cannot wait for them to open. They are located on 1st Avenue North and 30th Street. They will definitely be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Great Home and Garden

Paul Dickens
2270 7th Avenue North

Paul Dickens wins the house and garden award this month. Paul has planted and painted his butt off this past month. His house looks great. Drive by and take a look. If he's outside, honk your horn in appreciation.

Great Neighbor

This month's good neighbors are the people who stepped forward to help Mike Miller, who was recently a victim of a home invasion. Kenwood neighbors have helped schlep him to and from doctor's appointments, have made dinners for him, helped with yard work and anything else that needed to be done. You know who you are. Mike and the neighborhood thank you!

Events Calendar



Visit our web site for upcoming events (www.historickenwood.org).

**Thursday, February 7 -
7:00 p.m. SHARP
General Meeting
Tropicana Field**

This month's meeting will be held at TROPICANA FIELD (SE corner of 16th Street and 1st Avenue South). Please meet at the main entry on the EAST side of the building off of the main parking lot. We will be escorted to our location from there. Please be there no later than 7:00 p.m. The Tampa

Bay Devil Rays will be presenting their redevelopment plan, which includes redeveloping the Tropicana site and building a new, open-air stadium on the downtown waterfront.

**Friday, February 15 -
Porch Party
Tom and Maria Bologna
2470 7th Avenue North**

Meet some of your neighbors at this month's Porch Party. Bring a dish to

share and your favorite beverage.

**Saturday, February 16 -
HK Garden Workshop**

Please e-mail HKGardens@msn.com for location.

**Sunday, March 16 -
Founders' Day Celebration**

Free food, music, kid's games and fun for all residents of Historic Kenwood. More details in the next newsletter.

Renew or Join the Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association

Dues for membership are \$10.00 per calendar year (January through December) per household.

This small amount will keep you informed about HKNA activities and allow us to continue events like the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Founder's Day Celebration. Your involvement will improve the quality of our neighborhood. Even if you cannot always attend our monthly meetings, please take this opportunity to join.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? _____

New Member? Renewal?

I would like to know more about volunteering

Fill out the form, clip it, and mail with your \$10.00 check payable to:

Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 15134, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-5134

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

President's Letter (continued)

WHAT IS THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF OUR ASSOCIATION?

As many of us old timers know, we are coming up on our 20-year anniversary of the neighborhood association, which was officially incorporated in June of 1990. WOW!!!! I think we can all agree things have changed much for the better and possibly a few things have gone in another direction. That does not mean that our job is through, though.

What it means is that it is time to re-tool, look back at many of the things we do, make sure they are still working and determine if there are other directions in which we may need to go. At the January meeting, the majority of attendees agreed

that it was time to take a closer focus on the needs of our existing members and neighbors.

A committee has been created to do this process. At this point we have about 12 people signed up. The committee will meet over the next few months (first meeting to be announced at the February meeting). Personally, I'm proposing that we change our format to solely focus on *enticing young children and puppies to riot in the streets*. But if that is not your desire, this and more is all up for debate.

If you missed the meeting and want to sign up, please let me know. There is room for more and I can assure you we will make the meetings fun and productive.

BungalowFest: 10 Years In The Making

I know. It's February. Much too soon to start thinking about BungalowFest, right? Wrong. If we start thinking about it early enough, we should be able to get more people to volunteer to show their homes, help solicit sponsors and secure MORE volunteers.

This year is the 10th anniversary of BungalowFest and we'd like to make sure it is something spectacular. Maybe even something "ghoulish." You can commit as much time as you can to the planning of this event. We will have monthly meetings and e-mails going back and forth, but it should be manageable with everyone's schedules.

If you are interested, the BungalowFest committee would love all current committee members and fresh faces with:

- Sales and marketing experience
- Event planning experience
- Local business contacts
- Photography and graphic design skills
- Real estate experience

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K-wood Guys

A new social group of gay and bi men in the neighborhood. For information, call Brent @ 727-459-7025 or Neil @ 727-894-9060.

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How to Identify A Stroke

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall. She assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics). She said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital — and later died. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die.... they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

Neurologists says that if they can get to a stroke victim within three hours, they can usually totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. The trick is getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke .

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S Ask the individual to SMILE.

T Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE coherently (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other , that is also an indication of a stroke.

Historic Kenwood Garden Workshop

What a wonderful year it was! From our plant sale in May to our Garden Tour in November, we were busy growing the neighborhood in 2007. When we weren't busy taking care of the plants for the sale in the "nursery" at Anthony's, we were busy competing to grow the tallest sunflowers or doing a garden makeover for a neighbor. Yes, we like to get dirty!

The Garden Tour was a big hit and we had an amazing variety of gardens through which our visitors could stroll. Some gardens featured familiar and friendly native Florida plants while others seemed to open up into a secret tropical paradise. Homeowners and strollers alike enjoyed the beautiful weather and gardens. As with other HKGW events, the money raised went to benefit those in need.

At year end, we were able to make the holidays more enjoyable for many in our community. A contribution to A Blooming Place for Kids sponsored 6 kids for summer camp, \$1200 in donations was given to ASAP Brighter Holidays for Kids and we were able to provide Christmas gifts to a foster child through the Guardian ad litem program.

We have sold almost all the copies of our recipe and story book, Dig In. For those of you who do not have one yet, a few are still available at Craftsman House.

It all sounds like hard work and no play but this group knows how to play hard too. We had a fabulous, fun party at Sharon and Allen's after the plant sale and once again, our com-

petitive natures took over as the "boys" tried to out do each other by catching the most, biggest and best fish.

HKGW members are looking forward to another great year and we have some exciting ideas already in the works. The Historic Kenwood street sign on the exit ramp of I-275 will be prepped, painted and landscaped which should help in defining this more clearly as a gateway to our neighborhood. We will take over organizing and revitalizing the annual landscaping contest and encourage all residents to consider taking part in beautifying the neighborhood with the chance of winning a great prize. We have taken field trips as a group in the past but are planning on doing even more this year to some new and exciting places.

HKGW usually meets the third Saturday of every month; our next meeting is February 16th. If you would like join or would like more information, please e-mail us at HKGardens@msn.com. We are a casual group of serious and seriously fun people!

