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**NSB-NEIGHBORS EMAIL LIST
SIGN UP NOW!**
TOM BUTTS, VOLUNTEER

Why join the NSB-Neighbors email list? It is completely protected list and you will never get any solicitations. It is run by your neighbor for free, as a service to the neighborhood. It allows quick mass communication on neighborhood issues, and it's value is directly proportional to the amount of participation. Need a contractor, selling a garage treasure, looking for a babysitter, lose a pet? The NSB-Neighbors email list gets the word out. Great value and keeps you in touch—why not sign up now?

To sign up: Send your name, address, and email address to tbuttsusa@gmail.com. You will get an email back with easy instructions. Any problems, please contact Tom through the same email address. You should get all emails unless your email program or provider blocks them (we do not filter).

We also have a web-site which is need of support. Take a quick tour of www.nsb-tampa.org and give us some ideas on ways to make it even better! How? Through the NSB-Neighbors email list of course!

UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE
BY MIKE WEHRELL & MOLLY SIEGENTHALER

Every year the NSB Association sponsors 4 neighborhood parties—Fourth of July, Halloween, an Adults Party (this year celebrating the 'End of Hurricane Season' with the appropriate tropical drinks), and a Holiday Hayride with Caroling.



The 4th of July party and parade is about 4 weeks off so its now time to get things moving so the event turns out great for the kids, parents, and friends of NSB! The focus of the event will be the children's parade with a miniature float competition. If you have not participated in this before, this is where the parents and children decorate their favorite wagon, bike, or tricycle to ride in the parade. And as a special incentive, Ciccio & Tony's, our business member, will be presenting a \$50 Gift Certificate for the Grand Prize float!

We are still in need of some volunteers and supplies. Please see the insert detailing this event!

OUR BUSINESS MEMBER — Right Around the Corner



1015 S Howard Ave., 813-251-8406

www.ciccioandtonys.com

Ciccio & Tony's fresh, innovative cuisine combines the flavors of Asia, the Mediterranean and the Americas with an emphasis on herb and citrus infused food preparation. The brightly colored digs make for a festive but casual ambiance, and the breezy outdoor patio seating is perfect for cooler months. Salads are brimming with crispy, colorful veggies and all breads are baked onsite.

Menu highlights include sesame-encrusted tuna with tart lemon horseradish and oregano-coated chicken with red wine shallot sauce. The high-protein 'pupu' platter includes five small dishes of satays, antipasto and cold salads. The extra budget-minded can swing by for lunch to try various fresh California wraps.

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As many of you know NSB has a new Board for 2008 and we are very excited to get back to our roots of family, fun, and fraternity. Your Board has been hard at work behind the scenes reorganizing its structure and finalizing this year's goals.

We have already accomplished many procedural goals including reintroducing the newsletter, providing new signs, new '08 stickers, and new magnetic security phone number cards. We are also in the middle of finalizing party plans for our 4th of July celebration.

Now the Board must turn its attention to a very important issue facing every NSB homeowner. The issue is neighborhood security. NSB has been very fortunate to have a TPD staffed security program for the past 14 years but this privilege is in real jeopardy of quickly coming to an end. Statistically, NSB receives voluntary membership and security annual dues from roughly 50% of our total NSB families (less than 200 of our 380 residences).

Thankfully, year in and year out, our collected dues have successfully covered all monthly security obligations throughout the year. However, the Tampa Police Department recently informed all Tampa neighborhoods, including NSB, of their plan to increase extra duty patrol costs by almost \$5.00 per hour.

As if the hourly increase is not bad enough, even more troubling is the fact that if NSB loses the TPD Security Patrol Program, due to lack of funds, NSB will not be able to reinstate our security program. Simply stated, if we lose the security contract in September or October, we will never get it back. It is the Board's strong opinion that our security program is an invaluable benefit for all NSB homeowners.

We, on the Board, are asking all NSB families to think long and hard if NSB can afford to lose such a vital service to our neighborhood. If you agree with the Board and have not yet sent in your 2008 dues, then please do so as soon as possible to help save our security program.

Lets look forward together and do our best to make 2008 the best year that it can be for our community.

NSB FINANCIAL REPORT

JEFF ROSENBECK, TREASURER

I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to answer a number of questions that many of you may have regarding our Association Dues, and how they are spent. Our dues are voluntary, and the annual rate of \$325 has not changed in many years. While the actual percentage varies slightly, 8% of your dues (the \$25 portion) must be earmarked for Association activities, and the rest pays the Security Program.

Our neighborhood now has approximately 380 addresses—some of which are new or vacant. The expansion of our neighborhood boundaries (2007), moving the eastern edge out to Howard, added about 30 addresses, mostly townhomes. With our current annual dues, we need 65% participation (250 residents) to keep up with our current spend. We now have 155 participating (41%). We realize that with only one invoice round, many of those who normally participate simply forgot. Which is why **we have included a Reminder Invoice with this newsletter**. But we do need more participation than we have had in the past.

Starting in July, the TPD has increase its Extra Duty rates about 15%, or \$5 / hour. At 1,800 hours a year (5 hours / day), our program will cost about \$6,000 / month at the new rates. As we stand right now, we will run out of money in September.

While we cannot raise our dues mid-year, we can solve this problem with greater participation. In fact, with adequate participation (70% or greater) we could forestall a dues increase next year, and potentially increase our security coverage and/or association activities. For example, with 80% participation, we could keep our dues the same, and add almost 2 more hours of patrol service a day.

So for the cost of a car payment, or the price for a nice dinner out, you can ensure that we keep our programs alive and well. Programs which truly differentiate our neighborhood from virtually every other in Tampa. **I urge you look over Officer Craig's insight into public funding and Security—printed on the back of the Reminder Invoice**. If you have not paid your dues, please send a check with the enclosed invoice. If you want to participate but cannot afford the full amount, email or call Jeff Rosenbeck (813-380-3088).



SECURITY UPDATE

COURTNEY HOENING, SECURITY LIAISON

An important message on Security!

Dear Neighbors:

Our Board is in need of your help. The NSB Security Program has been a wonderful success for 14 years now. Unfortunately, without your help, we may lose the program all together. We are facing the reality that the percentage of neighbors paying into the security program is down this year, and in order to keep it going we simply must raise our level of participation.

We are a unique neighborhood that has a security program in place to help its residents. How many neighborhoods can offer you the opportunity for vacation checks, crime alerts, and an officer on a nightly basis in YOUR neighborhood. An officer who is there solely to look out for you and your neighbors? If you have not paid your dues, please do so today. Encourage your neighbors to participate as well. We all benefit from this program and it is in our best interest to keep it! If your neighbor does not have a Security Sign, or an '08' sticker, please talk to them about the importance of keeping the Security Patrol alive.

SECURITY REPORTS

FROM OFFICER CRAIG



SPECIFIC CALLS AND RESPONSES ARE LISTED IN DETAIL IN THE MONTHLY SECURITY REPORT. THIS IS NOW DELIVERED TO EVERYONE ON THE NSB-NEIGHBORS EMAIL LIST! **SIGN UP NOW!**

The following (Dec 07– March 08) has been summarized due to space restriction.

DEC 07 Vacation checks 12, House/building checks 171, Vehicle checks 85, Alarms 2, Parking Violation Warnings 4, Traffic Stops 4, Traffic Violation Warnings 6, Street Checks 12, Extra Patrols: Alleys and homes where the residents were out of town.

JAN 08 Vacation Check Requests 8, House/Building Checks 153, Vehicle Checks 158, Alarms 1, Traffic Stops 5, Traffic Citations 1, Traffic Violation Warnings 3, Street Checks 4. Extra Patrols: Officers did patrol on foot during part of their shift along Jetton and Watrous in an effort to catch the person committing a vehicle burglary but no one had been seen to this point.

FEB 08 Vacation Check Requests 10, House/Building Checks 132, Vehicle Checks 285, Alarms 1, Traffic Stops 2, Traffic Violation Warnings 1, Street Checks 1, Arrests 2, Extra Patrols: Alleys and homes where the residents were out of town.

MAR 08 Vacation Check Requests 7, House/Building Checks 102, Vehicle Checks 220, Parking Violation Warnings 1, Traffic Stops 5, Traffic Citations 1, Traffic Violation Warnings 3, Street Checks 2, Arrests 1, Extra Patrols: Alleys and homes where the residents were out of town.

01/05/08: MPO Cimaszewski found a male walking west bound on Jetton across Georgia wearing all black clothing including a knit hat. He did not have any active warrants and had a valid FL license but had been involved in several crimes in the past to including Auto Burglary and Narcotic Possession.

02/09/08: Ofc Drabiniak responded to a suspicious vehicle in the 2600 block of Morrison Av W. The occupants were intoxicated and in possession of narcotics so they were transported to jail for the evening and their vehicle was impounded.

02/21/08: An unknown male was seen masturbating by a resident in the neighborhood. Regular on-duty units responded to the area to look for the suspect and originate the report. The resident later recognized the suspect from a photo from a previous offense nearby. This person was later arrested by Ofc A. Thiel and subsequently released from jail.

03/18/08: Ofc Thiel stopped a white Ford F250 that was driving through the neighborhood. The driver had a warrant and a FL DL that had been suspended several times. The driver was arrested and issued several citations. The driver was later transported to jail and his vehicle was impounded.

03/21/08: Criminal Mischief at 2700 block of Jetton A visitor at Jetton residence had the window of their vehicle broken during the night. There were no suspects or witnesses. This happened to several vehicles in South Tampa this night. The suspects were identified and arrested later in the month.