

#### 70 Years Advocating for Jungle Terrace Neighborhood!

4th Quarter 2024

www.Jungle-Terrace.org

#### **October 21 Meeting**

Walter Fuller Center - 7891 26th Av N

Grandmaster Bryant Harrell "Chief's Mighty Miracles Martial Arts Program" SP Police + Fire Department + District 1 Councilman + Hanks BarkBox



Jungle Lake shoreline and lake cleared of invasive vegetation ... water and land.

Jungle Terrace Volunteers!

**July Meeting Jungle Terrace** 



Fire Captain Michael Lewis and Station 2 Crew NEW Fire Station, 66<sup>th</sup> St and 26<sup>th</sup> Ave N. in Design.



Police Off. Dean Buttar "JT Safe"



State Rep. Linda Chaney, "\$8+ Million"

"Bill creating new infrastructure fund paid by tourists - like Penny for Pinellas – a Tourist Infrastructure Fee. 130 million visitors to Florida last year. If they all paid \$1, maybe more, into the fund that would be helpful.



Friends of Albert Whitted Airport Walt Driggers, <a href="www.foawa.org">www.foawa.org</a>



Jim Bays, Jungle Lake Restoration

# Volunteers for "Jungle Lake Restoration Project" Clearing overgrown Plant Plots Grass all the way out past, and covering, good plants



Nick and Dr. Ed taking a break in the Hay Field.



After previous week hand-weeding Spatterdocks, John Hoke in the lake cutting grass back toward shoreline.

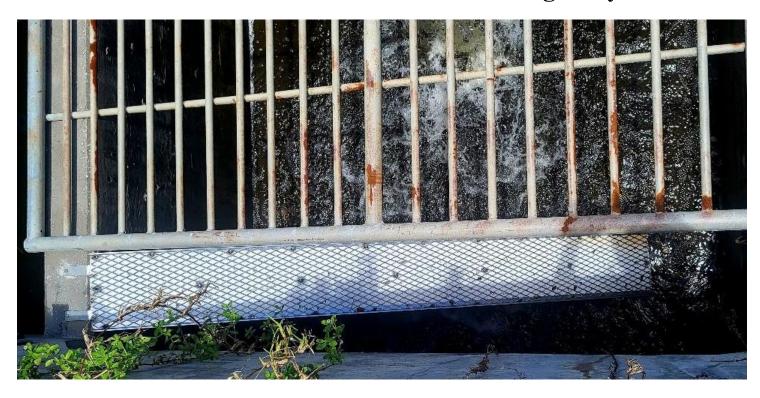


Dr. Ed, John, Nick enjoying Pepsi Time. Lani taking photo.

"Swim Boy" area optimized by Volunteers



Lake Manager Michael Perry installs "Escape Ramp" For Turtles at Weir Exit to Boca Ceiga Bay



#### Plethora of PRAWNS in JUNGLE LAKE





A sign of growing Lake HEALTH!

# Florida Lake Management Society FLMS Honors Jim Bays with "Dr. Daniel E. Canfield, Jr. Volunteerism Award"

For significant contribution to the research, restoration, and preservation of our water resources.



#### Harvest #2 "Floating Wetland Island" JUNGLE LAKE 8.26.24

Removed all invasive plants. Planted many dozens new plants from nursery... all included in original cost!

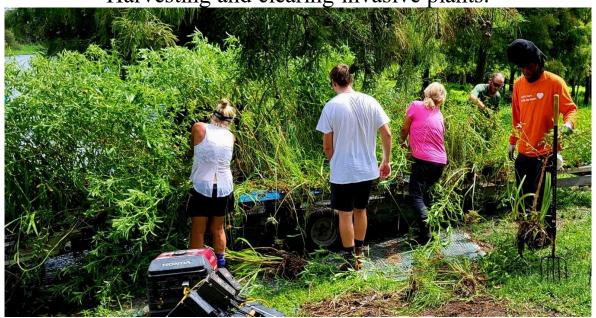
Overgrown FWI, all removed/trimmed, hauled away for analysis.



5' wide section being loaded onto trailer.



Harvesting and clearing invasive plants.





Invasive plants loaded in truck.



Truck load of harvested vegetation!



Young healthy plants re-planted in BEEMAT.



BEEMAT re-planted, tying together, and ready for launch.



Returning BEEMAT to anchors in Jungle Lake to grow another 4 months removing nutrients from lake.



Nov 2 + Dec 21 next outings: boat ramp by Pickleball courts. Please Show Up and VOLUNTEER!~!



National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police and community/neighborhood partnerships.

Jennifer Wright, Officer
Community Service Unit, District III

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### 1,000-unit apartment project proposed for west St. Pete seeks \$14.8 million from city and county

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Each phase will take approximately two years to complete. The entire project is expected to wrap up in 2030.

Porter Development expects to break ground in early 2025. Construction of the first phase is estimated to cost roughly \$104.58 million.

#### PARC Breaks Ground for Children's Services Center. \$10,000,000 Project



Center Tom and Mary James (Raymond James Corp.) \$2 Million Donor!



Tom James and Dr. Ed, since Elementary School.



David Lehman, 43 Years with PARC!



Claude Tankersley, Director Public Works

#### **CAREFEST Participation October 26. Saturday**

Annual Enhancement of "Volunteers Garden", Swim Time Boy, Girl Walking Dog, and 7 Magnolia Trees is October 26, Saturday at 7:30 am at Volunteers Garden, Walter Fuller Park, North side.

Come any time that suits you.



North Island in Jungle Lake



Mysterious Egg on island road.

**Shoreline planting of Plant Plots #5 and #7** 



#### 13 species totaling 49 plants.

Black-eyed Susan, Rudbeckia hirta
Blue-eyed grass, Sisyrinchium angustifolum
Buttonbush, Cephalanthus occidentalis
Coral Bean, Erythrina herbacea
Pinebarren Goldenrod, Solidago fitulosa
Dotted Horsemint, Monarda punctata
Muhly Grass, Muhlenbergia capillaris
Scarlet Hibiscus, Hibiscus coccineus
St Andrews Cross, Hypericum hypericoides
Starrush Whitetop, Rhynchospora colorata
Jamaican Dogwood, Piscidia piscipula
Fakahatchee Grass, Tripsacum dactyloides
Sand Cordgrass, Spartina bakerii
Soft rush, Juncus effusus

The objective of the two test plots is to bracket a range of planting approaches. Plot P5 represents a diverse reconstruction of a native wet prairie edge assemblage. Plot P7 represents an economical, native-dominated plant species mix. They both become nurseries we can draw from to revegetate other parts of the islands.

## OAK Trees planted in WFP request of JTCA 2 Oaks By Pickleball Courts





3 Oaks By Dog Park





Keeping Jungle Terrace a Green!



#### A message from WPF Founder Philip Graham Jr:

My love for the Downtown Water-front Parks started early in my life as my father's photography studio was located in this downtown area. The parks were my afternoon playground during my early school years. Later, in my profession as a Landscape Architect, I coauthored the first Waterfront Parks Master Plan in 1986, updated in June of 2015.

The recession of 2008 severely impacted the City's budget for park maintenance. The appearance of the Waterfront Parks lost much of their majesty due to this financial drought.

In 2010, the City celebrated the Downtown Waterfront Parks 100 Years Centennial Celebration. This ignited a rediscovery of the value and historic importance of our Downtown Waterfront Parks. Citizens coming together to celebrate our Waterfront Park's 100th birthday showed how important our parks are to the city. It confirmed a citizen advocacy entity should be established to assist City Staff in the preservation and enhancement of our historic parks.

The concept of WPF was developed with Parks Director, and presented to the Mayor and City Council. An Advisory Board was established with community leaders, stakeholders, business owners, and park advocates.



https://waterfrontparksfoundation.org/

We have had much support over the past 14 years from generous patrons. The Majeed Foundation is the major contributor to our efforts, responsible for the flower plantings along Beach Drive N.E. and North Shore Drive at Coffee Pot Blvd. They also funded the popular swing in Flora Wiley Park and five new swings to be installed this fall. They offer to match \$500,000 for the Foundation!

We worked with the City, Community and Donors to Preserve, Protect and Promote these parks that spread along our waterfront from 30th Ave. North to 22nd Ave. South, preventing improper development in the parks; assisting in creating new zoning regulations; park features; building alliances with agencies and conservation entities for preservation and health of our parks and waterfront issues, and providing protection of open space and views.

We continue to Preserve, Protect and Promote our amazing Waterfront Parks with your help and support.

#### **More Swing Benches**

The installation of bench swings throughout the parks is a goal for the Waterfront Parks Foundation to amplify the parks' beauty and to bring more attention to the need for their restoration and conservation. So far, a swing is located in Flora Wylie Park. WPF is happy to announce there will be more swings in the coming months, including in North Straub, Vinoy, Coffee Pot, and two more in Flora Wylie!

See you in the Parks!



#### A Look Into the Lassing Park Restoration Project

Lassing Park is the only downtown waterfront park that has its own natural shoreline. Over the years, that shoreline has eroded due to factors such as wake, tides, and The Waterfront Parks more. Foundation teamed up with Tampa Bay Watch, St. Pete City Parks, the Southeast Neighborhood Old Association, and District 6 Council Member Gina Driscoll to create a project to restore Lassing Park's living shoreline.

The Lassing Park Restoration Project includes the implementation of oyster reef balls, oyster shell reefs, and coastal wetland plants to prevent the park from further eroding, as well as restoring lost habitats, and improving water quality through natural biological filtration.

In just three years, the Lassing Park Living Shoreline Restoration Project has drastically helped conservation of the park, creating a new large sandbar, flourishing wetland plants, and a stabilized shoreline fit to be a proper ecosystem and animal habitat.

The photos show before and after comparisons, look at how healthy the shoreline looks now!







