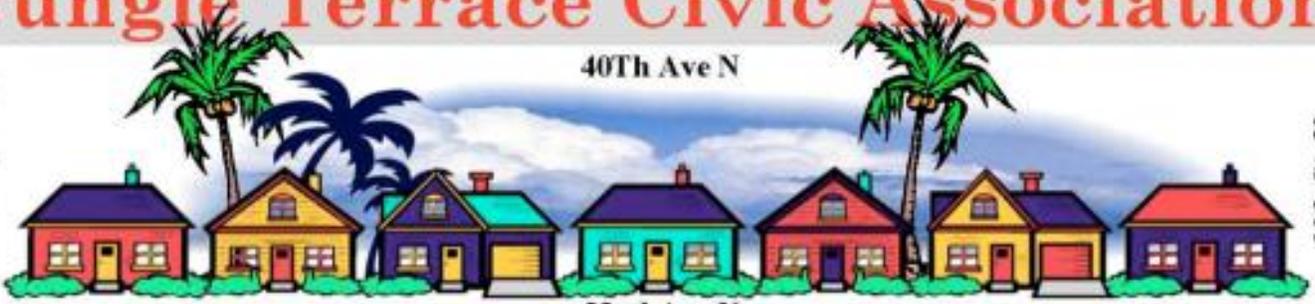


Jungle Terrace Civic Association

40th Ave N

Boca Ciega Bay



66th St. N.

22nd Ave N

70 Years Advocating for Jungle Terrace Neighborhood!

2nd Quarter 2025

www.Jungle-Terrace.org

Green Thumb Festival ~ April 26 & 27

<https://www.stpeteparksrec.org/greenthumb/>

Members Meeting April 21

**6:45 Refreshments; 7pm Walter Fuller Ctr, 7891 26th Av No
Featured Speaker: County Commissioner Vince Nowicki**

3 Pound BASS



Arnulfo thanks JT for Lake work.
3x/wk, **catch & release**, 2-6 each trip.

Another BASS



Anonymous, has caught 4.4 pound BASS.
Coach another fisherman to 5 pounder!

January Meeting Boyd Hill Nature Center Speakers



JT Officers and Board of Directors 2025



John Sweeny, VP; John Hoke, President; Dr. Ed, Presidential Assistant;
Jill Silverstein, Treasurer; Lauren Sanders, Board.
Not Pictured: Mark Siler, Secretary, Matt Gross and John Prokop, Board

Keeper of the “Jungle Terrace WATERMELON”



President John Hoke

“America’s Sheriff” Grady Judd Celebrates Dr. Ed Carlson





Visit with Sheriff Grady Judd, Polk County, was truly a VISIT!
First gifted with a Challenge Coin.
Then Sheriff Judd engaged in heartfelt talk together over 30 minutes!
Totally Genuine and Solid and Happy. A Great Human BEing!

<https://www.foxnews.com/video/6367578815112>

'America's Sheriff' Grady Judd on Trump presidency:
'There's a new day and a new Sheriff in town.'

Polk County, Fl. sheriff, Grady Judd, discusses his hopes for the impact that President Donald Trump will have on crime, illegal migrants and law enforcement.

BIO ~ A Great, Dedicated Individual.

Sheriff Dec. 23, 2004 – Dec. 23, 2028. 53 years with Sheriff's Department

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grady_Judd

Sheriff Judd was awarded two honorary doctorates.

Judd started working for the Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) in 1972, age 18. Under age of 21, he was required to get his father to purchase his ammunition. Age 27, he attained the rank of captain, supervising 44 employees, all older. Elected Sheriff of Polk County in 2004. Elected 6 times to 4 year terms! First Sheriff in Polk's 164-year history to be elected to six terms.

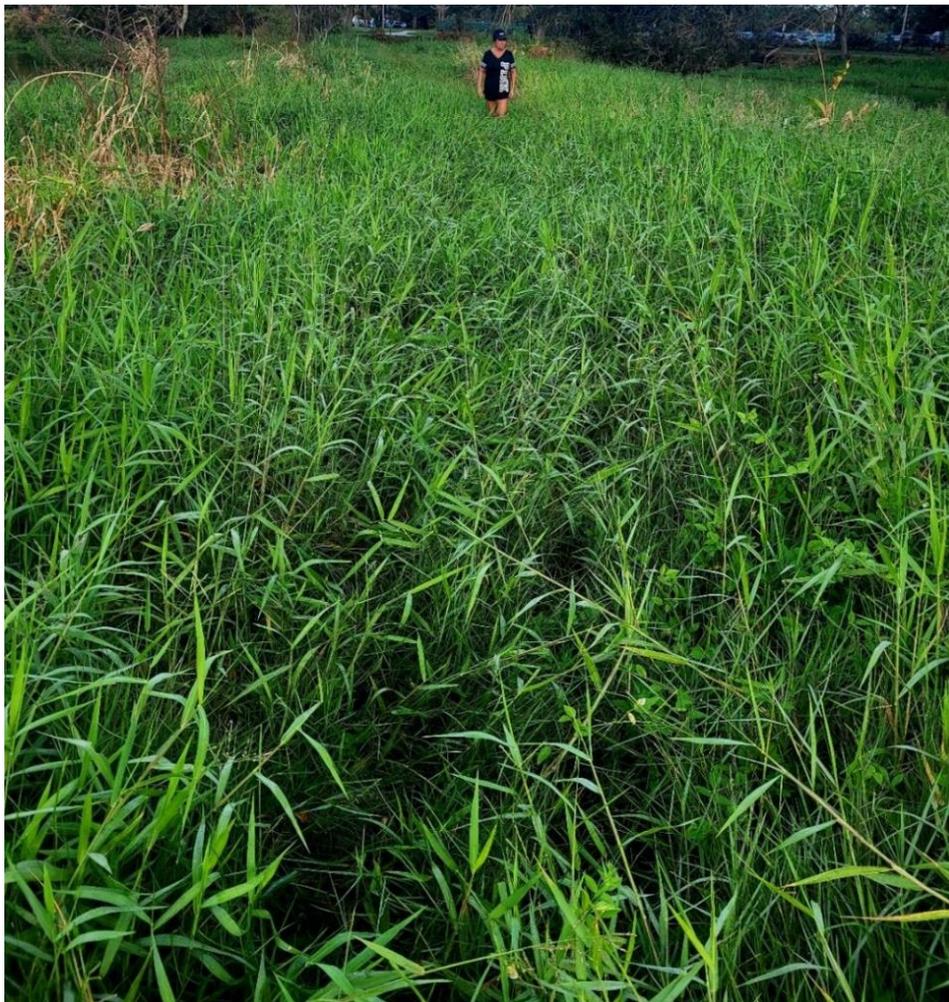
Judd served as adjunct professor at [U. of South Florida](#) and [FL Southern College](#). Judd served as President of the [Florida Sheriffs Association](#) (2013–2014), prior as chair of FSA board of directors and was treasurer, secretary, and vice president. President of the Major County Sheriffs of America (2018–2019).

In 2019, Judd was appointed by the National Sheriffs' Association to serve on the School Safety and Security Committee.

He serves on [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission](#). Judd is an active member of the [Bartow Rotary Club](#) since 1994, and a member of the board of directors from 1996 to 1999.

[Member Federal Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)

Jungle Lake



I know there is a Berm and Road to island under here!



After City treats invasive grass, SOUL and JTCA clear; staff David mows.





**“Hands-On President” John Hoke up big Oak Tree!
Nick gathering storm branches on island.**



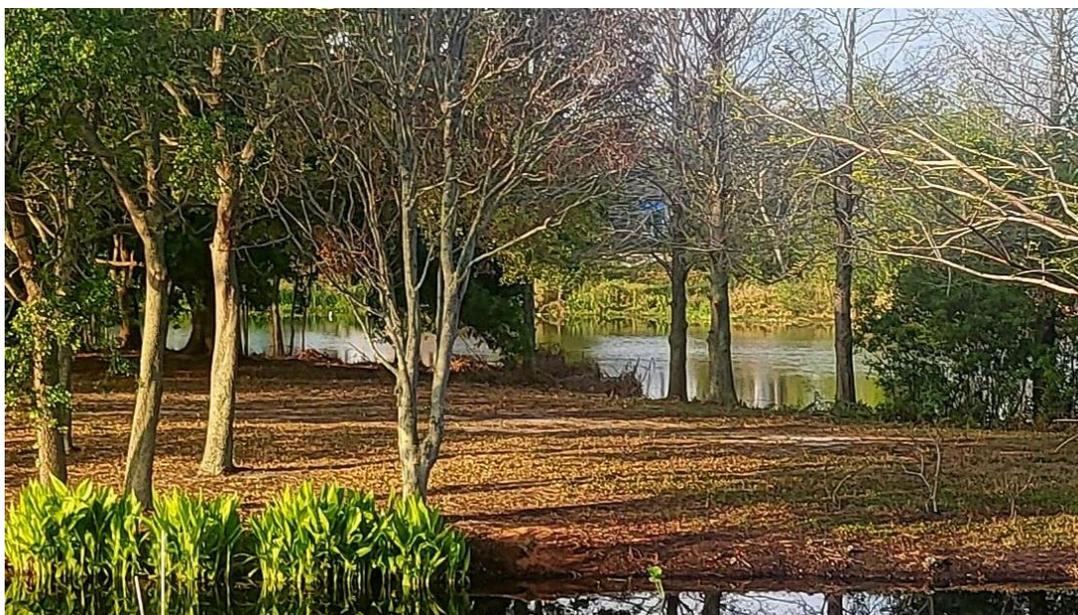
Pole chainsaw clearing storms broken branches.

March 22, Jungle Lake Event

19 Volunteers from SOUL and Jungle Terrace.

JTCA donated \$200 of plants for lake.

8 Truckloads to the Brush Site + 17 bags raked grass.



CommUNITY Event Azalea Park

1st Annual Citywide CommUNITY Festival was March 8. Great turnout! Jungle Terrace President John Hoke and wife Carolyn hosted a Jungle Terrace booth. Gifted tomato plants. Very positive responses!



John helped plan the St. Pete CommUNITY Festival. The Festival offered a fun-filled day of free activities to 3,000 neighbors from across St. Pete. At the Jungle Terrace booth, we met new neighbors and exchanged ideas. We promoted our Facebook page, upcoming April 21st meeting, and gave away 200 tomato plants!



John Hoke, PCSO Helicopter Pilot, Aron Bryce, CONA President

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Dr. Ed; Steve of the Jungle, New Azalea President; Dominick Griesi, Past 20 years.



**“Stormwater, Tidal Surge, Future Preparations”
Claude Tankersley, Director of Public Works, at CONA.**

“Babe Ruth Day” Parade

Tom Stevens, Babe Ruth's grandson, served as grand marshal for Azalea parade of golf carts, classic cars, and vintage motorcycles through west St. Pete's Jungle neighborhoods on February 8th: Proclaimed “Babe Ruth Day” in St. Petersburg. Ellia Johnson, 12, sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” before the parade began.

Eight members of the Ruth family traveled in classic cars including Ford Model T’s from 1915 and 1925. Babe Ruth rode in the back of a vintage pickup truck and tossed plastic bats and handed Babe Ruth signed baseballs to spectators.

The parade began on the banks of Jungle Country Club Creek and traveled the paths of former Jungle Golf Course where Babe Ruth played hundreds of rounds of golf during spring visits. The new statue by Azalea artist Blake Emory, “Babe Ruth Calls His Shot,” was placed on the parade route for all to enjoy.

Passing through the Jungle Prada neighborhood, more than fifty peacocks were spotted - on the ground, in the trees and on rooftops.

Crossing Park Street, we passed in front of the Jungle Prada building, built in 1924, the Gangplank speakeasy, a spot Babe Ruth was known to frequent.

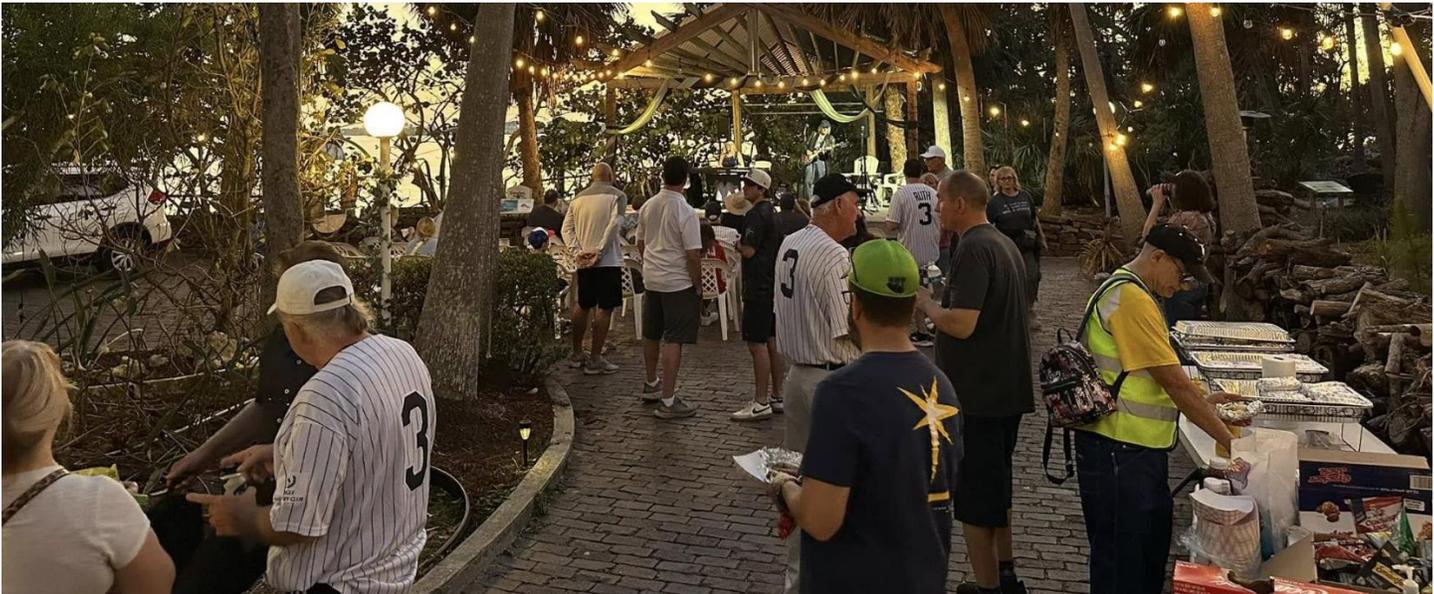
The parade concluded as the sun set over Boca Ciega Bay. A party continued at the Sacred Lands waterfront stage with music by Liz Pennock and Dr. Blues. Their songs included “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” “Happy Birthday, Babe Ruth” and “The Birthday Boogie.” Refreshments included Babe’s favorites - hot dogs with mustard and sauerkraut, beer, Coke, ginger ale, Cracker Jacks and Baby Ruth Bars.

[More Photos](#) from the Babe Ruth weekend events.



PRESIDENTS: John Hoke (JTCA); Babe Ruth Impersonator; Steve Elftman (Azalea); Amy Possidente (Holiday Park); Aron Bryce (Crossroads)





BABE'S LONGEST HOMER

Near this site Babe Ruth hit his longest home run off of a major league pitcher. Babe Ruth was a huge presence in St. Petersburg from 1925 to 1935. It was during this time that the New York Yankees held spring training in St. Pete and also the Boston Braves. Ruth played with the Yankees until 1934, and played the following year with the Braves.

On March 25, 1934, Ruth hit his long forgotten record-breaking home run at Waterfront Park, now the site of Al Lang Field, in an exhibition game between the Yankees and the Boston Braves. In the fifth inning before a crowd of 1200, Ruth hit a pitch off of Braves pitcher Huck Betts that reached the now demolished West Coast Inn located at the southwest corner of 3rd Avenue and 1st Street South, near the site of the present Hilton Hotel.

While it is debatable whether the ball hit short of the hotel and then rolled to it, took a bounce in front of the hotel up to a balcony, or actually hit a balcony direct, it has been established that the ball reached over 600 feet. The distance was surveyed and verified by the George F. Young Engineering and Surveying Company in 2008 measuring from the old home plate location at Waterfront Park to the closest part of the West Coast Inn.

When Ruth was sick with oral cancer and making a last hurrah tour in 1948, he returned to the site of St. Pete's downtown Waterfront Park Stadium. Asked what his greatest accomplishment there was, he replied "The day I hit the [expletive] ball against that [expletive] hotel!"



Me and Billy McGehee

www.bmwopb.com

See Pets Pickleball Fundraising Event below.

PISHA POO'S
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& Country Music Pet Fest

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JOIN US AT FERG'S SPORTS BAR FOR LIVE EVENTS!
 SATURDAY- APRIL 12, 2025 10AM-10PM

- COME PLAY ON FERG'S PICKLEBALL COURT
- CELEBRITY PICKLEBALL CHALLENGES
- PRO PICKLEBALL EXHIBITIONS
- PICKLEBALL CONTESTS
- PET FASHION SHOWS
- KILO-9 K9 DEMOS

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- 🎾 Celebrity Pickleball: 9 AM – 12 PM
- 🎾 Open Play: 1 PM – 5 PM (Paddles available onsite)
- 🎵 Country Music Concert: 7 PM – 10 PM

Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Ferg's Sports Bar, St. Petersburg, FL

Event & Tickets Info: www.DaPoo.love

Media inquiries, sponsorship: Billy McGehee billy@bmwopb.com 321-377-8864

City Canopy Tree Giveaway

Saturday, April 19th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Walter Fuller Recreation Center (7891 26th Ave. N)



SUNRISE on JUNGLE LAKE

Annual Membership Dues

Please fill out form. Send your dues/donation to address below, or go online to website. PayPal: Click Donate button.

This is your neighborhood association. We work for you and our neighborhood. Include \$40.00 per member, one member/vote per household.

Honorary/Scholarship Dues \$20.

Donations in addition are hugely appreciated!

We utilize the funds to publish and email your newsletter, hold regular membership meetings and continue improvements to the health, safety and beauty of Jungle Terrace neighborhood.

JTCA is a 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Non-profit organization.

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PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Dues: \$40.00 ___ Donation Amount: _____ Total: _____

Make checks payable to: Jungle Terrace Civic Assn or JTCA.

Mail: JTCA, Jill Silverstein 8045 28th Av N, St. Pete, FL 33710 Ph 727-488-7696

