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Clean City Division Manager, **Mr. Jim Pinkney**, greets Clean City employees prior to beginning the Full Staff Quarterly Meeting held at Ragan Auditorium .



Stolen Scooter Recovered in East Tampa

Mr. Cal Worthington, East Tampa District Supervisor, always has an eye out in the community. Recently, while driving by a vacant house Mr. Worthington observed a new scooter parked behind a boarded up residence. The address on the front of the house was incorrect which made it difficult for TPD to respond expeditiously. In the meantime, the thief returned to retrieve the scooter and was prevented from taking the vehicle by Mr. Worthington. He took a swing at Mr. Worthington, knocking the camera from his hand to prevent having his picture taken. TPD took up the chase and recovered the scooter. Fortunately, Mr. Worthington was not injured during the altercation.



Calvin Worthington
Clean City's
East District Supervisor



Mr. Curtis Smith, East Tampa Environmental Crimes Detective, counseled Mr. Worthington, that these youthful thieves and gang members are often extremely dangerously and prone to violence. Good advice to all would-be crime fighters who see violence or crimes being committed in the community, be careful to only observe and report. Leave the job of crime fighting to the professionals. The life you save may be your own.



Spotlight

Model Employee
of the Quarter

(July – Sept 2009)



~ ESAU "MELO" CALLE ~

Mr. Calle was born in Ecuador, South America. He's happily married to Mrs. (Luz) Calle for the past 32 years. They are the proud parents of 4 boys and 1 girl.

His favorite food is Seafood.

Melo loves to travel, both out of the country and within the States.

From the age of 17 to 28, Melo was an alcoholic. At age 24 he moved to the United States seeking a better life. When Melo was 28 years old, he accepted Christ in his life and since that day, he's a born again person.

"Thanks to God and my family, since that day I have not had a drink. I know I have a beautiful life and family."

Mr. Calle's personal goal is that every day he will go the extra mile to make the city a better city, and with the mentality that 'the City of Tampa will be a role model to other cities.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH TAMPA:

A Special Clean-Up sponsored by the Rich House in Sulphur Springs (TPD) was held on July 23rd. Mayor's Beautification Program youth assisted CCD and TPD with the clean-up of the private home of a senior citizen. This event was a shared learning experience, a successful day enjoyed by all that participated.



EAST TAMPA:

On July 29th, Mayor Iorio met with the East Tampa Summer Youth at TPD, District III Sub-Station. The youth removed roadside litter and debris, edged sidewalks and worked alongside regular city employees throughout the East Tampa community. This year as part of an Eco-awareness theme, the youth toured the McKay Bay Refuse to Energy facility; Waste Management's site where Tampa's collected recycled products are processed and the South County landfill to better understand what the effects of dumping litter and debris has on our local environment.



Congratulations to **Ch'Lisa Taylor** who was awarded the first Clean City James "Cricket" Valdez Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Valdez, former Clean City employee, was the victim of a senseless shooting one morning on his way to work. The scholarship is sponsored by Brotherly Love Mentor Program Director and P&R employee, **Melvin Gunn**, coordinating with CCD to honor Cricket and award a youth with a \$500 scholarship.

WEST / SOUTH TAMPA:

Special recognition to a Tampa citizen and to the Manager of McDonald's (South Dale Mabry) for their role in helping reduce the number of snipe signs in the south Tampa area. To date, he has removed over 500 signs from the area and disposed of them in the dumpster behind McDonald's. The impact their partnership has on the Bayshore Boulevard & Dale Mabry Highway corridors is tremendous. Thank you.



Health Tips

HOW CAN I QUIT SMOKING?

STEP 1:

- List your reasons to quit and read them several times a day.
- Wrap your cigarette pack with paper and rubber bands. Each time you smoke, write down the time and how important that cigarette is to you on a scale of 1 to 5. Then rewrap the pack.

STEP 2:

- Keep reading your list of reasons and add to it if you can.
- Don't carry matches, and keep your cigarettes out of reach.
- Each day, try to smoke fewer cigarettes.

STEP 3:

- Set a target date to quit and don't buy a new pack until you finish the one you're smoking.
- Change brands for a brand lower in tar and nicotine.
- Try to stop for 48 hours at a time.
- Throw out all cigarettes and matches. Hide lighters and ashtrays.
- Do deep breathing exercises when you get the urge.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO QUIT!!!

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



East District Supervisor, **Mr. Cal Worthington** and staff members, **Mr. Mike Carter**, **Ms. Benita McConico** and **Ms. Clifette Williams** participated in the Great American Teach-In at Just Elementary school. They visited Ms. Henderson's second grade class and Ms. Snow's third grade class; educating them on the importance of litter control, graffiti and our responsibilities within the community.

Contract Monitors, **Mr. Frank Hilton** and **Mr. Joe Pullara** visited the South Area medians and parkways contract sites to create a visual listing (to be included in each bidders packet) for future bids. This will generate cost savings for CCD by eliminating the need to schedule tours with bidders; which saves on equipment, fuel and personnel.



The Neighborhood Crime Watch Associations National Night-Out forum was held in September at MacFarlane Park in West Tampa. This Crime Watch National Night-Out was provided in partnerships with West Tampa Crime Watch Associations, Clean City Division, Tampa Police Department, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood & Community Relations and other private organizations in an effort to promote crime awareness with-in the West Tampa Community and Crime Watch recruitment. In attendance were City Council Members, a host of City ambassadors, along with community leaders, families and friends.



Kudos

~ GOOD SAMARITAINS ~

Clean City Division
South District



Pictured from left to right:: Craig Smith (SCS II), Freddie Williams (SAII) and Michael Jones (SA II)

On September 25, 2009, **Craig Smith**, **Freddie Williams** and **Michael Jones**, witnessed a man taking the bicycle of a citizen who was making a purchase inside the coffee shop. The man got on the bike and rode down the alley. At this time, the bike owner, a worker from the shop and Mr. Smith ran down the alley chasing the thief. Despite the immediate reaction, the pursuit was of no use as they were on foot. Observing the chase, Mr. Williams and Mr. Jones got in their truck and caught the thief. They held the thief at the scene until the police arrived. The thief was taken into custody and the citizen got her bicycle back. The citizen stated "I would like to add, those 3 young men did not have to take time out to help me. I see we still have some caring and concerned people in the community."

Thank you gentlemen for your heroic, selfless act.

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

Clifette Williams, SA II, on the birth of her daughter Aaliyah Donyell Williams. Little Miss Williams was born on July 23rd at 1:30 PM weighing 6 lbs 7 oz, 19- 3/4 inches.

WELCOME Aaliyah.



a non-profit corporation was established as a support arm for the Clean City Division's Initiatives. For more information or to become a member of FOCC, log on to: www.tampacleancity.org

Did you know?

You can eat healthy without sacrificing flavor:

~ CHICKEN WITH YELLOW RICE & SALSA ~

1 (5-ounce) package yellow rice; 1 tbsp olive oil; 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast, diced into 1-inch pieces; 2 tsp ground cumin; 3 tbsp fresh-squeezed lime juice; 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed & drained; 3 green onions, chopped; 1/2 cup jarred roasted red peppers, drained & chopped; 1 Roma tomato, seeded & chopped; and 2 cups prepared salsa

Prepare the rice according to the package directions, omitting the oil or margarine. Heat olive oil over medium heat in a medium nonstick skillet. Add chicken pieces and cook until done, 5 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently. Toss chicken with cooked rice, cumin and 2 tbsp lime juice. Combine remaining ingredients and add the remaining 1 tbsp lime juice. Toss gently to combine.

To serve, place chicken and rice mixture in shallow platter with sides. Mound salsa in the center.

(Makes 6 servings)

Ambassador of the Month

JULY. Michael Clarke - For the exceptional impact he had on the youth who had the privilege of working with him during the 2009 Summer Youth Program.

AUGUST. Joe Pullara - For the exemplary commitment he's shown; for rising to the challenges presented to him.

SEPT. Dale Lyons - For the outstanding job he's done the entire summer, from equipment maintenance and repairs to working with the summer youth.



Pictured from left to right: Joe Pullara (CM), Michael Clarke (SA II) and Dale Lyons (SCS II)

Environmental News

The 4th Annual Tampa Clean City Day will be held on March 20, 2010. Approximately 75 projects are slated for completion (including beautifications, landscape enhancements, Welcome to the City of Tampa signs' improvements, as well as several Hillsborough County Public Schools... just to name a few). The Event is expected to draw in over 3,500 volunteers to pitch in and make a huge impact city-wide.

CLEAN CITY'S CORE SERVICES' STATISTICS:

Major Thoroughfare Miles Cleaned - 1855	Vacant Lots Serviced - 531
Neighborhood Corridors Cleaned - 457	Alleyways Serviced - 59
Graffiti Removal Work Orders - 31	Tree Services Request - 210
Illegal Dumpings Removed - 171	Snipe Signs Removed - 3909
Miles of Herbicide Applications - 342	Litter/Debris Tonnage - 396.66

The City of Tampa Clean City Division's mission is to provide a comprehensive landscape & maintenance system to the interstate, gateways, parkways & medians in an effort to reduce litter, graffiti and illegal dumping through education and enforcement, thus creating a city environment that is aesthetically pleasing.

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