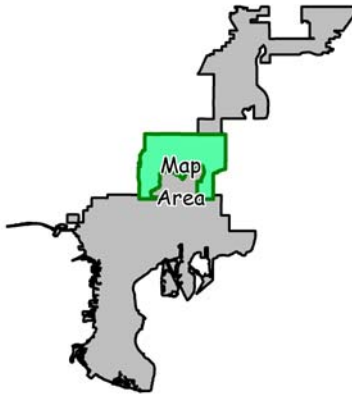




Community Information
for
Region Two
Neighborhoods



Pam Iorio, Mayor
City of Tampa

Town Hall Meeting
April 2005



CITY OF TAMPA

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Hogue
Chief of Police

Dear District II Residents,



As you are aware, the Tampa Police Department conducted a reorganization last year and reassigned two QUAD Squads and two street Anti-Crime Squads to District II. A crime prevention contingent was also reassigned. Officer Greg Hattle and Crime Prevention Practitioner Lisa Timmer work as liaisons with Code Enforcement and Animal Control. This reorganization gave Major Castor the ability to direct additional tools to combat crime and to improve the quality of life of the residents in the district.

The addition of these officers and the increased effort and dedication of the patrol officers has had a significant effect on crime. The city experienced a 12.2% reduction in crime in 2004. During the first quarter of this year District II has experienced a 23% reduction in Part 1 crimes.

The officers in District II are committed to reducing crime and improving the quality of life of its residents. During the spring break week of March 21-25, school resource officers as well as District II officers visited the homes of approximately 100 high risk juveniles in the district in an attempt to deter them from being involved in criminal activity during the holiday week. Additionally, officers contacted nearly 150 sexual predators within District II with the objective of updating criminal intelligence and deterring criminal behavior. During the month of April, 125,000 Operation Inventory pamphlets will be mailed as inserts along with utility bills to every home and business in the city. It is a user friendly inventory form that will allow individuals to list their personal property to include information such as make, model, serial numbers, etc. for reporting purposes in the event of theft or loss. We believe that this will aid in the identification and recovery of stolen property as well as assist in identifying those offenders responsible for the theft of the property.

Another major focus for the district is improving the safety on the roadways and reducing the number of crashes. Officers have increased their traffic enforcement efforts in the various communities throughout the District and have launched operations designed to raise public awareness and to prevent injuries and death resulting from traffic crashes. This effort has resulted in a 6% reduction in traffic crashes during the first quarter of 2005 as compared to the same period in 2004.

The dedicated men and women of the Tampa Police Department are committed to working with you in keeping your neighborhoods safe. I am confident that through this close relationship we will be able to continue to improve our city.

Chief Stephen Hogue

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Chief of Police

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Transportation Projects

40th Street/McKinley Drive Widening Project

This \$80 million project is a major realignment and widening of 40th Street, including McKinley Drive, with sidewalks, bicycle paths and streetscape in the North Central and Central East impact fee districts. The project is being completed in five segments, A through E. Segment E from Fowler Avenue to the Busch Boulevard tunnel entrance has been recently completed with segment D from the tunnel entrance to Humphrey presently under construction. The other segments, C through A, extend from Humphrey to Hanlon, Hanlon to Hanna and Hanna to Hillsborough consecutively. The next segment to break ground will be segment B from Hanlon to Hanna, including a bridge over the Hillsborough River, with construction slated for February 2006 through December 2007. Segments A and C on either side of the bridge will then be constructed concurrently to complete the project.



Completed Segment E

Busch Boulevard Enhancement Project

This enhancement project under consideration stems from a study commissioned by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in connection with a mobility management plan. The limits of the project extend from Florida Avenue to 52nd Street. The update study, published in August 2004 and extending to 56th Street, includes a series of urban and pedestrian friendly design concepts for improving Busch Boulevard. The report suggests improvements in the form of landscaping, lighting enhancements, transit and pedestrian infrastructure improvements and utility improvements. The project would be in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over the boulevard. Discussions are currently ongoing to gather study recommendations, draft mutually acceptable agreement dealing with construction responsibilities and future maintenance and to secure sources of funding for future years.



Concept Improvement

Neighborhood Traffic Calming



Typical Installation

These projects provide for the design and installation of speed tables to slow and reduce traffic related problems in the area.

- 37th Street from Greenwood to Yukon
- 42nd Street from Busch to Linebaugh

Traffic Signs, Street Name Signs and Markings Program



Typical After

The program utilizes in-house and contract staff to maintain the existing sign inventory and install new and upgraded street name signs, traffic control signs and roadway pavement markings such as center and edge lines, stop bars and crosswalks. The program goal is to complete 9,000 to 10,000 replacements per year so as not to allow street signs to deteriorate beyond their useful service life. Citizens may report a missing, damaged or “no visible” street sign online at tampagov.net.

Stormwater Improvement Projects

Completed Projects

Hamilton Avenue Ditch Rehabilitation

This project provided for the realignment of a major stormwater conveyance. This ditch is located within residential back yards without the benefit of easements, and is high maintenance due to numerous 90-degree bends and high flows. Upstream areas flood regularly due to inefficient flow and a large number of complaints have been received concerning maintenance and flooding issues. This ditch system was realigned within city rights-of-way, and replaced with concrete pipes of sufficient capacity to relieve flooding. This project was started in late FY2003 and is now completed. **Project cost was approximately \$1.2 Million and was completed in 2004.**

Rowlett Park Ditch Rehabilitation

This project provided for the replacement of a large, concrete-lined flume draining hundreds of upstream acres to the Hillsborough River. The failed concrete lining was replaced with fabric-formed concrete lining suitable for high velocities. This project also stabilized eroded grass and bare soil areas with permanent slope reinforcement and new vegetation. **Project cost was approximately \$566,000 and was completed in 2004.**

Curiosity Creek Pond De-vegetation



Curiosity Creek before vegetation removal



Curiosity Creek after vegetation removal

The City hired a contractor that specializes in the removal of hyacinths and other aquatic vegetation. The removal of the hyacinths was necessary to prevent potential clogging of the city's new Curiosity Creek Stormwater pumping station during a severe rainfall event. Additionally, the neighborhood also benefits from a much more aesthetically pleasing pond. Project was completed in 2005. **Project cost was approximately \$23,000 and was completed in 2005.**

Future Projects

Forest Hills Drainage Improvements

This project addresses inadequate stormwater drainage in several locations in the Forest Hills Neighborhood. New inlets and pipe will be constructed on Forest Hills Place from Rome Circle to Perdiz Street and on Perdiz Street between Forest Hills Drive and Willow Avenue. This project will also provide the opportunity to construct new wastewater service to residents on Perdiz Street and on Forest Hills Drive. **Funding was designated in FY 2005. Project cost is approximately \$175,000.**

Flooding Relief Projects – Clifton Street at Albany

This project will alleviate yard flooding that occurs due to inadequate street grading on Clifton Street west of Albany Avenue. The work will include re-profiling of Clifton Street to allow runoff to reach an existing stormwater system at the intersection of Albany Avenue. **Funding was designated in FY 2005. Project cost is approximately \$75,000.**

Flooding Relief Projects – North Street and Packwood Avenue

The drainage system in this neighborhood consists mainly of ditch and pipe systems that outfall to a creek tributary to the Hillsborough River. During extreme rainfall events, these systems can become overwhelmed, resulting in street and yard flooding. The new system will capture runoff efficiently in a culvert meeting current design standards. Approximately 500 linear feet of storm pipe and several stormwater inlets will be constructed with this project. **Funding has been requested in the CIP budget for 2006. Project cost is estimated at \$122,000.**

Duck Pond Drainage System Improvements

This project will alleviate the repetitive structural flooding in the University Square Neighborhood. During the 2004 Hurricane Season, the area in the vicinity of 113th Street and 26th Avenue, Fowler Avenue at University Square Mall, and the duck pond area in Hillsborough County north of Fowler Avenue experienced severe structural, yard and street flooding. In cooperation with Hillsborough County, the City of Tampa Stormwater Department will construct a pumping station at the existing pond located at 112th Avenue and 26th Street. This new station will outfall to an existing, large gravity line at Poinsettia Avenue and 30th Street via a force main to be shared with Hillsborough County. **Funding will be requested in the CIP budget for 2007. Project cost for the City's portion is estimated at \$3.1 Million.**



Flooding Relief Projects – 46th Street and River Hills Drive

The neighborhood served by this project has steep slopes and therefore presents challenges in terms of stormwater drainage. This project will improve the level of stormwater service to the immediate vicinity, benefiting both the nearby residents and motorists driving through this intersection. This project provides for the construction of a new stormwater inlet and pipe system at this location. Approximately 400 linear feet of small-diameter storm pipe and eight stormwater inlets will be installed as part of this project. **Funding will be requested in the CIP budget for 2007. Project cost is estimated at \$130,000.**

Flooding Relief Projects – Rio Vista Avenue

This neighborhood is served by a generally adequate drainage system with areas of poor coverage. This project will extend the existing system to pick up an un-drained area, thereby improving conditions for several immediate residents and any motorists driving through this location. This project provides for the construction of a new lateral and inlet system that will drain a low area to the existing stormwater drainage system at Rome Avenue and Powhattan Avenue. Approximately 800 linear feet of storm pipe and two stormwater inlets will be constructed with this project. **Funding will be requested in the CIP budget for 2007. Project cost is estimated at \$76,000.**

Flooding Relief Projects – Lantana Avenue at Holland Avenue

Drainage in this neighborhood is isolated by CSX Transportation railroad tracks. This project will connect an un-drained area to a nearby retention and improve the level of service. This project provides for the construction of new inlets and pipe on Lantana Avenue that will connect to the existing city retention pond west of the CSX Transportation railroad tracks. The pipe route has not been determined at this time, but approximately 1,000 linear feet of storm pipe will be required along with two stormwater inlets. **Funding will be requested in the CIP budget for 2007. Project cost is estimated at \$101,000.**

Sediment Filtration Devices

This project provides for the installation of sediment filtration devices to reduce the amount of sediments entering the Hillsborough River and Tampa Bay, thereby helping the city to maintain its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for water quality discharge. These devices are designed to remove between sixty and eighty percent of the total suspended solids (TSS) from the stormwater entering them. The devices are placed as retrofits to existing stormwater pipe systems and will be maintained by the Stormwater Operations Division. Sediments will be processed at the Sweeper Debris Facility on Hookers Point in Tampa. **Approximately \$400,000 is planned city-wide for FY2007 in order to continue the Pilot Program initiated in FY2003.**



North Tampa Parks and Recreation Projects

River Tower Park

This thirteen-acre park on the Hillsborough River boasts a 210-foot historic tower that was restored and re-lit on January 8, 2005. The city acquired the site with matching funds from the Florida Communities Trust and ELAPP (Endangered Land Acquisition and Protection Program) with funds totaling \$2,850,000. The city has also received a \$250,000 grant from SWFWMD for design and restoration of shoreline. The Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation has awarded the city \$96,000 to develop a building restoration plan for the gazebo in Sulphur Springs Park and the water tower in River Tower Park, as well as a trail connection under Interstate 275 between the two parks.



Playground Units

Three city parks are slated to receive playground units this calendar year: Greco Softball Complex, Rome & Sligh Playground and Temple Crest Park. Each will receive a medium playground unit with new fall surfacing at a cost of \$50,000 each.



Temple Crest Park

At Temple Crest Park, the city will be replacing the basketball courts as well as make other park improvements. The completion of this project will be early 2006 at a cost of \$180,000. Recently, the old post and rail was replaced with bollards at a cost of \$17,000 from CIT funds.

Takomah Trail Park

Security lighting was recently installed at a cost of \$10,000. Proposed improvements will include a drinking fountain, trail signage, a parking lot and other needed elements at an estimated cost of \$195,000 from CIT funds. This project is expected to be completed by the middle of 2006.



Lowry Park

In Lowry Park along the Hillsborough River, the city will be replacing one restroom and two picnic shelters as well as installing a new access path/trail. This will have a cost of approximately \$400,000 from CIT funds.

Woodland Terrace Park

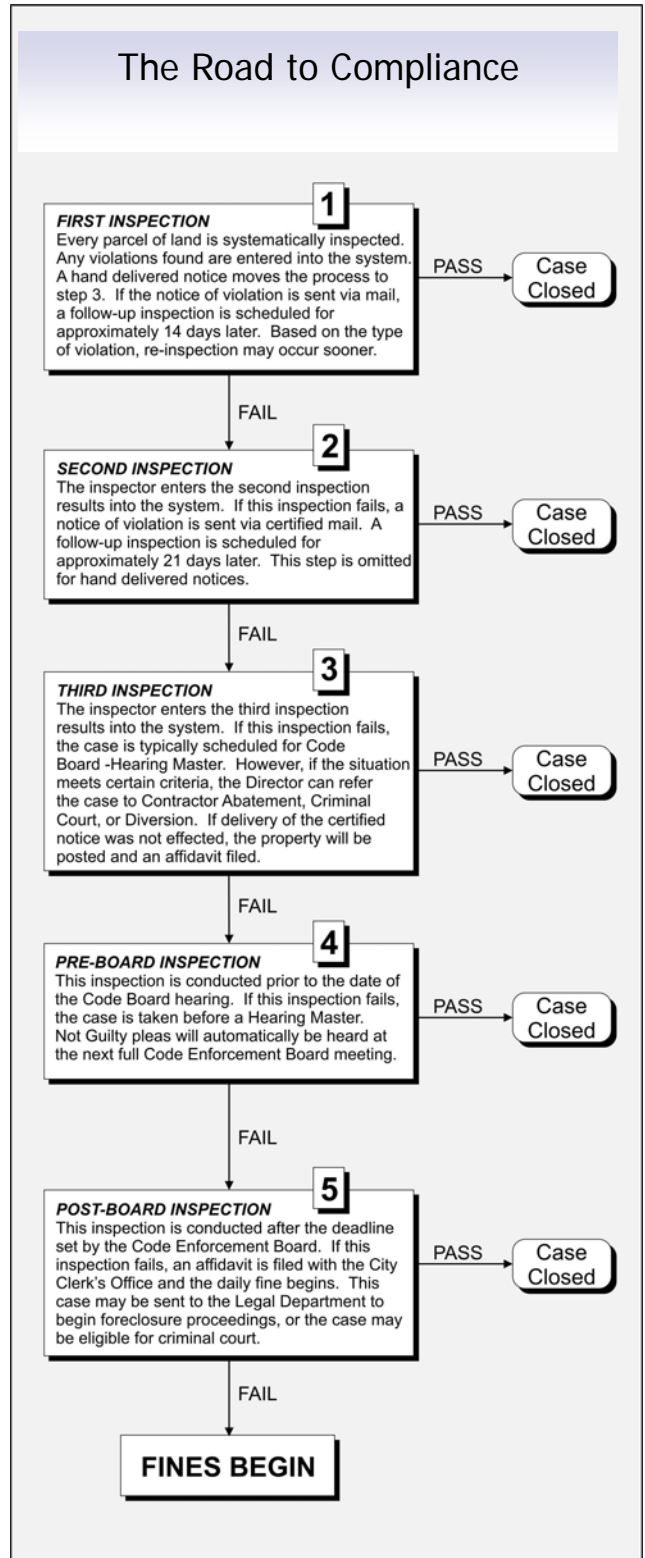
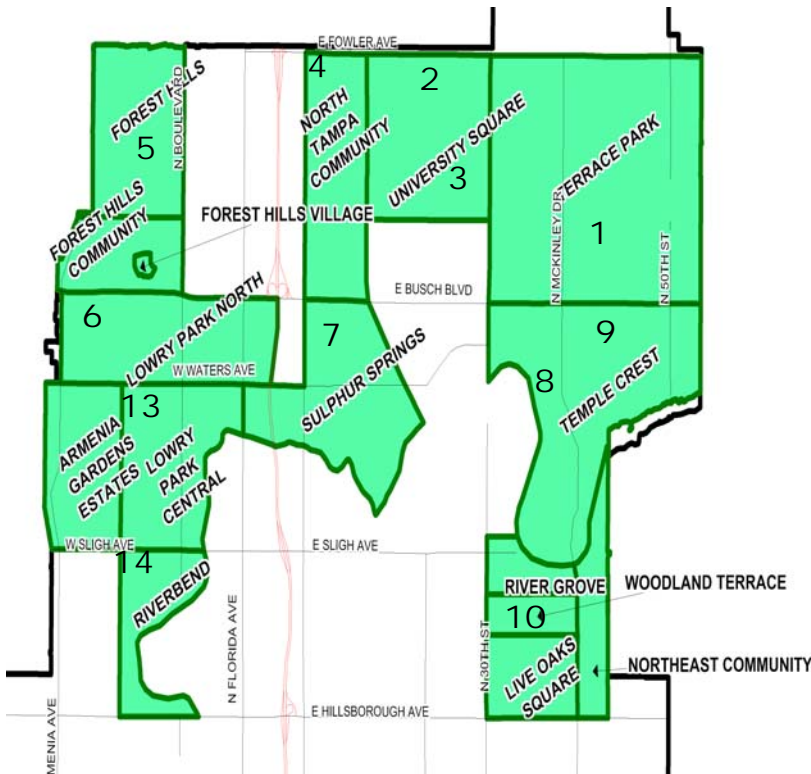
A design is underway to enlarge the recreation center and the basketball court. These improvements will be partially paid with \$50,000 in FY 2005 CIP funds. Additional funding for this work will come from FY 2005 CDBG funds (\$100,000) and a \$350,000 request of funds from FY 2006 CDBG funds.



Code Enforcement Information

January 1, 2004 to April 11, 2005

Tract No.	Totals	Complied	Active
1	468	347	121
2	531	263	268
3	723	252	471
4	85	48	37
5	85	37	48
6	171	58	113
7	739	494	245
8	117	68	49
9	172	113	59
10	254	123	131
13	287	129	158
14	398	266	132



For additional information or to check the status of a property please call:
Code Enforcement Customer Service
(813) 274-5545



**City of Tampa
Neighborhood & Community Relations Office**

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Tampa, Florida 33602
(813) 274-7835
Shannon Edge, Director

City of Tampa – Important Telephone Numbers

City Council	274-8131	Parks and Recreation	274-8615
City Information	274-8211	Police Department Information	276-3200
City of Tampa Television, Channel 15	274-8217	Police Dispatch	231-6130
Code Enforcement	274-5545	Police District I	354-6600
Discrimination Complaints	274-5835	Police District II	931-6500
Ditch Cleaning	622-1901	Police District III	276-3704
Drainage Problems	622-1901	Pot Holes (Streets)	622-1940
Dumping (Illegal)	348-1111	Public Works	274-8721
Fire Marshal	274-7000	Recycling	348-1111
Fire Rescue Information	274-7011	Riverwalk Information	274-7439
Garbage	348-1111	Sidewalk Repair	635-3407
Graffiti removal	931-2140	Solid Waste	348-1111
Hillsborough County Information	272-5900	Stormwater	622-1901
Housing Authority, Tampa	253-0551	Street Light Outage (TECO)	223-0800
Human Rights Office	274-5835	Street Repair	622-1940
Hurricane Information (County)	272-6900	Tampa Museum of Art	274-8130
Illegal Dumping (Solid Waste)	348-1186	Traffic Sign Repair	622-1940
Junk Cars	274-5545	Traffic Signal Repair	622-1940
Library (County)	273-3652	Transportation	274-8333
Lowry Park Zoo	935-8552	Tree Inspections	274-7900
Mayor's Beautification	223-8733	Tree Trimming & Removal Permits	259-1740
Mayor's Office	274-8251	Utility Bills	274-8811
N.E.A.T.	931-2140	Wastewater (Sewer)	259-1693
Noise Complaints	231-6130	Water (Account Billing)	274-8811
Overgrown Lots	274-5545	Water Emergency Repair & Service	274-7400
Paint Your Heart Out Tampa	258-4512	Zoning Information	274-8405

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Armenia Gardens, Forest Hills Community Association, Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, Forest Hills Village Homeowners Association, Live Oaks Square Civic Association, Lowry Park Central Civic Association, Lowry Park North Neighborhood Association, North Tampa Community Crimewatch & Civic Association, Northeast Community Crime watch & Civic Association, Riverbend Civic Association, Rivergrove Civic Association, Sulphur Springs Action League, Temple Crest Civic Association, Terrace Park Civic Association and University Square Civic Association.