

# YBOR LEGEND

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## Stormwater Plan at Work in Ybor City

### Mayor's Initiative to Relieve Age Old Flooding Issues Continues

Since the early 1900s, Ybor City and the surrounding areas have had a drainage basin that emptied under what is now 16th Street. A new stormwater system will replace the outdated system that did not provide sufficient flood protection for the Historic District. This system will serve the current and future needs of Ybor City as well as the surrounding areas.

The City of Tampa has selected Kimmins Contracting, a local Ybor utility contractor, to build the project. Construction began in January. The project includes installation of a six-foot diameter pipe under 15th Street from 4th Avenue to Palm Avenue. The project is expected to take seven months to complete.

"This project is



Chuck Walter, Jack Shiver, Mayor Pam Iorio, and Fran Williams attended the 15th Street Stormwater Improvement Project's sign unveiling ceremony on October 3, 2006.

necessary to alleviate flooding issues we have along parts of 7th Avenue," said Chuck Walter, director, City of Tampa Stormwater Department.

The construction will take place in phases on a block-by-block basis. Each block under construction will be closed to vehicle traffic. The sidewalks will remain open to all pedestrian traffic.

The City of Tampa and the Ybor City Development Corporation will be sure

that during the construction of the 15th Street Improvement Project, there will be more going on than just construction. The departments have combined efforts to ensure that visitors, businesses, students and residents will have the information on traffic issues, road closures and parking access 24/7.

"Our intention is to minimize impacts to businesses along 15th Street during the construction of this

important enhancement project," said Vince Pardo, manager, Ybor City Development Corporation. "There will be directional signage in garages and along the roadways, alerts going out via newsletters and information available on the Website."

For additional information on this project, please contact Corine Linebrink-Wain at (813) 310-5003 or by email at Corine.Linebrink-Wain@tampagov.net.

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## Welcome New Ybor City Ambassador



Ybor City's Ambassadors (from left to right) Phil Chillura, Gerry Valdes, and Bob Alorda.

Robert "Bob" Alorda joined the Ybor Ambassador team this month making a total of four Ybor Ambassadors for the district. Bob is born in New York but spent his childhood growing up in Ybor City. Like the other Ambassadors, Gerry Valdes, Phil Chillura and Keith Works, Bob loves telling the story of Ybor City to visitors and patrons of the district.

The Ambassador program kicked off in April 2005. In addition to greeting visitors on the sidewalks of Ybor City, the Ambassadors assist the Visitor Information Center and the Ybor City State Museum with school tours. To contact an Ambassador, please call (813) 235-8732 or send an email to YborAmbassador@tampagov.net.

# Happenings in Ybor City

Join us in welcoming the following businesses to Ybor City. We wish you great success.



August 16, 2006 / Mayor Iorio joined Wilson Miller executives for an early morning ribbon cutting to celebrate their new office in historic Ybor City. Wilson Miller chose the historic Seidenburg & Co. Building/ Havana-American Cigar Company and former Ybor City Brewing Company building as their new home. A significant renovation was completed in accordance with state and local preservation standards to convert the building to professional office space. Wilson Miller will house approximately 120 employees in their new office.



September 8, 2006 / A ribbon cutting celebrated the grand opening of Tre Amici at the Bunker, a new coffee bar in the heart of the Ybor City Museum's Casitas Project. The business is located at 1907 19th Street across from Centennial Park. A record crowd showed up in the rain to witness first hand the beautiful renovation of this historic brick structure that was relocated nearly seven years ago from the 15th Street garage site.



October 12, 2006 / Chancey Design Partnership held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new office building located in Ybor City. The Chancey Design Partnership is an architecture and interior design firm. The new building will be at 1228 E. 7th Avenue and will bring 55 new jobs to Tampa



November 16, 2006 / The family-owned and operated Tampa Bay Brewing Company celebrated the grand opening of their new Centro Ybor location with Mayor Iorio on hand to help cut the ribbon. The restaurant, founded in 1996, has been featured on the Food Network.

## Ybor City Development Corporation Elects New Board Members and Officers



CRA Chairman Mary Alvarez officiated the installation of the newly elected Ybor City Development Corporation Board of Directors and Officers on Tuesday, December 12, 2006. Pictured from left to right are immediate past YCDC Chairman Alan Kahana, newly elected Vice Chairman Joe Amon, newly elected YCDC Chairman Veronica Swiatek, Councilwoman Mary Alvarez, and YCDC Manager Vince J. Pardo. New officers elected but not shown are Treasurer Gil Hernandez and Secretary Steve Yturriaga. The entire YCDC Board of Directors is listed below:

Board Member	Category
Jimmy Kalamaras, Larmon Furniture	Retail
Joe Howden, King Corona Cigars	Retail
Steve Bird, New World Brewery	Bar
Alan Kahana, Czar Nightclub	Bar
Casey Gonzmart, Columbia Restaurant	Restaurant
Vicki Doble, Tampa Bay Brewery Co.	Restaurant
Anddrikk Frazier, TECO	Professional Office
Tessa Shiver, Don Vicente de Ybor Historic Inn	Hotel/Bed & Breakfast
David Bailey, Ybor City Resident	Property Owner
Steve Yturriaga, Ybor Realty, Inc. (Secretary)	Multi-Family Residential
Veronica Swiatek, Outback Steakhouse, Inc. (Chairman)	Entertainment/Events
VACANT	Multi-Use Complex
Joe Amon, Ardaman & Associates (Vice Chairman)	At-Large
Mark Bentley, Gray Robinson, P.A.	At-Large
Enrique Woodroffe, Woodroffe Corporation Architects	At-Large
Tony LaColla, HYNCA President	Historic Ybor City Neighborhood Civic Assn.
Fran Costantino, President	East Ybor Historic Civic Association
Tom Keating, Executive Director	Ybor City Chamber of Commerce
Chris Harp, Director	Ybor City Museum Society
VACANT	Barrio Latino Commission
Jack Evans, Dean	Hillsborough Community College
Joe Capitano, Sr.	Member Emeritus
Gil Hernandez (Treasurer)	Member Emeritus
Monsignor Laurence Higgins	Member Emeritus
Harris Mullen	Member Emeritus

The Ybor City Development Corporation meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m., except November and December. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, please call the YCDC office at (813) 274-7936.

Ybor City Development Corporation is a division of the City of Tampa's Economic and Urban Development Department.



## Golf Cart Patrol Helps Keep Ybor City Safe

Due to the success of Downtown Tampa's golf cart patrols, the Tampa Police Department has a similar type of operation in Ybor City. The purpose is to deter crime, increase officer visibility and enhance community relations within the Ybor City area. Police will patrol Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The lunch time crowd can relax and enjoy a peaceful meal knowing that a police officer is always nearby to render assistance if needed.