

CHANNEL DISTRICT



Mayor Bob Buckhorn



Downtown's Channel District tops the charts when it comes to the best in urban living, and its first place position will only get stronger as Tampa continues to lead Florida's economic recovery.

In February, Novare Group broke ground on SkyHouse Channelside, a 23 story apartment tower going up next to the Washington Street Park. The project will bring with it 400 plus new residents to the district, enhance the area's urban environment,

and create opportunity for additional retail and services to locate in the Channel District. The tower is expected to be ready for occupancy by early 2015.

Also on the development horizon is The Martin development on Madison Street. This 24 story tower features 316 apartment units and 36,000 square feet of retail space. Ground hopes to be broken for The Martin Development in the next four months.

Along with The Martin at Meridian, Channelside has become the location of choice for numerous other residential projects such as Place at Channelside, the Slade, Bell Channelside, and more recently, Pierhouse Apartments

The City is investing in a number of infrastructure improvements in the area as well as building a new community park adjacent to The Martin at Meridian tower, called Madison Street Park, the third public park in the Channel District. The park's design and amenities will be decided upon through a community input process that will likely start this summer.

Finally, Tampa Port Authority continues its work to acquire the Channelside Plaza, a critical piece of the neighborhood. I am still optimistic that whoever the new owners of Channelside Plaza are will revitalize the complex and ignite a resurgence of retail and entertainment venues into the district creating a live, work, and play environment.

I look forward to working with you as we continue achieving great things for the downtown's Channel District and Tampa.

Thank you,

Bob Buckhorn

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Music in the Park

Make it a glorious evening with the Music in the Park series. These free shows are held on the second Thursday of each month.

The spring line-up includes:

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| • March 13 | "Big Picture" Quartet Performance | 5:00-7:00 pm |
| • April 10 | Ray Gurka - Solo Performer | 5:00-7:00 pm |
| • May 8 | Steve Vaclavik, Solo Performer | 5:00-7:00 pm |

Business Spotlight

Channelside Nail Salon

How would you like to have a manicure that lasts for two weeks? Channelside Nail Salon specializes in manicures, pedicures, and acrylic nails. They feature high quality products such as Estee Lauder, OPI, and Gellish manicures for a 14-day chip free polish. Their pedicure chairs have full massaging action, and pedicures come with organic products, hot stone massage, and Cuccio pedicure dip-in acrylic powder. Facials with Shiseido and Sothy's products are available, along with body waxing, and eye-lash extensions.

Located at 1208 E. Kennedy Boulevard the salon is convenient for those who live or work in the Channel District. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:30 am – 7:30 pm, and Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. Garage parking next to the store is free for the first two hours. Call 813-443-4662.

Flambé is Open for Business



Set right on the water in the former Taverna Opa in the Channelside Bay Plaza, Flambé has something to please every taste bud. Flambé's concept of "Love All, Serve All" is recognized everywhere and serves up familiar comfort food with an international flare. Flambé has all your favorite local brews and a worldly wine list. So come and enjoy a Happy Hour after work with friends, lunch or dinner with your family or a "get fancy" night out to impress business clients and colleagues in our waterfront dining area. EAT, DRINK and FIRE up your day at Flambé!

Flambé is located at 615 Channelside Dr., Suite 123, hours are Sunday-Thursday, 11:00 am – 10:00 pm and Friday-Saturday, 11:00 am – 11:00 pm. For more information visit FusionFlambe.com, for reservations call 813-512-8999.

There's a New Vet in the Neighborhood: Harbourside Animal Hospital



Located in the ground floor of the Ventana building at the corner of Channelside Drive and Kennedy Boulevard, Harbourside Animal Hospital is a full-service animal hospital and clinic devoted to quality pet care for dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, rabbits, and pocket pets. The clinic, run by Dr. Timothy Hodge, offers routine examinations, vaccinations, spay and neuter procedures, dental care, microchip implantation, pet surgery, specialty surgery, specialty internal medicine and more. Onsite pet bathing and day boarding facilities are also available. The hospital offers routine and urgent care treatment during normal business hours.

The Harbourside practice also has an on-site laboratory, plus the latest in high tech procedures such as laser surgery, digital radiology, electrocardiogram, pulse oximeter monitoring, ultrasound, and endoscopy. Holistic practices such as animal acupuncture and herbal therapy round out the traditional medical care. Specialty surgery (soft tissue and orthopedic), specialty internal medicine, and special cardiology are available onsite as well as the routine wellness care.

"I, and my attending veterinarians are all about the pets, their voice, comfort, efficiency, most of all love, and practicing how optional treatment plans can be utilized in the event conventional methods would otherwise be ineffective; meeting our intended goals of optimum health," said Dr. Hodge. "In addition to my degree as a doctor of veterinary medicine I am also an acupuncturist and have fully embraced the holistic approach."

Dr. Hodge has been practicing in Tampa since 1995 and brings an experienced team of veterinarians and staff members to their new office at 1112 Channelside Drive, Unit 4. New patients are welcome. Call 813-229-3322 to schedule an appointment or visit their website, HarboursideVet.com.

Gasparilla Music Fridays Recap

Over 500 people enjoyed free concerts courtesy of the Channel District CRA at Gasparilla Music Fridays held in the Grand Central courtyard November-December 2013 and January 2014.

An offshoot of the annual Gasparilla Music Festival, a non-profit community music event held at Curtis Hixon Park in March, Gasparilla Music Fridays keeps in downtown while raising money to benefit local music programs.

"We had fantastic cooperation from Michael Hatchett with the City of Tampa, Abbey Dohring Ahern with the Channel District CRA, Ken Stoltenberg, developer of Grand Central, Pepin Distributors, our volunteers, and so many others, to make this three-time concert series a reality," said Ty Rodriguez, event organizer. "We are knee deep in planning for the upcoming Gasparilla Music Festival and once that is over, we will come back to the table, review the time commitment, money, and support to see if we can repeat Gasparilla Music Fridays in 2014. We are all about the future potential of this series and what it means to keep a thriving arts culture in the Channel District as it continues to grow into an exciting urban neighborhood."

Aquarium Renovation Update

After a few months of construction walls, cranes and the occasional sound of a jack hammer, the Aquarium unveiled in June 2013 the completed components of Phase I of our Rising Tides campaign: a new Stingray Beach touch tank, and the Vinik Channelside Room.

Stingray Beach feels just like an old-fashioned boardwalk set in sandy dunes of a windswept beach. The new pool, however, has twice as much space as the old lower lobby touch tank, and features species of rays and sharks from around the world. This larger tank is ADA accessible from all three sides that are open to the public.

Boasting spectacular views of Garrison Channel and Channelside, our new Penny and Jeff Vinik Channelside Room expands the Aquarium's capacity for meetings. This large room can seat 120, but can also be divided into two rooms for separate activities.

Phase I also constructed infrastructure that will be essential to later phases of the campaign, including new classrooms, lobby renovations and the Mosaic Event Center.

Rising Tides recently received a \$1 million contribution through the New Market Tax Credit initiative, a federal program that gives private investors an incentive to promote economic development, bringing the total raised to almost \$10 million. The goal for the entire Rising Tides campaign is \$15 million.

In February, the Aquarium began construction on the Carol and Barney Barnett Learning Center. The new Learning Center will integrate the exciting potential of 21st century technologies into our educational programs, and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2014.

A Few Good Men Coming to Stageworks Theatre



Touted by the New York Daily News as "enormously entertaining," and Time Magazine as "Plenty of wise cracking humor and suspense," Aaron Sorkin wrote this captivating courtroom drama which ran for 500 performances on Broadway in 1989 and became an Oscar nominated film in 1992. Originally

inspired by true events, this taut, tense thriller erupts when two Marines are accused of the hazing death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay.

Skyhouse Channelside Groundbreaking



Pictured left to right: Mitsuyoshi "Yoshi" Tamura, Kajima USA; Mike Suarez, Tampa City Councilman; Litt Glover, Batson-Cook Development; Mayor Bob Buckhorn; Jim Borders, Novare Group; Joe Check, Wells Fargo; Randy Hall, Batson-Cook Company; Jeffrey Martin, Wells Fargo

The Novare Group of Atlanta, Georgia, and contractor Batson-Cook Development Company held a groundbreaking ceremony on February 4 for Skyhouse Channelside, a 23-story, 320-unit luxury apartment building at the corner of 11th and Whiting Streets on the south end of the Channel District.

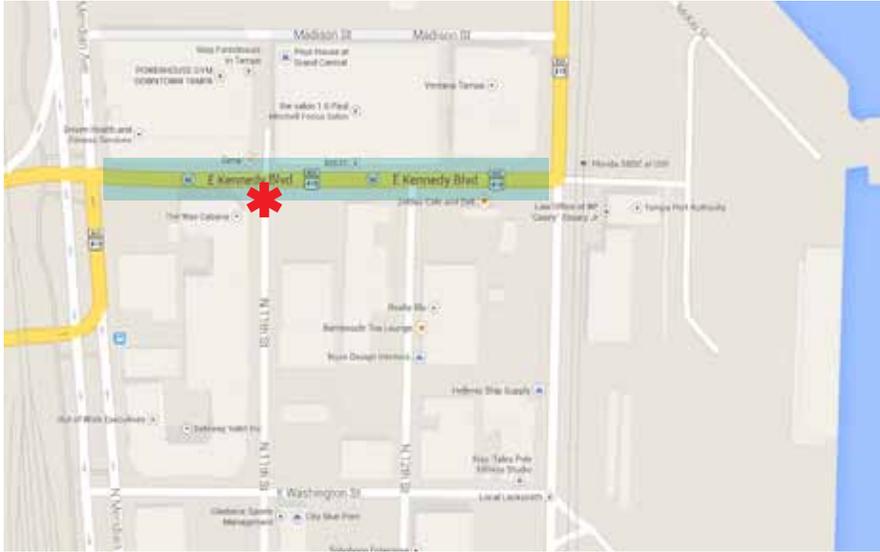
At the ceremony, Mayor Buckhorn discussed our need to have the ability to attract young people to settle here and become part of the Tampa experience. New projects such as this cater to young professionals and provide the modern housing expected in an urban core, close to jobs and transportation options. The project represents the coming together of a great development team, product, contractor, and a city economic development team cooperating fully to make it a reality.

The environmentally sustainable and Energy Star certified project will feature one- to three-bedroom units with high-end finishes and floor-to-ceiling windows. Amenities include a club room, fitness area, and outdoor plaza with swimming pool, covered lounge area and fireplaces. The project is expected to provide 500 construction jobs in addition to attracting 400 new residents to the Channel District. Novare expects construction to take approximately 56 weeks, with an opening in spring 2015.

Show runs from May 1-18 with tickets start at \$26.00. Discounts are available for students, artists, military, seniors, and groups of 10 or more. May 8th is sold out. For more information, or to order tickets on our website, visit StageWorksTheatre.org or call the box office at 813 374-2416. Shows are Wednesday – Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Kennedy Boulevard Improvements

The Florida Department of Transportation is planning a number of improvements to Kennedy Blvd. between Meridian Avenue and Channelside Drive. Improvements include street resurfacing, the installation of street lights and the installation of a push-button activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the 11th Street crosswalk. Work is anticipated to begin in 2015.



-  Improvement Area
-  Beacon - 11th Street Crosswalk

Important Phone Numbers

Police

District III Crime Prevention Team
Officer Kristina Duran
(813) 242-3810

Community Service Officer
Rebecca Jones
(813) 242-3867

Non-Emergency Dispatch
(813) 231-6130

Fire

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Code Enforcement

(813) 274-5545

Comments or Concerns

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Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board

Frank Reddick, Chairperson
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Mary Mulhern

The CRA Board meets the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

Location: Tampa City Council
Chambers, City Hall
315 East Kennedy Boulevard

Time: 9:00 am

March 13, April 10, May 8

Community Advisory Committee

Abbey Dohring Ahern, Chairperson
Norman Stewart, Vice-Chairperson
Ed Busansky
Lauren Marie Capo
Jason Carroll
James Englert
Katherine O'Donniley
Raj Patel
Jim Renner

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Location: Florida Aquarium,
701 Channelside Drive

Time: 5:30 pm

March 5, April 2, May 7