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Mayor Bob Buckhorn



Our city is a great collection of diverse neighborhoods – each one making a unique contribution to Tampa’s distinct character. The Channel District celebrates both arts and entertainment, and also provides vibrant, urban residential opportunities.

I look forward to Related Development completing construction of its new apartment homes and rolling out the welcome mat, bringing new residents

and increased retail to the neighborhood. I believe this will help attract even more businesses and additional private-sector investment to the area.

Through InVision Tampa and the continued implementation of the Channel District Strategic Action Plan, I am confident that the economy and the quality of life within the neighborhood will continue to grow. I am dedicated to moving Tampa forward and building on the progress the Channel District has made.

I am excited to continue working with you and moving our city toward a new economy and ensuring Tampa’s future success.

Thank you,

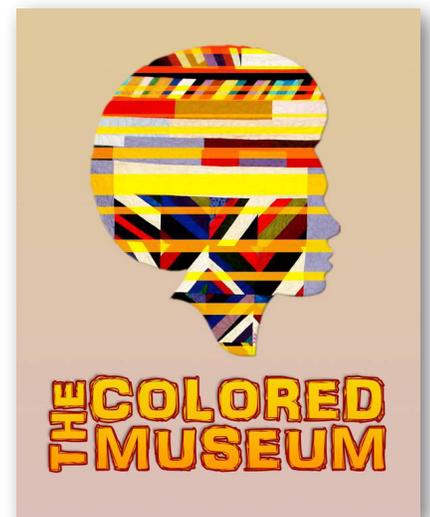
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Stageworks Celebrates First Anniversary

Can a year have passed already? On August 10-12, Stageworks Theatre held its “First Year Celebration” a three-day benefit for the theatre featuring highlights from Listen to My Heart with David Friedman and members of the original Tampa cast. Congratulations to Stageworks and kudos for providing excellent cultural entertainment.

Coming up is George C. Wolfe’s The Colored Museum, a satirical exhibit of stories illuminating race relations in America. The vaudevillian style show spans 200 years of the African American experience, celebrating culture, mocking stereotypes, and what it means to be Black in America. Tickets start at \$26.00 and are on sale now for performances from October 4-21, 2012.

Call the box office at (813) 727-2708 for information or visit stageworkstheatre.org to purchase tickets online. Six-show flex passes are only \$140. While online, check out the “Support Stageworks” tab for a list of Bar and Restaurant Partners offering food and drink the night of the show!



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Local Improvements

12th Street between Whiting and Cumberland

The design of improvements to 12th Street between Kennedy Boulevard and Whiting Street are complete and the next segment slated to be underway will be between Whiting Street and Cumberland Avenue. "We are working toward 100% design level at the moment," said José De Jesús, Project Manager, Civil Engineering at Stantec. "Above ground enhancements include streetscaping elements such as sidewalks, bike racks, and seating. Below ground drainage improvements and the relocation of utilities will take place."

Whiting Street interim improvements

"On Whiting Street, many visual improvements will occur above ground. "While there are some minor drainage improvements, the addition of new sidewalks, street lights, and parking space striping will be the most tangible," said De Jesús. Both 12th Street and the Whiting Street projects are timed to be done as Related Development completes their new apartment complex along the street. "Timing this street work in tandem with Related Development's apartment project provides a nice, finished block when all is complete at the same time – a smart, cooperative solution resulting in less future disruption for area residents," noted De Jesús.

Pump Station Relocation

Approximately 90% of the design stage is complete to relocate a pump station adjacent to Bell Channelside Apartments. "The pump station, currently located north of Twiggs Street on the east side of 12th Street will be relocated to the northwest corner of the parcel," said De Jesús. The relocation is part of an agreement between the owners and the city to help facilitate the redevelopment of the site. The pump station relocation is anticipated to begin in mid-2013.



Business Update

New Businesses in the Channel District

The shopping, dining, and services convenience factor has ratcheted up several notches for Channel District residents, with exciting restaurant starts and retail relocations in 2012.



Looking for something tasty? Look no further than **Le Mouton Noir Bakehouse** preparing fresh artisanal baked goods; and, **Sea Dog Cantina**, offering Mexican cuisine



with some unique twists, such as seafood quesadillas and lobster tacos.

Down 12th Street at the base of Victory



Lofts, **Victory Coffee** is the spot to fuel up with breakfast and get caffeinated! As blogger, Alex English, 25, observed in a remarqed.com post, "...to my delight, it is quite smartly designed, decorated, and arranged – with a limited but essentially complete coffee and tea menu."

English, an Ybor City resident, frequents Victory to work on his blog, "it's a great place to enjoy coffee, think, and write, plus their WIFI is encrypted, so no worries about accessing the net in a public place."



The Salon1.0, in Grand Central's east building, provides cuts, colors, styling products and tools for men and women.

Twelfth Street Studio, offering architectural services, is located at 101 S. 12th Street.

Featuring Danish design furnishings and accessories, **BoConcept**, moved from Westshore Mall to fill 5,500 square feet in Grand Central on Kennedy Boulevard last May.



With new services and dining options, the Channel District continues to transform into a vibrant, walkable community where residents can find many of the things they need or want to enjoy, along with the opportunity for jobs right at their doorstep.

New Apartments Underway Along Meridian



Exciting mid-rise revitalization continues in the Channel District with Related Development's \$55 million, 356-unit apartment complex at 120 S. Meridian Avenue, between Cumberland Avenue and Whiting Street.

Construction has been underway since February 2012 on four, mid-rise buildings and 4,800 square feet of leasable retail space. The project will offer six unit types, including 33 studio, 186 one bedroom, and 133 two bedroom apartments. Amenities include an expansive pool/sun deck area, full-service gym, event meeting/dining room, a club lounge and individual landscaped courtyards at each building. Two separate four story parking garages will service the apartments. The targeted tenant move-in is May 2013.

This project will add unique and impressive green space to the neighborhood. "Working with the City of Tampa, we negotiated an agreement whereby 11th Street was vacated the length of the project and a one-of-a-kind Urban Pathway public park was created for a portion of the former road," according to Arturo Peña, Related's Vice President/Development Manager. "The park will integrate large works of outdoor art, earth sculptures, and corten metal (an alloy that will weather) to create a pedestrian walking experience similar to being on a ship sailing in rough seas, and reminiscent of the Channel District's history as a working sea port."

Peña also hopes to attract retailers in the increasingly active neighborhood like a small bistro or wine shop that provide an amenity both to the buildings and the neighborhood. A leasing office will open with the first phase of build-out. Interested tenants can visit Related Development's website at relatedgroup.com for additional information.

Music in Washington Street Park

Want to unwind and soak up some cool autumn air while enjoying live music? Bring the dog, the kids, and a blanket and make your way to Washington Street Park on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. It's the perfect week night outing and admission is free.

The fall 2012 line-up includes:

- Cynthony & Co. - October 11
- Big Picture - October 25
- Dave Eichenberger - November 8
- No performance on Thanksgiving

Flicks & Food Trucks – A Local Hit

Bring your appetite and enjoy a visual and culinary treat every third Thursday of the month, 6:00-10:00 pm, during the Flicks & Food Trucks event sponsored by The Grand Central. Tampa Bay Markets organizes 10-15 gourmet food trucks to participate with a wide range of foods from burgers to vegetarian fare. Ten to 15-minute independent short films, selected by the Tampa Bay Arts and Education Network, are featured after dark.



FLICKS & FOOD TRUCKS

Paul Trusik, who lives on 12th Street, enjoys Flicks & Food and what it offers, "It's been nice having something in the neighborhood for all ages. I see a pretty good range of families with their kids (to watch short films/cartoons) and varied mix of young couples and singles mingle. It's pet-friendly and nice to get extra traffic to Pourhouse, Sea Dog Cantina, and surrounding businesses."

For more information about Flicks & Food Trucks, visit: tampabaymarkets.com/flicks-and-food-trucks

The site features a map with parking suggestions for friends and family who want to attend – and there's free two hour parking in Grand Central.

Big Changes Underway at The Florida Aquarium

As the cornerstone of development in the Channel District with its creation in 1995, The Florida Aquarium is preparing to contribute to the economic



revitalization of the Channel District once again with a new expansion fostering its positive impact on education and the environment.

On October 30, 2012, the Aquarium will hold a Dedication/Ground-breaking ceremony for an education, conference, and event facility to include the Carol and Barney Barnett Learning Center, five new state-of-the-art classrooms; and the Mosaic Center, a conference and 600+ seat event ballroom overlooking Garrison Channel. Additional renovations will be made to the Channelside reception area and construction of a glass walkway to the 7,000 square foot exhibit hall.

“The strong commitment from community members such as the Vinik and Barnett families, companies such as Mosaic, and many other supporters, have made our Rising Tides campaign supporting the expansion a strong success,” said Thom Stork, President and CEO of The Florida Aquarium. “We are over the halfway mark of the \$15 million needed for this expansion and look forward to helping the Channel District continue to grow as an exciting destination for tourists and locals alike.”

Construction will take four years and be completed in three phases, with completion slated for fall 2016.

For more information on the expansion and Rising Tides campaign, visit The Florida Aquarium website at: flaaquarium.org/get-involved/the-rising-tides-campaign.aspx

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Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Board

Frank Reddick, *Chairman*
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Charlie Miranda
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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: 9:00am

Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Community Advisory Committee

Mark Alma, *Chairman*
Jordan Schrader, *Vice-Chairman*
Harriet Brantner
Jason Carroll
Abbey Dohring
Zelko Kirincich
Brad Pupello
Thom Stork

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Location: Florida Aquarium,
701 Channelside Drive

Time: 5:30pm

Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

Important Phone Numbers

Police

District III Crime Prevention Team

Officer Kristina Duran
(813) 242-3810

Community Service Officer
Rebecca Jones
(813) 242-3867

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(813) 231-6130

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Code Enforcement

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