

CHANNEL DISTRICT



Stageworks to Begin Construction

Stageworks Theatre announced that "To Kill a Mockingbird" will open in the new theatre in Grand Central in March 2010. The build-out of the 8,000 square foot, 99-seat theater begins in July 2009.

You can help the theatre grow by:

1. Joining the "Channel District Support Group" – Send your name and email to Dave Oates: dave.oates@gmail.com
2. Attending the Masquerade Ball IV Gala on January 9, 2010. They need a large warehouse for 250 people. Contact Andrea Graham, grahamandi@aol.com

For more information call 813-784-6832 or visit www.stageworkstheater.org

Speeders Beware!

We have heard complaints from residents concerning vehicles exceeding the 25 MPH speed limit in the district. Your concerns have been heard; the Tampa Police Department has promised to increase their presence in the neighborhood and ticket speeders. Speed limit signs will be erected shortly to remind drivers of the speed limit.

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Summer Ticket to Fun

The Florida Aquarium and the Marriott Waterside Hotel have teamed up with Splitsville, Stumps Supper Club, Howl at the Moon, and Hooters to bring Tampa Bay residents the "Summer Ticket to Fun."

Bring your "Summer Ticket to Fun" and experience great discounts, free drinks and food from June 1 to August 31 at the following venues:

- **Splitsville Luxury Lanes and Dinner Lounge** - Free Sliders
- **Tinatapas** - 2 for 1 Pitchers of Sangria (Full or Half)
- **The Florida Aquarium** - \$10 off Membership
- **Hooters** - Free Drink (Channelside location only)
- **Stumps Supper Club** - Free Appetizer (Thurs, Fri, Sat only)
- **Howl at the Moon** - Free Cover (Thurs, Fri, Sat only)
- **Tampa Marriott Waterside** - \$79/night rate with promo code from the Summer Ticket to Fun. (based on availability)

Every time you visit Splitsville, Stumps, Howl, Tinatapas or Hooters a "Summer Ticket to Fun" will be included with your check. You can also receive one with each paid, or member visit, to The Florida Aquarium.

Splitsville Summer Special

Every Monday through Thursday from 4pm to 8pm, you can enjoy the Splitsville Feast with one single-topping pizza, one order of chicken tenders, one large fries and a plate of warm cookies, all for \$18.

Channel District's July 4th Fireworks

The party starts at 3:30 with the island sounds of 'Paris' live in the Channelside courtyard. Enjoy a live broadcast with WFLZ 93.3's Ratt Boy and Stay Puff from 4pm to 7pm, then 'Rhythm Method' will play dance and party tunes. At 9pm Tampa Bay's largest fireworks extravaganza gets underway with spectacular viewing from the wharf, Channelside Bay Plaza, Yacht Starship, The Florida Aquarium, the American Victory Ship, Cotanchobee Park, the Tampa Marriott Waterside, Harbor Island, the St. Pete Times Forum, and Bayshore Boulevard.

Sponsors: The City of Tampa, The Downtown Tampa Attractions Association, Channel District CRA, The Florida Aquarium, HART, and Miller Lite.

July 4th Streetcar Service

Streetcar service on July 4th will be 9am to 2am at 15-minute intervals from 11am to 1am and 30-minute intervals from 9am to 11am and 1am to 2am.

Business Corner

Lebowski - A Dude's Dream Barber Salon

Dudes, it doesn't get better than this...walk in the door at the Lebowski, and surf the net, drive a few golf balls, play foosball *and* relax with a free beer! This barber salon is like no other in town.

When asked about the name, "Lebowski," proprietor Ken Fowler said, "Every guy loves the film and its philosophy fit. At our shop, the atmosphere is very laid back, but the grooming



is very serious. We like to call it guy heaven with good grooming!"

The 5,000 square foot facility opened the first week in April.

Pricing and services are rounded to the dollar so pesky change jingling in your pockets is not needed. For \$25, the shop offers the "Full Lebowski," an all inclusive deal with:

- One free beverage
- Hurricane shampoo (we're not telling you how this is done - you've got to experience it!)
- Robo rubdown massage chair
- Hot towel facial treatment
- Haircut with razor finish
- MANicure while getting hair cut
- Shoeshine

For \$30 enjoy "The Dude," a package with three beverages and all the services of the Full Lebowski.

The Lebowski Barber Salon is located at 1254 Channelside Drive. You can't miss their distinctive building decorated with cool graffiti.

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: Noon-6pm • Saturday: 9am-5pm

Visit them at www.lebowskicuts.com or call 813-221-DUDE (3833).

Flex Your Muscles at the Powerhouse Gym - Now Open

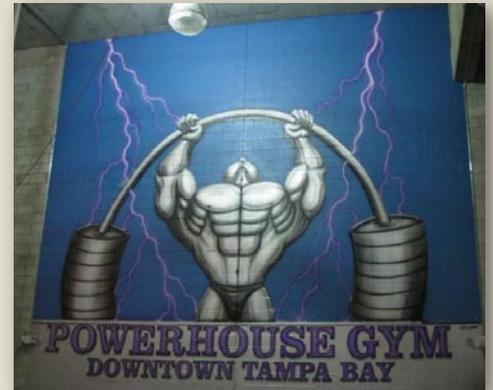
Packed with equipment and ready for action, the 25,000 square foot Powerhouse Gym at the corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Meridian Avenue opened June 1, 2009.

Along with brothers Eddy and Johnny, owner Matthew Midyett reports that the gym has over 1,000 members, 500 who signed up preopening, and they have welcomed another 522 during June. A grand opening for the new facility is planned in late Summer 2009.

Powerhouse is open 365 days a year. Some of the more unique fitness options at the gym include:

The O₂VR Cycling, virtual reality cycling, makes you feel like you are cruising down the road. In addition to regular spin bikes they also offer recumbants for members with back or joint problems. Plus pure oxygen is pumped in the room increasing levels from 21 to 26 percent.

The TRX suspension training was developed by Navy seals to keep them in shape. This total body regimen combines cardio, aerobic, anaerobic and resistance for a full workout in less than one hour.



Members can test their strength using the 200 pound dumbbells, the only ones in the state, and coming soon a rock climbing wall. Platinum Members can enjoy the rooftop pool from 6am to 10am.

Stop by and let one of the Midyett brothers introduce you to this high-tech gym featuring the latest exercise technology, spa amenities, and nutritional offerings including protein shakes, wraps, bowls, and smoothies.

Visit www.pgtampabay.com for a free trial membership or call 813-229-1900 for information.

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 6am-10pm • Sat. & Sun.: 8am-8pm

New Developments

IKEA is Open – and Wow, is it Hopping

Have you driven past the new IKEA at the corner of Adamo Drive and 22nd Street? The parking lot has been in overflow mode every weekend since the Swedish retailer opened on May 6, 2009.



According to the vision statement at IKEA's website, the 353,000 square foot store offers a wide range of "well-designed, functional home furnishing products at prices so low that...many people...will be able to afford them."



The two-story store features second floor showrooms, while the first floor marketplace includes bulk-packed and smaller items available for purchase. Be prepared to spend a few hours browsing the 49 room settings, three complete model homes, and the 10,000 unique products. Midway through your visit, sample some of IKEA's signature meatballs and other tasty Swedish treats in the 350-seat restaurant or take some home from the Swedish Food Market, located near check-out.

IKEA is great fun, and very affordable. There's even a place for the kids to play while you shop.

Phone: (813) 623-5454

Hours:

Mon-Fri - 11am-9pm • Sat - 10am-9pm • Sun - Noon-6pm

Holiday Hours: July 4: 10am-7pm

Restaurant Hours:

Opens 30-minutes before store opening and closes 30-minutes before store closing.

Slade Update

Last issue we reported that The Slade was about to move into the first of their two condominium buildings. With that accomplished in March 2009, Lauren Borio, leasing manager, reports that traffic has increased over 100 percent! Lauren noted, "I think low-interest rates and the high desirability of the Channel District are really contributing to our success."



The Slade has some very unique features, including 1/2" thick glass windows and eight inches of concrete (the standard is six inches) between levels making the units very quiet. Residents can park on their own level instead of in a basement garage. Condo fees for the most popular floor plan are only 38 cents per square foot (\$296 per month) and that includes cable television, internet, water, sewage, trash, exterior insurance and The Slade's amenities such as the club house, saltwater pool and fitness center.

The second building at The Slade should be complete at the end of summer. Units are available for sale with immediate occupancy. Visit the The Slade's sales office at 119 N. 11th Street, Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, Noon-5pm. Call Lauren at 813-228-6700 to learn more about this exciting place to live.

New Recycling Receptacles

We are pleased to announce that recycling receptacles have been placed throughout the Channel District. Your CRA purchased the units and the Downtown Partnership's Clean Team empties them, then the City of Tampa Solid Waste Department recycles the retrieved materials. Each unit is marked with the type of refuse it accepts. More receptacles will be coming in the months ahead.

Port Authority Announces New Cruise Ship

Beginning in Fall 2010, vacationers can enjoy ports of call in Mexico and the Western Caribbean on the Royal Caribbean's ship, *Radiance of the Seas*. This 90,000 ton, 2,500 passenger ship will replace the *Grandeur of the Seas*, a 74,000 ton, 2,446 ship which has berthed in the Port of Tampa since 2005.



Plans call for the *Radiance of the Seas* to offer 44 sailings from the Port of Tampa, a nearly 50% increase from the previous year.

In addition to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, the Port of Tampa's three cruise terminals are home to Carnival Cruise Line and Holland America. The Tampa Port Authority (www.tampaport.com) manages our diverse port, including cargo and cruise interests, in what is Florida's largest port.

Real Estate Update

Recent Channel District Sales

1/12/09	Towers of Channelside	\$587,250.	\$332.34 psf
1/28/09	Towers of Channelside	\$274,000.	\$241.20 psf
2/23/09	Towers of Channelside	\$450,000.	\$259.62 psf
2/27/09	The Place	\$162,000.	\$138.46 psf
2/27/09	Towers of Channelside	\$442,000.	\$255.05 psf
3/1/09	Towers of Channelside	\$375,000.	\$238.70 psf
3/20/09	The Place	\$210,000.	\$184.53 psf
3/31/09	Towers of Channelside	\$219,695.	\$193.39 psf
5/05/09	The Meridian	\$190,000.	\$126.25 psf

Important Phone Numbers

Police

District III Crime Prevention Team

Officer Jason Degagne
(813) 242-3810

Community Service Officer
Rebecca Jones
(813) 242-3867

Non-Emergency Dispatch
(813) 231-6130

Fire

Information - (813) 232-6800

Code Enforcement

(813) 274-5545

Comments or Concerns

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Urban Development Manager
(813) 274-8245

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Economic & Urban Development Department, 306 East Jackson Street, Floor 2N, Tampa, Florida 33602

Pam Iorio, Mayor

Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Board

Gwendolyn Miller, *Chairman*

Joseph Caetano

John Dingfelder

Charlie Miranda

Mary Mulhern

Linda Saul-Sena

Thomas Scott

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

July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8

Community Advisory Committee

Andy Joe Scaglione, *Chairman*

Alex Petrilak, *Vice-Chairman*

Mark Alma

Blake Hayden

Hunter Jones

Ram Kancharla

Rhonda Nelson

Heather Shiperd

Thom Stork

The Community Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

Location: Florida Aquarium,
701 Channelside Drive

Time: 5:30pm

July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7