

## Del Sol Now Open at Channelside Bay Plaza

Del Sol's new retail store is now open in Suite 101B and offers a smorgasbord of sun-painted products for people of all ages. Their unique merchandise is the world's first that changes color when exposed to sunlight, and includes hats, toys, nail polish, jewelry, and sunglasses.



Del Sol was established in 1994 and has become the Caribbean's largest clothing retailer. Many of their stores can be found on board Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Princess, Disney, Celebrity and Norwegian Cruise Lines. Today, the company has over 100 stores in 21 countries.

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## Mayor Iorio Welcomes Norwegian Dawn To the Port of Tampa



Norwegian Dawn (left) will replace Norwegian Star for the 2012-2013 cruise season.

The 2,224-passenger Norwegian Dawn follows Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) announcement that it would begin home porting operations in Tampa in the Fall of 2011.



Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio serves as Tampa Port Authority Commissioner

Norwegian Dawn will sail 23 seven-day Western Caribbean cruises, departing Sundays, from November 11, 2012 through April 14, 2013. The ship will call on Roatán, Bay Islands, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico.



## Tail-Waggin' Good Times at Kennel Club Dog Park

Located at 1224 East Madison Street the members only Kennel Club is about 25,000 square feet of lush landscaping. The Club is divided into three runs, small dog, large dog and mixed. Each run contains a doggy water fountain, pet mister, pet station and time out pen. Members enjoy a free annual exam by Veterinary Medical Clinic of South Tampa. The Club is fenced and lighted in the morning and evening. Operating hours are 6am-11pm daily. [www.ChannelDistrictKennelClub.com](http://www.ChannelDistrictKennelClub.com)

# New Developments

## Get Ready to Play at the New 12th Street Park

Design plans for the new park at 12th and Washington were reviewed by Channel District residents at a meeting on March 17, 2010 and plans are moving forward. The park will provide a place for both people and their dogs to enjoy. The design incorporates a marine theme that plays out in several elements. A tensile shade pavilion with a sail-like roof structure will divide the dog area from the people area. The public art component will be composed of larger-than-life sea grass blades. The park entry will feature shell-like columns supporting the park sign. There is also a Palm garden with seat cubes that provides a smaller scale gathering area. Bids on construction for the park are expected in mid January and park completion by late Summer 2011.



## Business Corner

### Get Your Motor Running at Garage Bar and Grill

You will fill up fast at Channel District's latest and greatest restaurant. Billing itself as "the ultimate sports bar," the venue offers appetizers, salads, quesadillas, burgers, gourmet pizza and sushi, each with tons of choices. Owner Chuck Gibson notes, "The Garage is a high-end sports bar with sushi. We like to call our food, 'unique gourmet,' as we make our pizza dough from scratch, the sauce from red wine, and we use certified Angus ground beef mixed with seasonings for our burgers."

Sports fanatics never have to miss a winning play, with 50 flat screen tv's, everyone has a perfect view. Soften the Monday go-back-to-work blues with their \$5.00 burger



offer – all day. Or enjoy half price appetizers and two for one drinks during Happy Hour, Monday-Friday from 4:00-7:00 pm. Any day of the week, take advantage of the Garage's \$2 Bud Lites, \$4 Irish Car Bombs, or \$6 Well drinks.

The Garage Bar and Grill is located at Grand Central, 1120 E. Kennedy Boulevard.

**Hours:** Sunday 10 am – midnight (brunch from 10am – noon); Monday – Wednesday 11 am – midnight; Thursday – Saturday 11 am – 3 am. Call 813-341-4433 or visit them online at [www.garagebarandgrill.com](http://www.garagebarandgrill.com).

## Street Work Update

It has been a busy spring, summer and fall with street and underground improvements in the Channel District.

The York Street stormwater improvement project was completed in September. This storage vault and drain collects stormwater runoff and removes sediment and trash from the water before it is discharged into Ybor Channel.



York Street

Infrastructure and street-scaping improvements are well underway on Washington Street where upgrades are being made to water, wastewater, and storm water systems. New curbs and gutters,

pavement, decorative sidewalk, upgraded lighting, on-street parking, cross walks, street trees and landscaping will be installed. This will be the first example of a finished streetscape for the Channel District neighborhood. Work should be complete in early 2011.



Washington Street

## Stageworks Build Out Hits the Halfway Mark

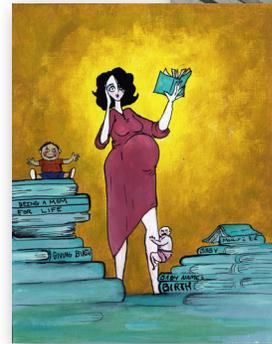
The interior build out for Stageworks Theatre is about half way complete. The catwalk was just installed and will house lighting for the stage.

Our next production *The MOMologues*, runs February 17 - 27, 2011 at the Creative Loading

Space at Ybor Square, 1911 N. 13th Street, Suite W200 (2nd floor above Spaghetti Warehouse).

It's the original comedy about motherhood. A sassy, irreverent and loving look at the mother of all jobs! This comedy reveals how overwhelming, exhausting, yet funny being a parent really is. A tribute to the toughest job you'll ever love! For all reservations and information on group rates, call 813-251-8984. Showtimes are 8pm with a 5pm matinee on Sundays.

Stageworks needs Board members and volunteers. Contact Andrea Graham if interested, 813-784-6832 or [grahamandi@aol.com](mailto:grahamandi@aol.com).



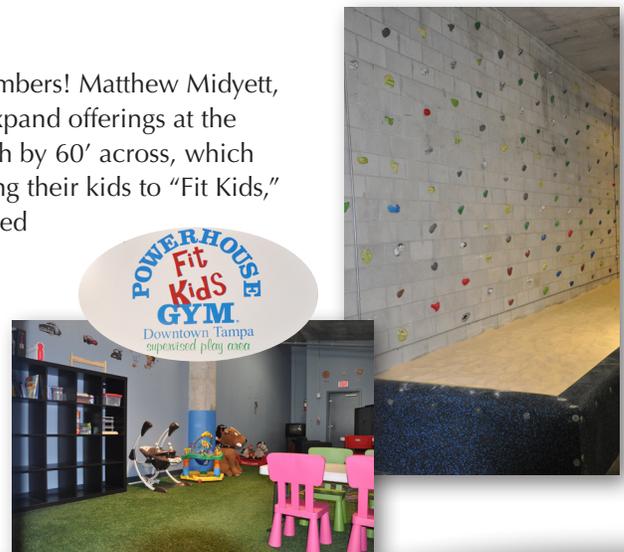
The Catwalk (above) and artwork for the production of *The MOMologues*

## Powerhouse Gym Bulking Up

Powerhouse Gym has been open over a year now and has 4,200 members! Matthew Midyett, who owns the gym with his brothers Eddy and Johnny, continue to expand offerings at the facility. Their latest workout challenge is a rock climbing wall 15' high by 60' across, which tones the full body. As an added convenience, members can also bring their kids to "Fit Kids," a supervised day care, play area guaranteed to keep children entertained and fit while their parents work out. Coming soon is "The Gauntlet" an area featuring cross-training, monkey bars, parallel bars and climbing ropes.

How about a powerful savings deal? Just mention this newsletter and get 50% off enrollment. Or try them out - bring local identification or proof of residency and for a FREE workout session.

For more information visit [www.pgtampabay.com](http://www.pgtampabay.com) or call 813-229-1900.



# The Channel District Fills Up

Channel District property owners and leasing agents report falling vacancy in all Channel District residential properties.

The Towers of Channelside and The Slade report strong sales activity. The Towers sold over 100 units in 2010 and The Slade over 75. Aggressive marketing and pricing and an improved lending climate allowed interested buyers to purchase real estate in the Channel District at prices that may never be seen again.

Seaport Channelside, Grand Central and the Place all report occupancies in excess of 95%. St. Leo University recently signed a 16,000 square foot lease in Grand Central. Stageworks has financial commitments from the Bank of Tampa and the Channel District CRA which will allow them to complete the theater and open this summer.

The Related Companies of Florida recently purchased the two blocks immediately north of the Towers of Channelside and is investigating developing 360 units of rental housing on the site.

Your Channel District park will break ground this March with completion due this summer. This will provide a great venue to meet all of your new neighbors!



One of two pools at the Slade

## 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

Bob McDonough,  
Urban Development Manager  
(813) 274-8245  
[Bob.McDonough@TampaGov.net](mailto:Bob.McDonough@TampaGov.net)

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

**Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12, Jun. 9**

### Community Advisory Committee

Andy Joe Scaglione, *Chairman*

Alex Petrilak, *Vice-Chairman*

Mark Alma

Blake Hayden

Hunter Jones

Zelko Kirincich

Heather Shiperd

Thom Stork

Lonise White

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

**Location:** Florida Aquarium,  
701 Channelside Drive

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 1**