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SPEEDERS BEWARE

Neighbors band together with HTAC to STOP motorists in their tracks



On March 15th, a driver ran a stop sign in front of Greg and Eva Carballa's home causing another driver to swerve, crash through their fence, and then their car rested against

the house. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Was this the first accident? No— there was another accident within the past two years and that car hurtled through the fence as well.

Immediately, the Carballas and HTCA reached out to the city and asked that they reconsider a previous decision which was a 4-way stop. It was not warranted based on their traffic study. Surprisingly, the answer was NO at first. That's when Greg and Eva, the HTCA and several neighbors began pondering ideas on how best to get the attention of the city. The answer was the Heights Traffic Awareness Campaign.

The HTCA contacted Mauricio Rosas and Ken Hacek and the proverbial traffic ball started to roll. Within 48 hours, it was decided to get the attention of drivers at that intersection by recruiting volunteers to simply flash signs and alert drivers to drive through our neighborhood as if they lived here. Brian D. Frey contacted Fox 13 and ABC News 8 and within days, our neighborhood garnered local attention focused on our concerns.

This is a TRUE VICTORY for our community. The diligent efforts of Greg and Eva Carballa, the HTCA, Ken and Maurice with the HTAC, Vision Zero, Tampa Police Department, our City officials, local media and the countless volunteers have made this a reality. Many dedicated their energy and efforts to bringing awareness to our traffic safety concerns. More safety measures are on the way. Stay Tuned! Great things are happening in Hampton Terrace.

To find out more about Heights Traffic Awareness Campaign, check out page 6 to learn more about their efforts and their need to recruit volunteers.



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6 Years of Discovering Friends - HT Is Home

By Bill Truett
HTCA President and Co-Editor

Where did the time go? It only seems like yesterday that I walked into my home for the first time. It was love at first sight and within months, friendships were established as I quickly embedded myself in neighborhood efforts such as neighborhood and lake cleanups, and hosting the annual 2013 Pumpkin Parade. I became involved in bigger efforts such as the massive lake cleanup, neighborhood watch, and later becoming one of the founding members of the HTCA in May 2016.

Great neighborhoods do not just happen, they become fun, vibrant by involving neighbors that live in the area. And that's where a neighborhood association is vital to creating the opportunities for a safer, healthier neighborhood that focuses to improve the quality of life for residents.

The HTCA works to empower residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common

neighborhood goals, a unified vision of who we are as a neighborhood. We encourage the discussion of ideas which affect the neighborhood and promote cooperative action through Terrace Talk, social media, emails and hosting events such as the school drive, Easter Parade, the Great Pumpkin Festival. We provide a means of communication and opportunity for neighbors to be involved and get to know each other.

We reestablished and opened communication networks with the City of Tampa, our local businesses, and other neighborhood groups. Working as partners in our neighborhood, and all working together makes Hampton Terrace a stronger-neighborhood.

Neighbors too have a very important role in the health and spirit of a community. Your participation in your neighborhood is the best way to ensure that the quality of life desired is fulfilled. To find out how you can volunteer, please call me at 813-394-4132. I look forward to hearing from you!



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TERRACE TALK

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So, you want to raise chickens? Urban Farming is a reality these days!

By Brian D. Frey
HTCA Vice President and Co-Editor

9 years ago or so, my husband Troy and I decided that we wanted to raise chickens. We were living in Atlanta at the time, and had a very large yard...like 3/4 acre large. One day we were having coffee and I said..."Babe I want chickens". Now many of you know Troy but for those that don't, his reaction was something like this "there are plenty in the freezer already". It was then that we decided, or more like me—to buy some baby chicks and start our commitment to urban farming.

We gathered the materials, read the articles and such and prepared to raise these little chicks on our own. Was it hard? Nah—not really, we fed them, made sure they were kept warm, and watched over them as they grew old enough to make their way to the coop. I am not handy, so we were lucky to know some amazing folks that helped us design and build the "Francis Ford Coopola". There for many

years we had our brood of chickens and our Copper Maran Rooster Georgie. Now contrary to belief...roosters don't just crow when the sun rises, they pretty much crow when they want. That didn't bother our neighbors at all. They loved him and they loved when they had the opportunity to snag some fresh eggs from us!

Fast forward to our move to Tampa. We gave up our family of chickens to a farm, and decided to start over here. We have run into some difficulties here with hens dying and such, but decided to try again and again. Currently we have 7 girls...healthy and sassy. We get a ton of eggs and really love having the girls in the back yard. So when people ask— is it hard to raise chickens? My answer is simple- NO, it isn't you just have to be willing to make sure they are fed and watered and one other thing— you should love fresh eggs and be ready for all of your friends to want some too! **To learn more— email me at brianfrey1002@gmail.com**

RUN THE TERRACE

Walk or run, have some fun and meet your neighbors!

By Ashleigh Schroering & Cassie Plumridge

Run the Terrace is a casual running group that meets twice a week at **Lake Roberta**. It was started November of last year after Daylight Savings Time ended in order to create safety in numbers while running after dark. However, it also turned out to be a great way to meet neighbors, blow off some steam, and keep ourselves accountable for exercise!

We meet Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:15 pm on the east side of Lake Roberta and from there, how long or how fast you want to go is up to you. You can choose quarter mile laps around the lake or one mile loops up to 15th and back- however many you're up for! Since it started, we have had mostly runners each week, but would love to have more walkers participating.

Whether you are training for a half marathon, or just looking for some quiet time to walk, come on out and join us! Please



join our **Facebook Group, Run the Terrace** to get reminders about our runs or reach out to Ashleigh Schroering or Cassie Plumridge with any questions!

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

HTCA supports local schools and more...



By Brian Frey and Bill Truett

The HTCA was formed in May 2016 and became a 501c3 charitable organization in 2018. When we formed, it was decided that the organization would NOT be dues based, but rather we would collectively raise money for operational expenses as well as giving back to our neighborhood and surrounding communities. We identified schools within our area that needed our help and also worked with other neighborhood associations in their endeavors to help local schools as well.

Over the past several years the HTCA has consistently sponsored a Back Pack

Drive in July that was designed to collect needed school supplies and backpacks amongst other things for Sulphur Springs Community School.

Working with school officials, the HTCA has collected thousands of items from pencils and pens, to notebooks, paper, crayons- the list goes on. We have also purchased over 100 school uniforms for these deserving children. "The HTCA was asked to do more, and we were more than happy to listen to their needs and step up to help these kids," says HTCA President Bill Truett.

The HTCA attended the Sulphur Springs Community School Open House in August and met the teachers and children. We asked what more can the HTCA do since we had \$200 in cash donations? Assistant Principal Sabrina Ruiz jumped at that opportunity and asked if we would sponsor a Perfect Attendance Award. Again, the HTCA stepped up to the plate and funded 40 gift cards that will be given out throughout the year to encourage the kids that attendance is important!

The HTCA is also proud of our relationship with local businesses past and present who have helped us with our fund-

raising. Stella Sussman owner of London Heights always answers the call whenever the HTCA needs a location to rally folks to give back! Hampton Station was our first local business for our school and Toy Drive to offer a venue to gather, have fun and to give back. Speaking of the Toy Drive, this is another opportunity that Hampton Terrace has to give back to our community. In early December we gather for our Toys for Tots Drive. Both of these drives were initiated by HT resident and past HTCA Board Member Sid Roberts. Sid continues to offer his help and support each year for these very worthy causes- and we as a community are very appreciative of his efforts and hard work!

What else does the HTCA do? We have contributed to Seminole Heights United in their efforts to recognize teachers and staff at schools in our community. When there is need, as an organization we do our best to rise to the occasion. In total, the HTCA has raised thousands of dollars in cash and donations, toys and school supplies in the last 3 years to help those who are most in need.

If you would like to contribute please email us at info@myhtca.org.

ON THE BEAT-Call it In!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING



By Brian D Frey
HTCA Neighborhood Watch Chair

"I wasn't certain if calling the police was the right thing to do." "I don't want to bother them with something that could turn out to be nothing." "They are too busy fighting real crime to worry about my nervousness."

These and other comments seem to permeate our communities world these days when it comes to reporting crime or suspicious activity. The bottom line is this- **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!**

It is really that simple. Reporting suspicious activity or something that you may not feel is right, or makes you un-

comfortable could be the difference between solving a crime, helping prevent a crime or sometimes its nothing at all. It is always better to be safe than sorry. No one has the right to tell you whether YOU feel uncomfortable or not!

In this world today, it isn't just about looking out for one another at home...it's about looking out for each other just about anywhere. In these uncertain times with mass shootings dominating the airwaves, it is even more important to call out suspicious activity or conversation.

The Tampa Police Department works hard to respond to our calls, and I am proud to say that building a relationship with the department has been an ongoing process that has produced a strong and solid bond. TPD is respon-

sive, helpful and above all here for us as a community. Continually they remind neighbors that we are their eyes and ears, because quite simply they cannot be everywhere.

Another point to note is this- if you see activity that you consider dangerous or could cause physical harm to a person or property CALL 911. Don't call Non-Emergency. Non-Emergency may not qualify the call as urgent, but 911 will.

It is paramount that we continue to work together as a community and with TPD to make our corner of the world safer for everyone. It is the job of the Tampa Police Department to determine if suspicious activity is unlawful- not yours!

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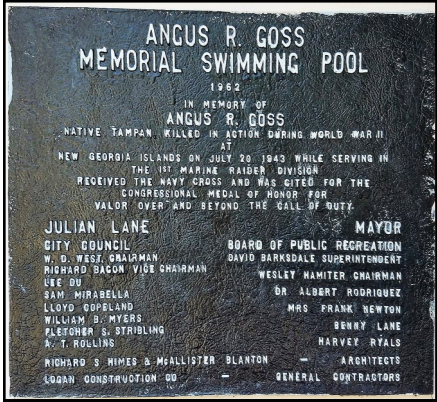
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Community Activists Unite- Water may replace dirt at Angus Goss Memorial Pool

By Contributors
Beverly Morrow & Chrissy Taylor



So first, we have to ask— **Who was Angus R Goss?**

Mr. Goss was born in Tampa; grew up in Seminole Heights; and graduated from Hillsborough High School c/o '29. He later joined the US Marines and was a highly decorated US Marine gunner during WWII, fighting in the Pacific. He

was killed in action in 1943. The United States Navy named a Destroyer Escort in Goss' memory. USS Goss and was awarded the Navy Cross. The City of Tampa also honored his service in 1962 with a pool located next to the Seminole Heights Library and within walking distance of Hillsborough High School. It was an Olympic size pool with a kiddie pool. A memorial marker still sits today on the outskirts of the community pool with a plaque. The pool closed in 2009 because of under utilization, and the cost to repair and upgrade the drain system and it was not ADA compliant. Today, at the very end of the pool sits a small dog park. In 2016, the Angus R Goss Memorial Pool Committee was organized after neighbors began to ask, "Why is our community pool closed?" Soon, meetings began attracting members from all of Greater Seminole Heights.

The committee has tirelessly worked to seek support from neighborhood leaders, residents and the City of Tampa. And momentum is on their side. The City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department is putting together a budget and the group is raising private funds to help defray costs to the city for reopening the shuttered pool. It is estimated the cost could be \$1 million dollars. **To find out more, please email the committee at ANGUSRGOSS@GMAIL.COM.**



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Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) & lightly grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.

In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture; stir just to moisten. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan.

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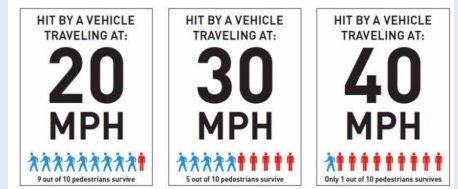
By Contributor Ken Hacek

All of us know we have ongoing traffic issues in our neighborhoods - speeding, distracted drivers, etc. The purpose of this Heights Traffic Awareness Campaign (HTAC) is to help make drivers aware that they are driving through a neighborhood. HTAC accomplishes this by developing a small, steady, persistent and ongoing visual presence to help drivers passing through our neighborhoods to remember that we live here. We are seeking to be positive and friendly, not confrontational. The intention of this group is not to undermine ongoing efforts by local neighborhoods to work with various agencies in regards to traffic issues and

transportation needs. It is meant to fill the need to take action for frustrated residents; to make a positive, tangible impact one driver at a time while building relationships with them and with each other.

Over time, we would like to develop a sustainable and repeatable model that can be shared with and utilized by other neighborhoods and organizations. Additionally, we look to find other creative solutions, often implemented in other cities, to offer as alternatives.

Our efforts are very effective as small groups- no more than 5 to 10 volunteers at any given location - we are a reminder, not a distraction. Typical campaigns are set up with the



help of neighbors with a one hour event every 7 to 10 days, alternating mornings and evenings over a period of 4-8 weeks to have an impact on the drivers passing through our neighborhoods. The HTAC are also working on street murals, sidewalk campaigns and implementing other ideas from each neighborhood.

To learn more about Vision Zero you can go www.planhillsborough.org/vision-zero/



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for the last several years thanks to the investment and work from the many residents that have moved here and those who have lived here for decades, as well as the many new businesses that have made Seminole Heights and this area their home. We have become a foodie destination and more importantly where people want to raise their children, become involved with their neighborhood and community organizations, and so much more.

Hampton Terrace is also one of Tampa's most important and hidden gems with beautiful homes, Lake Roberta, and a very rich history. In the springtime at Easter, the community becomes very involved with several neighborhood activities, this continues into the fall and into the holiday season. It truly feels like a big family.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you. If I may ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 813-274-7071 or email me at-

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Sincerely,
Guido Maniscalco,
Tampa City Council- District 6



**The Honorable
Orlando Gudes
City Council District 5**

In May 2019, I took my seat on City Council as your District 5 representative. As we all know, the buzz around the City is Affordable Housing. I promised that I would work on this while on the campaign trail and in my first two months, I've made great

strides toward this crisis.

My focus is on developing and providing Workforce Housing. Workforce Housing is making housing available for individuals and families earning under \$40,000 a year. I'm committed to working with Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay who is building and rehabbing homes within the City.

I am also very involved with Habitat for Humanity. There have been three home dedications within the last few months within District 5. Two homeowners are single mothers and the other is a veteran. Each of these families now have realized the dream of homeownership, thanks to Habitat for Humanity.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me at (813) 274-8189 or you can email me at Orlando.Gudes@tampagov.net. You can also contact my Legislative Aide, Sonya Henderson. Her email is Sonya.Henderson@tampagov.net.

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Business Spotlight Bringing Local Seafood to the Heights that's Smokin' Good!



By Bill Truett

You would think that it would be so easy to find a fresh seafood market in Tampa, better yet one in Seminole Heights. Well, it wasn't that way until the Heights Seafood Company finally opened in February 2019. The market is located at 6421 N. Florida Avenue and the owners are our very own Hampton

Terrace neighbors, Howie and Paula Adelman.

When you walk in the store, you are greeted by one of my favorite wall murals in Tampa, the octopus. And then the next stop is the seafood counter.

So, what can you find at the Heights Seafood Company? Depending on the season and always focusing on quality seafood, you might find anything from grouper, hogfish, redfish, salmon, scallops, to oysters, yellowtail and gulf shrimp or anything in between!

For me, I love to walk in, select one of the fresh catches of the day, and then Howie will cut or fillet to order. And, of course, I always pick out a few of the smoked spreads prepared in house.

Next, I pick out a thick slab of smoked salmon to savor for a few days.

Now if you prefer a dining experience, the menu includes poke bowls, your daily ceviche, conch fritters, lobster rolls on a buttery New England bun with chips and other sides. You might also find soft shell crab sandwiches when in season.

You might want to try out the Oyster Tasting Mondays. Seating is limited and you must RSVP!. You can call 813-952-0702 to find the next upcoming event.

Heights Seafood Company is open 6 days a week. Hours are 11am to 7pm, Tuesday— Thursday; 11am to 8pm, Friday and Saturday; and from 11am to 4pm on Sunday. You can find the daily fresh catches by going to their Facebook page, @heightsseafoodcom. You can look for more food delivery options including Bitesquad and Uber Eats.

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Lake Roberta dredging wrapping up soon



As the rainy season arrived, so did the long awaited dredging project. The Lake Roberta Dredging project began in late May and is slowly coming to completion. The bags in the photo above are being used to collect sediments and debris.

Before the dredging began, the lake was at most 6' deep and the new average depth of 10'. It is anticipated that approximately 10,000 cubic yards of wet sediment consisting of silt, sand, muck and decomposed vegetation will be removed. The bags are porous and the lake water comes out clean.

The sediment and trash are being pumped into large "geo tubes" that will retain the materials and allow the excess water to seep through the sides of the bags and return to the lake. The sediment waste will be loaded into trucks and hauled to the City's transfer station at the Port of Tampa.

To enhance dewatering of the dredged materials, polymers will be added that bind the soil particles together. This treatment also works to reduce turbidity in the lake during dredging operations. This process is environmentally friendly and meets Florida Best Management Practices for lake dredging.

The increased storage capacity, called the permanent pool volume, will restore the health of the lake and its ability to provide water quality treatment for the stormwater runoff entering the lake from the surrounding area. The spatterdock lilies will be fully removed. New aquatic plants will be installed after the dredging is complete. This project has been budgeted in fiscal year 2019 for a total project cost of \$450,000.

In 2020, the Nebraska inlet will be upgraded to catch more trash and the outlet on 9th street will be reconstructed to help reduce flooding.

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Please- call her “Nana”

Meet the beloved Matriarch of Hampton Terrace



By Bill Truett and Julia Parra

We all have a lovable “Nana” and we are so fortunate that she lives right here in Hampton Terrace. We are of course talking about Nana— Susan Dinning Lane. She’s artsy and cool, with a southern twist, always in heels and wearing her “pearls”. And if you want to know a little history of Hampton Terrace or anything about Seminole Heights, look no further. Susan’s roots in Hampton Terrace go back to her grandparents who built their home on Roberta Circle, which by the way, is where she and her son, Drannon, currently reside. Susan has 2 other children; 3 grandchildren and we would estimate another 500 or so adopted children and grandchildren just because you live in Hampton Terrace. She is retired from the City of Tampa where she worked in the Hillsborough County Tax Office for 27 years.

We have fondly listened to Nana share stories about living here when she was a little girl - from her days as a student attending Seminole Heights Elementary, Memorial Middle School and graduating from our beautiful Hillsborough High School — Go Terriers!!!

Susan was part of the Ye Royal Court on the King and Queen float of the Gasparilla parade. A true Tampanian! Did you know that Susan’s dad and a few other local dads put the 1st Santa Claus Christmas float on Lake Roberta? A tradition that continues today. Rumor has it that she may not have forgiven them for using her tricycle for three weeks as decoration. Over the years, Susan has shown so much love and kindness to all her neighbors. For Julia Parra and her boys, Nana Lane,

as they call her, has constantly been a part of their lives, delivering special treats at holidays, celebrating every milestone and academic achievement, a cheerleader for their sports, the teenager’s “backup” for when Julia has forgotten the key to the house for the millionth time. That is just what she does always showing her love, generosity and appreciation to all that she meets in the neighborhood and for the community she loves so dearly.

Bill first recalls meeting Nana Susan at a neighborhood event in 2014 and soon he learned of her kindness, concern and love for all. He will never forget when Nana insisted on riding with him to South Carolina to help move his mother to Florida in July 2016. He immediately knew the answer was, of course you can. The journey that Nana and Bill experienced during his mother’s battle of dementia drew them close together.

Susan is a neighborhood advocate and gives much of her time to give back to our neighborhood and Seminole Heights. Nana is always the first to volunteer for events. In 2016, she was a founding board member for the Hampton Terrace Community Association. She made an impact immediately as chair of the first Welcome Wagon for the neighborhood and recruited other volunteers to be part of an effort that delivered over 100 baskets to new residents.

In 2017, during the 51 days of terror in Seminole Heights, Susan was active in helping a community and the families to come to grips with the senseless murders. She made white ribbons to remember Benjamin, Monica, Anthony and Ronnie. On TV, she provided comfort and hope. In 2018, she had a cameo appearance in a video for Tampa Police Department to help prevent celebratory gunfire.

Nana Susan spends most of her mornings, jotting down memories of the previous days—looking back through her diaries recalling memories. We are sure that many of you probably received a note from Nana about something she has recalled specific to you.

She truly is “The Matriarch of Hampton Terrace” and this community wouldn’t be what it is today without her.



FALL IS HERE

Join us for the HTCA Pancake Breakfast & Great Pumpkin Festival!

Pancakes, pumpkins, goblins and ghouls, and hopefully cooler temps are what is on tap as the HTCA welcomes the Fall season. The HTCA Pancake Breakfast kicks off on October 5th at Seminole Heights United Methodist Church. Come and enjoy great fellowship with neighbors and friends while enjoying a fabulous breakfast and pick out a pumpkin from the SHUMC Pumpkin Patch.

Later in the month the Great Pumpkin Festival returns on

October 26th with even more fun for the entire family. The Pie Contest, Pie Eating Contest, Dunking Booth, Pumpkin Painting and more. Beers and Brats will once again be back PLUS this year— we will have LIVE music courtesy of local neighbors— stay tuned for who will join us!

There is so much to do in our amazing community. For more information just check out the graphics below or send us an email at info@myhtca.org

FALL 2019

HTCA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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FOCUS ON THE PAST- LAKE ROBERTA

The Jewel in the Crown of Hampton Terrace



Pictured are young Roberta (left) and her mother Lillian. (photo findagrave.com)

By Bill Truett and Brian Frey

Did you know that the jewel of our neighborhood Lake Roberta, is all because of a pioneering woman by the name of Lillian Hill Probasco?

Hampton Terrace was first platted in 1913 and was owned by the Fidelity Investment Company (Source: National Register of Historic Places). Fidelity sold a large portion of Hampton Terrace to Lillian Probasco and W. J. Smith of Polk County in 1925.

They renamed the area Lakewood Manor and the adjacent areas to Manor Heights. Lillian and her husband, Robert, also renamed the natural spring-fed lake from Lake Hampton to Lake Roberta. Hampton Drive, the road that encircled the lake, was changed to Roberta Circle, both aptly named after their two-year-old daughter Roberta.

Lillian was born into a prominent pioneer family that included politicians and founders of Ewing College in Illinois. She met Robert her husband who was an oil magnet from a prominent Indiana

family. Married in 1919, they lived in Pittsburgh and New York before the land boom brought them to Tampa. The renaming of the Lake happened between 1925 and 1928. She and her husband created Probasco Realty Company with an office located at the entrance to the lake on Nebraska Ave. Her husband Robert was the Chairman of the Nebraska Ave. Improvement Association. Their mission— to widen and pave Nebraska Ave.

Unfortunately, a real estate collapse in Tampa and the depression in 1929 forced Lillian to sell the land. Lillian passed away in 1965 and her daughter Roberta Moss passed away in 2011. If they could only see our community now and the beauty of Lake Roberta.

Lake Roberta was the site of the Fish-a-Thon in 1948 and has served as a beautiful backdrop to the annual Christmas Luminaries begun by Joe and Marie Crescenzi. The Lake has been kept and maintained by residents and neighbors who regard it as a jewel in the crown of Hampton Terrace. Snow Bob adorns the lake during the Holidays, and children annually parade around the lake during the Pumpkin Parade. Ducks, geese, turtles and other wildlife also call Lake Roberta, home. Runners, walkers, and bikers regularly make their treks around the lake, admiring the beauty and serenity that is our jewel in the crown of Hampton Terrace— Lake Roberta.



The 1948 Fish-A-Thon as memorialized in the median marker.

(photo Tampa-Hillsborough county Library System)

Gardening Corner—

Gardening safety tips for those HOT Florida Summers

By Autumn Schwab White

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While our landscapes flourish in the daily summer rains and the 12+ hours of Florida sun, the heat and humidity make it quite challenging to keep up with garden maintenance. Our summer temperatures, regularly in the 90s, can quickly make this an uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous activity if you are not properly prepared for gardening safely.

Hydration is priority in keeping your body as cool as possible while tackling yard work in our Florida heat. Always take water outside with you, even if it's easy to access inside your home, so you can drink slowly and often. Cool water is easier for your body to absorb than cold water, so go easy on the ice if you're trying to catch up with hydration. If you're going to be working for more than an hour or so, definitely consider drinking something with electrolytes (like a sports drink) between water (or dilute the drink with water). And be proactive! If you're planning on working in the yard, drink plenty of fluids at least an hour beforehand so you're fully hydrated before you even begin.

Choose your time of day to garden wisely. Our coolest time of day is early morning, but if you're not an early riser, consider doing your landscape maintenance at dusk when the peak heat of



the day has passed and the temperatures start to drop a bit. Or, if you're lucky, you can catch an hour or two of reprieve after a hard summer storm, but make sure the storm has sufficiently passed and it's safe to head outside.

Pace yourself and pay attention to your body! Try to split your gardening tasks into smaller chunks and take breaks whenever you need them. Don't spend a whole 90 degree summer day catching up on yard work, if you can split it into three separate smaller sessions over the course of a week during the cooler times of day. If your body isn't feeling right, even if you've just started, consider postponing to another day or take a break and reassess yourself. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are incredibly dangerous, so know the signs of these and seek help immediately if you are feeling dizzy or overheated. Even for those of us who do this professionally, paying attention to your body is paramount in the Florida summer heat.

Lastly, if the summer heat is just too much and your garden or landscape is outgrowing your ability to keep up, consider hiring professional help for the season. Explain the tasks you need help with, and if you're especially particular, make sure to walk the property with your hire and be clear on techniques or problem areas that require regular attention.

Happy Gardening!



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Tree Hotline/Emergency
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

HTCA MONTHLY MEETING

October 1st 7pm
Seminole Heights UMC

HTCA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

October 5th 8am to 11am
Seminole Heights UMC

THE HTCA GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

October 26th 12 to 4pm
1224 E Clifton Street

HAMPTON TERRACE PUMPKIN PARADE

October 27th 4pm to 6pm
Lake Roberta

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