

TERRACE TALK

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HAMPTON TERRACE IN BLOOM!

BY JOHN JAMES, HTCA BOARD PRESIDENT

To Our Hampton Terrace Neighbors,

The 2022 HTCA Board has held two Officers Board meetings and established committee chairs and members. Last year we found ways to connect our neighbors, even with the ongoing pandemic. We will do the same this year!

Here's a preview of the exciting events our Board has been working on:

- We are so 'hoppy' to bring back our annual **Easter Parade and Egg Hunt** with Hampton the Bunny! Mark your calendars for April 16th.
- Our **Welcome Wagon** will be delivering welcome baskets to our new neighbors soon!
- **Toastin' the Terrace**, a mixer to bring neighbors together at local restaurants and bars, is hosted by the Corner Club on March 23rd at 6:00 PM.
- **Traveling the Terrace**, a night of food, drinks and music right here in Hampton Terrace!
- The Pumpkin Patch Committee is already hard at work planning an even more spectacular **Seminole Heights Great Pumpkin Patch!**
- Our **Beautification Committee** needs volunteers to help keep our neighborhood clean. Please email us at info@myhtca.org to be one of our volunteers!



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We will post the details of and updates to these events and more on our myhtca.org website and HTCA Facebook page as plans and dates are finalized. Additionally, the project to restore and beautify the median sign at Nebraska and Clifton is proceeding, see page 4 for additional details on our progress and how you can help.

Our next neighborhood meeting is coming up at the end of this month. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and share feedback. We hope to see you there!

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The next HTCA meeting is
TUESDAY, March 29th @ 7PM

Seminole Heights United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ALL Hampton Terrace Residents Welcome

HAMPTON TERRACE MEMORIES



COUNTDOWN TO 100 YEARS:

Lakewood Manor Garden Circle

BY BILL TRUETT

In our Fall 2019 Terrace Talk Edition, I wrote an article about the early beginnings of our neighborhood. The first homes were built in 1923; and, in early 1925, our neighborhood began to expand when developer Lillian Probasco purchased Hampton Terrace and renamed the area to Lakewood Manor. Mrs. Probasco also changed the name of Lake Hampton to Lake Roberta, after her daughter.

As I continue to research our neighborhood, there is one common thread that keeps popping up. This neighborhood has always been well-connected; neighbors helped neighbors, they created events and opportunities to involve one another, and they just loved their neighborhood.

Let's take a stroll back in time and meet the lovely ladies who formed the Lakewood Manor Garden Circle in 1933. The initial meetings were held at the home of R.C. Ricker located at 1302 E Henry Avenue (photo credit: Newspaper.com). Soon after, other neighbors joined, and meetings occurred at many homes throughout our neighborhood. The Garden Circle was part of the Tampa Garden Club. The Circle met monthly; yearly, they elected officers.



Lakewood Manor Garden Group Offers First Fall Party
This committee from the Lakewood Manor Circle of the Tampa Garden Club is sponsors at the circle's first fall party, a benefit bridge and luncheon, at the Robles Park Clubhouse Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The group includes, front row, left to right, Mrs. R. M. Sebridae, Mrs. T. G. Sagan, Mrs. Ed. Blackburn, Mrs. O. E. Pease, Mrs. E. R. Lallayne and little daughter, Rowline; back row, Mrs. R. C. Ricker, Mrs. J. H. Griffin, Mrs. G. H. Hochman, Mrs. H. B. Bailey and Mrs. C. C. Eden.

They held galas, picnics, and fundraisers for the beautification funds. These women were responsible for the first Christmas Lake



Lakewood Manor Garden Circle Holds Party
The Lakewood Manor Garden Circle held its annual Christmas party Wednesday at the Columbia Restaurant. Shown above are officers and speakers on the program. They are, left to right, seated, Mrs. E. R. Sanders, hostess; Mrs. T. J. Johnson, president; Mrs. Henry Donaldson, program chairman; standing, Mrs. H. G. Turner, Mrs. P. C. McNeill, Mrs. Tom Watkins and Mrs. J. E. Griffin. On each side of the silver spreads on the table are loving cups won by the Circle two and three years ago in "Brighten-Up Tampa" contests. The Circle's Christmas tree, mounted on a float on the lake in Lakewood Manor, was lit last night for the first time this season, and will be illuminated nightly throughout the holidays. —Staff photo by Gerald B. Smith.

Displays, beginning in 1935 with Santa! In 1938, they added the Christmas Trees and music was piped into the display. The circle was active hosting flower show fundraisers to maintain gardens throughout Seminole Heights and the City of Tampa. They worked on and helped fund other beautification projects throughout Tampa as well.

As the Garden Circle rolled into the 1940s and '50s, the Seminole Heights Garden Center was their showcase. They held educational events at the Center featuring tropical plants, orchids, and trees. They held family events including a motorcade from the Garden Center to Lowry Park for their annual picnic! Family members would even show their vacation slides—a Tribune story at the time noted the Holmes trip to the Caribbean.

Just imagine this! Before the interstate was built, you could walk west on Clifton and Henry and arrive at the Seminole Heights Garden Center within 10 minutes. In 1949, Roberta Circle was awarded the best decorated street in Tampa!

Well into the 1950s and into the early '60s, the Circle met regularly and worked with other circles in Tampa. The original owner of my house, Mrs. James Methany, was part of this Garden Circle and eventually became president of the Tampa Garden Club!

Then came a screeching halt as I-275 cut through Seminole Heights beginning in the mid-1960s. The easy walk to the Garden Center was no more. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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The Hampton Terrace Community Association (HTCA) is a 501C3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of social activities and community awareness. Hampton Terrace is defined as the neighborhood of over 500 rental and privately-owned residences bordered Hillsborough Ave. to the south, Nebraska Ave. to the west, Hanna Ave. to the north and 15th St. to the east. We are not a political or religious organization, and membership is open to all residents. Donations made to the HTCA are welcomed.

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(CONTINUED) The Lakewood Manor Garden Circle began to fade away. In the 1970s and '80s, the only references that you would find would be in the obituaries of past members. When you walk around our neighborhood today, you can still find glimpses of the past. The azaleas that bloom on Henry between 11th and 13th are from this era. The beautiful trees including many flowering trees were part of the education programs that the Garden Circle ran.



PLANT SALE PLANNED—A sale of unusual plants will be a feature of the opening meeting of the Lakewood Manor Garden Circle tonight at 8 o'clock at the Seminole Garden Center. A talk, with colored slides, will be presented by Jack Holmes. The slides will include scenes from a trip in the Caribbean. Arranging plants above are Mrs. J. R. Eckart, left, Mrs. W. A. Bingham, center, and Mrs. H. Fred Horton.—(Tribune Photo).



Recently, our neighbor Donna Parker donated a marker that honored a past Garden Circle President. Look around your yard – you may find one of these markers! The Hampton Terrace Community Association honored the Lakewood Manor Garden Circle by placing the marker in the entrance median. The Circle made a huge impact not just in our neighborhood, but also in Seminole Heights and the City of Tampa.

Many of the same principles and values that I described above are still present today. We are a well-connected neighborhood. Neighbors know their neighbors. The HTCA created events such as the Easter Parade and Egg Hunt, The Great Pumpkin Festival that has morphed into The Seminole Heights Great Pumpkin Patch. There are community mixers like Toastin' the Terrace and its annual counterpart, Traveling the Terrace, an evening of food, music, and libations! We have our Kringle Mingle. The annual school drive to benefit Sulphur Springs Community K-9 School. We have a strong neighborhood Watch Program that has been recognized twice as Outstanding Watch for District 2. We are working to restore the median entrance. We all work hard because we love where we live. Not bad for a neighborhood with a little over 500 homes!

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MEDIAN UPDATE

BY BILL TRUETT

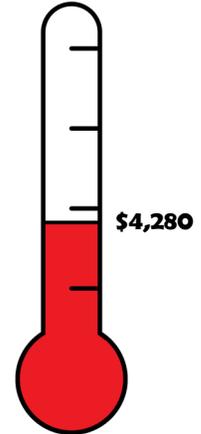
In 2020, the HTCA formed a committee to plan out the median sign restoration, improve the landscaping and update the lighting and electrical wiring. The HTCA is fully responsible for funding this project either by funds they allocate or from donations received from our neighbors, friends and sponsors. We have raised approximately \$4280 as of February 2022. The sign installation is fully funded.

The committee is happy to report the sign materials have arrived. A permit was opened with the City of Tampa and it is our hope that we will receive approval soon. Once the sign restoration is completed, we will seek bids to add a trellis on top of the sign. We will also seek approval from the City of Tampa and the Parks & Recreation Department to move forward with the electrical, lighting and landscaping.

The committee respectfully asks that our neighbors work with us to help clean and maintain the area. No additional plants, flowers or features should be added to the area as we prep for the sign restoration. There is a plan that has been presented to the neighborhood and approved by the HTCA. You can find this information on the HTCA website: myhtca.org/median

We still need to raise funds for the project. You can donate on the website link shown above. If you have questions, please email the HTCA at info@myhtca.org.

GOAL: \$12,500



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POEMS FOR OUR LIVES

BY GIANNA RUSSO

Wednesday, March 20th is the vernal equinox—the first day of spring. Here’s a playful poem by e.e. cummings (American, 1894-1962).

cummings was one of the early 20th century Modernist writers who, along with William Carlos Williams, Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein, transformed poetry into a fresh, idiosyncratic, sometimes *avant garde* art form. cummings had a huge following and is famous for abandoning traditional forms, punctuation, and capitalization—he even spelled his own name in lower case.

This little poem reminds us of the great joys of spring and of childhood, when the whole world is “mud-luscious.”

[in Just-]

in Just-
 spring when the world is mud-
 luscious the little
 lame baloonman

 whistles far and wee

 and eddieandbill come
 running from marbles and
 piracies and it's
 spring

 when the world is puddle-wonderful

 the queer
 old baloonman whistles
 far and wee
 and bettyandisbel come dancing

 from hop-scotch and jump-rope and

 it's
 spring
 and
 the

 goat-footed

 baloonMan whistles
 far
 and
 wee



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Water Dept. Emergency Services (24 hours): 813-274-7400

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March

3/23: Toasting the Terrace
Corner Club 6:00 PM

3/29: HTCA Neighborhood Meeting
Seminole Heights United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM

April

4/16: Easter Parade & Egg Hunt
Parade begins 11 AM at 1224 E. Clifton St.
Egg Hunt to follow at 1005 E. Clifton St.

May

5/25: Toasting the Terrace
Venue TBA

Ongoing

Run the Terrace Run Club
Mon & Wed 6:30 PM Clifton Street Median

Hampton Terrace Book Group
email peggyreineking@gmail.com for details

The Hampton Terrace Community Association
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