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**HTCA
NEIGHBOR
MEETINGS**

HTCA TURNS FIVE!

A Look Back at All We've Achieved Together

BY CO-FOUNDERS BRIAN D. FREY AND BILL TRUETT



"Look how far we've come baby!" Time has flown since a dedicated group of neighbors with a sense of neighborhood pride and a desire to strengthen our diverse community first connected through meaningful neighborhood improvement projects. We started out with baby steps as we tackled the condition of the entrance median, kept our neighborhood clean with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, formed a truly actionable Neighborhood Watch and volunteered time to help a neighbor with Paint Your Heart Out.

The success of our first projects propelled us along with Michelle Benningfield, Victoria Strange, Jim Burdett and Sid Roberts to incorporate a new association to serve the needs of the Hampton Terrace community. In May of 2016 we took that leap of faith and filed with the State of Florida to form the Hampton Terrace Community Association, and we never looked back!



A renewed energy began to circulate throughout our neighborhood with the promise of what was to come. A board was formed including both of us (Brian and Bill), Brent Williams, Michelle Benningfield, Mona Roberson, Lesli Longa, Susan Dinning Lane, and Sid Roberts. Our first neighborhood meeting was held in August 2016 and we were blown away when over 100 neighbors filled Allen Hall at Seminole Heights United Methodist Church. It was a defining moment for our neighborhood and we knew that with hard work and commitment we would do great things for our community. *(Continued on next page.)*



The next HTCA meeting is:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10th @ 7PM

The HTCA meets the second Tuesday of every other month at 7PM.

Seminole Heights United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



(Cont'd) Since that time, neighbors have worked together to strengthen our corner of the world. Over the years we have worked to create an association to serve ALL residents and to promote cooperative community engagement. We've developed strong bonds with local businesses, City of Tampa leadership, the TPD, and neighboring communities to widen our impact and shine brightly in the worst and the best of times. Our projects have been numerous and successful, and include charitable giving, community services, and neighborhood events.

We've given back to our community through Toys for Tots drives, Back-to-School drives, and food pantry donations. The HTCA organizes neighborhood cleanups, Welcome Wagons (see page 8), Tampa Police Department Roll Calls (next page), and supports the Neighborhood Watch program. We keep our neighbors informed with the award-winning *Terrace Talk* newsletter, bi-monthly meetings, and digital & social communications. And we love to have fun! Beloved HTCA-sponsored events include Pancake Breakfasts, Easter Egg Hunts, Travelin' the Terrace, and the Great Pumpkin Festival. (See pages 6-7 for a look back at some of our favorite memories!) Through it all, we have worked hand-in-hand to show off the best who we are in Hampton Terrace.



We believe that at the core of our association are devoted residents who desire nothing but the best for their community. Together, we're working to ensure that Hampton Terrace is always known as an inclusive, inviting, safe and secure neighborhood. Looking ahead to the next five years, we remain dedicated to providing a trusted and transparent neighborhood association to the residents of Hampton Terrace. We encourage you to get involved through neighborhood meetings, volunteering at upcoming

events, serving on the HTCA board, or donating to help fund our organization.

Above all we want to thank YOU—our neighbors, friends, and local businesses for your continued support of the HTCA. Many of you have stepped up to volunteer your time and financial gifts that make our work possible. We also wish to recognize everyone who has served on the Board of the HTCA over the years and given of themselves to assure the longevity of our association. The future is bright for Hampton Terrace and for the HTCA, and we cannot wait to see what future years hold in store for our community.



With our gratitude,

Brian D. Frey (HTCA President) and Bill Truett (HTCA Vice President)



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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.

TERRACE TALK

Terrace Talk welcomes unsolicited, politically neutral manuscripts, though we cannot guarantee their publication. All submissions are due the last day of the month before publication, and may be sent to info@myhtca.org.

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ROLL CALL RECAP

Tampa Police Chief Brian Dugan and Mayor Jane Castor were special guests at the Hampton Terrace Neighborhood Watch Roll Call on May 3rd. A TPD Roll Call is an opportunity for neighbors to meet local Law Enforcement, ask questions, and voice concerns. Nearly 60 neighbors joined the event and asked questions ranging from traffic calming initiatives, recent break-ins, and the other illicit activity in the neighborhood.

Residents are encouraged to report non-emergencies, including suspicious activities in the neighborhood, to the TPD non-emergency line: **813-231-6130**



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Sweetest Gal on the Block



High School sweethearts Kristy and Shawn Blouin have been through a lot together—especially in the last year. After moving to their Paris Street home in 2019, the Blouins welcomed their third child right in the middle of the pandemic, while Shawn was working on the frontlines as an ICU Nurse Practitioner in a COVID unit.

The family had to take rigorous precautions to keep a pregnant Kristy—and then a newborn baby—safe. At the height of the pandemic, Shawn was quarantined from his family for 12 days. Despite the challenges having a front line health care worker and a newborn in the household during a global pandemic, Kristy found a way to bring cheer to not only her home but to her neighbors as well. She baked often and shared the treats with her neighbors.



It all began in 2012 when Kristy became a stay-at-home mom after the birth of her first daughter and started looking for a new hobby. She and her own mother took a cake decorating class on a whim, and Kristy enjoyed the class so much she continued to take baking and decorating classes over the next year. When her oldest daughter turned one, Kristy created the first of many professional-grade birthday cakes.



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Eight years later, Kristy now makes celebration cakes for everything from baptisms to birthdays to weddings. She enjoys trying new recipes, combining unique flavors, and collaborating with her clients to make cakes that are one of a kind. Her small business, “Totally Frosted: Sugar, Spice, & Everything Iced” sells made-to-order cakes, cupcakes, pies, and sweets from scratch. If you need a little extra sweetness in your life, give Kristy a call!

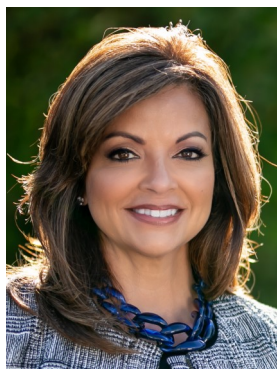
Kristy's Favorite Cookies

- 1 c. butter, softened
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. hot water
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 c. semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 c. chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Cream together the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Dissolve baking soda in hot water. Add to batter along with salt. Stir in flour, chocolate chips, and nuts. Drop by large spoonfuls onto ungreased pans.
3. Bake for about 10 minutes, or until edges are nicely browned.



PUBLIC SERVANT SPOTLIGHT



Nancy Millan

Hillsborough County Tax Collector

The HTCA was honored fortunate to host our newly-elected Hillsborough County Tax Collector (HCTC) Nancy C. Millan during a recent virtual neighborhood meeting. Nancy has been with the Tax Collector's office for 32 years and has worked her way from an accounting clerk to the head of the agency and brought on Jennifer Castro as her new Chief Deputy Tax Collector. Like Nancy, Jennifer worked her way up through the ranks of the agency. Both women are working together to reinvest in employees and teach them how to offer amazing service to the community.

The Tax Collector's office is an agent of the state: their office issues driver licenses and ID cards; provide motor vehicle registrations; issue birth certificates; collect property and business taxes. As the funding engine of Hillsborough County, they collect about \$1.21 billion dollars each year and distribute to vital County services and infrastructure, including schools, roads, libraries, and waterways.

Since her election in 2020—she met HTCA President Brian Frey while campaigning—Nancy's team has been working feverishly to enhance online and virtual services to improve accessibility as a result in the reduction of in-person services during the pandemic. The HCTC Office is committed to the community and is welcomes feedback to learn about the good, the bad, and the ugly from those who visit the Tax Collector offices in order to make improvements and increase transparency.

Nancy also has a special connection to Hampton Terrace as Nana Susan was once Nancy's supervisor at one point! Nancy also worked with Nana during community outreach activities and said that Nana played a big part in Nancy's life and career. For more information about the Tax Collector's Office or to share feedback, visit www.hillstax.org



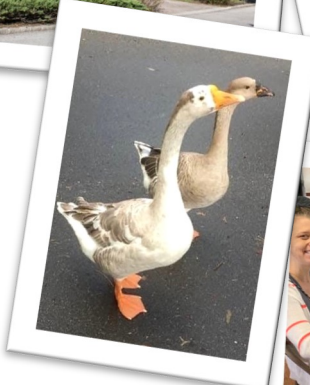
Hillsborough County Tax Collector (HCTC) Nancy C. Millan (L) and Chief Deputy Tax Collector Jennifer Castro (R).





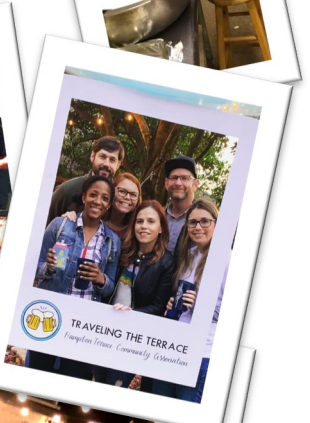
Happy 5th Anniversary

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Hampton Terrace Community Association



WELCOME WAGON

Let Us Welcome YOU!

One of the many things Hampton Terrace Community Association does is welcome newcomers to our wonderful neighborhood. Each month our Welcome Committee visits the homes of new families to welcome them to the neighborhood with a big smile and a gift bag! Our Welcome Wagon bags include coupons and samples from neighborhood businesses. We love meeting our new neighbors and hope to be friendly faces for those who come from across town or across the country. We look forward to getting to know you!

The HTCA sponsors many fun-filled events to take advantage of that include activities for both children and adults. We also encourage everyone to get involved in any way that you are able. Our neighborhood is unique because the people who live here are very civic minded and make it their mission to

give back to the community and to watch out for each other.

If you find one of our gift bags on your doorstep, we're sorry we missed you! We weren't able to make contact after a couple of attempts—please, enjoy the goodies and take a moment to complete and return the form in the bag. By including your email address you will kept informed of all the exciting things planned for the remainder of the year. Also visit our website, Facebook and Instagram pages to stay up-to-date on all events.

Again, welcome to Hampton Terrace! We are glad you chose us. Moving here will be one of the best decisions you have ever made. —Welcome Wagon Committee



Welcome Wagon Committee members
(l to r): Alyssa Feliho, Lauren Hill,
Carol Sivard, Evan Hill

Welcome to our newest neighbors!

Uyen Tran, Brian Guthrie & Phin Rowe, Bill Byrne, Katie Cooper & David Zeller, Amanda Phillips, Bill & Iris Lazarus, Sherry & Gill Capote, Barbara Hill, Jay & Hannah Wichersham, David Evans & Mia Fernandes & Amadhi, Ian McHenry & Casey Campos



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Sulphur Springs School Drive
July 22nd @ Xtreme Taco 6:30-8PM

Join us for a special Toastin' the Terrace event to collect school supplies for the students of Sulphur Springs Community K-8. Donations welcome!



VOLUNTEER

**The Seminole Heights
Great Pumpkin Patch**
October 9th-31st

Volunteers are urgently needed to unload the pumpkin truck and for pumpkin patch shifts. Keep an eye on the HTCA Facebook page to sign up!



CELEBRATE

Traveling the Terrace
November 13th

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July

**7/22: Toastin' the Terrace to Benefit
Sulphur Springs Back to School Drive**

Xtreme Tacos 6-8:30 PM

August

8/5: Hampton Terrace Book Club

Arcadia by Tom Stoppard

4PM-6PM

email peggyreineking@gmail.com for location

8/10: HTCA Neighborhood Meeting

Seminole Heights United Methodist Church

Lower Level Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM

8/20: Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Cleanup

10am-11:30am

September

9/15: Toastin' the Terrace

Hampton Station 6-8:30 PM

\$1 off draft beer

Ongoing: Run the Terrace Run Club

Every Monday and Wednesday

Meet at the Clifton Street median 7:15 PM

**Hampton Terrace Community Association
6th Annual School Supply Benefit**

**Sulphur Springs
Community School K-8**

Join us July 22
Xtreme Taco
630pm to 8pm

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