



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2021

## Letter from the BBNA President, John Godwin

Hello Neighbors! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that you enjoyed the luminaria lighting and the wreaths hung on the stop signs throughout the neighborhood.

Our mission is to communicate the neighborhood's needs to Tampa city staff, local officials, and local businesses and to build a better community through cooperative action. We are excited about 2021 and the possibilities this year brings. We're addressing cut-through traffic, break-ins, and unsightly retention ponds and we're planning social activities.



I am looking forward to meeting you all this year and I want to hear from you: what do you want to see in our neighborhood?  
Email [President@bayshorebeautifulna.com](mailto:President@bayshorebeautifulna.com)

## Neighborhood Traffic



We're thrilled to see families gathering in their front yard and walking the neighborhood—we know, however, that the frequent cut-through traffic and speeding cars makes this more precarious. One of the top priorities for the neighborhood association this year is to address the traffic issues on our neighborhood streets.

As a result of our work with the city, we are expecting new stop signs to be installed this year on Villa Rosa, Oakellar, and Fielder, with others to follow. These are aimed at decreasing the amount of traffic using those streets to cut from Himes to MacDill and the speeds of those cars.

If you have specific requests or ideas for further steps to increase the safety of our neighborhood streets, please reach out to us.

## Neighborhood Gathering

After a long year of not being able to see one another, we are looking forward to us all being able to get together again. We're hoping to organize an informal gathering for June. If you are interested in helping put this together, email [President@bayshorebeautifulna.com](mailto:President@bayshorebeautifulna.com)

## BBNA Online



[Facebook.com/BayshoreBeautifulTampa](https://www.facebook.com/BayshoreBeautifulTampa)



[www.BayshoreBeautifulNA.com](http://www.BayshoreBeautifulNA.com)



## Neighborhood Yard Sale—May 1st & 2nd

It's Spring cleaning time! On May 1st and 2nd, the neighborhood association will advertise that there are sales throughout the neighborhood. Participation is optional.

Feel free to set up sales in your yard or with a few neighbors on one or both days. With all of us joining together, we can quickly be rid of all our unneeded items!

## Tampa SWEEP— May 3rd

Whatever you don't sell can go on the curb!

Tampa's Solid Waste Enhanced Environmental Program (SWEET) for our neighborhood is Monday, May 3rd. Put items on the curbside no later than 8 pm the night before. For a complete list of what is/is not accepted, go to:

<https://www.tampa.gov/document/sweep-2021-guidelines-63071>

## Letter from Tampa Councilman Bill Carlson

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Tampa City Council Member. It's been a great honor and a lot of hard work.

My legislative aide, Dossie Morrone, and I spend most of our time responding to constituent issues like potholes and flooding. Although City staff do not report to City Council, they do listen to our requests—especially if they come from a resident. So please email me at [bill.carlson@tampagov.net](mailto:bill.carlson@tampagov.net) if you need our help.

We've also been working on broader issues like planning, safety and economic development. At my recommendation, City Council and the Mayor created the Economic Advisory Committee to advance the economy of our community. We're in the process of creating a "Neighborhood Commercial District Plan" in the Bay to Bay/MacDill area, which will use public input to design how residents can better interact with the places they shop, work and play. We're also working on a master plan for South of Gandy to address flooding, transportation and land use. And we are working to support and grow the arts industry in Tampa.

For Bayshore Beautiful, we've been working with City staff on speeding and traffic issues on Bayshore, MacDill and neighborhood streets. We've also advocated for saving trees and fining those who ignore tree policies. And we have worked on flooding and other important issues.

Through the time I spent in Bayshore Beautiful I fell in love with your neighborhood. I'm happy to announce that as of December my sons and I are proud homeowners in Bayshore Beautiful. We look forward to seeing you on our morning walks, when the neighborhood kids gather to play or at neighborhood meetings when we're able to hold them.

Again, if you need anything, I am always here to help.

Bill Carlson





## Police Patrols

We've been seeing a number of reports of vehicle break-ins across our neighborhood. In response, we'll be hiring an extra-duty police officer to do an additional patrol of our neighborhood twice a month.

This is made possible by the generous donations of your neighbors to the neighborhood association's Police Patrol fund. If you would like to support future patrols, you can donate here

<https://www.bayshorebeautifulna.com/p/Join-or-Contribute>.

## Composting

Did you know that the city is providing free composting bins to residents?

Over 50% of your trash likely contains compostable materials. Cut down on what you're sending to the landfill and create a nutrient-rich material for your garden by composting your household organic waste!

If you live in a single-family home, you can apply to receive a bin at: <https://www.tampa.gov/solid-waste/backyard-composting-program>

## Letter from Florida Representative Jackie Toledo

Kicking off at the beginning of March, the 2021 Florida State House Legislative Session began in earnest. I am now in Tallahassee throughout the week working hard on legislation.

But for those back in my district needing help, my District Office is still open and available for you. One new project that we have begun is helping get eligible seniors and more on the vaccination registries. If you fulfill the eligibility requirements for a COVID-19 vaccine and need help getting on a list, call 813-815-0850 and leave a voicemail or email: [toledofortampa@gmail.com](mailto:toledofortampa@gmail.com). One of our volunteers will be happy to call or email you back and help you!

Also, as one of my priorities this legislative session, I have filed House Bill 523, which has the potential to change the lives of human trafficking victims and potential victims. It will build a support network for the victims, eradicate their barriers to a successful future, and prosecute the perpetrators.

Please feel free to reach out to my office with your concerns. We would be happy to help in any way we can.

Thank you!

Jackie





## Tree-mendous Tampa

Did you know that the city of Tampa provides homeowners free trees to plant on street rights of way? Tampa’s Parks and Recs Department has 12 trees you can choose from! Find out if you are able to have a tree and learn more at <https://www.tampa.gov/parks-and-recreation/services/treemendous-tampa>.

## Tampa Alert

Receive vital updates from Tampa on weather, crime, or any other unfolding situation. Sign up at [tampa.gov/alert-tampa](http://tampa.gov/alert-tampa)

## BBNA Officers

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## BBNA Membership Renewal

It’s time to renew your BBNA membership for 2021! **Join at [BayshoreBeautifulNA.com](http://BayshoreBeautifulNA.com)** or mail this stub to 3225 S MacDill Ave Suite 129, Box 247 Tampa, FL. 33611. Make checks payable to Bayshore Beautiful Neighborhood Association.

Include your email address so you can receive updates from the association—we don’t email frequently and will keep your email private. Your membership will ensure your inclusion in the activities and information-sharing of our great neighborhood!

Membership Type: Individual (\$15):  Household (\$30):

1st Member

Last Name, First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Member *(for household memberships)*

Last Name, First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I've included additional support for: General Operations *(amount)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Police Patrols *(amount)*: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering: