

Fall 2021



# Isles Style

Official Newsletter of Causeway Isles Neighborhood Association



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# JOIN IN THE FUN

## Upcoming Neighborhood Happenings



**Fall Social - Sat, October 9th**

**Save the date, the Olympics are coming to Causeway Isles!**



**Halloween Doggie Dress up and Parade - Sat, October 30th**

**There is still plenty of time to get an award winning costume.**



**Monthly Happy Hour Startup - see page 12**



**Let's get together to share our love for our timeless beauties. Send a text to 678-427-0701 or an email to [boyzshop2@yahoo.com](mailto:boyzshop2@yahoo.com) if you are interested in connecting as CI neighbors and classic car lovers.**



**Book Club - see page 23**



**Boat Club - see page 6**

**SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD** Causeway Isles Neighborhood wants your help. We need help with the distribution of newsletters, flyers, and doorhangers. Party helpers are always appreciated and it's fun! It's a great way to meet your neighbors and keep Causeway Isles the best place to live in St. Petersburg. Contact a Board member to volunteer - see page 28. We have an opening on our Board for an Advertising Chairman and we need a new Social Chairman for 2022.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Captain Bruce



Happy Summer CINA neighbors!

This summer is a HOT one. The heat is on and many of us are choosing to stay in our homes or in our pools where it's cooler.

The pandemic continues and there is debate about the Covid Delta variant now and how that might impact us; there is news about another shutdown, there is news about what's happening in other states and what might happen here in Florida. Please be cognizant of the situation, take precautions with your family and stay safe. It seems each day has new, updated or different information so the best thing I can recommend is to be patient with each other. Watch out for each other and protect your family as best you can under the ever-changing circumstances.

As a board this year we held our annual meeting via Zoom. This was very different than in the past where we had a large gathering of members in a single room. The call lasted just over an hour and the board presented many ideas that are in the works. We also had a representative from the City of St. Petersburg attend and give an update on the traffic circles. All-in-all, it was a positive event that had almost no communication challenges. We hope to have future annual membership meetings in person, and will of course use best judgment to assess the circumstances at that time. Safe to say the board is functioning very well and we are hoping to accomplish some great actions in the next year and years to come.

This past Spring we started to get back some normalcy at Causeway Isles with our Second Annual Boat Parade in conjunction with YCE. The weather was a bit challenging but approximately 25 boats participated from both neighborhoods. Fans were on docks to cheer the boats on and the boats cheered the land lovers with wishes of "happy Spring"!

Later in April we had our Spring Social at Caddy's on Treasure Island. With attendance at an all time high, a fun time was had by all. We were once again able to socialize face-to-face and catch up with each other in a community gathering. What a fun time we had and hopefully you attended. Our social committee is already hard at work to create our fall social which will be here in the neighborhood, honoring our Olympics. The Fall social will be a themed event where we create fun "Olympic themed events" for all of us to participate in. There will be a DJ and the committee is fast working on how we might be able to have food and drinks in a safe environment. Look for more information on this event to happen in October!

Traffic calming circles have been put on hold until the city finds more funding. We have no date in hand so we are simply being patient.

Red tide is horrible this year and as the wind and tide shift many of our back yards are seeing the effects of dead fish. If you experience dead fish or have a question about what is happening, please call Florida Fish and Wildlife at 888-404-3922, or use SeeClickFix. We had a 3ft wide stingray die off our seawall; it was too heavy for me to get out of the water and FF&W recommended pushing the creature into deeper water where it was eaten over a few days. I have noticed the city crews on boats in the canals a few times a week collecting dead fish. The dolphins do continue to be observed, but I see very few (if any) fish around our underwater light. This is such a sad time for marine life and we all pray that this will be over soon.

Have a wonderful summer - take pictures while on vacation with our Newsletter "Isles Style" and we can try to get you and your family in the next newsletter!

To greater success,

Capt. Bruce Erbeck

President, Causeway Isles Neighborhood Association

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# LOOK WHO'S PRETTY

## Causeway Isles Beautification Award Winner - Fall 2021

Congratulations to Jim Richards and Christy Hirshell of 7873 3rd Ave South, for being the latest recipient of the CINA Beautification Award. Jim moved to Causeway Isles after he purchased their foreclosed, fixer-upper house just over 4-1/2 years ago. Jim originally rented a home in Yacht Club Estates and subsequently a condo in Isle of Capri, while Jim, originally a CPA that now owns WatersEdge Mortgage, was searching for just the right house in Causeway Isles in need of total remodeling. Jim found their 1958, 2,219 square foot home right on the water including a dock, hardly in livable condition. Soon after Christy joined him, it was time to design and remodel the home exactly suited to their desires, from the street to water, roof to the floor and everything in between. The original five bedroom, two bath interior was totally transformed to include a complete in-home office suite featuring a conference room for business guests and meetings along with their individual offices overlooking the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave canal. The kitchen and living room were combined to craft an incredibly open space for relaxing, cooking, and entertaining. Jim's family construction past allowed him to remodel a good portion of the cosmetics by himself while subcontracting all the major work. Christy is an administrator for a CPA firm in Maryland, which allows her to work remotely, also recently becoming a grandmother. They both love to entertain and relax in their outside entertainment center with a grill, pool, spa, and great views. Jim hails from the Boston area, while Christy from Maryland. When I asked Jim why he moved to Causeway Isles, he simply said... "This is a Slice of Paradise...!". They love to ride bikes, visit the beaches, and cruise Boca Ciega Bay on their boat, since Jim added a new lift. In addition, Jim recently volunteered to be a Board Member and the Treasurer of CINA, because he really cares about, and takes pride in our neighborhood! A hearty "Congratulations" goes out to Jim and Christy for helping to Beautify and Support Causeway Isles!



**Do you want to nominate your neighbor or yourself for the CINA Beautification Award? Have you noticed new paint or landscaping that enhances the beauty of our neighborhood? Don't think that a house must be completely made over to receive the award. Please send your nominations to [edgessen@gmail.com](mailto:edgessen@gmail.com), or call (310) 600-1007. If your nominee is selected, you will receive a \$25 Home Depot gift card (or CINA annual membership if you are not already a member). Winners receive a \$50 gift card (or CINA annual membership if they are not already a member). So keep your eyes open for "Who's Pretty" !!!!**

# CINA BOAT CLUB

## Captain Bruce



### Changes for Causeway & YCE

Slow Speed (Minimum wake) vs. Idle Speed (No wake)

With recent changes the above photo shows the NEW adjusted speed area. From April 1-Oct 31 this area is now SLOW SPEED, minimum wake.

No wake zones are common and simply mean boats must reduce to the slowest speed they can travel at while still maintaining the ability to steer and make forward progress. Slow, minimum wake mean that you must be fully off plane and completely settled in the water putting off a very small wake.

Hopefully this clears up the difference and the change. Please let your kids who ski or wake board that these changes DO include them. Beginning August 2nd this area will start random patrols to ticket boats that are in violation. Best bet is to slow down and remind others to slow down as well.

Conversely the area going out Blind Pass has been reversed and the slow speed is no longer in effect. Please always obey channel markers as they will change before something gets published.

### Boat Club Calendar of Events

- ▶ Saturday, Aug 21st: Lunch by boat  
Depart 11am/arrive 12pm  
Must Register
- ▶ Saturday, Sept 4th: Lunch by boat  
Depart 11am/arrive 12pm  
Must Register
- ▶ Saturday, October 23: Band on the land\*  
Arrive 2pm (3pm - 7pm)  
Please register if your coming  
Will be a sponsor paid event
- ▶ Saturday, November 13: Lunch by boat

Register: Capt. Bruce Erbeck  
CaptainBruce2015@gmail.com  
727-417-4694

Other: Please email or call to register for all boat club events so we can reserve dock space and have a float plan.



# VOTING INFORMATION

## City of St. Petersburg

The primary election is only one month away (August 24<sup>th</sup>), and as a resident of St. Petersburg, it's important that your voice is heard. There are so many important issues that affect us all, from the highest auto-theft in all of Florida, millions of gallons of sewage spilling into Tampa Bay, to deciding the fate of the Tropicana field, your vote matters.

The city elections are non-partisan. You are selecting candidates based on their positions and priorities, not which side of the political aisle. Take a moment to inform yourself of the candidates and their positions on the issues that matter most to you.

Residents of Causeway Isles will vote on August 24<sup>th</sup> for two primary races; the Mayoral primary and City Council, District 1. The top two mayoral candidates from a large field of eight will proceed to the general election in November.

St. Petersburg has a very unique way of selecting Council Members. There are five open districts this cycle in St. Petersburg. Each open district will select their top two candidates on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. Those 10 candidates progress to the general election on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is held city wide, and the top five will be elected as Council Members.

The Candidates running to represent District 1 (Causeway Isles) are retired dentist Ed Carlson, financial advisor Copley Gerdes, attorney John Hornbeck, and consultant and breast-cancer advocate Bobbie Shay Lee.

Visit [www.stpete.com/advocacy/electionseason2021/](http://www.stpete.com/advocacy/electionseason2021/) for more information on the candidates and their positions.

Remember, St. Petersburg has the HIGHEST property tax rate in all of Pinellas. Are you getting what you are paying for? Vote August 24<sup>th</sup>! There is no early voting for this primary, you must vote on election day.

Andrew Hunsicker

# CAUSEWAY ISLES REAL ESTATE UPDATES

JULY 2021

Status	Address	Sqft.	Price	bed	bath
Active	7926 Causeway Blvd N.	1,580	\$598,555	2	2
Active	7817 Causeway Blvd N.	5,245	\$4,195,000	5	4
Pend	7849 3rd Ave S.	1,848	\$1,150,000	3	3
Pend	7916 2nd Ave S.	1,638	\$1,150,000	3	2
Pend	7808 Causeway Blvd S.	1,970	\$1,350,000	3	2
Pend	7925 Causeway Blvd N.	2,109	\$1,499,000	4	3
Sold	7858 Causeway Blvd N.	2,295	\$435,000	4	3
Sold	7800 Causeway Blvd N.	1,161	\$440,000	2	1
Sold	7885 4th Ave S.	1,895	\$750,000	3	2
Sold	7880 2nd Ave S.	1,660	\$775,000	3	2
Sold	7945 1st Ave S.	2,168	\$849,900	3	2
Sold	7974 1st Ave S.	1,630	\$876,000	3	2
Sold	7957 2nd Ave S.	2,184	\$925,000	3	2
Sold	7983 1st Ave S.	2,757	\$1,395,000	3	3
Sold	7800 1st Ave S.	3,102	\$1,600,000	4	4

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# CENTRAL AVE FENCES - CROSSWALKS - COLLECTIONS

by Sue Massanari

Dear Neighbors,

As Treasure Island is preparing the causeway to bring the drainage and other maintenance issues up to date it has been brought to our attention that a few of the fences along this section of Central Avenue need maintenance. Over the years the different materials and colors of the fences along this corridor have been discussed at CINA annual meetings. Now that most of the bottle brush trees have been removed the different property borders and maintenance issues are more noticeable. A more uniform look would represent our neighborhood in a more positive way. Most fences along this corridor are white PVC and look great. The CINA board would like to encourage homeowners to paint any existing block wall or wood fence white, if considering a replacement fence please consider white PVC.

The CINA board has investigated any assistance that we can gather for neighbors wishing to change or improve their fences or walls along Central Avenue. We have contacted both the city of Treasure Island and St Petersburg, and several fence and paint supply companies. Of course, any improvements would be completely voluntary.

The Sherwin Williams store #702922, located at: 290 75th Ave. St Pete Beach, FL 33706 has agreed to supply good quality sealer, stain, and paint at contractors' price if you state that you are part of the CINA project. We are also working with Al Jackl of Pinellas County Painting, our neighbor on Causeway Blvd S. who can give some professional assistance to those who would like to contract their work with him.

West Coast fence company has given us a price of \$3,400 for 100 feet of installed white PVC fence. The price for materials without installation is \$2,600. The manager will consider a better price if a group of neighbors coordinate replacement at the same time.

The CINA board realizes that projects take time and money and that the fencing along the Causeway might not be your priority at this time. All we ask is that you consider bringing your fencing/wall more in line with a white cohesive look for the neighborhood. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or concerns. Sue Massanari [britsue4@gmail.com](mailto:britsue4@gmail.com)

## 79th Street Crosswalks

Jennifer Wunderlin is working with Stacy Boyles, Assistant Director of Public Works for Treasure Island and coincidentally, a resident of Causeway Isles. There are major plans for the reconstruction of Central Avenue including a major renovation for the crosswalks at 79th Street. We don't have any dates or details at this time. There are no current plans for a crosswalk at 80th Street and Central Ave.

## Collection Day Reminders

Sign up for collection day reminders so you never miss a trash or recycling day again.

Go to [http://www.stpete.org/sanitation/residential/collection\\_days\\_map.php](http://www.stpete.org/sanitation/residential/collection_days_map.php) and click the Get a Reminder! Icon and then select how and when you want to be reminded. This is especially useful when your normally scheduled trash and recycling days fall on a holiday.

Stay on top of what is happening in the neighborhood. Post your latest news, photos, and information to Causeway Isles Facebook page!



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# MID-CENTURY MARVELS DONE THE "CAUSE WAY"

by Deb Schum

There are many reasons to love living in Causeway Isles – the views, close proximity to beaches and downtown and the fabulous people that call CI home! Another reason is the mid-century modern homes sprinkled throughout our 'hood. Palm Springs, the pinnacle of everything mid-century, has nothing on CI! Building in a mid-century modern (MCM) style peaked in 1951 but throughout the years there have been plenty of fans willing to wait years for the house of their dreams to come on the market. When TV series *Mad Men* premiered in 2007, MCM became a household word. Do an internet search and you find fabrics, clothing, furniture, paint, wallpaper; all sorts of goods with a premium tacked on just because it is categorized as MCM.

MCM is a mish mash of three well-known architectural styles — international, contemporary, and organic. International came from overseas as architects fled European fascism. Their buildings stripped away ornamentation often adding stucco, featuring flat roofs, metal casement windows and zero decorative detailing on doors or windows. International was more popular for buildings (check out The Museum of Modern Art, NYC). Contemporary also has clean lines and lots of windows but features more “natural” materials such as wood, stone and brick. Google the Crestwood Hills neighborhood in Los Angeles and prepare to be wowed! Frank Lloyd Wright is considered the father of organic architecture which focuses on creating harmony between the structure and its natural surroundings



to the extent they are viewed as one. Wright's Fallingwater house in Mill Run, PA is perhaps the most famous example of organic architecture.

MCM popularity boomed when a few stars aligned at exactly the right point in time. The influential architects that fled Europe began teaching in the US, helping inspire younger generations of American architects. WWII ended and GIs returned home excited for the future, ready to start families. Rapidly expanding post-war American cities, and their emerging suburbs created need for quickly built, modern homes. The surge for homes soon outpaced inventory. Sound familiar? Enterprising architects like Joseph Eichler figured out how to build stylish, mass-produced tract homes meeting newly minted suburbanite needs. When he was done Joe had built 11,000 homes in California and they are

still sought after today. The years succeeding the war were prosperous and the rise of the car culture forged a mobile middle class that sought the 'good life', a new modern way of living around family and home. This was the birth of the MCM movement.

When identifying an MCM home there are a few distinguishing characteristics. MCM homes have very regular and rigorous geometric lines providing a simple, clean look. The roof will be some combination of flat, butterfly and even A-frame. Pitching the roof creates a space for windows set high along the roofline. Sliding glass doors and other expansive panes of glass allow light to enter rooms from multiple angles, bringing a mix of nature indoors. Inside, the floor plan is wide open. There might be small steps going up and down between rooms, creating split level spaces, even if the room height differs just a few inches. There are multiple access points to the outdoors, room to room, throughout each house. Of course, there is a patio to watch the kids play, grill some steaks and further connect





**801 Causeway Blvd. S**

with nature.

Let's take a closer look at some of Causeway Isles' MCM beauties. 801 Causeway Boulevard South, constructed in 1951, was one of the original model homes when our neighborhood was being built. Its exterior is a perfect example of MCM architecture, while its interior is a wonderfully preserved time capsule complete with terrazzo floors (3 patterns: 2 matching their respective bathrooms), an original GE oven in all its light blue grandeur and floor to ceiling windows looking out over the backyard. The exterior of 7803 Causeway Boulevard North highlights contemporary style's use of different building materials, and don't you just love the original front doors flanked by intricate grill work? The Rat Pack would be right at home at this house! The St. Pete Historical Society has already

visited the meticulously maintained house at 7900 Causeway Boulevard North. This is a wonderful example of international's focus on simple design with minimal ornamentation. 756 79th Circle South completes our list with her bubble gum exterior paint, double port hole doors and decorative concrete block embedded into the stucco. This house will transport you right to the Palm Springs desert!

There is not enough room in this newsletter to highlight all of the CI MCM homes and hopefully you are now armed with enough information to spot them for yourself. For a future article we would like to turn the spotlight to original interiors! If you have or know a house that has all, or part of the original interiors intact, please drop us note at [admin@causewayisles.com](mailto:admin@causewayisles.com). We would like to talk to you!



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## CINA VOLUNTEERS AND SOCIALIZERS

### "Adopt-A-Median" Volunteers Retire

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the civic minded volunteers who have participated in our "Adopt-A-Median" Program. This median maintenance initiative has been underway for about four years and all medians have been well cared for and are looking GOOD! The entire neighborhood sincerely thanks you for your service!!!!

We have recently hired a local neighborhood landscaping company to take over this task for us. They will maintain the medians as well as the palm trees and entryways along 79<sup>th</sup> St S. Therefore, the "Median Mavens" are now officially RETIRED!

Jeff and Diane Davis

John and Christin Mosca

Bruce and Christy Erbeck

Ed and Ann Gessen

Jamie Phillips

Chuck Altman

Charlotte Hughes

Michael Pineda

These gracious neighbors have kept all our medians on 79<sup>th</sup> Street South looking good over the past four years, so... THANK YOU AGAIN and ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!!!!!!

Ed Gessen, Beautification and Transportation Chairperson

### House Hoppers Happy Hour (adult 4H)

As party planner, I'm always trying to think up new ways for us to socialize, my latest brainchild is... a happy hour club!!

Here's the plan:

- Once a month, maybe mid-month on a Friday, one of us will volunteer their home to host an informal Happy Hour.
- The host/hostess will provide one signature drink of their choice for the group.
- BYO -bring whatever you want to drink in addition to your one freebee
- Bring an hors d'oeuvre only if you want.
- It will be a limited time frame, from 5-7pm.
- You will have to sign up in advance so we have a number to anticipate. I can coordinate attendees.
- If you participate, then you will host some future month!

Think of all the new friends and decorating ideas we will get!

The first House Hoppers Happy hour will be:

Friday, Aug 20th

Christin and John Mosca

7817 3rd Ave S

Featured drink will be an Orange Crush (a MD creation)

**To sign up for this happy hour and/or to be on the call list for future happy hours contact Christin at 727-744-4878 or email [ChristinMosca@gmail.com](mailto:ChristinMosca@gmail.com).**

**John and I are looking forward to meeting some new neighbors!**



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# CAUSEWAY ISLES Traffic Circle Update 07-27-21

## Ed Gessen - Beautification and Transportation Committee Chairperson

Mini Traffic Circle Update, per Michael Fredrick, Neighborhood Traffic Manager, City of St Petersburg

The Traffic Calming Project on 79<sup>th</sup> Street is being placed **"ON HOLD"** for now.

Phase 1 (the current mini-circles) proved that the modifications recommended for Phase 2 were needed to proceed with the project.

Requests for quotations from contractors were recently received for Phase 2 (additional and larger plastic bumps and sidewalk additions to better simulate the actual future physical configurations) and the costs previously anticipated were three times higher than expected. This was due to labor shortages as well as material cost increases.

Since the City does not have the budget to fund the increased cost, the project has been placed "on-hold". The current mini-circles (Phase 1) will be removed until the funding becomes available. At that time, the project will be re-implemented directly to Phase 2, tested for several months, results will be reviewed, and presented, and then a CI only neighborhood vote will be taken.

That's the latest!!!!

## DOGS ON A LEASH

Keep your dogs on a leash, it's the law and common courtesy to others. We have many dogs in our neighborhood, they are part of our family. But, that also means we are responsible for their behavior. The only way to ensure that a dog is under control is a leash. This will also protect the dog from harm.

Be considerate of others. Many people are afraid of dogs or just don't care for them, including children, delivery people, and mail carriers.

It is Post Office policy that if your dog charges a mail carrier, they carry mace and will spray your dog. They don't want the risk of being bitten. You will get a letter from the post office stating you must keep your dog inside during work hours, if it happens again, you will no longer have mail delivered to your home and will need to get a PO Box. They are serious about this... after all, these people are just trying to stay safe while doing their job.

There are many dog parks nearby, Walter Fuller, Ron McKenney, and Gulfport parks, why not schedule a play date there!

For more information on the laws, please visit:

<https://www.westandforjustice.com/legal-blog/understanding-florida-leash-laws/>

## RED TIDE CLEANUP

The Red Tide has caused havoc on our waterways. Our local government has come to the rescue by providing boats for wildlife cleanup. Here are pictures of boats at work.





# CINA ADVERTISING

The Isles Style newsletter is a full color print and digital newsletter that is published three times a year. The newsletter reaches more than 400 homes in this prestigious single home waterfront community. The cost of advertising in the neighborhood newsletter is nominal and allows advertisers direct access to residents in one of the most desirable waterfront neighborhoods in the local area. We offer one time and annual advertising options with the annual option offering substantial savings.

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# SPRING SOCIAL AT CADDY'S



The Spring Social at Caddys was a great success with about 100 people showing up. The evening was a bit windy but that made it comfortable. Unfortunately, no green flash was seen, too many clouds rolled in for sunset. Cocktails were flowing along with the leis and tropical attire. All Seasons Landscaping, Caddys, and PJ's restaurant donated gift cards for prizes, we had many lucky prize winners!

The socials bring in new memberships, brings new and old friends together, and is just a wonderful celebration of the great neighborhood we all call home.

Kudos to our social chairs Christin Mosca and Deb Schum, also aided by Barbara Baugher and her daughter, Jessica. Bruce Erbeck brought his drone and took the group photo and also was our fantastic MC. .







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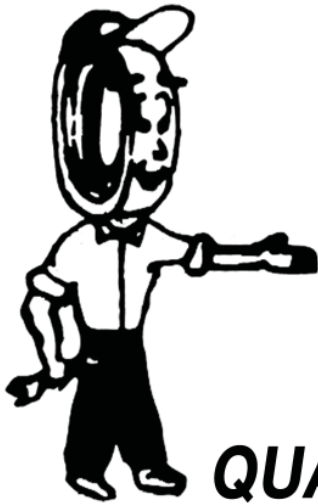
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Merchandise Inventory	1,357	1,357
Total Assets	19,545	15,227
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Advertising - Prepaid	-	125
Memberships - Prepaid	-	170
Total Liabilities	-	295
Retained Earnings	9,462	8,789
Net Income	10,083	6,143
Total Equity	19,545	14,932
Total Liabilities & Equity	19,545	15,227
<b>Income Statements</b>		
For The Periods Ended July 15,		
	2021	2020
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Membership Dues	9,467	7,980
Advertising, Newsletter	4,310	1,871
Merchandise Sales	20	23
Total Revenues	13,797	9,874
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
Annual Meeting	-	453
Bank & Credit Card Fees	51	61
Beautification	105	493
Boat Club	-	56
Landscaping	150	-
Newsletter Printing	1,578	1,498
Office Expenses	7	93
Postage & Delivery	-	12
Signage, Entry Ways	468	950
Spring Social, net	1,133	-
Taxes & Fees	61	61
Website Renewal & Social Media	161	54
Total Operating Expenses	3,714	3,731
Net Income	10,083	6,143



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# CINA - HISTORICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

by Sue Massanari

## Historical Perspective of CINA

It all started with the “Cat Lady”! Yes, one of our neighbors on 79th St. S. had a much-loved cat hit and killed by a car in 1999. This was the impetus that started meetings of a group of concerned neighbors. Our immediate goal was to make 79th St. S. safer for all residents. We worked with city planners to develop a traffic calming plan. There were many meetings, with the city and with residents of both Causeway Isles and YCE. When the speed limit was lowered the extra seconds (yes that is all it was) it took to drive from Central Ave to the YCE bridge was calculated. Someone even asked, after reviewing the plans, if their Hummer would still fit down the street! It is funny now but was very contentious at the time. The board was very relieved after all the work invested that the city decided that just Causeway residents would vote. The plan passed easily with a large majority in 2000, now all we needed was the city to come and start construction. . . . .

Treasure Island’s plans for the new bascule bridge was a huge concern for neighbors located close to the toll booth. Light pollution and privacy issues worried the neighbors as the proposed new toll booth would tower over their properties. Congressman Bill Young saved the day with a \$50,000,000 federal grant for construction of a new bridge IF the toll booth was eliminated.

2004 Construction finally begins on the raised cross walks on 79th St S! We were given many reasons over the years for construction delays. Budget. . . of course, nearby construction (we cannot bring heavy equipment to 79th St) and even being informed that our project no longer met the cost/benefit analysis! During one phone conversation I remember being told that the cross walks would be flat and level with the roadway! How was that going to calm traffic? We had to find a copy of the ballots that were used back in 2000 to prove that we had voted for raised crosswalks. After more meetings and a strong letter from Charlotte Hughes. . . . . yeah construction begins.

We have been promised a few times that funds are being appropriated to move the Pinellas Trail from Causeway Blvd N to Central Ave but as, yet they have not materialized.

2012 with multiple incidents of arson at three homes, was a scary time for our neighborhood. Arson is difficult to prove, consequently charges were never filed. The young lady involved (a resident of the neighborhood) agreed to a placement in a counseling facility in Orlando. The mother and daughter had moved into the neighborhood after having a “few fires in their previous garage”. The mother stated that these were due to electrical problems with a new vehicle! Motherly love is blind. . . . maybe? The mother had a “difficult” time in the neighborhood until she sold up and moved out.

In 2019 the city conducts more speed studies and then proposes installing two mini

## Chronological History of CINA

Mid 1950’s dredge and fill were stable enough to start construction on homes in Causeway Isles.

1958 Causeway Isles Civic Association (CICA) was formed to fight proposed additional dredge and fill projects.

1959 CICA was involved with concerns over TI toll issues.

1970’s CICA dissolved due to lack of interest.

1999 Causeway Isles Neighborhood Association is incorporated. Pat Brannon president, Sue Massanari VP  
Work with the city to stop a business being run out of a house on 2nd Ave S

2000 Traffic calming plan approved by Causeway Isles residents.  
New street/stop signs purchased with a city grant.

2002-2003 CINA awarded \$4,000 grant to build two entryway signs. Linda Harris Beautification chair.

2003 TI plans for a new high toll booth with a 6-lane approach for the new bascule bridge.  
2003 Cswy Blvd. S residents consider closing vehicle access from Central Ave except through 79th St S. There was not enough support to continue.



circles on 79th St S. Although we only have a rough temporary version installed, they do seem to help traffic speed but educating people how to use them is another hurdle. Traffic on 79th St S must give way to traffic from 2nd and 4th avenues if those vehicles are already at the circle intersection. Pedestrians needs must also be addressed. We will have to wait and see how this plan plays out. Let's hope, if we work with the city, we can keep everyone safe.

I have a couple more personal memories of some interesting neighborhood incidents. There was the time that our house was surrounded by a SWAT team because of an armed domestic dispute next door. My family and I were completely unaware that anything had happened until the next day when friends and neighbors called to ask if we were OK! Another time some kids were taking beer from a neighbor's garage. My husband Marc and I saw two pairs of feet sticking out from under our dock (it was low tide, and they were laying in the sand) but the kids took off running through a neighbor's yard before we could catch them. The police then blocked off the exits from the neighborhood and early the next morning found some teens on Sunset Blvd dripping wet. Apparently, they had just wanted a swim! By the way, all the neighbors involved in the stories above have moved onto other neighborhoods.

Returning now to CINA history, our social chairs have always come up with some interesting ways for us to gather with our neighbors. Our annual block parties are probably some of the most successful, but we've also had some more creative socials such as the murder mystery dinner, and dog Halloween costume competitions. The most important thing is that we, as a neighborhood, support CINA and the wonderful people who step up to volunteer. Looking back over the years CINA has accomplished a lot and made a significant difference in our lives. From CICA back in the early days of the construction of our homes preventing other dredge and fill areas, to the present association giving us a voice to stand up for our interests with the cities of St Petersburg and Treasure Island. Let's remember some of the people that have committed their time and knowledge to these accomplishments, there's Paul Yingst and his work with CICA; Pat Brannon, the first president of CINA who used his engineering background and contacts with the city in steering the traffic calming plans through. Others like Charlotte Hughes and Paula Engels have done a lot of the leg work, writing and organization for the association. More recently there is Andrea Nation who has done her own jobs, as VP and Treasurer, and many times has covered for others on the board as well. There are too many people to mention but collectively we have made the streets a little safer and more attractive. As a neighborhood we must keep up our financial commitment to maintaining the improvements that the city has installed such as the entryway signs, street signs, and landscaped areas and keep striving for more. Our crazy house prices certainly show that our efforts are worth it. Please support our board and step up to help whenever possible so that CINA will be successful and not suffer the same fate as our earlier Civic Association. Oh, and as for the Cat Lady, she, her husband, and surviving cats, moved to a rural area on an incredibly quiet street.

2004 raised crosswalks installed on 79th St S. CINA board approves city plans to add landscaped medians and a stop sign to the traffic calming plans.

2005 Residents on Causeway Isles approve the additions made to the traffic-calming plan.

East side of Causeway Blvd. S voted to have speed humps installed to control traffic speed.

2006 TI new bascule bridge opens. Landscaped medians constructed on 79th St. S.

2007 CINA starts a web site.

2008 Unsuccessful request for funds from the City of St Petersburg to purchase decorative lamp posts (to match YCE). September 28th CINA's 50th Anniversary block party on 79th Circle

2009 Pinellas County trail to be connected to Treasure Island.

2012 Five cases of arson occurred in 15 months, two on the 7900 block of 2nd Ave S and a few just around the corner at a home on 79th St S.

2018 CINA liaisons with city to try and alleviate vacation rentals in Causeway.

2019 CINA again asks the city to help with the speeding problem on 79th St South.



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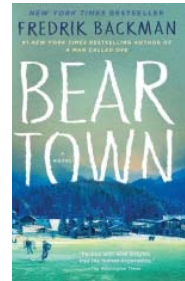
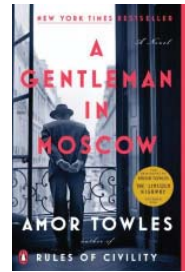
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**December 2021 Book Club**

Holiday Party



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