



Fiesta Day Parade of Flags - Photo Credit: Pam Ella Lee

YBOR LEGEND

Spring 2022

YBOR: HOME SWEET HOME!

More than an entertainment district, Ybor City's residential options continue to grow! This redevelopment trend includes historic renovations, single family infill projects to multi-family residential developments. According to the Hillsborough Planning Commission, 250 new housing units have been added within Ybor City's CRA 1 and 2 boundaries since 2015 with an estimated additional 1,394 units by 2030. The historic charm of Ybor City coupled with its close distance to downtown Tampa and the interstate system makes it a very attractive place to call home.



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ARCHWAY LIGHT PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING THIS SUMMER!

The iconic lighted archways suspended above 7th Avenue will undergo an aesthetic rejuvenation and convert to more environmentally sustainable technology. Groundbreaking of this project will happen this summer! Stay updated at yborcityonline.com/archwaylights.



NEW PARKING IMPROVEMENTS



New parking pay stations installed in March.

To reduce traffic congestion and encourage space turnover, the City of Tampa is implementing paid parking for on-street parking spaces and two-hour free parking in city-owned surface parking lots starting March 14. This program change will make it more convenient for visitors and residents to find available parking. There will also be designated pick-up/drop-off areas for ride-sharing services. Learn more at yborcityonline.com/parking.



YBOR CITY CAC TOURS TAMPA HOPE



Tampa Hope, owned and operated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc., can accommodate up to 300 adults experiencing homelessness. Catholic Charities has partnered with multiple organizations to offer education programs, support groups, substance and alcohol abuse assistance and job placement support. The Ybor City CAC toured the recently opened campus. If you are interested in donating toiletries, blankets, detergent, among many other useful supplies, please contact Maggie Rodgers, the Executive Director, at mrogers@ccdosp.org.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Gas Worx

The first phase of Gas Worx, a 50-acre mixed-use development master plan in Ybor City, received final approval from Tampa City Council. When completed, Gas Worx will be one of the most walkable neighborhoods in Tampa, with priority given to pedestrians and bike traffic while adding needed greenspace in the city's urban core.



Casa Marti Begins Construction

Casa Marti, a 127-unit residential complex, creates a distinctive new residential and retail destination directly on East 7th Avenue. This development includes ground-floor retail spaces for lease and stylish new residences. See all of Casa Ybor's developments at casaybor.com.

#PupsofYbor

A new rendering of the Friends of Ybor Dog Park with adjacent cafe has been unleashed and construction has begun on the corner of 18th Street and 4th Avenue! This exciting new development is a barktastic addition to our community.



East Ybor Gateway Project on Schedule

Thanks to the incredible work of the Ybor City CRA, the East Ybor Historic Civic Association Inc. (2002-2017), the Barrio Latino Commission (BLC), Wilder Architects and Hamilton Engineering, the East Ybor Gateway Monument and Streetscape Project is on schedule for completion this summer. The monument will represent the entrance to the east end of the 7th Avenue corridor, which was recognized as one of the 10 Greatest Streets in America by the American Planning Association.



RECENT YBOR EVENTS



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

7th & Grove's elevated southern cuisine recently was premiered on the 'Comfort on the Coast' episode of Food Paradise on the Cooking Channel. Support this local eatery at 1930 E. 7th Ave.

Bar Rescue recently wrapped filming for an upcoming episode debuting Cereaholic Café and Bar. Bar Rescue is a popular reality show that offers professional expertise and renovations to bars. Now, with a new name and style, The Loft Ybor City boasts an elevated, intimate atmosphere, craft beers and cocktails. Check it out at 1909 N. 15th St.



Outback Bowl Parade



Sant' Yago Knight Parade



Fiesta Day

SPECIAL EVENTS ARE BACK!



Thursday, March 10

Ybor City Museum State Park
5 to 10 p.m.



Saturday, March 12

7th Avenue
7 to 9 p.m.



Saturday, March 12

Mainstage HCC Ybor City
5 to 9 p.m.



Saturday, March 26

7th Avenue and The Cuban Club
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Friday, April 1

Centennial Park
7 to 9 p.m.



Saturday, April 23

Centennial Park
9 a.m.



Sunday, May 29

Centennial Park
12 to 6 p.m.

MEATYARD YBOR

Meatyard Ybor, located at 1728 E. 2nd Ave., is an exciting renovation of one of Ybor's treasured warehouses into 50+ affordable art workspaces and gallery space. The facility is named in honor of Jerry Meatyard, an Ybor artist and professor at Hillsborough Community College Ybor Campus from 1969 to 2001. On Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the public is invited to get a sneak peek of the building plans and a taste of how this project supports Tampa's creative sector. There will be an installation of visual work by local artists and live music.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Meetings are held at the Ybor City CRA office and virtually. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates are subject to change. Visit YborCityOnline.com.

Monthly

Ybor CAC/YCDC Board Meeting

Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 4 p.m.

Bi-monthly (Odd Months)

Economic Growth and Mobility Committee

Second Tuesday of the Month at 3:30 p.m.

Community Preservation and Sustainability Committee

Third Tuesday of the Month at 3:30 p.m.

Public Safety and District Operations Committee

Third Thursday of the Month at 3:30 p.m.

CIGARS FOR SOLDIERS

The Cigar Capital of the World continues to give back! The Cigars for Soldiers program collected nearly 500 cigars at the Ybor City Cigar Heritage Festival and Fiesta Day to send to U.S. Troops overseas. Ybor Ambassadors continue to collect cigars year-round. A collection box is located at the Visitor Information Center at Centro Ybor on 8th Avenue.



MAYOR JANE CASTOR

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board

Joseph Citro, Chairman, District 1 At-large	Orlando Gudes, District 5
Bill Carlson, Vice-chairman, District 4	Guido Maniscalco, District 6
Charlie Miranda, District 2 At-large	Luis Viera, District 7
John Dingfelder, District 3 At-large	

Meeting Location: Tampa City Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dates: Second Thursday of the month

Ybor City CRA/YCDC Inc. Board

Steve BarbasChairman, Ybor City Museum Society
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