

# NEW SUBURB Beautiful

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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## President's Message

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Happy Fall to Everyone – and the hope for cooler weather to let us get outside and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood and all that South Tampa has to offer! I can't let the summer pass, however, without thanking everyone who participated in our annual Fourth of July Party and Children's Parade. Thanks to all who helped to make it a huge success – especially our Events Chairperson, Kelly Bilger, who coordinated the event, and Courtney and Eric Hoenig, who graciously invited us all to their lovely home for this fun event. The food, refreshments, and socializing were great and the children's floats and costumes were awesome.

Speaking of fun events, Halloween is just around the corner and we hope all the children of NSB will participate in our annual Halloween special event. You should have 4 raffle tickets attached to this newsletter – details are below!

Since the Fourth of July and Halloween events are centered around the children of NSB, we've decided that our next event will be for the grown-ups, in the form of a BYOB holiday gathering in early December. Details will be in the upcoming Holiday Newsletter.

In addition to the fun stuff, as most of you know, our Security Program is the main component of our association. Find out more about that in our treasurer's report below!

The association also keeps up with governmental and regulatory issues to keep you informed of changes affecting NSB. Scott Weber is our neighborhood representative to the South Tampa Regulatory Review Committee and doing a superlative job on our behalf –see his report below!

Of note since the last newsletter, the city is looking at ways to strengthen code enforcement to make reporting easier, enforcement more efficient and penalties more effective. Issues include tenants leaving furniture, appliances and other junk on curbs and in alleys when they move; overflowing commercial dumpsters that attract rats and raccoons; non-permitted work that has not been approved and permitted by the city; changing uses of property to those not permitted under current zoning; repeated and continuous violations; and wasting time finding the right person with the city or being shuffled from person to person without getting anywhere when you file a complaint. We'll keep you posted as the city's efforts move forward.

All of us on the board welcome the chance to get to know as many of our neighbors as possible! We encourage your involvement in helping us to make NSB the best it can be for all of us and welcome your questions and comments!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!!**

Get involved! Visit NSB website: [www.newsurbbeautiful.com](http://www.newsurbbeautiful.com)

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## Upcoming Event – Halloween!

by Kelly Bilger

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Join us for an evening of Trick or Treating in *Spooktacular* New Suburb Beautiful!! Please keep the attached raffle tickets somewhere safe as you will need them during your Trick or Treating festivities. Every house receives four raffle tickets and the intent is for each child to use a raffle ticket at one of the following special houses. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful house decorations and costumes!

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## Treasurer's Report

by Jeff Rosenbeck

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Our security program is the main component of our association. Although all 370 of our households benefit from this program, right now we only have a 42% dues-paying participation (156 households). If we could just get that to over 50% participation next year – the board's goal is 100%! - ***we could add another 10-15 hours of security coverage each week!*** So, we again encourage everyone to consider joining to help us keep NSB one of the safest neighborhoods in South Tampa! Membership is only \$365 per year – a dollar a day - AND as a member, you get the added benefit of being able to request a free "vacation check" of your property when you are out of town. From now on, we can only afford that service to be provided to dues-paying members. So, starting next year, we'll be providing 'paylists' to our patrol - and you will be billed for vacation checks if you request them and are not a member.

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## NSB eConnections

by Diana Adams

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We have been using our Yahoo group message board for over a year now with great results.

One handy feature is that every message is saved on the message board. So, if you're already a member, just go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/newsurbbeautiful/info> and type in the service or supplier you're looking for in the search conversations box at the top. For example, you can type in "Window", click on Search Groups, and all messages recommending window replacement / installers will come up in your search results. The less specific your search parameter the better results you'll get.

If you're not a member already, just send an email to: [newsurbbeautiful-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:newsurbbeautiful-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) - or, you can go to the web address provided above and either create a new Yahoo account or sign in with your Facebook or Gmail account. I use my Gmail account to access the message board and have not had any issues – it also provides the added benefit of having all the emails come to the normal email box you check regularly. Remember too that you can choose to get every email as they come **or** get a daily digest to keep your email box a little cleaner.

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## Regulatory Report

by Scott Weber

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During the past few months, NSB's efforts to address zoning changes have been positive. NSB, joining with other South Tampa HOA's, helped to defeat a project to place loft and small apartments on the site of the former Xtreme Gym on Howard, as well as associated road annexation. Similarly, we joined with the other HOAs in objecting to a new bar north of Swann that would have an excessive amount of patio space, noise and limited parking. NSB also concurred in objections to a Circle K renovation on the corner of Howard and Kennedy Avenue that was not in keeping with the overlay district requirements.