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November/December 2013

BUSINESS COMINGS & GOINGS:

- (OPEN) Sapore Culinary Boutique, 828 Highland Avenue
- (OPEN) Bloom Salon & Spa, 1596 Virginia Street
- (OPEN) The Plainsmen Gallery, 2141 Main Street, Suite H
- (OPEN) L. A. Home Décor, 1276 Main Street
- (OPEN) Minute Clinic, 2175 Main Street (inside CVS)
- (OPEN) Platinum Yacht Services, 343 Causeway Boulevard
- (OPEN) Lily Monk Boutique, 1346 Main Street
- (OPEN) Mr. Pita's Café & Grill, 1582 Main Street
- (OPEN) Blue Sake, 1425 Main Street
- (OPEN) Lizard Juice, 1348 Main Street
- (OPEN) Takeback Massage & Facial, 1601 Main Street
- (OPEN) Thistle, gifts/décor, 715 Broadway
- (OPEN) The Puzzle Room, child care, 601 Patricia Avenue
- (NEW NAME & OWNERSHIP) Caladesi Liquors, 920 Curlew Road
- (NEW LOCATION) Galley Restaurant, 1757 Main Street
- (CLOSED) Signs Now, 1410 Main Street
- (CLOSED) Q Fashion Jewelry, 678 Douglas
- (CLOSED) Blockbuster, 1761 Main Street
- (CLOSED) Hin Lee Restaurant, 1757 Main Street
- (COMING SOON) Kimberly Home Thrift Shoppe, 1428 Main Street
- (COMING SOON) Cotherman Distilling Company, 933 Huntley Avenue
- (COMING SOON) Clear Sky Draught Haus, 680 Main Street

Our City Attorney's firm, Trask, Metz & Daigneault LLP, has moved to 1001 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 201, Clearwater. Their former location at 595 Main Street is currently available for lease.

We would also like to welcome back the owners of Spotos 580 Grill, at 1280 Main Street. The popular *Spoto's The Steak Joint* closed last year at this location.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE/LEASE:

For Sale:

- 1275 Bayshore Blvd, 1280 Main Street, 12,080 SF retail building
- 234 Monroe Street, 2,100 SF office building
- 1442 Main Street, 3,680 SF commercial building
- 440 Douglas Avenue, 2,959 SF office building
- 1299 Main Street, 5,880 SF office building
- 210 Patricia Avenue, 4,256 SF office building
- 678 Douglas Avenue, 1,244 SF retail building
- 375 Patricia Avenue, 17.5 acres, former Nielsen property
- 453 Edgewater Drive, formerly The Fenway Hotel, 79,380 SF of buildings on 5.64 acres is advertised for short sale

For Lease:

- 764 Main Street, 3,500 SF medical office space
- 1280 Main Street, 4,400 SF retail space
- 1523 Main Street, 7 retail spaces (800 to 4,370 SF), Granada Plaza
- 1681-1757 Main Street, 6 retail spaces (1,000 to 7,600 SF), Wethersfield Commons; includes the former Sweet Bay Grocery store at 46,055 SF
- 2196 Main Street, 2 offices (1,633 to 3,375 SF)
- 912-956 Patricia Avenue (2,000 SF) retail
- 300 Monroe Street, 2,000 SF retail space
- 2494 Bayshore Boulevard, 27,714 SF office space
- 461 Plaza Drive, 12,515 SF office space
- 1600 Virginia Street, 2,500 SF retail space (former Galley Restaurant)

FAÇADE OPPORTUNITIES:

- We have approved two applications for participants in the façade grant program for improvements to the frontage of their building, and one demolition grant.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

- 2nd Friday activities with over 40 participating merchants.
- Dunedin Downtown Market, Friday and Saturday mornings, John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park.
- Dunedin Historical Museum's Sunset Stroll on Victoria Drive, November 8 & December 13.
- Dunedin Wines the Blues, John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park, Nov. 8 and 9.
- Creative Artists Guild Art Show, John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park, Nov. 10.
- Arts & Crafts Festival, Nov. 16 & 17
- Holiday Boat Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony, Marina/Edgewater Park, December 7
- Holiday Street Parade & Old Fashioned Christmas, December 14

PROJECTS:

- Business Visitation Program is continuing with visits to businesses. The database is updated regularly with new and closing businesses, and is a good tool to measure our turnover of vacant properties.
- Promenade: The Main Street to Marina project was completely finished before the holidays with the brick pavers washed and sealed.
- Operation Twinkle: The annual Holiday Lamp Post decorating contest was held with 37 entries. Creative Graphics/Jack's Signs & Designs were awarded a silver trophy at the Old Fashioned Christmas event to keep in their shop for a year as the 2013 Overall Winner! Winners were given ribbons in six categories (Business, Restaurant, Civic Group, Church, Holiday Spirit, and City Department). We are very proud of the ten (10) City departments who participated in the contest this year!
- A lease agreement was signed with the owner of property at 362 Scotland Street for 75 parking spaces in a busy downtown location.
- City staff are working with a property owner at 510 Main Street to demolish a former

PROMOTIONS/KUDOS:

- Thanks to the new Downtown Market Managers of our fresh market in John R. Lawrence Pioneer Park. Opening Day was November 15th. They have brought in over 40 vendors to each market who sell a wide variety of items – produce, gourmet take-home foods, plants, cheese, and handcrafts. The quality of vendors is attracting large crowds as well as the live entertainment on the stage. Kudos to Market Managers Tiffany and Greg who are also doing a wonderful job of promoting our market through print (newspapers, magazine advertising) and social media!

HOUSING:

- A revised Housing Element to the updated City's Comprehensive Plan is being written with the goals approved at the LPA and City Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

- CRA Advisory Committee held monthly meetings in November and December with staff representation. New Downtown Market Manager Greg Barnhill was present to give an overview of the new market. Topics of discussion: a “container city” concept, the Waterfront Task Force update, and a new City-leased parking lot on Scotland Street. Parks & Recreation Director Vince Gizzi spoke to members about committee involvement in the special event process (for a new downtown event).
- Arts & Culture Advisory Committee met with staff representation. Topics discussed included a new decorative bicycle rack commissioned for Knot On Main Street, the bronze statues in front of the Historical Museum, and the arch at Broadway honoring returning military members.
- Mobile Home Park Committee met with staff representation. Topics discussed included accurate measuring of lot sizes in the various mobile home parks.

MEETINGS/NETWORKING

- Visit Dunedin meeting
- Visit St. Pete/Clearwater Annual Marketing meeting
- Downtown Dunedin Merchants Association meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Before & After Hours meetings
- Governmental Affairs meeting
- Dunedin Housing Authority Meeting
- Waterfront Task Force Meeting
- Prospective developer meetings regarding Fenway property
- Meeting with Venice City Manager & Finance Director
- Attended Ethical Rules & Considerations Webinar
- Attended St. Pete/Clearwater CVB Annual Marketing Meeting