

Monday Morning Memo
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Partnership Matters

Arts festivals to film festivals; galleries to grand open spaces; cultural exhibits to historical collections, downtown Tampa is becoming an epicenter for the arts in Tampa Bay. Some may be surprised to hear that downtown Tampa will be home to more than twenty cultural venues, festivals and events by 2010. The economic impact to the community is tremendous. Come hear from those who are bringing to downtown a world-class collection of cultural activities, learn what cultural institutions have planned, and how downtown's assortment of diverse venues and happenings will economically impact the entire Tampa Bay region. **This is a Partnership Downtown Debriefing Series event. The date is October 14th.** The location is Maestro's at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The event and breakfast start at 8 a.m. Get details by clicking [here](#).

Opportunities

October is International Walk to School month - children, parents, teachers, friends and neighbors all have an opportunity to take part while enjoying the benefits of walking. Parents of children at the Rampello Downtown Partnership School have a unique opportunity to walk their child to school instead of using the congested drop off line. To learn more visit www.iwalktoschool.org.

Holiday shopping early!!! **Hayman Jewelry is having a 76th Anniversary Sale from now through the 30th.** Everything is 35-60% off all merchandise excluding Simon G Jewelry and repairs. Hayman Jewelry is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store is located at 305 E Madison Street. Need more details? Call (813) 229-2297.

Want to get involved with the community? **Appointments are to be made by the City of Tampa to various boards and commissions including the two remaining positions on the newly created Equal Business Opportunity Advisory Council.** Deadline for submission of applications is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd, in the Office of the City Clerk located in Old City Hall (315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Third Floor). The City Council has scheduled three-minute presentations by the applicants interested in being considered for one of these positions. The three-minute presentations are scheduled to be held on November 5th at 10:30 a.m. under Staff Reports and Unfinished Business during the regular session of City Council. The regular sessions of City Council are held in the Tampa City Council Chambers, Old City Hall (315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Third Floor). The updated applications are available in the Office of the City Clerk, Old City Hall (315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Third Floor). Applications are also available on the [City of Tampa's website](#).

Studies and Reviews

New residents continue to move into downtown. **Element, located at 808 N. Franklin Street, reports that 21 new residents moved into the building in September.** Six

new residents have moved in this month already! Find out more about Element by [clicking here](#).

Seeing is Believing

Another restaurant has opened for business. **Samariá Café has opened at 502 N. Tampa Street.** The restaurant is owned and operated by the Xanthoudakis Family. The cuisine is American with a bit of Mediterranean flair. Samariá Café is open 7 days a week 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. serving breakfast all day long!

Save the date! **The TECO Line Historic Streetcar System will break ground on the line's extension to Whiting Street October 9th.** All Downtowers are encouraged to be at the groundbreaking. [Click here](#) for details on this project.

There is a [great new video](#) depicting how the Tampa – Orlando region will benefit from winning the High Speed Rail stimulus funds. Since the decision will be made in a few short months, now is the time to help us win by educating yourself and joining the [network's website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Florida has the demographics, geography, growth management plans and the dedicated right of way already in place to make this a reality starting in 2010!

Special Services District

Today (10/5) is the start of the UCAP project in downtown! Everyone needs to be aware of this project, which will cause temporary disruptions of downtown's traffic patterns in various areas over the next 18 months. The Partnership is committed to communicating this information. Here is the latest:

- **Latest News:** The first construction activity will be on Florida Avenue and will include jack & bore activity (a type of tunneling technology) at certain intersections and pipeline installation in the two westerly lanes of Florida Avenue. This work will continue through December.
- **Road closures and detours October 5-11, 2009:** The two lanes on the west side of Florida Avenue, starting at Whiting Street north to Twiggs Street, will be closed from Oct. 5 through Nov. 20, 2009. For the latest map, [click here](#).

Additional information about this project can be found on the Tampa UCAP website at www.tampa-ucap.com.

Share your thoughts and ideas:

- The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department is holding a public workshop from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday (10/6) to gather input on improvements to Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park.** The workshop will be held at the Steinbrenner Family West Tampa Boys and Girls Club, located at 1301 North Boulevard. Anyone interested in this topic is urged to attend the meeting and provide input, share information, and ask questions. Representatives from the Tampa Parks and Recreation Department and URS Corporation, design and engineering consultants to the City of Tampa, will be in attendance to address concerns and help answer questions. For more information, please contact Karla Price, Project Manager, City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department, (813) 274-5134.

- The City of Tampa is holding a public workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14 to **gather input on the park design proposed in the Channel District on the southwest corner of 12th and Washington Streets**. Find out more about this meeting by clicking [here](#).
- The **Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council will host a public forum** on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at Iglesia de Dios La Senda Antigua, located at 4810 N. Howard Avenue. An information expo will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a panel discussion from 7 to 9 p.m. This forum is free and open to the public. Mayor Pam Iorio and other government officials will provide information on topics such as access to housing, crime prevention, the 2010 Census, and Immigration/Migratory Reform. The public forum is organized in an effort to make city government more accessible to Tampa's Hispanic community. Please see the attached [flyer](#).

Mark your calendar for Tuesday (10/10) at 10:00 a.m. (10-10-10) to join a celebration of Tampa's river's beauty and to promote safe boating speeds so that everyone can enjoy it. The "**canoe-in**" will launch from Riverfront Park Marina (1007 N. Boulevard) and participants are invited to canoe/kayak as a group. River rides and refreshments will also be available. Click [here](#) for more information.

The next **Downtown Core CRA Community Advisory Committee meeting** is being held tomorrow, Tuesday, (10/6) at 5:30 p.m. at 517 N. Franklin (entrance on Twiggs). For the meeting agenda, click [here](#). The next **Channel District CRA Community Advisory Committee meeting** is being held this coming Wednesday (10/7) at 5:30 p.m. at The Florida Aquarium. For the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

Soccer lovers, show your support: The USA Bid Committee for the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cup recently announced that Tampa Bay is among the final 27 cities under consideration to serve as a potential World Cup host city. Tampa Bay & Company is requesting the support of community members, partners, Tampa Bay fans, and everyone else to help bring the FIFA World Cup back to the United States and to Tampa Bay for the first time. The USA Bid Committee has created a petition campaign to help show the level of dedication our community has to hosting the FIFA World Cup. A goal of 50,000 signatures has been set, so now is the time to show your support. Log on to www.GoUSABid.com/TampaBay and join the movement to bring this prestigious event to our destination. It only takes seconds to sign the petition and every signature counts!

Downtown independent businesses may want to know about TIBA. TIBA is an organization made up of owners of locally owned independent businesses with a main focus of supporting and promoting the increasingly imperative role that local independent businesses play in the community's financial, cultural, and business landscape. TIBA educates the community on the unique benefits that it offers at the same time helping to promote and engage its member businesses directly through online and printed directory listings, marketing and advertising specials, Monthly Mixers, and Community Involvement and Leadership Opportunities. If you are an independent business and would like to learn more about TIBA, visit www.TIBATAMPA.org or contact Josh Dohring at (813) 223-9111 or Josh@DohringGroup.com for more details.

Could this be the year that the Tampa Bay Lightning makes a repeat of its historical 2004 season? The *St. Petersburg Times* thinks so. Read its ten reasons to

have hope by [clicking here](#). Then, check out the notice about “Opening Night” on Friday (10/9) in the “Downtown Happenings” section of this Monday Morning Memo.

Now that the weather has cooled off a bit, the **Partnership’s popular [Do the Local Motion](#) walking program** is gearing to start back up on Friday, Oct. 16. These free group walks exploring various parts of downtown are a fun way to get some exercise and learn more about your City. Click here to get the full schedule. Sign up to earn incentives and reward yourself for getting healthier. Come join us! *Sponsored by [Healthy Together](#)*.

Gasparilla is not until January, but already planning is underway. This year the big pirate fest will come to downtown. Read about the new route and who’s running the show by [clicking here](#).

Creative Urban Core

ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS READ THIS: The Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts (TBBCA) is celebrating its 20th year on November 5th. They are looking for talented artists in our community whom we could auction off to provide either a performance at a future date or piece of art as part of our live artist and art auction. Unlike a traditional art auction, we want our audience and local businesses to really connect to the artist behind the art. If you are such a person, then click here. Do it today. The deadline to participate is Friday (10/9)!

TECO Public Art Gallery in Tampa presents The Life Enrichment Center’s 8th Annual Art Show & Sale now through October 31st. The art exhibition will include thirty artworks of various media by members of the Life Enrichment Center. More than 100 additional framed and unframed paintings and prints will be available for purchase in TECO Hall on the evening of the opening reception scheduled to be held on Friday (10/9) from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public and will be held at the TECO Public Art Gallery, 702 N. Franklin St. The event will feature music by local artist and steel drum musician, John Lowry; a dance performance by Forever Moving, Tampa Bay’s first and only contemporary dance company for older adults; a caricature artist, palm reader, colorologist, card reader, handwriting analyst, massage therapist, tattoo artist, and more.

Downtown Happenings

So much is going on in downtown Tampa! Check out these notable events:

- **The Tampa Gay & Lesbian Film Festival will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year**, and films will run Oct. 8-18. Get all the details by [clicking here](#).
- **Experience a 1940’s style USO Show re-enactment and dance under the stars on the deck of the American Victory Ship** to the sounds of 10 O’clock 18-piece Big Band. October 9th is the date to put on your dancing shoes and dress for the period in military, vintage or dress attire. For details, [click here](#).
- **The Tampa Bay Lightning will celebrate the season’s “Opening Night” on October 9th and the New Jersey Devils come to town.** This year the Bolts will be skating hard with dynamic players such as Victor Hedman, Mattias Ohlund,

Steven Stamkos and Martin St. Louis. To find out more about “Opening Night” and to buy tickets, [click here](#).

- *Runners take your mark...the 15th Annual Tampa Police Memorial Run will be held on October 10th.* This year’s run is dedicated to fallen Tampa police officer, Corporal Michael J. Roberts. Find out details and register online by [clicking here](#).
- **October 10th is the day for the 7th Annual Streetcar Fest!** In celebration of the TECO Line Streetcar System's seventh anniversary, bring the family and friends out for a fun-filled day in downtown Tampa, the Channel District and Ybor City! Get details by [clicking here](#).
- **Relax and chill out at Downtown Tampa’s Chillounge!** This is when chic hits downtown’s streets. Chillounge is the coolest event coming to downtown on October 10th. Make sure to get your tickets now. Here is [the link](#).
- The Downtown Tampa Attractions Association and Tampa Bay Dragon Boats Institute will host a **happy hour event on October 21st at TinaTapas**. The event will kick off at 6:00 p.m. and go to 8:00 p.m. Details are available by [clicking here](#).
- Vroom, Vroom...start your engines. **The 2010 Model Tampa Bay International Auto Show races to the Tampa Convention Center on October 23rd**. Get in the fast lane by [clicking here](#).
- **Pet lovers; mark your calendars now for the upcoming Passion for Pets event on October 28th at the Tampa Convention Center starting at 7 a.m.** This is a fundraising breakfast event for The Humane Society of Tampa Bay. Details about this event can be found by [clicking here](#).

In and Around InTown

Downtown techies will want to attend the **2009 Industry Achievement Awards Gala hosted by the Tampa Bay Technology Forum**. This event will be held at A La Carte Event Pavilion on November 12th. Tickets, times and more details are available by [clicking here](#).

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