



# YBOR LEGEND

Summer 2022

## ART SPACE COMING SOON TO YBOR!

Tempus Projects curates award-winning exhibitions and events and provides a space for culturally diverse artistic expression, dialogue, and reflection contributing to the visual arts community in Tampa Bay. They are opening a new art gallery, 'Tempus Valta' in Ybor City's historic Kress building on 7th Avenue. Tempus Valta will be one of five art galleries moving into the second floor of this historic building constructed in the 1920s. It now belongs to Ybor City Developer Darryl Shaw, who is also owner of Meatyard Ybor, a property located in the Ybor south area that's being converted into 50 affordable art workspaces and a gallery. This is an exciting time for art and artists in our historic district. More information coming soon!



Kress Building: 1624-1630 E. 7th Ave.



Meatyard Ybor: 1728 E. 2nd Ave.

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Share your creativity and love for Ybor City by submitting your art in the second rendition of the *heART of Ybor* Community Art Contest. Four art categories will be considered: 1) Visual Arts 2) Digital Arts 3) Performance Art and 4) Out-of-the-Box. Tell us why you think Ybor City is 'The Heart of Tampa.' The official contest will launch on Friday, August 26, 2022. Stay on the lookout for more details, including contest criteria and prizes!



# THE CENTRO ASTURIANO DE TAMPA CELEBRATING 120 YEARS



The Centro Asturiano de Tampa was a social club for immigrants and the descendants of immigrants from Asturias, Spain. Historically, a hospital, cemetery, and health insurance all came with membership, and the purpose of the club was to take care of members at all stages of their lives. This beautiful building now hosts clubs, weddings, parties, celebrations, corporate functions, galas, and more. The Centro Asturiano was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and is a designated heritage structure in the Ybor City Historic District.

# YBOR CITY CRA CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH HCC FILM STUDENTS



In 2021, the Ybor City CRA partnered with the Digital TV, Radio, Film, and Media Production Department at Hillsborough Community College (HCC) to provide an opportunity for students to experience real-world projects. The students' videos highlight the intertwined connection between economic growth and local history. Their most recent video features the new art gallery concept, Ybor Meatyard.



# SUMMER EVENT SEASON

Don't miss out on these upcoming exciting events in Ybor!

## Tie the Knot Ybor

On July 24, 2022, from 12 to 5 p.m. jump on a trolley to experience six historic wedding venues set up to get the full wedding experience. Participating venues include: Centro Asturiano, the Cuban Club, Hotel Haya, the Italian Club, J.C. Newman Cigar Co., and Ybor City Museum. Learn more at [tietheknotybor.com](http://tietheknotybor.com).



## International Tampa Fringe Festival

July 28 through August 7, 2022, at the Hillsborough Community College Ybor Performing Arts Building. Learn more at [tampafringe.org](http://tampafringe.org).



## Countdown Improv Festival

August 10 through 13, 2022, at the Hillsborough Community College Ybor Performing Arts Building. Learn more at [countdownimprovfestival.com](http://countdownimprovfestival.com).

## Ybor City Special Events Co-Sponsorship Grant Program Application DEADLINE APPROACHING!

The Ybor City CRA is now accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2023. This grant program is designed to help fund new or existing special events scheduled in Ybor City's CRA 1 area between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023. Completed applications must be emailed to [YborCityCRA@tampagov.net](mailto:YborCityCRA@tampagov.net) by Monday, August 1, 2022. Learn more [tampa.gov/CRAS/ybor-city](http://tampa.gov/CRAS/ybor-city).



# INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATES



The City of Tampa Mobility Department revealed the new enhanced 22nd Street crosswalk and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for pedestrian safety. The project is made possible through a public-private partnership with Casa Santo Stefano owner Richard Gonzmart.



The 7th Avenue Iconic Archway Light Project with Sidewalk Enhancements is projected to break ground this fall. The East 7th Avenue Gateway Monument & Streetscape Project is estimated to be completed this fall.



Ybor City is proud to be pet-friendly! From local breweries, outdoor seating at restaurants, the weekly Saturday Market, to fun dog-welcoming events throughout the year, furry friends are invited to join their owners to experience the historic district.

Did you know? The inaugural project for Friends of Ybor is a 4,000-square-foot dog park and café on the corner of 18th Street and 4th Avenue. Construction is well underway on this perfect addition to our pup-friendly community.



## FLIP PROGRAM VISITS YBOR

The Future Leaders in Planning (FLiP) Program introduces high school students to local urban planning as a potential career path through speaker-led presentations, city-wide tours, and hands-on experiences. Students enjoyed spending the day in Ybor as one component of this multi-day annual event.



## COLUMBIA RESTAURANT ADDED TO MICHELIN GUIDE

Ybor's beloved Columbia Restaurant, the oldest continually operating restaurant in Florida, has joined the ranks alongside 16 other Tampa restaurants to be added to The MICHELIN Guide. This is an amazing recognition! See more at <https://guide.michelin.com/us/en/florida/tampa/restaurant/columbia>.



# NEW BUSINESS CORNER

Verdex Construction Company  
2018 E. 7th Avenue



## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Meetings are held at the Ybor City CRA office and are open to the public. Meeting dates are subject to change. Visit [YborCityOnline.com](http://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.



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# MAYOR JANE CASTOR

## Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Board

Lynn Hurtak – Chairwoman – District 3  
Guido Maniscalco – Vice-Chairman – District 6  
Joe Citro – District 1  
Charlie Miranda – District 2

Bill Carlson – District 4  
Orlando Gudes – District 5  
Luis Viera – District 7

### 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 Barbas . . . . . Chairman, Ybor City Museum Society
- Chris Wojtowicz. . . . . Immediate Past Chairman, Property Owner
- Liz Welch . . . . . Vice-chairman, Barrio Latino Commission
- Rich Simmons . . . . . Secretary, At-large
- Chip Williams . . . . . Treasurer, Bars and Restaurants
- Marcia Austin . . . . . At-large
- Tee Ann Bailey . . . . . Multi-family Residential
- Brittany Barrie . . . . . At-large
- David Bailey . . . . . Historic Ybor Neighborhood Civic Association
- Cristal Blackwell-Lastra . . . . . Ybor Historic Social Clubs
- Joe Capitano, Sr. . . . . Emeritus Member
- Jose Cayon . . . . . East Ybor Gary Historic Civic Association
- Fran Costantino . . . . . Emeritus Member
- Armando Edmiston . . . . . Professional Office
- Joshua Frank . . . . . At-large
- Casey Gonzmart Jr. . . . . Restaurant
- Ken Jones . . . . . Retail/Arts
- Dustin Lemke . . . . . Hillsborough Community College
- Claire Fenlon May . . . . . Entertainment/Events
- Grant Mehlich . . . . . Finance/Banking
- Michael Murphy . . . . . Ybor Merchants Association
- Arnold Trueba . . . . . Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
- Walter Pinillos. . . . . Gaybor District Coalition
- Damon Shiver . . . . . Ybor Chamber of Commerce
- Christopher Vela . . . . . At-large
- Peter Wright . . . . . Hotel and Bed and Breakfast



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