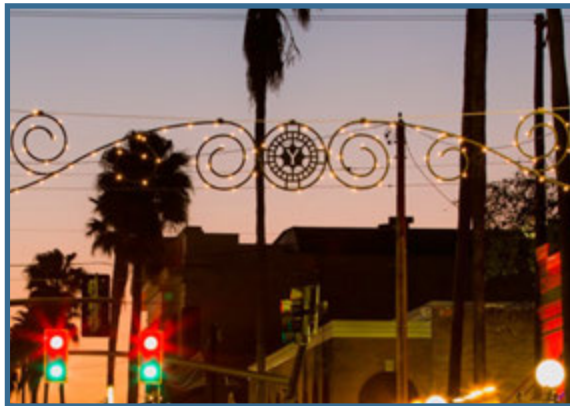




SUMMER 2023

# YBOR LEGEND

## New 7th Avenue Archway Lights Officially Unveiled



Community Redevelopment Agency Board Member Lynn Hurtak, former member Joseph Citro and Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, joined TECO President Archie Collins in April to unveil the rejuvenated iconic 7th Avenue archway lights. The ceremony marked the completion of a multi-year project to update the beloved fixtures of Tampa's National Historic Landmark District.

The former archway lights, installed in 1990, were intended to span 7th Avenue temporarily in celebration of Ybor City's 100th birthday. Now, more structurally sound the archway lights are forever here to stay!

The Ybor City CRA worked with TECO and KCI Industries to finally bring the installation of 21 new iconic archway lights to fruition. The new lights are equipped with LED lighting and digital technology that automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn.

The 7th Avenue Archway Lights Project also included sidewalk brick and paver enhancements, plus updates to TECO poles that support the suspension of the archway lights, which now match the black aesthetic fixtures in the historic district.

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## 7TH AVENUE ARCHWAY LIGHTS AUCTION

Would you like to own a piece of Ybor history? The old archway lights that adorned 7th Avenue for more than 30 years are up for auction! Each archway is 32 feet long and four feet tall.

Visit **Govdeals.com** on **July 28, 2023** to bid!



### DO YOU LIVE OR WORK IN YBOR?

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Do you have thoughts on changes or improvements?  
We want to hear from you!

Share your opinions with the Ybor Community Advisory Committee/Ybor City Development Corporation through an online survey. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes.

[yborcitycra.net/survey](https://yborcitycra.net/survey)

Please spread the word!

Survey participants can enter for a chance to win various gifts for Ybor businesses.



Take the Survey

## RESIDENT WORKER STUDY IS LIVE!

The biennial resident and worker study for Ybor City is now live. This survey helps provide important guidance to community leaders and elected officials. Make your voice heard at [yborcitycra.net/survey](https://yborcitycra.net/survey) and enter to win an Ybor City business gift card. The deadline is July 31, 2023.



## GAS WORX GROUNDBREAKING

Dozens of community leaders and elected officials officially broke ground on the transformational Gas Worx development in Ybor City on March 6.

The 50-acre development located between the Ybor City Historic District and Downtown Channel District will include nearly 5,000 new residences, over 500,000 square feet of office space, and more than 140,000 square feet of new retail. This project also will include more than 300 units of restricted income housing.

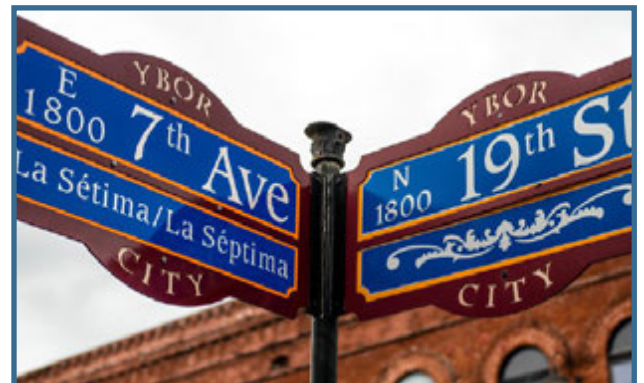
The first apartment development within the Gas Worx project is scheduled to be delivered in 2024.



## STREET SIGN REPLACEMENTS STARTING

Street signs across the historic district are scheduled to be replaced in the coming months. This much-needed enhancement will help improve the aesthetics of the district and ensure street signs are legible.

Look out for information about potential road closures in Ybor FLASH emails and on Ybor CRA social media platforms. You also can see information about all road closures at <https://www.tampa.gov/road-closures>.





## WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE MURAL AND HISTORICAL MARKER

A new mural and historic marker dedicated to the 1937 Antifascist Women's March through Ybor City was unveiled during Women's History Month in March. The mural is located on the side of the Ybor City CRA office building at 2015 E. 7th Ave. The historic marker is located in front of the building.

This project was the work of local artist and muralist, Michelle Sawyer, and the Tampa native and historian, Sarah McNamara. The City of Tampa Arts and Culture division along with the Hillsborough County Historical Commission jointly supported this venture with generous donations from Darryl Shaw of Casa Ybor, the Gobioff Foundation, and the Carlos H. Cantu Hispanic Endowment Fund.



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES



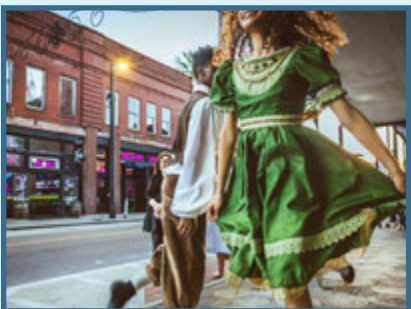
### GEO'S FINE WINE AND CHAMPAGNE

From the team behind Due Amici, located on 7th Avenue, comes a new concept for all to enjoy.



### PETE'S GENERAL - YBOR

Pete's General, the popular breakfast spot and general store in St. Petersburg, opened a new, all-day business in Ybor City.



### TAMPA CITY BALLET

Tampa City Ballet moved into the historic Kress Building on 7th Avenue in March!



### BIG STORM BREWING

The popular regional brewery recently opened its newest taproom in Ybor City on historic 7th Avenue in Centro Ybor.



## NEW CAC MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee of the Ybor City Community Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee (CAC)/Ybor City Development Corporation (YCDC), Inc. seeks nominations for its 2023-2025 CAC/Board of Directors. The Ybor CAC/YCDC serves as the official advisory committee to the City of Tampa Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on issues and policies affecting Ybor City. The term of office is two years beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2025. Nominees must represent one of the following open seat categories:

- At-large
- Bar
- Entertainment/Events
- Finance/Banking
- Multifamily Residential
- Professional Office
- Retail/Arts



Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in Ybor City by subscribing to the Flash distribution list.



## GET INVOLVED

Meetings are held at the Ybor City CRA office. All meetings are open to the public.

**Monthly**  
**Ybor CAC/YCDC Board Meeting**  
**Fourth Tuesday of the Month**  
**at 4 p.m.**

## MAYOR JANE CASTOR

### COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA) BOARD

Gwendolyn Henderson – District 5, Chairwoman  
Luis Viera – District 7, Vice-chairman  
Alan Clendenin – District 1, At-large  
Charlie Miranda – District, 2 At-large  
Lynn Hurtak – District 3, At-large  
Bill Carlson – District 4  
Guido Maniscalco – District 6

#### Meeting Location:

Tampa City Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd.

**Time:** 9 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
Meredith Berwick. . . . .	Historic East Ybor Gary Neighborhood Association
Fran Costantino. . . . .	Emeritus Member
Armando Edmiston. . . . .	Professional Office
Joshua Frank . . . . .	At-large
Casey Gonzmart Jr. . . . .	Restaurant
Ken Jones . . . . .	Retail/Arts
Larissa Baia . . . . .	Hillsborough Community College
Claire Fenlon May . . . . .	Entertainment/Events
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
Vacant . . . . .	Finance/Banking

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