

**CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS – COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL  
AND PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
September 2018**



The City of Tarpon Springs is experiencing new growth and redevelopment in all sectors – residential, commercial, and public. New residential and commercial projects are increasing the property tax base and creating hundreds of new jobs. Public improvements from recreational amenities to reconstructed streets are adding to the quality of life for residents and visitors. Listed below are major projects from 2017 that are complete or ongoing and new projects in 2018.

**RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS**

**Callista Cay** – Meres Blvd. west of Alt. 19. The subdivision consists of 12 townhome buildings, 68 townhome units and 58 private docks on a canal with Gulf access. The units are approximately 2300 sq. ft. priced from the upper \$200s to mid \$300s. 32 units in 6 buildings on the canal were constructed in 2015-16. Construction began in spring 2017 for the remaining 36 units in 6 buildings. A ribbon cutting was held in February 2018 to celebrate the completion of the first of the 6 remaining buildings.

**The Banyans** – W. Morgan St. and S. Pinellas. The subdivision is located on the same canal system with Gulf access as nearby Callista Cay. The property consists of four townhomes and 58 townhome pad sites each with private docks. Units are approximately 2,500 sq. ft. The project received approvals in 2005, and one four-unit building was constructed in 2008. The infrastructure is completed, including sea wall and docks. The property is owned by an Illinois development company. There is no activity on the site.

**Riverview at Tarpon Townhomes** – Located on Rivercrest Lane near the Sponge Docks. The subdivision was approved for 10 single family units in 2004. Four units, approximately 2,500 sq. ft. on three levels with views of the Anclote River, were constructed in 2007. Three additional units were completed in 2016. One additional two-story building was constructed in 2017 and the development is complete.

**Brittany Park Townhomes** - Located on Brittany Park Rd. adjacent to US 19, the subdivision received approval in 2005 for 58 condominium units and 1,500 sq. ft. of retail space. Site construction began in 2005 and was partially completed. Construction was renewed in March 2013 for the remaining 33 units by DiGiovanni Homes. The subdivision was completed in late 2017.

**Anclote River Crossings** – Located east of Alt. 19 near the Sponge Docks on the Anclote River. The development received approvals in 2004 for 36 total units and 26 units were constructed in 2007. Current units are about 2,200-3,000 sq. ft. on three levels. Two additional buildings with five units in each were constructed in 2017 by David Weekley Homes. Tract C, a vacant parcel fronting Live Oak, was purchased in late 2016 and is available for development.

**Windrush III** – Located on Florida Avenue with Gulf frontage, 10 new townhome units (two, two-story buildings) received approvals in 2017 to complete the Windrush development with an additional one-year extension granted in early 2018. Construction has not begun.

**Tarpon Key** – The 20-acre property is located west of Alt. 19 on Anclote Road north of the Anclote River with river frontage. The subdivision will consist of 62 single family homes by Ryland Homes/CalAtlantic. Construction began in late 2013 and the subdivision is fully built as of January 2018.. Prices from the \$400-\$600s.

**Keystone Ridge Estates** – Located on Keystone Road with Lake Tarpon frontage, the site is nearly 13 acres. The developer received all approvals in 2013 and site preparation work began in 2013 and continued through 2014. Construction of homes began in late 2014 for 43 single family detached homes with estimated values between \$450,000 and \$700,000. As of May 2017, 12 lots remain, including the lots on Lake Tarpon.

**Bayshore Heights** – Located on undeveloped platted land north of Sunset Rd. and west of Bayshore Dr., this infill project will consist of 62 single family homes. Project approvals began in 2014 and finalized in December 2015, and the site was closed and turned over to Meritage Homes in December. Four homes are under construction as of May 2017. The development is estimated to take up to two years for completion.

**Cypress Trails** – Located east of US 19 at the northwest corner of Jasmine and Melon Streets, the development will consist of 95 townhomes. The developer has received final site plan approvals in March 2015 for a first phase of 36 townhome lots. Site work and construction on phase I began in 2016 and will continue throughout 2017. As of May 2017, one townhome building has been completed.

**Meadows Mobile Home Park** – The mobile home park is expanding with its third phase to build 83 lots on approximately 12 acres, including new roadway, new sanitary and water lines and a stormwater management system. The park consists of a total 311 lots on 53 acres at 505 Anclote Blvd., between L&R Industrial Blvd. and N. Pinellas Ave (Alt. 19). Construction is expected to be completed by January 2019. Site plan approvals are being submitted in May 2018.

**North Lake Estates** – A residential planned development on 44 acres between Highland Avenue and Keystone Road off of East Lake Drive is undergoing review for annexation, zoning, and land use plan amendments. The development is proposed to consist of 44 single family detached homes. Planning applications were submitted in May 2018.

**EcoVillage Tarpon Springs** – A new urban residential project in the heart of Downtown will feature 12 townhomes and two single family homes on N. Ring Ave. and E. Center St. The project promotes livability and walkability, and the homes will be constructed for Zero Energy consumption. The project received approvals from the Heritage Preservation Board and Board of Adjustments in fall 2015. Demolition and removal of existing structures is complete. Construction is expected to begin in late 2018.

**Meres Town Center** – A new, 236-unit, upscale apartment development is in the permit review stage at the site of the Meres Town Center, 1171 S. Pinellas Ave. The new development will be constructed in the area between Florida Hospital and Winn-Dixie. As part of the project, the owner will be constructing the approximate 1,000-foot extension of Meres Blvd. from Safford Avenue to approximately Disston. Once complete, Meres will extend from the Gulf (Florida Ave.) to US 19. The road will provide opportunity for commercial growth in the Southern Gateway area, more direct access to Florida Hospital, and an important hurricane evacuation corridor. Building plans are in review and should be completed by late 2017 allowing for construction to begin on the apartments in 2018. Construction plans for the roadway extension are under review. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in 2018.

**Casa Azul B&B** – New owners have purchased the former Bavarian Inn B&B, 427 E. Tarpon Ave., and is in the process of extensive interior and exterior renovations to reopen as a 10-room inn in 2018.

**Pine Street Apartments** – Located at the SW corner of E. Pine St. and S. Safford Ave., the complex will consist of 6 apartments in two buildings. The complex is located along the Pinellas Trail and received final site plan approval in May 2017. The project is currently in the permitting stage.

**Grandview Homes on Lake Tarpon** – 14 single family homes located off Keystone Road with access to Lake Tarpon. New construction priced between \$350,000 and \$700s. Construction is underway.

**Park Street Apartments** – This 7-unit apartment complex is in the initial stages of planning and rezoning. The site is located on the northwest corner of Park St. and Grand Blvd.

**Keystone Residential** – Currently in unincorporated Pinellas County north of Keystone Road and just east of George St., the 44-acre site is proposed for annexation and a site plan to include 44 single family lots.

## **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS**

**RaceTrac** – This new market with fuel service replaces a Mobil at the corner of Klosterman and US 19 at SPC College. The market consists of 5,928 square feet with 10 fuel dispensers (20 vehicle fueling positions). The station opened in January 2017.

**Saint Somewhere Brewery** – The brewery moved from a warehouse space north of the Anclote River to Downtown in 2016. The brewery purchased the City's former public works building at 115 S. Ring Ave. to house the brewery production facility, and purchased a vacant historic home at 312 E. Tarpon Ave. for a tasting room and inn. Both locations opened in December 2016. An official grand opening was held in January 2017.

**KCQue BBQ Restaurant** – located at 310 E. Tarpon Ave., the restaurant opened in May 2017 in a renovated, historic Victorian style home.

**Wendy's** – The fast-food restaurant razed the building on US 19 and constructed a new restaurant in the same location. The project began in May 2017 and the restaurant re-opened in September.

**McDonalds** – The fast food restaurant on US 19 remodeled its interior and exterior, and added a second drive-thru window. Construction was completed in September 2017.

**Cliché Lounge** – Formerly The Zone Lounge at 121 E. Tarpon Ave, the building's second floor was renovated and opened in December 2016 as a night club with private club rooms. Closed at the end of 2017. Building is for sale or lease.

**Tarpon Springs Plaza** – Site of the former Office Depot at 40545 US Hwy 19 (corner of US 19 and MLK), the property is being redeveloped into a 16,000 sq. ft. multi-tenant retail building for up to 7 retailers. Signed tenants include Tijuana Flats, Firehouse Subs, Sports Clips, and Aspen Dental. A free standing Burger King is also being constructed at the southeast corner. Demolition began in September 2017 and construction will continue into 2018. Burger King is scheduled to open first with the retail plaza to follow. The developer also purchased the neighboring Bubble Bee Car Wash for an additional retail/restaurant use.

**International House of Pancakes IHOP** – The national franchise restaurant will be opening in early 2019 at 40545 US Hwy 19, site of the former Bubble Bee Car Wash. Site plans were submitted in July for approval.

**Tarpon Springs Dialysis Center** – The 4.5-acre site at 41747 US Hwy 19 was formerly Ring Power and is the location for a medical complex with a dialysis center as the primary tenant. The project consists of three one-story and one two-story buildings totaling 35,446 sq. ft. Construction of the building began in late spring 2017 and will be completed in 2018.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites** – A Development Agreement application was approved for negotiation May 2, 2017 for a proposed five-story, 75-bed hotel with ancillary facilities located on vacant land immediately south of the Hampton Inn & Suites. Negotiations are underway.

**Dorado Boats** – a manufacturer of recreational watercraft relocated its business to Tarpon Springs and is constructing an additional 8,000 sq. ft. building on the site at 1430 L& R Industrial Blvd. Dorado manufactures 16-30 ft. custom fishing boats. The property has been vacant for some time and has an existing 6,300 sq. ft. two-story building that will be used for offices a support facility for the new building. The project brings 21 jobs with up to 10 additional jobs. Construction began in late 2017.

**St. Luke's Cataract & Laser Institute** – Located at 43309 US Hwy 19, the facility underwent a \$3.1 million interior renovation. The plans were approved in summer 2017 and construction is complete.

**Tarpon Springs Aquarium** – The aquarium is relocating from its current location at the Sponge Docks to a 1.2-acre site on the east side of Alt. 19 just north of Dixie Highway. In addition to the aquarium, the new facility will feature outdoor exhibits and activities. Approvals have been granted and permits issued as of October 2017 with construction underway.

**Dixie Highway & Alt. 19** – The southeast corner has been annexed into the City and zoned for retail use. The site fits up to a 13,000 sq. ft. building. The developer indicates a potential strip center/gas station use. The project is in the planning stages.

**Image Media/OneBrand Marketing** – The firm, located at 425 E. Spruce St., purchased an adjacent vacant property at 431 E. Spruce St. and is establishing a call center, classroom space for their existing church, and offices in the new facility. A phase II will include construction of a new church. The existing building includes Image Media, West Coast Word Church, and Crossfit Tarpon Springs. The firm is consolidating its operations and moving approximately 25 employees from Tampa to the Tarpon Springs headquarters in March 2018.

**US 19 north of Klosterman** – This 7.4 acre site is being planned for an 8,000 sq. ft. storage building that would contain 700 individual units.

**Alt. 19 & Rainville Road** – Located on 18 acres at the NW corner of Alt. 19 and Rainville, the property is undergoing rezoning and land use changes to industrial use for Southern Road & Bridge, which is relocating from Wesley Avenue. The general contractor works in bridge, dam, and marine services, along with earth, site, and road work.

**Flammer Ford** – Located on the east side of US 19 adjacent to Spruce Street, the dealership is expanding on the south side of Spruce to add a 20,000 sq. ft. fleet building, 3,000 sq. ft. sales office and 1,500 sq. ft. parts building. The project is in the planning stages and is being coordinated with the city's extension of Spruce Street to Jasmine Ave. The site plan was approved in July 2018.

**Manatee Village Plaza** – Site of the former Winn-Dixie at 955 S. Pinellas Ave., the plaza has been largely vacant as it has been in receivership over a few years. Recently purchased in late 2017, the City is working with the new owner regarding its vision and amendments to the City's code to allow for higher density within the existing transect to facilitate increased residential potential.

**Safford Ave. and Center Street Redevelopment** – Site of a former warehouse building at 201 E. Center St., the building is undergoing site plan review for redevelopment into a mixed use facility to include office, retail, and a craft brewery. The building sits along the Pinellas Trail, two blocks north of Tarpon Avenue.

**Lemon Street Trade Center** – A vacant lot near the northeast corner of Lemon and Levis Streets is the site of a proposed 8,000 sq. ft. light industrial building. The multi-tenant building received all approvals in late 2017 and construction will begin in 2018. The project is one of the first new construction buildings in the CRA for several years and will bring up to 20 new jobs to the area and in walking distance of Downtown.

**Florida Hospital North Pinellas Medical Office Building** – FHNP has acquired and razed the former Golf View Motel located immediately north of the hospital. Plans call for a three-story, 30,000 sq. ft. medical office building that will consolidate existing offices and bring in new physicians. Construction is scheduled to begin following the hospital’s current emergency room expansion project.

**WAWA** – The Pennsylvania-based chain of fuel service/convenience stores expanded into the Florida market in 2012 with a store in Orlando. It now has nearly 100 stores in Central Florida and the Tampa Bay region. The company is proposing a store in Tarpon Springs at the northwest corner of Alt. 19 and Meres Blvd. The project requires public hearings by P&Z and the Board of Commissioners. Site plans were submitted in May 2018 for Technical Review Committee.

**Spring Bayou Redevelopment** – The CRA in March closed on its purchase of the Sunbay Motel at 57 W. Tarpon Ave. The building was razed. The CRA is leasing the adjacent parcel at 61 W. Tarpon Ave. to maintain the open space and create an office space in the existing building pending development of the site.

## **PUBLIC PROJECTS**

**North Safford Recreation Corridor** – A new Children’s splash park opened in June 2014, joining the Fitness and Dog Parks in the North Pinellas Recreation Corridor on Live Oak Street. The new splash park features a replica of the Anclote Key lighthouse, sponge divers, manatees, and more, which fling, dump, and spray water on children. The park also features shade areas and restrooms. A new picnic pavilion opened in March 2015 and a children’s play area opened in summer 2015. A new canoe/kayak launch opened in December 2016, and a shade structure/stage area in 2017.

**Fire Station 71** – the City’s third fire station was constructed at 1600 L&R Industrial Blvd. on property purchased by the City for the new RO Treatment Plant. Construction began in spring 2016 and was completed in spring 2017.

**Sponge Docks Renovations** – Public renovations to the Sponge Docks include new decorative street lights along Dodecanese to the western end of the Docks and including Athens Street; new landscaping and decorative planters, sidewalk repairs and improvements, and new benches and garbage cans. The street lights are owned by the City giving the ability to place banners and flower baskets on the poles. The project began in May and was completed in early 2016. New light pole banners were installed in early 2017. Additional phases in late 2017-2018 include sidewalk and curb repairs on Athens to Grand; Hope Street from Dodecanese to Grand; and Grand Blvd. between Hope and Spring Blvd.

**Ring Avenue Municipal Parking Lot and Ring Ave. Reconstruction** – A new municipal parking lot is under construction at the former public works yard at 115 S. Ring Ave., and the 100 block of S. Ring Ave. is also under reconstruction. Construction on the combined project began in fall



2017 and the roadway was substantially completed in May 2018. The new parking lot should be complete by summer and will have 30 spaces.

**Pinellas Avenue Landscaping and Streetscaping** – Pinellas Avenue from Meres Blvd. to Tarpon Avenue was beautified with new palm trees, oaks, Southern Magnolias, shrubbery, and other native Florida plantings. The new trees replace many of the Crape Myrtle trees to create a green appearance throughout the year. The project was completed in early 2017.

**Spruce Street Extension** – The City is constructing an extension of Spruce Street from the east side of U.S. 19 to Jasmine Ave. The extension will provide better access for residents and businesses in the area and direct access to US 19. The project will begin in 2018.

**The Villages of Tarpon – TS Housing Authority Project** – The Tarpon Springs Housing Authority received federal and state grant funding in late 2014 to renovate and reconstruct four housing complexes: 500 S. Walton, 200 E. Lemon, Pine Trail Village, and North Ring Village. The grant is \$12 million in the form of tax credits, and equates to approximately \$7 million in construction. Formal approvals and variances were granted by the City in 2015 to Pinnacle Housing Group and work on all four complexes was completed by fall 2017. A ribbon cutting was held in January 2018.

**Anclote River Maintenance Dredge** – a Marine Commerce Committee was established in January 2016 to help facilitate the City's request to the ACOE for a maintenance dredge of the Anclote River and federal channel. The City is working to secure federal, state, and county dollars for the planning and design, the spoil site, and the dredging. As of spring 2018, the City has secured a \$300,000 funding commitment from Pinellas County, \$50,000 from the ACOE, and \$670,000 from the State of Florida for the spoils site. Congressman Bilirakis is working to secure approximately \$4 million in federal funding.

**Tarpon Springs Community Garden (Jessie's Garden)** – a Community Garden is being established at 116 N. Ring Ave., a parcel that was deeded to the City after the passing of the owner, Jessie Burke. Tarpon Springs Community Gardens Inc., a non-profit 501(C)(3), was granted a 5-year license to use the property following an RFP. Conditional uses and HPB approvals were granted in late 2016 and early 2017. The Community Garden group is building the beds, and once complete, the City will install a drip irrigation system. "Jessie's Garden" will consist of 30 4x10 raised plots and 2 handicapped-accessible plots. Plots are scheduled to be leased in summer 2018.

**Highland Nature Park** – Located at 530 E. Highland Ave., the 7-acre park is being upgraded with new nature trails, new trees and landscaping. Construction is underway and should be completed in spring 2018.

**Riverside Dr./Hillside Dr. Stormwater and Roadway Improvements** – Construction was completed in December 2017 for this project that brought a new storm water system and road improvements to the Riverside/Hillside Drive neighborhood.

**Pent St. and Grosse Ave. Stormwater Project** - A major stormwater improvement project in the Pent Street and Grosse Avenue neighborhood is planned for and will begin in 2018. A public meeting with area residents was held in November 2017.

**Cultural Center Renovations** – The Center, which was the original City Hall in the 1900s, will be undergoing exterior renovations in 2018 to include new windows, trim, and brickwork repairs. The Center is located at 101 S. Pinellas Ave., and houses a small performance theater and gallery space. The Heritage Preservation Board in April approved the renovations with the exception of the windows. The window improvements will be presented again to HPB in June 2018.

**Business Comings and Goings** – New business openings in 2017 include:

- **RaceTrac** – This new market with fuel service replaced a Mobil at the corner of Klosterman and US 19 at SPC College. The market consists of 5,928 square feet with 10 fuel dispensers (20 vehicle fueling positions). The station opened in January 2017.
- **Dream House Ink Tattoo & Piercing**, 927 Dodecanese, on the west end of the Sponge Docks. This new tattoo parlor opened in early 2017.
- **Cliché** – Formerly The Zone Lounge at 121 E. Tarpon Ave. The exterior and second floor were renovated, and the second floor opened in January 2017 as a nightclub featuring jazz music, a piano bar, and private club rooms. Cliché closed the end of December 2017.
- **KCQue BBQ**, 310 E. Tarpon Ave. Located in a long-vacant, historic building, the restaurant relocated from an industrial area on US 19 and restored the property as a full-service BBQ restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating, and opened in April 2017.
- **Saint Somewhere Brewery** – The brewery moved from a warehouse space north of the Anclote River to Downtown. The brewery purchased the City’s former public works building at 115 S. Ring Ave. to house its brewery production facility, and purchased a vacant historic home at 312 E. Tarpon Ave. for its tasting room. The grand opening was held in January 2017.
- **Two Frogs Brewery**, 151 E. Tarpon Ave. This new “nano” brewery joins Brasserie Saint Somewhere and Silverking Breweries in shaping Downtown as a craft brew destination. The brewery opened in April 2017.
- **Copenhagen Cafe**, 15 N. Pinellas Ave. Owned by a Belgian-born father and daughter team, the store features handmade Belgian chocolates, coffees, breakfast dishes, and more. The café opened in February 2017.
- **Hello Sunshine Café**, 212 E. Tarpon Ave. The restaurant features healthy and homemade wraps, salads, bowls and more in a “build your own” theme. The café opened in April 2017, and announced its closing in December 2017.
- **Back in the Day Books**, 161 E. Tarpon Ave. Back in the Day returned to Downtown Tarpon Springs after leaving in 2013 for Dunedin. The store shares space inside the Mad Hatter General Store and opened in March 2017. The independent bookstore specializes in classics, obscure, rare, and out of print books. The store also features new and best-selling books.



- **Jersey Mike's Subs**, located in the Tarpon Mall outlot in front of Publix, between Mattress Firm and T-Mobile, the new sub shop opened in fall 2017.
- **Wendy's** – The fast-food restaurant razed its building on Tarpon Ave near US 19 and constructed a new, remodeled restaurant in the same location. The project began in May 2017 and the restaurant re-opened in September.
- **McDonalds** – The fast food restaurant on US 19 remodeled its interior and exterior, and added a second drive-thru window. Construction was completed in September 2017.
- **Local Gardens by Margo**, located at 221 N. Safford Ave., opened in fall 2017. The retail store sells plants, flowers, plant accessories, jewelry, and more. The owner also holds classes on planting and landscaping, as well as plant and flower design services for home, business, weddings, and parties.
- **Edible Eden Thursday Organic Market**. Located on the Pinellas Trail next to Local Gardens by Margo, the new market began in late fall 2017 and is open on Thursdays from 11 am-2 pm. The market is scheduled to expand to weekends in 2018.
- **Irish Kelly's**, located at 910 S. Pinellas Ave., is a new Irish restaurant and pub that opened in late July 2017 in the Save-a-lot Plaza. The restaurant offers all the Irish favorites, as well as a full bar and live bands on weekends.
- **Fratello's Pizza at the Docks**, 459 Athens St., opened in June 2017. The pizzeria offers hand tossed pizza, salads, sandwiches, baked dinners, and more. Delivery is free to Tarpon Springs.
- **Tarpon Diner**, 217 N. Pinellas Ave., is under new ownership. Chef John Koch re-opened the restaurant in September 2017 as the Tarpon Diner with a new menu and interior renovations. Koch is an accomplished chef and has been a featured judge on the Food Network's show, Chopped!
- **Bumpa's Fish Shack**, 900 N. Pinellas Ave., replaces the former Eliza's and Ballyhoo at the corner of Alt. 19 and Dodecanese. The casual seafood concept restaurant features an extensive outdoor patio area and opened in September 2017.
- **Athens Café and Market**, 610 Athens St., opened in July and features coffees, teas, sandwiches, flatbreads, and more.
- **Ella's Boutique**, 214 E. Tarpon Ave., opened in May 2017. The women's clothing boutique offers fun, chic, trendy and relaxed clothing, jewelry, accessories, dresses, and more in a newly-renovated storefront.
- **Mady Moon Coastal Supply**, 309 E. Tarpon Ave., opened in September 2017 in a historic home on Tarpon Avenue across the street from KCQue BBQ and Saint Somewhere. The boutique offers coastal clothing, accessories, and more.
- **Vintage Toys and Eartesan**, 111 E. Tarpon Ave. The building once housed the Chamber of Commerce and was purchased and renovated in 2017. It now houses two businesses with separate storefronts. Vintage Toys is a children's dream store with collectible and new toys, memorabilia, and an extensive Star Wars items. Eartesan sells artisan crafts, clothing, and jewelry handmade from Bolivia, South America and Mexico. Eartesan opened in early 2017, and Vintage Toys in summer.
- **The Haus of Glass**, 533 Athens St. Opened in October 2017, the owner, Angelica Glass, is a professional photographer who has been featured in People, Martha Stewart, The Knot, InStyle Wedding, and more. The studio offers full service photography and design.
- **Olive the World Market**, 24 Hibiscus St., opened in November 2017. The market is an expansion and extension of Olive the World Bistro, and offers artisan cheeses, wines,

pastas, sauces, and gourmet kitchen accessories. Watch for a grand opening in January 2018.

- **Tuscan Sun Italian Bistro**, 13 N. Safford Ave., the site of the former Zante' Café. The building underwent total reconstruction after a fire, and restaurateur Dan Jenkin purchased the building and opened Tuscan Sun Dec. 13, 2017.
- **Café Polis**, 26 Hibiscus St., opened in December in the space formerly occupied by Sweet L's Bakery. Polis translates to "city" in Greek, so expect a warm, friendly coffee shop Downtown.
- **Brew HaHa**, 218 E. Tarpon Ave. The new owner, who formerly owned the business D.C.'s Downtown, is renovating the building and the new establishment is expected to open in fall 2018.
- **The Code Escape**, 415 S. Pinellas Ave., opened in early December. The building has several themed rooms where you must find clues and develop strategies to solve the objectives of the room. The Code Escape has one room and three more coming in 2018.
- **Daybreak Café of Tarpon Springs**, 1981 N. Pinellas Ave., will open in early 2018 in the restaurant formerly occupied by the Tarpon Bar and Grill. The new restaurant is owned by Dimitri Salivaras.
- **Alpha Umi 5G**, 10 N. Pinellas Ave., officially opened its office with a ribbon cutting Dec. 21, 2017. The certified Woman Owned Small Business provides services and products, including 5G Certification, to empower and optimize individuals, employers, and educators for career and leadership success.

### **Business Comings and Goings in 2018:**

New businesses opening, relocating, or expanding in 2018.

- **The Fit Yoga Factory**, 110 E. Tarpon Ave., will open in early January 2018 in the storefront formerly occupied by DC's Downtown. The full-service studio will offer yoga for all abilities, massage services, and a vegan/healthy foods café.
- **Bahama Buck's Shaved Ice**, opened in May 2018 in the Manatee Plaza retail center at 851 S. Pinellas Ave. The store offers shaved ice, smoothies, sodas, frosta-lattes, and lemonades in dozens of flavors including fruity, tropical, island-inspired, and more.
- **Tarpon Art Guild**, 118 E. Tarpon Ave., is expanding into an adjacent storefront within the Taylor Arcade Building, creating an "east" and "west" wing of the art gallery.
- The **Tarpon Plaza** on US. 19 and Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. is under construction. Formerly Office Depot, the building is being reconstructed into a multi-tenant plaza to include **Firehouse Subs**, **Aspen Dental**, **Tijuana Flats**, and **Sports Clips**. Additional tenants will be announced in 2018. The site also includes a free standing **Burger King** restaurant.
- **Ambiance Hair Salon**, 118 E. Tarpon Ave. (in the Taylor Arcade building) is expanding the hair salon and moving to a larger storefront at 124 E. Tarpon Ave., which was recently vacated by Red Rose Antiques. The new, larger salon offers additional services and amenities.
- The former Payless Shoes on US 19 converted to a dental office. **Monticello Family and Sedation Dentistry** opened in 2018.

- **Yia Yia's Ice Rolls**, 526 Athens St., is an ice cream shop that opened in January on the Sponge Docks.
- **Currents Restaurant** expanded into the neighboring storefront and opened a new concept called **Third Space**. The new venture will feature small plates, music, and a casual space to relax and unwind.
- **Aloha Poke Bowl**, 927 Dodecanese Blvd., a Hawaiian seafood restaurant, held its ribbon cutting February 16 in its location at the far west end of the Sponge Docks.
- **IHOP Restaurant** is proposed at the property currently occupied by Bubble Bee Car Wash on US 19 adjacent to the Tarpon Plaza. The car wash is being razed to make way for the new restaurant. Construction should begin in 2018-2019.
- **Anytime Fitness** is expanding and moving into the building vacated by Family Dollar at 402 S. Pinellas Ave. The 8,000 sq. ft. facility will feature new equipment, larger spaces, and a smoothie bar. The gym opened May 14, 2018.
- **Party Pearlz**, a retailer specializing in pearls and jewelry, opened in February on the Sponge Docks.
- **Orange Cycle Creamery**, an ice cream specialty store, opened April 30, 2018 at 212 E. Tarpon Ave. (recently vacated by Hello Sunshine Café). The shop features handmade ice cream in flavors including peanut butter & jelly and honey lavender.
- **Aerie Lane**, 540 N. Pinellas Ave., opened in April 2018 in the building formerly occupied by Secret Stash Boutique. Aerie Lane is a franchise DIY and craft home décor store.
- **BARaki**, a traditional Greek restaurant and bar with a modern twist, opened in February at 25 Dodecanese Blvd. on the Sponge Docks. It offers Greek specialties and small plates along with spirits, beer, and wine.
- **Andros Greek Grill and Pan Pizza**, 150 E. Tarpon Ave., will be opening in early June 2018 in the building formerly occupied by EatGreek Kouzina.
- **The Jerk Center**, 305 S. Pinellas Ave., relocated and expanded into an adjacent shopping plaza at 412 S. Pinellas Ave.
- **Gardens at Modern Relics**, opened in May at 700 N. Pinellas Ave. The new independent garden center is an expansion of Modern Relics, a rustic furniture/home décor/accessories store located in a former sponge warehouse building.
- **Alpha Umi 5G**, is expanding and relocating from 10 N. Pinellas Ave. to 9 S. Safford Ave. in a storefront vacated by Wall Street Alliance. The move will take place in early fall. The certified Woman Owned Small Business provides services and products, including 5G Certification, to empower and optimize individuals, employers, and educators for career and leadership success.
- **Timber and Hides Furniture**, opened in May at 41680 US Hwy 19, in a retail outlot space near Lowes. The store offers new furniture and accessories, many with a northern woods theme.
- **The Grill**, 610 Athens St., is a new restaurant that opened in early summer at the Sponge Docks.
- **Lou Lou Groom's Dog Parlour**, 421 S. Pinellas Ave., will be opening in fall, offering dog grooming and associated retail accessories.
- **Bohemian Lotus Yoga Studio**, 13 N. Pinellas Ave., relocated from Tarpon Avenue to its new location in September.

Additional projects are in the discussion and planning stages, and 2018 should be a very productive and prosperous year for the City.

Closing:

Wall Street Alliance closing in July – moving back to North Carolina for family

Mad Hatter General Store and Back in the Day Books