

## New Developments (continued)

### The Slade

The Slade will be moving their sales gallery into the north building in early March. Seventy percent of the units in the two, mid-rise buildings are under contract and the remaining residences are available for immediate occupancy including a limited number of leases and lease-to-own options.



The Slade distinguishes their project by offering ground-level sidewalk access to the first floor units and offers the District's only salt water swimming pool in the north building.

Prices range from the low \$200 to the mid-\$400 thousand range. Buyer-friendly incentives continue with the developer offering credits for closing costs, first-year taxes and maintenance fees.

For more information, contact Lauren Borio, condo specialist, at 228-6700. Take a virtual tour of The Slade and learn more by visiting their website: [www.thesladeatchannelside.com](http://www.thesladeatchannelside.com).

## Real Estate Update

### Recent Channel District Sales

12/09/08	Towers of Channelside	\$275,000.	\$242. psf
12/30/08	Towers of Channelside	\$415,000.	\$264. psf
01/12/09	Towers of Channelside	\$587,250.	\$332. psf
01/28/09	Towers of Channelside	\$274,000.	\$241. psf

## Important Phone Numbers

#### Police

District III Crime Prevention Team

Officer Jason Degagne  
(813) 242-3810

Community Service Officer  
Rebecca Jones  
(813) 242-3867

Non-Emergency Dispatch  
(813) 231-6130

#### Fire

Information - (813) 232-6800

**Code Enforcement**  
(813) 274-5545

#### Comments or Concerns

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### Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Board

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Joseph Caetano  
John Dingfelder  
Charlie Miranda  
Mary Mulhern  
Linda Saul-Sena  
Thomas Scott

The CRA Board meets the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

**Location:** Tampa City Council Chambers, City Hall  
315 East Kennedy Boulevard

**Time:** 9:00 am

**March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11**

### Community Advisory Committee

Andy Joe Scaglione, *Chairman*  
Alex Petrilak, *Vice-Chairman*  
Mark Alma  
Blake Hayden  
Hunter Jones  
Ram Kancharla  
Rhonda Nelson  
Heather Shiperd  
Thom Stork

The Community Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

**Location:** Florida Aquarium,  
701 Channelside Drive

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3**

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## Port Authority Garage

At their meeting on January 20, 2009, the Tampa Port Authority Board approved the selection of the team of Manhattan Construction and HKS Architects to design and build a 720 car expansion of the Port Authority garage.

The Board approved a contract limit of \$13.3 million. In response to feedback from the neighborhood, the Port approved a design that does not impede the view corridors from the Towers of Channelside, includes design elements of the Channelside Mall and provides protection for pedestrians from sun and rain. Construction is anticipated to commence in third quarter 2009 with construction completed in mid 2010. The exterior design is still being refined. The architect's rendering below shows the preliminary design.



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## Wanted... Your Ideas, Input and Solutions

Public involvement is a very important part of the Channel District Strategic Action Plan (SAP). As we look to the future with several projects and changes underway, your input is always appreciated. Here are a few areas in which your ideas and suggestions would be helpful:

### Arts

On January 10-13, the Channel District CRA coordinated with the Lights on Tampa project to offer Satellites, a cutting-edge display of ten video-art installations.



We would like to hear your thoughts on activities such as this in the Channel District. Would you like to see storefronts activated at night with displays such as those displayed during Satellites?

### Public Green Space

We are actively negotiating the purchase of land for the first pocket park in the district. What types of amenities interest you? Children's playgrounds, canopied seating, lighting, dog and people walks?



Please attend our Community Advisory Committee meetings held monthly at the Florida Aquarium and express your opinion. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to email your suggestions to:

Bob McDonough,  
Urban Development Manager  
[Bob.McDonough@TampaGov.net](mailto:Bob.McDonough@TampaGov.net)

## Business Corner

### Aja Nightclub



Two levels of ultra-chic atmosphere await at Aja, located in the Towers of Channelside at 290 South Meridian Avenue.

Named after Steely Dan's 1977 album, Aja, the 11,300 square foot club features a sleek, sophisticated, modern interior. Four bars serving cocktails, cushy seating, terrazzo floors, mahogany paneling and creative lighting create a perfect space for dancing, dining and conversation.

Enjoy special events or a breezy evening on Aja's outdoor patio with changing lights. Call 813-373-2633 for more information or to make reservations. Visit their website at [www.ajachannelside.com](http://www.ajachannelside.com)

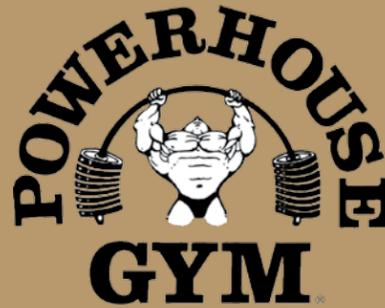
### Powerhouse Gym

If you are looking for a high-tech, oxygen-powered workout with all the amenities of a spa and an emphasis on nutrition – look no further than the new Powerhouse Gym.

Owners and brothers, Matthew, Eddy, and Johnny Midyett, are opening their fifth location in 18,000 square feet in the Grand Central condominium project at the corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Meridian Avenue.

It's truly one-stop workout shopping at Powerhouse. The gym features the latest technology including downloadable memory sticks with up to 1,000 different workouts, virtual cycling with pure oxygen, tanning, hydromassage beds, steam rooms and healthy foods such as protein shakes or wraps from the nutrition café. Are all part of Powerhouse's expansive offerings.

The gym is expected to open late first quarter 2009. Visit the preview center at the corner of Twiggs and Meridian to get a taste of this gym's revolutionary concept. Save money too, by joining at preopening prices. Call 813-229-1900 or visit [www.powerhousegym.com](http://www.powerhousegym.com).



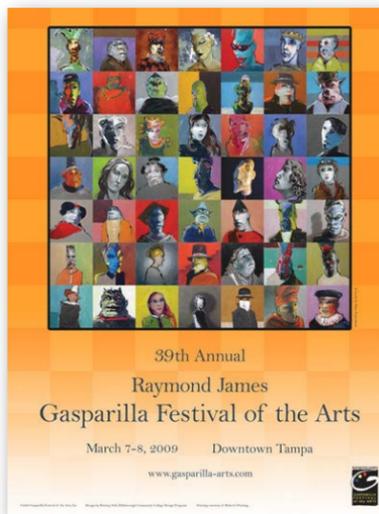
## Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

Join us on March 7 and 8, 2009, for the 39th celebration of The Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts at Franklin Street and Lykes Gaslight Square Park.

More than 250,000 art enthusiasts from all over the country will enjoy this world class show featuring new and emerging artists. The festival is widely heralded as one of the top-rated outdoor fine art and fine craft shows in the country featuring the works of local young artists, live entertainment, and a children's art activity area.

The show has grown increasingly diverse with an expansive array of media including ceramic, digital, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor and wood.

For more information visit their website at [www.gasparilla-arts.com](http://www.gasparilla-arts.com)

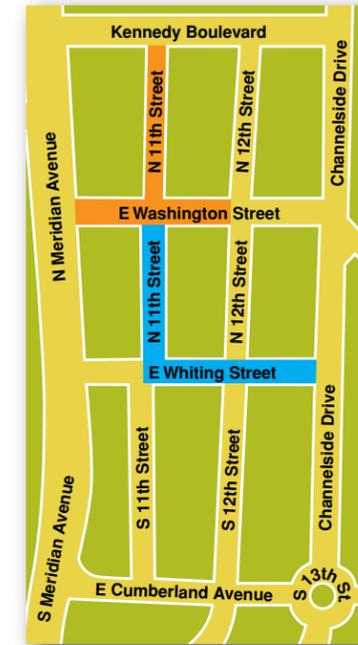


## New Developments

### 11th Street Paving

Cobalt Development has finished construction on the north tower and the parking garage of their development, the Slade. Construction on the south tower is scheduled to finish at the end of March. Cobalt anticipates paving 11th Street from Kennedy Blvd. to Washington Street and Washington Street from Meridian to 12th Street in mid March.

The Channel District CRA will be funding the repaving of 11th Street from Washington to Whiting Streets and Whiting Street from 11th to Channelside Drive. This work is scheduled for the end of March. Businesses and residents located along 11th Street and Whiting Street will receive advanced notice of the exact schedule of the paving as soon as the schedule is finalized.



Mid-March Improvements  
End of March Improvements

### Hotel Indigo Update

In the last issue of our newsletter we reported that the Channel District's Hotel Indigo was expected to break ground in late 2008. Given the challenging economic times, the ground breaking has been delayed, but is still expected to occur in 2009 with completion in 2010.

The seven-story hotel will include 168 rooms, fitness studio, gourmet restaurant and 2,700 square feet of meeting space.

Indigo's developer, Tampa-based BayStar Hotel Group opened the St. Petersburg Hotel Indigo in January, at 234 Third Avenue North in downtown St. Petersburg.

### Live Theater is Coming

When you hear "theater," do you immediately think of the cinemas located in the Channelside entertainment complex? That's about to change. Tampa's Stageworks Theater Company will relocate to the Grand Central at Kennedy later this year.

"Stageworks has raised \$450,000, about half of what it needs to build out a space in the Grand Central project," Andrea Graham, President of the Board, noted. "We are half way there, but it is enough to start work on building walls, adding plumbing, electrical and theater equipment."

Mercury Advisors, developers of Grand Central, donated space for the 8,000 square-foot, 99 seat theater. The completed space



will include the theater, backstage dressing rooms and lobby with art gallery on the first floor. The second floor will house administrative offices and Stagework's outreach program for at-risk children.

Stageworks still needs financial help to bring this project to completion. They are seeking volunteers to serve on the Board and assist with marketing and fundraising. Donations are welcome also, including free or low-cost construction materials.

To get involved, contact Andrea Graham at 813-784-6832. Visit [www.stageworkstheatre.org](http://www.stageworkstheatre.org) for details on this project and their exciting 2009 season.

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