

New business openings in 2021, and a peek at new openings for 2022:

- Landmark Awards purchased the building at 402 E. Lemon St. The long-time Tarpon Springs firm is moving from a leased storefront after renovating the new building.
- Freedom Boat Club opened a new location in 2021 at the Tarpon Landing Marina, 33 Oscar Hill Rd.
- **BrushTips Studio**, 9 S. Safford Ave., opened in October 2020. Brush Tips is an art studio that teaches people of all ages how to paint and be creative in a fun and relaxing environment.
- **Court of Two Sisters,** 153 E. Tarpon Ave., sold its building in fall 2020 and moved its store across the street to a vacant storefront at 134 E. Tarpon Ave. The new owners of 153 E. Tarpon are renovating the building.
- **Tampa Bay Salvage**, relocated from Palm Harbor and moved to 601 Hope St. The retailer offers antiques and hard-to-find salvaged items.
- Dockside Doggies Pet Spa and Boutique opened in January 2021 at 421 S. Pinellas Ave.
- Discount Smoke, a franchise CBD store, opened in early 2021 at 903 S. Pinellas Ave.
- **Lemon Street Trade Center.** This newly constructed 8,000 sq. ft. trades building was completed in mid-year in the 400 block of East Lemon Street. The building offers multiple tenant space for artisans and trade business.
- **Tarpon Springs Aquarium**. After 30 years at the Sponge Docks, the aquarium relocated about one mile north to 27 acres located at 1722 N. Pinellas Ave. The new aquarium features two outdoor open-air tanks, viewing deck, and outdoor animal exhibits. It opened in March 2021.
- **Hibachi Express** opened in late February in the Wal Mart Plaza at 41260 US 19. The restaurant features Asian specialties and sushi.
- Quirky Fork Euro Café opened in May in the former Café Polis at 26 Hibiscus St.
- BackDraughts-Maine-ly Delicious Lobster Restaurant, opened in May at 20 Hibiscus St.

- Edward Hoffman Architects, 29 W. Orange St., merged with St. Petersburg-based Wannemacher Jensen Architects. The Hoffman office was renamed Wannemacher Jensen Architects Hoffman Studio, with founder Hoffman remaining a principal of the new company.
- **Jujitsu Project Inc.,** opened in February 2021 at 805 Live Oak, teaching martial arts to veterans and underprivileged.
- **The Sponge Shack** opened in January 2021 along the Sponge Docks, selling natural sea sponges and soap.
- New owners purchased **Groovy Smoothies** at 610 Athens St. on the Sponge Docks. The cafe offers smoothies, juices, vegan, edibles, and more.
- **SunCare Roofing**, a new roofing contractor, opened in August 2020 with offices at 155 Athenian Way.
- **The Natural Apothecary,** 509 Dodecanese, opened in April 2021. The store sells beauty and bath products, along with cleaning solutions made of all natural, clean, and toxinfree ingredients. The store closed in late 2021.
- **The Healing Hedgwitch,** 155 E. Tarpon Ave, is a new retail-gift store described as a "metaphysical and conscious-living" experience. The boutique opened in November.
- Your CBD Store, 39320 US Hwy 19, opened in 2021. The store sells hemp-derived products, including wellness and skin care products. A ribbon cutting was held in May 2021.
- **Pop's Smoke Shop**, 423 S. Pinellas Ave., opened in May 2021. The store offers smoke, vape, and tobacco products.
- **Empire Café & Lounge**, 459 Athens St., opened in June 2021. The new café serves breakfast and lunch 8 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.
- Lux Beauty Bar, a hair styling salon, opened at 104 Athens St.
- **Vet-Core Pinellas County,** 39072 US. 19., opened in June 2021. The veteran-owned business provides water, debris, and mold remediation and restoration services.
- Impact House Tarpon Springs, 35 W. Lime St., opening in June 2021. The smoothie and juice bar offers protein shakes, energizing teas, protein iced coffees, bubble waffles, oatmeal bowls, and more.
- **Sunshine Supply Company**, 218 E. Tarpon Ave., opened in July 2021. The retail store features eclectic and whimsical gifts and décor.
- **The Labyrinth Gallery**, 155 E. Tarpon Ave., opened in August 2021. Owned by Daeda Draden, an accomplished artist, the gallery is a place for art education, workshops, gallery shows, and performance.
- Mirage Interiors, 42072 US Hwy 19 N, opened in July 2021. The business sells all types of window furnishings including custom blinds, shades, shutters, and more.
- The Furniture Place, 110 Athens St., specializes in custom, handcrafted, reclaimed, and live edge furniture with wood sourced from downed trees. Their top seller is river tables, featuring a colored epoxy poured within the wood slabs.
- Amor A La Mexicano, a new Mexican restaurant at 530 Athens St. opened in September 2021 on the Sponge Docks.
- **Tarpon Barbell** opened in July at 301 E. Lemon St. The gym offers power lifting, high intensity interval training, personal training, nutrition coaching and children's classes.

- **Petra Collective** opened in August 2021 at 101 W. Court St. The retail boutique sells upscale women's clothing and accessories.
- Missy Belles & Whistles, 927 Dodecanese Blvd., opened in August 2021 on the Sponge Docks. The art studio features handmade jewelry, artisan crafts, and more.
- Yoruba Holistic Botanica, 1810 S. Pinellas Ave., opened in September. The new business is described as a "crystal shop and folk pharmacy." They offer spiritual consults (shells and tarot cards) spiritual mass, cleanses, Chakra and Reiki healing, and paranormal activity assistance.
- **Anclote Insurance,** 536 E. Tarpon Ave., merged with other insurance companies and agents in August to create a new insurance services firm.
- Los Hernandez Family Restaurant, 600 S. Pinellas Ave., opened in October 2021. The restaurant specializes in Latin and American food. The building had been occupied by George's Breakfast Station.
- **Tiki Tavern Nautica** opened in summer and offers private tiki boat excursions for up to six passengers. The charter launches from the City Marina.
- **Bohemian Gypsea** expanded their metaphysical gift and crystal store to a new location at 12 W. Orange St.
- **ZenCity Herb n' Compound**, opened in November at 1730 S. Pinellas Ave. The store features herbal, apothecary and therapeutic-healing related items, teas, kratom, kava, and a yoga studio.
- **Tarpon Cycle Tours,** 1 N. Pinellas Ave., opened in December. The new business is housed within the Chamber of Commerce and offers bicycle tours of the city.
- **KingHale Gallery**, 223 S. Pinellas Ave, features equestrian fine art paintings by Artist Elizabeth King Haley, who is originally from Texas. The gallery opened in November.
- **Gennaro's Café & Deli,** 927 Dodecanese Blvd., opened in September 2021. The restaurant and deli offer sit-down and to go orders.
- **Tarpon Movement,** a health and fitness studio, opened in October inside Tarpon Total Fitness at 1888 S. Pinellas Ave.
- **Tarpon Springs Tobacco and Vapor** opened in September at 41262 US Hwy 19 N. The store offers tobacco and vaping products.
- **Solutions Behavioral Health Care Consultants** opened in October at 1810 S. Pinellas Ave. Unit C. The owners provide behavioral health counseling
- **Shay Skin Studio,** 1501 S. Pinellas Ave., opened in October 2021, providing skin esthetics services.
- **SJ Skincare**, 1097 S. Pinellas Ave., suite B, opened in September offering skin care and facial services.
- Atticus, a souvenir, and custom T-shirt store, opened in September at 509 Dodecanese at the Sponge Docks.
- **Suncoast Autowerks,** opened in December at 440 S. Pinellas Ave. The company buys, sells, services, and restores classic collector automobiles in a 12,000 sq. ft. airconditioned facility.
- **Tampa General** opened **TGH Urgent Care** at 40545 US 19 in September 2021, providing emergency care services.

COMING IN 2022:

- Catalina's LaCantina, a new Mexican restaurant, will open in 2022 at 10 S. Pinellas Ave., which was vacated by Unique Finds in late 2019.
- Flagship Bank, 116 S. Pinellas Ave., will be constructing a new bank at the Meres Town Center, southeast corner of Meres and Alt.19.
- **Pinch a Penny,** will be moving from the Manatee Plaza and constructing a stand-alone store at 914 S. Pinellas Ave.
- Tarpon Springs Distillery is expanding and opening Mt. Moriah Barrel House where rye malt whiskey from the distillery will be aged. The site is at 12 E. Pine St., the former Mt. Moriah African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.
- **Big Dan's Car Wash,** is being constructed on a 2.28-acre site at 39522 US 19 N. The new owner razed the existing variety store and former restaurant (Hiro's). The car wash will consist of a 5,270 sq. ft. building 28 vacuum spaces, and 10-bay gasoline sales. Construction began in fall 2021 and the new facility will open in 2022.
- Macoma Boutique, 305 S. Pinellas Ave. The new owners purchased the building through action in May 2021 and are renovating the property to support their online women's clothing and accessories business and open a retail store.
- Foreshore Gulf Carts is opening in 2022 offering hourly, daily, and overnight rental of street legal low speed vehicle 4- and 6- passenger golf carts. The business is leasing in the newly renovated multi-tenant building at 229 E. Lemon St.
- Shaka Restaurant and Bar, 900 N. Pinellas Ave., is opening in 2022. The new restaurant at the entrance to the Sponge Docks will offer a taste of the islands with inside seating and an outdoor Tiki Bar.
- **Former Andros Greek Grill**, 150 E. Tarpon Ave. will be reopening in 2022 as a new restaurant concept.
- WanderThirsty opens in January 2022. The new business provides walking tours of the city featuring the local brews and pubs.
- Wash Me Fast is constructing an automated, self-service car wash tunnel with vacuum stations, at 38652 US Hwy 19 N., the NW corner of Klosterman and US 19.
- **Stumpy's Hatchet House** will be opening in the newly renovated building at 201 E. Center St. adjacent to the Pinellas Trail.
- The Manatee Plaza Shopping Center is undergoing renovations and will be adding new tenants.
- River Bend Business Park. This 210,000 sq. ft business park began construction in 2021 for new business and light manufacturing tenants. New openings in 2022 include E-Sea Rider, Apollo Gymnastics, Dolcceletas, a luxury RV storage, and a crystals manufacturer.
- **Blackbeard's Grub n' Grog** is renovating the former restaurant space at 80 Live Oak and reopening in 2022.
- Japanese Steak & Sushi is opening in the former Mama Maria's at 503 N. Pinellas Ave.

Additional projects are in the discussion, planning, and permitting stages, and we expect 2022 to be a very productive and exciting year for the city.