

Business Openings/Expansions/Relocations in 2025:

- **The Baking Soldier,** a veteran- and woman-owned business specializing in chocolates, expanded and relocated from 118 E. Tarpon Ave. to 11 N. Pinellas Ave.
- **Turtle Island Bar & Grill** opened at 520 Island Ave. within the Turtle Cove Marina.
- **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 2025 include **Auburn Supply**, **National Hardware**, **Greyscale AI**, **4Jeans Finishline** and **Disposaware**.
- **Luggers LLC**, 599 Island Dr., is adding an additional building to store fresh fish for shipping to restaurants. Additional improvements include adding parking spaces and improving water and electrical services.
- **Belcher Bingo** is expanding and constructing a new building on the site of the former Los Mexicanos Restaurant at 38954 US Hwy 19 N. The 9,600 sq. ft. hall will have a capacity of 84 seats and kitchen facilities. Belcher Bingo was located for 14 years in the Olympic Shopping Plaza a mile south of the new location. It is scheduled to open in 2026.
- **Lake Tarpon Commercial Park**, an 87,000 sq. ft. 11.4-acre commercial site on the east side of US 19 at Mango Street, is undergoing reconstruction and renovation to a new, modern business park. Improvements include demolition of structures, new construction, new entrance features and landscaping.
- **Moonberry Mercantile & Trading,** 101 W. Court St., expanded into the adjacent story vacated by Petra Collective. The expansion allows them to provide a "Sustainable Food Market" with organic, raw, and artisan goods.
- **The Flow** yoga studio opened at 331 N. Safford Ave.
- **Five Branches Brewing** at 131 Hibiscus St. closed in November**.** The location has been reopened as **Muzzie's Hangover & Deli**.

- **Nik's Piks Gift Shop** opened at 700 N. Pinellas Ave., and **Nik's Piks Furniture Store** opened at 940 N. Pinellas Ave. The stores feature custom gifts made by hand including signs, outdoor décor, whimsical animals and flowers, and outdoor furniture.
- **Strong Hands Massage** opened at the Sanctuary Salon Retreat at 428 N. Pinellas Ave.
- **Silent Slayer Ghost Tours** offers ghost/history tours of the City.
- **Acropolis Greek Taverna,** 514 Dodecanese Blvd., opened in January 2025, replacing Yianni's following the hurricanes.
- **Beachcat Boats** opened at 1400 L&R Industrial Blvd. The company manufactures and repairs saltwater pontoon boats.
- **Kikilis Florist**, 417 S. Pinellas Ave., is adding a second story to the building in a mixed-use project that brings residential/office to the retail building.
- **Five Fish on the Ave.** opened a second location in Tarpon Springs at 100 E. Tarpon Ave. The boutique offers accessories, jewelry and more, featuring Pandora, Vera Bradley and trending brands.
- **Prime Tax Associates** opened at 1922 S. Pinellas Ave., offering tax preparation services.
- **Little Bean Coffee Company** opened at 131 Hibiscus St., within Muzzie's Hangover & Deli.
- **Stay Tuned Records** opened in April at 102 E. Tarpon Ave., specializing in vinyl records.
- **Westside Hair Design**, a beauty and nail salon, opened at 301 E. Tarpon Ave.
- **24 karat kreations,** a custom embroidery and seamstress business, opened at 301 E. Tarpon Ave.
- **Coastal Title Solutions** opened at 229 E. Lemon St.
- **The Astor**, a child care center, is opening at 301 N. Pinellas Ave.
- **Bayouside Health & Wellness** opened at 520 E. Tarpon Ave. The facility offers primary care, IV hydration therapy, hormone replacement therapy, weight loss and more.
- **Balance Staffing**, a temporary and permanent employment placement agency, opened at 100 S. Pinellas Ave. in May.
- **Anclote River Cruises dba Firefly Yachts** opened in June docked at Rusty Bellie's Waterfront Grill. Operated by Captain Robert Gause and First Mate Jeanny Gause, the Firefly is a Gozzard 40 Pilgrim Trawler built in 1987 and is Hull 34 of 41 made worldwide. They offer 3-1/2 hour cruises of the Anclote River and surrounding waterways including dinner and brunch packages.
- **Sideline Sips Sports Bar**, a new sports bar/restaurant, opened in late August at 734 S. Pinellas Ave., (former DK's). The restaurant closed in late 2025 and reopened in December as Larry's Grill House.
- **Tarpon TeaPost** opened inside the Sponge Exchange, 735 Dodecanese Blvd. The store offers crafted herbal teas, botanical tonics, kava, mocktails and craft coffees along with small sandwiches and bakery items.
- **Hidden Anchor Tiki Bar,** 606 N. Pinellas Ave., closed and re-opened under new management with a new menu, drink specials and more.
- **Sunshine Eco-Finds Resale Boutique**, 431 S. Pinellas Ave., expanded into the adjacent corner storefront in August providing more space for expanded clothing and goods.
- **Nautilus Electric Company,** a vintage video games store, opened September 5 at 118 E. Tarpon Ave.

- **Harley's Gourmet Popcorn & Cider Shoppe,** opened at the Sponge Docks Riverwalk Shops, 848 Dodecanese. The store offers dozens of sweet and savory popcorn flavors, toppings, and drinks.

Coming in 2026:

- **Noble Hearts Distilling** is renovating and restoring a former Quonset hut building at 138 E. Boyer St. for a new distillery operation. The site is located along the Pinellas Trail.
- **Former Oxford Tea House** at 118 E. Orange St. is undergoing renovations and restoration for a new commercial project opening.
- **Chipotle Mexican Grill** is planning a freestanding restaurant at the Meres Town Center on S. Pinellas Ave. The new store will offer in-store or on-line pickup only, no drive-thru ordering.
- **Catalina's LaCantina,** a new Mexican restaurant, has been undergoing renovation of a historic building at 10 S. Pinellas Ave. The new eatery will include an outdoor patio and fold-up garage doors.
- **Pete's Bagels** is opening its fifth Pinellas County location at the Sponge Docks, 810 Dodecanese Ave. Pete's started in 2019 in St. Pete, and expanded to Gulfport and Ybor.
- **Infinite Print,** a custom printing and fulfillment business specializing in apparel (direct-to-garment), signage, and promotional products, is opening at 325 E. Lemon St.
- **Livery Stable Hotel** – An eight-room hotel with 11 parking spots is under construction/renovation at 100 N. Ring Ave. The project involves extensive renovation and restoration of the historic structure which once housed a livery stable, the Scotia Hotel, and apartments. The hotel will operate on a self-check in/out process.
- **The Tarpon Registry** was selected by the CRA to construct a 12-unit boutique hotel at 144 E. Tarpon Ave. The project is in the approval and planning stages with a tentative timeline of a 2027 opening.
- **Winn-Dixie,** 1171 S. Pinellas Ave., is closing in January to undergo renovations and will reopen later in the year as an Aldi Supermarket.

Additional projects are in the discussion, planning, and permitting stages, and we expect 2026 to be a very productive year for the city.