

# Forum & Feedback - Your Opinion Wanted!

## NEW DOGGIE DAY CARE CENTER PROPOSAL

Many of you have noticed the beginning of a transformation that is taking place on South Federal Highway between 7th st and 6th ct on the East side of US1, aka the former Tunnel Tire property.

It began with replacing the old Lauderdale Saloon with its “all you can drink” signage with a more healthy and presentable alternative, 626SFH, a small gym and personal training studio. The transition is continuing with the former Tunnel Tire property. The property had been partially boarded up since October of 2005 and totally boarded up over the past 18 months. The property has plans pending with the city that will look similar to the rendering below. Once completed, the property will provide another attractive gateway to the neighborhood. While there are numerous proposed uses for the building, it would be nice to have something that would benefit the neighborhood residents and the surrounding areas. There is currently such a use proposed and we would welcome your feedback on the idea.

There are plans for a luxurious dog day care, grooming, retail boutique and dog/cat hotel. With the hopeful support of the neighborhood, this can be a wonderful addition to the community. There is a recognized need for quality pet services in the area, and the plan is to build a luxury dog day care hotel, and spa resort. The business would set itself apart from other pet service facilities by offering a full-service pet care facility with a wide range of quality services.

The Dog day care resort will be an organized, controlled and monitored environment where non-aggressive dogs interact and play throughout the day in a secure and safe environment. They will specialize in supervising and exercising dogs. Dogs will be under constant supervision by the staff, while in the program. A unique feature of the pet resort will be the addition of a cage free/home like environment, which will incorporate the concept of indoor and outdoor areas: something not offered by other pet care facilities. In consideration to all, as well as to maintain the position as a luxury care center, the building will be sound proofed to eliminate any possible noise.

Additionally, the business will be operating in accordance with all applicable city and county codes that dictate that animals can only be outdoors during “daytime” hours, require certain sound barriers, and require that the property always be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

To ensure community harmony and to be certain that the Rio Vista quality of life is well maintained, the outdoor playground and exercise area will be closed no later than 6 pm. Almost all of the outdoor activities will be during morning hours, and all dogs will be kept indoors during the heat of the midday sun.

The owners are dedicated to consistently providing pets and their owners with high customer satisfaction by rendering excellent client service and top quality pet care, in a clean, fun, and elegant environment.

Services will include: on-site pet grooming, a spa, specialty food, a bakery, and a specialized boutique which will include pet fashions, and accessories. Professional dog training, behavior modification, socialization, and therapy will also be offered.

Shortly, there will be a filing of a request for zoning variance with the city of Fort Lauderdale in order to operate the dog day care and boarding facility. They ask for your kind support and look forward to being a helpful and considerate neighbor to Rio Vista residents and their family pets! Please feel free to contact the business owner, Sharona Broder, at 954-802-5868 or [sharona112@aol.com](mailto:sharona112@aol.com) with any questions you may have.

**The above information was provided to the Rio Vista Civic Association by the owners proposing this new business and we would greatly appreciate YOUR comments on this via our ‘FORUM & FEEDBACK’ online at [www.riovistaonline.com/forumissue.html](http://www.riovistaonline.com/forumissue.html).**

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