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*Saint Petersburg is Russia's 2nd largest city after Moscow with 5 million inhabitants () and the fourth most populated federal subject. Between and , Saint Petersburg was the imperial capital of Russia.*

Petersburg The city was co-founded by John C. Williams , formerly of Detroit , who purchased the land in , and by Peter Demens who was instrumental in bringing the terminus of the Orange Belt Railway there in Petersburg Times which established in Petersburg was incorporated as a town on February 29, , when it had a population of only some people. Williams and Peter Demens flipped a coin to see who would have the honor of naming the city. Williams named the first hotel after his birthplace, Detroit a hotel built by Demens. Davis turned on St. Hibbs â€” , a native of Newport, North Carolina , established his wholesale fish business at the end of the railroad pier, which extended out to the shipping channel. Petersburg was incorporated as a city in June Davis was instrumental to bringing the first trolley service in Petersburg to larger shipping. Further dredging improved the port facilities through the s. The former mayor of St. Petersburg, Al Lang , had invited the St. Louis Browns to move their spring training into the city. Petersburg to Tampa and back was initiated, generally considered the first scheduled commercial airline flight. The company name was the St. Petersburg was big due to its major growth brought by tourists. Tourists came from all over by automobile, yacht, and railroad. Petersburg increase in tourist numbers and helped grow it into the largest city in Pinellas County. The city also adopted the Mediterranean-style architecture brought by Snell Isles founder Perry Snell. Petersburg was a training ground area for the U. Petersburg returned as residents or tourists. January Spa Beach, located in downtown St. Petersburg, pictured in In the s, St. Petersburg experienced another population increase with residents. The development of transportation was important with the increase of tourists, more automobiles were used in the city and subsequently the public street cars were removed. Petersburg with Manatee County. A year later in , Highway 19 opened in the city creating a large influx of traffic. By the end of the s, tourists and retirees increased in the area. Petersburg also received its first stadium named the Bayfront Center which hosted the first professional hockey league in Tampa Bay. The strike began approximately one month after Martin Luther King, Jr. In , a full-scale flying replica of the Benoist XIV flying boat was constructed by Florida Aviation Historical Society for the 70th anniversary of the flight. This aircraft is now on loan to the St. Petersburg Museum of History in St. Petersburg throughout the s. The city tried to encourage numerous teams through the United States to make St. Petersburg their new tenant. After many attempts to attract tenants to the new stadium, Major League Baseball gave St. Petersburg a franchise in In , the dome was renamed a third time to Tropicana Field after naming rights were established with Tropicana Dole Beverages. By that time, however, the population had leveled off, and has grown by only 10, since then. In the decade from to , the population of the city dropped by approximately residents, while in the same period the population of Florida increased by over two and a half million residents. Petersburg seen from Spot satellite Downtown[ edit ] Downtown St. Petersburg is the Central Business District, containing high rises for office use, most notably the tallest building in the city, One Progress Plaza. The Tampa Bay Times newspaper is headquartered in the downtown area. Jutting a half mile into the bay was the St. Petersburg Pier , a major tourist attraction that offered various activities. Petersburg and a downtown branch of St. Straub Park is nearly a half mile long, boasts a waterfront location, and is home of the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts. Petersburg 1st in Florida and 15th out of of the largest cities in the U. The city is connected via the Looper Trolley. Venues include Jannus Live and the State Theatre. The active nightlife scene is credited to recent demographic and regulatory changes. Until , the team played its spring training games at nearby Progress Energy Park. This setup was unique, making St. Petersburg the first city that played host to its baseball team during spring training as well as the regular season since the Philadelphia Athletics. Tropicana Field would be demolished and replaced with prime residential and retail space. Completion of the stadium was planned for ; however, the proposal has been tabled indefinitely while a community-based organization investigates all alternatives for new stadium construction. Building is on the National Register of Historic Places. When the Wikimedia Foundation was founded by Jimmy Wales in it was originally located in downtown St. The foundation adopted its articles of

incorporation in the city in Petersburg to the San Francisco Bay Area. The public access and park contingent won the debate when, on Christmas Eve , the city announced the acquisition of the waterfront land that is encompassed by the waterfront park system.

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Peterhof Palace The Revolution of began in Saint Petersburg and spread rapidly into the provinces. Revolution and Soviet Era [ edit ] In March , during the February Revolution Nicholas II abdicated both for himself and on behalf of his son, ending the Russian monarchy and over three hundred years of Romanov dynastic rule. In September and October , German troops invaded the West Estonian archipelago and threatened Petrograd with bombardment and invasion. On 12 March , the Soviets transferred the government to Moscow, to keep it away from the state border. During the ensuing Civil War , in general Yudenich advancing from Estonia repeated the attempt to capture the city, but Leon Trotsky mobilized the army and forced him to retreat. Later some streets and other toponyms were renamed accordingly. The city has over places associated with the life and activities of Lenin. In the s and s, the poor outskirts were reconstructed into regularly planned boroughs. Constructivist architecture flourished around that time. Housing became a government-provided amenity ; many "bourgeois" apartments were so large that numerous families were assigned to what were called "communal" apartments kommunalkas. In a new general plan was outlined, whereby the city should expand to the south. Constructivism was rejected in favor of a more pompous Stalinist architecture. Moving the city center further from the border with Finland, Stalin adopted a plan to build a new city hall with a huge adjacent square at the southern end of Moskovsky Prospekt , designated as the new main street of Leningrad. Nevsky Prospekt with Palace Square maintained the functions and the role of a city center. In December , Leningrad was administratively separated from Leningrad Oblast. At that time it included the Leningrad Suburban District, some parts of which were transferred back to Leningrad Oblast in and turned into Vsevolozhsky District , Krasnoselsky District , Pargolovsky District and Slutsky District renamed Pavlovsky District in Siege of Leningrad Citizens of Leningrad during the day siege , in which more than one million civilians died, mostly from starvation. It isolated the city from food supplies except those provided through the Road of Life across Lake Ladoga , which could not make it through until the lake literally froze. More than one million civilians were killed, mainly from starvation. Many others escaped or were evacuated, so the city became largely depopulated. A law acknowledging the honorary title of "Hero City" passed on 8 May the 20th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War , during the Brezhnev era. These included the town of Terijoki renamed Zelenogorsk in The general plan for Leningrad featured radial urban development in the north as well as in the south. In Pavlovsky District in Leningrad Oblast was abolished, and parts of its territory, including Pavlovsk, merged with Leningrad. In the settlements Levashovo , Pargolovo and Pesochny merged with Leningrad. The entire elite leadership of Leningrad was destroyed, including the former mayor Kuznetsov , the acting mayor Pyotr Sergeevich Popkov, and all their deputies; overall 23 leaders were sentenced to the death penalty, to prison or exile exonerated in About 2, ranking officials across the USSR were expelled from the party and the Komsomol and removed from leadership positions. They were accused of Russian nationalism. However, after the death of Stalin in , the perceived ornamental excesses of the Stalinist architecture were abandoned. From the s to the s many new residential boroughs were built on the outskirts; while the functionalist apartment blocks were nearly identical to each other, many families moved there from kommunalkas in the city centre in order to live in separate apartments. Contemporary Era [ edit ] View from the Colonnade, St. Meanwhile, economic conditions started to deteriorate as the country tried to adapt to major changes. For the first time since the s, food rationing was introduced, and the city received humanitarian food aid from abroad. In , Vladimir Yakovlev defeated Anatoly Sobchak in the elections for the head of the city administration. The title of the city head was changed from "mayor" to "governor". In Yakovlev won re-election. His second term expired in ; the long-awaited restoration of broken subway connection was expected to finish by that time. Standard "Home-Ship" [ edit ] The law on election of the City Governor was changed, breaking the tradition of democratic election by a universal suffrage. In the city legislature re-approved Matviyenko as governor. Residential building had intensified again; real-estate prices inflated greatly, which caused many new problems for the preservation of the historical part of the city.

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Although the central part of the city has a UNESCO designation there are about 8, architectural monuments in Petersburg , the preservation of its historical and architectural environment became controversial. In the same year, the new location for the project was relocated to Lakhta , a historical area northwest of the city center, and the new project would be named Lakhta Center. Construction was approved by Gazprom and the city administration and commenced in

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