



OAKSTEAD TIMES

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**Community
Yard Sale
Saturday,
April 6
8am to 4pm**

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCY CALL 911

Police Non-Emergency	727-847-8102
Fire/Rescue Non-Emergency	727-847-8102
Florida Highway Patrol	866-369-4613
Pasco Utilities	813-235-6012
Duke Energy	727-443-2641
Alligator Hotline	866-392-4286
Animal Shelter	813-929-1212
TECO Gas	813-275-3700
PASCO WATER	800-226-8144
Waste Connections	727-849-3333
Mosquito Control	727-376-4568
Oakstead Elementary School	727-246-1500
Charles S. Rushe Middle School	813-346-1200
Sunlake High School	813-346-1000
Oakstead Clubhouse	813-949-6591
Oakstead Clubhouse Fax	813-949-6462
Inframark CDD Management Co	813-991-1116
Greenacre Properties	813-936-4111
Rizzetta & Company (Tanglewylde)	813-533-2950
Greenacre Properties, Inc. (Weymouth)	813-600-1100

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Open 9a.m. to 9p.m. Mon-Fri
 9a.m. - 9p.m. Sat and Sun
 Clubhouse will be open until 9pm for meetings and parties
 Pool open all year

CDD MEETING SCHEDULE

Third Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.



SPRINKLER HOURS

Oakstead is a reclaimed water community

Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Reclaimed Water Restrictions Pasco County. You are allowed to use your lawn sprinklers twice a week if you're on reclaimed water program and if your house address ends in:

- 0 or 1 Tuesday and Fridays are your days to water
- 2 or 3 Thursday and Sunday are your days to water
- 4 or 5 Monday and Friday are your days to water
- 6 or 7 Tuesday and Saturday are your days to water
- 8 or 9 Wednesday and Sunday are your days to water

OPEN HOUSE RULES



Upon request, Gate will be open on the 1st Sunday of the month
 Gates will be open from 12:00 noon to 4pm

Please contact the clubhouse 3 days prior to open house to arrange for the gates to be open.

TRASH



Trash pick-up is Tuesday and Friday

Recycling is every Wednesday *No glass – No blue bags are accepted*



CLUBHOUSE PARTY ROOM RENTAL

\$50.00 for 4 hours:

12:00 to 4:00pm or 4:30 to 8:30pm

\$100.00 deposit

The 4 hours includes your set up and clean up

Oakstead Resident Rates

GATE REMOTE OPENERS



Available at clubhouse

\$15.00

WALKING GATE KEYS



Walking gate keys are available at clubhouse for \$5.00 each

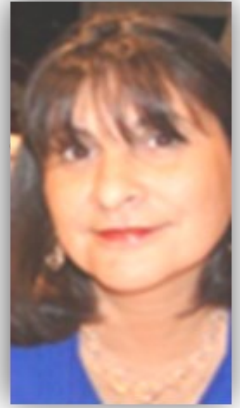
OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER

Oakstead digital newsletter can be found on the Oakstead website at OaksteadCDD.org



Nancy's NEWS

Nancy Intini, Operation Manager



As our world has changed in unexpected ways, it is leading me in a new direction as well, and I must admit it is a weird feeling. It is with great sadness that I write this last article for the Oakstead newsletter. I have decided after seventeen years as Park Director to resign. I have watched so many children of Oakstead grow up to be successful adults. I have watched

the community change and age in a beautiful way, and I have seen so many families come and go. Now this will be another change. I will be taking on a new position for my daughter's company The Mustard Seed.

I have always been driven to contribute positively to the world and I feel I have accomplished this for the Oakstead com-

munity. I want to send a huge thank you to all those who have supported me throughout the years and for the opportunity to serve the Oakstead community.

HELLO SPRING

CLUBHOUSE Programs



Soccer Program
All new starting January 19th
Contact Josh at josh@trainatptg.com
for more information

Watercolor Class
Mondays 3pm to 5pm No fee
Bring your own supplies.
Supply list available at clubhouse



Senior Coffee
every 3rd Friday of the month.
No Fee, just enjoy good conversation

Progressive Rummy
Join us Monday nights, bring \$.50 to play
6:30pm



Wood Carving
Thursday's 10am to 12 noon.
No fee. Bring your own supplies.



Women's Latin Dance Class
Saturday 10am Wednesday 10am
Thursday 6pm \$15.00 per class



Silver Sneakers with instructor Gillian Dargan.
Classes will run on Mon and Wends from 9am to 10am. Classes are free with your Silver Sneaker membership card or \$4.00 for non Silver Sneaker members.

Canasta
Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm



All new! Restorative Flex and Stretch Class
This program is designed for those with chronic pain and those who need body stability, flexibility, and strength. Tue and Thursday 9am - 10am \$4.00

1st Friday food truck
Enjoy fun friends family food and music.



Weymouth NEWS by Steve Shaw



We have a new bank! Alliance Association Bank is replacing Bank OZK for assessment payment processing. You should have received new coupons in late February. If you are like me, and you use your bank's online service to pay bills, you'll want to make sure you are sending payments to P.O. Box 621805 in Orlando. If you cut a check each month, please be sure to send it to the lockbox in Orlando. Many residents prefer to use Greenacre's auto debit service. If you are already using this service, no changes are needed on your side. If you'd like to set up this service, please use the forms and follow the directions that came with your coupon book. If you didn't receive new coupons, or if you misplaced them, please contact Renee Tims at rtims@greenacre.com. One last reminder, our monthly assessment is now \$198.45.

I'm encouraged by the increased participation by Weymouth Homeowners. The Paint Committee has been extremely productive. They've gone out of their way to solicit homeowner input and to keep us informed at each Board meeting. I can't

wait to see the painting begin and to witness the transformation of the villas in our community. Our documents committee was announced at the February Board meeting. They will be going through all our covenants and by-laws and proposing changes that will be submitted to the Board and then the community for approval. The committee will provide a prioritized list of topics they will address. My top 10 list would include; overnight parking, damaged aprons, renting, trees, HOA maintenance responsibilities, and repeat offenders. But I'm not on the committee. What would you like to see addressed? A list of committees and their members can be found in a folder stored within the Association folder.

Our community is over 20-years old. One of the biggest challenges facing the Board is balancing the needs to be addressed and our budget. We have flooding issues, damaged concrete, cracks in stucco, landscaping needs, a paint project, aging roofs and more. Every penny counts and here is one way you can help. We are all obligated to provide proof of insurance to our management

company each year. When you renew your policy, please be proactive in providing proof. If the attorneys have to get involved with demand letters; our community absorbs the cost. Wouldn't you agree that this money would be better spent on improvements to Weymouth?

After a lively discussion at our last Board meeting, it was decided that should an animal chew through the soffits to get into an attic, the responsibility for removing the critter belongs to the homeowner. The HOA is responsible for repairing the damage to the soffit.

Last but not least...an election to fill three Board seats is expected to take place this summer. I encourage you to consider running for one of the vacancies.



Oakstead MASTER HOA by Jeff Conran



April showers bring May flowers; hopefully, that's the case this year. We're still at a slight rain deficit, so we'll take what we can get.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to volunteer to support the HOA in several different ways. We truly appreciate the support, and the organization couldn't exist without neighbors like you who want to improve the community. I know not everyone

"likes" the HOA, but it is necessary to ensure our property values stay high.

As of this printing, the updated design standards should be under review with our legal team and could be implemented as early as next month (the board must vote on them during a regularly scheduled meeting). We're doing this ahead of the MASSIVE undertaking of changing our bylaws to try and make them more in line with current standards. Our documents were initially established in 2002 and then amended in 2005, and they haven't been touched since. I would STRONGLY encourage all our residents to review the current documents to get a sense of what we've been discussing at

almost every meeting for the last year or so. Many things have changed over the years, and the board is trying to make changes, but we can't do it alone.

No, really, we're not allowed to! Florida statute 720 requires us to get a vote of the community to make changes to our declarations and covenants. Please keep your eyes open for voting on these changes. Without your support, we can't make the community better.

Please slow down and pay attention while you're driving. We continue to get complaints about speeders and distracted drivers. Thanks!

Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



Welcome New Residents

I would like to welcome all new residents to Tanglewylde and to Oakstead. What you should remember is that nature in the south is much different than in other parts of the country. The ponds are not for swimming or wading and the warning signs that are put up in Disney say it all. DANGER!!! Alligators & Snakes in this Area. Please stay away from the water and do not feed the wildlife. My heart goes out to those people who went to Disney to enjoy a family trip and then the unthinkable happens - a tragedy with the loss of a life.

Tanglewylde and Oakstead are full of wildlife from alligators and snakes to bob cats and many more. All I can say is enjoy watching the wildlife but be aware of your surroundings, use good judgment and please do not feed the animals. Alligators when fed see us as a food source and will come towards us instead of swimming away and possibly will attack. A new resident told me he saw an alligator swimming in the pond behind his house and wanted it removed. When I explained what the alligator's purpose in nature's balance was, he then understood. Removing unthreatening alligators will only bring into the area an overabundance of rats, snakes, raccoons and the list goes on. Be mindful of the dangers when you are near the shoreline and prevent the unthinkable.

Please abide by the law and keep your pets on leashes. Alligators are only acting as nature has created them. Don't allow your

pets to be at risk, this also includes your pet cats who are allowed out which makes them vulnerable to snake and racoon attacks. Most alligators are not bothersome and prefer not to have contact with people, however, if there is an issue with an alligator, please notify the clubhouse and arrangements will be made to have it removed.

Close Your Garage Doors

With the clearing of property in the area, animals and reptiles are being displaced and are moving to safer ground. So, we are finding an influx of wildlife. Look before you walk! Be aware that when you open your front door a snake may be coiled up by the door. If you are working on your plants, always be watchful because you don't know what is under the ground cover.

Keep your garage doors closed. Recently a resident getting into her car noticed a tail sticking out from underneath the car. It was a three-foot alligator and animal control was called and removed it and placed it into the pond. Snakes that get into your garage looking for food or shelter are a real concern. You are not aware that they are there and could be in an unseen hiding place. We will see more deer, raccoons, opossum, armadillos, snakes and other wildlife searching for food and safety due to all the new building developments which are destroying their habitats.

Tanglewylde Portal

Tanglewylde Homeowners are encouraged

to register for the Association Portal at

www.rizzetta.com if you have not already done so.

The Association Portal provides

access to your account information as well as community documents, architectural guidelines and alteration applications. Work orders can also be submitted through the Portal. Please take a moment to register using the following steps. Go to www.rizzetta.com. select Association Portal at the upper center of the page. Once on the portal page, please select sign up. You do not need a registration key or account number to register. Click on "I don't have a portal key or account number." Fill in your email, name, phone, property address and association. You do not need an account number. Then select "I'm not a robot" and Sign Up. You will receive an email within 48 business hours with your log in credentials.

Retirement

Nancy Intini will be retiring on March 30th. The CDD Board was aware that she would be leaving at some point in 2024 but at our recent workshop discussing project updates, Nancy informed us that she will be leaving at the end of March. She is excited to start working with her family on business ventures. I am happy for the time that we have worked together. Good luck, Nancy.

Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR by Norm Keith



This Note from Norm is a difficult one to write because I have to say that our Oakstead Club House and Parks and Recreation and Field Manager is in the process of retiring.

Nancy Intini has loyally served in this position for 18 years. She has done a fantastic job in all facets of

her job. She has helped every Oakstead resident many times in many ways.

The administrative requirements she has managed in an extremely efficient manner has significantly reduced costs to the point where no annual assessment increases have been required for many years.

Nancy has coordinated many special events. Her professionalism in this area is unquestionable. The Oakstead New Years eve party comes to mind, Memorial Day activities, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween festivities, monthly meetings, are a few

events we all remember.

Nancy has to be credited for supervising required swimming pool and playground maintenance,

As we drive around Oakstead it is evident that our landscape company is doing a great job. This is because Nancy exercises tight control over them.

I could go on and on but I want to thank Nancy for a job well done and with our best wishes for a great retirement.

Thank you Nancy

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BUDS	GREEN	MELT	SPRING
BUGS	GROW	MUD	TREE
BIRDS	KITE	NEST	WARM
DROP	LEAF	RAIN	WIND
FROG	MAY	SEEDS	WORM





months expected through May

- Check your lawn and resod areas which were too weedy during the last growing season
- Prune easement trees 15ft above roadway grade (anything below 15ft will get damaged by Services trucks, Amazon, Fedex, UPS etc.). Prune shrubs and trees when new growth begins: The end of the dormant season is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs. Cold damaged shrubs can be pruned back to where new growth appears.
- Replace plantings affected by January freezes.
- If you have azaleas in your landscape

they need to be pruned after blooming

- Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming: Prune after the last flowers fade but before new buds set in mid to late summer
- Mulch conserves moisture during dry weather and minimizes weeds in landscape beds.
- The drier months are ideal for completing jobs like exterior home repainting.
- Clean Mailboxes and mail posts.

Spring is here which means it is time for some outdoor chores:

- Service your mowers as they are about to work again regularly!
- Adjust your sprinkler times for the drier

Have a wonderful Spring!



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GATES OPEN FROM
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH!

Post Office: Please expedite delivery of newsletter into community.



What Can We Do To Help The Earth?

Here are some extremely simple tips for things we can all do to help protect the environment.

1. Throw less stuff away

Stick your recyclables in the recycling, put your leftover food in the compost, and try to reduce how much you send to landfill.

2. Turn things off if you're not using them.

Turning your TV off at the end of the day

can a difficult and time-consuming process (*cough*) – but leaving it on standby overnight is not only a pointless addition to your carbon footprint; it could also add up on your electricity bill each year.

3. Only boil the water you need

Do you overfill the kettle when making tea? According to a 2013 study, three quarters of all households boil more water than they need, adding a hefty amount bills.

4. Get a bike

Bicycle use has increasingly lowered, yet bikes use no fuel, produce no emissions, keep you fit and help you live longer. Also, bikes are cool.

5. Buy second hand

Look to eBay, charity shops and second hand stores when you need to buy something. According to a report, if more people

did this we could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 'an average 4 million tons of CO2 per year.

6. Reuse plastic bags

This will help pin the preserving ocean life. There are more than five trillion pieces of plastic in the world's oceans – of which plastic bags account for a large proportion and they strangle sea animals and wreak havoc on the food chain. Worth bearing in mind next time you get a plastic bag, try carrying a reusable bag with you on errands.

7. Don't leave chargers plugged in

Another small way to reduce your energy consumption – phone chargers and laptop leads constantly left in the socket will continue to use a small amount of electricity, completely unnecessarily. Take a second to pull them out.



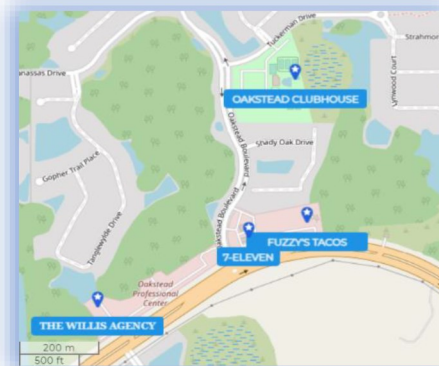
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