



OAKSTEAD TIMES

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF OAKSTEAD • APRIL 2023 ISSUE

Saturday April 8th

Whistle blows sharply at 10am

Take a photo with the Easter Bunny

Games • Prizes • Fun

Undecorated cupcake donations appreciated

Bring a canned food to help the local food bank

EASTER EGG HUNT





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 7 days • 9a.m. to 9p.m. Mon-Fri
 9a.m. - 5p.m. Sat and Sun / Unless there is an event booked
 Pool opens at 10am and closes at dusk

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 \$4.00 each

OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER

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





OAKSTEAD COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Learn To Swim With ALL ABOUT AQUATICS

SWIM LESSONS

EVERY SATURDAY
10:00am-3:00pm

BOOK TODAY!
CALL Stacy at 727-389-1769
EMAIL stacy.allaboutaquatics@gmail.com
Lessons starting April 1st

www.AllAboutAquatics.org

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CLUBHOUSE Programs



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

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



Social Group
Monday 6:30 to 9pm.
Bring your dollar to play
progressive rummy.

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



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

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



Silver Sneakers with instructor Gillian Dargan.
Classes will start up on Fri, Sept. 9th and will run
on Mon - Fri from 9am to 10am. Classes are free
with your Silver Sneaker membership card or \$4.00
for non Silver Sneaker members.



If you are having balance issues, we have a class for you. It will run once a week for 8 weeks starting February 6th through March 27th. Only 12 spots available so sign up early!

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



Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR by Norm Keith



Be aware:

1. Alligators are beginning to mate and will be moving from pond to pond looking for a girlfriend. They will cross our roads at night which makes it hard to see them. If you happen to run over a huge alligator, it will do extensive damage to your vehicle. It also makes them mad and ready to attack anyone who approaches them. I know we all feel bad for an injured animal, but you will feel bad if one chomps down on one of your body

parts! Just leave them alone. Call animal control and report the incident. They will decide what action is necessary. The number is: 813-929-1212.

2. Our poisonous snake population is also active and will seek warmth on the sidewalks. Be constantly vigilant as you walk on our nature trail and other sidewalks. Water moccasins are very aggressive and will challenge you if they feel threatened. The babies are colorful, and children are attracted to them. Enough said – warn your youngsters.

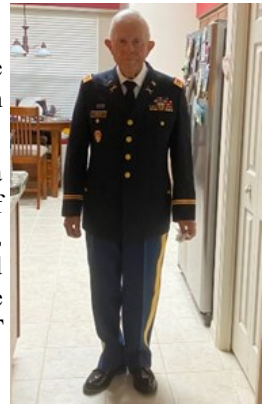
I am extremely excited about Memorial Day this year. Our Oakstead

Veterans and First Responder Memorial should be completed by Memorial Day. It will be positioned by the clubhouse flagpole. Two twenty-foot flag poles with flags representing the branches of the military and first responders will be placed beside our large American flag pole. A cement pyramid structure with a kneeling soldier on top and a circular plaque representing all branches of the service will be placed in front of the flag poles. This is a simple design that will clearly show our respect for all who have served.



As a wrap-up for this article, I want to share my true feelings and the joy I feel as an Oakstead resident of twenty-two years:

Pure happiness is driving Big Red, being a Marine forever, having had the honor of serving in the Army for twenty-two years, having a cigar big enough to fall off the end of, and living in Oakstead. Of course, we must remember that freedom is NOT free. **SEMPER FI!**



Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer

Tanglewylde Homeowners Association Portal

Tanglewylde Homeowners are encouraged to register for the Association Portal at www.rizzetta.com if they have not already done so. The Association Portal provides access to your account information as well as community documents, architectural guidelines and alteration application. 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 receive an email within 48 business hours with your log in credentials.

Drought is here.

It is the dry season and we have not received much rain. Between the lack of water, reclaimed water running out, the irrigation pop-ups grown over and the higher temperatures for this time year grass is in trouble.

Reclaimed water allows homeowners to water twice a week and in your water bill you will find information on which days are your watering days in the hours you can water your property. You are watering days are determined by your last digit of your address. This is the kicker, when the county reclaimed water runs out of their supply for the day, that is all! No water until your next watering day!

Overtime the Saint Augustine grass grows over the pop-ups and block the water from hitting the whole lawn. This creates dry

spots. This is good and bad at the same time. It is good because we can see where the water is not

hitting and then repair that pop-up, bad because the grass is dead and has to be replaced after the dry season is over. The high temperatures and lack of rain is a fire danger. Tanglewylde is surrounded by conservation land, which is where our stormwater starts, its journey westward towards the gulf. No rain in this area dries up. During the year this area has 3 feet of water or more in depth but now it is dry and a fire hazard. The animals come out of this area to get water and food. Please be careful when you go out in your yard or walk your dogs.



Weymouth NEWS by Steve Shaw



April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring? You'll have to read to the bottom of this article to find out.

I just returned from my mailbox, where I found the latest Breck's catalog. The bright bouquet of gladiolus flowers on the cover had me tempted to place a big order. I've been gardening for almost 60 years and I've yet to cultivate a garden that is even close to being as lush and colorful as those in the catalog. That being said, I still receive compliments from my neighbors for the garden in my front yard. Here are a few tips that I have learned over the years.

We live in zone 9B. This zone typically experiences a range of temperatures from a low of 25 degrees in the winter to a high of nearly 100 degrees during the dog days of summer. We are currently in the dry season, but it won't be long until the skies open up and we capture 52 – 56 inches of rainfall. I try to select plants that can handle these extremes.

Now the perfect time to plant summer bulbs. I have had luck with begonias, caladiums, cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, and lilies. You may prefer flowering plants and azaleas, firebush, gardenias, pentas, bleeding hearts, hibiscus, roses and xoria all grow well for me.

It comes down to planting the right plant in the right place. Doing this requires less fertilization and irrigation. Over-watering not only depletes water supplies, it will deplete your wallet when the water bill arrives. Over-watered plants are more susceptible to pest infestation. Neem oil is good for killing aphids, whiteflies, spider

mites and leaf rollers. If you hand water your plants, it's best to only water when plants show signs of wilting and to water in the early morning,

Mulch will protect against soil erosion. Mulching helps maintain soil moisture and inhibits weed growth. All beds should be mulched. Besides enjoying the benefits of mulching your beds, you'll avoid getting one of those "friendly reminders" from the HOA.

A side benefit from maintaining a garden is enjoying the wild life that it attracts. I plant milkweed to attract monarch butterflies. Their larvae will consume milkweed and it's a small price to pay to help an endangered species. I've also seen a hummingbird or two in my garden.

You will want to apply fertilizer and pesticides with caution. Using natural compost from your clippings returns valuable nutrients to the soil. I like to use Happy Frog, an organic all-purpose fertilizer. I highly recommend that you pick up a copy of The Florida-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design. Until next month-----*Happy Gardening.*

Answer: Pilgrims



Oakstead MASTER HOA

by Jeff Conran

Hello neighbors! Spring has sprung and it won't be long until we're all complaining because it's 80 degrees and 100 percent humidity at 6AM. Enjoy these "crisp" mornings and "cool" evenings while you can. As we've been forecasting for the last few months, we have started with our new management company, and our new manager, Stephanie. She's awesome and is working hard with the HOA board to help us make our community better. When you see her driving around the neighborhood, please don't approach her as it's company policy for her to not talk to residents randomly while doing her rounds (it's a safety thing, she's actually really friendly). Feel free, however, to email or call her at the email address and phone numbers that you got in your letters when we transitioned. I would ask that you take the time to establish your portal account because that's how information will get passed quickly across the community. It is also how we will do architectural review board documents. You can submit everything electronically which will SIGNIFICANTLY speed up the process. Keep your eyes peeled for updates to the ARC/DRB process as well. We're looking to streamline it, and Stephanie and the team at Greenacre have some awesome ideas that have worked in other communities about our size.

The online portal is also how we'll start to tackle our issue of updating our covenants and standards. The board can't make the

changes alone (legally we have to get a quorum vote which is nearly 400 residences) and we'll need you to show up to help us make our community better. With that said, please consider coming to an HOA meeting (or at least send an email) to get your ideas out there. However, please consider bringing more than just a problem. Like Steve in Weymouth said last month, a problem without a solution is just a complaint (I'm paraphrasing). Many of our neighbors have great ideas, let's get them heard!

I'll also continue to plug participation.

We've had plenty of people reach out with problems, but almost none offer to help through action. I implore you to consider giving back to your community by volunteering to support the HOA. The majority of the volunteer opportunities require almost no time commitment and can be done virtually. Thank you for your consideration!



LATIN DANCE CLASSES

- Wednesday Mornings 10AM
- Thursday Evenings 6PM
- Saturday Mornings 10AM

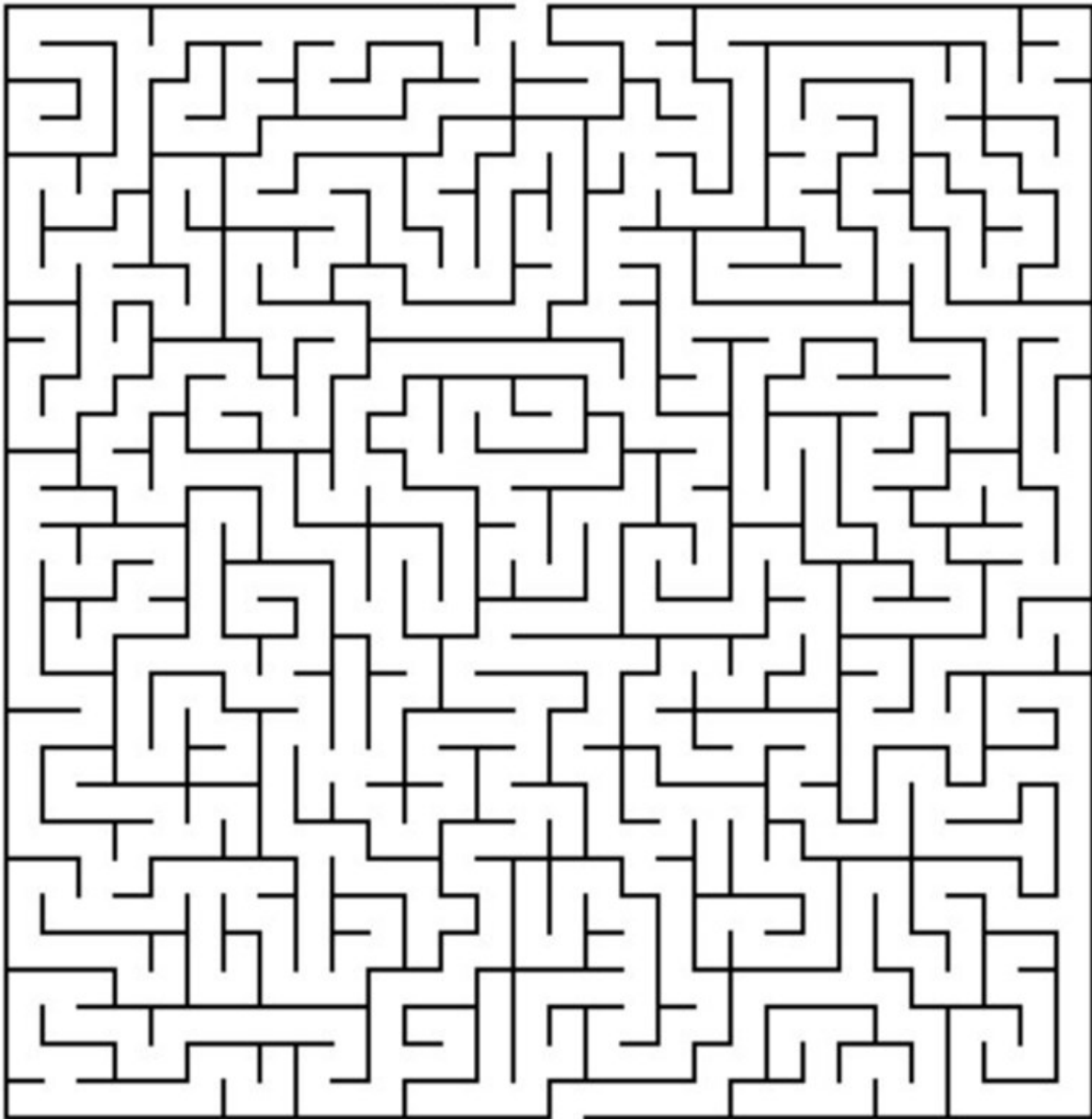
www.LatinDanceMaria.com

\$15 Single Class

✦ Multiple class discounts now available

Easter Egg Maze

Help the chick get through the maze and find the Easter eggs.





GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th

GATES WILL BE OPEN 8AM-4PM

JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!