

OAKSTEAD TIMES

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF OAKSTEAD • SPRING ISSUE





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	727-847-8131
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
Associa Community Management	813-963-6400
Rizzetta & Company (Tanglewylde)	813-533-2950
Greenacre Properties, Inc. (Weymouth)	813-600-1100



CLUBHOUSE PARTY ROOM RENTAL

\$50.00 for 4 hours: 12:30 to 4:30 or 5 to 9pm

\$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

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Open 7 days • 9a.m. to 9p.m. Mon-Fri

9a.m. - 5p.m. Sat and Sun

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. Your allowed to use your lawn sprinklers twice a week if you're on reclaimed water program and if your house address end 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 Thursday 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*

OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER

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



A Note From Nancy.....

Happy New Year! Do you believe we are in 2022! I don't know about you, but I am still trying to figure out what happened to 2021. As we enter the new year, we have so many things to be thankful for, starting with the fact that 2021 is over. I was truly hoping Covid went with it. Due to covid, we lost our Karate program, Silver Sneakers, and Yoga program. I will keep you posted when and if we find new instructors.



I want to send out a huge Thank you for those who donated to the Thanksgiving food drive. We had our largest year ever by collecting over 910 Lbs. of food. That is double what we collected last year. How blessed are we for living in such a wonderful and generous community. I want to send out a huge thank you to Alan and Nayda Stern along with all the wonderful volunteers at St Vincent DePaul (pictured below) for helping deliver the food to the food bank. And the best part is, all the food collected will stay within the Land o Lakes community.



In addition to the food drive our Toys for Tots was even better. We filled our sleigh three times. Applause going out to everyone who donated. Every year when the Marines come to pick up the toys they are absolutely amazed. If you could only have seen their faces when they walked in the door. They could not believe the generosity of the Oakstead community year after year.



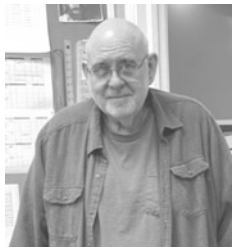
The CDD Board deserves a big thank you too for all the hours they have put in to make this community so successful. They are planning some good things for this coming year. I am very excited to tell you that we will be getting new pool deck furniture! The bathrooms also got a face lift this year....Yes, the 80's look is gone. The board will also be spending a substantial sum this year on upgrades to the common ground sprinkler system. The failing lines will be replaced and moved further back off the main roads. This action will help with keeping excess water off the decaying roads, keep water off your cars and will be pushed back enough to keep cars from running over the valves, saving the community lots of money. The board will also continue to up grade the village entrances. With the aging plants and damage to plants from the reclaimed water, the CDD felt it was time to put some love to the foliage.

Oakstead Boulevard is a disaster as you all know. I can't even begin to tell you how many times I called the county for the potholes to be filled. Unfortunately, we do not have control over the boulevard, the county owns it. If you want to complain about the roads call Pasco roads and bridges at 727-834-3611. Maybe if enough of the Oakstead resident call to complain the county will do something about it.

Special events meeting: Join me on Wednesday February 2nd at 10am if you would like to give your input for special events for the coming year.

Oakstead's First Resident

The first resident to move into Oakstead was Rodney Cross. This year on January 25th he will be living at Oakstead for 20 years. Below is an article by St Petersburg Times written about Rodney and his wife Joan.



First of buyers move to 'village'

■ The first residents to move to a controversial development say they enjoy its peaceful nature.

By JAMES THORNER
Times Staff Writer

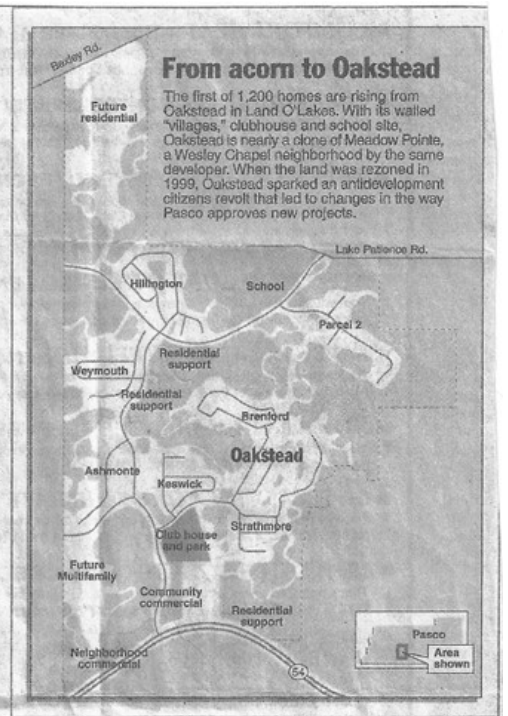
LAND O'LAKES — Rodney and Joan Cross are learning it pays to be pioneers.

When they moved in two weeks ago, the Crosses became the first of what will be thousands of residents in the Oakstead community in Land O'Lakes.

Their new duplex — a "villa" in builders' jargon — owns grand vistas of grasslands and cypress swamps.

They've tried to ignore another view from their stoop: sand mounds crossed by truck tracks, masons laying bare concrete block, a portable toilet on the edge of their lawn and dirt swirling on fresh asphalt of their cul-de-sac.

"We've enjoyed it so far," said Rodney Cross, who wanted a smaller home in Pasco County to escape Hillsborough County's higher taxes and insurance rates.



"You go out at 10 o'clock at night and there's nothing whatsoever. All you hear are the owls and crickets."

Oakstead's main selling points — and its greatest source of controversy.

Meet Santa highlights

Many thanks to Santa Vern for once again donating his time for the children of Oakstead.

Some pictures for you to enjoy!





Community Yard Sale April 9th
Gates will be open 8am to 4pm



March 13th turns your clocks ahead
Clubhouse hours go back to 9am to 9pm

Tanglewylde News

Let's start off this year with wishing everybody a happy and healthy New Year. The last few have been a real challenge dealing with covid, getting shots and then a booster shot.

Home prices have really gone through the roof prompting long-time residents to put their villas on the market. But beware! Before you sell really think it over because once your home is sold you can't come back and sellers' remorse sets in. Where are you going to go? How much will it cost? Over the years you've made friends in our village and the closeness of all the stores, hospitals, highways, these are great conveniences as well as selling points but that makes Tanglewylde a great place to live.

Over the years residents sell and move and within a few years they are back asking me if there are any homes for sale. (They want to come home). In some cases, I was able to find homes that were not yet listed on the market and the former residents were able to move back. Then there were other cases where the price they sold their home for was lower than the new selling price which priced them out of the market.

Tanglewylde is unique and desirable because we have not been a strict HOA and the attitude of our HOA has been to keep it liveable and work within our budget which means we never have had to do a special assessment. Our projects take longer to do but every monthly payment you make gives us the money we need to do the next unit. It would be nice to do all the villas at once, but we would need higher monthly fees to do that. Again, work with what we have. Our accountant lets the HOA know how much each month we have in our budget for paint, roof replacement. Yes took a year to complete and the paint job will be longer. The paint job is slow but the quality of the job says it all. You look at how long the last paint job lasted 13 years instead of five years if we sprayed the paint on. The painter tried to hire more people to speed up the process but they were unreliable and didn't show up to work.

So think twice before you put your home on the market, you may get your price but where are you going to go?

Pick Up After Your Dogs

Why does our ponds turn green? Is it what the landscaper is putting on the ground? Partly true but when you don't pick up after your dog it ends up in the pond increasing the nitrogen in the water which knocks the ecosystem out of balance.

Where we live is the beginning of the Ancolte River. Our ponds drain and flow into the next community and works its way northwest and meanders towards the Gulf. Just think Oakstead does not pick up after their dogs, landscapers over fertilizer properties for greener grass.

Concord Station, Bexley Ranch, Ballantrae, Suncoast Meadows and all the other communities all the way to the Gulf causing the sea grass to die and starving the manatees. If we all picked up after our dogs it would make the Ancolte River cleaner. Asking the landscapers to use only what fertilizer is needed could help keep the ecosystem balanced and help save the manatees.

Stop Feeding The Wildlife

I have said it many times before STOP FEEDING THE WILDLIFE! Why? It is against the law and overpopulates the racoons, rats, snakes etc. That live in the conservation around Tanglewylde. Yes, they look nice in the woods but racoons carry rabies and are faster than you think. When you feed them, they make holes in the roofs so they can make nests for the next generation. Next the squirrels, rats, mice move in to start families. They chew the electric wiring, chew through the wall board in order to get into your pantry. Racoons will kill your pets and if you get bitten or scratched by a rabid racoon you might contract rabies and need a series of painful shots. DON'T Feed The Wildlife.

Around the Town

Ten-digit dialing begins for all local calls in the Tampa Bay area on Jan. 22 in connection with a new 656 area code, the Florida Public Service Commission announced Wednesday.

The new area code will be used in the same communities as the 813 area code, which is running out of numbers.

People with the longstanding 813 area code will be able to keep their numbers, while new customers or those adding services will be assigned the 656 area code as of Feb. 21.

The 813 region is centered on Tampa and includes surrounding communities such as Brandon, Land O' Lakes, Oldsmar, Riverview, Thonotosassa, Town 'n' Country, Valrico and Zephyrhills.

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