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CELEBRATION

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Nancy's NEWS

by Nancy Intini, Operation Manager



Is it really 2023!

As the new year begins, we feel that we need to make changes in our life, start on a new path, do new things, and say goodbye to old habits, problems, and difficulties. Often, we start making new plans and new resolutions. This year I am wishing for the world to be a nicer place. As you have heard by now, we have had two horrendous crimes of domestic violence happen in our Marchmont Village this year. Our hearts and prayers go out to these victims.

I want to send a huge THANK YOU to all the residents who donated to our food drive. We exceeded previous years with donations

as we collected over 1000 pounds of food!

The Marines came to pick up Toys for Tots 3 times this year. Thank you to all who donated. The marine who came to pick up the toys said the Oakstead community exceeded every other community by far. He was shocked when he walked in the door and saw all the toys piled high. Once again it warms my heart to see the generosity of the Oakstead community. Thank you to all.

We still have a few lounge chairs for sale at the clubhouse. They are \$15.00 each.

I hate to bring this up, but it has become necessary. The trash that people are throwing

out their car windows

has got to stop. We are

picking up 2 large

green garbage bags of trash every time we go out into the community. Please do not litter.

The litter is carrying on to the basketball courts too. If you are finished with your drink, please do not just throw the bottle into the field. There are plenty of trash cans around the facility, please use them.



CLUBHOUSE Programs



ALL NEW PROGRAM STARTING
January 7th at 9am

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.



Santa Highlights

Many special thanks to Santa Vern for a fun filled day and to Pat and Debbie for making all the wonderful treats for the families at our Santa event. It was so wonderful seeing all the kids and families dressed up in their holiday outfits to take their holiday pictures. Please enjoy some highlights below.





Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR by Norm Keith



The holidays have flown by and another year is upon us. I hope everyone had the best Christmas, or however you celebrated this time of the year, ever. Mine was with family gatherings and great food. I even enjoyed the music this year. It would have been better if I had good hearing aids. Serving in the Army and Marine Corps Field Artillery for twenty three-years did a lot of

damage. My New Years resolution is to obtain some super high tech, advanced technology, gold plated hearing aids that actually work. I will be able to contribute more as a CDD board supervisor once my new hearing aids are in place and finely tuned for my situation. Reading lips is a real art!

It is hard to envision how much Oakstead roadway traffic will increase as the several new communities being built on Lake Patience road come on line. I am trying to use some high tech

language like, come on line, in this note. It's not hard to figure out that I ain't real good at it.

I do not have much news about our new landscape contract. It is kind of a confusing process because it seems like Florida state statues create obstacles at every step. The new three year contract should be completed in January unless the CDD Board has to trash what has been done so far and rebid the contract.

I keep reminding myself that Oakstead is a beautiful well manicured community and we are lucky to live here. No more babbling in this Note. Just remember that we are home and with a team effort we can make it the perfect place to live.

Remember the old Indian chief sitting on his horse looking down at the trash litter bugs left. He had tears in his eyes. Let's not be litter bugs so that Oakstead remains one of Pasco County's premiere communities.

Welcome home.

Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



Where did 2022 go? It seems like I was just sitting down to write January 2022 articles and at that time Tanglewylde HOA was hoping that the paint colors that were picked would blend with one another and not clash. Zach Horl, the painter and the Board looked at the swatches on a color chart and moved them around in different configurations to determine if they would clash and as we hoped all colors blended. We were also concerned about how the colors from one side to the other side of the street would also blend, so we left the color choices up to our painter, Zach, which worked out marvelously.

Something Zach has noticed is that a few of the colors' hues seem to change from sunrise to sun set.

I would like to remind the Tanglewylde homeowners to make sure that you remember that we have a monthly increase beginning January 1st. If you have auto- pay, make sure you adjust your payments, so you don't have late charges.

If you are going to be doing any up grades to the outside of your villa or removal of a tree, make sure you fill out an ARC application and send it to

Rizzetta, the management company for approval. Applications can be found on www.rizzetta.com or at the clubhouse. Be sure to ask for the "Tanglewylde" ARC Application or the ARC Application for tree removal.



Oakstead MASTER HOA

by Jeff Conran



Happy New Year! The New Year is a time for reflection, fresh starts, and new beginnings. It allows us all an opportunity to reflect on what has worked in the past and to review the things that we wish we had done differently. As we start into this new year, let's all resolve to be

better people; to be more involved with our community; and to exercise just a little bit of patience and understanding with one another. In the vein of getting more involved with our community, I'd recommend the easiest way to do that is to volunteer to support your community through the HOA. We finally have a full board of 5, but we have more people that are needed for our community to operate at our greatest potential.

One way you can help is to volunteer for our fining and appeals committee. This committee is responsible for

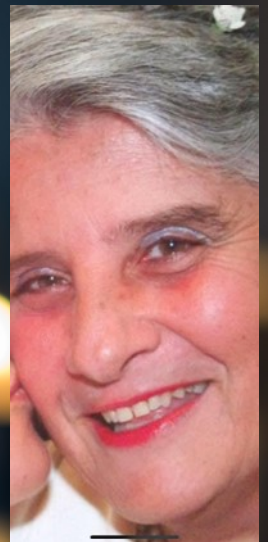
ensuring that our community residents are adhering to the standards which are set in our governing documents (which are available on TownSquare and the HOA website). This committee can meet virtually or in person and only meets when violations require compliance fines. The time commitment for it would be relatively minimal and would be a huge help to our community.

Another committee we need help with is the design review board. This committee is responsible for helping our neighbors to ensure their home improvement projects are in line with our design standards. This includes alterations to the exteriors of our homes (including, but not limited to: exterior painting, roof replacements, solar panels, gutters, fences, outdoor play equipment, etc). The members of this committee are vital to us maintaining the standard for appearance within our community.

From the entire board of directors, we wish you all nothing but the best as we look forward to 2023!

A SAD DAY FOR OAKSTEAD

Every once in a while, you come across a resident who goes above and beyond for the community. Marie White was a treasure and will be missed. It breaks my heart to tell you all that Marie has passed away. Marie and Steve loved Oakstead so much that they moved away and ended right back in Oakstead living in 3 different villages. The Brenford village was their favorite. Some of you may recognize her as the lady in the white hat that was always walking the community. She always felt she was being a good neighbor by taking the garbage cans off the street and putting them up by peoples' garages. Marie volunteered as our Easter Bunny, Santa, for the HOA and helped at so many of our special events. She was always donating to good causes with a smile on her face. I know she will be dearly missed. Prayers going out to Steve, his daughter Marie and family.



Weymouth NEWS by Steve Shaw

Happy New Year! It seems that the older I get, the faster time seems to pass. Time seems to have a way of getting away from us, so this year, make it a point to retire something on your bucket list. You won't regret it.

While some of your neighbors may enjoy reading The Laker, others are irritated by finding the blue plastic wrapped periodical on their driveway each week. Some simply throw it away and some report that they've found copies in the storm drains. If you no longer wish to receive the paper, you can unsubscribe by following these directions. Type <https://lakerlutznews.com> into your web browser. From the splash page click on CIRCULATION REQUEST, located in the upper right-hand corner. Fill out the required fields and choose STOP DELIVERY / OPT OUT from the pulldown menu. Be sure to click on the submit button to complete the transaction. If you need help, reach out to me at wey.secret@gmail.com and I'll give you a hand.

We briefly covered cyber crime in December's issue of the Oakstead Times. Let's dive a little deeper into the threat of phishing attacks. What is phishing? Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers. They can be very sophisticated and hard to spot. Test your knowledge and learn more by taking a phishing quiz. Go to <https://phishingquiz.withgoogle.com> or google phishing quiz for other options.

Last year, I had a pipe break under my foundation. My home flooded and it was expensive to perform clean up and restoration. As bad as it was, it could have been worse. I was home

when it happened and I was able to take immediate action to mitigate the damage. But what if I hadn't been home? I just updated my emergency contacts at the clubhouse. I suggest that you do the same.

Did you know that there is a community garden at Heritage Park? If you have a green thumb, but no room to plant a vegetable garden, consider joining the community garden. I've enjoyed harvesting tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, carrots, spinach and sweet potatoes that I grew myself.

One of the things that I learned since joining the Weymouth HOA Board of Directors is that while we have our own governing documents, they can't be more lenient than the Oakstead HOA documents. I just voluntarily moved my bench from the front of my house after I learned that while the Weymouth HOA documents are silent on the issue, the Oakstead governing documents forbid benches in the front of homes. The Board has an obligation to enforce the governing documents as they are written until such time that they are amended.

I encourage all my neighbors to attend the monthly Board meetings and to become more involved in the community. Meetings are held at the clubhouse on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Just a quick reminder, the HOA assessment is now \$189 a month. If you are using your bank's autopay feature, you may want to update the amount being paid.

Finally, this is your newsletter. If you'd like to see a specific topic addressed, please contact me at wey.secret@gmail.com.

