



OAKSTEAD TIMES

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF OAKSTEAD • JULY 2022 ISSUE



Happy
4th of
July!

**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 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. 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: 12:30 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

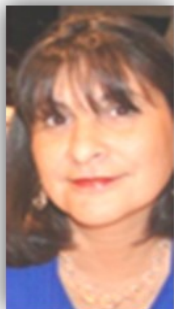
OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER

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



Nancy's NEWS

by Nancy Intini, Operation Manager



Hello to all! It's been a really busy summer this year starting off with our Memorial Day BBQ. We had more people attend this year than ever before. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the day. There are pictures in the center of this newsletter for you to enjoy.

The kids who are coming to Wacky Wednesday are really enjoying the program, but unfortunately this will be our last year for Wacky Wednesday.

So many people have signed up their kids for the program but have not shown up. This is unfortunate because they have taken up a spot on the sign-up sheet that another child could have enjoyed. Please let the clubhouse know if you have signed up for a project and can not make it. Thank you.

Updates to our pool deck.

After waiting almost 8 months, I am so excited for our new pool deck awnings and furniture. I am hoping it is complete by the time you receive this newsletter. We have a sign-up list if you are interested in purchasing any of the old deck furniture.

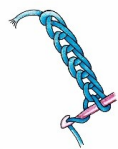
4th of July

The clubhouse will be open until 5pm on the 4th of July. Please be safe with fireworks.

Enjoy your summer, and please watch out for our children.



CLUBHOUSE Programs



Crochet with Friends

Monday's 10 a.m. – noon. Beginners welcome. No fee. Bring your own supplies

Watercolor Class

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



Social Group

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

Water Aerobics

with Janna Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9am to 10am \$4.00
Class schedule may vary.
Check with Janna for class schedule



Line Dancing
exercise class \$2.00
Wednesday 9 to 10am

Wood Carving

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



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



1st Friday food truck

Enjoy fun friends family food and music.

Memorial Day and Wacky Wednesday Highlights

I want to send many thanks to all the volunteers and staff who helped to make the Memorial Day and Wacky Wednesday events so successful for the Oakstead community.

Thanks to Barbara Feldman, Miriam Marte, Pat Clark, Michael Tempera, Dominick, Kimberly, Aidan, Madelyn, Gaby, Leigh, Addison and staff. You are the best!





Oakstead MASTER HOA by Christopher Ayoub



and the other involves homeowner involvement to do the required work of the Association.

Most every exterior modification or project to your home and property, requires approval from the HOA. A list of the projects can be found in both the Declaration of Covenants and Design Review Criteria Document. Prior to undertaking a project, homeowners must fill out an application, listing the type of work being done, the scope and design of the project, materials, supplies and equipment. The information required will of course depend on the project so, if for instance, a permit from the County is needed, a copy should be included with the application. Depending on the type of work, there are 3 different types of applications. One for tree removal, one for exterior painting and the final one for all other projects. These can be found on the myoakstead.com website under the Oakstead HOA tab. Once on that page, scroll down to the Design Review Board Documents. Please do not do an exterior modification project that requires approval. Too often

homeowners are burden with unnecessary costs and fines because they failed to follow the rules. The process is simple and the turnaround time is usually within a couple of weeks, provided your project meets the mandated design standards. Questions about the application can be either address by our representatives from Associa, Board Members or Members of the Design Review Board Committee.

The second topic I would mention, deals with community involvement. In a community the size of Oakstead, the HOA Board should have at least 5 members. At this point, and while we have had 3 recent additions, there are 2 spots that will need to be filled in the coming months. Additionally, we have a couple committees that need positions filled, including the DRB Committee mentioned in the above paragraph. The Board meets just once a month in the evening for a couple hours and the much of the committee work is done online. I have been doing this for the past 10 years and it has provided me the opportunity to meet many of fellow neighbors and homeowners. Winston Churchill was quoted as saying, *"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."* I would highly recommend to give it a try.

As a reminder, the HOA meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Oakstead Clubhouse. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. As always, we look forward to seeing new faces in the audience.

Two HOA Board spots will soon be available, along with a couple committees that need positions filled, such as the DRB Committee. Volunteer and be a part of the community!



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~ Winston Churchill

Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



Parking Across the Sidewalk

Pasco County has a law that states no overnight street parking is permitted. Residents want to know why is there no parking in the street? The answer is emergency vehicles can not get through a street with cars parked on it. Right or wrong that is the law. So now residents park in their driveways and across the sidewalks which creates more problems for residents. This makes it hazardous for people to walk into the street in order to get around cars that are jutting out of the driveways. Our management company gets numerous complaints each week about cars blocking the sidewalk. Keeping the sidewalks clear can prevent unwanted and unnecessary accidents. The management company advises the residents to take a picture of the vehicle blocking the driveway with the address and send it to the management company. As a result, for not upholding a Tanglewylde by-law a violation will be issued to the offender. Violators complain that they have no place to park. They comment that it is only at night that they park across the driveway because they leave in the morning. Sorry, there is no blocking the sidewalks, no overnight parking in the streets or no parking on the grass.

Budget Time Again

It is time to look into the future and create a plan for rebuilding our reserves. Just like when we started working on building our reserves the first-time. We projected what the cost of roofing material and the cost of paint would be in order to have an adequate

budget to cover the costs. We have been through the process once and it should be easier to do this time. We really did not do too badly on our past budget only falling slightly short on the cost of roofing. We successfully completed the project without having to impose a special assessment. After the completion of the roofing job, I was asked, "What do we do with the money now that the roofing project is complete"? To respond to the question, we start rebuilding the funds for the future roof replacement in 15 years.

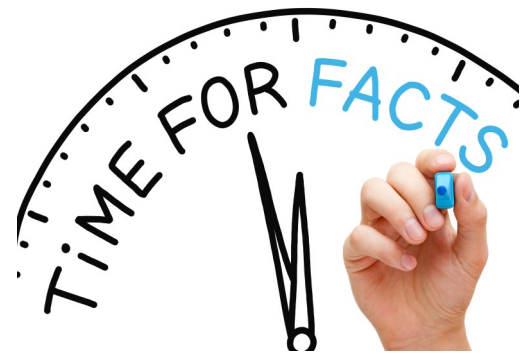
The painting project is working well. As the monthly maintenance money comes in, it is going out to pay for the villas that have been repainted. Just as the roofing project, it is a slow but steady process as the money comes in, payment for the next group of painted villas is sent out.

Tanglewylde's landscapers are constantly changing. Since Tanglewylde was formed, we have had seven or eight different landscapers. The reasons are varied between companies being bought out, or we weren't satisfied with the work they were doing and letting them go to the company advising us they are opting out of their contract.

Low Water in Ponds

For new residents I like to fill you in on why our ponds are so low. This is our dry season, and soon our rainy season will begin. Most times you will see the dark clouds in the east and between 4 to 7 pm it will rain. The weatherman will predict that

we have a 50/50 chance of rain. If it doesn't rain, we fell into the dry side of the 50/50. We can get one to three inches of rain in a rain fall however I like to see the ponds low so if we get a hurricane, there is a place to put all the rainwater. By the end of the summer, the ponds will be full, and the conservation areas will also be full of the extra rainwater flowing toward the gulf.



Fact of the Month

How do you know if your irrigation is working? First, we can only water twice a week (look in the newsletter for your scheduled days to water). In Tanglewylde, the landscaper sets the irrigation clocks for watering. They set the days and set the zones 1- 4 to water for ten minutes a zone. You can check to see if your irrigation is working by placing a plate on the lawn before you go to bed and if you have water in the dish in the morning your irrigation is working, or you might notice water stains on your vehicle if it was parked in your driveway. If your irrigation system is not working properly, please contact our Management Company. Rizzetta will prepare a work order for repairs and forward it to the landscaper.

Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR by Norm Keith



Brazilian pepper, crazy ants, fire ants, army worms, mole crickets, chiggers, ticks, mosquitoes, shad flies, kudzu vines, poison ivy, poison sumac, creeping Charlie weeds, and probably many more nuisance plants cause many Florida residents problems with rashes, and severe allergies. Oakstead has its share of all of these irritants and pests. The University of Florida Agricultural Department constantly researches ways to remedy all of the above. A few have been effectively dealt

with through eradication and control programs.

Around 1846 an invasive weed called the Brazilian pepper plant was introduced into Florida. It was considered desirable because of its beautiful red berries. In 1945 A man named Dr. Stone started to cultivate Brazilian pepper plants and recommended that they be planted in every yard. He called them Christmas holly. These plants thrived in our climate and today Florida has over 700,000 acres of Brazilian pepper plants are growing uncontrolled in every part of the state.

In actuality poison ivy and poison sumac plants are more dangerous

than Brazilian peppers. Research is being done on the medicinal qualities of Brazilian pepper berries. They may cure urinary tract infections, and might be used as an antiseptic. Some people grind and dry the berries and use them as a pepper flavored spice on fish. Not me!

The best private property landscape Brazilian pepper control method is to trim the branches back to your property line and to pull up the new plants. They grow most rapidly from September - October. The plants germinate from the berries. Extremely toxic chemicals are required to kills the trees and should be left to the professionals. It is not possible for the Community Development District to eliminate the numerous acres of Brazilian Pepper trees growing in our conservation areas. To do so would clear the conservation areas of vegetation which the South West Water Management District will not allow.

Private property owners in Oakstead are required by Oakstead Covenants to maintain their landscaping from front to rear. We all agreed to abide by these covenants as property owners. The District is not approaching this problem from a negative standpoint but is simply being realistic in its solution.

Remember, Oakstead is a truly nice place to live and by working as a team we can make it even better.



Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers

such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- * Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- * Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- * Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- * Flashlight, First aid kit
- * Extra batteries
- * Whistle (to signal for help)
- * Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- * Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- * Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- * Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- * Manual can opener (for food)
- * Local maps
- * Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery