



# OAKSTEAD TIMES

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## *Oakstead Annual Egg Hunt*

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

The hunt will start at  
10am sharp

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**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 \$4.50 each

**CLUBHOUSE HOURS**

Open 9a.m. to 7p.m. Mon-Fri

9a.m. - 5p.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 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

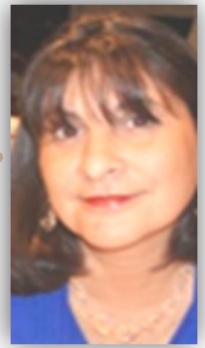
**OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER**

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# Nancy's NEWS

by Nancy Intini, Operation Manager

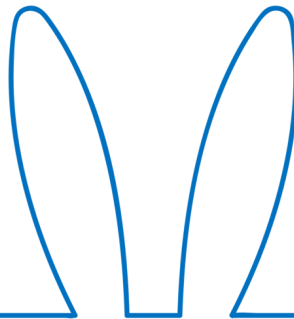


Spring is in the air! I am happy to say how excited we are about the two new pickle ball courts and the refurbishment of the tennis courts. It is such a pleasure to see so many of the Oakstead residents enjoying the amenities.

I was pleased to see how many people showed up for the Shrek movie and Food truck night. It was definitely a full house. The residents were all raving about how they enjoyed the night with their families. Ryan, who runs the food truck program commented on how well the trucks sell when at Oakstead. I would love to do movies more often, but it gets light so early as of March. A huge thank you to all those who participated in this event.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The whistle will blow at 10 am sharp so please plan on being here early with your basket. The Easter Bunny will be here for pictures at 9:30 so bring your camera. It would be appreciated if you would help us by making cupcakes for the kids to decorate. We usually need at least 200 cupcakes for this event. Please recycle the eggs back to the

clubhouse as we use approximately 2500 eggs for the egg hunt. Every little bit helps. The clubhouse will be collecting eggs for 2 weeks after easter so please do not throw them away. The clubhouse will be closed on Easter Sunday. The playground and tennis courts will be open.



**The time changes on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. This means the clubhouse hours will return to 9am to 9pm.**

## CLUBHOUSE Programs



**Soccer Program**  
All new starting January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Josh at [josh@trainatptg.com](mailto:josh@trainatptg.com) for more information

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



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

**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

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



**Senior Coffee**  
every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday food truck**  
Enjoy fun friends family food and music.



**Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces an Exciting New Service for Customers!**

“It is my pleasure to announce that our staff and the state have been working together to make a vehicle registration renewal kiosk available to our customers,” Tax Collector Mike Fasano announces as Pasco’s first-ever self-serve kiosk for processing vehicle registration renewals becomes operational. “We understand that many times the only transaction a customer may have is the annual renewal of their vehicle registration. The kiosk will allow them to dash into the grocery store either during a regular shopping trip or just while out running errands, thus saving the time of driving, and waiting at one of our offices. It is exciting that this new service may save our customers time, gasoline and potentially the inconvenience of travelling far to one of our full-service locations.”

The kiosk is in the Publix Supermarket at Collier Commons, 2121 Collier Parkway, Land O’Lakes FL 34639. We have placed the kiosk inside the Publix Supermarket at the entrance near the customer service counter and the pharmacy to make the transaction safe and secure. The kiosk is available to the public during store hours.

Vehicle registration renewals are the only transaction the kiosk is currently designed to complete, saving customers a visit to their

local tax collector’s office. If you are interested in renewing your vehicle’s registration at the kiosk you must bring the following information with you:

- PIN from registration renewal notice or license plate number and first Registrant’s date of birth.
- Registrations in a business name can only be renewed with the PIN since there is not a date of birth linked to the record.

**IMPORTANT:** The following registrations are NOT eligible to be renewed at the kiosk:

- Registration renewals that require an address change.
- Registration renewals that replace a license plate.
- Registration renewals that have insurance, driver license, or toll suspensions.
- Vessel(boat)registration renewals.
- Mobile home registration renewals.
- Heavy trucks that require a Florida Certificate of Insurance or IRS Heavy Vehicle Use Tax “2290”.
- Personalized plate reservations.
- Parking permit or placard renewals.
- National Guard license plate renewals.
- Autonomous vehicles

- Government vehicles
- IRP Registrations

Accepted form of payment: American Express, Discover, Mastercard, & Visa.  
**\*\*Debit/Credit Card ONLY\*\***

The new registration and decal will be printed at the kiosk once the customer has entered their information. If there is a driver license stop, toll stop, or insurance stop, the customer will receive a message from the kiosk. If the kiosk is unable to process the transaction and the registration is not able to be issued, the kiosk will notify the customer.

The kiosk charges a 2.3% fee for use of a credit card AND a \$3.95 flat fee for renewing at the kiosk. Customers can still make a voluntary donation to one of the many authorized charities just as they are listed on the back of the renewal notice. The kiosk does ask the customer to verify the vehicle and plate they are renewing as well as the fees before the transaction is completed. It also asks the customer if there are any address changes, if they answer yes, the transaction cannot be completed. If they answer no, it continues. If the registration qualifies, the kiosk does offer a 1-year or 2-year renewal to the customer. If a customer has a question or problem, they may contact the Kiosk Customer Care Number which is: 1-833-939-1572.



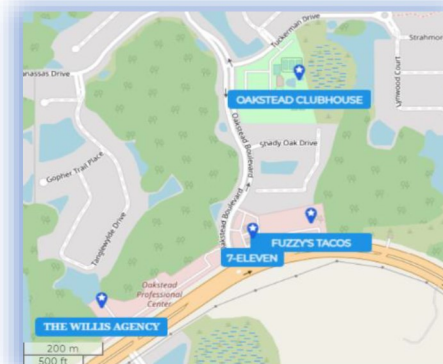
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## Please Remember...

The Oakstead Clubhouse will  
return to regular operating hours  
on March 10, 2024  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



# APRIL | 6

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



**JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!**

**TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH!**

# Weymouth NEWS by Steve Shaw



Prior to moving to Weymouth, I owned a home in the southern part of Lutz. It sat on a third of an acre and backed up to a conservation area. One of the things I liked the most about it was looking out the back window and seeing deer and wild pigs. A few of the things I didn't like so much were performing lawn care and maintaining the pool. It was an older home and it was in need of repairs to wooden surfaces, new paint, and a new roof. I knew that as I got older and as I approached retirement, I just wouldn't be able to maintain it anymore. So, relocating to Weymouth seemed to make sense.

Moving into the Weymouth community was my first experience with being governed by bylaws and covenants that were managed by the HOA and a management company. I was never a big fan of HOAs prior to moving here. Maybe it is the Libertarian in me; I used to believe that my home and property were mine and I could do pretty

much what I wanted to them. This was my first time living in a gated community and sharing a wall and roof with a neighbor. It was an adjustment. As time passed, I started to understand the benefits of living in a low maintenance community.

My old swimming pool was great for relaxing, but I now have a pool that allows me to swim laps. I can walk or ride the nature trail and get within a few feet of curious deer. The landscaper cuts the lawn every week and they've done a great job of cleaning up after big storms. Pretty soon, our villas will be painted and down the road the roof will be replaced. I've met some really nice folks in my 11 years here. Weymouth really is a wonderful community.

I even did a 180 on HOAs by running for and getting elected to the Board. That has been a learning experience and a challenge. I've learned more about our governing documents in the last two years than I

learned in the previous nine. One of the biggest challenges is managing the needs of an aging community with the ability of residents to fund the maintenance and response to minor emergencies. Not all homeowners see things the same way and that leads to some lively discussions.



Several seats on the Board will be up for election this summer. If you have a desire to serve the community and you have the experience to make decisions that impact all of us, I urge you to consider running for one of the seats. I'm glad that I became more involved in the community and I'm proud of our accomplishments. We all benefit when we are actively involved in the community.

# Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



## Welcome New Residents

I would like to welcome all new residents to Tanglewylde and to Oakstead. What you have to remember 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 sign that they put up in Disney says it all. DANGER! Alligators & Snakes in this area. Stay away from the water and do not feed the wild life. My heart goes out to those people who came to Disney to enjoy Disney and then the unthinkable happens and a loss of a life.

Tanglewylde and Oakstead is full of wildlife from Alligators to Bob Cats and all I can say is enjoy watching the wild life but stay away and don't feed the animals. Alligators when fed see us as a food source and will come towards us instead of going away from us and will attack. I had a new resident in

Tanglewylde tell me he saw an alligator swimming in the pond behind his house and wanted it removed. When I explained what the alligator's job was he kind of understood but removing the alligators only brings into the area more rats, snakes, raccoons and the list goes on but anything that goes near the shore line could be dinner.

Please don't let your pets roam free for two reasons: alligators only see furry snacks and cats have been attacked by raccoons. Most alligators don't want any contact with humans but the ones that do Oakstead does have them removed.

## Close Your Garage Doors

With the clearing of the property next door, animals and reptiles are being displaced and moving to safer ground. So we are getting new residents that are not welcome. Look

before you walk! Going out your front door, snakes can be coiled up by the door. If you are working on your plants watch out, you don't know what is under the ground cover.

Keep your garage doors closed. One resident went to get into her car and noticed a tail sticking out from underneath the car. It was a three-foot gator and animal control came out and let it loose into the pond. Snakes go into the garage looking for food but you can't figure out where they are hiding. We will see more deer, raccoons, opossum, armadillo and snakes looking for food and safety from construction equipment. We wanted to live in nature and now nature wants to live with us.

# Oakstead MASTER HOA

by Jeff Conran



Spring is in the air, for sure. This time of year is always so nice here in Florida as the flowers start to bloom and our grass finally starts to turn green again. Now is a great time to get outside and spruce up our homes

after a "long" winter. Over the winter, the HOA board has been hard at work putting together some adjustments in an effort to make our community better.

You will see some changes to our community standards in the coming months. These changes haven't been made yet, so please

don't make any adjustments just yet. Another big change we want to make is going to require EVERYONE in the community in order to make it happen. We REALLY want to change our governing documents, but we need YOUR help! Specifically, we need volunteers to help get the ballots out to our neighbors to make the vote happen. The board is diligently working with our attorney to ensure we do it correctly, but we will need help getting the word out to our neighbors. The biggest issue we want to get a handle on is the overtaking of our community by (corporate) rentals. There have been several news articles about it, and you don't have to search hard to find them.

During the January meeting, the board voted to have a new website designed. Keep your

eyes peeled for this updated design. The current website is no longer available to us (the person who managed it doesn't live here anymore and was doing it as a favor to the community) so we've got to change. Once the new URL is established, we'll publish it!

Finally, we're desperately looking for some volunteers to help support the HOA. We need members for the fining committee and the architectural review panel. We would love to have several people to volunteer to support these efforts. The time commitment isn't much, but the impact is huge across our community. Please email Stephanie (STirado@greenacre.com) and Myself (JeffConranOaksteadHOA@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR

by Norm Keith



I wrote this article 9 years ago. As I read it again it occurred to me that it might be interesting for our residents to reflect on how things appeared to be taking shape in Oakstead 9 years ago.

### Things are changing in Oakstead!

As I walked my little dog around the neighborhood, on a cool crisp evening in 2003, I saw houses being built along Judson and around Briley Loop. Strathmore was just about finished and Marchmont was being developed. Brenford had model homes and Ballastone was just being started. The stars were bright, and everything seemed really quiet and peaceful.

As I walked my little dog around the block on a cool crisp evening in February 2015 the stars were bright, I could see the Little and Big Dippers and several Airliners with headlights on as they approached Tampa International Airport. I could hear a pack of coyotes yelping, owls hooting, and cats scurrying all over the place. Things were not quite as peaceful as in 2003.

In 2015 all Oakstead Villages have been completed and many of the homes have been repainted. It appears that our beautiful community has settled in and established its identity. Home values are rising, foreclosure numbers, so numerous for several years, are way down and resales are brisk. Maintaining our homes is extremely important because with all the construction beginning between Oakstead and the Sun Coast Parkway thousands of new homes will soon be on the market.

Huge changes are quickly approaching. The Pasco County Planning Commission has approved new development along SR. 54 northward to County Line Road and on to SR50. Development of Lake Patience Road and Sunlake Boulevard will soon have a major impact on the traffic flow through Oakstead. I have a feeling that Oakstead Boulevard will become a major connector between SR41 and SR54. The development of the SR41 and SR54 intersection might alleviate some of the problems but it may be several years before that project is completed. All of this coupled with school zones etc. might make traffic lights at some Oakstead intersections necessary.

As many of us know, Oakstead was developed as a natural setting with wildlife corridors winding by large ponds. As

development closes in all around us I have real concerns that this setting will be lost, and wildlife populations will be decimated until even the Sandhill Cranes will be gone. What a shame this would be.

Residents have spoken out and fought several development battles in the past. The Progress Energy Power Pole Project was defeated, uncontrolled development of the land parcel by the Oakstead entryway was postponed and the elevated highway for SR54 project was stopped. Who knows how long it will be before Pasco County loses its rural identity?

One of the major concepts that Pasco County Planners are initiating is the idea of self-contained communities which allow residents to work, shop, receive medical care and educate their children without leaving the community. This will have a major impact on traffic flow within Pasco County.

In closing residents should reflect on this article that was written 9 years ago and the fact that these predictions have become reality.

I sincerely hope this concept works so that Oakstead remains a truly nice place to live where we can continue to say, "Welcome home", at the end of each day.

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