



OAKSTEAD TIMES

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HAPPY Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is May 8, 2022



MEMORIAL DAY

Join us on Memorial Day for
family fun and BBQ.

Hamburger or hotdog, chips and bottle of
water or juice pack for \$4.00
Water slides will be on the field.



WACKY WEDNESDAY

Wacky Wednesday sign up sheets are
at the clubhouse. Craft projects will be
available for ages up to 10 years old.



1ST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK

5 to 8 p.m.
Bring a Chair and Enjoy
Food-Music-Friends



**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. 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 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

I hope you all had a great Easter and Passover holiday. The kids had a great time at the Annual Egg hunt. Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff for helping to make this a fun event for our kids. I have attached some pictures for you to enjoy.

The residents really seem to be enjoying the First Friday Food Trucks too. I have asked the company who supplies the food trucks to add a fourth truck to better serve all the people. It should cut down on the wait time.

Hillington residents...I have been trying since last May to get the depression by the gate fixed. Maybe if we make multiple complaints to the county, they will finally fix it rather than just putting a cone over the depression. The work order number is #92927 and the phone number for Utility Dept is 727-847-8131. I am really hoping this issue is resolved by the time this newsletter gets out to the residents.

Oakstead Blvd...Thanks to the many residents who have called the county to complain about the condition of Oakstead Blvd. It is now on the agenda for 2023 county budget. Hopefully our roads won't be taking too much abuse from the 14,000 employees that will be hired for the new Moffit Cancer Center going in behind Bexley.

The last day of school is May 25th.
Congratulations to all our Oakstead Graduates.
WoooHooo to the class of 2022!

SCHOOL
BREAK

Now that school is out for the summer,
please, please drive carefully and
watch out for our children.

Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



New Faces in Our Village

We have a lot of new faces in Tanglewylde. The Villas are selling faster than "For Sale Signs" can be posted. This is not only happening in Tanglewylde but all over Oakstead and Florida.

What I would like to do is welcome all new residents to our village and the Oakstead Community. Tanglewylde is surrounded by conservation areas, CDD easements and CDD ponds.

The conservation area is to remain natural, and residents are not allowed to clear that area to improve their views. This area is to filter the runoff from the villas, and it also holds storm water at times of heavy rains. Most of our storm water

flows northwest into the Anclote River Basin which ends up in the Gulf. The street water flows into the catch basins which flows into our man-made ponds. These ponds have three jobs. The first is to filter the runoff from our properties. The second is to catch the storm water and send the storm water slowly into the conservation area allowing it to begin its journey to the coast. The third job is refilling the aquifer.

Any changes you wish to do on the exterior of your property PLEASE put in an alteration application.

Alligator Mating Season Starting

To all our new residents, please enjoy watching the many kinds of different wildlife. Alligators have been here way before we ever arrived. Now the gator mating season is beginning which means the gators are moving from pond to

pond looking for a mate and they will get a little more aggressive. Please do not feed the gators because they take us as a source of food and will come right to us looking to be feed and that is how humans get attacked. Remember to keep your dogs on a leash and your cats in the house. Don't think you can outrun a gator they can run 0 – 15 mph in seconds and we can't. Is a selfie worth a trip to the hospital? Or a lost limb? Maybe your life! When gators become aggressive, they are removed and are not relocated. So, for your safety please LEAVE THEM ALONE!



Oakstead CDD NEWS by CDD Board Members

CDD Board Supervisor • Seat 3
Dennis Priebe

CDD Board Supervisor • Seat 5
Norman Keith



The Oakstead CDD Website, www.oaksteadcdd.org, was recently updated to add several features that will allow Oakstead residents to check for changes/additions to upcoming events and view Community-wide notifications. These features (all on the Website Home Page) along with the return of the monthly Newsletter will hopefully give the Oakstead Community better and more timely notice of events and other information.

The updated features include:

Banner Notifications at Top of Home Page

These notifications will include routine event and other reminders and will scroll along the top of the Home Page in a YELLOW-colored frame. Urgent or emergency reminders will be added when needed and they will be in a RED-colored frame.

Community News and Events Updates – Click Here

If you click on this link, you can view more detailed information about upcoming events and other Oakstead news. It will be periodically updated.

Important Community Phone Numbers and Other Information

Clicking on this link will take you to a single-page PDF document containing this information. You can download or print the PDF file if needed.

Board Meeting Dates and Times

The Home Page also lists the time and date of the next CDD Board Meeting along with the next Board Workshop. I encourage you to attend and participate in these Meetings whenever possible!

A Note From Norm

I have a proposal that Oakstead erect a memorial in the area adjacent to our flag pole located on our beautiful Oakstead Green. This would be a perfect place to honor and pay tribute to all of our resident Oakstead heroes. My vision would be to pay tribute to our members of all branches who have or are serving to protect our freedom, to our first responders, medical personnel, law enforcement officers, firemen, and those who have faithfully supported our community during their tenure as Oakstead residents. Our military members range from a general to privates. We have numerous first responder residents and law enforcement officers who reside in virtually every village. I truly believe these heroes deserve to be recognized. A monument stating that their service to our community has been valued and appreciated would make Oakstead a true community. All residents would have input in designing this monument.

Funding: I am researching sources that build memorials such as I am proposing. Once we have an idea of memorial types and costs to install the structure, I will announce the information in the following Oakstead Times. A possible funding source is to include this as a CDD project coupled with community donations. I will personally donate \$1,000 because I truly believe this is an extremely meaningful way to recognize our heroes.

Maintenance? This memorial will be on CDD common property and maintained as such.

Ceremonial use: Oakstead will be provided with a location to celebrate by providing proper activities on national holidays such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day. It could also be a somber location for our departed hero memorial ceremonies.



Happy Easter!





This Mother's Day, why not get the whole family together for some creative fun and games? Here are 10 ways to inject some laughter—and love—into your Mother's Day celebration.

Go to the "movies".

One good way to share family memories is to look at old photographs or home movies. If you live near Grandma or Grandpa, ask them to pull out old photos and movies of you as a child, and take a trip together down memory lane. Your kids will get a kick out of the styles of clothes you wore—not to mention the fact that you were once a baby, toddler, or teen.

Find the humor in family life.

Start a new tradition this year by creating a family comic strip. Take a long sheet of paper, and draw three or four large squares next to one another, like a newspaper comic strip. Then think of an event, celebration, or something funny that happened this past year, and illustrate it with markers, crayons, or paints. Be sure to include dialogue, a date, and a title, such as "Life with the Smiths." Older children can help with the drawing and writing, while younger kids can dictate their thoughts or help color. Save your comic strip, and create another one next year and others in years to come. When you're ready to compile all of your strips into a book, stack the pages and thread them together with sturdy yarn.

Take an exotic "vacation."

Even if you can't go to Paris for the weekend, you can still enjoy a little taste of France (or any other destination that intrigues you). Get some croissants for breakfast, pack a picnic lunch of French bread, cheese, and fruit, or order a meal from your favorite deli or restaurant

(quiche, anyone?), and get into the flavor of the country. For an added touch, adorn your kitchen or dining room table with a red-and-white-checked tablecloth and fresh flowers, put on some French music, and teach your kids a few basic words in French, such as "bonjour" (good morning) and "merci" (thank you).

Make a little music.

Nothing brightens a family celebration quite like music. But if you want to *really* turn up the volume on fun, stage your own "lip-synch" contest. To begin, have each family member choose a favorite song from a CD, tape, or video that you currently own. Then turn on the music, and let each person lip-synch the words to the song, doing his or her best to mimic the performer. (Your 2-year-old, for instance, can pretend he's Barney singing the "I Love You" song.) Other family members can rate the performance from one (not at all like the performer) to five (exactly like the performer), and write down their score on a card. The person with the highest score wins the contest.

Get pampered.

At some point on Mother's Day, you may want some time alone or a chance for a little rest and relaxation. Make sure you get what you need—and deserve—by asking for it in advance. For instance, a few days before Mother's Day, give your husband and kids a list of five "services" you desire. The list could include:

- An hour alone so I can call a friend or soak in the tub
- A chance to sleep in until 9 a.m.
- A manicure at my favorite nail salon
- No sibling squabbles for an hour
- Whatever else you'd really love!

Have your husband and kids make up

coupons with each of these services, and be sure to redeem them throughout Mother's Day weekend.

Plant some flowers.

If you have some extra space in your garden, you can create a real, live Mother's Day canvas. First, buy various packets of flower seeds that grow fast and well in your region. Then have your kids draw a picture or write a short message (like "We love Mom") in the garden dirt with a stick. Drop the flower seeds into the dirt lines; then cover them up, and water every few days. Before long, your picture (or message) will be blooming, and you'll have a Mother's Day gift that keeps on growing.

Make a "lasting impression."

On a warm day, go outside and have your children (and anyone else who's game) place their hands and feet into a shallow tub of colorful, nontoxic paint. Spread out a roll of butcher paper, and have everyone press their hands and feet onto it, leaving their prints behind. Label each handprint and footprint with the person's name, the date, and special message to Mom, and allow your collective masterpiece to dry. Try this activity again next year, and see how much bigger some hands and feet have become!

Read a good book.

If you want to have some downtime on Mother's Day, take a blanket outside and leaf through a children's book that's just right for the day, such as *The Mother's Day Mice*, *No Time for Mother's Day*, *Clifford's Happy Mother's Day*, or *Are You My Mother?* You could also select one of your own childhood favorites, and read it with your kids.

Schedule time for hugs.

Finally, what would Mother's Day be like without hugs and kisses all around? One way to work them into your day is by setting up a silly "hugs and kisses" schedule and posting it on the refrigerator or other visible spot. For instance, you could write, "10:30 a.m.: Everyone runs around the couch and gives Mom a hug and kiss." or "2:15 p.m.: Everyone hops around the oak tree on one foot and assembles for a group hug." Make up your own directions and silly things to do -- but be sure to include lots of hugs, kisses, and laughter in your day. *Parents.com*



Prepare Your Home For Summer

We're weeks away from sweltering temperatures, hurricane warnings, and bug invasions. This year is expected to be an especially hot one in many areas. Before summer hits at full force, make sure you and your home are prepared.

Give Your Air Conditioner a Checkup

Now's the time to make sure your air conditioning is in perfect working order. If you test your HVAC system today and find out it's not functioning properly, you need time to come up with a solution before the weather gets unbearable.

First, replace your air filter to make sure the whole system runs smoothly. Clear any debris on or around your vents or exhausts, and clean off any dirt from the main unit outside. From there, test the unit itself to make sure it's doing its job. If your unit isn't working properly or efficiently, it might be time to call in a professional from this newsletter. They'll test the unit itself and test your air ducts for any potential leaks.

Test for Ventilation Leaks

Your air conditioner is functioning efficiently...great! If you have leaks in your home, though, it doesn't really matter, because that perfectly cooled air is slowly leaking out. First, look for actual leaks: drafts in your windows and doors. If you do

find any leaks, you can seal them up with caulk and weather stripping.

Check for bugs

For the most part, many bugs and insects go into some form of hibernation during the spring and winter months. Other insects migrate someplace warm to wait out the colder months. Still others decide the best way to stay out of the cold is to camp out in your home. You may see more bugs in your house in the winter months, although many of them make their homes inside walls and attics where you are unlikely to encounter them...the minute it starts warming up, the bugs of summer will begin to flock to your area.

First, make sure everything is properly sealed, if you checked for leaks, you've already done this. Check the caulking around your windows and doors, then fix any drafts or gaps with new weather stripping and caulking. Spray your outdoor perimeter with a pesticide, along with baseboards, sinks, windows, and doors. Read all the applicable warnings on the pesticide and make sure your pets don't get into it.

Change Your Ceiling Fan Direction

Yes, your ceiling fan is designed to rotate differently depending on the season. In winter months, it should rotate clockwise to help distribute heat that's risen. In the summer, though, you should run your fan counter-clockwise at higher speeds to get a breeze going.

Check to see which direction the fans in your home are moving,

and, if necessary, hit the small black switch near the base to change directions.

Prevent Water Damage

Summer weather isn't just hot and sticky. It can also be stormy and, sometimes, dangerous. For example, hurricane season hits in the summer months, and with it often comes flooding.

Make sure your house is protected starting with your foundation. Check your home for cracks and leaks. Build up dirt or place grates outside your house to direct water away from the foundation. If the dirt you currently have has settled around your house, water will start running toward your house. As a general rule, a grate of one-inch-per-foot will ensure proper water runoff. You should also test your gutters. Turn on your garden hose and place it inside the gutter so water begins to run. Then, walk around your home's perimeter and check the gutter. Look for water coming out of any places it shouldn't. You should also check your gutters for dips or sags where water might pool near your house.

Inspect your roof to ensure it's in good working order, remove any debris and leaves while you're up there. You can check your indoor ceiling for early signs of leaking, too. You might notice dark water stains or peeling paint. If you do find a leak, you want to call in a professional as soon as possible, especially if you live in an area that gets hit hard with summer rain.

Now is the time to make a few changes around your home to prepare for the extreme weather. With a few tweaks and inspections, it's easy enough to make sure you're in good shape by the time summer arrives.

