



OAKSTEAD TIMES



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Oakstead Clubhouse will be collecting food for the
Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
Starting November 1
through Thanksgiving.



It has been a tough year for so many people. Help us make it a fun Christmas for those in need.

The Oakstead Clubhouse will be collecting toys starting November 20th and run through December 20th.

We collect toys for ages toddler through 16 years.



Oakstead Presents
1st Friday in December
Food Truck and Movie Night
playing The Grinch Who Stole
Christmas on a big screen
in the Park.
Bring your lawn chair and blanket

Santa Claus

IS COMING TO TOWN



Santa will be at the
Oakstead Clubhouse on
December 11th
from 12 to 2pm

**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:

12:00 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 \$4.00 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 - **See holiday hours Page 4****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*

OAKSTEAD NEWSLETTER

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



Nancy's NEWS by Nancy Intini, Operation Manager



Do you believe this ???

"Thank goodness for the Tocobagans"

Tampa Bay has been able to avoid hurricanes for a long time and many people attribute that to a blessing that came from the **Tocobaga Tribe**. The last hurricane to hit the Tampa Bay area in da direct hit was in 1921. Thank goodness for the Tocobagans Natiive Indians who performed sacred prays to keep the area safe. After seeing what our neighbors down south have been hit with, I am beginning to believe in the Indian prayers.

The Tocobagans' village capital was where Safety Harbor is today, but their mounds, both sacred and burial, are found from the Gandy Bridge along the peninsula to the Gulf Coast.

With Oakstead being built on Indian praying

grounds, I thought you would enjoy this article (below) I found written by MB (?).

Native American Mound Site at Philippe Park



The Tocabaga tribe is estimated to have lived on the site of Philippe Park in Oldsmar/ Safety Harbor area beginning around 900 A.D. They built a large ceremonial mound

which still stands at the park, making it the largest surviving mound in the region. A village of 400 to 2500 Native Americans lived on the site, using bows and spears as well as tools fashioned from bones. Spanish explorers who arrived in the 1800s described them as a tall, strong people. Today the mound has a concrete path leading to its top with winding stairways descending the sides facing the bay. You will find signs posted at the park that describe the history of the native village more completely.

For more information, travel just a few miles north to Safety Harbor where you will find the Safety Harbor Museum. The museum has history dioramas for kids and a set of books that describe the history of Philippe Park, the surrounding area, and the state of Florida.

Weymouth NEWS by Weymouth Board of Directors

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and that the holiday season is upon us once again. We're betting that most of you are thinking about getting together with family and friends and sharing traditions that mean so much to all of us. We all have so much to be grateful for this year. Weymouth is a beautiful community and we're blessed to have such great neighbors sharing it with us. Hurricane Ian gave us a good scare and reminded us that Mother Nature is in charge. The devastation in south and central Florida is beyond comprehension. Had the storm stayed on the path that some models projected; we could have absorbed a direct hit. We are grateful that we were spared.

As we were reviewing the story ideas submitted by our fellow villagers, the theme of gratitude seemed to be worth exploring. According to Psychology Today, there are 7 scientifically proven benefits of gratitude.

According to a 2014 study published in *Emotion*, thanking a new acquaintance makes them more likely to pursue an ongoing relationship. Appreciation can help us win new friends. If you haven't done so already, make sure that "thank you" is part of your every day vocabulary. Recognizing another person's contributions can lead to new opportunities.

Believe it or not, Grateful people experience fewer aches and pains. According to a 2012 article published in *Personality and Individual Differences*, grateful people are more likely to take care of themselves. They exercise more often and schedule regular checkups.

We tend to get what we give and gratitude helps reduce negative feelings of envy, frustration, regret, and resentment. Robert Emmons, a researcher, has established a link between gratitude and happiness and a reduction in depression.

Gratitude reduces aggression and enhances empathy. A 2012 study by the University of Kentucky revealed that participants that ranked higher on gratitude scales were less likely to retaliate against others. They experienced more sensitivity and empathy towards others and a decreased desire to seek revenge.

Do you need a better night's sleep? Try jotting down a few grateful sentiments before retiring for the night. A 2011 study published in *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being* reported that keeping a Gratitude Journal improves sleep.

When you feel good about yourself, you tend to perform better. Gratitude improves self-esteem. According to a 2014 study published in *Journal of Applied Sports Psychology*, gratitude improves athletes' self-esteem. Other research suggests that rather than becoming resentful of those that are well off, grateful people are able to appreciate the accomplishments of others.

For years, studies have shown that gratitude reduces stress and helps one overcome trauma. Being thankful for what we have, even in the worst of times, fosters resilience.

Every day can be Thanksgiving Day when one develops an "attitude of gratitude". We wish you and those that you love a blessed Thanksgiving.

Note from BOARD SUPERVISOR by Norm Keith



Break out the long johns because our Fall northern cold fronts will begin cooling our weather down soon, not soon enough, maybe by next month!

Oakstead dodged a huge bullet by not getting hit directly by Ian. My heart and prayers go out to our southern neighbors.

The 67 Oakstead ponds are just about filled to the brim. They are beginning to recede and will be back to normal soon. Once again our drainage system is working well. Little pond bank erosion has occurred. This is really good news because pond repair is extremely expensive.

It is beginning to look like our "litter bug season" has begun. What sound rationale is there for throwing trash, beer cans, fast food bags, and of course the old stand-by, cigarette butts out of your car windows? It makes Oakstead look terrible and someone has to be paid to police the litter. The Oakstead Buggy uses gas, wears tires

out quickly and requires extensive maintenance when making trash runs. The driver receives an hourly wage and more importantly no one should be required to pickup someone else's trash. What waste of our annual assessment fees.

It seems like all I do in my articles is point out bad things. I would love to say Oakstead won a Pasco County recognition award for being one of the most beautifully maintained and appealing communities in the county. We could easily do this if true pride was taken by the litter bugs. Our Landscape contract costs in the neighborhood of \$200,000 per year and may increase in cost soon. We all need to do everything we can to help control these costs. The CDD Board squeezes every penny to the maximum in order to prevent annual assessment increases. Hard economic times may be on the horizon so let's all do what we can to keep Oakstead beautiful.

We live in a truly nice place and working as a team can make it nicer. Welcome home.

Remember Will Rogers once said, "always put the kitchen upstream from the latrine".

HOLIDAY HOURS

Clubhouse will be closed Thanksgiving Day
And will re-open on Friday November 25th at noon

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Clubhouse will be closed on Christmas eve at noon
Clubhouse will be closed Christmas Day
And re-open on the 26th at noon

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Clubhouse will close at noon on New Year's Eve
Clubhouse will be closed New Year's Day
Clubhouse will be open at 9am on January 2nd.

Have a happy and safe holiday!



Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



Fish Kill

A fish kill is common this time of year and that is because of the temperature turning cooler. This is our time of year when cool fronts finally make it this far south with nighttime temperatures dropping into the fifties and sixties causing the top layer of the water of our ponds to cool off. During the summer, the water temperature can get into the nineties but in the fall the top layer cools off creating a block that does not allow oxygen into the lower warmer level. Since these ponds are not natural ponds (they are manmade), there is no real water currents to mix the warm water with the cooler water.

At first, the smaller fish die and float to the top and the birds have a ball waiting for the breeze to blow the dead fish to the edges of

the ponds. At first it is the small fish that die but as the temperature drops further down into the thirties and forties bigger fish die from lack of oxygen and they float up to the surface. It is all part of nature and within a week between the gators feeding and the birds feasting it is all cleaned up.

This event is not done by landscapers or the pond maintenance company it is a natural occurrence. It doesn't happen every year only when the temperature gets cooler or cold weather comes to town.

Crossing The Streets

Crossing the streets is not an easy task. With all the traffic and people looking at their phones, in a rush to get the kids to school whatever it is, watch out! When going for a walk you may have the right of

way when crossing the road but being hit by a car or truck negates the right of way. Look to left then the right and then look again left and right before crossing the road.

Walking at night you should wear light colored clothing or wear a reflective vest and carry a flashlight. People like to listen to music, but these ear buds block out the sounds that warn you of danger. Please be careful and always be aware of your surroundings.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Tanglewylde HOA wishes everyone a safe and blessed Happy Thanksgiving.

CLUBHOUSE Programs

Progressive Rummy

Join us Monday nights, bring \$1.00 to play 6:30pm



Social Group

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

Swim lessons with Stacy 727-389-1769
Stacy.AllAboutAquatics@gmail.com



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.

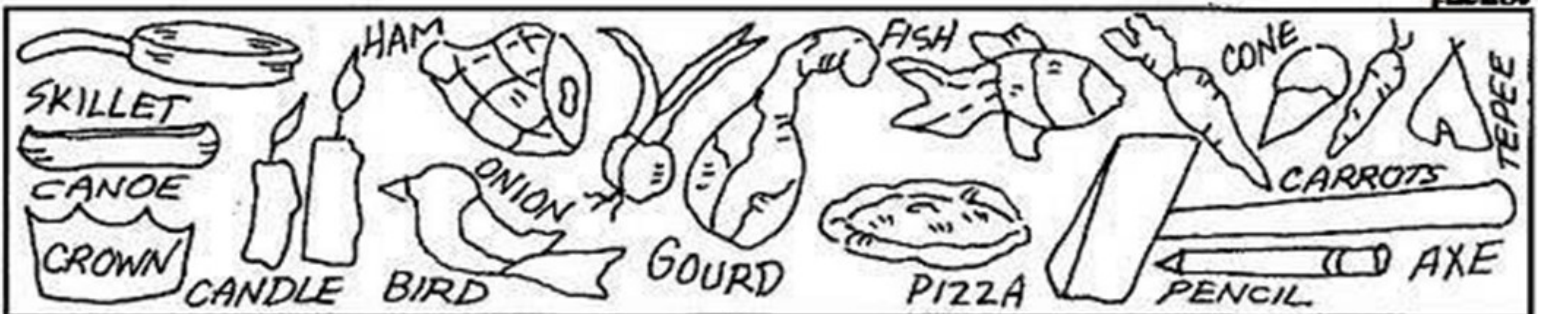
1st Friday food truck

Enjoy fun friends family food and music.





Find 15 Hidden Objects In This Picture



Oakstead MASTER HOA

by Jeff Conran



! As I spoke during the last newsletter, the HOA is working to make things better for our community. To do that, there are some things that you can do to help. First, please take the time to read the community design standards and covenants. These are our regulating documents and guide the operations of the HOA and can be found on the HOA website (www.myoakstead.com). In them, you'll find everything from the composition of the HOA board to the design standards. They outline what kind of structures you can and can't have (sheds, pergolas, fences, pools, etc) as well as the requirements of what to do when you decide to make changes to the exterior appearance of your home (painting, changing windows, adjusting landscaping, etc). These documents help us to maintain the standard that our community has and keep things orderly.

With that said, however, these documents are nearly 20 years old and they remain largely unchanged since they were established. Back then, the color choices for homes, the size of our cars, the usefulness of our garages, and our family compositions were different. Unfortunately, we need nearly 70% of all property owners to vote to make changes. I know at recent meetings the topic of storage sheds has arisen. While everyone has their own opinions about them, the fact of the matter is that many of our

residents could benefit from the use of a small storage shed to house our lawn and garden equipment, children's yard toys, etc. Many of us have moved from other areas around the country and we're finding that we used our basements as storage and now in Florida, that has become our garage. This is just one example of a regulation we have that the HOA is bound by our documents to enforce. If everyone takes the time to read our documents and make notations about things they'd like to see changed, the HOA board can compile a list of the common trends and we can add it to our annual homeowners meeting for a vote, or we can schedule a special meeting to address the requested issue(s). If we can get at least 70% of our residents to either come to the meeting or submit a proxy form, we can make changes to our documents to bring them up to current standards. It's a monumental task, however with YOUR help, we can do it!

Please consider coming to our next HOA meeting to make your voice heard.

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Pancho the Magician for donating his time at the Oakstead Harvest Festival.

If you wish to book him for your kids party call 631-379-2421



IT'S JIGSAW PUZZLE TIME

Do you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles?

We have lots of puzzles at the clubhouse for you to take home and enjoy with your family.



Thanksgiving Fun Facts & Trivia



Thanksgiving is a day rich in traditions, but how much does your family know about those traditions? These trivia questions are a great way to get conversations started and to test your family member's smarts. Some fun ideas for using these questions include, writing the questions on cards with the answers on the back and placing them around the appetizer buffet, or you could hold a trivia contest after dinner with the winner being exempt from kitchen clean up.

Thanksgiving Trivia Questions:

1. Which Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
2. What year was the first Thanksgiving held?
3. Which president made the first Thanksgiving day proclamation?
4. In 1941, congress declared Thanksgiving day to be held on what Thursday in November?
5. Macy's Thanksgiving day parade started during which decade?
6. Which ship did the Pilgrims sail on to Plymouth Rock?
7. Which historical figure wanted the turkey to be the national bird?
8. Which President set the official celebration day for Thanksgiving as the last Thursday?
9. Turkey should be cooked to what degree Fahrenheit?
10. How many Turkeys are cooked in the US for Thanksgiving each year?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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| 1. The Wampanoag Indians | 6. The Mayflower |
| 2. 1621 | 7. Benjamin Franklin |
| 3. George Washington | 8. Abraham Lincoln |
| 4. The fourth Thursday | 9. 165 degrees Fahrenheit |
| 5. The 1920's | 10. 45 million |