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OAKSTEAD TIMES

Official Newsletter of the Oakstead Community

Winter / Spring 2021

BY OAKSTEAD TIMES

Putting together this edition of the newsletter, it made sense to encompass these three months together to keep the readers up to date with what's going on not only in Oakstead, but in the area around us.

It's been a crazy start to the new year with the events in January and the start of a new presidency. The pandemic is now being fought with several vaccines, and with all that and everything else, life certainly goes on.

Let's all work at making not only our Oakstead community better, but let's keep trying to be kind to others and respect each other.

As my old granpappy told me, treat others how you expect to be treated. Also, before sending out a tweet, email, facebook post or anything on the internet, remember, it will live on **forever**.

Send us your comments to newsletter@myoakstead.com



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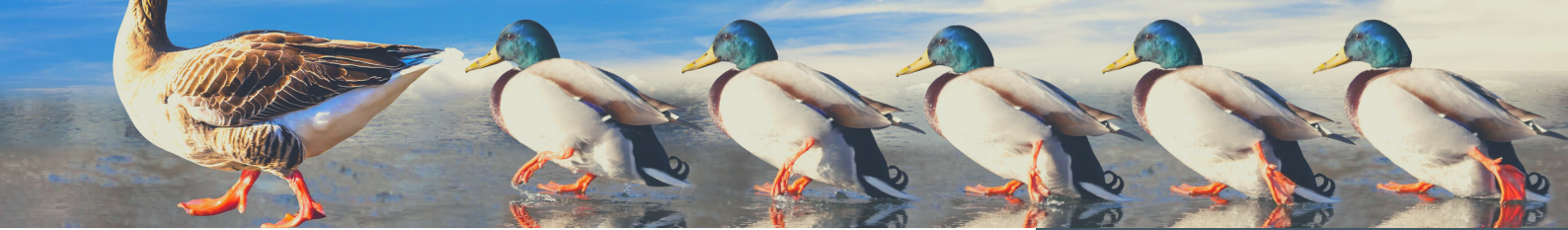
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A Note from Nancy

OAKSTEAD OPERATIONS MANAGER



Hopefully you are all doing well with all the trials and tribulations we have all experienced over the last year. The board has decided to try a soft opening of the clubhouse. The gym will be open by reservation only. Two people will be allowed in per hour. You will be asked to clean any equipment you use. Cleaning supplies will be provided. No masks will be required in the gym, just the common areas. The pool, tennis courts, basketball courts and playground are open for use. No indoor events, classes or parties will be allowed at this time. Two pool parties or field parties are permitted per day. A pool party contract is required. Masks will be required any time entering the building. The staff has really taken a lot of abuse when asking residents to put masks on. They have been spit at, hissed at and cursed at. They have been called every filthy name you can image. This behavior will no longer be tolerated. Any person who behaves in this ugly manner will be asked to leave and will have to go in front of the Oakstead CDD Board to be allowed back into the clubhouse.

Let's hope the numbers stay down so we can continue to stay open. Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe.

Community Gates a work in progress.

Work continues on the community gates, please drive slowly when there are workers are present.

Update your phone number at the clubhouse please. New residents must register at the clubhouse to have your phone number attached to the gates. Some gate codes will be changed due to the new callboxes and system upgrades. You will receive a card in your mailbox with the new information. If you have any questions or are have issues getting into the gate, please contact the clubhouse.

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Attention!

THE CLUBHOUSE NOW HAS FACIAL RECOGNITION TO REPLACE THE FINGER PRINT SYSTEM. PLEASE STOP BY TO GET REGISTERED INTO THE NEW SYSTEM.

CLUBHOUSE HOURS
NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
ARE RETURNING SOON!





Oakstead Clubhouse Pool Rules

- Residents are permitted to bring up to 10 guests per household.
- All guests must be with resident to enter pool deck unless a guest pass is obtained.
- Swimming pool opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at Dusk.
- Pool and deck are closed until noon Mondays for maintenance and cleaning.
- Toddlers must wear swim diapers.
- No alcoholic beverages or glass containers permitted. Coolers will be checked.
- Pool will close for inclement weather.
- Pool and pool deck are off limits after pool is closed.
- There is no maid service for pool deck. Please clean up your area before leaving
- No running or horseplay in or around pool. No flipping or diving off pool deck
- **PLEASE** do not pull chairs or lounges up to pool edge.
- Replace all chairs and lounges in position where you found them.
- Please wipe off table and leave clean for the next resident.
- Lap swimming is from 9 to 10am and 7pm until close. *Please do not jump on lap swimmers and please do not hang on ropes.*
- Bathing suits required. **NO** street clothes or g-strings.
- No animals in pool or on pool deck.
- No smoking on pool deck.
- Please do not spit gum on pool deck
- Please cover chaise lounge with towel before using suntan or sunscreen lotion.

PLEASE clean up your area before leaving





Oakstead Annual Egg Hunt

BY OAKSTEAD TIMES STAFF

The Egg Hunt will be held on April 3rd. The whistle will be blown at 10am sharp so don't be late. The Easter Bunny will be visiting us for pictures. We ask that you wear a mask to this event as we usually end up with 400-500 people. Please bring a basket to collect your eggs. A water balloon toss, bunny hop race and other games will take place after the egg hunt.



Community Garage Sale

April 17th

8am - 4pm



CLUBHOUSE HOURS

9am to 9pm - Seven Days a Week



Clubhouse Party Room Rental



\$30.00 for one room for four hours
\$50.00 for both rooms for four hours
\$100.00 deposit

**Oakstead Resident Rates*

Walking Gate Key

Available at clubhouse \$3.00

Gate Remotes

Available at clubhouse \$15.00

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

Pool Rules



No Glass in
Pool Area



No Pets
Allowed



No Running
or Rough
Play



No Diving
into Waters
of 5' or Less



No Loud
Music



No Swimming
Alone



No Breath
Holding, You
Could Die.



No Peeing
in the Pool



If you are planning an open house and would like the gates to be open, call the clubhouse 3 days prior to your event to have the gates set to open.

The gates are permitted to be open the first Sunday of the month from 12 to 4pm. No exceptions.

Pet Sitters

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(813) 735-6053 available anytime.

Mariel Ojeda • (813) 245-6313

Kaylee Moore (813) 451-8265

weekends

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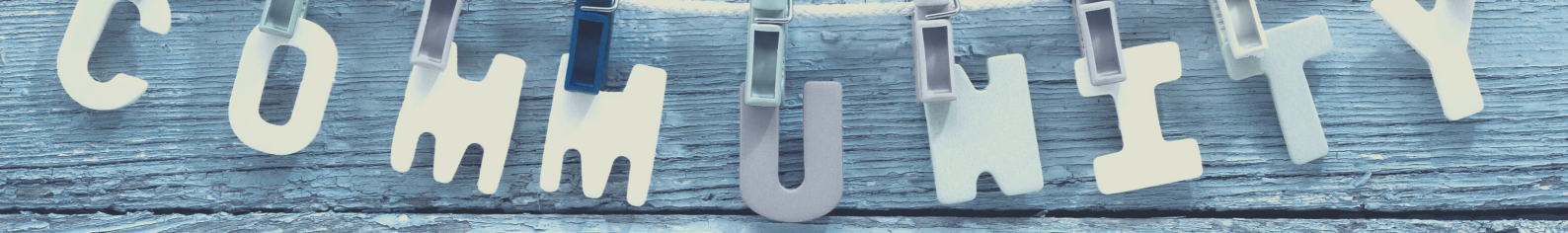
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FOR YOUR SAFETY

Clubhouse staff will close the pool at the first sight of lightning, or in the event of a severe thunderstorm.





Oakstead HOA

CHRIS AYOUB, HOA PRESIDENT



It's been a few months since our last update and I know that we are all glad to see that some level of normalcy will begin to return to our daily lives as the vaccine rollout progresses.

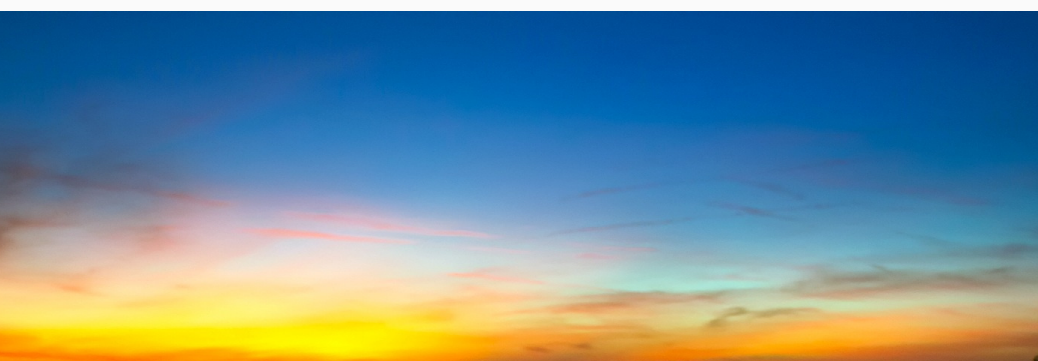
With many of us spending more time at home, the HOA has seen a sizable increase in the number of exterior modification applications from homeowners looking to take care of some needed maintenance and repair projects. While community documents provide up to 45 days for review, the DRB committee has been working hard to keep the turnaround time to under 14 days. As a reminder, most exterior projects must receive HOA approval so please make sure to submit an application and provide all the required information and a detailed description of the work requested. Applications can be found on the myoakstead.com website.

With the exception of our new townhome village, most of the homes were built over 15 years ago and many roofing and exterior painting projects are routinely being done. In the coming months, the inspector from Associa will be focused on identifying homes that need a fresh coat of paint and a cleaning of the existing roof. The Florida heat and humidity takes a toll on the exterior of houses and we will be sending friendly reminder letters out. The HOA understands the time and cost associated with some maintenance projects and is always willing to accommodate homeowner timetables. It's important to communicate any issues and concerns with the HOA.

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**Volunteer!
Join the HOA
and make a
difference!**

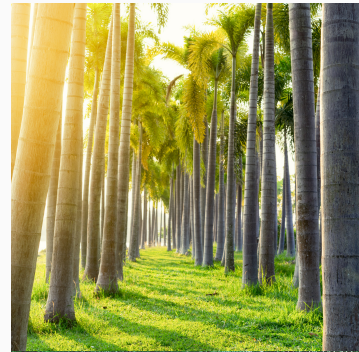
OAKSTEAD HOA





Covenant enforcement is the primary responsibility of the Oakstead HOA. Covenants that are maintenance related, such as lawn care or exterior cleaning, have a three letter process that occurs prior to the assessment of a fine. Covenants that are non-maintenance related, such as improper property use or parking violations, have a one letter process prior to the assessment of a fine. If you receive a violation letter, please take it in the spirit it was intended and address the issue. The assessment of fines and the turning over of problem accounts to our law firm for enforcement action, is not our desired course of action.

As a reminder, HOA Board meetings are being held monthly at the clubhouse. Typically, they are held on the second Monday of the month beginning at 7:00pm.





Targeted Monthly Violations

Month	Areas that need your attention
January	Trees trimmed. Live Oaks trimmed to 7 ft. ground clearance and dead palm fronds removed.
February	Driveways, sidewalks and gutters cleaned.
March	Landscaping/Sod. Replace dead and diseased sod and landscape plantings. No plantings should obstruct walkways of sightlines at intersections
April	Fences, repaired and cleaned
May	Exterior cleaning and/or painting of house. Painting requires DRB approval.
June	Mailboxes- repair or replace. Street numbers on house are clearly visible.
July	Trees trimmed. Live Oaks trimmed to 7 ft. height clearance and dead palm fronds removed.
August	Landscaping/Sod. Replace dead sod and landscape plantings. No plantings should obstruct walkways of sightlines at intersections
September	Exterior cleaning and/or painting of house. Painting requires DRB approval.
October	Clean Roofs and make repairs as needed.
November	Mailboxes- repair or replace. Street numbers on house are clearly visible.
December	Driveways, sidewalks and gutters cleaned



Tanglewylde HOA

FRED KRAUER, THOA PRESIDENT & CDD CHAIRMAN

GATES REVAMPED

As all of the residents have seen, the call box and gate motors have been replaced. I have heard both sides telling me why did we replace the old gate motors and call box? It was a waste of money! Then I heard "I love the new call box and motor update!"

Well, gate motors have only so many openings and closings before they need to be replaced. Our old gate motors had long passed what the manufacture's recommendations were. As the old motors were taken out, I had a chance to look closer at them. From a distance they looked like the day they were put in, but closer inspection told a different story. The Gear box had a lot of play in it, wires burnt from lightning strikes and power surges, surge protectors blown off the side of the motors and in short, they were showing their age. I was told a long time ago that if you start to do a lot of repairs to your car and it becomes a dependent it is time to replace the car. Well, the same goes for gate operating systems. We were putting thousands of dollars into repairs every month wasting money. The same goes for our call boxes. You could not read the screen anymore. The keypad buttons stopped working and the control board kept failing. The new call box is state of the art and the clubhouse can put messages on the screen letting residents know what is happening at the clubhouse and messages to Tanglewylde residents. The antenna which used to be on the wall and only worked half the time has been moved to the new post that holds the call box allowing residents to open the gate farther back. I pressed my button just as I turned into the entryway and by the time, I got to the gate it was opening. Don't keep your finger on the button because it delays the opening of the gate. Press your button, let go and watch. There is a little bit of a delay and that is because the whole system is wireless. From the call box to the gate motors are all wireless!

If your clicker does not work or you have to get really close to the call box to get the operator to open, change your battery. If that does not work new gate openers are sold at the clubhouse.

Read these
pages for
important
information
about
Tanglewylde

TANGLEWYLDE HOA





ROOFING JOB COMPLETED

Well, it only took a little over a year, but the roofing job is complete! The reason for the length of time needed was the installation of the rubber membrane used instead of tar paper. The cost of the rubber membrane pushed our project completion date out by a few months instead of doing a special assessment. We also hired an engineer who helped us in the hiring process, narrowing the selection of roofing companies from 15 down to 1. Then as the roofs were completed and inspected by the engineer only at that point was the roofer able to move on to the next roof.

CRAPE MURDER*

Many people commit crape murder because they think it promotes better blooms in the coming year. Still others commit crape murder because their crape myrtle has outgrown the spot where it was planted. Regardless of the motive, crape murder is not only unnecessary, it is detrimental.

Severe pruning or topping of crape myrtles removes strong, viable limbs and encourages the growth of weak and flimsy shoots that often aren't strong enough to support the blooms come spring and summer. It also keeps crape myrtles from forming the unique and lovely bark that makes these trees spectacular additions to the landscape even when the leaves are off in winter. And the cuts made at pruning can allow disease and rot to enter a crape myrtle, which can eventually result in its untimely demise.

Selective Pruning

Prune only selectively in late winter to clean up random shoots or open up the canopy a bit. Late winter is the best time to do this type of pruning before the trees leaf up so you can really see those random shoots. It's also fine to cut back any crossed or dead branches and to trim side branches from the trunk so the growth is higher. The goal in crape myrtle pruning is to do it discretely so it's barely obvious that you pruned at all.

Healing Process

If you've got crape myrtles that have suffered from past crape murder attacks, all is not lost. Simply, stop cutting them back this year and selectively prune shoots that emerge from the base of the trunk and larger branches. For truly severe cases of crape murder, try cutting them back to within a couple of inches of the ground and letting them regrow. As they remerge, snip away almost all the shoots except for the straightest, strongest ones and let them establish new structure for the tree. If all else fails, go ahead and put damaged crape myrtles out of their misery by digging them up and replacing them with just the right crape myrtle for your setting. *Excerpt taken from Southern Living Magazine, June 2019.





Weymouth News

REMO GORI

From the Oakstead Times Staff - Weymouth is a townhome village that is all inclusive and has their own HOA fee in addition to the OHOA fee. Weymouth will be back here next issue with more fun and exciting information about its residents and whats going on in their village. Stay Tuned!!



WHO News

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FEBRUARY

February 2021

BY OAKSTEAD TIMES STAFF

Living here in Florida, we have the benefit of not really getting any snow. For those up north, Punxsutawney Phil just made their day even worse, by coming out of his burrow and seeing his shadow thereby predicting another six more weeks of cold winter. I know we all feel bad for those that are suffering in the snow, but remember, we'll be suffering in the heat come August!



We hope everyone that celebrates the Chinese New Year does so in a safe manner. 2021 is the Year of the Rat. People born with Rat sign of Chinese zodiac will have a stable fortune in the whole year of 2021. Most of them will win many golden chances to develop their career because of their persistence spirit, great patience and loyal characteristic.

The big holiday for February is of course, Valentines Day. Here is an interesting bit I found on how the holiday came about:

After the Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage, Saint Valentine continued to marry men and women in secret. Even then, it was traditional for men and women to exchange flowers on their wedding day, as a sign of good luck and the start of a “blooming” relationship. Today, we continue to celebrate love on February 14th, the day Saint Valentine died, by exchanging flowers, and the more modern chocolates and teddy bears.

How will you celebrate? Let us know by sending us an email to newsletter@myoakstead.com

Important Dates

FEBRUARY 2
GROUNDHOG DAY

FEBRUARY 12
LINCOLNS BIRTHDAY
CHINESE NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY 14
VALENTINES DAY

FEBRUARY 15
PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 16
MARDI GRAS

FEBRUARY 17
ASH WEDNESDAY



Pasco neighborhood wants to stop paving plan after learning they would be charged thousands

From News Channel 8 - Better Call Behnken

PORT RICHEY, Fla. (WFLA) – Residents in Cranes Roost are fuming after receiving certified letters from Pasco County saying their roads are in “very poor” condition and that they need to be repaved.

That’s because even though the roads are owned by the county, residents would get the bills, estimated between \$6,100 and \$7,000 a household.

“If we had horrible roads, I’d say, ok let’s do it, but my road is fine, and it’s a dead end, nobody goes down there except local people, family friends, and service trucks,” said Laura Slane. “So I don’t understand why it’s so imperative that we have this done.”

It’s not just Cranes Roost. Our Better Call Behnken investigation uncovered homeowners in the struggling community of Lacoochee with paving bills as high as \$20,000.

It’s all part of Pasco’s PVAS program. Instead of paving roads through property taxes, Pasco County directly charges homeowners along the street. Some are questioning this system and say it’s time for the county to pay for paving through property taxes, like other Tampa Bay governments do.

“I didn’t even know that Pasco County has this type of authority that they can just go ahead and assess their homeowners to pay for projects...that we don’t want,” said Donna Java, who has lived in the neighborhood for more than 20 years.

Residents point out two potholes on one street but say the potholes could just be patched instead of repaving the entire neighborhood. The main subdivision road, Cranes Roost Drive, was paved with what county officials say was a temporary sealant several years ago after it was damaged during Hurricane Irma. Residents say the road is just fine the way it was.

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"Residents say there is nothing wrong with the roads and they question this "board initiated" project





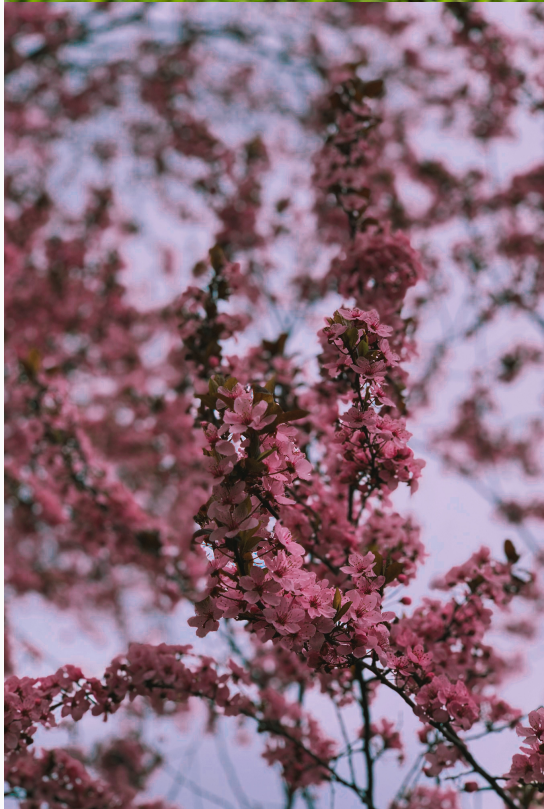
The county commission has already approved 17 paving projects for this fiscal year and 11 await board approval. As for Cranes Roost, residents are planning to attend a virtual meeting next week to try to convince commissioners to vote against this project. The PVAS program typically requires at least 50 percent of homeowners approve of the project before the paving can begin. Letters sent to residents state failure to pay could result in loss of the property. That's because these bills are attached to property taxes and failure to pay your taxes could result in a tax deed sale.

More information can be found at <https://www.wfla.com/8-on-your-side/better-call-behnken/pasco-neighborhood-wants-to-stop-paving-plan-after-learning-they-would-be-charged-thousands/>



Welcome
To
Oakstead!





Oakstead CDD Information

NOTICE OF MEETING DATES OAKSTEAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Oakstead Community Development District has scheduled meetings for Fiscal Year 2021 at 1:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. as indicated below, in the Oakstead Clubhouse, 3038 Oakstead Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida on the third Tuesday of each month as follows:

October 20, 2020.....6:30 p.m.
November 17, 2020.....1:00 p.m.
December 15, 2020.....1:00 p.m.
January 19, 2021.....6:30 p.m.
February 16, 2021.....1:00 p.m.
March 16, 2021.....1:00 p.m.
April 20, 2021.....6:30 p.m.
May 18, 2021.....1:00 p.m.
June 15, 2021.....1:00 p.m.
July 20, 2021.....1:00 p.m.
August 17, 2021.....6:30 p.m.
September 21, 2021.....1:00 p.m.

In addition to the regular meetings listed above, the District will conduct a workshop in the Oakstead Clubhouse, 3038 Oakstead Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, with exception, as follows:

October 6, 2020.....1:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 4, 2020.....1:00 P.M. 1ST WEDNESDAY
December 1, 2020.....10:00 a.m.
January 5, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
February 2, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
March 2, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
April 6, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
May 4, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
June 1, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
July 6, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
August 3, 2021.....10:00 a.m.
September 7, 2021.....10:00 a.m.

Meetings may be continued to a date and time certain which will be announced at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

** Please note that pursuant to Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-69 (as extended by Executive Order 20-150 and as it may be further extended or amended) relating to the COVID19 public health emergency and to protect the public and follow the CDC guidance regarding social distancing, such public hearing and meeting may be held telephonically, virtually, or at another location in the event the above location is not available. Please check the District's website for the latest information: www.oaksteadcdd.com.*

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (954) 603-0033 at least two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 711 who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Andrew P. Mendenhall, PMP
District Manager



MARCH

March 2021

BY OAKSTEAD TIMES STAFF

We've made it to the last month of the first quarter of the year!

The most important item on the list is to not forget to set your clocks forward an hour for Daylight Saving Time. Just in case you didn't know, but DST has been in use nationally since 1916, but has been around in other forms since the 1700's. Check [Wikipedia](#) for more information if you're interested.

Following that, Saint Patricks Day is always a great time to celebrate Ireland and Irish history. Wear some Shamrock green, find a Leprechaun and have a pint of your favorite Guinness beer. No matter how you celebrate, please be safe.



After the start of spring, we have Passover or Pesach, in Judaism, a holiday commemorating the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the “passing over” of the forces of destruction, or the sparing of the first born of the Israelites, when the Lord “smote the land of Egypt” on the eve of the Exodus. Passover starts at sundown on March 27 and ends on April 4.

We also have Palm Sunday arriving on March 28. Catholic and Protestant communities celebrate Palm Sunday. This holiday marks the beginning of Holy Week, historically the most sacred time of year for Christians.

Important Dates

MARCH 14
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
STARTS

MARCH 17
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 20
SPRING EQUINOX

MARCH 27
PASSOVER

MARCH 28
PALM SUNDAY



APRIL

April 2021

BY OAKSTEAD TIMES STAFF

Welcome to April and the start of the second quarter of the year!

We start off the month with April Fools Day, which is thought to have originated in Roman times. Some argue that April Fool's comes from the festival of Hilaria in Ancient Rome, which took place at the end of March. In these celebrations, people would disguise themselves, and play practical jokes on others, such as sending them on Fool's Errands, a task that would have no purpose other than to deceive.

Following that is Good Friday, also known as Holy Friday, which is celebrated on the Friday before Easter and commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and the sacrifices he made for people. Good Friday is a holiday in 11 States, and although not an official United States holiday, stock markets, businesses, schools and colleges are closed, and only regular necessary services are running.

Following after Good Friday is Easter Sunday, a major Christian holiday, and it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death. As with many other Christian celebrations, it is considered to be a Moveable Feast, and its date always falls on the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical full moon, which happens between March 21 and April 25. Easter Sunday is not a public holiday, therefore most stores are open, as they follow Sunday business hours.

We then get to the most dreaded day of the year, Tax Day. The day where everyone has to have their tax returns filed on time. If you don't think you'll be on-time, then make sure you file an extension!!

We end the month with two celebrations of Nature, the first being Earth Day, where we honor the only planet we have by striving to be better at taking care of it and Arbor Day where everyone should plant a tree or bushes.

Important Dates

APRIL 1
APRIL FOOLS DAY

APRIL 2
GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 4
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 15
TAX DAY

APRIL 22
EARTH DAY

APRIL 30
ARBOR DAY

