



TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWS

“Connecting Neighbors”

April 2022



GET READY FOR SPRING ON **SATURDAY, APRIL 2**, BY PARTICIPATING IN “**SPRING SPRUCE UP DAY**” IN TUSCANY!! HELP MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR THE COMING MONTHS.

- Remove dead plant growth in landscaped beds; pull weeds
- Enhance landscaping with new in-ground plants
- Remove plastic pots and other clutter from landscaped beds
- Pressure clean driveway, walkway, front porch, garage door
- Pick up any loose trash from lawns & sidewalk areas
- Ensure garden hoses, pots, etc., are not impeding Nature Coast's ability to maintain property along sides of houses
- Clean out garage



APRIL DAYS OF NOTE

April 1 - April Fools' Day - playing practical jokes on others is a fun custom

April 3 - First day of Ramadan – holy month of prayer, fasting, and reflection for Muslims

April 10 - Rama Navami – Hindu spring festival

April 10 - Palm Sunday – first day of Holy Week for Christians

April 14 - Maundy Thursday – marks the Last Supper as part of the Easter celebration

April 15 - Good Friday – prayer, church services, fasting to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ

April 16 - Passover starts – major Jewish holiday that celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt

April 16 - Holy Saturday – end of the Lenten season

April 17 - Easter Sunday – celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ

April 18 - TAX DAY (extended for 2022 from April 15)

- April 22 - Earth Day - annual event to support environmental protection
- April 23 - Passover ends
- April 23 - EcoFest Earth Day at MOSI, Tampa, 10 am to 3 pm – **FREE EVENT**
- April 28 - Take Your Child to Work Day (www.daughtersandsonstowork.org)
- April 29 - Arbor Day - celebrated by planting of trees

TUSCANY HOA BOARD MEETING NOTES

The first quarter 2022 Tuscan HOA Board meeting was held on Thursday, March 24. Following are some of the matters that were discussed and voted on during the meeting.

Power washing of front entrance sidewalks will be done in the next few weeks.

Repair or replacement of lighting at Tuscan Woods Drive entrance to be done.

Any exterior modifications, including widening of driveways, **MUST** be approved in advance by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Submit an application for review/approval prior to committing to a provider for completion of the work. The application form can be found on the Tuscan HOA website.

Jennifer Conti, McNeil Management Services, will follow up with Nature Coast management regarding a scheduled monthly date for inspection of the irrigation system at each home.

NOTE: Anyone interested in serving on the HOA Board is encouraged to contact a member of the Board (names are shown on the Tuscan HOA website) as soon as possible.



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Jodi Zawada (February)

Subi Puthukara, & Babu Chalakkal (February)

Mario & Nicole Rodland (March)

BEAUTY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Several Tuscan residents have added beauty to their properties by incorporating new plantings and architectural features as a part of their landscaping and home entrances. Take a look at some examples that really brighten our neighborhood. Help add additional beauty on **Saturday, April 2**, by eliminating clutter in garden beds, on the sides of houses, or on front porches. Use creative ideas and designs to enhance the appearance of your own home and yard.



A colorful bougainvillea accents this home's front entrance . . .



Hanging plants and a tinkling wind chime are a pretty addition to this garden . . .



A splash of orange really accentuates this home's front garden . . .



A bed of red roses adds color to this front yard . . .



Flowers and a flowing fountain create an inviting welcome to this home . . .



A rest stop for the birds to take a bath and a pot of flowers for butterflies to enjoy . . .



An inviting front porch to sit awhile and watch the world go by . . .



A peaceful garden entrance where the owners can sit and listen to the birds . . .

LAWN IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

Homeowners should have received a copy of the 2022 irrigation guidelines shown below from the city of Tampa in the latest water bill:

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS MARCH 13, 2022

Here's what you need to do now.

- 1 Adjust your irrigation clock to "spring forward" one hour.
- 2 Adjust your irrigation run times. (See table for guidelines.)
- 3 Follow irrigation rules to avoid receiving a fine.
- 4 Test your rain sensor before the summer rains begin.



Seasonal Irrigation Guidelines: Watering Times

Setting	Summer June-Aug	Fall Sept-Nov	Winter Dec-Feb	Spring March-May
 Fixed Spray Head	Ideal: 25 minutes Range: 20-30 minutes	15 minutes 10-20 minutes	0 minutes 0-10 minutes	20 minutes 15-20 minutes
 Rotor Head	Ideal: 45 minutes Range: 40-60 minutes	30 minutes 20-40 minutes	<10 minutes 0-20 minutes	40 minutes 35-55 minutes

Based on UF/IFAS recommendations. Learn more about seasonal settings and ways to save water at tampa.gov/SaveWater.

Irrigation is permitted **between midnight and 8 a.m. OR between 6 p.m. and midnight on the allowed days.**

- At addresses ending in 0, 1, 2 or 3 - Mondays and Thursdays
- At addresses ending in 4, 5, or 6 - Tuesdays and Fridays
- At addresses ending in 7, 8, or 9 - Wednesdays and Saturdays

Fines may be issued by the city of Tampa for watering outside of the designated days/times.

The watering day allowances apply to all permanent, in-ground, automatic and manual irrigation systems and when using a garden hose with a portable hose-end sprinkler. **Irrigation is not permitted between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.** on the allowed day.

If your home's irrigation system is located on the exterior of your home and is locked, you may request a system reset or check of your irrigation system, including sprinkler heads, by submitting a Landscape and Irrigation Service Request form to McNeil Management Services.

TUSCANY GATE ACCESS

Tired of having to stop at the gate code box to enter a code every time you drive into Tuscanyy?? Make your life easier by purchasing a gate remote for \$45.

Gate remotes are available for purchase directly from the McNeil Management Services office, which is located at: 1463 Oakfield Drive, Suite 142, Brandon, FL 33511. They must be distributed in person and are not available by mail. The only two acceptable forms of payment are check or money order payable to

the HOA. Please email Jennifer Conti at the McNeil office (Jennifer@mcneilmsi.com) in advance to ensure availability of remotes and current pricing prior to your arrival.

Additional gate programming information is available through Quick Links on the Tuscany HOA website (www.tuscanytampapalmshoa.com).

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Recently there was a reported theft of a garden hose and spray nozzle from a home on Bella Woods Dr. . . . not an example of “being a good neighbor.” If your home has an external faucet, you may want to consider keeping your garden hose inside the garage when not in use OR purchase an attractive garden hose hideaway storage box where it can be stored and locked.

Also, recently an empty drink can was found on the grassy area bordering a neighborhood sidewalk. Hopefully it was not carelessly tossed there by a resident or visitor. At times, and especially on windy days, any loose trash in bins can be blown out onto lawns and driveways when the garbage trucks lift the bins into the air to dump contents into the truck. If you happen to see loose trash in the streets, along sidewalks in grassy areas, or on your own lawn, please take a moment to pick it up and place it in your trash cans. **Be a good neighbor** and help keep our neighborhood neat and clean in appearance.

POTHoles IN CITY STREETS

Potholes are an annoying and dangerous nuisance to Tampa drivers. Unless citizens begin planting flowers in the potholes creating mini gardens around town, the city's Fix-It-Fast program is our only alternative to getting repairs made in a timely manner.



The Fix-It-Fast pothole reporting program is available to city of Tampa residents 24/7 to get fast action for pothole repairs. **NOTE:** This applies only to public city streets and is not applicable to Tuscany streets as we are a gated community and our streets are privately maintained.

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