



## **TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWS**

**“Connecting Neighbors”**

**June 2022**



## **IMPORTANT DAYS IN JUNE**

June 1 – First Day of Hurricane Season – get prepared; for information check <https://www.stateof florida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide>

June 6 – D-Day – 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Normandy and the liberation of France in WWII

June 14 – Flag Day – honors the flag of the United States of America – proudly display the American flag

June 19 – Juneteenth – commemorates the emancipation of slaves in the Confederate South

June 19 – Fathers' Day – celebrate the role of fathers with family activities and gift giving

June 21 – First Day of Summer/Summer Solstice – longest day of the year arrives at 5:14 a.m. EDT

## **Zoom Meeting**



## **TUSCANY HOA BOARD QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Thursday, June 30, 6:30 pm**

Login details for the ZOOM meeting will be posted on the Tuscany HOA website ([www.tuscanytampapalmshoa.com](http://www.tuscanytampapalmshoa.com)) a few days prior to the meeting date. A notice will also be posted in the Tuscany gate message boxes. Please make note of the date/time on your calendar and plan to participate.



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## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Yu Xie & Chunxia Lin (February)

Riley Burke & Nicholas Talko (April)

Rajesh & Pritam Patil (May)



## SUMMER RAINY SEASON

With the summer rainy season now here (May 15 to October 15), please check your sprinkler system controls and turn the system off unless there should be an extended dry period during the summer months.

Between irrigation and natural rainfall, your grass should receive **between 1 and 1.5 inches of water each week** during the summer.

Residents with an automatic irrigation system in the state of Florida are required by law to have a fully operational rain shut-off device installed on their homes. These devices are crucial in preventing overwatering, which can lead to plant disease, polluted runoff into freshwater systems, and higher water bills.

**All watering of lawns must be done either between 8:30 a.m. and noon OR between 6 p.m. and midnight**, and only once on your designated day. Check the timed cycle on your sprinkler system control box to ensure that watering takes place **ONLY** during these times.



## **RECYCLING - WHEN IN DOUBT – LEAVE IT OUT**

The blue recycle bins are to be used to dispose of the following items:

- Clean plastic bottles & containers
- Clean milk & juice cartons
- Clean aluminum cans
- Clean glass bottles & jars
- Clean steel & metal containers
- Dry paper, newspaper, & junk mail
- Dry flattened cardboard & paperboard boxes

\*\*\* Place items loose in the blue bins – do not bag them. \*\*\*

The following items are meant for the gray trash bins and **should not** be placed in the blue recycle bins:

- Plastic bags or film
- Polystyrene foam or styrofoam

Soiled paper items  
Garden hoses, cords, ropes, or wires  
Clothing, shoes, or textiles  
Electronics  
Household trash

\*\*\* Bag trash to prevent it from being dumped into the street. \*\*\*

For additional recycling information: **[HCFLGov.net/Recycling](http://HCFLGov.net/Recycling)**

**NOTE:** Trash and recycling bins should be placed curbside on **Tuesday evening** (not morning) and **Friday evening** (not morning) for pickup on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Empty bins should be returned to the garage as soon as possible after pickup and should not remain curbside or in driveways. Thanks to all residents for their cooperation in keeping Tuscany looking good in this small way.



## **SUMMER WEEKEND GETAWAYS**

If you and your family or friends are looking for ideas for summer weekend road trips, check out the following interesting and fun Florida towns and attractions that are accessible in a 1 to 1 ½-hour drive from Tampa:

**BOK TOWER GARDENS** – Lake Wales  
[www.boktowergardens.org](http://www.boktowergardens.org)

Bok Tower Gardens boasts one of the greatest works of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. The meandering, historic landscape garden was designed to be a contemplative and informal woodland setting offering a series of romantic recesses and tranquil resting spots, picturesque vistas and breathtaking views of the Singing Tower. Acres of ferns, palms, oaks and pines fashion a lush backdrop for flowering foliage and the spectacular seasonal color of azaleas, camellias, and magnolias showcasing an ever-changing work of art. The gardens also are home to 126 different species of birds along with other wildlife.

## **WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK**

[www.weekiwachee.com](http://www.weekiwachee.com)

Weeki Wachee is an enchanted spring where you can see live mermaids, take a trip on a river boat cruise, learn about Florida wildlife, and swim in the pristine waters at Buccaneer Bay. You can also embark on a paddling adventure down the pristine waterway of the Weeki Wachee River.

The live mermaid show in the park theater is worth the visit. Children especially will be enthralled by the underwater mermaids.

## **DEVIL'S MILLHOPPER GEOLOGICAL STATE PARK** – Gainesville

[www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/devils-millhopper-geological-state-park](http://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/devils-millhopper-geological-state-park)

In the midst of North Florida's sandy terrain and pine forests, a bowl-shaped cavity 120 feet deep leads down to a miniature rain forest. Small streams trickle down the steep slopes of the limestone sinkhole, disappearing through crevices in the ground. Lush vegetation thrives in the shade of the walls even in dry summers. Researchers have learned a great deal about Florida's natural history by studying fossil shark teeth, marine shells, and the fossilized remains of extinct land animals found in the sinkhole.

Visitors can enjoy picnicking and learn more about the sinkhole through interpretive displays.

## **CRYSTAL RIVER**

[www.discovercrystalriverfl.com](http://www.discovercrystalriverfl.com)

Crystal River is a coastal city in western Florida. Kings Bay, which is fed by natural springs, is home to the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge, sheltering manatees year-round. Boardwalks at Three Sisters Springs Wildlife Refuge offer

views of the marine mammal and the natural springs. Northwest is Crystal River Archaeological State Park with remains of an early Native American settlement including ceremonial mounds.

In addition, there are lots of shops and dining options in downtown Crystal River. Experience laid-back Florida and spend a day or a weekend in this quaint coastal town.

## **HELP NEEDED FOR NEWSLETTER!!**

Content writer needed to volunteer to help the Communications Committee produce a newsletter.

If you have an interest or background in writing and would like to help continue the Tuscany newsletter's arrival in your email inbox each month, please contact Karen Matchus, AnnMarie Scott, Ann Reynolds, or Roopa Badiger and let them know of your willingness to be a contributor on the Communications Committee.

Keeping Tuscany residents informed!

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