



“Connecting Neighbors”

December 2021

TUSCANY HOMEOWNERS (HOA) BOARD

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Zoom Meeting



4Q21 HOA BOARD MEETING

Tuscany at Tampa Palms Board Meeting
December 9, 2021 - 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86568468158>

Meeting ID: 865 6846 8158

Dial-in by phone

1-646-558-8656

2021 ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

The annual homeowners meeting was held on November 10 at Lifesong Church. Disappointingly, a sufficient number of interested homeowners were not present, or did not submit a proxy, to constitute a quorum in order that the election of a new HOA Board for 2022 could be conducted. There were 23 voting homeowners present at the meeting, and 15 proxies were received for a total of just 38 homeowners responding to a well-advertised meeting date/place/time. Based on the number of homes (198) in Tuscany, 60 votes, whether in person or by proxy, are required for a quorum in order to conduct an election. The current HOA Board will continue to serve until the next annual homeowners meeting in 2022

Instead of an official Board meeting and election, President Kevin Hawley opened up the meeting for an informal Q&A session to respond to questions, concerns, and to update those in attendance concerning several issues currently being addressed within our community. Topics discussed included individual property landscaping maintenance, pond maintenance, gate maintenance, repaving of Tampa Palms Boulevard, speeding within Tuscany, and blocking of sidewalks by vehicles.

Since April a new company has been hired to monitor and maintain the ponds within Tuscany. Solitude Lake Management will now be managing the ponds within Tuscany.

After comparison bids were obtained/reviewed by the Landscaping Committee from several property maintenance companies, Nature Coast has been hired to continue maintenance of common and individual properties for the coming year. Weeding of individual properties' landscaped beds has been added to the new contract with Nature Coast.

NOTE: Improvement in overall appearance of the neighborhood has resulted from the recent spreading of pine bark mulch by Nature Coast. Let's all work to keep the 'hood looking good during the coming year!!



December 1 - National Pie Day – enjoy your favorite pie today

December 6 - Last day of Hanukkah – Jewish Festival of Lights

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – date of the attack on American ships in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which resulted in America’s entering WWII

December 21 - Winter Solstice – the longest night as the sun travels the shortest path through the skies; the beginning of longer days and shorter nights

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day – annual religious and cultural celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ

December 26 - First day of Kwanzaa – annual celebration of African American culture

December 31 - New Year’s Eve

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATIONS

Tuscany neighbors celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, on November 4, with colorful outdoor lights displayed on their homes, family gatherings, food, and fireworks.



Roopa and Anu Badiger are shown celebrating the holiday with evening fireworks. Beautiful traditional attire for this festive occasion are Roopa's saree and Anu's kurta.

TAMPA PALMS BOULEVARD UPDATE



The Tampa City Council has voted to repave Tampa Palms Boulevard (TPB) in 2022. The initial proposal to reduce TPB to one driving lane and one bicycle lane has been discarded after input from Tampa Palms residents. Brandie Miklus, the city's infrastructure and mobility program coordinator, has indicated that the TPB improvements will include resurfacing, multimodal and safety improvements, traffic calming, enhanced crosswalks with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), and separated bicycle lanes.



COMMUNITY REMINDER NOTES

All inquiries, requests, or issues that need attention should be emailed to Jennifer Conti, Property Manager, McNeil Management Services at management@mcneilmsi.com. Emails **should not** be sent directly to individual HOA Board members personal email addresses.

Landscape and irrigation requests for Nature Coast should also be sent to Jennifer Conti. The request form can be found on the Tuscany HOA website at www.TuscanyTampaPalmsHOA.com.

Additional forms including lease application, enforcement request, change of address, gate programming and remotes can also be found on the HOA website.

Monthly newsletters are also posted on the Tuscany HOA website in case you should need to reference information published in a previous month's newsletter.

All large boxes to be recycled should be broken down and placed inside the blue recycle bin. Empty boxes placed on the ground beside the bin **will not** be picked up. Drivers do not exit trucks to pick up items that are not placed inside the bin.

Trash bins should not be left in driveways or curbside after the trash has been picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. Please return the bins to your garage as soon as possible after pickup has been completed.

The speed limit on Tuscany's streets is 15 mph. Some drivers are continuing to exceed that speed limit, which can endanger pedestrians or children at play. Please ensure that everyone in your family and your guests are aware of the speed limit and observe it.

Also, please advise any visitors or workers at your home that sidewalks should not be blocked with their vehicles for safety reasons. Violators may find their vehicles have been towed.

As a safety precaution, garage doors should remain closed unless work is being done in the immediate area inside the garage or outside your home.

JUNK DUMPING



A few weeks ago, Nature Coast cleaned up this traffic island on Bella Woods Drive in order that both vehicles and pedestrians' vision would not be blocked by the palmettos. They uncovered the birdfeeder pole shown above which someone thoughtlessly tossed into the thick undergrowth.

The traffic islands, ponds, and conservation areas surrounding our homes **ARE NOT** to be used as dumping grounds. If you have something that needs to be disposed of, please do it properly. Since items like this cannot be placed in the gray garbage bins or the recycling bins, they should be taken to a city junk collection site, not deposited on community or individual property in Tuscany. Use the Community Collection Center at 8001 W. Linebaugh Avenue or call independent companies that will pick up junk, such as 1-800-GOT-JUNK, Dump Squad Junk Removal, Dump My Junk, etc.

From the city of Tampa website: Illegal dumping is more than just an eyesore; it is a criminal offense. It depreciates property values. The cost of collecting illegal dumping affects every citizen of the city.

If you witness an illegal dumping in progress, call the Tampa Police non-emergency number at (813) 231-6130. After the Police Department has responded, call the Department of Solid Waste & Environmental Program Management at (813) 348-1146 for collection of the debris if it is on city of Tampa right of way. If the illegal dumping occurred on private property, report it to a Solid Waste Inspector at (813) 274-5545.



HAVE YOU NOTICED??

Several homeowners have recently had their homes repainted, which truly helps to improve the appearance of the neighborhood as a whole. **THANK YOU!!**

If your home has faded paint or stucco cracks, then it is time to get it repainted. Stucco cracks can provide a pathway for moisture and water to enter into a wall system. Once moisture or water gets inside a wall, it will inevitably cause further damage. Once cracks are repaired, then painting can be done followed by a clear sealer to protect the paint.

Approved paint color schemes for Tuscany homes can be found on the HOA website (www.TuscanyTampaPalmsHOA.com). Once a color decision is made, then an Alteration Application should be filed with McNeil Management Services so that the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) can review the application and approve the painting or request additional information from the homeowner(s). The Alteration Application form can be found on the website, too.



COYOTES IN TAMPA PALMS

With the development of a new apartment complex on the north end of Tampa Palms Boulevard near Tuscany, wildlife has been displaced as their natural habitat has been destroyed. Several residents of Tampa Palms have recently observed coyotes moving into various neighborhoods as a result.

Please be super careful that any pets are not allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised and without a leash. If the coyotes are hungry, they can quickly and easily kill small animals such as cats and dogs. Humans can also be vulnerable to coyote attacks. When walking your pet, it is recommended that you take some sort of noise maker with you in case you encounter a coyote.

NEW TELEPHONE DIALING PROCEDURE

Frontier Communications has issued a statement in customer bills concerning upcoming changes to dialing procedures for landline phones.

Effective January 22, 2022, customers with a Florida 813 Area Code **must** dial the Area Code + telephone number for local calls. Customers can begin using the new dialing procedure now, but no later than January 22.

To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the 656 Area Code is being added to the area served by the 813 Area Code.

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