



TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

"Connecting Neighbors"

February 2021

TUSCANY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) BOARD

The current Tuscany HOA Board members are Kevin Hawley, President; Norma Reno, Vice President; Erl Piscitelli, Treasurer; Earl Manhold, Secretary; Ann Marie Scott, Director.

Following is a message from Erl:

"It has been my pleasure serving as Treasurer of the HOA Board of Directors for the past seven years. As I'm phasing toward retiring from this position, I reflect on some of our accomplishments:

- Replacement Reserves 100% funded
- Operating cash position very strong
- Five major repair/upkeep jobs in 2020
- Bad debts lower than in previous years

I have gotten to know many of you as my neighbors and friends, and it's been through your assistance and having involved board members over the years that we've achieved the reputation of a financially viable business and welcoming community. Thank you for your confidence and friendship, and I encourage you to be involved with both aspects of business and community."

NOTE: If you have a degree in accounting, finance, or have solid financial work experience, and are interested in serving as Treasurer on the HOA Board, please contact Board President Kevin Hawley.

Welcome!

Welcome to these new homeowners:

Xuyun Li & Xiulan Huang (December)
Turially Khan & Fawzia Atal (November)
Prashanth Rao & Kalpana Makhijani (October)
Jerome Douglass II & Monique Sims (October)
Deon & Jae Eun Lee (October)

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Paul and Jessica Barrons recently got married!! Paul and Jessica moved into Tuscany on Bella Woods Drive in late 2019. You may have seen Paul out in his front yard building the archway (called a Chuppah in the Jewish religion) shown in the pictures.



HOA COMMITTEES

There are several existing, active committees in Tuscany, including Architectural Review, Landscape, Welcome, Social, Finance, Communications, Compliance, and Neighborhood Watch. This month the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is being featured.

The role of the ARC is to maintain property values by keeping the land and structures (private and common) within the community compliant with the covenants, conditions, and restrictions established in the governing documents.

Duties of the ARC: Understand the Deed Restrictions of the community. Review Architectural Change requests submitted to the Association by homeowners and apply the Deed Restrictions, granting or denying the request or requesting further information from the homeowner.



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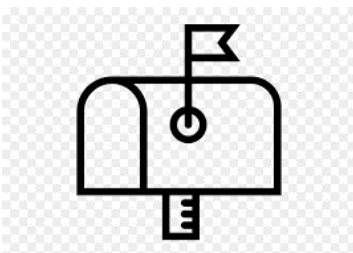
REMINDERS FROM THE HOA BOARD

AutoPay of Monthly Assessment - Please remember that your monthly assessment of \$140 is due on the first day of each month. To avoid delinquency notices, please be sure that your payment is received by the first day of each month. If you are still mailing a physical check or sending a check through your online bank account, please be sure that you are leaving plenty of time for your payment to be delivered and processed by the first day of each month. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Assessment fees are used for expenses related to all aspects of the Tuscany community, including: ponds, gates, maintenance of residents' lawns and community common areas, irrigation, tree trimming, insurance, property management, accounting, legal services, Tuscany HOA website and setting aside reserve funds for future repairs/replacements. Please review the landscape maintenance notes on the Tuscany HOA website for descriptions of the responsibilities of homeowners and Nature Coast, our current landscape maintenance contractor.



Lawn Maintenance – Please be sure to keep lawns and landscape beds free of items that may interfere with Nature Coast's ability to mow, edge, trim shrubs, spread mulch, etc. This includes plant pots, decorative yard art, garden flags, water hoses, childrens' toys, bikes or scooters. Landscape beds should be neatly maintained by individual homeowners; this includes removing weeds or dead plants as needed. Plant pots placed in landscaped beds should be attractive ceramic or clay pots; plastic garden shop pots are not appropriate landscape decor.



Mailboxes – If your mailbox has a broken door or flag, please ensure that the mailbox is repaired or replaced promptly. **NOTE: USPS does require the use of carrier flag colors for mailboxes.** If you need to replace your mailbox, please contact Creative Mailbox Designs at 813-818-7100.

Q&A'S BETWEEN YOU AND THE BOARD



Q: Parking on the driveway apron used to be allowed. Why has that changed?

A: This was never allowed. The apron space has always belonged to the HOA, not the homeowner. Deed Restrictions are specific that vehicles should be parked either in a garage or in the driveway, but not parked in a manner that blocks the sidewalks or damages turf. Recently, parking on the apron has been abused by some residents to the point of tearing up lawns and obstructing traffic. This violation can result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

Q: Are the HOA Deed Restrictions being changed to include decorative rocks in landscape beds?

A: Decorative rocks in place of mulch are not allowed. Violation notices have been sent to homeowners, and they are required to remove the rocks. Noncompliant homeowners are subject to an escalating series of enforcement actions. Please review Tuscany Deed Restrictions prior to undertaking any change in landscaping.

Q: When will the next HOA annual meeting be held?

A: When COVID restrictions permit safe assembly in an enclosed, large group space.

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