

TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWS

"Connecting Neighbors" November 2021

HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 10

Meeting Time: 6 pm

Meeting Place: Lifesong Church, 6460 Tampa Palms Boulevard

Please plan to attend the meeting in person or vote for Board candidates by proxy so that everyone who owns a home in Tuscany will have a voice in this important decision-making event. (NOTE: Only homeowners may vote; tenant residents are not eligible to vote.)

The elections are for the open seats on the Board, not the specific roles/positions. The newly-elected Board meets immediately after the election and decides among itself what specific roles (i.e., president, treasurer, secretary, vice president, director) that each elected member will assume.

Keep in mind that this annual meeting is for <u>homeowners only</u> and only one vote per household is permitted. Ballots and proxy forms will be mailed to homeowners in advance of the meeting. Names and addresses will be verified when attendees check in at the meeting.

Please observe the usual covid protocol for group gatherings--wear a mask and allow space between seats as much as possible.

TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY MEETING

In order for residents of Tampa Palms to gather information and ask questions of the city of Tampa staff representatives, Councilman Luis Viera has arranged a meeting for the purpose of further

discussion of the proposed/approved Tampa Palms Boulevard repaving project. Following are meeting details:

What: Community meeting to discuss Tampa Palms Blvd. repaving

Who: Tampa Councilman Luis Viera and representatives from the city of Tampa Mobility

Department

When: November 3, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Where: Compton Park, 16101 Compton Drive Tampa, FL 33647



November 4 - First day of Diwali - Festival of Lights

November 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends – turn back those clocks one hour

November 11 - Veterans' Day – a federal holiday established to honor all who have served in the armed services of the United States

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day – celebration of the blessings of the past year



NEW TUSCANY HOMEOWNERS

Louise Kratchman – Tuscany Woods Drive (August)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuscany currently has seven volunteer committees (Architectural Review, Communications, Compliance Hearing, Finance, Landscaping, Social, Welcome) that will be needing additional residents to serve in 2021. There will be sign-up sheets available at the November 10 meeting for people to indicate their interest in serving the Tuscany community in this way.

NEWSLETTER WRITER/EDITOR



For example, this newsletter was created and implemented in January 2021 by four volunteers who saw a need and fulfilled it. Now the Communications Committee needs a writer/editor + neighborhood reporter to continue this effort. If you have skills in the following areas—computer knowledge, writing, proofreading, gathering information, creativity—please indicate your interest in serving on the Communications Committee in 2022 by signing up at the November 10 homeowners' annual meeting.

TUSCANY DEED RESTRICTIONS

The complete summary of Deed Restrictions is posted on the Tuscany HOA website (TuscanyTampaPalmsHOA.com). Please take time to review them. Here are a few pertinent ones that especially should be complied with by all residents (homeowners and tenants).

<u>Landscaping</u> - PROHIBITED: Artificial vegetation or decorative rocks. No additional landscaping shall be added to any lot other than landscaping installed by a builder, with the exception of inside mulched beds.

<u>Leases</u> - Units shall be leased for single-family residential purposes only. No Unit may be rented or leased during the first 12 months of ownership. After the first 12 months, owners may lease units for periods of at least one year with no month- to-month language allowed in the lease. All tenants are subject to reasonable approval by the Association. A screening fee of \$100.00 per applicant shall be assessed.

Parking/Garages/Vehicles - Garage doors shall be kept CLOSED at all times except when entering or exiting. Parking is permitted only in the garage or driveway serving each unit, and no vehicles may be parked on paved streets between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. No vehicle is permitted to be parked so that it blocks any portion of a sidewalk (this includes residents' guests). All vehicles parked in violation of this section will be subject to being towed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. All commercial vehicles, trucks, tractors, mobile homes, equipment trailers, motor homes, recreational vehicles, campers, camper trailers, boats and other watercraft, and boat trailers must be parked entirely in the garage. No garage may be altered to accommodate fewer vehicles than was originally constructed. Disabled (not operable or no proper tag) or stored (put on blocks or covered with a tarp and not removed for five (5) days) vehicles shall not be kept at any unit unless entirely within a garage.

Satellite Dishes - If installed, they must be located on the back half of the home.

<u>Trash Cans/Recycle Bins</u> - Must be stored in the garage except on collection days and returned to garage following collection. <u>Editorial Note</u>: Since trash/recycle bins do not add any aesthetic value to our community, it would be very helpful if bins are placed curbside at/or after dusk the evening prior to collection days, then returned to garages as soon as possible on collection days. The bins should not remain curbside or in driveways for an extended time.

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM!

TUSCANY'S NEW LOOK







As of October 18-19 the Tuscany entrances now have a refreshed look with totally new landscaping replacing the plantings that had not been completely updated since originally installed 14 years ago. It was announced at a Board meeting earlier this year that there were monies which needed to be used by year-end for community projects. Four community-minded residents responded by working with NatureCoast supervisors Matt and Wayne to create entrance landscape designs with new perennial plants, rotating flowering annuals in the signage planters, and fresh mulch.

HALLOWEEN TUSCANY STYLE

Several homes have been adorned during October with pumpkins, skeletons, ghosts, spiders, witches, and other decorative displays (a couple of graveyards, as an example) for Halloween. Take a walk after dark to also see some ghostly illuminated displays at a few homes. Thanks to everyone who got in the Halloween spirit with their creative outdoor decorations!









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