



TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWS

“Connecting Neighbors”

October 2021

TUSCANY HOMEOWNERS (HOA) BOARD

President – Kevin Hawley

(term expires in November 2021)

Vice President – Pardha Vishnumolokala

(appointed to complete Norma Reno's term – term expires in 2022)

Secretary – Earl Manhold

(appointed to complete Linda Hawk's term--term expires in November 2021)

Treasurer – Keith Quintin

(appointed to complete Erl Piscitelli's term—term expires in November 2021)

Director – AnnMarie Scott

(appointed to complete Keval Brahmbatt's term—term expires in 2022)

ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS

When: **Wednesday, November 10, 6 pm**

Where: **Lifesong Church, 6460 Tampa Palms Boulevard**

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this very important meeting for community updates and HOA Board elections.

As noted above, there are three (3) Board positions open for election in 2021—President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please consider serving in one of these critical roles, submitting your application when the paperwork and instructions are mailed to each homeowner by McNeil Management Services, and preparing a message regarding your background, qualifications, and plans for the future of our community to share with everyone at the meeting.

Volunteers are needed to oversee all aspects of maintaining Tuscany at Tampa Palms as a viable, desirable place to live, whether serving on the HOA Board or as a member of one of the current, established neighborhood committees—Architectural, Communications, Compliance Hearing, Finance, Landscaping, Neighborhood Watch, Social, Welcome. You can contact the chairperson of each committee to let them know of your interest in being involved in the future of Tuscany by serving in this way. The committees and the current members are posted on the Tuscany HOA website: www.TuscanyTampaPalmsHOA.com.

Please observe covid protocols as much as possible for masking and distancing at the annual meeting.

SEE YOU THERE ON NOVEMBER 10!!

HIGHLIGHTS - HOA BOARD SEPTEMBER BUDGET MEETING

- Submitted by HOA Board President Kevin Hawley

For those homeowners who may have been unable to attend the ZOOM meeting on September 23, following are the main topics which were discussed and voted on at the meeting.

New Board Member

Homeowner Pardha Vishnumlokala was appointed to the Board in the role of Vice President to complete the term of Norma Reno, who recently resigned. Thank you, Norma, for your service to our community. And thank you, Pardha, for volunteering to serve in this capacity for the coming year.

2022 Budget

The Board approved the 2022 budget with no change to the monthly assessment of \$140 from 2021. Much thanks to Treasurer Keith Quintin for his preparation of the budget plan.

Landscaping Maintenance to Include Weeding

After an extensive and exhaustive search and review of competitive bids from other lawn maintenance companies, and after much negotiation, the community will retain NatureCoast Landscaping as the maintenance company for 2022.

The addition of weeding the front and side mulched areas of our homes will now be a part of the new contract with NatureCoast. The existing contract, entered into by the previous Board, did not include weeding of individual properties, only of the common areas. This landscaping service

has been added with no increase to our monthly assessments. Thanks again, Keith Quintin. Although they will not be compensated for this additional service until the new year, NatureCoast has generously agreed to begin weeding before that time.

Thank you to Narmada Balaji, chair of the Landscaping Committee, for all your hard work throughout this process, and to Board member Earl Manhold for also accompanying the various landscaping companies as they visited our community in order to prepare a bid for maintenance service.

Tampa Palms Boulevard Paving and Proposed Traffic Calming Measures

At a recent virtual public meeting with officials from the city of Tampa and the Florida Department of Transportation, Tuscany HOA Board president Kevin Hawley advocated for the installation of a dedicated left turn lane from Tampa Palms Boulevard onto Bella Woods Drive. The suggestion was well received and will be considered as part of the repaving project. Stay tuned for further information.

Funding for repaving Tampa Palms Boulevard has been approved by the city of Tampa. Many thanks are due City Councilman Luis Viera and residents from all parts of Tampa Palms who were actively involved in the effort to get the budget approved. There will be more public meetings to discuss the various future traffic calming plans, which is separate from the repaving project.

Emails

Several Tuscany homeowners have reported receiving unsolicited email from an account they assumed to be this newsletter. We apologize for any confusion that email may have caused and have changed the email address name you will see when receiving this newsletter in the future in order to avoid confusion. Be assured, only those homeowners who specifically subscribe to this Tuscany newsletter will receive it, and those emails will never be used for any other purpose. Care is taken by the Communications Committee to protect subscribers' email addresses.

As with any suspicious email, you may block the sender of the suspicious email and mark it as spam or phishing. You should exercise caution when opening any attachment or clicking on links in any unsolicited email.

Also, please be aware that your Tuscany Home Owners Association (HOA) and McNeil Management Services do not send unsolicited emails. Homeowners may, but are not required, to provide their emails to the HOA or McNeil. The official means of communication from the HOA and our management company is the U.S. Postal Service. The Tuscany Home Owners Association also does not maintain any official social media accounts. Please refer to the Tuscany HOA website (www.TuscanyTampaPalmsHOA.com) for official, approved information concerning our community.

October HOLIDAYS

October 11 - Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Day

October 31 – Halloween – Trick or Treat Night for Ghosts, Goblins, & Ghouls




HALLOWEEN
SAFETY TIPS
FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Plan your trick-or-treating route before you leave and show the kids where you'll be going
- Double-check any costumes with masks to make sure kids can see clearly
- Use reflective tape on dark costumes
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Only visit houses with porch lights on
- Make sure all kids know that under NO circumstances should they enter a home
- If your child has an identification card (a school ID, etc), make sure to bring it along
- Make sure an adult is with anyone under 16 (if older kids are going in a group, set a time for them to be home, or follow them at a safe, but not embarrassing distance)
- Remind your kids to stay out of the street!
- Be on the lookout for cars when crossing - sometimes, it's hard for drivers to see you!
- Check ALL candy and treats before eating (bring some candy from home, so the kids can snack before you inspect)

 

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FEATURED YARDS FOR OCTOBER

Many thanks to these Tuscany Woods Drive residents for helping to beautify our community with their neat, well-maintained landscaping designs.

This home features colorful crotons, loropetalum shrubs, and palms in the front garden beds.



Gloria's entry garden focuses primarily on these plants: holly hedges, crotons, Gerber daisies (which have colorful blooms during spring and summer), and large spider plants with an accent rock placed in the midst. Fresh bark chip mulch completes an inviting entry to her home. Her porch garden shows off a very large and healthy Christmas cactus plus a potted jade plant and a pot of aloe (handy to have around for its healing qualities when skin burns or irritations occur).



If everyone would take a look at their front garden beds with a critical eye and ensure that weeds, torpedo grass, and dead plants do not inhabit the landscaping, it would enhance each home's appearance greatly and subsequently improve the overall look of Tuscany within our gates. Unkempt landscaping does impact property sales negatively. Help keep Tuscany the beautiful Tampa Palms community it was a decade ago!



REPORT STREETLIGHT OUTAGE

Reporting streetlights that are out or malfunctioning to TECO is easy to do online. Write down or take a photo of the streetlight number that is located on the light pole, then go to the following website:

<https://www.tampaelectric.com/forms/residential/streetlightout/>

and submit the completed form, including your name and telephone number, so TECO can contact you if more information is needed. You will receive a confirmation email from TECO. If you are reporting a hazardous condition, call Tampa Electric at **(813) 223-0800** (Hillsborough County).



CITY OF TAMPA LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Irrigation allowances in Tampa returned to a twice weekly year-round schedule effective Aug. 1, 2017.

Year-Round Watering 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
- Irrigation is permitted between midnight and 8 a.m. OR between 6 p.m. and midnight on the allowed days.

- Restrictions remain in place for irrigation of new and established landscapes, chemical treatments and irrigation system maintenance. Low-volume micro-irrigation, hand watering, car washing, fountain operation, and power washing are unrestricted.
- 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.

The Tampa Water Department publishes updates and changes to local water restrictions in these ways: media releases, [Alert Tampa](#) notification, NextDoor, and utility customer billing inserts. Water use restrictions are in place year-round and affect all water sources, including wells. **Violating water use restrictions in Tampa may result in penalties ranging from \$100 to \$450 and a mandatory court appearance.** Restrictions are subject to change in response to local and regional water supply conditions. Additional information for citation recipients is available at TampaGov.net/water in the FAQ section.



CITY OF TAMPA'S FIX-IT-FAST PROGRAM

Critical Infrastructure Response Program
Monitored 24 hours a day / 7 days a week

The City of Tampa's Mobility Department is committed to providing the highest quality customer service while improving efficiency, communication, and performance tracking. The FIX-IT-FAST program focuses on delivering timely repairs within 72 hours after a report is filed.

Report roadway obstructions and problems with stop signs by calling **813-274-FAST (3278)**.

Go to the following website to report potholes, street cave-ins, sight obstructions, or needed minor road repairs online.

<https://www.tampa.gov/tss-transportation/fix-it-fast>

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