



TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWS

“Connecting Neighbors”

September 2021

TUSCANY HOMEOWNERS (HOA) BOARD

President – Kevin Hawley

Vice President – Norma Reno

Secretary – Earl Manhold

Treasurer – Keith Quintin

Director – AnnMarie Scott



September 6 - **Labor Day** - A federal holiday that is observed the first Monday in September each year since 1894 to celebrate the achievements of American workers.

September 7 - **Rosh Hashanah** - The Jewish New Year begins at sundown on September 6 and ends on September 8 at sundown.

September 8 - **Global Literacy Day** – Since 1967 this day has been celebrated around the world to remind people of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights.

September 10 - **Ganesh Chaturthi** - A ten-day festival held to honor Ganesh, the god of wisdom, writing, commerce, and good fortune. It symbolizes fresh starts and new beginnings.

September 11 - **Patriot Day** - A United States national observance to honor the memory of all the people killed in the terrorist attacks of 2001. A moment of silence is traditionally observed at 8:46 am.

September 12 - **National Grandparents Day** - A secular holiday established officially in 1978. In honor of your grandparents, Do Something Grand!

September 14 - **Hindi Diwas** - Commemorates the adoption in 1950 of Hindi as one of the official languages of India.

September 16 - **Yom Kippur and Sukkot** - Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. It is a day of fasting, prayer, and synagogue services. Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, commemorates the years the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land.

September 21 - **International Day of Peace** - The United Nations General Assembly established this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of nonviolence and cease-fire.

September 22 - **Fall Equinox** - The first day of autumn when the sun crosses the celestial equator, and in the Northern Hemisphere we begin to see more darkness than daylight each day. Happy Fall, ya'll.



New Tuscany Homeowners

Jared Beekman (August)



UPCOMING MEETING DATES

September 23 - HOA Board annual budget ZOOM meeting – meeting ID and passcode can be found on the Tuscany HOA website

September 30 - Architectural Review Committee (ARC) ZOOM meeting – 5:30 pm – meeting ID and passcode can be found on the Tuscany HOA website

November 10 - Annual homeowners' meeting and election of new Board members – in-person meeting will be held at Lifesong Church on Tampa Palms Boulevard, 6 pm

2021 HOA BOARD ELECTION

** Message from Jennifer Conti, Community Association Manager

Due to the state of emergency and the moratorium on the Tuscany Owners Association election in 2020, board member terms were extended by one year.

Those board members whose terms were to expire in 2020, and will now expire in 2021, are Kevin Hawley, Linda Hawk, and Earline Piscitelli. Also, Linda and Earline no longer live in Tuscany.

Those board members elected in 2019 whose terms were to expire in 2021, and will now expire in 2022, are Keval Brahmbhatt and Norma Reno. Keval also no longer lives in Tuscany.

Ann Marie Scott was appointed to serve the remainder of Keval Brahmbhatt's term, left open by his resignation. Her term will expire in 2022, as does Norma Reno's.

Earl Manhold was appointed to serve the remainder of Linda Hawk's term, left open by her resignation, due to expire in 2021.

Keith Quintin was appointed to serve the remainder of Erl Piscitelli's term, left open by her resignation, due to expire in 2021.

So, board members Ann Marie Scott and Norma Reno will continue to serve until 2022. The seats of board members Kevin Hawley, Earl Manhold, and Keith Quintin will be open for election in 2021.

We need homeowners to get involved by serving on the Tuscany HOA Board. Please consider offering your time, knowledge, and skills to maintain a vibrant, well-managed community. To assist in your consideration of this needed volunteer effort, following is information about the Florida state statutes governing community associations.



TUSCANY HOA BOARD CANDIDATES

In preparation for the November 10, 2021, annual homeowners' meeting and the election of new HOA Board members, following is pertinent information for all prospective candidates to be aware of prior to submitting their application for a board position.

The HOA Board is responsible for maintaining the property, running the business side of the property, enacting any bylaws or regulations governing the association, and helping foster a sense of community among members.

According to the Florida Statutes, Chapter 720, (www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes) governing homeowners' associations, board candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be a homeowner within the community.
- Be 18 years or older.
- Not be delinquent in payment of monthly fees or any fines to the association.
- Pass a background check.
- Have never been removed from another board of directors.
- Complete a certification course within 90 days of election to an association board. Online certification classes are available to earn the state of Florida board member leadership certification.

Skills and expertise needed to serve as an association board member include leadership, communication, business acumen, organization, unbiased concern for the well-being of the community as a whole.

Watch for an announcement from Jennifer Conti, Community Association Manager for Tuscany at McNeil Management Services, with information regarding how to submit your application for a position on the HOA Board prior to the November 10 annual meeting.



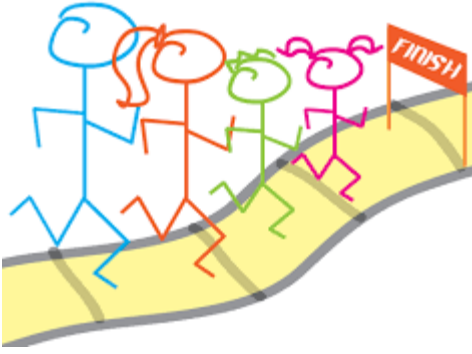
POTHOLE BE GONE!!!

** Message from Mayor Jane Castor's office to Tampa Palms residents

After a concentrated letter writing and emailing effort by several Tampa Palms residents, Mayor Jane Castor announced recently that she has good news for Tampa Palms. Following is the message received by residents who took the time to write the mayor about the condition of Tampa Palms Boulevard.

Thank you for writing Mayor Jane Castor with your concerns regarding Tampa Palms Boulevard. We have good news to share! The city of Tampa's Mobility Department is able to move forward on resurfacing plans for Tampa Palms Boulevard (specifically the south loop from Bruce B. Downs Blvd. to Bruce B. Downs Blvd). Multimodal and safety improvements may include resurfaced pavement, traffic calming, enhanced crosswalks – such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), narrow travel lanes, and buffered/separated bike lanes. We are currently in the Design phase of this project, and we expect construction to begin within the next 12 months (Summer/Fall 2022).

The City of Tampa Public Works Administrator, Jean Duncan, reiterated that construction funds have been identified by the mayor for the repaving of Tampa Palms Boulevard and that special thanks should go to Councilman Luis Viera who so passionately represented the people of his district in this endeavor.



TROT THROUGH THE TERRACE

Event: 9TH Annual Trot Thru the Terrace
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 – 8 am
Location: Riverhills Park, 329 S. Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace
Cost: \$20, \$30, \$35

Check-in will be located near the boat ramp on the Hillsborough River, and the race route will wind through the pretty golf course community of Temple Terrace.

Proceeds from the race will be used to support educational programs at Terrace Community Middle School.

For more details and to sign up, go to this website:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/TempleTerrace/TrotThruTheTerrace>

ST. JUDE WALK/RUN 2021 - TAMPA, FL

Join the September 2021 St. Jude Walk/Run during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to raise money for the children being treated at St. Jude Research Hospital where families never receive a bill for treatment, housing, transportation, or food.

When: Saturday, September 18, 7 am
Distance: 5K [3.1 miles]
Where: Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Drive
Who: Everyone!
Cost: FREE for ALL participants

Register online today at www.stjude.org/walktampa.

Questions? SJWRTampa@stjude.org



Please be a considerate neighbor and STOP:

- ❖ SPEEDING
- ❖ BLOCKING SIDEWALKS WITH VEHICLES
- ❖ LEAVING TRASH CANS OUTSIDE GARAGES

FEATURED TUSCANY YARD OF THE MONTH

Jay and Misty Krause love to garden and are continually changing and updating the plants in their front landscaped beds. In addition to the twin palms and decorative fountain, their front garden beds contain purple ginger plants, foxtail ferns, cactus, yellow/orange cannas, yellow mandevilla among other plants. Beneath the garage lantern is bougainvillea.

Notice that there is not a weed or blade of torpedo grass in sight as they keep their garden beds immaculately maintained. Be sure to stop by their home next spring and see what colorful new plants and landscape designs they arrange to accent their front entrance.



NATURE COAST LANDSCAPE SERVICES

** Message from Jennifer Conti, Community Association Manager

Nature Coast will be installing mulch in landscaped beds during October or November. However, a proposal will need to be approved by the HOA Board.

Nature Coast had it on their calendar to start shrub trimming during the first part of August, but they are a bit behind schedule due to the extra rain we experienced in August.

The fertilization schedule has two treatments left for the year. The next treatment will be an IPM (integrated pest management) followed by a fertilization application. The first application will be in late September and the second in late November.

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