



TUSCANY COMMUNITY NEWS

“Connecting Neighbors”

February 2022



February 2 - **Groundhog Day** – a tradition of folklore observed in the United States and Canada that predicts the arrival of spring based on whether a groundhog sees its shadow after it emerges from its winter burrow on this date

February 14 - **Valentine’s Day** – a day of celebration of love and affection through the giving of cards and gifts

<https://nontoygifts.com/handprint-valentine-crafts-kids/>

See the printable word search puzzle at the end of this newsletter for another fun Valentine’s Day activity for kids.

February 20 - **World Day of Social Justice** – declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007 as an international day to promote social justice

February 21 - **Presidents’ Day** – a day established to honor all persons who have served in the office of the president of the United States



THE BOARD NEEDS YOU!

The HOA Board really needs a concerned homeowner volunteer to serve on the HOA Board during 2022. Without being able to duly elect a new slate of Board members at the November 2021 annual homeowners meeting, the involvement of one additional homeowner is very much needed at this time at the HOA Board.

You may contact Jennifer Conti, Property Manager at McNeil Management Services at 813-571-7100 or any of the following individuals, to let them know of your interest in serving your community in this role during the coming months: Kevin Hawley, Pardha Vishnumolokala, Earl Manhold, Keith Quintin, or AnnMarie Scott.

There are currently approximately 30 homeowners who volunteer their time serving on the HOA Board in addition to eight Tuscany committees (Architectural Review, Communications, Compliance Hearing, Finance, Landscaping, Neighborhood Watch, Social, Welcome). Please consider adding your name to this group of concerned, involved homeowners by sharing your time and expertise to assist in the overall management of Tuscany at Tampa Palms during 2022.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

The role of the ARC is to keep the land and structures (common and private) within the community compliant with the covenants, conditions, and restrictions established in our governing documents.

It is the duty of Tuscan Owners to both familiarize themselves with and follow the governing documents (www.tuscanytampapalmshoa.com) at all times.

The Tuscan at Tampa Palms governing documents stipulate that **ANY changes** planned for the exterior of your property must be submitted to the ARC for review and approval/denial. **This must be done prior to executing your plan.** The Alteration Application form can be found on the Tuscan HOA website (www.tuscanytampapalmshoa.com) under Documents and Forms – Quick Links.

The ARC will, whenever possible, work with homeowners to help them make the modifications they desire within the rules and guidelines established by our governing documents, or subsequently, any official amendments. Those who make modifications without first securing approval may be compelled to return the property to its previous state; that is, undo the modifications at their own expense.

The ARC meets monthly on the last Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm via Zoom to review all requests received that month.



NEW HOMEOWNERS IN TUSCANY

Sanja Sebastian and Jerin Neena Joseph (December)

Manasa Maheshwar Mogulsamy Jayarman (December)

Srikrishna Krishnarao Srinivasan and Brindha Varadarajan (December)



CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS

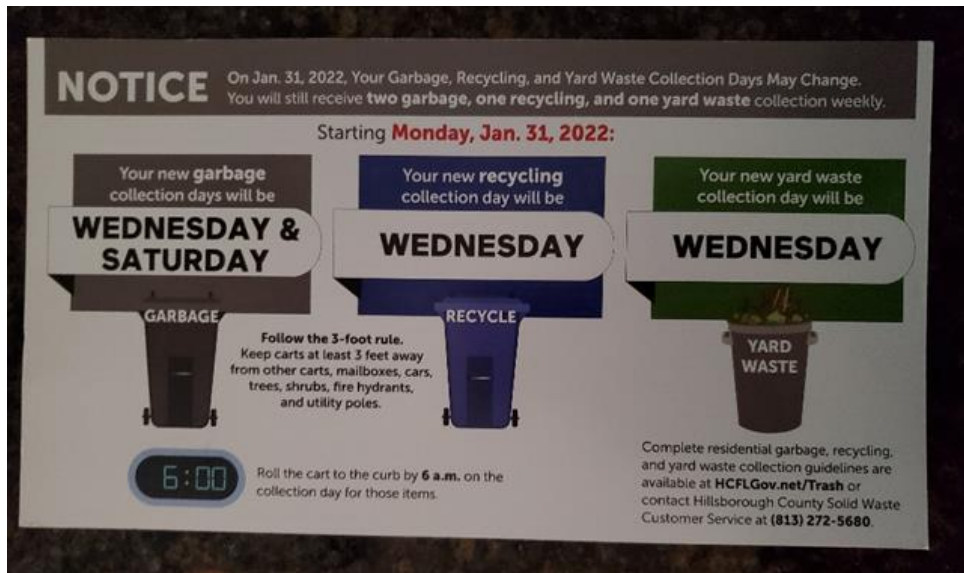
Students in Hillsborough County Public Schools' four International Baccalaureate (IB) programs are once again proving that they measure up to, and exceed, the performance of students around the world.

To receive an IB diploma, a student must pass oral and written exams, pass all courses, and maintain a high Grade Point Average (GPA) throughout their four-year IB career. They must also earn hours in service to their community and write an extended length college-level essay. Students must accomplish all of the above while also living the life of a high school student, participating in school clubs, sports, jobs, friendships, and other activities.

Congratulations are extended to all students who live in Tusculum who have been accepted into either subject matter magnet schools (arts & humanities, business & finance, computer science, environmental studies, medical & sports science, STEM) or IB program schools in the Hillsborough County Public School System for the 2022-23 school year.

2022 TRASH SCHEDULE CHANGE

By now each home should have received this notice in the mail advising that effective January 31, 2022, our trash/recycle/yard waste pickup schedule will be changed from Monday & Thursday to Wednesday & Saturday.



Trash bins should be placed curbside after dusk on Tuesday and Friday evenings, then returned to garages following pickup on Wednesday and Saturday. **Bins are not to be left curbside or in driveways** past the pickup days each week.

Be aware that frequently as the trash bins are emptied into the trucks, wind can blow loose, unbagged trash onto streets and yards. Check your yards and driveways on trash pickup days to ensure that no loose trash is left behind. Keep our neighborhood looking clean and neat, and keep trash out of our ponds.



PHONE CALL DIALING CHANGE

Frontier Communications has issued a notice in recent customer bills concerning upcoming changes to dialing procedures for 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, 2022.

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



DON'T BE A THEFT VICTIM!

Even though Tuscany is a gated community, that does not ensure 100% that vehicles parked in driveways or on streets are safe from random theft. (1) Be sure that valuables are not left in your vehicle. (2) Make it a habit to always lock your vehicle/s. (3) An even better, more secure practice is to park your vehicle/s in the garage versus leaving them in driveways or on the street. (4) Keep garage doors closed unless you are actually working in the garage or yard.

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY . . .



If you are a dog owner and routinely walk your pet outside of your own yard, please remember to carry poop bags with you and clean up waste. A pile of dog poop was found recently on the “lone pine tree” traffic island on Bella Woods Drive. Please note that children play in this space as well as other green spaces on Bella Woods Drive and Tuscany Woods Drive, and they deserve to have a clean, grassy area in which to play safely.

Please be a considerate neighbor and either confine your pet's poop area to your own yard or Scoop the Poop when walking them in other neighborhood spaces.



OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Tuscany is an HOA/deed restricted community and as such has several things of importance that are expected of each individual, whether a homeowner or a tenant resident, who resides in the community. Following are some of the items that our property management company, McNeil Management Services, has identified as continual problem areas within Tuscany:

- Payment of monthly HOA fees in a timely manner--**\$140 is due from each homeowner on the first day of each month** to cover the costs of monthly lawn maintenance for each property with service provided by NatureCoast Landscaping Services, maintenance of the common areas in Tuscany, pond and gate maintenance, and utilities.

- Trash bins are to be stored in garages at all times except for pickup days (now on Wednesday and Saturday). **Do not leave bins curbside or in driveways.**
- Driveways should be pressure cleaned regularly to manage mold and mildew stains that occur naturally in Florida weather. Weeds should not be allowed to grow between pavers or expansion joints. Google how to use vinegar and salt for a “green” weed killer or use a commercial weed killer.
- Debris (garden hoses, toys, tools, potted plants, for example) left in yards not only constitutes an unsightly, unkempt appearance of properties, but can interfere with NatureCoast Landscaping crews’ ability to properly maintain our lawns. Please keep lawns and landscape beds neat. Plants left in garden center plastic pots are not acceptable. Remove plants and plant them in the ground or use decorative ceramic or clay pots for landscape accents.
- Regularly inspect home exteriors (roof, walls, garage doors) to determine if repairs, cleaning, and/or painting is needed. Do not wait for the McNeil inspectors to cite your property for needed maintenance.
- It is illegal in the city of Tampa, as well as a safety hazard, to allow vehicles to block sidewalks. **Please park cars in garages or in driveways in a manner that keeps sidewalks clear.** Advise guests to do the same.

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To subscribe to the Tuscany newsletter, please submit your name and a preferred email address to TuscanyTampaPalms@gmail.com, and the newsletter will be sent via email to you each month. This email address will not permit individuals’ personal email addresses to be visible to others.

Newsletters can also be found in Quick Links on the Tuscany HOA website: www.TuscanyTampaPalmsHOA.com. Share this information with your friends and neighbors in Tuscany.

Valentine's Day Word Search

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