

TARPON SPRINGS & LOCAL EVENTS

Tarpon Springs Christmas Parade

Sat, December 10  
10:00am – 1:00pm  
South Pinellas Avenue, S Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs  
Description: www.tarponspringschamber.com

Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec 10  
6:00pm  
Pinellas County/Christmas Event  
Park Boulevard - Pinellas Park

It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Saturday, Dec 10 - Saturday, Dec 24  
Call For Day/Times - 727-823-7529  
American Stage Theatre  
163 3rd Street N., St. Petersburg

Old Fashioned Christmas and Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 10  
4pm - 9pm  
Downtown Dunedin, along Main St and Broadway Ave

31st Annual Lighted Boat Parade

Sunday, Dec 11 - 6:20pm  
Treasure Island

Dunedin Chorus Holiday Concert

Dunedin Parks & Recreation  
December 11 - 3:00pm  
Free to attend, but donations accepted  
Dunedin Community Center  
1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin, Florida 34698  
(727) 812-4530

Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 17  
3:00pm  
Palm Harbor  
Parade Route: Nebraska, Florida Ave, and 11th Street

Winter Fest

Saturday, December 17  
4:00PM-6:00PM  
Main Street, New Port Richey  
Snow Slides, Crafts, Games & Prizes  
Mr. & Mrs. Clause  
Elsa & Olaf

Safety Harbor Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 17  
11:00am - 3pm  
Main Street  
Closed from Bayshore to 9th Avenue  
(727) 724-1562

Light Up the Bayou

Sat, December 24, 5pm – Sun, December 25, 1am  
Craig Park, Tarpon Springs  
Description: Lambatha display on the sidewalk surrounding Spring Bayou at Craig Park.

Holiday Lights in the Gardens

Runs until Saturday, December 31  
5:30 - 9:30 p.m  
Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo  
12520 Ulmerton Rd.  
727-582-2117

Epiphany

Friday, Jan 6, 2017  
Description: www.epiphanycity.org



Village View

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Happy Holidays!



Deck The Halls!

Oakleaf Village HOA encourages residents to show their holiday cheer and light up their homes. HOA unit directors will be picking their favorite display in each unit after Sunday, December 18th. Those favorite displays reported will be featured on the Oakleaf Village HOA Facebook page.



BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Congratulations to the winners of the beautification award! We would like to thank you, and all those that make Oakleaf Village a desirable place to live.

**DECEMBER**  
George & Pauline Fletcher  
210 Peaceful Ridge Road  
**NOVEMBER**  
Sharon & Jeffrey Dillion  
212 Hollow Oak Court



NEW SOLAR LIGHTS

A big THANK YOU to Richard Siems for picking up and installing solar lighting on the main entrance signs at Red oak drive in response to concerns about visibility. Plus, as ever, he has done a great job tending the plant beds. The HOA appreciates anyone who would like to help keep our entrances beautiful, or with other duties such as security patrol. If interested, please call Tom Tucker at 937-5935.

Board Members

<b>President:</b>	Tom Tucker 937-5935	<b>Unit Directors</b>	
		Unit 1:	Jeff Maye 940-2652
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Richard Siems 939-1232	Unit 2:	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
		Unit 3:	Richard Siems 939-1232
<b>Secretary:</b>	Linda Bergemann 934-1671	Unit 4:	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
		Unit 5:	Sunny Norfleet 938-7049
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<b>Newsletter:</b>	Jeff & Theresa Maye 940-2652	Unit 8:	Ellen Collins 934-0622
		Unit 9:	Carol Hudson 938-3012



Webpage: www.oakleafvillagehoa.org

TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership:  
What Do You Get In Return?

- A voice at the Homeowners Association Meetings.
  - A viable Homeowners Association that fights for what is best for you and the neighborhood at city hall.
  - Eligibility for neighborhood contests.
  - Discounted newsletter advertising.
  - The knowledge that you are a part of keeping this neighborhood one of the most desirable in Tarpon Springs with climbing property values.
- Plus, you help pay for entrance decorations, academic achievement award, social events, the newsletters, security patrol, web page, the community garage sale and utility costs.

Everyone involved with the Oakleaf Village Homeowners Association gives a sincere thanks to those who have joined this year!

2017 Annual Dues

Return this portion with your dues of  
**\$25<sup>00</sup>**

✂  
Mail to: Oakleaf Village Home Owners Association  
PO Box 75 • Tarpon Springs FL • 34688

Name of Resident(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at this address: \_\_\_\_\_



# Interesting Information About the Christmas Tree



- The use of evergreen to celebrate the winter season goes at least as far back as the ancient Celts, Romans, and Vikings.
- The first decorated Christmas tree was in Riga, Latvia in 1510.
- The first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531 and were referred to as Paradise trees.
- The most common Christmas Tree species are: balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.
- Besides evergreens, other types of trees such as cherry and hawthorns were used as Christmas trees in the past.
- On average, over 2,000 Christmas trees are planted per acre.
- There are approximately 25-30 million Real Christmas Trees sold in the U.S. every year.
- Using small candles to light a Christmas tree dates back to the middle of the 17th century.
- In 1846, Queen Victoria and her German Prince, Albert, were sketched in the Illustrated London News standing with their children

around a Christmas tree. Unlike the previous royal family, Victoria was very popular with her subjects, and what was done at court immediately became fashionable—not only in Britain, but with fashion-conscious East Coast American Society

- Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882. Christmas tree lights were first mass-produced in 1890.

- In 1900, large stores started to erect big illuminated Christmas trees.

- The tradition of an official Chicago Christmas tree was initiated in 1913 when one was first lit by Mayor Carter H. Harrison in Grant Park.

- The official Christmas tree tradition at Rockefeller Center began in 1933. Since 2004 the tree has been topped with a 550-pound Swarovski Crystal star. And since 2007, the tree has been lit with 30,000 energy-efficient LED's which are powered by solar panels.

- Every year since 1947, the people of Oslo, Norway have given a Christmas tree to the city of Westminster, England. The gift is an expression of good will and gratitude for Britain's help to Norway during World War II.

- Since 1971, the Province of Nova Scotia has presented the Boston Christmas tree to the people of Boston, in gratitude for the relief supplies received from the citizens of Boston after a ship exploded in 1917 following a collision in the Halifax, Nova Scotia Harbor. Part of the city was leveled, killing and injuring thousands.

- In 1856 Franklin Pierce, the 14th President of the United States, was the first President to place a Christmas tree in the White House.

- President Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923.

- Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.

- In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.

- You should never burn your Christmas tree in the fireplace. It can contribute to creosote buildup.

Information for this article was found at history.com and extension.illinois.edu

## DEED RESTRICTION NOTICE

*Deed restrictions for Oakleaf Village does not allow chicken ownership.*

Although the City of Tarpon Springs recently voted to allow having up to 4 hens (2013), the deed restrictions here at Oakleaf Village do not allow it.

The deed restrictions state, "No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose."

### TARPON POLICE TIP LINE:

**727-937-0445 Ext. 8106**

Go online to <http://www.tspd.us/> to keep up with the latest scam news.

### TARPON POLICE NON-EMERGENCY

**(727) 938-2849**

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Size	Members	Non-Members
1/8 Page (Monthly)	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
1/4 Page Monthly	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
1/8 page (Yearly)	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
1/4 page (Yearly)	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

Contact Jeff & Theresa Maye of Design Magic Studio if interested in advertising 727-940-2652

# Advertise your Business Here!

**\$20.00**  
Per Issue\*

\*\$20 per issue for members of Oakleaf Village HOA. \$25 for non-members

## CITY CODE

**Did you know that it is in the city code to have numbering on your house?**

The Tarpon Springs city code states, "For public safety reasons, properties must have their address number conspicuously displayed on the structure, clearly visible from the street that they face. Residential and commercial properties must have numbers at least 3 inches in height. In addition, nonresidential properties are required to display their numbers on their rear door. Take note, the spray painted numbers on the curb do not count and are not necessary.

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