

Village View

A Publication of the Oakleaf Village Homeowners Association



RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER... Brooker Creek Preserve - “Our Wildest Place”

At approximately 8700 acres, Brooker Creek Preserve is the largest natural area in Pinellas County. It consists primarily of forested wetlands and pine flatwoods. Bordered by dense urban development, the Preserve provides both a unique refuge for native flora and fauna as well as an opportunity for citizens to explore the natural beauty of wild Florida.

The Preserve also serves to protect a significant portion of the Brooker Creek Watershed. A complex of hiking and equestrian trails provide visitors an opportunity to explore the Preserve’s many ecosystems.

The award-winning Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center supports the applied management and ecological monitoring objectives of the division through educational programming and volunteerism.

The Center provides a window into natural Florida through interpretive programs and guided nature tours with educational instruction, exhibits and public outreach activities, presentations and workshops, and other events. Residents and visitors alike who are curious to learn more about the Preserve and its history can experience, discover and better understand the connections between people and the land through Center offerings.

Nestled amid a wetland forest alongside Brooker Creek, the Center is a beautiful, 25,000-square-foot, three-building complex designed in old Florida Pioneer-style architecture. It includes a 6,000-square-foot exhibit area, indoor and out-of-doors classrooms, and an auditorium capable of seating over 200 people.

A Resource Center is available for citizens seeking help with projects such as landscaping with native plants, retention pond reclamation, or identification of flora and fauna.

Our mission is to empower citizens to improve their quality of life and establish a connection with their environment through research-based educational programs focused on natural, cultural and historical resources.



Free Admission! - Donations Welcome

3940 Keystone Road • Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

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Educational Center Hours:

Open Thursday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

See inside for Brooker Creek’s Annual Events List

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DISSTON UPDATE

Work has commenced on the Disston Rd. Oakleaf Village HOA is working with the town and Department of Public Works to keep homeowners updated on the changes.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

If you have some neighborhood news such as birthdays, graduations, marriages and such, let us know. Send us a Facebook message and we will put it in the newsletter.

- Meetings
- The next HOA meeting is March 5th.
Tarpon Springs Community Center, Walton Avenue

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 2017
Scott Rolseth at 601 Ivey Ln. Unit 6





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TARPON SPRINGS
& LOCAL EVENTS

Movies at Craig Park
Fri, February 23
6pm – 8pm
Craig Park, Tarpon Springs
The Tarpon Springs Recreation Department will be hosting monthly Movies in Craig Park. Grab your lawn chairs and come enjoy the show. Popcorn and other concessions will be available. Call for movie listings 727-942-5628.

Sunset Beach Concert
Thu, March 1
7pm – 9pm
Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs
Concerts are on the first Thursday of the month (February through November) and start at 7pm. Bonfires, weather permitting, at the February, March, October and November concerts. Concessions are available for purchase. Alcohol and pets are prohibited. Parking is limited onsite, so a courtesy shuttle will deliver concert goers to and from the beach and Tarpon Springs High.

Bay Area Renaissance Festival
WEEKENDS ONLY
Feb. 10th, 2018 - March 25th, 2018
10am - 6pm
11315 N 46th St, Tampa
Food, comedy and magic shows, jousting and more! Tickets available online, at Walgreens and at the gate.

Brooker Creek Preserve Annual
Events and Programs.

Booktime at Brooker
Every Thursday: Free - 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Bring your pre-schooler to this program designed to connect them to the wonders of the natural world. In addition to hearing a great story, your child will participate in a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story that is read. This activity is recommended for ages 3 to 5. Space is limited. Preregistration is required for children, but accompanying adults do not need to register themselves. Registration closes for this activity 24 hours before the program. Please check in at the front desk.

Wildflower Garden Club
Last Saturday of every month: Free
Winter Hours (November - March): 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Summer Hours (April - October): 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Join the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve and get your gardening hands dirty in our wildflower garden! Please bring your garden gloves and hat and meet outside of the Auditorium. Morning snacks are usually provided!

OAKLEAF VILLAGE TRIVIA

- Did you know?
- Oakleaf Village was established by Criterion Corporation in February 1976
 - The four original builders constructed model homes on Red Oak, White Oak and Bamboo
 - Walter Crowley and Bob Roberts were two of the founders of the Oakleaf Village Homeowners' Association (OVHA)
 - The bylaws for OVHA were codified in 1978
 - The first OVHA president was Nancy Branch
 - Walter Crowley was the first newsletter editor
 - OVHA presented the first Academic Achievement Award in 1987 to Kim Kass
 - The first OVHA Spring Fling was in 2002
 - As the result of a contest, the OVHA newsletter was renamed Village View in 2003
 - OVHA continues to provide a security patrol, maintenance of the entrances, social activities, the newsletter and website, awards, government representation and more

OAKLEAF VILLAGE IS A DEED
RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Oakleaf Village is a deed-restricted community of 478 homes, divided into nine units each with a separate and slightly different set of deed restrictions. The deed restrictions are a legal and binding attachment to each and every purchase or occupancy in Oakleaf Village. The purpose of deed restrictions is to maintain the quality and consistency, as well as the aesthetic and financial value of the entire development.

The Officers and Board Of Directors of the Oakleaf Village Homeowners' Association, Inc. are elected annually and are governed by a set of BYLAWS that charge them with the authority to protect and enhance the value of the Village by maintaining compliance with the Deed Restrictions.

When OVHA is informed of a deed restriction violation, we notify the homeowner and request that they fix the violation. If it is a city code violation, the city of Tarpon Springs is notified and OVHA monitors the situation and the city's actions. We always look for amicable solutions. We want Oakleaf to remain a pleasant and livable community for all residents.

The deed restrictions for each unit are posted on our website, www.oakleafvillagehoa.org or you may contact your unit director for additional information.

NEWSPAPERS

Each week local newspapers are delivered to residents of Oakleaf village. we are asking you to pick them up off the street, sidewalk or yard even if you do not read them. Throw them away if you wish, but please do not let them rot in the street.

Thank you
HOA board.



Letter from the
PRESIDENT

It's the time of year to pay your Homeowners Association dues for 2018. The association, whose board is made up of your friends and neighbors, along with our deed restrictions is here to assure the valuation of our properties. That's it in a nutshell. Though their tasks may be many, this is the main goal. To promote community spirit and preserve property values. Please send your dues today. It's still only \$25.00. Best bargain in town.

We have included an envelope with your newsletter for your dues. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to include them. We love hearing from you.

Have a safe and prosperous New Year from all of us at OVHA.

Tom Tucker
President

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