

THINGS TO DO

Largo Central Park Lights

When: November 24th – January 1st @ 5:00pm –11:00pm

Where: Largo

Description: This family-friendly annual tradition presented by the City of Largo features a spectacular holiday light display, stunning carousel, and seven-story Ferris wheel that offers a breathtaking bird's-eye view of the 70-acre Largo Central Park and more than two million dazzling LED lights.

Cost: FREE to attend.

Holiday Lights in the Gardens

When: November 24th – January 1st @ 5:030pm –9:30pm

Where: Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo,

Description: The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation invites you to attend its annual winter fund-raiser, beginning the day after Thanksgiving and ending the first day of the new year. The Gardens will sparkle with 1 million, twinkling, LED lights in a multitude of colors. Vibrant laser lights and lighted figures round out our display to wow guests of all ages.

Cost: Suggested donation \$10 per person, ages 12 and under free

Tarpon Springs Epiphany

When: January 6th @ 8:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Tarpon Springs Bayou

Description: 117th annual Epiphany

Cost: FREE to attend.

First Friday - Tarpon Springs

When: January 6th @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Tarpon ave.

Description: Join the Tarpon Springs Merchants Association in Historic Downtown Tarpon Springs on Tarpon Avenue for our First Friday event. There will be vendors, food, music, beer.

Cost: FREE to attend.

Art Festival - Downtown Dunedin

When: January 7th - 8th @ 10:00am – 5:00pm

Where: 315 main St. – Dunedin

Description: Downtown Dunedin Art Festival features illustrations of clay, digital, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, wood, acrylic, oils, etc.

Cost: FREE to attend.


Gasparilla Pirate Invasion and Parade- Tampa

When: January 22nd @ 11:30am – 6:00 pm



Where: Bayshore Blvd

Description: On Saturday, January 28, at 11:30 A.M., the only fully-rigged pirate ship in the world, the Jose Gasparilla, emerges at the south end of Hillsborough Bay followed by hundreds if not thousands of boats. The vibrant Gasparilla Flotilla then makes its way across Hillsborough Bay and into Seddon Channel (between Davis Island & Harbour Island) and the Gasparilla Invasion has begun!

The parade begins at Bay to Bay Boulevard and Bayshore Boulevard. It continues along Bayshore Boulevard to Brorein Street, turns east on Brorein Street, then north on Ashley Drive. The parade ends at Cass Street & Ashley Drive.



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BEAUTIFICATION AWARD



Congratulations and thank you for make Oakleaf village a desirable place to live.

October

Unit 4

224 Earl street

November

Unit 5

Carly & Marcus Spanolis
1388 Crescent Court.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
City of Tarpon Springs.....	938-3711
Tarpon Springs Police	938-2849
Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue	938-3737
National Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233

TARPON POLICE TIP LINE:

727-937-0445 Ext. 8106

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

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Size	Members	Non-Members
1/8 Page (Monthly)	\$20.00	\$25.00
1/8 page (Yearly)	\$75.00	\$100.00
1/4 page (Yearly)	\$100.00	\$150.00

Contact Sara Tucker about advertising in our Newsletter.



Village View

A Publication of the Oakleaf Village Home Owners Association - Winter 2022

Happy Holidays

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Showing your holiday light spirit? We have started posting photos of some of the seasonal decorations being displayed in Oakleaf Village.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Bring some holiday cheer to those in need in our area. Tom and Sara Tucker will be the host for collections of non-perishable food items for our annual food drive. All donations to be delivered to Tom's house prior to January 5th 2023.

Phone: 727-937-5935

OCTOBER MEETING

The Annual October Member meeting which happened on October 4th featured 2 speakers, Officer Boone of the Tarpons Springs Police department and Commissioner Panagiotis (Peter) Koulias.



Officer Boone spoke about crime prevention and the idea of creating a crime watch. He also remind the attendees that if you go on vacation they could have the Tarpon Springs check up on the house while they are gone. Information on Vacation house check can be found at tspd.us/vacation_house.html



Commissioner Koulias talked about the citizens academy The Citizen's Academy guides and educates citizens on the operations that keep the City of Tarpon Springs running. Citizens can sign up to be part of the academy on the cities website. www.ctsfl.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CitizensAcademyApplication.pdf

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President and treasurer to retire at end of 2023!

A major piece of news from the October meeting was that Tom and Sara Tucker would be stepping down as president and treasurer as of the end of 2023. There will be a need for 2 people to come forward to take-up those positions.

Anyone interested should contact Tom Tucker for more information.

CHANCE TO WIN \$50!!!



Do you need another reason to pay your yearly dues?

How about a chance to win a \$50 Gift Card!

Everyone who pays their yearly dues before December 31st 2022 will have a chance to win the \$50 gift card. Send them in early so you don't forget. The winner will be chosen at the February meeting.

HOA NEWS

DOWN TREE REMOVED

The tree that had died and fallen at the Red Oak entrance was removed. Both the town and county refused to take care of it, so the HOA paid to have it removed. This is one of the expenses that Oakleaf village must account for and why having a paid membership is so important.

SOCIAL COMMUNITY DIRECTOR NEEDED

The HOA board is in need of a Social Community Director to organize and orchestrate community events. If you enjoy planning parties and events this may a position for you.

UNIT 8 DIRECTOR NEEDED

If you live in unit 8 (Includes Silver Oak Drive, Whispering Oak Drive, Village Oak Drive, and Newleaf Drive) the HOA is in need of a director for that unit.

The job is simple, come to HOA meetings 6x per year and deliver the news letter to your unit, also 6x per year.

2023 Annual Dues

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!

Return this portion with your dues of just \$25⁰⁰

Name of Resident(s): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Length of time at this address: _____

(Please Print)

Mail to:

Oakleaf Village Home Owners Association
PO Box 75 • Tarpon Springs FL • 34688



DARK NIGHTS



Story by Dinah Beres

We are going into the dark time of the year. Working folks who exercise before work will be doing it in the dark. People who like an early start on the day will also be out. Daylight savings time ended November 6, which made daylight an hour earlier.

Last year I nearly ran someone down. He was walking down the street in my lane dressed in long sleeve black hoodie and black trousers. Trees blocked the street light from lighting him, and blocked the moonlight from lighting him. The headlight on my bike did find him, but I was uncomfortably close when it did.

The sidewalks are frequently blocked by parked cars (over 75 cars blocking sidewalks) Most sidewalks go around the corner instead of reaching the street, forcing you to go across grass, and sprinklers sprinkle the sidewalk. People who want unobstructed walking like the street. Walk near the curb facing traffic—if a car is coming at you, you want to see it and get out of the way.

Cars use headlights. Pedestrians and bicycles have no such requirement—but common sense dictates that they should. You put your life at risk if you are in the street and cars can't see you. Or on the Pinellas trail and a bike is approaching.

Bicycle headlights are inexpensive and easy to find — all bicycle shops, Ace hardware, Walmart, Amazon, etc. Have some fun with it and buy lights for your wheels—I have had many compliments on my wheel lights.

Human lights vary from inexpensive clip-ons to headlamps to body lights changing to rainbow colors in LED tubes, with a flashlight in front. Available in Ace hardware, Walmart, Amazon, any camping supply, etc.

Safety Vests are widely available and cost as little as \$5. They are light colored to be easily seen, and have reflective strips that will blaze back when caught in headlight or flashlight. For fancier gear, illumINITE on the web sells classy reflective jackets, shirts, etc.

The life you save could be your own.

Board Members and Information

President:	Tom Tucker 937-5935	Unit Directors	
Vice-President:	Linda Bergemann 934-1671	Unit 1:	Jeffrey Maye 727-940-2652
Secretary:	Robyn Matos 727-692-8665	Unit 2:	Robyn Matos 727-692-8665
Treasurer:	Sara Tucker 937-5935	Unit 3:	Maggie Leslie 317-903-8935
Newsletter:	Volunteer Needed (Jeffrey Maye)	Unit 4:	Steve Kikta 239-671-7437
Websites:	Jeffrey Maye	Unit 5:	Geneva Paladis 727-937-9477
Social Community Director:	Volunteer Needed	Unit 6:	Diane Jugy
		Unit 7:	John Truman 305-282-0886
		Unit 8:	Need Volunteer
		Unit 9:	Stacy Ernst 410-279-6072



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Next Meeting:
February 6th 2023
Tarpon Springs Community Center