# **THINGS TO DO**

#### **Greek Independence Parade**

*When:* Friday, March 17th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm *Where:* Sponge Docks, 750 Dodecanese Blvd

**Description:** A free family event

Cost: FREE to attend

#### Tarpon Springs Easter Egg-Stravaganza

When: Friday, March 23rd, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Where: Sports Complex, 150 N. Jasmine Avenue Description: Hop on over to the sports complex for a spectacular egg hunt. We will have children's activities, crafts, bounce houses and more!

Cost: FREE to attend

#### Tampa Airfest 2024

When: Friday/Saturday March 29-30

*Where:* MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida *Description:* This two-day event is your chance to get up close and personal with military/civilian aircraft and pilots! This includes the USAF Thunderbirds.

Cost: FREE to attend.

#### **Sunset Beach Concert Series - The Doodads**

When: April 4th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: Sunset Beach

**Description:** The 2024 Sunset Beach Concert Series is brought to you by the City of Tarpon Springs & AdventHealth North Pinellas. Concerts are on the first Thursday of the month (February through November) and start at 7 pm. In the event of inclement weather and the concert is canceled before the start time, the concert will be held the following Thursday. Concessions are available for purchase. Alcohol and pets are prohibited. Parking is limited



onsite, so a free courtesy shuttle will deliver concert goers to and from the beach and Tarpon Springs High School.

Cost: FREE to attend.

#### **April First Friday Tarpon Springs**

When: Friday, April 5th, 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Where: Main Street, Tarpon Springs

**Description:** A free family event held the first Friday of the month – featuring Art, Food, Shops and Music,

with a fun Doggie Palooza theme!

Cost: FREE to attend.

#### **Spring Clean-Up**

When: Sunday April 7th, 7:00 am

Where: Your House

**Description:** Place items such as furniture, mattresses, smal bulky household items, carpet and padding, ovens, washers, dryers or microwaves, at curb before 7:00 am.

Items the **WILL NOT** be picked up are tires, yard waste, propane tanks, air conditioning units, concrete, construction material over 4', refrigerators, freezers, TV's, electronics or chemicals.

# **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**



APPLY NOW FOR THE OAKLEAF VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The purpose of the award is to recognize a high school senior resident who has achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The parents or guardians must be OVHA members and in good standing for at least two years. The applicant must be a senior at a regular high school in Pinellas County and reside in Oakleaf Village. The applicant must provide a letter summarizing the following: academic history, extracurricular and community activities, scholarly achievement and academic and career goals. A certified copy of the student's high school transcript must accompany the application.

The winner will be awarded a \$200.00 check from the Oakleaf Village Homeowners' Association.

Applications must be received by April 30th, 2024.

For more information call Stacy Ernst at 410-279-6072.



# Village View

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# A few Springy things to bring in the season March 19 2024 at 11:06 p.m.

- The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox It is one of the two moments in the year when the Sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length. The term vernal is Latin for "spring" and equinox is Latin for "equal night."
- The fall and spring equinoxes are the only two times during the year when the sun rises due east and sets due west.
- The first day of spring in the Southern Hemisphere is the first day of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Some of the holidays that occur in the Northern spring include Easter, Passover, April Fool's Day, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, May Day, and Cinco De Mayo.
- The rabbit is often a symbol for spring which is abundant with themes for new life, new beginnings, and growth.
- The earliest story of the modern Easter Bunny dates back to the 1600s, when it's first mentioned in German writings (reports Mental Floss). This rabbit, called "Oschter Haws" or Easter hare, was believed to lay a nest of colorful eggs for children who were good.
- The Easter Bunny also went with European settlers to Australia—as did actual bunnies. These rabbits, fertile as they are, got a little out of control, so the Aussies regard them as serious pests.
- A bunny's big ears aren't just for listening! They also help regulate the rabbit's body temperatures. The ears' blood vessels swell when it's hot out, and contract when it's cold.

# ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



After the holidays, the food pantry at the Tarpon Springs Shepard Center is looking pretty bare. Therefore the Oakleaf Village HOA is having a food drive to help restock.

Please bring your non-perishable items to the Tucker house at:

1289 S. Disston Ave. between March 25 and 29th.

That way we can get it to them for Easter.

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# **BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**



Congratulations and thank you for making Oakleaf Village a desirable place to live.

#### **February**

#### Unit 4

Christine Desiderio – 1397 Wellington

# **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

Even though the HOA members thought we had a full board, it turns out that many of the positions we thought that were filled are still opened.

We still need some people to step up and fill some of these positions.

Open positions include:

- President
- Treasurer
- Unit 4 Director
- Unit 5 Director
- Security patrol

# Oakleaf Village Gardner

Now that it's near spring, it's a good time to get those bulbs, like Caladiums and other tropical bulbs, in the ground. They will sprout in a few weeks and look nice all summer and into the fall. You can also plant your favorite annual flowers now.

It's a good time to fertilize the lawn. If you feed your

grass a slow release fertilizer in March it will last all summer. If you have some winter weeds, it's a good time to treat those as well.



# **BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR**



Having neighborly etiquette is key to maintaining a positive relationship with those in your neighborhood. From handling your pets to respecting other peoples property, here are some tips on how to be a good neighbor.

• Treat others in a way that you expect to be treated If you do not treat other kindly do not expect others to treat you kindly.

#### • Maintain Your Curb Appeal

One bad looking house or yard can bring down property values of the whole neighborhood. So do what you can to keep your home and yard looking good

#### • Be a Mindful Pet Owner

Remember to clean up after your pets especially when walking them. Also remember Pinellas county has a leash law for both dogs and cats.

#### • Fence Etiquette

The deed restrictions have requirements on where fences can be placed.

#### • Follow Community Rules

Keep in mind this is a Deed Restricted Community.

#### • Keep the Noise Down

People live, work, and sleep on different schedules, everyone should remember this before making a lot of noise around the home or on the streets.

#### Handle Conflict Peacefully

You own or rent a home... Then guess what? Your an adult. If you have a problem with a neighbor, or a neighbor has a problem with you, then work it out as an adult. There is no problem that can not be worked out peacefully, because the alternative is something that can get very messy, very quickly.

#### • Get involved with your neighborhood

Attend events going on — it's a great way to meet your neighbors, get on good terms and maybe even form lasting friendships.





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1/4 page (Yearly)	\$100.00	\$150.00

Contact Sara Tucker about advertising in our Newsletter.

# **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.

# **BOARD MEMBERS**

**President:** Tom Tucker -**Volunteer Needed** 727-937-5935

Treasurer: Sara Tucker - Volunteer Needed

Vice-President: Theresa Maye

Secretary: Volunteer Needed

Newsletter: Jeffrey Maye
Websites: Jeffrey Maye

**Social Community Director: Volunteer Needed** 

Welcome Committee: Stacy Ernst & Sara Tucker

#### **Unit Directors**

**Unit 1:** Jeffrey Maye **727**-940-2652

**Unit 2:** Robyn Matos 727-692-8665

**Unit 3:** Maggie Leslie 317-903-8935

Unit 4: Volunteer Needed

**Unit 5:** Volunteer Needed

Unit 6: Diane Jugy
Unit 7: Dinah Beres
760-382-2646

Unit 8: Jessica Newkirk

727-252-4330

**Unit 9:** Stacy Ernst 410-279-6072

# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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 $\textbf{Facebook:} \ www.facebook.com/Oakleaf Village HOA$ 

Instagram: www.instagram.com/oakleaf\_village\_lfl/

# **NEXT MEETING**

April 2nd 2024

**Tarpon Springs Community Center**