



# TAMPA PALMS NEWSLETTER

April - May 2014



## Tampa Women's Club Fashion For Charity



The Tampa Palms Women's Club Fashion Show has been an annual Tampa Palms event for decades.

It is a fun-filled afternoon of fashion - the latest styles presented courtesy of local businesses. Members take to the runway like experienced super models, joined by the occasional husband, child and grandchild. There is also dining, raffles and amazing prizes.

For information and tickets call 903-9034.

Each year the TPWC presents the Fashion Show as a fundraiser to support praiseworthy organizations that focus on the needs of the most worthy in our community - the children.



**OASIS** - Providing necessities to needy children in Hillsborough County Schools- necessities such as gently used clothing, new uniforms, socks & underwear, shoes, hygiene items, alarm clocks and school supplies.

**Kids and Canines** - Working with at-risk teens, teaching them how to train assistance dogs for individuals with disabilities

**God's Pedal Power**- Providing free, usually refurbished, bicycles to needy children.

**Rich House** - Serving the needs of needy children and their families.

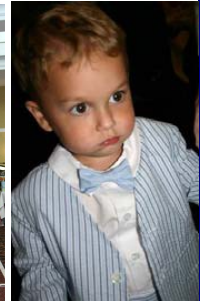
**House of Hope** - Providing support to mothers reentering society after incarceration, allowing them to reenter the lives of the families.



**Be part of these solutions and enjoy a great day of fashion. See you at the Fashion Show!**

WHEN:	Thursday, April 10, 2014
WHERE:	Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club
TIME:	10:30 Social Time 11:30 Fashion Show and Luncheon
ADMISSION *	\$25.00

\*Ticket price includes luncheon (with complimentary Mimosa), door prizes, and donation to the charities.





# News From the TPOA

## PUT THEM AWAY

Garbage and recycle collection has improved substantially in Tampa Palms.

### The Good News

The new garbage and recycle containers have virtually cured any problem with unprotected garbage bags left for collection and opened by wild animals who spread the contents on the streets.



### The Bad News

Unfortunately, there are some residents negligent in putting the garbage and recycle containers away on the evening of collection.

The TPOA receives more complaints about garbage containers left street-side after collections - sometimes for days -than any other standards failure.

Garbage and recycle containers should be removed from the street as promptly as possible- in no event left overnight.



**ARTICLE XII SECTION 8. Clotheslines, Garbage Cans, Tanks, Etc.** All clotheslines, garbage cans, above-ground tanks, and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Units, streets, and property located adjacent to the Unit.

The TPOA has no choice: citations are on the way to non-compliant residents.

**Upscale neighborhoods do not display garbage or garbage containers along the streets after collection day.**

## A NOTE ABOUT TPOA LIENS

The TPOA frequently get inquires from surprised and maybe even shocked owners about a lien placed on their property.

A lien is a form of security interest granted over an item of property to secure the payment of a debt or performance of some other obligation. **They are a matter of public record.**

Though any owner subject to a TPOA lien was repeatedly warned before the lien action was taken, some simply throw the legal notifications away say “who cares”..... until they care.

Owners have advised the TPOA that they have found :

- Many credit card companies have the agreements that allow them to limit credit or increase interest rates when there is evidence of liens.
- Many organization will refuse to extend credit if the owners’ property is subject to a liens.
- Renegotiation of mortgages or the acquisition of new mortgages is detrimentally affected.

The TPOA only places liens on owner property most reluctantly and only when there is no alternative:

- Unpaid owner dues.
- Uncorrected standards failures and/or unpaid fines for failures.

If you have unpaid assessments or have been notified about standards failures, call the TPOA and review the situation. **Don’t just burn money on legal fees or other costs.**



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## Compton Park Playground Closed

Work on the new meeting facility at Compton Park has gotten underway in earnest.

As of March 20th chain link fencing is in place to protect the construction area. Notwithstanding the security provided by the fence, the TPOA Board has determined that having children in such close proximity to construction is not a good idea.

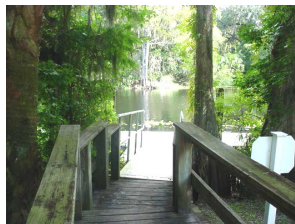
The playground facilities have been closed until completion of the construction. In the coming weeks the existing play equipment will be disassembled and removed.

When the construction is complete, a new and improved playground will be installed.



Until that time there are three other Tampa Palms parks available to meet residents' recreation needs:

- River Park - Tampa Palms own "mini state park" with Hillsborough River access, pavilion and restroom facilities and miles of trails to enjoy.
- Hampton Park - Athletic events of tennis and racquetball, along with a pavilion and playground facilities.
- Amberly Park - Quiet repose of paths and benches to view the lake and fountain with a pavilion and playground facilities.



## Moving To Complete The Compton Park Renewal

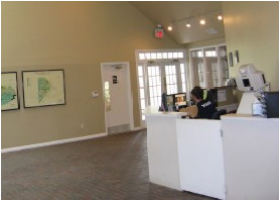
The Compton Park clubhouse has served Tampa Palms well. Built in the late 1980's it received a facelift in the late 90's to reconfigure and better utilize the limited space available.



The adopted plan for Compton Park includes construction of a second building on the Compton site, attached to the main clubhouse by a covered walkway. This building will accommodate additional activities but minimize the requirements for additional staff.



Upon completion of the second building, renovations to the existing clubhouse would commence thereby converting the existing clubhouse into a more usable and community-friendly space.



Plans for that renovation are underway and will be presented to the community at the Sept Business Meeting - just ahead of the opening of the new building.

### What To Do With The Fitness Room?

The original building will continue to house the offices for the TPOA, along with file storage, increased restroom facilities [for both the building and pool], an improved kitchen layout and a fitness center.



The TPOA is currently designing the layout and evaluating equipment for the refurbished fitness room.

If there is a piece of equipment you would like to see made available or have other comments on the new room, send your suggestions to the TPOA.

To make your thoughts known to the design team, simply call or email Bonnie French

977-3337

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## Tampa Palms Elementary



### Notes and Comments Principal Kimberly Keenan.....

Dear Families,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our annual school carnival and auction on Saturday, April 26th.

The carnival and auction create so many special memories for our children and families. A special thank you to all of our PTA carnival volunteers, teachers, and staff for helping to make the carnival a success!



### Volunteer Social

We so appreciate all that our volunteers do to help support our school. We would like to warmly invite all of our volunteers to attend the annual Volunteer Social on **Monday, May 19th in the Media Center at 8:30am**. We hope all of our wonderful volunteers will be able to attend.



### Thank you!

A very special thank you to the Home Depot on Bruce B Downs for their incredible support of our school. Home Depot generously supports our outdoor learning classroom throughout the school year through their donations of gardening materials, plants, and supplies. Thank you Home Depot for being such an amazing supporter of Tampa Palms!



### Kindergarten Round-Up

Please mark your calendar for Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, May 23rd at 8:30 am in the cafeteria. Our May Kindergarten Round-Up is for families who missed Kindergarten Round-Up in January. Families with children entering Kindergarten in August are invited to come and tour the school, learn about the Kindergarten curriculum, and register for Kindergarten.

We are accepting complete registrations for Kindergarten at this time. Please register early to secure your spot!

### Flight of the Eagle

Lace up your walking shoes and get ready to move! Each year Tampa Palms holds a themed walk/run lap challenge for all TPE students called "Flight of the Eagle". This year our theme is "American Road trip" and Mr. Paschal and Mr. Macaluso have challenged our students to walk/run 25,000 laps around the 1/5 mile track in five days

#### Flight of the Eagle runs from April 21st-April 25th

On April 22nd -April 25th the following will be the Flight of the Eagle schedule:

11:30-12:00	Grades K and 1
12:05-12:35	Grades 4
12:40-1:10	Grade 5
1:15-1:45	Grade 2 and 3

On April 21st the Flight of the Eagle track will be open from 8:10 am - 1:10 pm. You will need to contact your child's classroom teacher to see what time they are scheduled to participate in Flight of the Eagle.

Our Flight of the Eagle closing ceremony will be on **May 8th from 8:30am-9:30am** on the PE court. All families are invited to attend this celebration of physical fitness!

We need parents to help during this exciting program! If you are interested in volunteering to assist with stamping laps and/or supervising students, please contact Tina Porricolo, our PTA Flight of the Eagle Coordinator, at 924-7652.

### FCAT Testing in April

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the FCAT and it is very important that children arrive at school on time, are well rested, and eat breakfast at home or at school.

#### FCAT Schedule

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the FCAT on the following days:

April 22nd-May 7th.



Parents interested in volunteering on testing dates must first confirm that the teacher they are volunteering for isn't testing that day. and arrive in the classroom by 8:00 am and stay in the classroom until testing is over or arrive at school when testing is over around 11:30 am.





## Beware of the Alligators

Because of its unique location, Tampa Palms is home to literally thousands of alligators. They inhabit the 80 storm water ponds, the wet-lands and, of course, the Hillsborough River.

There are a few common sense rules for keeping your children, pets and yourself safe from these intriguing but dangerous neighbors:

1. Leave alligators alone. Provoked, with a stick or even noise, they become much more dangerous.
2. NEVER feed, or allow others to feed an alligator. They lose their fear of humans and begin to view humans as a food source.
3. Make certain that small children do not play or even approach a pond or river bank or a wetland boundary.



4. Keep pets away from ponds and wetlands. An alligator can strike to grab a dog— even one on a leash - in seconds with tragic consequences for the pet and the owner.
5. Remember that alligators are most active from dusk to dawn so be wary of ponds at night.
6. If you are cut or bitten by an alligator— even a very small one— seek medical attention. Alligators carry numerous bacteria dangerous to humans.

Large alligators, in particular those which have been fed by humans, are extremely dangerous. This one was taken from the Asbury pond a few years ago and weighed more than 300 lbs.



Fla Fish & Game will have trappers remove nuisance (large or aggressive) alligators.

**If you need to report a nuisance alligator, call 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286).**

## Spring Cleaning? Remember The Outside

Spring is in the air and the season for outdoor living has arrived. Now is the time to get a jump-start on reconditioning the things around the outside of your home - things that make all the difference in curb appeal, as well as, the value of your property.

### Take Stock— What Needs To Be Done

1. Has mud or mildew collected in places on your home or roof?

Many times a little spot cleaning will make all the difference in a home's appearance.



2. Is your mailbox saying unfortunate things about your home?

It's unlikely your mailbox looks like this one but rust, mildew, fading paint on the post or a leaning post all make a home look unkempt

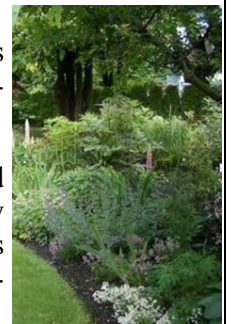
Mailbox problems are VERY easy to correct.



3. Check your shrub beds.

Are the bed lines even? Do plants need a spring trimming and grooming?

Are shrubs or other required screens properly hiding your utility boxes or air conditioning units from view from the street or neighbors?



The personal pride of ownership, the need to sustain the value of what is often the primary owner asset, as well as, the requirements of the Tampa Palms governing documents all demand that all homes be well kept-up.

If you have questions about what is allowed or if your home meets the requirements of the TPOA, simply call Bonnie French (TPOA Property Manager 977-3337) and discuss.

A little consulting and some targeted action can prevent a the issuance of deed restriction violation notice.



# New Tampa Rotary

New Tampa AM Rotary was the first of three Rotary Chapters in the New Tampa area. The Rotary Club of New Tampa's membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. Regular weekly club breakfast meetings are held on Friday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Banquet Hall at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club, 5811 Tampa Palms Blvd.

The Rotary Club of New Tampa participated in a Service Project with Meals of Hope on Saturday March 22 in the cafeteria of Freedom High School.



The event was called Rotary Feeds America – the goal was to assemble 25,000 fortified meal packets in 2 hours. Each meal feeds 4-6 people. 700,000 people in west central Florida struggle with hunger (250,000 of them are children.)



The meals were passed on to local Feeding America group. Rotary will create 100,000 meals in Tampa with this project.



The food products were provided by Meals of Hope and the meals were distributed by Feeding America Tampa Bay.

This was a community event: project partners include:

- Meals of Hope
- Freedom High School InterAct Club and NJROTC
- Feeding America Tampa Bay
- DeBartolo Family



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**Tampa Palms Parks**

Compton Park 972-0897  
 Hampton Park 972-5699  
 River Park 971-6241

**Police & Fire**

**911**

Non-Emergency Police 231-6130  
 Non-Emergency Fire 223-4211

**Local Schools**

Tampa Palms Elementary 975-7390  
 Lawton Chiles Elementary 558-5422  
 Liberty Middle School 558-1180  
 Freedom High School 558-1185

**Miscellaneous**


Street Repairs 622-1940  
 TECO 223-0800  
 Progressive Waste Management 248-2820  
 Water Department 274-8121  
 New Tampa Rec. 975-2794  
 Stormwater (Floods or **Dumping**) 622-1901



# Tampa Palms Calendar



## APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
April 13 Palm Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday April 26 Tampa Palms Elementary Carnival		1 1-4 TPWC 6-9 Chess Club	2 10-12 Private Event 3:15-4:15 Private Event 6-9 Fly Fishing	3 10-2 Women's Club 4-9 Private Event	4 9-12 Children Music	5 11-4 Private Event 5-10 Private Event
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## **Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda**

**April 9 , 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Compton Park Recreation Building**  
**16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Strategic Planning
4. Public Comments
5. Board Member Discussions
6. Project Updates
  - BB Downs Update
  - Power Corridor Restoration
  - Tampa Palms Ponds
  - Forward Financial Modeling
7. Misc. Board Business
8. Public Comments
9. Board Member Discussions
10. Adjourn

## **Chiles Elementary Flea Market**

Reserve your table today for only \$20!

**Saturday, April 5th**  
**8:00 - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Chiles cafeteria.**



You can set your table up between 7 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Donation trucks will be coming by at 12:00 p.m. to collect any unwanted/unsold items.

The Chiles flea market will be advertised in local papers and online.

The 5th grade car wash will run simultaneously so it will be a high traffic area which will hopefully promote great sales for you!



Let your neighbors know about the Chiles Elementary School flea market.

Anyone can purchase a table!