

# TAMPA PALMS ® NEWSLETTER

May-June 2021

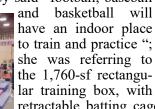
### The Expanded New Tampa Recreation Center Open To Serve the Community

#### **Mission Complete After Two Years**

Tampa Palms' own Tracy Falkowitz, CDD and TPOA boards member, delivered one of the keynote remarks at the 2021 New Tampa Rec Center ribbon cutting.

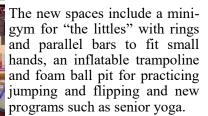
Tracy who studiously avoids taking any credit for all the work she helped coordinate to make these improvements a reality, extolled the virtues of the NTRC including the expanded "reach" of the new facilities and programs.

For the first time Tracy said "football, baseball



retractable batting cages in the pictures to the right.

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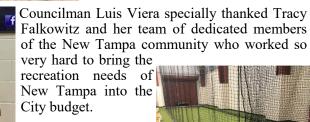






Mayor Castor thanked everyone who played a part in creating this beautiful community amenity.

In particular she commended all the Parks & Rec staff members who work with young people and never lose sight of the awesome impact that they can have on the lives they touch.



He briefly recounted the many difficulties

involved in getting the needs of New Tampa for both Fire Rescue and Recreation into the light and the fact that this expansion was narrowly approved.

He ended his remarks by noting New Tampa residents have so much to give the city and "lets enjoy this wonderful rec center".









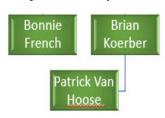
### **News From the TPOA**



### Who Does What for The TPOA? Two Property Managers & An Amenity Manager

With so many new young families moving to Tampa Palms in the last two years, it makes sense to review who supports the residents of Tampa Palms and in what specialized areas they each operate.

Tampa Palms enjoys in-house management to avoid the cookie cutter approach often used by *outside* HOA management companies. Hunters Green is another upscale New Tampa community that successfully uses this approach.



There is a three-member professional staff that reports to the TPOA Board and is guided by the TPOA's Business Manager. While they have individual focus and assignments, they support each other in all matters.

**Bonnie French, Property Manager** - Collections, financial matters, new owners' requests, property modification and change requests, assists with property inspections.

**Brian Koerber, Property Manager** - Property inspections, deed restrictions, newsletters, contracts and facility oversight.

**Patrick Van Hoose, Amenities Manager** - Park attendant and guard staff assignment and performance, operation of amenities to include buildings and parks.

Patrick's position, the newest, will expand to include the coordination of special events once the pandemic passes.



### Tampa Palms PHARMACY

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### School Will Be Out Soon & Warm Weather Is Here Early

The warm weather and school vacations make the Compton Park pool THE destination for many Tampa Palms neighbors. Here are a few reminders to help make the pool experience a fun and safe one for all.

The Compton pool is reserved for residents of Tampa Palms Areas. 1 and 2. Residents may bring 2 guests per household.

### Note: the pool is not available to reserve for parties! Pool Rules - For The Safety of All

- Children under 13 years must be accompanied by an adult in the pool area.
- Adults must be IN THE POOL with any child under 8 years old.
- No more than 65 persons are permitted in the pool area at one time.
- There must be at least two people in the pool.
- Pool must be closed anytime there is a threat of contamination such as "diaper failures".
- No running, pushing or horseplay will be tolerated. Violators will be asked to leave the premises.
- No food, beverages or glass containers are permitted on the pool deck.
- Food & beverages are permitted in the pavilion.
- No alcohol or smoking permitted within the fenced pool area.
- No animals, except service animals, are permitted within the fenced pool area.
- No rafts, air mattresses, air rings, balls, buoys, facemasks, snorkels or fins are permitted in the pool. Arm floats, "noodles" and goggles are permitted
- Personal radios and music device should be kept at a low level so as not to disturb others.
- Shower before entering the pool.

The Tampa Palms







**Professional Staff** 

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# Tampa Palms Women's Club Making 2021 A Great Year!



#### June Meeting With Lunch

Certainly it has been a long year coming but finally there appears to be some semblance of normal routine returning for the TPWC.

The June Meeting [Thur. June 3rd] will be held at Compton Park with boxed lunch that will include either sandwiches with a choice of sides [potato salad or baked beans] or a mixed green salad.

- Sandwiches w/ slaw [choice of pulled chicken or chopped brisket.
- Mixed green salad with or without pulled chicken.



### **Bridge Is Back At Compton**

No more limited to online cards, *bridge with friends* has returned to Compton Park.

- \* 2nd Thursday's each month
- \* 4th Thursday's each month

Judy says even if not playing, drop in and sit for awhile. If you have any questions, please call Judy Alkow.





Don't know how to play, its easy and the players will teach you. The TPWC plays canasta twice each month from 1 to 3 PM on:

- \* 1st Tuesday
- \* 3rd Wednesday

Usually the games are played at a member's home.

Just email Ginny Welch (jjwvad@verizon.net) and she will put you on the list.



Tampa Palms Women's Club Presents

### The Famously Fun Fashion Show Thursday October 14, 2021

Where Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club

Fashions Accessories and More

Time 10:15 Doors open, raffle sales begin

11 Live Auction (Proceeds to OASIS)

11:30 Fashion Show Noon Luncheon

Tampa Palms Salad w/ Scoop of Chicken Salad

Rolls & Crackers

Lemon Cake, Ice Tea & Coffee

Raffle winners will be announced during desert.



### Saturday, Nov 6th Compton Parking Lot 9 am - 1 PM



Tuck away your former treasures to sell in <u>complete safety</u> and shop, shop, shop for new ones.







# Be Especially Wary Of Alligators

# Trash & Garbage Collections

### **This Is Mating Season**

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.

Nesting season for alligators occurs right now, from late March through late May. Nesting females are particularly aggressive - but never approach any alligator.



Alligators primarily hunt at dusk or during the night. They lay motionless in wait for prey. Their prey selection seems to be determined primarily by size.

### Can Alligators Be Removed?

FWC will have any nuisance (aggressive or too friendly) alligator over 4ft removed by a trapper. Nuisance alligators are not relocated, they are euthanized.

There are so many alligators in and around the Tampa Palms community that removal only means a brand new alligator will move in, usually immediately.

### **Staying Safe With Alligators Around**



- Never bend down near a pond bank. Alligators are full ambush animals and leap out of the edge of water after prey.
- Always keep children and pets away from ponds.



- Never approach any pond at night, that is when alligators are the most active.
- Never feed any alligator as they lose their fear of humans.



### **Collections Can Be Confusing**

Even though Tampa Palms (and most of New Tampa) are located in the City of Tampa, garbage, yard waste and recycle collections are provided by Hillsborough County using private contract haulers.

It is for this reason that bill inserts that are frequently found in City water bills and describe City utility services do not apply to Tampa Palms.

Further, as Tampa Palms owners are not billed monthly for solid waste collection and disposal (as City residents are billed) there is little guidance provided to Tampa Palms owners as to how to safely and securely place their trash and garbage containers.



Hills County Waste Management says that they need a space of at least 3 ft between all containers and any obstruction such as a mailbox.

The County also recommends a 3 ft separation. This space allows the automatic arms on the collection trucks to raise and lower the containers without spillage.

#### **Extremely Important**

Containers should never be placed on the roadway or in the middle of the sidewalk; they should be placed at the edge of the driveway' for many Tampa Palms owners the best places are the slight "wings" on either side of the driveway.



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# Liberty Students Making A Difference

### Keep Pool-Side Fun & Safe



### **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**

Lauryn Oneal, daughter of Don and Marty Oneal of Huntington, and classmate Sophia Maust from Pebble Creek decided to make a difference and spent their own time helping to make our Tampa Palms park and ponds a little more debris-free.

As part of the Gold Service Level Award for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at Liberty Middle School, Lauryn and Sophia went to work clearing debris in the park and pond areas between the Huntington and Wellington villages.





In just a weekend, the two collected a huge catch of tennis balls, discarded toys, soggy bags and even water and soft drink bottles.

Lauryn said "globally this may seem a small act but it contributes to make the community and our Earth just a little bit better".

Liberty Middle School FBLA Chapter, under the direction of Ms. Daisy Questell, is proud to help make a small part of the Tampa Palms community a little better.



### A Word About Child Safety

There are a lot of swimming pools in Tampa Palms

- More than 80% of the homes have a pool or a spa.
- Add to that Compton Park, the Country Club pool and the YMCA pool; there is no question, Tampa Palms children have access to pools.

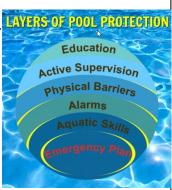
Stunning statistics in Florida reveal that:

- ♦ 65% of child drowning occurs at home pool
- ♦ 69% of the child drowning occurs while one or both the parents are responsible for supervision.
- ♦ 77% of the children who drowned were seen less than five minutes before they were discovered in the pool.

#### **Adult Supervision is the Key**

Pool safety professionals agree, while fences, guards and alarms are useful back-up systems, adult supervision in the form of **constant visual contact** is the primary way to prevent pool accidents.

Pool safety experts also recommend that *layers of protection* be in place. There are many ways to secure the pool, electronic alarms, pool fences of many sizes and types and special covers that keep someone (or a pet) who falls into the pool from hitting the water.



Even if there are no children in the family, don't forget to take steps to secure your pool if you expect visitors with children. Child visitors are particularly vulnerable in homes that have pools but do not include children in the family.

Here are a couple of excellent sites online with information about protecting your family and guests.

https://www.tampa.gov/fire-rescue-public-education/info/adults/pool-safety

http://www.watersmartfl.com

# Tampa Palms Courts Updated For Play

#### New Surfaces Sporting The New *Us Open* Colors For Hampton and Compton



The courts are only open to our Tampa Palms owners and residents, as well as, members who can only use the tennis courts at Hampton Park.

#### **Tennis & Racquetball General Rules**

- All players must wear non-marking tennis shoes and appropriate tennis/racquetball attire.
- Courts are for designated sports only and may not be used for any other purposes such as roller skates, skateboards, scooters, bicycles, lacrosse equipment etc.
- Courts are for the exclusive use by Tampa Palms residents in Area's 1 & 2 and members.
- Players may use the courts only one and a half hours a day unless no one is scheduled or waiting to play.
- Reservations start on the hour or the half hour and are void if not used by 15 minutes after reservation time.
- To discourage ineligible use of the courts, all residents and guests must sign in before each session and will be assigned a court for use..
- No animals are allowed on the courts, not in carriers nor leashed. No animals may be tethered outside the courts or anywhere in the parks.
- Only four players are allowed to play on a tennis court at one time: round-robin players seated at the cabanas are permissible.
- Players are asked not to approach other players to trade courts or times. Any such requests should be discussed with the park attendants.
- Reservations are accepted no more than 24 hours in advance which includes requests that are left on the voice answering system.
- When making court reservations, owners or members should provide their name and address. All players should have Tampa Palms CDD appropriate ID when checking-in.

Please note that residents must follow the rules and they are responsible to make certain that their guests, including guest-coaches, follow the rules which are in place to make the courts a welcome place for everyone.



# **Should Drivers Stop For Pedestrians Crossing?**

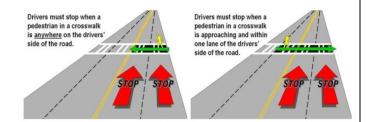
#### Alarming Posts In Social Media Many Are Unaware of Crosswalk Law

There is no question foot traffic is becoming more and more risky along Tampa Palms boulevards, due partially to speed and unfortunately due to driver failure to follow the laws of pedestrian right of way.

Recently there was a discussion on a Tampa Palms social media site where individuals repeatedly asserted that all vehicles had the right of way on a road and that any walkers should "look both ways" and avoid traffic.

#### Florida Law At A Marked Crosswalk

- At places where there is no traffic signals or signage but there is a marked crosswalk, vehicles must yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk. It's the law.
- Drivers at intersections with stop signs must stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the street.
- Drivers entering a public street from either a private driveway or parking lot must yield right-of-way for an approaching pedestrian on the sidewalk or on the roadway, just as one yields to other traffic.



#### **Pedestrians Have Safety Responsibilities Too**

- Pedestrians must obey pedestrian traffic signals unless a police officer is directing the traffic at that intersection and tells them to proceed.
- No pedestrian can suddenly leave a curb and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield; this is true even in a crosswalk.
- Pedestrians must always yield the right of way to vehicles on the road except when the pedestrian is crossing at a marked crosswalk or within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

The City of Tampa is working with Ayres Engineering to come up with a safety plan for Tampa Palms Blvd. In the meantime, caution and following the law will go a long way towards increasing pedestrian safety.

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# Tampa Palms & The City Look To the Future



#### Tampa Palms Annual Meetings Save The Dates



Tampa Palms residents and owners participate each year in two important community-wide meetings.

The meetings are (1) the TPOA Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting - now combined and (2) the CDD Annual Budget Meeting which is scheduled for July 14.

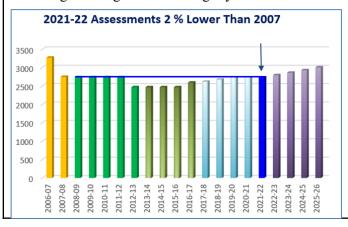
Both organizations have monthly Board meetings. While these meetings are open to the general membership, they are seldom well attended so the CDD posts agendas and meeting notes online each month at <a href="https://www.TPOA.net">www.TPOA.net</a>.



Both have forward looking financial models to make certain that there are adequate resources to safeguard the community-owned assets for the next five years with the same leadership and care that Tampa Palms residents and businesses deserve and respect.

This approach has served to avoid surprise spikes in assessments. The model safety factor, generally referred to as unallocated funds, is in the rage of 6-7 months operating funds.

The CDD model summarizes the forecast financial impact of Board decisions. The uncertainly of 2021 assumptions in the midst of a 100-year pandemic is unusually high. The 2021-22 assessments are modeled as remaining unchanged and still slightly lower than 2007.



Tampa M.O.V.E.S is a concept that came out of Mayor Castor's Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow initiative. M.O.V.E.S is an acronym that represents the City of Tampa's core values and guiding principles in planning for the future and is behind an initiative to create a new Citywide Mobility Plan and Citywide Vision Zero Plan.

The Mobility Plan, coupled with its Vision Zero Plan (a concept of focused on zero deaths on roads and sidewalks) will serve as the City's roadmap to improve and expand the safety of and availability of mobility and transportation around the City.

Tampa's Mobility Plan will move from the traditional approaches to those with zero deaths as a goal.

To engage public participation in the planning for mobility, growth, and redevelopment, a series of virtual



Listen First Meetings were scheduled, the first held during the month of April and early May.

The information from the *Listen First Meetings* for the Tampa Palms part of the city is available online at

#### https://www.tpamoves.org/listen-first-meetings-area-8

There is a survey at the bottom of the page which allows residents to tell City planners how they want their City to "look" and a map to show locations for improvements.



# Early Morning *Accident*At Main Entry

### Was This A Lucky Crash?

Last month a driver from a neighboring community left BB Downs at a high rate of speed, becoming slightly airborne at least twice, and coming to rest on the hedges in front of the brick monument.



The driver then fled the scene before police could arrive.

The crash was *lucky* in that it happened around 4:30 AM so there were few cars and no pedestrians or workers present who might have been injured or worse. The car also just brushed the brick monument. Repairs are underway.





# Plant Thieves Hit Tampa Palms Landscape

Multiple times in the last month thieves have stolen annual plantings, and even newly planted shrubs, from at least four locations along Tampa Palms Blvd.

They are taking the plants at night and based on how the plants were removed (carefully without root damage) there

is speculation that the culprits may actually be rogue landscape companies using the plants elsewhere. If you see a stranger near the plants, please call the police.





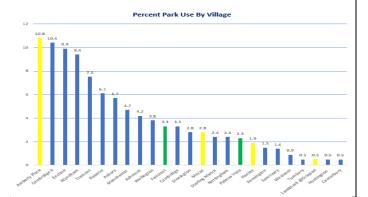
# Tampa Palms Parks Well Used Amenities

### Tampa Palms Is Proud of Its 5 Parks

Tampa Palms is unique in that the amenities are available to all residents:

- Apartment homes (yellow on chart)
- Condo homes (green on chart)
- Single family homes (blue on chart)

The chart below shows the percent use by village in 2021 for the 25 villages where residents reserved or signed-in to use the amenities.



# Why Are Some Streetlights In Tampa Palms Blue?

That is the surprising question that has been posed to the TPOA and CDD by numerous residents who recently noticed that there are some streetlights that have a blue glow to them and cast blue light onto the ground.

First the answer is that TECO, not the CDD nor the TPOA, provides all streetlights in Tampa Palms

- For the villages with public streets, the streetlights are provided by TECO and are paid for by the City.
- For the gated villages, the streetlighting is provided by the village and paid for by the village.

LED's are among the products in short supply and TECO used some streetlights which as they begin to age, the coating over the LED that manages the color begins to wear down and emits a blue rather than white color.

TECO is aware of the problem with the blue/purple streetlights (they are present city and county wide) and TECO states they are working to replace the blue lights.



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### **New Tampa Town Hall Meeting**



### Mayor Castor Joined By Councilman Luis Viera

A Mayor & City Councilman town hall meeting for New Tampa took place on the evening of April 22nd at Freedom High School.

In the Mayor's opening remarks she very eloquently reviewed her transformative agenda, emphasizing the community-wide values that are represented in a measured approach to:

- Transportation,
- Development
- Workforce,
- Affordable Housing and
- Sustainability



Mayor Castor has made it known that her teams are challenged to think creatively, but tactically, about the full range of opportunities to improve the delivery of City services to the citizens of Tampa now and with a look to the future.

The Mayor brought key members of her staffs to the meeting, individuals who are vital to the success of Tampa and New Tampa including:

- ♦ Major Mike Stout, Leader for TPD District 2
- ◊ Vik Bhide, Director of Mobility
- ♦ Sherisha Hills, Director Parks & Recreation
- ♦ Barbara Tripp, Interim Fire Chief
- ♦ Whit Remer, Sustainability & Resiliency
- ♦ Rob Rosner, Director of Economic Opportunity
- Miray Holmes, Manager of Neighborhood Engagement & Mayor's Univ. (Well-known and much appreciated by Tampa Palms)









Familiar Faces to many in Tampa Palms L-R Maj Mike Stout, Dir. Sherisha Hills, Dir. Vik Bhide, Chief Barbara Tripp

### A Commendation For A Simply Awesome Act of Humanity

The Mayor and Councilman commended Joel Morales, a New Tampa neighbor, for his incredible gift of life by donating a kidney to a little boy desperate for a transplant.



Mr. Morales is not related to the little boy and did not even know the family before an appeal went out looking for a donor. That makes this an even more incredible gift of life, made by a man, himself a young father.

### About 20 From Tampa Palms Were Able To Attend

Question about the condition of Tampa Palms Blvd, along with the safety concerns due to both disintegrating pavement and increasing speeds were fielded by Vik Bhide.

He confirmed in part that the design for the project was continuing using CIT monies but that the construction funding had not yet been established leaving open the question of when construction would commence.

Major Stout answered questions regarding staffing in New Tampa, dispelling rumors that there were only a few officers at night. He noted that in general the area was safe. Sherisha Hills discussed the new rec center (see page 1). Chief Tripp discussed the fire and safety equipment and stations serving New Tampa.

There were questions and concerns raised regarding the limited access to K-Bar, where a single road (Kinnon) is the ONLY access to the 1,000+ homes and the access from Pasco County remains closed.



### Performing Arts Center Gets Go-Ahead

### Performing Arts & Dog Park On The Way

This month the Hillsborough County BOCC approved the construction of the New Tampa Performing Arts Center.

This is a public-private project that has been "in the works" since the county purchased the land for drainage for the Bruce B Downs widening way back in 2004.

Finally, after numerous delays, the full project is well on its way to completion.

- The retail is complete and operating
- The apartment complex is finished and leasing.



- The new dog park should open as soon
- The Performing Arts Center is planned for completion in early 2023.

Very special thanks to our Councilman Viera who is assisting in acquiring funds from the city for operations.

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### May- June 2021 Amenities Calendar



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
16	17 5 Covenant Com	6 TPOA Board	19 10:30 Sanctuary HOA	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30 8AM Private Event	31 Memorial Day	"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." – John F. Kennedy					
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### **Amenities Are Important To Residents**

The amenities (parks, pool, tennis, basketball and pickleball courts, racquetball along with meeting facilities) for Tampa Palms are all open to all residents.

- There are no restrictions on size of outdoor gatherings at any of the five Tampa Palms Parks.
- Both the main meeting room (Azalea) and the meeting building (The Palms) are open to private engagements consistent with CDC and State of Fla guidelines.
- Additional cleaning and sanitizing are continuing to help residents keep themselves safe.



Tampa Palms Owners Association 16101 Compton Drive Tampa, FL 33647 PRSRT STD US POSTAGE PAID TAMPA, FL PERMIT #1741

### Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda

June 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Compton Park Recreation Building 16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539344102 Meeting ID: 253 934 4102

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Strategic Planning
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Board Member Discussions
- 6. Consultant Reports

Around the Neighborhoods Covid/Community Updates FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget Paving Update

- 7. Other Board Business
- 8. Public Comments
- 9. Board Member Discussions
- 10. Adjourn

# It's That Biting Season: Protect Yourself

Limited winters and early summers always produce what seem to be a bumper crop of mosquito's. They are annoying certainly; worrisome, definitely.... to the many who have credible concerns for themselves or their children.

The bites can hurt but the real concern is for the many diseases that the mosquitos transmit include: zika, west Nile, dengue virus.



#### Keep Mosquitos Away

- Get rid of standing water in flower pots, rain gutters, plastic grill covers, toys or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Wash out bird baths and fountains frequently.
- Make sure window and lanai screens are in place and check for holes
- Check doors, especially lanai screen doors for gaps.
- Wear long sleeves when working in the garden
- Use a personal mosquito repellant