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November 2024 Oaks Royal 3 News

Debris Pile Pick-Up

If you have piled debris in front of your property expecting Waste Connections to pick it up in the regular trash, it will not go that way. Waste Connections, our regular trash men, will pick up anything in cans and bags. Piles of debris and even bundles of storm debris (like styrofoam) they are leaving. But if you get some big bags, and bag up the debris, they will take it when they pick up the trash. In fact they have been picking up more than the six bags they say you are allowed. I tried this at my house, they ignored the bundles of styrofoam for three weeks, but as soon as I bagged it, boom! They pick up all 13 big bags in one go!

The County is Slooowly starting to gather tree debris from piles, but at the rate they are going (they have to cut all the debris into manageable sized chunks with chainsaws as they go, then handle it into the one truck to haul away) it will be months before they make it here!

And not to scare anyone unduly, but there are not one, but two depressions being watched in the Caribbean right now for development into possible storm in the next week. We pray they do not turn into anything, we pray really hard that they die where they are! But if we should get another storm come through all that debris becomes potential projectiles.

the better.

Hurricane Milton Recovery

Oaks Royal 3 & Zephyrhills are picking up from the devastating Hurricane Milton. With the plucky determination of many seniors, our residents have been determined to get on with the tasks of living, see past the damage, and look to a future where this is just a memory. Something to learn from perhaps.

We pray that all goes well for our friends and neighbors, as they recover their homes and lives.

However, we hope that the spirit of community, of reaching out to each other, and helping one another regardless of who needs help, continues as we work through the days and months to come.

Below are some links from the Florida State Assistance Web Site that some may find helpful.

And if you need assistance FSA & FEMA just opened a triage office in the Zephyrhills City Hall for anyone who wants to fill for assistance from Milton. If you have filed for insurance and find your adjustment won't cover the cost of repairs, consider filing for FEMA to see if they can help. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

Hurricane Milton

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Officer and Director Reports

Ann Parks, President

Welcome back to those returning, this seems like such a flippant thing to say this year as many residents are returning just to clean up broken & damaged homes. Those with little or no damage breathe a sigh of relief, and say a prayer because we look around and know how lucky we really are!

We have been blessed in this part of Florida not to have been hurt this bad in such a long time, spoiled really. It really drives home the kind of damage these storms are capable of.

Have you ever wondered why Pasco County automatically orders all mobile homes to evacuate county-wide whenever they issue an evacuation order for zones A, B or C on the coast? Well, now we know why!

Ever wonder how rivers change their course? Take a good look at Zephyr Creek running through the park! The erosion has been terrific because of the flood waters, the creek looks to be twice as wide in places and the waters are still high!

Have you wondered why we stress that the clubhouse is Not a Hurricane Shelter? We are not trying to be mean, we are concerned for your lives! Yes ours survived this time, but did you see the roof damage at Oaks Royal 1 & 2? What if the tornado that took Gerry Gearhart's roof off and several others, hopped over to our clubhouse? Gone, that's what. It was that close.

So we learn to be more cautious, we get better insurance if we can find it, we get our roofs and windows checked, and I bet storm shutter systems get real popular! Also, I wonder how many who braved it out during the storm will

avoid that interstate parking lot issue!

Now, I want to take a few moments to thank everyone who was here who helped there friends and neighbors after the storm. A group of residents volunteered to get up on roofs and help get loose debris off, take pictures for owners, get roofing tacked down or tarped to be as weather tight as possible. Another was going around picking up the loose styrofoam and bundling it, piling up branches and metal. When the first people got electric back, many of them opened their homes to let residents charge electronics, put food in fridges and freezers, or just to come in and sit in the A/C and rest! Others were calling the county to report downed signs and light poles, or to check the status of open trash collectors. "It takes a village" is a famous saying, well we saw that saying come to life right here in Oaks Royal 3 as these unsung heroes pitched in to do what was best for this community. I know if I started naming you all I would forget somebody, and probably start crying remembering it all over again, and really it was almost everyone who could help did, pitching in together, using the gifts God gave them each in their own way to help the others.

On behalf of every resident of Oaks Royal 3, I want to say a big **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you who was involved in that enormous effort! I know it isn't over by a long shot, but we will keep at it bit by bit!

We have a new year coming up, but let it be a season of hope and rebuilding!

Vice President, Larry Way

I would like to add my thanks to Ann's, it was amazing to see and hear of all the many residents helping our neighbors in their many ways. I have never been prouder to be part of this community!

On the practical side, remember we have elections coming up at our annual meeting in January 6, 2025. This year, with our new elections rule in place, instead of voting for three generic board members residents will be able to vote for three actual board positions. This year the positions up for election are: Vice President, Grounds Director and Pool Director.

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review the position description on the website, talk to the incumbent, or talk to Ann or another board member, then submit your self-nomination in writing (email is fine) before the deadline to get your name on the ballot.

Treasurer, Guy Engelhardt

The cleanup around the park and Zephyrhills continues, but looks like it will take quite a while to get back to normal. Meanwhile, here are some things I have found:

****HOT NEWS**** Department of State Disaster Assistance crews are going street by street and reeling residents that **FEMA HAS OPENED AN OFFICE IN THE ZEPHYRHILLS COURTHOUSE** for any disaster victims who need to file for assistance. Yes, FEMA requires you to file for insurance if you have it. But if you know/suspect your claim is not going to cover your repairs, you may want to file for FEMA now. Besides, you can qualify for \$750 in food assistance, housing assistance and medical assistance if you have storm related medical costs. You will need your ID, and your checking information if you want any checks you do get direct deposited.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FEMA:** FEMA reps WILL NOT contact you by email or on the phone, they WILL NOT ask for money or credit cards, they WILL come directly to your home to observe damage in adjusting your claim.

The dump on Hadcart Road is still taking storm debris at no cost to Pasco County residents.

Pasco County utility crews are out on the roads in Zephyrhills picking up the tree debris. They are currently working in the streets around Zephyr Lake. A couple of crews with chain saws are working ahead of the big box truck with a crew tossing the stuff in. They are leaving neat piles of anything Not tree related (fencing, furniture, foam, etc.) behind, I assume for another crew to pick up later.

On the HOA side of things, I will be giving a financial report at the first Board meeting & and at the first HOA meeting, spoiler alert, we are still in good shape!

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and running by November's HOA meeting.

If you were paying your Annual HOA dues by quarterly payments, your grace period was up October 31, 2024 for that last payment. As always, if there is difficulty making a payment please contact me, to make arrangements.

Otherwise, if the payment is considered late you will be getting a warning letter about having 18% interest added to the payment per our Declarations.

Believe it or not, I hate sending those letters!

Social Director, Lisa Whitaker

Thank you to all the different folks who have kept Coffee Hour going over the summer months from July through October! I am sure everyone who attended appreciated your efforts greatly!

Also, I hear you had a wonderful parties for Memorial Day in May, Independence Day in July and of course Halloween in October! Thank you so much for taking the initiative and organizing them for the residents who are here year round, I hear much fun was had by all!

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be at 3:00pm this year on November 28, 2024 in the clubhouse. Turkey and dressing/potatoes will be provided. Residents are to bring a side dish or dessert and their own place setting. There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. Let's all come out and give thanks together!

Pool Director, Paul Grizenko

The pool has been repaired! It is being refilled!

Thank you to Dave Brooks who has done a great job bird dogging these necessary pool repairs and dealing with the brand new pool inspector over the summer! It always happens over the summer doesn't it!

He has done a bang up job! Well, I heard he was banging away on a lot of stuff! Seriously, he has rebuilt pumps, replaced gauges, torn out defunct equipment and shined up everything that could be shined!

Dave reports that we are now in compliance with the state of Florida.

HOA Board & Member Meeting Reminders

The HOA Board of Directors will meet on Sunday November 3, 2024 & Sunday November 17, 2024 @ 3:00pm in the Clubhouse Library.

The HOA Member Meeting will be on Monday November 4, 2024 @ 7:00pm in the Clubhouse.

Notices are posted on the bulletin board and the website. The HOA Board Meeting on November 17, 2024 will have on the agenda the **2025 Budget**, and a Proposed Rule on **Accommodation Request and Modification Policy and Procedure**

Thank you everyone!

SOCIAL EVENTS

Patty Weiss is announcing that **Penny Bingo** is cancelled due to disinterest.

Thursday November 21st - Pot Luck is cancelled this month.

Thursday November 28th @ 3:00 pm - Thanksgiving Dinner - Turkey & fixings provided. Residents bring a side dish of dessert and place setting. Sign up sheet in club house.

On October 31st we had the annual Halloween Costume Party. 26 people attended and had a great time! They ate and ate great food, socialized, had Halloween music, took pictures, played Halloween trivia (Guy & Joyce won) bingo (Guy, Shirley & Kathleen won) and the bloody Halloween memory game (Lora won), voted for best original costume (Kathleen) and

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Thank you to Deb, Louise, Shirley and Lee for planning and putting the party together you did a great job! Thank you to everyone who stayed and cleaned up afterwards! We appreciate you!

Regular events are as follows:

Sundays @ pm - put out trash for Monday morning pickup

Mondays @ 6:00pm - Euchre/Pinocle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm - Bingo

Tuesdays @ pm - put out recycling for Wednesday morning pickup

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm - Dominos

Wednesdays @ pm - put out trash for Thursday morning pick up

Thursdays @ 6:00pm - Cards

Fridays @ 6:00pm - Pinochle

Come on out and have a great time!

Florida Festivals

November weather is great in Florida, cool evenings and mornings and warm days are wonderful for getting out and stretching your legs! Enjoy some Florida!

Florida's oldest seafood festival this weekend **November 1-2**

The Florida Seafood Festival celebrates Apalachicola's vibrant fishing industry.

This guide features camping, lodging and things to do near Apalachicola.

[READ MORE ABOUT FLORIDA'S OLDEST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND](#)

Seminoles American Indigenous Arts Celebration: Nov. 1-2 & free this year

The Seminoles American Indigenous Arts Celebration offers tradition like fry bread & alligator wrestling, and celebrates diverse native cultures. It's free in 2024.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Gabriele Bitner, 11/2
Barbara Ingargiola, 11/3
Dorothy Dodge, 11/4
Danny Durst, 11/4
Louise Harmer, 11/4
Carl Macklin, 11/4
Ula Dennis, 11/8
Bernie Scholz, 11/8
Scott Hutchison, 11/9
Jeanette Horner, 11/13
Tracey Keeny, 11/13
Carolyn Pardy, 11/15
Paul Cooper, 11/18
Glenda Giles, 11/18
Elmer Atherton, 11/20
Randolph Campbell, 11/20
Deborah Rogers, 11/20
Julie Nash, 11/25
Dennis Parrino, 11/26
Nancy Hatcher, 11/27
Phyllis Scare, 11/28
Lilia Cardenas, 11/30

Anniversaries:

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Martin & Carol Draper, 11/6
David & Susan Brooks, 11/9
William & Patricia Davis, 11/14
Stephen & Linda Hussey, 11/16
Kenneth & Mary Ritchie, 11/17
Wade & Margie Phillips, 11/17
Walter & Patricia Sweeney, 11/27

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Pasco County Sheriff

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency

352-567-5131

Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative

(352) 567-5133

Frontier - Internet & YouTube TV

813-455-1799 Janine

Spectrum – Internet & Cable TV

(888) 406-7063

Pasco County Utilities – Water

(727) 847-8131

Waste Connections (East & East Central). Trash pickup

352-583-4204

American Red Cross

727-848-8354

Animal Services

352-521-5194

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Pasco County Public Transportation (East Pasco) 352-521-4587

Pasco County Sheriff
727-847-5878

Pasco County Sheriff (non emergency) 727-847-8123

Special Needs Shelter Registration
727-847-8137

Pasco County Emergency Management 727-847-8137

Pasco County Tax Collector – licenses, tags. (Dade City)
352-521-4360

East Pasco Transfer Station - Dump
Handcart Road 352-521-0500



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