
January 2025 Oaks Royal 3 News

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Officer and Director Reports

Ann Parks, President

As we say good bye to 2024 we welcome 2025 which will have new challenges. Milton left us with erosion issues and we will be meeting with Commisioner Oakley and East Pasco Water Management in January.

Questions have risen about your new HOA dues raise and why OR 1&2 HOA dues are less. I don't know their budget process is or what their dues are. However, this is what I do know:

- They have 175 lots to our 145
- We have common ground maintenance, mowing, ponds aquatic treatment due to our property deeded us by Pasco County on Zephyr Creek, OR 1&2 has none of this expense.
- We know our insurance is 40% increase, Guy and I talked to them at a meeting and they don't

know what percentage they will have.

Elections are coming up for 3 board members at our January 6, 2025 HOA meeting. As board members, our duties are a year round commitment, even though our governing documents states HOA meetings November thru April. It's been a goal to have more full-time residents sit on the board to take care of the park business. Yes, we definitely have issues that need to be addressed in the summer and interviews need to be done for new buyers. Some positions can be filled with seasonal helpers and some not as easily. We all are committed to do the best we can to serve our community.

Vice President, Larry Way

I hope everyone had a festive Christmas season!

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.

Nominations closed thirty days before the election, at 7:00pm on December 6, 2024. We currently have two (2) nominations for Vice President and one (1) nomination each for Grounds Director and Pool Director. Our ballot currently stands as:

Vice President

Larry Way

Julie Nash

Grounds Director

Harry Whitaker

Pool Director

Paul Grizenko

According to our Governing Documents, even though the ballot has been locked thirty days before the election, we will ask for nominations from the floor, three times, before completing ballots on January 6th. If you requested an Absentee Ballot from me, or printed one from the link in December's Newsletter or on the Website, there is a line for a write in candidate for each position to allow Absentee Ballot voters the this option.

If you would like an Absentee Ballot still, you may print one by clicking on the button below, and follow the directions on the ballot to mail it back to the HOA before the election, by 5:00 pm on January 6, 2025 in order to be counted.

Absentee Ballots

Treasurer, Guy Engelhardt

By now everyone should have gotten their Annual Dues and Budget Letter. There is an extra section to the annual letter this year on Reserve Budgets, please do not let this through you I will discuss it further at January's meeting. We have to address these items by State law, we began to do this last year. We have more items identified to look into as part of this process. However, this is a long term process. This does not mean we are looking at replacing any of these items any time soon! It simply means the State wants us to look at how much money it would take to replace any and all capital items we own, if and when they eventually wear out or get damaged in some catastrophe, and have some idea of the cost to replace them and a timeline, and some kind of a funding plan. The Board approved an initial funding Rule, but by state law the membership has to vote on full funding of reserve budgets. So look at it for informational purposes. If you would like to participate on the Budget Committee in 2025, I will be accepting new volunteers.

There is a button below to print the 2025 Budget Letter if you have not received it yet.

With the state required changes to the website, the financial reports, board and member meeting minutes, and most other association documents are now filed each month in the new secured MEMBERS ONLY section of the website. If you want to access this area you need to request access. Simply go to our website at <https://www.oaksroyal3.com> or click on the button below and click on the HOA Member Only link at the top of the page (in may be under More in your browser) and then choose "Create Account". After you complete that information, I will approve your request and you will receive a link to create your password and get access.

The other new feature is on the main page of the website under "Online Payments", about halfway down the page. There is a new secured section where you will be able to make you annual dues payment by credit card if you so choose. This is possible as we have had to upgrade our website to a secure (https) server, the web server GoDaddy uses the same encryption used by banks and businesses to secure your web-based transactions. There is a button below to go directly to the secure online bill pay page.

2025 Dues & Budget Letter

Members Only - Webpage

Secure Online Payment Webpage

Social Director, Lisa Whitaker

I hope everyone had a very, Merry Christmas!

For those who came out to enjoy the festivities at the Clubhouse - a huge thank you!

Congratulations to Shirley Finefrock, winner of the best decorated golf cart, and to Dave & Gaby Bitner, winner of the best decorated house!

We are finishing up 2024 with a New Year's Eve Party @ 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Please bring a finger food and if you prefer, your alcohol of choice.

January events:

Wednesday 1st @ 10:00 am New Year's Day Brunch

Sign-ip Sheet in Clubhouse

50/50 raffle

Donation Jar

Saturday 4th @7:30-9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday 5th @3:00pm Board Meeting

Sunday 5th @6:00pm Birthdays & Anniversaries

Monday 6th @7:00pm HOA Members Meeting

Elections

Tuesday 7th @ 1:30 pm Women's Meeting

Finalize Soup & Salad, Board Dinner

Friday 10th @5:00 pm Soup & Salad

\$5 Ticket

(must have a ticket to enjoy!)

Tuesday 14th @ 1:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday 16th @ 5:00 pm Potluck

Please bring your tableware and a dish to share

Saturday 18th @ 7:30-9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday 19th @ 3:00 pm Board Meeting

Monday 20th @ 3:00 pm Women's Club Meeting

Monday 20th @ 6:00 pm Crime Prevention Task Force Speaker

Sign up sheet in clubhouse

Free refreshments

Tuesday 21st @ 1:00 pm Bible Study

Saturday 25th @ 4:00 pm Chili Cook Off

Monday 27th @ 6:00 pm Board Dinner

Tuesday 28th @ 1:00 pm Bible Study

Every Wednesday @ 8:30am Coffee & Donuts

(EXCEPTION: no coffee and donuts New Year's Day 1/1 due to the New Year's Brunch @ 10:00 am)

Grounds Director, Harry Whitaker

I talked to the tree cutter, he will be here after Christmas.

After the first of the year, we will be working on a few projects:

- Cleaning the streets
- Clean up brush on end of Antigua
- Putting plaques at memorial

Your help will be appreciated.

Pool Director, Paul Grizenko

The pool is and spa are both up and running!

Women's Club, Carol Carmichael

Women's Club (Jan, Carol & a helpers) are planning to have instead of coffee & donuts on New Years Day morning, a breakfast, we have a signup sheet in club house to give us some idea how many to expect.

The Womens Group are planning a Soup & Salad on January 10th starting at 5:30, tickets will be available for \$5.00, sorry but you must have a ticket to participate.

We will be serving our annual dinner to the 2024 park board members on January 27th.

A change in luminaries this year, since there are still a lot of park residents not here for Christmas, we will be putting out the luminaries on the first Saturday in February which coordinates with the memorial service we do for deceased 2024 park residents.

Our club meets on the third Monday of each month at 3 PM at the Club house, all women are invited to attend and see what activities we do in our park.

Men's Club, Clair Marquart

Happy New Year Oaks Royal III friends and neighbors! The first Men's Club breakfast for the season will be Saturday, January 4th with the second served on Saturday, January 18th.

Times for all breakfasts are 7:30 - 9:00 AM. We look forward to seeing everyone and as always, guests and those from other parks are welcome.

Please join us for a hearty meal and reacquainting with folks you haven't seen in a while.

HOA Board & Member Meeting

Reminders

The HOA Board of Directors will meet on Sunday January 5, 2025 & Sunday January 19, 2025 @ 3:00pm in the Clubhouse Library.

The HOA Member Meeting will be on Monday January 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. This is the Annual Elections Meeting.

Notices are posted on the bulletin board and the website.

Thank you everyone!

At the Library..

Donna Birch

There are just a few new books for January:

"HANG THE MOON" By Jeannet Walls

"Set in the mountains of Virginia, this novel is a "thrill ride through Prohibition and change in the American South."

"GHOST SOLDIERS" BU Hampton Sides

"The epic account of World War II's greatest rescue mission"

"A STREET CAT NAMED BOB" And how he saved my life by James Bowen

"THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BOB" The further adventures of one man and his streetwise cat"

Thanks to the donator of these two interesting books!

'HEARTWOOD" By Belva Plain "a return to the beloved world of Evergreen"

"SACRED DUTY" By Tom Cotton , US Senator " A soldier's tour at Arlington National Cemetery.

Thanks to Jeanette Horner for the group of History magazines.

There is a shelf of large print books under the New Books shelf. Please continue to put returns and donations in the basket provided as it is the only way to determine if and what is being borrowed.

QUOTE OF THE DAY - "If you hang around the barbershop, sooner or later you're going to get your hair cut, so I try to stay away from temptation"

Stephen King - author in ESQUIRE

Event Notes

Patty Weiss is announcing that **Penny Bingo** is cancelled due to disinterest. If people retuning in January would like to start Penny Bingo back up please contact Patty.

Wednesday January 1st @ 10:00 am New Year's Eve Brunch

New Year's Day Brunch

Wednesday is normally coffee and donuts, but since it is New Year's Day, we are having brunch, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board and ask that residents please sign up by Monday so we know how many to expect.

We have everything covered, so just bring yourselves and enjoy and start the New Year off with you ORIII neighbors. If anyone wishes to donate, we will have a donation jar at the door and we will also have a 50/50 drawing.

Bible Study will start up on Tuesday January 7th @1:00pm in the Clubhouse. We will be viewing season four (4) of *The Chosen* and having a brief discussion of each episode. Come on out and have some good clean fun with a great group of folks!

Regular events are as follows:

Sundays @ pm - put out trash for Monday morning pickup

Mondays @ 1:00pm - Euchre/Pinocle

Tuesdays @ 1:00pm Bible Study

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

Come on out and have a great time!

Florida Festivals

January 2025 festivals in Florida

[Dade's Battle of 1835](#), Bushnell, Jan. 4-5, 2025

Staged in the same location at the same time of year as the real battle, this historic re-enactment involves a hundred participants dressed as soldiers and Seminoles staging the "Dade massacre" at 2 p.m. each day. The event includes period soldier, Seminole and Civilian camps; a Sutler Trade Fair; historic arts and crafts demonstrations; full scale cannon firing; tree cutting and barricade building; musket shooting; tomahawk throwing and primitive archery. [The site is now a beautiful state park.](#)

[Visit Lauderdale Food Wine & Festival](#), Jan. 13-19, 2025

The annual event offers a lineup of 35 experiences, including interactive culinary classes, cooking demonstrations, wine and cocktail seminars, signature events, a dinner series and The Grand Tasting.

[Art Deco Weekend](#), Miami Beach, Jan. 18-20, 2025

Created 48 years ago by the Miami Design Preservation League to showcase the beautiful Art Deco buildings of South Beach, it includes live music from the Art Deco era, a classic car show, walking tours and talks. From Florida Rambler: [7 tips for seeing the stunning Miami Beach Architectural District](#)

[Crystal River Manatee Festival](#), Crystal River, Jan. 18-19, 2025

[Orange City Blue Spring Manatee Festival](#), Orange City, Jan. 25-26, 2025

These manatee festivals are each located near a site where hundreds of manatees gather each winter. Both locations offer a variety of activities, including opportunities to view manatees. Florida Rambler story on two [January manatee festivals](#)

[Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival](#), Fellsmere, Jan. 16-19, 2025

This funky volunteer-run festival has been happening for 30+ years. Food choices start with one frog leg or gator nugget (a frog or gator "pop" on a stick for \$3) up to a gator-tail and frog leg dinner for \$16. Music, games, carnivals rides, down-home goods. Festival has free parking and admission and raises money for kids' recreational needs in Fellsmere community.

[Children's Gasparilla Extravaganza](#), Tampa, Jan. 18, 2025

Kickoff of Gasparilla Days, featuring a children's parade along Bayshore Boulevard and "piratechnic" sea battle commemorating the imaginary invasion of Tampa, which is re-enacted next weekend. Family-friendly and alcohol-free.

[Images: A Festival of the Arts](#), New Smyrna Beach, Jan. 24, 25 and 26, 2025

Images presents more than 200 artists from across North America in a waterfront setting. It's a free festival that attracts 45,000. From Florida Rambler: [Things to do in New Smyrna Beach.](#)

[Homestead Rodeo](#), Homestead, Jan. 24, 25, and 26, 2025

Florida has a rich history of rodeos in its small towns. One of the longest lasting traditional rodeos (70+ years) and the southernmost rodeo in the United States is in Homestead.

[Medieval Faire, Gainesville](#), Jan. 25-26, 2025

For more than three decades, a medieval village has come alive in January in this North Florida town. The Faire showcases more than 160 talented artisans and craftspeople from all over the country, who arrive at Hoggetowne to display and sell a variety of goods. The festival includes food, rides, games, activities, craft demonstrations, jugglers, musicians, jousters and nine stages of entertainment. There's a new location, Depot Park, [874 SE 4th S.](#), Gainesville.

[Gasparilla Pirate Fest](#), Tampa, Jan. 25, 2025

Colorful, fully-rigged pirate ship Jose Gasparilla magically appears at the south end of Hillsborough Bay, where the invading Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla are met by a flotilla of pleasure craft. The mock sea battle is followed by a Mardi Gra-like parade.

Kumquat Festival, Dade City, Jan. 25, 2025 (annually, last Saturday of January)

The historic downtown in Dade City fills with as many as 35,000 people for this free event celebrating the tangy little fruit grown locally. Along with dozens of booths and live entertainment, a highlight is tasting kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies to kumquat salsa. Free shuttles run from two satellite parking areas –the Pasco County Fairgrounds on State Road 52 and next to Jarrett Ford on US Hwy 301 Truck Route.

Click on the button below to view and print the

Oaks Royal 3 Calendar of Events for the Month.

[Click for Big Print Calendar](#)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Krzysztof Jagielski, 1/2

Paul Grizenko, 1/4

Ann Parks, 1/10

Lorraine Williams, 1/12

Dana Swantek, 1/15

Patti Weiss, 1/15

Gail Smart, 1/18

Ernest Rice, 1/25

Sandra Watkins, 1/27

Deborah Snyder, 1/30

Peter Zikeli, 1/31

Anniversaries:

Knox, Michael & Jeannie, 1/1

Wozniak, Paul & Barbara, 1/16

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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**

**Florida Consumer Fraud Hotline
866-966-7226**

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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