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December 2024 Oaks Royal 3 News

Officer and Director Reports

Ann Parks, President

Welcome back members and to all traveling members safe travels.

Oaks Royal 3 is starting to look like the park we all love and care about. The tree company is scheduled to come in for debris clean up. A letter and pictures have been sent to Gov. DeSantis, Senator Danny Burgess, Commissioner Oakley, Pasco County Public Works Operation Manager Larry Alcaide and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) asking for professional and financial assistance to repair the creek and ponds. Harry, Guy and myself met with Tad Roman from Aquatic Weed Control on the 26th to get an idea of what it would cost to repair the damage to the creek area to aid us in this effort.

Vice President, Larry Way

It is good to see so many homes starting to rebuild after Hurricane Milton!
What a devastating time this has been for our community.

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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.

We currently have one (1) nomination for each position in hand, but we can accept additional nominations. Please consider stepping up and running for one of these three Board positions. This is a great way to get to know your community and participate in making your Oaks Royal 3 a better place to live, work and play!

Nominations will close thirty days before the election, at 7:00pm on December 6, 2024. If you wish to run for one of these positions, please 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

I want to thank all the members of the Budget Committee for their hard work over the two meetings we have had Nov 9th and Nov 25th hashing out the comparisons to last years budget, where spending has decreased/increased, budget categories to delete and add, and of course the projections for the new year. It was not an easy task! But sharing it with Frank, Bernie, Gail, Larry and Ann made it much less onerous!

I also respect our residents for the confidence you have displayed for our group! I fully expected these meetings to be packed, however you allowed the committee to work and develop a budget to press to the Board to cover the expected need for the next year. In these past few years of ever increasing inflation, prices for goods and services increasing ever upwards, I think most of us are just becoming numb to the idea of increasing costs. Will there be some increased costs in this year's budget, yes there are recommended increases in there, but they have been kept to the bare minimum we could recommend. Could they have been higher? Yes, but the committee looked only at what the association most probably needs to operate over the next year, not the max of what could be.

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delete unnecessary categories they did just that! That comprised 75% of the budget. Twenty (20%) percent of the budget, twelve (12) categories increased and there are three (3) new categories making up the remaining five (5) percent increase.

The recommended budget will be presented to the Board for approval at its next meeting, then presented to the Association at the December Members meeting. Copies of the 2025 budget will go out to residents with the HOA Annual Dues letter.

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> 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. There is a new secure 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.

Social Director, Lisa Whitaker

I Sure hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! For those who came to dinner at the clubhouse, thank you for bringing a dish. It was a delish out meal!

Craft Fair is cancelled for this month. Stay tuned for a date later in Spring.

December events:

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Sunday 1st @6:00pm Birthdays & Anniversaries

Monday 2nd @7:00pm HOA Members Meeting

Saturday 14th @5:00pm Golf Cart Line-up

Sunday 14th @6:00pm Golf Cart Parade
(Cookies & Hot Chocolate provided after parade)

Monday 16th @3:00pm Women's Club

Wednesday 18th @9:30am Men's Club
(Meeting after Coffee & Donuts)

Friday 20th @6:30pm Jingle & Cookie Exchange
(\$10 gift wrapped) bring favorite treat to share punch and tea will be provided)

Wednesday 25th @3:00pm Christmas Dinner
(Ham will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Remember to bring your tableware. House decoration contest winner will be announce.)

Tuesday 31st @7:00pm New Year's Eve Celebration
(Please bring your favorite appetizer or finger food to share. BYOB if you prefer.)

Every Wednesday @8:30am Coffee & Donuts
(EXCEPTION: no coffee and donuts Christmas Day 12/25)

Pool Director, Paul Grizenko

The pool is closed until further notice. Pump motor has to be replaced, will open as soon as possible that you for your understanding. The spa may be used.

HOA Board & Member Meeting Reminders

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December 17, 2024 @ 3:00pm in the Clubhouse Library.

The HOA Member Meeting will be on Monday December 2, 2024 @ 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. This is the Annual Budget Meeting.

Notices are posted on the bulletin board and the website. The HOA Board Meeting on December 1, 2024 will have on the agenda the voting on the proposed **2025 Budget**.

Thank you everyone!

At the Library..

GREETINGS FROM COLD NEW HAMPSHIRE.....although by the time you are reading this, we hope to be in WARM Florida with the hurricane season at an end! It is time to put down your electronic devices and come to the library to enjoy the following new titles:

First....thanks to the Womans group for the recently published editions:

“Holly” by Stephen King “Dreamland “ by Nicholas Sparks

“By Any Other Name” by Jodi Picoult and “The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians” true stories of the magic of reading by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann “ Booksellers and librarians help people every single day. Here are their amazing and inspiring true stories”.

NON-FICTION; “Animal Stories” by James Herriot with introduction by his son.

“Grocery Shopping With My Mother” by Kevin Powell - a collection of poems

“My Story” by Elizabeth Smart with Chris Stewart

“A Woman of No Importance” - the untold story of the American spy who helped win World War II by Sonia Purnell

“The Golden Years Aint for Wimpshumorous stories for your senior moments

FICTION; ‘Redbird” by Fannie Flagg - “an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages”

“After Anna” by Lisa Scottoline - a page turner right to the end!”

“A Light in the Window” Large Print by Jan Karon

“Summer House” Large Print by Nancy Thayer

“Above and Beyond” by Sandra Brown - a classic love story

“The Senator’s Wife” by Sue Miller - a book of the month club selection

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“ ‘C’ is for Corpse” by Sue Grafton a Kinsey Millhone mystery

“The Good Dream” by Donna VanLiere

“The Dark Half” by Stephen King - another typical King thriller

“The New Girl” by Daniel Silva “a Master of foreign intrigue and suspense”

“The Innocent” by David Baldacci - one of the world’s favorite storytellers

“A Long Fatal Love Chase” by Louisa May Alcott “written in 1866, two years before the publication of “Little Women” and buried among Alcott’s papers for more than a century - a novel that is bold, timeless and mesmerizing”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY; “When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new”

The Dalai Lama

Event Notes

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

Thursday December 20th - Pot Luck is cancelled this month.

Saturday December 21st @4:00pm - Lil Debbie Woodall is hosing an Ornament Exchange at her house at 36339 Impala Way. Make sure to bring an ornament to Exchange! Debbie says food is potluck so everyone bring a dish to share (please label your dish so she knows who they belong to afterwards), she will provide utensils. BYOB. Come on out and share in the Christmas cheer! sign-up sheet in clubhouse.

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/Pinoche

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm - Bingo

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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

Florida at Christmas time has so much going for it, from local Christmas parades in every city, to so many Christmas boat parades it merits its own website (see below), Christmas fairs and specials at the malls (outlet malls), church musicals and special shows. I tried to get a bunch of shows to entertain you but every one I went to was already sold out! People are apparently starving for Christmas spirit! Some local event I have heard are still iffy due to Milton storm damage and funding so we will not know until closer to the actual events.

Florida boat Parades

Christmas Cantata, Sunday December 15th @ 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church

Zephyrhills, 38500 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL, 33542, a program of traditional

Christmas hymns and songs performed by the choir. You will want to sing along

with these old favorites as you feel your spirits lift and your soul soar.

Click on the button below to view and print the
Oaks Royal 3 Calendar of Events for the Month.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Janet Sylvester, 12/2
Joyce Zikeli, 12/5
James Wilds, 12/6
Karen Wightman, 12/7
James O'Connor, 12/8
Peter Premo, 12/11
Kevin Youngman, 12/11
Carol Carmichael, 12/14
Ray Stark, 12/14
Lisa Whitaker, 12/16
Mary Kuyda, 12/17
James Clem, 12/18
Pam Coe, 12/19
Walter Sweeney, 12/19
Sally Schneider, 12/22
Milka Koharcheck, 12/23
Lideth Brueggemann, 12/30
Jeannette Cook, 12/31

Anniversaries:

Harley & Ann Parks, 12/3
Jerry & Julie Nash, 12/5
Stephen & Deborah Weadick, 12/19
Ray & Dottie Stark, 12/20
John & Wanda Snell, 12/29

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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

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