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**[Test] January 2024 Oaks Royal 3 Newsletter**

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*Oaks Royal 3 - A 55+ Community*

# **Oaks Royal 3 Newsletter - January 2024**

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## **Board and Director Reports**

### **President - Ann Parks**

Boy, do we wish we were there in Florida with all our friends and neighbors in the sun and fun! It sounds like another great Oaks Royal Christmas was had by all who were there! Harley and I got to spend time with family and see the granddaughter's wedding day! But mostly it has been contractor's and cold with snow or rain!

we need sunshine!

It was great being able to Zoom into December's HOA Members Meeting and participate with everyone from here in Michigan! We hope to be back in time for the January 8th Members Meeting, God willing! I have been Zooming into HOA Board meetings, working with different board members on specific issues as they come up by phone and email, and processing background checks as needed ... but it just isn't the same as being there to me!

We have a four way election coming up in January folks. I encourage everyone who is there to come out and participate. We have two board members running again Sharon and Lisa who have both done great jobs. Sharon has been Social Director and is currently Secretary and takes her duties very seriously yet loves to have fun! While Lisa has been Social Director this past year and has been doing a great job organizing fun events, keeping all the balls rolling yet always has a smile on her face! Our new board candidates Larry and Tracey each bring skills and abilities to the table. Larry is a long time resident who has served two years as acting President during summer months, shows his Navy background by being level-headed in a crisis, isn't afraid to tackle difficult issues head on and believes in the community! Tracey Keeny is that rare person in an HOA, has a business degree, works in accounting (successfully enough to own and run two of her own companies), and is interested in sharing her skills as the HOA treasurer if elected!

Wow, isn't it great having a choice like this, instead of having to run around trying to get enough people even to run! What a great way to start the new year!

Have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year everybody!

**Vice President - Guy Engelhardt**

JANUARY ANNUAL HOA MEMBER MEETING: January's HOA Member's meeting, our annual election meeting, will be on January 8th 2024 as the first Monday in January is a holiday (New Year's Day) per Oaks Royal 3 Bylaws, Article V. Meetings of Members, Section 2. Annual Meetings, a. "...when the first Monday falls on a

holiday, the meeting shall be rescheduled to the following Monday.”

**ELECTION:** Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to the plate for the election. We now have four (4) people on the ballot by the nomination deadline of December 8th. The candidates names and a summary paragraph submitted by each of them are provided below:

Tracey Keeny: I started working in Accounting at my dad’s accounting firm. Decker and Keeny tax and bookkeeping. I went to college at Davenport University where I received my Bachelors degree and my MBA. My MBA is in business administration with a concentration in Strategic Management. For the last 11 years, I have work full time for Robert Bosch. While I have worked in various capacities I am currently part of their shared services team. I am the owner of two separate companies Balance sheets. I hope to be a part of the board.

Sharon Pollard: My name is Sharon Pollard and I have lived in OR III for eleven years. I was Social Director for seven years and presently I am the Secretary. I am friends with many of you and if you know me I take my position and responsibilities very seriously.... I love our beautiful park!! Thank you for your support.

Larry Way: I was acting President two years for Ann Parks and have long felt we need a full-time resident on the board, that can and will make decisions to keep the park running, I feel I am levelheaded, open minded and that everyone should be treated the same. Most of all I want the community to continue to grow in spirit and co-operation.

Lisa Whitaker: It has been my joy to serve as Social Director for the Association for the past year. I really have a blast putting together the dinners and events, organizing, decorating for them and coming up with those “special touches” to make sure they are fun and enjoyable for everyone! This has been my way of giving back to the community and making it a better place!

I will meet with my volunteers for the Election Meeting on Friday January 5th @ 3pm in the clubhouse where we will go over procedures for signing people in, handing out ballots, and counting

ballots. I will email those who have volunteered already, if you have not and wish to assist please contact me at [gengelha@gmail.com](mailto:gengelha@gmail.com) or 813-957-4851. It would be nice to have some extra people lined up and trained as this is cold & flu season!

Absentee Ballots: it is getting close to the election, if you need an absentee ballot you may print one from the link below, complete ALL required information and mail it back the association. If you are here, but are unable to attend the meeting, you can print an absentee ballot from the link below or contact me directly and return the ballot in the slot on the office door. Either way all ballots must be received by 5:00pm on Election Day, January 8th 2024 in order to be verified, added to the ballot box and counted in the election. Please note - if we receive your absentee ballot, you will be noted as “voted” on the sign-in sheet and you will not be able to receive a ballot if you come to the meeting in person.

- **2024 Absentee Ballot (must be received by 1/8/2024)**

FRONTIER FIBER OPTIC PROJECT: I spoke to the engineer for our project at Frontier after seeing an 811 company in the park locating and marking all utility lines in easements and roads where cables will cross. The engineer stated that Frontier is now looking to finish by end of February, but they will probably start this week or next getting conduit in so they can pull cable. They have the county permits approved that are required for them to access the deeded utility easements on both association and members properties for installation and maintenance. They still need one permit that needs county approval to bore the roads, but they hope to have that soon.

The initial installation of the conducted cable should proceed quickly and should involve little inconvenience to homeowners. This is just to cable the Park at this stage, no lines to any homes will be connected till later. At the next stage, if homeowners decide to set up an account with Frontier, a home installation crew will come in and run another cable from the conduited main cable to

your home.

As I reported at the November and December HOA meetings, we will have a personal account rep for Oaks Royal 3, to handle sales of internet and YouTube TV. Yes we have been told it will be discounted, but we have not been told numbers yet. Please do not call Frontier about discounts for Oaks Royal 3, you will get that information AFTER the cable has been laid. We will also have brochures in a kiosk in the clubhouse at that time. I will keep you informed about that timeline as soon as the engineers from Frontier inform me! My initial estimate of March-ish is lookin likely at this time. Patience is the word!

PET POOP: I understand the continued frustration some of you have with the issue of some people abusing the good nature of homeowners and allowing their dogs to poop on lawns and or sidewalks without cleaning it up! I really do! We are working with the leadership at Oaks Royal 1 & 2 who have been going through this same this same issue the past few months. It is funny, while we blame their people in bringing their dogs to our park to aggressive “poop and run”, they have been blaming us for doing the same over there!

I even recently downloaded the camera cards, and scanned pics to see if I could find someone red-buttred as-it-were, but did not see any likely candidates. Thousands of pics!

I would really like to stop talking about Poop, POop, and more POOP! Dog poop, cat poop, I guess I should be happy I haven't had reports of people running around pooping on lawns! Yet...

Obviously this problem is not going away, and is much bigger than just a few Board members; we need resident input and support. If anyone has any ideas of how best to combat this problem, to form a poop-committee or maybe to volunteer to form a poop-patrol (the Board will supply the flashlights for night patrol), feel free contact myself or the Board.

To review: Remember Pasco County has a ***Sec. 90-2. - Pet waste ordinance. Pet means a domesticated animal. Pet waste means waste matter, excrement expelled from the***

***bowels of a pet. Properly dispose means placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the county or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal. Requirement for Disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately collect their pet's waste when deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person and to properly dispose of the pet waste.***

Most pet owners have always been compliant! It is always a fuss for a few, unidentified rule breakers! But since we have been really harping on the subject, we have seen almost all pet owners walking their dogs have been doing a good job of getting their furry friends to poop in the green space between the sidewalk and road AND cleaning it up. Thank you to all you responsible pet owners out there!

However, I still am getting reports of poop appearing on yards! Some residents are still reporting seeing “female driving golf cart with dog - they dot recognize either - and the dog poops and the golf cart drives off without the driver getting out to pick up the poop!”

I have also had reports of cats, with collars, showing up and pooping in peoples yards and flower beds, tracking on cars, etc. People who own cats are required to licensed them (and have them wear license) & get them rabies vaccine just like dogs, and they are subject to Pasco Pet Waste Policy just like any pet owner. Coming to Oaks Royal 3 with a cat or 3 in tow, then opening the door and tossing them out to wander all night to prowl, howl, track on peoples cars, golf carts and poop every where is not ok. If you have a cat, for heavens sake treat it well, don't let it fight with the wild cats, snuggle up to it at night, and invest in a litter box and some litter!

HAPPY NEW YEAR: God bless all of you and yours, including your little furry friends! Health and happiness in the new year!

**Secretary- Sharon Pollard**

Hello everyone....

Wow!! It's time to gather together again and spend our winter in beautiful Florida.... away from the snow and cold!

The Board of Directors has a very busy four months ahead updating rules and procedures... suggestions are welcome!

Looking forward to seeing my Oaks Royal III friends real soon and wishing you all a Happy Healthy New Year!!

**Social Director - Lisa Whitaker**

Christmas at the clubhouse was an enjoyable time this year. It was led off by the Golf Cart Parade. Participation was down, with only seven (7) carts and one (1) bike, but still a nice evening. Winner of the Best Decorated Cart were Patti & Mike Pottle of Oaks Royal 1 & 2. Next was the Jingle Exchange & Treats enjoyed by thirty-six (36) residents. A delicious Christmas Dinner was prepared by the forty-six (46) residents attending. The hams for the dinner were provided by Troy Duprey of Keller Williams Realty New Tampa in appreciation for all of the business provided by the residents of Oaks Royal 3. The Best Decorated House, voted by residents, was announced at the Christmas Dinner - Steve & Jeanette Cook - Congratulations to all winners! The Christmas events this year were a great success! A huge Thank you to all!!

\*\* Don't forget the New Year's Eve Party on December 31st @ 7pm in the Clubhouse BYOB and a snack.

January Events:

January 6 - Men's Breakfast @ 7:30am (\$7.00 each at door)

January 7 - HOA Board Meeting @ 3pm

                    Birthday & Anniversary @ 6pm

January 8 - HOA Members Meeting @ 7pm

January 10 - Representative of Comfort Cover Roofing, Jay Hicks, will Speak @ Coffee &

                    Donuts @ 8:30am

                    Taco Bar - Free to Residents - Available @ 4-6pm

January 12 - EPROC (East Pasco Resident Owned Communities)  
Organization Member

Meeting noted at Oaks Royal 3 - clubhouse @ 9-

11am

January 15 - Women's Meeting @ 3pm

January 18 - Potluck Dinner @ 5 pm - bring dish to pass &  
tableware

January 20 - Men's Breakfast @ 7:30am (\$7.00 each at door)

January 27 - Chili Cookoff @ 4pm Bring your favorite chili for a  
chance to best last years

winner! Judges will be needed if you would like to  
volunteer!

Every Wednesday Coffee & Donuts @ 8:30am

\*On 10th speaker from Comfort Cover Roofer

### **Hospitality Director - Dot Dodge**

Please send notifications to me for cards to be sent to anyone who  
is ill, in the hospital or lost a loved one. My phone number is (336)  
575-3041 and my email address is [djdodge65@gmail.com](mailto:djdodge65@gmail.com). Thank  
you.

### **Gounds Director - Harry Whitaker**

Hello everyone! I hope you had a nice Christmas and will have a  
healthy 2024.

If you would like to work in the park, please sign up on the new  
sign-up sheet inThe clubhouse.

It does take a few people to keep our streets clean. It's nice to  
have Ryles Road blacktopped - no more dust.

It is good to have everyone back in our park.

### **Pool Director - Paul Grizenko**

The weather has been to cold this month; th pool has been hardly  
used at all.



We have had an issue with a chemical imbalance in the hot tub that is being addressed.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for Shuffle Board, Pickleball and Corn Hole. If you are interested please sign up.

### **Men's Club - Clair Marquart**

Happy New Year to all residents of Oaks Royal 3. The Men's Club Breakfasts will begin on Saturday, January 6th at the Clubhouse serving from 7:30 - 9:00 AM. The offerings include buttermilk pancakes, french toast or white toast all with scrambled eggs and sausage patties. Also, we have sausage gravy over biscuit with scrambled eggs. All meals include orange juice, coffee or hot tea.

The second breakfast for January will be on the 20th with the same menu and serving times. Future dates are the first and third Saturdays of February and March.

All of these events are open to OR-3 residents, guests and the general public. Please join us for a hearty meal and socialization. The donation requested is \$7.00.

### **At The Library - Donna Birch**

The new books for January include the following titles:

“Someone Like You” by Karen Kingsbury

“The Third Wife” by Jasmine Presswell

“Heart of Fire” by Linda Howard

“The Fan” by Peter Abraham

“The Last Chance Cafe” by Linda Lael Miller

“Vanish With the Roses” by Barbara Michaels

“Between the Lines” by Jodi Picoult

“Heart of the Wilderness” by Janette Oke

“The Duchess” by Amanda Foreman

Thanks to Diane Deaton and June Blehm for their recent donations.

It has become apparent that the library has been getting little use recently, unless users are returning books to the shelves instead of putting them in the basket provided. In these days of “on-line technology” reading an actual printed book may becoming obsolete. i, for one, hope this is not the case, and hope that we can continue to maintain our clubhouse library for use by our residents. Remember, that we have a children’s shelf for when the grands and great-grands come to visit which includes games as well as books and movies.

The Christmas books will remain available until mid-January. Any ideas for improvements to the library would be most welcome.

“QUOTE OF THE DAY” - “We are like books; most people only see our cover, the minority read only the introduction . Many people believe the critics. Few will know the content”. Emilel Zolal

“LIFE’S A BEACH” - Claire Cook “sparkles with warmth, wit and humor”

Many thanks to Lee and Debby for being the stand - in librarians for the last eight months.

QUOTE OF THE DAY - “I do not have a favorite app. I use my phone for something completely revolutionary. I make a call. I receive a call. I prefer the simpler things in life “ Alex Trebek

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## **Regular Activities**

Oaks Royal 3 has many regularly scheduled activities each week. Please check them out and join your friends and neighbors in something that interests you. If there is something you would like to do, come to coffee hour and talk to folks, if enough are interested we can find a free time to add it to our activities!

Sundays @ pm - put out trash for Monday morning pickup

Tuesdays @ 11:30am Water aerobics (weather permitting > 75 degrees)

Tuesdays @ 1 to 3Pm Chosen Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm - Bingo

Tuesdays @ pm - put out recycling for Wednesday morning pickup

Wednesdays @ 8:30am - Coffee & Doughnuts

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm - Dominos

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

Thursdays @ 6:00pm - Cards

1st & 3rd Saturday @ 7:30 am Men's Club Breakfast - \$7 a plate

Come on out and have a great time!

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## Community Notices

February 3 - Comedian at Clubhouse - \$8 tickets see Liz

Eisenhower or people will be selling tickets at Coffee & Donuts, Bingo, etc. Flyer posted at clubhouse.

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## Pasco Events

### January 2024 festivals in Florida

[Crystal River Manatee Festival](#), Crystal River, Jan. 13-14, 2024

[Orange City Blue Spring Manatee Festival](#), Orange City, Jan. 27-28, 2024

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. 18-21, 2024

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.

[Jensen Beach Fine Arts and Crafts Show](#), Jensen Beach, Jan. 28-29, 2024

This free event kicks off the festival season in January with a show that features 125 artists selected by a jury out of hundreds of applicants. The setting is the charming historic streets of Jensen

Beach.

**[Images: A Festival of the Arts](#), New Smyrna Beach, Jan. 26-28, 2024**

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. 26-29, 2024**

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.

**[Hoggetowne Medieval Faire](#), Gainesville, Jan. 27-28, 2024**

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, jousts and nine stages of entertainment.

**[Gasparilla Pirate Fest](#), Tampa, Jan. 27, 2024**

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. 27, 2024 (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.

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**Print Calendar, Birthdays & Anniversaries.**

To print a month calendar of Oaks Royal 3 Events click on one of the links below. Continue reading to review the list of birthdays and anniversaries for this month.

**Print Month Calendar - Regular Type**

**Print Month Calendar - Big Type**

**Print Full Length Calendar**

### **December 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:

Michael Knox & Jeannie Knox, 1/1

Walter Barton & Beverly Barton, 1/2

Paul Wozniak & Barbara Wozniak, 1/16

### **Frequently Used Phone Numbers.**

**Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative**

(352) 567-5133

**Spectrum – Internet & Cable TV**

(800) 921-8102

**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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