
February 2025 Oaks Royal 3 News

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Officer and Director Reports

Ann Parks, President

It is so nice to see everyone who has been able to get their homes re-built after Hurricane Milton, or at least to get a start on getting things back to where they were before the storm. This was such a devastating hit to our community adhere at Oaks Royal 3 and to our larger community in Zephyrhills, Pasco County and Florida!

The Board arranged for John Mobley to come and take down those badly damaged trees and remove the downed tree from the Zephyr Creek, as announced after Hurricane Milton. Along with the trash removal these were

accomplished with non-budgetary funds from the Frontier account.

As reported at the members meeting we have sent letters with photos concerning the bad erosion in our portion of Zephyr Creek to the Governor, the water management district, County Commissioners and others. We continue to explore options as to what Pasco County is planning on revising watershed areas after the two storms, or what we as an HOA might be allowed to do to mitigate this damage and agencies or ways of paying for it.

We as a board are aware of several homes that have become vacant. We are in the process of notifying home owners or families members to improve exterior condition.

Thank you the Women's Group for an awesome Board dinner. We do have good cooks in OR3.

Vice President, Larry Way

I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's election: the residents who ran for office, the residents on the Nomination/Election Committee who helped make the election run smoothly, and of course the residents who voted either in person or by absentee ballot. Thank you the members of the Nomination/Election Committee who all elected to serve again in 2025: Lee Bruggeman, Joyce Engelhardt, Kathy Hatt, Deborah Overholt, Caroly Parady, Deborah Weadick and Joyce Zikeli.

The three HOA Board positions up for election in January 2026 are: President, Clubhouse Director and Hospitality Director. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please review the board member position description on the website About page at <https://oaksroyal3.com/About> or talk to the incumbent in the position. Then let me know in writing (letter or email) that you are nominating yourself for the position.

On another note, as announced at the January members meeting, letters will be going out shortly to residents about any exterior maintenance issues on their property that need to be addressed. The letter has a checklist which references the declaration or bylaws sections containing language relevant to the issues. Only the checked items need to be addressed by the residents in the 21 day period indicated. The Board wanted to wait until now to start this process to give returning residents a chance to address their property condition, and of course any unusual storm related issues. This is an essential board function, we aren't trying to be nosy or interfering, we are trying to keep the entire park looking well maintained and well .. looking good! If properties and homes are well maintained they will not only last a long time, they will give home owners fewer problems, they will hold up better in the summer storms (including the tropical sort), and it keeps the park looking presentable to visitors and potential buyers as well, which in turn helps keep to keep our property values. Just some examples: cracked and broken lattice or screening will fly apart faster in high winds and make your homes more vulnerable, that algae turning your siding green or roofs rust colored can eat into and weaken those surfaces with time, clean concrete drives and sidewalks are safer walking surfaces. Thank you everyone ahead of time for working with us.

Secretary, Sharon Pollard

The new notebooks have all been delivered and signed acknowledgments have been received and filed.. Many thanks to Jan Burden, Julia Nash, Pam Bertleson, Jeannie Knox, Dorothy Dodge and Ann Parks for their hours of help putting the notebooks together and organizing them by streets for the block captains to deliver.... everyone's help was greatly appreciated!! You all did a fabulous job!! Looking forward to our February activities and warmer weather.... Prayers for good health and safety for everyone!

Treasurer, Guy Engelhardt

Thank you to all who have sent in their 2025 HOA Annual Dues, either if full or a first payment in a semi-annual, quarterly or monthly payment plan. To date, out of 147 homes, I only have a missing payment from about 12 residents who hopefully have sent their payments and I have just not received it yet. Those who did send any payment by January 31st, will be reported to the Board as over 30 days past due at the next Board meeting, February 2nd. They will be receiving registered letters giving them 14 days to send a payment or eighteen percent (18%) simple interest will be added to their dues per Declaration Article V, section 8. All other residents have done their part to keep the Association operating this year, again thank you, and all residents have been given many notices either hand delivered or mailed hard copy, or via emails.

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 (it 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 your 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

Well, 2025 began with a great start - New Years Day Brunch was an awesome idea - thank you to the Women's Club! January ended with the Chili Cook-Off - congratulations to Dottie Stark (1st place), Theresa Teska (2nd place) and Joyce Zileki (3rd place)! Thanks to all who participated and those who came to enjoy!

February Events:

Saturday 1st @7:30-9:00 am Men's Breakfast

@ sunset put out Luminaries and light at dark (each resident is responsible to light those in front of their property) This is a memorial to the residents who have passed away during the past year.

Sunday 2nd @3:00pm Board Meeting

@6:00pm Birthdays & Anniversaries

Monday 3rd @7:00pm HOA Members Meeting

Elections

Wednesday 5th @9:30 am Yard Sale Set Up (after Coffee Hour) - set up tables, sort and price items

Thursday 6th @ 9:30am Yard Sale Set Up - sort and price items

Friday 7th @ 9:30am Yard Sale Set Up - sort and price items

@ 2-4pm - bring in baked goods for yard sale

Saturday 8th @ 8am - 12:30 pm Yard Sale - Breakfast Burritos, Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs

Friday 14th @ 1-3pm - Strawberry Social - tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each and will be a chance for the door prize. Tickets will be sold at all functions or see Lisa Whitaker.

Saturday 15th @ 7:30-9:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday 16th @ 3:00 pm Board Meeting

Monday 17th 3:00 pm - Women's Club Meeting

Thursday 20th @ 4-6pm Men's Club Steakburger Dinner - buy ticket ahead of event only please, tickets will be sold at events by men's club members

Friday 28th @ 5-6pm Free Taco Bar - sign up sheet in clubhouse (please sign up if you plan on coming).

Every Wednesday @ 8:30am Coffee & Donuts

Grounds Director, Harry Whitaker

The tree cutter, John Mobley, is finished in the park. For what he charged, he did a wonderful job!

On Bonnie Drive the fence posts were removed the holes were filled in and the landscape was put back to the way it was.

The guys helped the tree cutter remove the tree from the creek.

We cleaned the end of Antigua Drive. We removed all the tree limbs and brush from Pat Sabine's property.

Thank you to Peter Zileki for keeping our stretch of Dean Dairy Toad clean of garbage!

A big thank you to everyone who helped to keep our park clean.

Pool Director, Paul Grizenko

The pool is and spa are both up and running!

Women's Club, Carol Carmichael

Our group has been busy during January, New Years Day we held a breakfast brunch, January 10th we had a soup and salad fundraiser, and Monday January 27th we did our annual dinner for the board members of 2024, from comments each event was well received.

We also prepared and delivered 8 Welcome Baskets for new residents of 2024

It was decided that since a lot of residents are not here during the Christmas season, we would have our luminaries on the Saturday before the February HOA meeting, February is the month we have our Memorial Service for deceased resident of the previous year, and it was felt that the luminaries would be a nice tribute to them.

Saturday, March 8th will be a Craft Fair in our clubhouse, donations of crafts and/or baked goods would be most appreciated.

Our group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 3 PM in the Clubhouse, any ladies of ORIII are most welcome to come and join us.

Men's Club, Clair Marquart

The next Men's Club breakfast will be on Saturday, February 1st.

Thank you to all who have attended our first two of the 2025 season. Bring your neighbors and friends for a hearty meal and some great camaraderie. We serve from 7:30 - 9:00 AM and all are welcome - residents and guests alike.

In addition, we're planning our annual steak burger dinner on February 20th. Advance sale (only) tickets will soon be available and once again residents and guests are welcome. We will serve from 4:00 till 6:00 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

HOA Board & Member Meeting Reminders

The HOA Board of Directors will meet on Sunday February 2, 2025 & Sunday February 16, 2025 @ 3:00pm in the Clubhouse Library.

The HOA Member Meeting will be on Monday February 3, 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

With the colder temperatures comes more welcome use of the library.

The following are a few of the new titles:

“By Way of the Moonlight” by Elizabeth Musser “A beautifully written novel, brings to life a little-known piece of WWII history with a setting off the southern Georgia coast.

“The Lighthouse Keepers Daughter” by Hazel Gaynor “A beautifully rendered tale of Britain’s most famous lighthouse keeper, Grace Darling and an American keeper in Newport, 100 years later whose lives are linked by history and tragedy” Heather Web—

best selling author of Last Christmas in Paris

“The Secret Book of Flora Lea” by Patti Callahan Henry “In wartorn London of 1939, young sisters are evacuated from their home to escape the horrors of the second World War” - a page turner based on historical facts.

“Lincoln’s Greatest Case” by Brian McGinty the river, the bridge and the making of America “The untold story of how one sensational trial propelled a self-educated lawyer and a future president into the national spotlight”

Last Coyote” by Michael Connelly “A clever plot, full of twists , to make a first rate legal thriller” Sunday Telegraph

“The Guest Cottage” by Nancy Thayer “Thayer keeps readers on the edge of their seats with her dramatic story spinning the girl’s childhood to adulthood”

“Against Medical Advice” By James Patterson and Hal Friedman One family’s struggles with an agonizing medical mystery.

“Every Living Thing” the warm and joyful sequel to THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL “We return in a twinkle to the green Yorkshire dales, to old friends and family , to that miraculous world of wonders great and small”

The new season of “All Creatures Great and Small” is currently showing on PBS on Sunday nights on WEDU and again o Wednesday nights on WEDQ.

(Just in case you need a break from football)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: “Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day” Sally Koch

Event Notes

Bible Study has started again. We are 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

Fridays @ 6:00pm - Pinochle

Come on out and have a great time!

Florida Festivals

February 2025 festivals in Florida

Artfest Fort Myers, Fort Myers, Feb. 1-2, 2025

The free festival takes place on the waterfront in historic downtown Fort Myers and features a juried exhibition of 290 fine artists from all over the country. Along with the art, the festival features interactive art exhibits, children's activities, live music, and demonstrations.

Mount Dora Arts Festival, Mount Dora, Feb. 1-2, 2025.

Charming Mount Dora is a city of festivals, and this free fest attracts 250,000 for top art, food and entertainment. From Florida Rambler: [Things to do in Mount Dora](#).

South Florida Garlic Fest, Wellington, Feb. 1-2, 2025

A big event with food and top musical performers, it started as a fundraiser for several non-profits. The festival outgrew Delray Beach and moved to Wellington Green.

Everglades Seafood Festival, Everglades City, February 7-9, 2025

This event in Florida's Stone Crab Capitol packs 'em in for fresh seafood, country music, carnival rides, crafts booths. An estimated 50,000 people attend each year in

this small town (population 500) for the three-day event. This year, the festival, which has been free for many years, is asking for a minimum \$10 donation.

Florida State Fair, Tampa, Feb. 6-17, 2025

It boasts the largest midway in the USA, but its core purpose, celebrated for more than 100 years, is to showcase Florida agriculture and its history. Florida Rambler story on [Florida State Fair](#)

Scottish Highland Festival, Mount Dora, Feb. 14-16, 2025

This gated event features Scottish bands and musicians all the weekend at Donnelly Park and an afternoon of Highland Games in Gilbert Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Battle of Olustee Civil War Re-Enactment, Sanderson, Feb. 14-16, 2025

Florida's largest Civil War battle is re-enacted, with gun smoke, booming cannons and cavalry.

Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival, Cortez, Feb. 15-16, 2025

Cortez started as a fishing village, and it still has a working waterfront and fishing boats. The festival offers music, nautical arts and crafts, children's activities, environmental exhibits and lots of fresh seafood. From Florida Rambler: [Visiting Cortez](#)

Fiddler Crab Festival, Steinhatchee, Feb. 14-16, 2025

The tiny remote Gulf-front town of Steinhatchee was walloped by Hurricane Idalia in 2023 and had extensive flooding with Hurricane Debby in 2024. It's bouncing back, but needs folks to spend the night and eat and drink at local establishments. The festival offers music, food and craft vendors.

Coconut Grove Arts Festival, Miami, Feb 15-17, 2025

A huge fair (covering many blocks with 350+ exhibitors) and a beautiful waterfront setting make this one of the most popular art festivals in Florida. As a result, it attracts top entertainers, food vendors and artists. Held annually on Presidents Day Weekend

ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival, Jupiter, Feb. 15-16, 2025

A top juried festival with 300 artists, Artigras is celebrating 39 years of family fun this year. This is a ticketed event (\$11) that raises money for local charities. From Florida Rambler: [Things to do in Jupiter](#)

Sanford Porchfest, Sanford, Feb. 22, 2025

Lively music-filled Sanford has a one day free music festival described this way: "17 porches; over 70 bands." This town fills its beautiful oak-shaded historic district with free concerts you attend by strolling from block to block all afternoon. From Florida Rambler: [Things to do in Sanford](#).

South Beach Wine and Food Festival, Feb. 20-23, 2025

This four-day event in its third decade showcases the talents of renowned wine and spirits producers, chefs and culinary personalities. Proceeds benefit the Chaplin

Naples National Art Festival, Naples, Feb. 21-23, 2025

Ranked among the top art festivals in the state, the event takes place in scenic Cambier Park and along 8th Street South in downtown Naples. It features 194 artists who complete for inclusion and the fair does not admit mass-produced items. From Florida Rambler: [Things to do in Naples](#)

Swamp Cabbage Festival, La Belle, Feb. 22-23, 2025

For 50+ years, this authentic Florida town east of Fort Myers has been celebrating swamp cabbage in a down-home festival and parade. A unique highlight: Armadillo races. Florida Rambler story on the [Swamp Cabbage Festival. Website for festival.](#)

Click on the button below to view and print the
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Margie Phillips, 2/1

Joan Bovee-Vink, 2/3

Jean Taylor Clem, 2/6

Deborah Overholt, 2/9

Patricia Hettesheimer, 2/10

David Bitner, 2/11

J. Richard Bournival, 2/11

Ernest Stevens, 2/12

William Davis, 2/12

Cecelia Doknovitch, 2/14

Patricia Sweeney, 2/15

Richard Borges, 2/19

Diane Deaton, 2/21

Marcia Meredith, 2/23

Fred Gauthier, 2/25

Cynthia Lavoie, 2/27

Anniversaries:

Brueggemann, Norman & Lideth, 2/11

Gatz, Donna & Phil, 2/13

Bovee-Vink, John & Joan, 2/14

Sherwood, John & Janet, 2/15

Carmichael, Ronald & Carol, 2/26

Keys-Mayotte, Gene & Holly, 2/28

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Pasco County Sheriff

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency

352-567-5131

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

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



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