



WHAT IS THE NORTH LAKES MAINTENANCE DISTRICT?

The North Lakes Maintenance District is a Hillsborough County dependent tax district. The District was originally set up under a State ordinance, but in 1992 was adopted under County ordinance #92-35. The County collects the taxes for the District and provides the ordinance or regulations that give authority to the District. Funds are derived from the County non-ad valorem tax of \$70 per residential unit.

The District is responsible for maintaining the common areas throughout North Lakes. These areas include the main entrances coming into North Lakes, landscaping in the common areas alongside roadways and medians, neighborhood entrances, the outer surface of the block walls and along the roadside. In addition, the District maintains selected lakes and wetland areas along the main roadways in North Lakes.

The District is governed by a Board of seven trustees who are elected by the public or appointed by the Board. Board members must be registered voters and reside in North Lakes.

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NORTH LAKES MAINTENANCE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- October 20, 2020
- November 17, 2020
- December 15, 2020
- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021

Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Northdale Recreation Center at 15550A Spring Pine Drive. Due to Covid-19, meetings are held via Zoom for now. Details are available at www.northlakesfl.org.

Maintenance Board Members

Mary Ellen Kilbride, President

Vivian Hager, Vice-President

Rebecca Figueredo, Treasurer

Bill Guerra, Secretary

Karen Emberton, Trustee

Mike Williams, Trustee

Ann Williams, Trustee

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The trustees receive no compensation for their work. The Board has hired an administrator to complete many of the day-to-day details of the district. The administrator is a sub-contracted (paid) position.

Although the District does maintain the common areas in North Lakes, there are many areas that the District does not control. The District does not maintain roads, street lighting, street signs, or utility lines. Also, the District does not maintain private property or enforce deed restrictions. Authority to enforce deed

restrictions is generally given to a Homeowners Association. The District and the Homeowners Association are two different and separate bodies. The District is a Hillsborough County agency and the Homeowners Association is a private organization of North Lakes residents. At this time, we are unaware of any Homeowner's Association for North Lakes.

Although separate, the District and the Homeowners Association work to achieve the same goal of making North Lakes a great place to live.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” - Benjamin Franklin

No matter the subject, simple precautions can save you time and money and a whole lot of stress. Sometimes a few minutes taken to develop a good habit can actually save time over the long run. Please see these lists of simple things you can do to help ensure your home and vehicle are safe.

There were over 3,000 burglaries and over 5,500 vehicles stolen or broken into in Hillsborough County in 2019. Please do your best to not be one of these in 2020.

<https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC/UCR/2019/Counties/Hillsborough19.aspx>

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HOME SECURITY SUGGESTIONS:

- Lock all doors and windows to the home **when away, and at night when you are sleeping.**
- **If the home has an alarm system, please use it.**
- **Use exterior lighting. floodlights, motion detectors and lampposts** which are essential to deterrence.
- Trim bushes around windows.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view of a window, such as a purse or wallet visible on a table next to a door or window.
- Consider enhanced locking devices (pins) for sliding windows.
- If you notice suspicious persons or activity, call the non-emergency sheriff number, 813-247-8200 and report it.

Our newsletter is going digital! This is the last mailed copy . Future copies will be posted to our website, www.northlakesfl.org. You may sign up to receive an emailed copy by sending an email to northlakesfl@hotmail.com with the word subscribe in the subject line.



New logo and new signs for North Lakes!

VEHICLE SECURITY SUGGESTIONS:

- Lock all vehicle doors.
- Remove valuables from vehicle.
- Absolutely never leave a GPS device affixed to the windshield when not in use. Remove it and store in console, glove box, or better yet inside a home.
- If your vehicle has an alarm, please activate when vehicle not in use.
- Be familiar with your vehicle information—the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), Registration number, and insurance carrier—should an incident occur.
- Never leave your vehicle idling without someone in the vehicle.
- Never leave a spare key hidden within the vehicle.
- Never leave a key in the ignition when the car is unattended.
- If you notice suspicious persons or activity, call the non-emergency sheriff number, 813-247-8200 and report.

NORTHLAKES GETS A MAKEOVER

You may have noticed several changes in the North Lakes neighborhood over the past couple years. Some of these improvements are:

- Updated logo
- New signs
- Paint and repairs to wall
- Three conservation area clean-up projects

You can help make sure these improvements last by doing the following:

- Keep all landscaping at least one foot from the wall.
- Adjust irrigation systems so water does not soak the wall
- Clean the resident side of the wall annually
- Clean, seal and paint the resident side of the wall at least every seven years
- Do not make drainage holes in the wall. Look for the existing weep holes by walking on the street side of the wall.
- Do not dump garbage, including yard waste, in the conservation area. Waste collection contractor will collect these items.
- Report any illegal dumping on county property, including the conservation area to Hillsborough County Code Enforcement.

Help keep our neighborhood beautiful

Grass and weeds higher than 10 inches in height within 200 feet of any building, recreational area or street right-of-way is not allowed. (Hillsborough County Code Enforcement)

For a speedy response from the Maintenance Board, please contact us via email at NorthLakesFL@hotmail.com

Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency	911
Sheriff (non-emergency)	813-247-8200
Sheriff Dept Comm Resource Officer	813-264-8979
Verizon Repair	800-483-1000
TECO	813-223-0800
Trash Collection	813-248-3802
Animal Services.	813-744-5660
Code Enforcement	813-274-6600
Environmental Protection	813-627-2600
Northdale Recreation Center	813-264-8956
Mosquito Mgmt and Aquatic Weed Unit	813-635-5400

North Lakes Special District Maintenance Board

Hotline	813-960-5701
Email address	northlakesfl@hotmail.com



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