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Pridecivic.org.

Don't forget to visit your neighborhood website.

Facebook

Pride Civic Association is on Facebook. This Facebook group is only open to residence of our neighborhood. It gives us a place to go for news, ask questions and share local concerns. If you apply to be in the group, please include your street address so we can verify you as a residence.

Membership Drive for 2025

Our membership drive for 2025 has started. Send in your form with your membership fee and help us create another year of neighborly activities!

Want to place an ad in an upcoming flyer or newsletter?

Contact Randy Young at:

info@pridecivic.org

(All proceeds go to PCA activities and promotional costs such as printing this newsletter.)











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Special points of interest:

- Christmas Decoration Winners
- 2025 Annual Neighborhood Meeting and Elections
- Up coming neighborhood **GARAGE SALE!**
- Email us at: info@pridecivic.org





Inside this issue:

Dog Walking

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Neighborhood Watch Treasurer's Report Membership Form

Be Prepared Crime Report **Tibits**

2nd Place: 1618 Pinewood 3rd Place: 1357 Duncan

2nd Place: 1338 Irving 3rd place: 1709 Emerald

2nd: 1414 Marjohn 3rd: 1451 Morrow



Christmas Decorating Contest Results

1st Place: 1312 Norwood

Zone B:

Zone C:

1st: 1735 Penny Lane

Zone D:

1st: 1631 Whitewood

2nd: 1636 Whitewood 3rd: 1606 Whitewood Congratulations to Whitewood Drive! This may be a 1st Place: 1375 Marjohn first to have all winners of a Zone on the same street! Very well done!!

> Thank you for lighting up the neighborhood!

See more pictures on page 6

Annual Neighborhood



First off, I want to com-

mend everyone on Pin-

ewood Drive who decorat-

ed their homes this year.

It was wonderful to see 22

out of 27 homes spreading

And a big thank you to the

Congratulations to this

holiday cheer!

vear's winners:

Judges!

Zone A:

It is time for the Annual Neighborhood Meeting!

Annual Elections will be held for all positions of the Board.

If you want to participate in Neighborhood activities,

throw your hat in the ring! Positions are:

- President
- Secretary
- * Treasurer Other positions available:

- * Membership Rep:
- Activities promoter:
- * Newsletter Editor

Photographer Contact Randy Young for more information.

TIME: **7:00 –8:00 PM** DATE: JAN 30TH PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL.

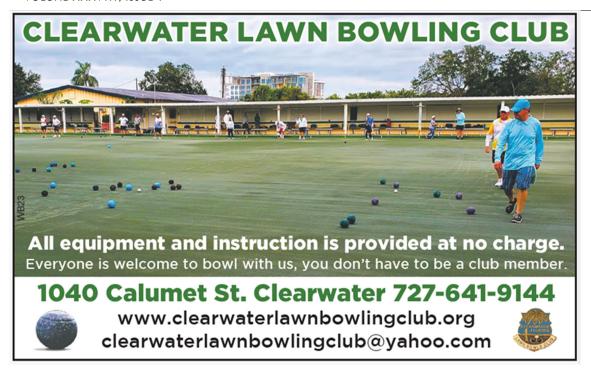
I look forward to seeing you

First Lutheran Church.

there! Randy Young

President

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Being a Good Neighbor: Dog Walking Etiquette and Rules

By Deborah Stakelum

Being a Good Neighbor: Dog Walking Etiquette and Rules

As we enjoy our beautiful neighborhood together, let's take a moment to review some important guidelines for dog owners that help keep our community harmonious and safe for everyone.

Respecting Property Boundaries

While we all love our four-legged friends, it's important to remember that not everyone shares the same comfort level with dogs. As responsible pet owners, we can show consideration for our neighbors by following this simple courtesies:

* Keep your dog within one foot of the street curb when walking. This "buffer zone" is generally accepted for pet relief, but allowing dogs to venture further into private yards can be disturbing to homeowners, even if you clean up afterward.

Important Leash Laws

Florida law requires dogs to be leashed in all common areas, including:

- * Streets
- * Parks
- * Trails

* Bike paths

* All other public spaces

This rule applies to all dogs, regardless of age, health condition, or training level. Even the most well-behaved pets can be startled by unexpected events like:

- * Running children
- * Passing vehicles
- * Lawn equipment
- * Other animals

By keeping our dogs leashed, we protect both our pets and our neighbors from unfortunate accidents.

A Shared Responsibility

As members of this community, we all play a part in maintaining its welcoming atmosphere. By following these guidelines, we ensure everyone – pet owners and non-pet owners alike – can enjoy our neighborhood comfortably and safely.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community peaceful and pleasant for all residents!



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Neighborhood Garage Sale

Get ready for our annual neighborhood garage sale! Now is the perfect time to start preparing:

- 1. Clear out your garage and gather items you no longer need
- 2. Pack items into boxes for easy organization
- 3. Mark your calendar the sale runs for two days

Entrance signs will be posted throughout the neighborhood on February 23rd and 24th.

Turn your unwanted items into cash!



It's a great opportunity to declutter your home while earning extra money. Join your neighbors for this win-win community event.

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale February 28th & March 1st, 2025

Treasurer's Report by Amanda Shank

As of this reporting, PCA does not have any outstanding bills.

Our recent expenses have been payments for Publix Gift Cards for

the Christmas Decoration Winners, two flyers at the end of 2024, and this Newsletter.

Notification of our membership drive for 2025 is included in this 1st Quarter Newsletter. We invite your support. Printing prices have nearly

doubled so the membership fee will be \$10.

To help you to remit your dues, a donation form is included below.

This form also lists activities you can participate in.

A friendly neighborhood creates a safe and pleasant neighborhood.

Pride Civic Association Membership & Volunteer Form

Membership Drive for 2025

\$10.00 (or more is appreciated) Donation per Household Annually	
Name	MAIL DONATION TO:
Address	PRIDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 1749 HUNT LANE
Phone	CLEARWATER, FL 33756
Email	PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL!
I would like to Volunteer for the following (check a many as you would like)	S
□ Zone Captain □ Garage Sale Committee	☐ Holiday Decoration Judging
☐ Newsletter Articles ☐ Committee Member	☐ Distribute Flyers
□ Preparedness Committee □ Other	
★ To subscribe to the Pride email notification system go to: pridecivic.org	

Why Preparedness

After the recent hurricanes, did you find yourself lacking any essential supplies? Now's the perfect time to create a hurricane preparedness checklist before the next storm season hits.

I was able to get a fallen tree removed just before Helene struck - any later and it would have ended up on my roof! That was a close call.

To help you get started, here's a handy list of items you may want to have on hand:

- Extra fuel for your vehicle
- Propane for cooking
- A small generator to power fans, lights, and your computer
- A portable propane stove

- First aid kit
- Bottled water
- Batteries
- Non-perishable food
- Sandbags (if you're in a lowlying area)
- Don't forget the chocolate!

By Randy Young

The best approach is to find an existing checklist online or create your own. Start small - pick 1-2 items to purchase this month. Then review the list regularly and add a few more items each time. Store everything in an easy-to-access location.



This simple preparation can provide real peace of mind. After all, a little planning now can make a big difference when the unexpected happens. Your safety and wellbeing are worth the effort!

Safety Representative's Report

Neighborhood Watch Program

We are active in the Pinellas County Sherriff's Neighborhood Watch program.

"Neighborhood Watch is "neighbors looking out for the welfare of their neighbors. It is a coalition of citizens who are concerned about the neighborhood where they live and are willing to become involved in the betterment of their community."

"It takes three ingredients to make a crime: desire, ability, and opportunity.



PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY 911

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 582-6200 Take away any ingredient and the recipe will fail; there will be no crime. Properly locked doors, neighborhood awareness, reporting suspicious persons or activity, identifying your valuables, all deprive the would-be criminal of an easy target." Pinellas County Sherif's Office Website

Crime Report:

A number of cars were entered

and items taken. This occurred one night in early December. The criminals hit many cars throughout the neighborhood. Most cars were not locked. At least one KIA was opened electronically.



by Randy Young

Fortunately, nothing of value was taken.

Please keep your car and house doors locked. Let's not welcome criminals into our neighborhood by making it easy for them to enter our cars.

In an emergency, dial 911. To report a crime, call the Sheriff's

office at the number to the left.

Call Dennis Chaplain, 743-7317 if you have any questions about security in our neighborhood.