

THE BOYETTE SPRINGS

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Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF BOYETTE SPRINGS



from the PRESIDENT

Kaitlyn Meck, HOA President

Hope all our neighbors are staying safe and healthy. We have moved to virtual meetings in the current circumstances. The meetings will be live streamed via our Facebook page which can be found at www.facebook.com/boyettehoa Homeowners and residents can submit questions and comments during the meeting and the board will attempt to answer as best we can. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and website, www.boyettesprings.com for upcoming meeting dates and times. The meetings are typically held on the last Wednesday of the month.

The association's current legal situation has not changed. Since the new board of directors took over in January, the HOA has been acting as a voluntary association to prevent any further liability incurred. This includes no collection of 2020 dues and temporary non enforcement of deed restrictions. Dues checks that were not deposited will be returned. Dues that were paid online or checks deposited prior to January 25th cannot be refunded until after the legal case is resolved. If you need documentation for your home sale or refinance, please contact me at kmeckhoa@gmail.com and we can send documentation with the acting voluntary status.

The case to have the mandatory status of the HOA determined is ongoing. Our attorney has responded to the latest filing, however we still do not have a court date for Judge Peacock. You can read the latest court filings on our website at <https://boyettesprings.com/legal-cases> When we are notified of a hearing date, the attorneys will notify all homeowners in writing via mail when a court date is set. Homeowners will be allowed to attend the hearing.

Thank you to all who participated in our Fourth Of July Decorating contest. We had only a few homes participate, and hope to grow this more next year. Congratulations to the Stroh's who won and always have top notch decorations! We also have our weekly food truck nights that are getting great neighborhood participation! If you have any suggestions for food trucks you'd like to see here, or other kinds of community events you'd like to see, please let us know.



No one's venturing far from their homes right now due to the pandemic and since it started back in March. With the Social Committee stepping up and looking for new ways to get the neighborhood together through social distancing we were able to get the ball rolling in the beginning of April. Food trucks started popping up in Boyette Springs Park neighborhood every Wednesday starting in June. But this block party has rules:

1. Order your food online as a way to encourage social distancing.
2. Wave to your neighbors from 6 feet away.
3. Wear your mask to stay safe

"It's not a normal neighborhood gathering, but it's something to show the neighborhood we are trying." said Meredith a homeowner

It's something for quarantined or isolated people who could use a break from cooking every night since we are all confined to our homes. It's also something for food trucks, which are continuing to roll after restaurants' dine-in areas and bars in Tampa Bay were shut down due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Food truck owners are happy to still be serving the community.

But staying open during times of the coronavirus is not without speed bumps. Food trucks and eateries to-go by design are having to rethink their model. It was a bit of a scramble for these companies, but they all have to think outside the box.

As some food trucks typically set up at area breweries, and bars which are now closed. Coming into the neighborhood is helping local businesses and neighborhoods.

"We are keeping these small local businesses operating during this pandemic" said Matt homeowner of Boyette Springs & Oaks

"They are helping by allowing us to stay close to home and not go stir crazy with eating the same thing continuously." said Denise homeowner of Boyette Springs & Oaks.

"Wednesdays has become my favorite week day! No cooking that night and it gets me out of the house since I am working from home even if it's just to drive to the park." Katie homeowner of Boyette Springs & Oaks.

Remember the operators are also being extra careful about cleaning. They want to keep people healthy and keep feeding their bellies. It's a tough position to be in, but at least they are mobile and can avoid big crowds. The operators of the food trucks strive to keep going out to help the community and make sure there are food options for those that need it.

Everyone is embracing small businesses, even in these hard times. We want them to be here standing and ready to go when all of this is over. As the future still seems unsteady and no one knows what's going to happen, know that we live in a great neighborhood where we can help each other out. You can support these local business and our neighborhood weekly and see the upcoming food truck schedule and order online at Tampa Bay Food Truck webpage: <https://www.tampabayfoodtruckrally.com/boyette-springs-food-trucks>





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LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

HOA MEETING
COME JOIN US

9/30, 11/18, JANUARY 2021 - ANNUAL MEETING TBD

Meetings will be held virtually via Facebook live until further notice. You can view online at www.facebook.com/boyettehoa

inspire kindness



Remember kindness doesn't cost anything to help a neighbor in need. Maybe it's going to the grocery store and checking if your neighbor

needs anything. You're mowing your yard and see they need mowing done too. Even as easy as bringing up the trash can for them. Simple acts of kindness during these difficult times can make a real difference in someone's day. You may not know everything going on in your neighbor's life and doing something small can brighten up their day.



Sidewalk/Street Repairs

The sidewalks and the street/roads in our community belong to Hillsborough County and the County takes care of all the maintenance of them. Any of us can make a request for repairs to be made by going to www.hillsboroughcounty.org



WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Below are several county resources that are important numbers to keep on hand. Please keep in mind that knowingly making false reports to state and federal agencies is a 3rd degree felony offense.

Hillsborough County		
Code Enforcement	(813) 274-6600	Report property maintenance code violations
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233	Advocates are available 24/7/365 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information
FL Child Abuse Hotline	800-422-4453	Report suspected child abuse or neglect
FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Nuisance Alligator Hotline	866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286)	Report aggressive or nuisance alligators.
Health Department	(813) 307-8000	Health, wellness services or report unsanitary businesses and restaurants
Parks and Recreation	(813) 744-5595	Park maintenance requests for mowing, repairs
Poison Control	800-222-1222	Medical advice after a poisoning via free 24/7 hotline
Public Utilities- Water	(813) 272-6680	Stop/Start/Move water service service, report a leak
Public Works 24 hours	(813) 635-5400	Request for mowing, litter removal, tree trimming and other services for County maintained medians and trees
HCSO Sheriff Non-Emergency	(813) 247-8200	Noise complaints, parking issues, solicitors
Tampa Electric (TECO)	(813) 223-0800	Report street light outage; must have light number
Tampa Electric (TECO)	877-588-1010	Report a concern- power outage, overgrown tree limbs, electricity theft
Tampa Electric (TECO)- call before you dig	811	Call at least two full business days prior to digging to get underground utility lines marked at the dig site.
Waste Management	(813) 272-5680	Missed pickup, replacement trash/recycle cans, holiday schedule



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We ask all residents to respect nature and to not feed the wildlife. Wild animals often seek food left out or given by residents and can quickly become a nuisance

Nuisance Animals and Wildlife



or safety concern to you and your neighbors. Alligators, snakes, deer, peacocks, and even little opossum families have been seen crossing the street or slithering through our gardens. Some may seem scary and could be dangerous if caution is not taken when encountering them. Understanding wildlife is often the best way to co-exist with the wildlife. Below is some information provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

What is a nuisance wild animal?

Wildlife such as peacocks, deer, and wild boar may create nuisance situations ranging from minor property damage to significant economic loss. While an individual animal may create a nuisance, we must be careful not to assign that label to an entire species. All of Florida's native wildlife species serve important ecological roles. The simple presence or sightings of wildlife, even when in urban areas should not be considered a nuisance. Many species of wildlife in Florida have adapted to survive in urban and suburban areas and can often coexist with humans without creating conflicts.

Although relocation is sometimes necessary, trapping and relocating or killing native wildlife should be a last resort and only when all other proactive measures have failed and an animal meets the nuisance criteria. Removing or killing native wildlife to resolve conflict should be carefully considered and a plan should be in place prior to attempting to trap, with care taken to target the individual animal causing damage. Complete eradication of a native species from a property is not recommended and is generally an ineffective method to address conflict. Before removing nuisance native wildlife, please be familiar with the nuisance wildlife regulations.

What is a nuisance alligator?

Generally, an alligator may be considered a nuisance if it is at least four feet in length and is believed to pose a threat to people, pets or property. Why aren't small alligators



Removed? Alligators less than 4 feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless handled. They eat fish, frogs and other small animals. Typically, they are not large enough to be a threat even to small pets. The mere presence of a small alligator is not cause for concern. Occasionally, alligators less than 4 feet in length are legitimate problems and must be addressed. Remember, never feed alligators because it is dangerous and illegal.

Why does the FWC not relocate nuisance alligators in Florida?

Florida has a healthy and stable alligator population. We have about 1.3 million alligators in Florida. Alligators live in all 67 counties, and they inhabit all wild areas of Florida that can support them. The removal of nuisance alligators does not have a significant impact on our state's alligator population. FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-392-4286. Please be aware, nuisance alligators are killed, not relocated.

Only six of Florida's 44 snake species are venomous: the eastern coral snake, the southern copperhead, the cottonmouth, the eastern diamondback rattlesnake, the timber rattlesnake, and the dusky

pygmy rattlesnake. Most Florida snakes are harmless and beneficial and remove extra rodent populations. Even the venomous species are not particularly dangerous unless stepped on or otherwise provoked. Most snakes you encounter are most likely to be non-venomous. By recognizing common non-venomous snakes and understanding something of their habits, you can take a more relaxed attitude toward them and appreciate them as an integral part of Florida's wildlife.

For more information regarding alligators, snakes or other wildlife, please visit the FWC <https://myfwc.com>.



Pumpkin Spice Puppy Chow...No it's not for the dog!

Ingredients:

- 13.5 oz box (about 7-8 cups) Cinnamon Chex cereal, or Rice Chex
- 12 ounces orange candy melts or pure white chocolate
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg*
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves*
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice*
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-2 cups mallowcreme pumpkins*



Directions:

Pour the cereal into a large bowl. Set aside.

In 20 second increments, melt the candy melts or white chocolate in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Stir after each increment until melted and completely smooth. Stir in 2 teaspoons of cinnamon, the nutmeg, cloves, and allspice until combined. Pour mixture over cereal and toss gently to coat each square. Be gentle, the squares break easily.

Pour the confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon into a large zipped-top bag. Add the coated cereal and shake until each piece is coated. Pour back into a large bowl and discard excess confectioners' sugar. Toss in the mallowcreme pumpkins.

Use 1 - 2 cups, whatever amount you prefer. Cover and store puppy chow for up to 2 weeks.

**Instead of nutmeg, cloves, and allspice - you may use 1.5 teaspoons of pumpkin pie spice.*

**Instead of mallowcreme pumpkins, try adding 1 cup of Pumpkin Spice M&Ms or Candy Corn M&Ms, 1 cup of Pumpkin Spice Hersheys Kisses, 1 cup of cinnamon chips, 1/2 cup of orange sprinkles, or even 1 cup of salty pumpkin seeds (which will cut the sweetness of the snack mix).*

Taken From Sallys Baking Addiction



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