# The Boyette Springs/Oaks Buzz

Website: https://boyettesprings.com

December 11, 2022

Welcome to Boyette Springs and Boyette Oaks!





On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association of Boyette Springs and Boyette Oaks we welcome you to the neighborhood. We feel certain that you will enjoy the quality of life of our community. We are glad to have you as a neighbor and would like to take this opportunity to give you some information about our neighborhood.

We are a voluntary association. Our primary purpose is to promote neighborhood cohesion and harmony while protecting property values and the quality of life for residents. This is accomplished through programs and services spearheaded by a volunteer Board of Directors.

- 1. Providing a communication focal point through email, The Buzz Newsletter, webpage, and social media, as well as periodic mailings to Members.
- 2. Providing a voice for the community by acting as a liaison with governmental agencies and institutions, businesses and schools in and around our area.
- 3. Encouraging and facilitating active resident participation in all quality of life issues affecting our community, including land use, transportation, safety and security matters.
- 4. Organizing neighborhood activities including community clean-up events, garage sales, festivals, and holiday events.
- 5. Maintaining a strong partnership with schools by providing community service hours for youth, scholarship opportunities, and youth improvement/education programs.
- 6. Establishing a neighbor standards program based on county codes to maintain neighborhood aesthetics and to keep the community a great place to live, work, and call home.

We hope residents embrace our community, increase participation and be more active as we move forward.

The HOA is run strictly by non-paid volunteers who live in Boyette Springs and Boyette Oaks. All money collected from dues goes back into the community. While the purpose of the board remains the same, the challenges for the present day and looming future are even more complicated than in the past. An all-volunteer board requires a commitment of time and energy for the common goal for bettering the neighborhood community.

**Board of Directors** 

If you need to reach any of us please email us at hoa@boyettesprings.com

President – Emily Ellis

Vice President – Ryan Brooks

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Secretary – Michele Smith

Director – Jim Martin

Director – Rob Kirchubel



## Facebook

Boyette Springs and Boyette Oaks Resident Facebook Page Connects you with your neighbors! You will need to get approved by one of the Facebook administrators. Once your request has been approved, you can post on any of the Resident pages or the Buy/Sell "Classified" type page.

Facebook Pages for our Neighborhood

- Boyette Springs HOA
- Boyette Springs/Oaks Neighborhoods RAW
- Boyette Springs Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- Original Boyette Springs / Oaks Neighborhood Page
- Boyette Springs Free/Buy/Sell/Trade
- Humorous Boyette Springs/Oaks Neighborhood



How to request streets/roads or sidewalk Repairs to be made in the Boyette Springs/Oaks Community?

The sidewalks and the streets/roads in our community belong to Hillsborough County and the County takes care of all maintenance of them.

Any of us can make a request for repairs to be made by going to: www.hillsboroughcounty.org

Select I want to > REPORT

Office hours are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.



# **Rezoning of Ace Driving Range**

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Mattamy Homes is trying to build 86 townhomes and 20,000 square feet of commercial space on the Ace Driving Range Property. As we discussed at our last Board meeting, this is a bad idea and we will stand up against it. Below is a template opposition letter to the County with an optional add-on about the environment. Please add specific stories, anecdotes, details, and photos. Your personal stories, photos, and observations make a difference! The County must consider it in making its decision.

The Hillsborough County Zoning Hearing Master is scheduled to hear the application on January 17, 2023 at 6 pm at the County Building at 601 Kennedy Blvd., Tampa FL, 33602. The County Commission will hear it a few weeks later, but a date has not yet been announced.

Send this letter to the Zoning Hearing Master ASAP, either:

- 1. Hand-delivered to County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602
- 2. Mailed to P.O. Box 1110, Tampa, FL 33601
- 3. Emailed to <u>Hearings@HCFLGov.net</u>.

In addition, contact your Commissioners online to <u>BOCC Contact Form - Formstack</u> and/or hard copies to Commissioner Harry Cohen, Ken Hagan Commissioner Gwen Myers, Commissioner Michael Owen, Commissioner Donna Cameron Cepeda Commissioner Pat Kemp, and Commissioner Joshua Wostal at their office 601 Kennedy Blvd., Tampa FL, 33602.

We will have a community meeting coming up to further discuss. Stay tuned!

See page 3 of this Newsletter for Opposition Letter template. Also there will be an electronic copy on the website and Facebook page.

## **Template Opposition Letter**

Dear Commissioner,

I live in the Boyette Springs neighborhood at \_\_\_\_\_\_ I object to Mattamy Tampa/Sarasota LLC's rezoning application for the property at 12910 Boyette Road (Application #PD 22-0075) to build 86 townhomes and 20,000 square feet of commercial space across from my neighborhood.

This project is incompatible with the traffic and safety in the neighborhood and must be denied.

There are already traffic backups on Boyette Road, Sedgebrook Drive, and Bell Creek Drive. (Insert specific observation/story/add photo of bad traffic). The proposed project will add 2,299 daily trips to an already extremely strained area for traffic. Our neighborhood can't tolerate further backups, and the developer isn't proposing anything to fix it.

Boyette Springs Elementary School is on Sedgebrook Drive. During school pick-up and drop-off, traffic backs up on Boyette Road almost to Tarragon Drive. Adding over two thousand daily trips, including an extra 200 plus trips during the morning, will make this situation worse. There are frequently accidents on Boyette Road and I am concerned this will exacerbate it. (Insert specific story/photo/details here). Kids walk on the side of the road (include photos!) and adding this extra traffic will put them at risk. Or, parents won't want them to walk and drive them instead. As a result, there will be even more cars on the road.

I am also concerned that the proposal will change the safety and character of my neighborhood and reduce property values. We live in a single-family community surrounding by a nature preserve, parks, and a driving range. Adding retail, other commercial uses, and 86 townhomes directly across the street changes the character of our peaceful neighborhood and may bring safety issues like break-ins in the neighborhood.

I urge you to deny this proposal which is incompatible with my neighborhood, based on Comprehensive Plan FLU Policy 1.4. Mattamy Homes should develop this property based on the existing laws and not ask for more.

Sincerely,

#### **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

Treat your neighbor as you would like to be treated. (Remember the Golden Rule?) The HOA receives a fair amount of complaints during the year. Many are simple things that common courtesy would prevent.

- Keep music and noise at a normal level.
- Don't let your pets run loose around the neighborhood. Keep your property secure so that they cannot escape.
- Pick up after your pets while on a walk.
- Don't park on your neighbor's lawn (or your own) and don't block anyone's driveway.
- Pick up your trash and store garbage/recycle bins out of sight from the street.
- > Park boats and recreational vehicles in garages or back yards.
- > Be respectful of property lines.
- > Take care of your lawn.
- Keep your fence in good repair.
- > Abide by the deed restrictions and obey County Codes.

Those who complain about living in a deed restricted community shouldn't have bought a house in a deed restricted community. We all want to peacefully co-exist and preserve our property values. Please do your part.

Boyette Springs & Oaks HOA Holiday Decorating Contest Saturday, December 17, 2022

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

The Three Winners will receive: A Home Improvement Gift Card, Photo taken of home to be placed on Facebook Pages, and bragging rights.

Register your home online by clicking on the link on the HOA Facebook Page The photos with the most likes wins!

on or before December 17, 2022 to be considered for the Decorating Contest.



If you notice a street light out: Please use the convenient Lights Out form on tampaelectric.com or call 813-223-0800

Please provide the light ID tag number on the light pole or the nearest street address or intersection to the light.

## **Boyette Springs & Boyette Oaks Special District**

The Boyette Springs Special District levies a special tax on each home in our community for maintenance of the community entrances and landscaping. The tax is collected with the Hillsborough County Tax Bill.

Boyette Springs was developed in the 1980's and over the years has become the thriving community we have today. When you enter this community, all entrances are beautifully maintained.

This is what the Boyette Springs Special District strives to uphold. Their mission is to make the Boyette Springs and Boyette Oaks Community a desirable place for homeownership by beautifying and protecting the Community's entrance areas through pro-active management of Community infrastructure, while being good stewards of our constituent's tax dollars.

## Things People with Integrity Do Differently

If they give you their word, you can count on it.

They're not afraid to stand up for what's right.

They live by the same standards they expect from others.

They believe in transparency.

They give credit where it's due.

They take ownership of their mistakes.

They are trustworthy.



Check out these holiday fun events for the entire family. Please review websites for pricing and availability before going.

#### **Holiday Lights**

#### Holiday Lights in the Gardens at Florida Botanical Gardens

Dates: November 25, 2022 – January 1, 2023

Website: https://flbgfoundation.org/HolidayLights

Symphony in Lights @ The Shops at Wiregrass

**Dates:** November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 31, 2022 Nightly from 6 PM – 9 PM

#### **Enchant at Tropicana Field**

Dates: November 25, 2022 – January 1, 2023

Website: <a href="https://enchantchristmas.com/">https://enchantchristmas.com/</a>

Do you have a club or group that hangs out in the neighborhood? Walking club, Book club, Moms & Tots, Nature watching, Card Games. Let us know so we can post it for others to join in the fun. Email: BSHOASocialEvents@gmail.com



Looking for volunteers to join the events committee. Please email: BSHOASocialEvents@gmail.com



#### New Year's Eve Events

Check out this website for events around the Tampa Bay Area to help you ring in the New Year in style.

Website: <u>https://tampabaydatenightguide.com/new-years-eve/</u>



Do you know of any community events that would be fun? Let us know so that we can add it to our events page. Email: BSHOASocialEvents@gmail.com

# Take a drive to ICE! at Gaylord Palms Resort

In Kissimmee the weather is a high 9 degrees with a 100% chance of ICE!

**Dates:** November 18, 2022 – January 1, 2023

Website: https://christmasatgaylordpalms.marriott.com/

## **Busch Gardens Christmas Town**

Dates: November 13, 2022 – January 2, 2023

Website: https://buschgardens.com/tampa/events/christmas-town/

## Winter Village at Curtis Hixon Park

Dates: November 18, 2022 – January 4, 2023

Website: https://wintervillagetampa.com/

## Tampa Riverwalk Holiday Lighted Boat Parade

Date: December 17, 2022

Website: <u>https://thetampariverwalk.com/events-news/events/holiday-lighted-boat-parade.html</u>