



Ancient Oaks

Newsletter

January 2025

**The Board of Directors
wishes everyone a
Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**

Ancient Oaks survey

As mentioned in the January 3rd Board President's letter, a homeowner survey was recently conducted to gather insights on community priorities and collect your valuable feedback. The survey results will be made available at our next board meeting on January 28th. The meeting information is below. Please feel free to attend.

For those unable to attend, the findings will also be featured in the February newsletter.

Cell Tower Update

With no response since June 18 from Anthemnet, the cell tower builder, the county has sent a letter saying that if they do not hear from them, the permit will be pulled. If that happens, the builder will have to start over if they want to proceed. That decision will be made in the next few weeks. Hopefully, the next newsletter will have the final cell tower update.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: A Community Initiative

We are excited to announce the launch of our new **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** program! This initiative is designed to foster community spirit by providing a helping hand to those who may need assistance with tasks around their homes due to **physical or financial limitations**.

To kick off this program, **Chuck Hager** will lead the way with a **Mailbox Painting Initiative** starting this February. If your mailbox could use a fresh coat of paint but you are unable to take care of it yourself due to **physical challenges or financial constraints**, Chuck will be offering his time and materials every **Saturday morning in February**. There is no cost for his service—it's our way of building connections and enhancing the beauty of our community.

If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Chuck to schedule:

Chuck Hager



313-919-0290



hagerchuck@ancientoaksinc.com

Let's work together to make Ancient Oaks not just a neighborhood, but a community where we support one another.

Together, we can make a difference!

Rewrite of governing documents.

We are working on these revisions so a finalized document can be distributed for your review, well in advance of next year's Annual Meeting. This allows us to clearly communicate each change and provide ample time for member approval.

To further facilitate open communication, we have established a dedicated email for document-related questions and feedback. Please direct any inquiries or suggestions regarding the revisions to AncientOaksBoard@gmail.com which will be monitored by the entire Board. Appropriate questions will be sent to our legal counsel to ensure accuracy and clarity.

Post-Hurricane Clean-up Efforts:

The impact of this year's hurricanes and tropical storms has been profound, with our community facing significant challenges, including widespread damage and disruption. Despite the complexity of the issues, we have made substantial progress in restoring safety and normalcy. Our efforts have prioritized the most critical areas of concern, including downed trees, branches, and debris, as well as trees falling on homeowners' properties. While further work is necessary, we are confident that our ongoing initiatives will ultimately lead to the completion of all necessary tasks. We thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this process, and we are committed to continuing our efforts till all areas are completed.



Ancient Oaks Website

The Ancient Oaks website is available for your use. If you have submitted your electronic consent form to receive emails from AMI you should have an email on file and you can log in. The URL for your first time accessing the website is:

<https://e1.vantaca.net/Home/Login>

The first time you visit you will need to enter Advanced in the Company ID line then put in the email you have on file with AMI. Your first-time password is 1234. Once in, you can change your password.

If you have already accessed the website, you can reach it, again, at:

<https://home.amiwra.com/login>

If you have issues, please email front desk or Eric (see below) to have your login and company ID reset by AMI. If that still doesn't work, Eric recommends calling Vantaca customer service at 1-855-582-6822

Have a neighbor that isn't receiving the newsletter?

Please tell them to sign up for electronic consent or provide an email address to AMI. They can request a form at: frontdesk@amiwra.com or email Eric Hagar at ehagar@amiwra.com.

Time to shine the light on security

The light poles in each yard bring beauty to each home but they also have another important function. When each light pole is on, the neighborhood is illuminated and helps deter crime. It's important to ensure each light pole is working and lit.

A number of homes in Ancient Oaks have non-working pole lights. Please make a new year's resolution to have your pole light shine brightly. Some fixes, aside from bulbs, may be:

--Pole light sensor

--GFCI switch-this is likely in your garage. It is an electrical outlet with two buttons in the center. One may be red. This can be tripped with heavy rain on your light pole causing it not to light. This is like some outlets in bathrooms. Pushing the button in will reactivate your light.

Please help protect you and your neighbors by fixing your pole light.

Website and Technology Enhancement Update

Steady progress is being made as we collaborate with the AMI website vendor to streamline and improve its overall usability. AMI has assured the Board that key improvements will be completed soon.

Even after the enhancements, the AMI platform may retain some limitations. The Board of Directors is piloting new technology solutions, including alternative website providers. As part of this effort, a new pilot website has been launched and can be accessed at <https://ancientoaksinc.com/>.

Please be aware that while this piloted site may offer an enhanced experience, and provide access to the AMI site, it is not an enhancement to the actual AMI site which is managed by AMI.

We invite all homeowners to explore the pilot website and provide feedback on its usability, features, and potential improvements. Your input is invaluable in helping us create a streamlined and user-friendly digital experience for the entire community.

Thank you for your patience, continued engagement and support as we strive to improve communication and services for Ancient Oaks residents.

Landscape Updates

Our lawn maintenance program follows a weekly schedule from Wednesday to Friday, subject to adjustments necessitated by weather conditions. As outlined in our schedule, common area lawn maintenance within our community has shifted to an every-other-week cutting schedule. Terra-Scapes, our community's landscaping provider, has also commenced tree trimming and debris removal operations focused on eradicating invasive Brazilian Pepper trees throughout our community

Pond/Lake Updates

The second half of the Lake #9 project is underway and will be completed near the end of January.

Speaking of lakes, if you would like to see an overall map of all the lakes in Ancient Oaks noting current and future projects, please visit the AO website under Documents>Maps. Instructions to reach the website are above under Ancient Oaks Website.

In the Know about No Mow Zones

“No Mow Zones” are small, manicured, 2-to-3-foot-wide strips around each of our ponds/lakes. The existing turf in the no-mow zone will be allowed to grow to a height of no more than 10-15 inches. This will allow deeper root development to help hold the banks and battle erosion. This taller turf will also act as a physical barrier to pollutants. All stormwater ponds (our lakes) should have these buffer zones.

For a better understanding of No Mow Zones, please visit this very informative article at: [Buffer Zones for Stormwater Ponds Factsheet \(ufl.edu\)](https://www.ufl.edu/~paulc/bufferzones.htm)

Please do not mow these common ground zones. If you have questions, please contact Eric at AMI.

Sign up for Manatee County Alerts

Receive notifications from government and public safety officials. You will receive alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices, boil water advisories, weather warnings, and hazardous traffic or road conditions. You can opt to receive notifications by phone call, text or email. [Alert Manatee: Sign up for Emergency Alerts - Manatee County](https://www.manateecountyfl.net/AlertManatee/SignUpForEmergencyAlerts)

New Plantings:



We are enthusiastic and eager to restore our entrances and islands to their former beauty. The process was delayed due to the devastation caused by hurricanes Helene and Milton, as well as the subsequent cleanup efforts and Erie Road widening efforts. Although delayed, we are now progressing with the community's beautification project and, hopefully, without any further interruptions, anticipate that all areas will be restored to their former beauty by early springtime.

We are diligently addressing irrigation system repairs and enhancements in various areas throughout our community to achieve improved aesthetics by the end of January 2025, prior to initiating the beautification planting processes

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

Do you like living in a nice, great looking neighborhood?

Do you like the outdoors?

We have a spot for you

We *really, really* need 3 more folks to help with the Modification and Lakes Committees. You'll be trained and very much appreciated. You'll be joining other homeowners who want to help make Ancient Oaks the best place to live in Manatee County and Florida. If you have an interest, please email Eric at ehagar@AMIWRA.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Check Out These Area Resources

-Ancient Oaks Facebook Page- Ancient Oaks Subdivision Parrish FL.

-Manatee County 311-Need to ask someone about, tell someone about or report an issue dealing with Manatee County or items like AO streetlights that are out or potholes? Dial 311 to reach an amazing service that is incredibly helpful to residents.

--Citizen's Academy- Want to know more about what Manatee has to offer? Who to contact? Consider signing up for Citizen's Academy, an informational 8-week program. Learn more at

https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/neighborhood_services/neighborhood_connections/citizens_academy

-Departments - Manatee County-See the departments and who to contact

-Sign up for property alerts from the Manatee County Clerk at [Property Alerts](#)

-For all things Manatee visit [Home - Manatee County \(mymanatee.org\)](http://Home - Manatee County (mymanatee.org))

-Neighborhood Connections is Manatee County's free email newsletter offering a wealth of information, upcoming events, programs and resources. See what they offer at:
https://www.myanatee.org/departments/neighborhood_services/neighborhood_connections

**Next meeting for the ANCIENT OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
OF MANATEE COUNTY**
You're Welcome to attend.

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 - 6:30pm
Youth Hall Annex, Parrish United Methodist Church,
12180 US-301 Parrish, FL 34219