

TAMPA PALMS

NEWSLETTER

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The Spirit of Giving

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Tampa Palms Is A Very Giving Community

Many of the organizations that call Tampa Palms home, in particular the Tampa Palms Women's Club, spend a great deal of time working to make life easier for those less fortunate.

Most of us are familiar with their work with Oasis, RICH House, Kids and Canines and more.

Many Tampa Palms neighbors have indicated that with so much turmoil and so many with genuine needs, not only in the world but right here in Tampa, that they would like a means to help, to make a difference.

To make that happen, the TPOA has created the **"Giving Tree Niche"** in the Compton lobby. Brian and Leslie reached out to two well-known organizations, Feeding Tampa Bay and the US Marines Toys for Tots, and they were eager partners.

Feeding Tampa Bay suggested donations of the following would be hugely appreciated.



Boxed/Bagged Stuffing
Canned/Bottled Turkey Gravy
Boxed/Bagged Mashed Potatoes
Unsweet Apple Sauce
Canned Sliced Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Canned Protein (Tuna, Chicken)

Beef stew
Breakfast (Cereal, Oatmeal, etc)
Instant Rice (White/Brown/Yellow)
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Canned Cranberry Peanut butter
Mac & Cheese cups



Toys for Tots gratefully accepts any new toy unwrapped toy. The stated goal is to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters".

The **Giving Tree Niche** is arranged with boxes for donations. The filled boxes will be periodically collected and then delivered to the charities through mid-December.

Tampa Palms residents can just pull up to the front of Compton Park and run in to drop off donations, no parking and no walking involved.



News From the TPOA

Don't Forget The Winter Hours It May Be Hot But Winter Is Coming

Winter hours began the first week of November for Hampton Park and the facilities at Compton Park.

Winter Hours

Compton Park

8 AM - 9 PM

Mon - Thurs

8 AM - 10 PM

Fri - Sat

8 AM - 8 PM

Sun

Hampton Park

8 AM - 9 PM

Mon - Sat

8 AM - 8 PM

Sun

Compton Pool Opening Procedures

1. The pool is covered each night with a heat -saving cover that assures a warm pool.
2. The pool will not open until the outside air temperature, measured at Compton Park with an outdoor thermometer, reaches a minimum of 50 degrees.
3. Even if the temperature reaches 50 degrees, the pool cover will not be removed unless residents have indicated that they wish to swim at which time the park attendants will open the pool.
4. If it is raining, stormy or windy, the pool cover will not be removed.



The Compton Park Pool will open at 9 AM everyday weather permitting and if there are residents wishing to swim.

Opening the pool during the winter months takes about thirty minutes to do so safely, due to the pool cover. It is suggested that on cold mornings any resident interested in swimming do the following::

- Call Compton Park to inquire as to if the temperature has reached 50 degrees.
- Advise the park staff that you wish to swim and ask them to uncover the pool.

Tampa Palms Loves The Holidays

The following schedule is in place for the December holidays:

- All parks will close at Noon Sunday, December 24th.
- The parks will reopen Tuesday, Dec 26th.
- All parks will close at Noon on Saturday December 31st.
- The parks & TPOA offices will reopen on Tuesday Jan 2nd.



TPOA Amenities Available For Celebrations



Every effort is made to make the party and meeting facilities as available for use by as many residents as is reasonably possible.

There are three venues capable of handling small to medium celebrations.

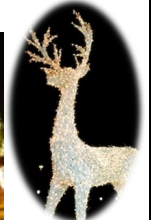
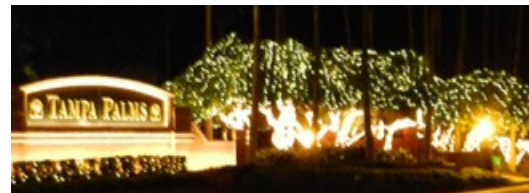
- The Azalea room- catering kitchen, maximum guests accommodated, 65*.
- Palms Building - catering kitchen, accommodates 130* guests (may be split into two rooms).

Please call Compton Park (813 972-0897) to check for available dates and all that is needed is to drop in to complete the your reservations..

* Per Fire Marshall

Holiday Lighting Coming Soon

Tampa Palms will soon sparkle with thousands of tiny lights again. The main entry illumination began the weekend after Thanksgiving and the deer and wreaths will be making their annual appearances soon.



Our Tampa Palms



Professional Staff

Holiday Traditions And Celebrations Coming Alive In Tampa Palms

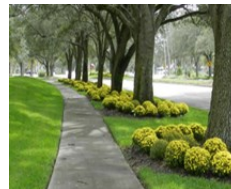
The End of the Year Is A Festive Time



For Residents and Their Many Guests

The end of the Tampa Palms year features many holidays from all over the world.

It all began on November 12th with the Indian festival of lights, Diwali, which celebrates good over evil and light over darkness and is followed by the many festivities in December, ending January 1st with Kwanza and New Years 2024.



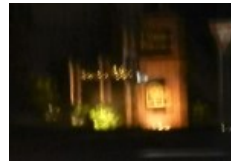
◇ Mums give a pop of yellow color to compliment the Marigolds at the entrances, during November and set the tone for Thanksgiving.



◇ Poinsettias will replaced the Fall mums, adding to the dazzle of the main entries from behind the monuments to Amberly Drive on the road sides, where there are trees and in the medians.



◇ Winter plantings of deep red snap dragons surrounded either snowy alyssum or silver Dusty Millers will replace the marigolds at the entries and median beds.



◇ Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, Tampa Palms main entries sparkle every night with thousands of tiny lights, as they have for the last thirty-three years.



Tampa Palms Women's Club Rocked 2023 & Are Ready For 2024

Another Successful Yard Sale

Stella Hardman and Judy Alkow marshaled in the 2023 edition of still another successful yard sale for the Tampa Palms community. Backed by more than twenty TPWC volunteers who priced, sorted and help display the goods, along with baking delicious goodies for sale, it was a fun day for all.

Following the end of the event, Brenda Simpson and Etta Green coordinated the sale of the "leftovers", even further enhancing the proceeds raised. (The final tally is not in but it is rumored to be several thousand dollars.)

That is important because all of the proceeds go to the TPWC/HCC Scholarship.



Tampa Palms Women's Club 2024 Board Installation Luncheon

January 18, 2024, 11AM

Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club

Be There To Welcome

The 2024 Officers As They Take Office

President: Helene Pepper

Vice President: Janet Heinig

Secretary: Marion Brookover

Treasurer: Martha Kreitzer

Membership: Pam Fahey & Liz Burns

Charities: Nancy Yetter

Activities: Mary Field & Charmagne Ringo

Two Women's Club Luncheons Tampa Palms Country Club

Dec. 14 Holliday Luncheon

11:30 AM - Arrival

12:00 Noon - Luncheon Is Served

Menu

Garden Salad (Romaine, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Parmesan Cheese, Cranberries.

Princess Chicken Parm W/ Cavatappi Pasta

Or

Vegetable Stir-Fry (Bell Peppers, Forest Mushrooms, Edamame, Sweet Soy Glaze over Cauliflower Rice)

Chocolate Mousse



Reserve Your Seat By December 1st

Jan 18th Installation Luncheon

11:00 AM - Arrival

11:30 AM - Installation

12:00 - Luncheon Served

Chilled Cucumber Soup

Swedish Meatball with Red & Green Peppers & Cherry Tomatoes Served Over Jasmine Rice With Swedish Gravy.

Or

Grilled Portabella Mushroom With Tomato & Burrata Cheese With Balsamic Glaze.

Apple Cobbler



Final Date To Reserve Your Seat, Jan 1 2024

Make Checks Out To: TPWC

Mail Checks To: Mary Field
15834 Sanctuary Drive
Tampa FL, 33647



SWFWMD Declares Water Emergency

Once A Week Lawn Watering Dec 1, 2023

Rainfall Deficit Is Substantial

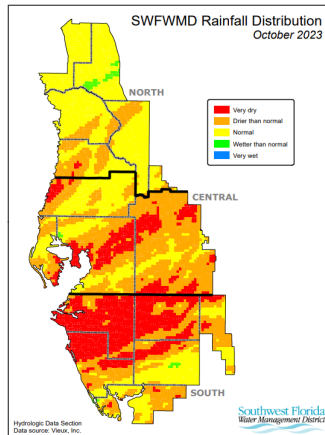
The lack of rain in Tampa Palms, as well as in much of this part of Florida, has been remarkable.

There was lower than the normal rainfall during the summer rainy season and currently there is at least a 10 inch rainfall deficit compared to the average year. In addition, the water levels in water resources, such as aquifers, rivers and lakes, are declining.

This is very obvious in the low levels of many ponds in Tampa Palms.

Pictured below is the Area 1 entry pond which is more than 5 feet below the normal level.

It is vital especially now that NOTHING go in the drains because anything in the storm drains goes to the ponds and ultimately to our drinking water.



Changes To Water Restrictions NOW

Due reductions in the water sources which provide much of the drinking water for the area, **SWFWMD has issued a Modified Phase I Water Shortage Order.**

What this means for Tampa Palms residents:

- ◆ Once a week only watering
- ◆ No water before 6 PM or after 8 AM
- ◆ The schedule may change your watering day

Address Last Number	Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday
No fixed street address such as cul de sacs.	

The Tampa Palms CDD and the Tampa Palms Country Club do not use potable water but are under the jurisdiction of SWFWMD and must meter and report the water used.

The City-owned cul de sac's in Tampa Palms (54 of them) are irrigated with potable water paid for by the CDD. The cul de sacs will be watered once a week on Fridays.

For more information go online to <https://www.tampa.gov/news/2023-11/new-water-restrictions-tampa-customers-131551>



Who Does What In Tampa Palms

It Is All About Teamwork

New To Tampa Palms? This May Help

There are two Tampa Palms based organizations that provide services to the residents of Tampa Palms, the TPOA and the CDD.



There are a number of ways in which the two organizations cooperatively support the owners for the common good of the community. (See chart to the right)

A Glimpse At the TPOA

The TPOA is a standard owners association which in turn supports the neighborhoods by:

- Providing TPOA-Owned parks (Compton & River Park)
- Enforcing standards for residential and commercial properties, using deed-based restrictions levied on the Tampa Palms' properties before the properties were first sold.

The TPOA owns no property, except its two parks, and maintains no roadways. This is unlike some gated HOAs where the roads are private and owned by the HOA.

What About The CDD

The CDD is a unit of special purposed government that supports Tampa Palms with infrastructure services such as:

- Providing two parks (Hampton and Amberly) and a conservation refuge (Oak Park).
- Maintaining the landscape along the City-owned boulevards (Tampa Palms, Amberly & Compton)
- Providing community and village amenities such as entry monuments and lighting.
- Operating three well/pump stations that provide irrigation water to the boulevards and entries without the cost of potable water.
- Caring for the City-owned cul de sacs located in the non-gated villages of Tampa Palms

But the TPOA and CDD do not serve all owner needs as their powers and jurisdiction is limited by the Florida statutes.

Tampa Palms relies on the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County for essential government services such as, fire, police, code enforcement, garbage & recycle collection, roadway, stormwater and sewer maintenance, permitting and much more.



Sharing Support of Tampa Palms Residents

	TPOA	CDD
Deed Restriction Enforcement	√	
Park Management (CDD & TPOA Parks)		
Grounds Maintenance		√
Staff Hiring	√	
Staff Training	√	
Resident Reservations	√	
Staff Scheduling	√	
Staff Salary	√	√
Opens & Closes Amberly Park	√	
Irrigation TPOA Compton		
Non-Potable Water (No Cost)		√
Maintenance		√
Timers & Hardware		√
Snipe Sign Pick-Up		
Weekdays		√
Weekends	√	
Community Newsletter		
Prepared & Printed	√	√
Mailed To All Residents	√	√
50-50 Cost Sharing	√	√
Office & Meeting Storage		
Meeting Prep	√	
Meeting Media Storage		√
Whiteboard Storage		√
Holiday Decorations - Entries		
Provides Decorations	√	
Provides the Power		√
Provides Storage For		
Decorations Including Deer		√

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CDD 813 977-3933 * CDD.Tampa@verizon.net

**Full Community Resource Guide Follows
A Useful Tool To Keep For Reference**



Community Services Guide

Community/Municipal Service	Support Provided By				
	CITY	Hills County	CDD	TPOA	Private Owners
Bike Path / Sidewalk Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Bike Path Maintenance (Public Roads)	√				
Brick Paver Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Brick Paver Repair (Public Roads)	√				
Construction Permitting & Inspection	√				
Curb Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Curb Maintenance (Main Roads)	√				
Curb Maintenance (Village Roads Non-Gated)	√				
Drinking Water	√				
Fire & EMS	√				
Fountains- Ponds on Main Roads			√		
Fountains- Pond/Gated Villages & TPC Club				√	√
Irrigation For City-Owned Medians, Community-Owned Parks & Landscape Tracts (Non Potable)			√		
Irrigation City-Owned Cul de Sac's (Potable)			√		
Irrigation Wells (3) SWFWMD WUP			√		
Irrigation Pump Stations (2)			√		
Landscape Lighting (Main Roads)			√		
Median Landscape Maintenance - City ROW			√		
Monuments Signs & Lighting (Main Entries)			√		
Monuments Signs & Lighting (Village Entries)			√		
Monument Signs & Lighting (Commercial Bldgs)					√
Monument Signs & Lighting (Community Parks)			√	√	
Mosquito Control		√			
Park Maintenance (Compton & River)				√	
Park Maintenance (Hampton, Oak & Amberly)			√		
Playground Maintenance (Hampton & Amberly Parks)			√		
Playground Maintenance (Compton & River Parks)				√	
Police Protection	√				
Reclaimed Water	None Available				

For Tampa Palms Residents



Community/Municipal Service	Maintenance By				
	City	Hills County	CDD	TPOA	Private Owner
Boulevard Landscape Maintenance CDD -Owned			√		
Boulevard Landscape Maintenance City ROW			√		
Sidewalk Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Sidewalk Maintenance (Village Roads Public ROW)	√				
Solid Waste & Recycling Collection		√			
Storm Water Conveyances (Gated Villages- Private ROW) ¹					√
Stormwater Conveyances (Village - Public ROW)	√				
Stormwater Inlets- Curb & Swale (Gated Villages) ¹					√
Stormwater Inlets- Curb & Swale (Main Roads)	√				
Stormwater Inlets- Curb & Swale (Village Roads)	√				
Stormwater Ponds - CDD Owned			√		
Stormwater Ponds - Privately Owned					√
Street Lights Gated Villages					√
Street Lights Main Roads ²	√				
Street Lights Village Roads ²	√				
Street/Pavement Maintenance (Main Roads)	√				
Street/Pavement Maintenance (Village Roads)	√				
Street/Pavement Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Street Signs (Decorative) (Village Roads)			√		
Street Signs (Decorative) (Gated Villages)					√
Tennis Court Maintenance & Lights (Compton Pk)				√	
Tennis Court Maintenance & Lights (Hampton Pk)			√		
Traffic Control Signs City ROW Main Roads ²			√		
Traffic Control Signs City ROW Village Roads ²			√		
Traffic Control Signs Gated Villages					√
Tree Trimming- Gated Villages	√				
Tree Trimming– Main Roads ³	√		√		
Tree Trimming- Village Roads	√				
Waste Water (Sewer)	√				

¹. Stormwater in the gated villages of Huntington and Westover is COT maintained

². Streetlights on public ROW are provided by TECO. Streetlights are paid for by the City of Tampa

³. The CDD assists by trimming trees 8 ft over sidewalks and over roadways when possible.



Boulevard Improvements Continue

Tampa Palms Blvd Project Nearing Completion

The paving project for Tampa Palms Blvd east of Bruce B Downs is nearly finished.



It appears that the contractor and the City of Tampa are working through some “punch list” items.

- Some replacement sharrow markings have been installed but a few more remain to be added. (This is repair work.)
- A few additional turn arrows and lane lines are left to replace as well.



The pedestrian-activated crossing lights which are located on the boulevard near Tampa Palms Elementary School were put into service last week.

These flashing lights, which are strategically located near the speed reduction tables, have substantially increased the safety of both adults and children crossing Tampa Palms Blvd. They are operational 24 hours a day and not just for school hours.

Be Very Cautious On Line



Scams Are Plentiful

Florida's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jimmy Patronis issued an alert this month for Floridians regarding the dangers of phony social media profiles that mimic legitimate companies on sites like Facebook, Instagram, and X, with the intention of obtaining personal data.

The FTC likewise warned consumers of thieves launching Phishing Attacks online (via social media) and by email.



It is suggested that requests to “update your information”, even from legitimate companies be treated with suspicion and that anyone receiving such requests contact the companies directly and NOT respond.

Safe Electronics Collection



A Huge Success

More than 186 items were dropped off for destruction, including HDD drives, SSD drives, cell phones, CDs, tablets, iPods, and even floppy disks and drives.



All items were safely shredded by Urban E Recycling using an AMS-300HD certified shredder to ensure the total destruction and non-recovery of all information and data.

The shredder destroys up to 2,000 hard drives per hour, resulting in tiny 1-1/2-inch fragments that cannot be reassembled.

Based on the requests, the TPOA is tentatively scheduling another disposal event in the Spring.



Streetlight Out Or Stays On All Day?

Tampa Electric company provides the streetlights along all the public roads (non-gated) in Tampa Palms. They do this under a contract with the City of Tampa.



Each TECO streetlight has a number on the pole. If it is safe to do so, get the number on the pole and report the light to TECO one of two ways

1. Call TECO at 813 228-0300 and provide the general address and the pole number.
2. Go online and report the light to <https://www.tampaelectric.com/residential/report-a-concern/streetlightout>

If you can't find a pole number, please call the CDD at 813 977-3933 for assistance.



Making Changes Outside?

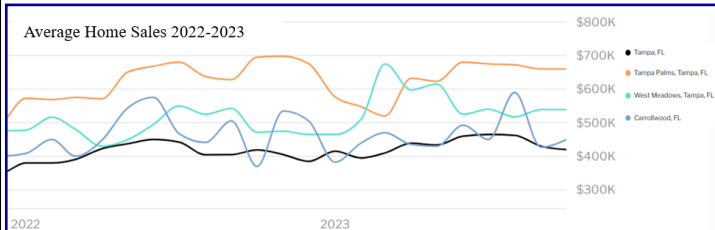
Make Sure To File An RMC Application

The TPOA staff has been surprised recently by residents, including even some long time Tampa Palms residents, who said that they were unaware that it is required that an application for changes must be submitted and approved before any changes are made.

The governing documents (The CCRs adopted in Feb. of 1986) state clearly that **all outside changes from construction of any type and even landscape require RMC approval** (or CMC for Commercial changes.)

One of the wonderful aspects of living in Tampa Palms is that the owners are continually improving their homes.

This adherence to standards in part contributes to the high value Tampa Palms properties retain year over year.



For your convenience RMC /CMC applications are readily available online at:

<https://tpoa.net/RMC-CMCForm.pdf>

The Architectural Manual which describes the standards of Tampa Palms is also available online.

<https://www.tpoa.net/ArchManual.pdf>

Please call the TPOA at 813 977-3337 with any questions about filing modifications requests.

Modification Review Request Required



RMC approval is required prior to any work which alters the exterior of your property.

Community Director: Brian Koerber
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Joe Laird, Project Manager 267-1756

Tampa Palms Parks

Compton Park 972-0897

Hampton Park 972-5699

River Park 971-6241

Police & Fire

911

Non-Emergency Police 231-6130

Non-Emergency Fire 223-4211

Local Schools

Tampa Palms Elementary 975-7390

Lawton Chiles Elementary 558-5422

Liberty Middle School 558-1180

Freedom High School 558-1185

Miscellaneous

Street Repairs 274-3101

TECO 223-0800

Garbage & Recycle Collections 248-2820

Water Department 274-8121

New Tampa Rec Center 975-2794

Storm Water (Floods or Dumping) 274-3101



December 2023



December 25 –December 29 Winter Break - No School					1 5 Private Even (2)	2 10 Private Event (2) 5 Private Event (2)
3 8 Private Event 3 Private Event	4 10 Private Event 4 Private Event	5 10 Private Event 4 Private Event 7 Private Event	6 9 Private Event	7 9 TPWC 4 Private Event	8 5 Private Event 5 Private Event	9 10 Private Event 5 Private Event (2)
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17 8 Private Event 9 Private Event 3 Private Event (2)	18 4 Private Event	19 10 Private Event 10 Sanctuary Board 1 TPWC Board	20 9 Private Event 10 Sanctuary HOA 1 Private Event 4 Private Event	21 4 Private Event 6 Private Event	22 5 Private Event 5 Private Event	23 5 Private Event (2)
24 Parks Close at Noon	25 Christmas Day Parks Closed 6 Private Event	26 10 Private Event 7 Private Event	27	28 10 TPWC Bridge 4 Private Event	29	30
31 Parks Close at Noon						

January 2024

	1 New Years Day Parks Closed	2 10 AM Private 7 PM Private	3 9 AM Private	4 9 TPWC 4 PM Private	5 4 PM Private	6 10 AM Private (2) 5 PM Private (2)
7 8 AM Private 1 PM Private 3 PM Boy Scouts	8	9 10 AM Private 7 PM Private	10 6 CDD Meeting	11 10 TPWC Bridge 4 PM Private (2)	12	13 10 AM Private (2)
14 Valentines Day 8 AM Private 1 PM Private	15 Dr. MLK Day 5 PM Covenants	16 10 AM Private 6 TPOA Board 7 PM Private	17 9 AM Private 10:30 AM Sanctuary 4 PM Private	18 4 PM Private (2) 6 PM Private	19	20 10 AM Private 1 PM Private
21 8 AM Private 5 Boy Scouts	22	23 10 AM Private 7 PM Private	24	25 10 TPWC Bridge 4 PM Private (2)	26	27 10 Private Event 5 Private Event (2)
28 8 AM Private 9 am Private	29	30 10 AM Private 7 PM Private	31	Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Jan 15th No School		



Tampa Palms Owners Association
16101 Compton Drive
Tampa, FL 33647

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Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda*

**January 10th at 6:00 p.m.
Compton Park Recreation Building
16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647**

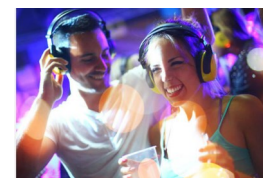
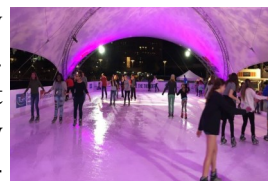
1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Strategic Planning
4. Public Comments
5. Board Member Discussions
6. Project Updates
 - Community Updates
 - Board Member Appointment
 - Park Updates
7. Additional Board Business
8. Public Comments
9. Board Member Discussions
10. Adjourn

* Items may be added to the agendas as needed.

Tampa's Winter Village Opens

The Winter Village opened Nov 17th and will be open until Jan 1st. Downtown, along the Riverwalk at Curtis Hixon Park, there is holiday cheer with something for everyone:

- Ice skating
- Winter Village Express
- Silent Disco
- Curling at Winter Village
- Winter Village Shoppes
- 360 Light Show
- Santa Sightings



Doggies on a leash are welcome, except in the ice rink.

For more information including directions go on line to:
<https://wintervillagetampa.com>.

