



TAMPA PALMS NEWSLETTER

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Sacrifice Our Neighborhoods To Relieve Bruce B. Downs Traffic?

Bridge Plan Would Route Traffic Through Tampa Palms Neighborhoods

Sacrificing Tampa Palms neighborhood streets is the solution to the congestion on Bruce B. Downs according to one County Commission candidate.

As reported in the Aug 9th Tribune, "...the final segment of Bruce B. Downs wouldn't need to be widened if the city of Tampa follows through on plans to build a bridge linking New Tampa Boulevard with Tampa Palms."

"If they put the bridge in, then you have traffic coming down Tampa Palms Boulevard and Amberly Drive," he said. "You don't need to widen Bruce B. Downs except for the segment between Amberly and Bearss Avenue, and that only needs to be six lanes." The question is "has the City decided to go along with this plan?"



How much of this traffic would use TP Blvd?

City Calls A Surprising Meeting

A meeting to discuss the merits of a bridge over I-75 north of Freedom High School has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 12th from 1-3 PM.**

So why is there a meeting about a bridge that the Mayor stated would not be built without the East-West Connector road? Good question!

A reporter for the a local newspaper stated last month that the bridge is back in play again because the owners of a professional park across from the New Tampa Park

want more access to their site. Their website says that they have 27 possible business sites – each about the size of an average Tampa Palms home. That certainly does not merit a \$22 million subsidy, even if the bridge increased traffic past their door.

It has been alleged that the bridge would also ease the commute of Freedom students living on the east side of I-75. Records show that there are only 200 students in this category, living in a small area south of New Tampa Blvd. and west of Bruce B. Downs. A responsible City does not build bridge costing \$22 million for 200 high school kids and 27 businesses which do not exist yet.

Why Even Consider This Bridge?

The real facts may lie in the commuting nightmare that is Bruce B. Downs. Creating a release valve for the 69,000 cars that travel Bruce B. Downs every day will make the commute more convenient and save the cost of widening Bruce B. Downs.

Creating a by-pass for Bruce B. Downs will also change the character of Tampa Palms Blvd. from a neighborhood road to a major commuting channel.

Try to imagine attempting to come out of any village with even a small portion of Bruce B. Downs traffic whizzing by.

Could a responsible parent send a child to school or the park on foot or on a bike in such an environment?

How will a home listed for sale in Tampa Palms fare against competing homes in other communities that are not along a major route?

Please plan to attend. See Page 2

News From Around The TPOA

Compton Park Continues To Improve

The new pavers on the deck have made the Compton pool look like a new pool.... at a fraction of the cost.. The new shades increase the appeal of a “day at the pool” .



Did you know that the TPOA reduced the energy used to heat the pool by 75% with the installation of the new pool equipment? At a time when energy costs are soaring this was an important move.

Surveillance cameras have been installed in positions that allow coverage of many areas within Compton and from many perspectives.



Cameras view areas from the main building and lobby to the tennis courts, the pool, the building entrances, portions of the parking lot, the basketball courts and even the dock.



The cameras allow TPOA managers to observe how the park is used and in the event of mischief, recorders can replay to determine “who done it”.



A project is underway to remove the audio visual equipment from the GP room and mount it on shelves behind the attendant desk. This is being done to protect the equipment and standardize operation. Residents will be able to use a “remote access” device.

Signs Upgraded



The River Park sign has been upgraded to a black and gold motif. Given the remote location of this sign and its susceptibility to theft and vandalism, it was decided not to use the more expensive granite and gold leaf.

Are You Seeing Little Blue Dots?

Have you noticed the reflective blue dots located in the traffic lanes on some streets? These little dots have been installed by the City opposite fire hydrants as a safety feature. During heavy rains or at night they assist the Fire Dept in locating fire hydrants.



Please attend the City’s bridge meeting! Tuesday Aug 12th, 1PM-3PM, Freedom High

The notice of this meeting is so short, it’s worrying. We need to turn out in force to make our views known. We should back the Mayor’s plan not to build the bridge.

Saving money on widening Bruce B. Downs Blvd. by sacrificing our neighborhoods is not an option! The claimed benefits for the school or the professional park simply do not make sense. Even if they were valid, they do not make up for the damage that would be done to Tampa Palms.

Bill Edwards President
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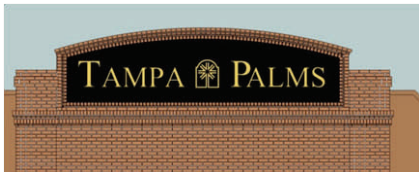
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CDD Awards Contracts For Monument Sign Upgrades

At special CDD meeting held August 6th, the CDD Board awarded contracts for the monument sign renovation project to two extremely qualified bidders.

Tampa Palms is twenty-two years old but is never *dated*. The original entrance signs (metal sheets painted with automobile paint) were “just the thing” in 1986.



The project was a business-inspired, and public project driven process that included:



1. Professional Specifications designed to achieve the desired outcome
2. Project Manual detailing the requirements such that each bidder would understand Tampa Palms’ expectations
3. Evaluation Criteria that stated with clarity how the bids would be judged
4. Evaluation Team that was both familiar with the expectations and the construction requirements to apply the criteria to the bid responses.
5. Timetable & Procedures that followed public notice requirements and provided sufficiency to create credible responses.

By 2003 the signs were a little sad and a “quick fix” was desperately needed to keep Tampa Palms from looking just plain dowdy.



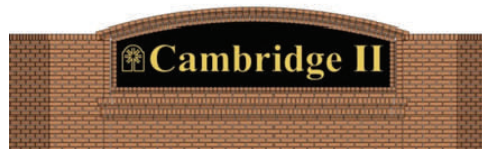
The solution was blue tile with plastic lettering for the villages and blue tile with foam letters painted with gold paint for the main entrance.



The Board awarded to the contracts to the topped ranked bidder in each category, masonry, granite and LED.

The new granite and gold will take Tampa Palms into the new century with a clean, modern and vandal-resistant motif that should last for decades.

Bidders	Award	Amount of Award
CRS Building	Masonry	\$592,317
CRS Building	LED	\$177,248
Site Essentials	Granite	\$263,725
Total Award		\$1,033,290



CRS Building, is known for their excellent work in Fishhawk Ranch, Seven Oaks and many others, **Site Essentials Company**, is the creator of monument signs at Champions Club, Kingshyre and many more , as well as, the Wellington and Tremont signs in TP.

It is anticipated that work will begin in September. The project may take up to eighteen months.



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CDD Budget Meeting

The CDD Budget Hearing is scheduled for the normal August meeting

Wednesday, August 13th

Compton Park

6:30 PM (the meeting will begin at 6PM, the Budget will be discussed at 6:30)

Tampa Palms is a debt-free community that has adopted a measured approach to community aging.

Budget Highlights

- **No Change in Tax Assessments**
- Budget Components
 - Normal Operations: 58 %
 - Project-Driven: 42%
- Visioning TP 2012
 - 80% Defined
 - Monument Renovation Project Awarded
- Tampa Palms: Toro Test Site.....no charge mowing

Budget Overview

Revenue		(000)
Assessments	\$ 2,639	
Interest Income	10	
Interfund Transfer	<u>350</u>	
Total Revenue	\$ 2,999	
Expenses		
Normal Operations	\$ 1,741	
Project-Driven		
Visioning TP 2012	1,020	
Maintenance Projects	<u>238</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,999	

The detailed budget maybe viewed online at <http://www.tpoa.net/CDD.html> and click on "View Proposed FY 2008-9 Budget.

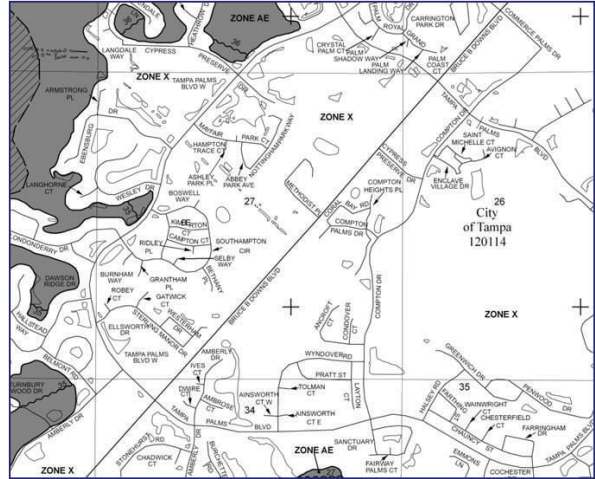
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Revised Flood Maps Effective

The revised FEMA flood maps have been adopted. They were originally issued in 2006 but withdrawn due to protests. The FEMA flood map changes remove many owners of property in Tampa Palms from the high-risk flood area designation.



The new flood designations take effect August 28th.

If your property was previously in the high-risk area (a flood zone on the flood map beginning with the letters "A" or "V") but is now shown with letter "X" (check online at <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/hazardmit/floodMap/propfloodmap/Address.cfm>) you property is now mapped out of the high-risk area. This revision removes the Federal requirement to carry a flood insurance policy as of the effective date of the revisions (Aug 28th)

Check on-line to verify the status of your property. It could save you money for insurance premiums.

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Tampa Palms Goes Back To School



The New School Year Is Here!

Tampa Palms children will be entering an academic and social environment that will present new opportunities and challenges for both students and parents. The first step is enormous excitement of transitioning from the more relaxed summer months to the structure of a tight school schedule.



New clothes, new friends, new class rooms, new teachers....

Mark Your Calendars

- Meet the Teachers....** Thursday, August 14, 1-2 PM.
- First Day of School....**Monday, August 18, 2008
- Student Hours**8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- Open House**Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

Dress For Success



Tampa Palms Elementary has a mandatory school uniform policy. Students wear navy, khaki, or denim bottoms (shorts, pants, Skirts,

On Fridays, the uniform is a perfect way to be dressed for success at school but students may wear other clothing that meets the School District's dress code policy.

Anyone needing assistance in obtaining uniforms can contact Mrs. Diane Brown, Guidance Counselor, at 975-7390. The Tampa Palms Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has established a clothes closet with donated uniform items. Check with the PTA if you have items to donate.



Notes For the Coming Year

Want to get ahead on shopping for school supplies? A list of 2008-2009 school supplies can be found on-line at <http://tampapalms.mysdhc.org/TPEList08-09.pdf>

If you happen to shop at Office Depot or Staples , please remember that they both have school rewards programs that help Tampa Palms Elementary purchase additional instructional materials.

When shopping at Office Depot, please use this number, **70024235**, for their 5% Back to School Program. At Staples, please use **3284865122** for their Teacher Rewards program.

Above All, Be Safe

Excited at the beginning of a new year, the dangers of traffic are often far from the thoughts of excited youngsters.... And sometimes even their harassed and overwhelmed parents.

Please drive very carefully as school opens, not only in the areas where school speed limits are posted but anywhere along our boulevards and village streets.

Pictured here beside the speed indicator signs is Tampa Palms' mom Colleen Sylvester with her son and a friend. Colleen and others have worked tirelessly to make TP roads safer for our children. Let's all join her in that worthy undertaking!





Rotary Club of New Tampa

The regular weekly club breakfast meetings are held on Friday mornings at 7:00 AM at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club, 5811 Tampa Palms Blvd. The schedule for August club and District events, their dates, meeting times and speakers is listed below.

August 8th - **Club Assembly Meeting.** The club programs and objectives for the coming year will be discussed.

August 15th – Introduction of this year’s “Seminar For Tomorrow’s Leaders” participants from our area – Ashley Tigue of Freedom High School, and Rachel Rakoczy of Wharton High School .

August 22nd - **Sigrid Tidmore**, President, and **Jeff Knott**, Co-Chairman of Healthy Together, Tampa Bay. They will describe their wellness programs..



August 29th - **Paul B. Jacobsen**, PhD, Moffitt Program Leader in Psychosocial and Palliative Care Programs, Health Outcomes and Behavior Programs. He will discuss the **Moffitt Survivorship Clinic**.



Professional and business leaders who live, work or have retired in the New Tampa Area may be eligible for membership in the Rotary Club of New Tampa. For further information about our club visit our website at www.newtamparotary.org or contact Matt Palmer at 972-9235 or matt.palmer@earthlink.net.



Judy and Harvey Alkow enjoy a fun moment at the Rotary District Conference held at the Tampa Palms Country Club in May 2008..

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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 274-8055
 TECO 223-0800
 Waste Management 621-3053
 Water Department 274-8121

AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
	4 PM RMC 5 PM Cove- nants Commit- tee	12 PM Art Studio	1:15-2:15 Yoga 6 PM CDD Special Meet- ing	10-2 TPWC 6 PM Boy Scouts Den 180	2-4:30 Girl Scouts Troop 495	
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	4 PM RMC	11-2 Art Studio (Cnf Room) 1:00 TPWC Board 5 PM TPOA Board Meeting	1:15-2:15 Yoga			
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
		12 PM Art Studio	1:15-2:15 Yoga 7 PM North Tampa Art	10-2 TPWC Bridge		
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It's Back To School This Month. Please Drive Carefully!

CDD AGENDA
August 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
Compton Park Recreation Building

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of July Minutes
4. 2007-8 Audit Engagement Confirmation
5. Public Hearing- FY 2008-2009 Budget **6:30 PM**
 - 1 FY2008-2009 Budget
 - 2 Public Input
 - 3 Board Review and Approval
6. Public Comments
7. Board Member Discussions
8. Adjourn

A Reminder From the Water Department

Regardless of Size, a Leak is No Small Matter.

A small leak, about the size of the head of a pin, dripping at one drop per second can add up to 7 gallons a day. A leak, associated with a toilet malfunction, can waste 200 gallons or more per day. Is your water bill higher than your neighbors? Maybe you have a leak.

Let Your Water Meter Help

- If you suspect you have a leak somewhere but the most likely suspects (toilets, faucets) have checked out okay, enlist the help of your water meter.
- First, make certain no water is being used inside or outside.
- Locate your meter box, carefully remove the cover and lift the top of the meter.
- Find the leak detector, the small red triangle on the face of the meter dial.

If the leak detector is rotating, you probably have a leak somewhere in your water pipes. You may need the services of a plumber to check for leaks and possible underground breaks in your service pipes.

