



TAMPA PALMS NEWSLETTER

January 2013

Welcoming 2013

With a Blaze of Lights and Lots of Changes

Bruce B Downs Widening Moves Along

The widening project for BB Downs from Pebble Creek to Preserve Drive (TPOST 3) is set for formal completion Feb 24, 2013.

Much of the work north of I-75 is already substantially complete.

The portion of BB Downs under I-75 will be completed along with the widening of I-75 and is not by February 2013.



Tampa Palms Portion

The project to widen BB downs from TPOST 3 & Tampa Palms North all the way to Bearss (including all of Tampa Palms) is set to commence in 2013.



The funding is in place, the City has replaced the water lines and the County is beginning the process of acquiring the property it will require to proceed with the project.

Unquestionably this widening will be a difficult time for Tampa Palms. Programs to re-brand Tampa Palms are under development. See related story page 4.

New Tampa Gateway Bridge

The "Gateway Bridge" is set to open the Spring of 2013 - after the completion of the northern leg of BB Downs.

This bridge will connect New Tampa Blvd (Cross Creek) with Commerce Palms, just north of the Liberty-Freedom school complex.



While the bridge may encourage additional traffic to use Tampa Palms Blvd during the BB Downs construction period, the City is making every effort to reduce by-pass traffic to the degree possible with signage and reconfiguration of the roadway in Tampa Palms North. See related story page 5.

Trash Collection May Change



In 2012 the County will enter into new trash collection contracts. The County is considering service level options and asking for public input. There have been a series of public meetings - though none in New Tampa.

The County has provided substantial information online for citizens to review. See related story page 4.





News From the TPOA



TPOA Annual Meeting For 2013

Sub Associations In Tampa Palms

TPOA Annual Meeting of the Village Voting representatives is the order of business for January.

More than half of the villages in Tampa Palms have sub-associations, which means that in addition to the TPOA Master Association, these villages have village-specific home owner associations.

There are twelve such villages including:

TPOA ANNUAL MEETING
Keeping Tampa Palms Fresh
Thursday, January 31st, 2013 at 7 PM
Compton Park General Purpose Room

- The Reserve
- Sanctuary
- Manors of Nottingham
- Faircrest
- The Hamptons
- Kensington
- Estates of River Park
- Palma Vista
- Turnbury Wood
- Sterling Manor
- Westover
- Huntington



One voter representative for each village attends the round-table which is open to all owners in Tampa Palms.

This year's meeting will feature among other things:

- Review status of the Compton Meeting Room Addition
- Election of directors from three sub-districts, who will serve for the next two years.
- Review of the various roadway construction projects affecting Tampa Palms



Voting Members must be owners or their official alternates who must be owners. **Proxies are not allowed per the TPOA documents.**

This year there will be election for Directors from two of the five voting districts:

- District 1 Current Representative: Barbara Shimer
- District 4 Current Representative: Dudley Bryant
- District 5 Current Representative: Jake Schoolfield

Note: the TPOA Annual Meeting is private to the owners of Tampa Palms. Those renting in Tampa Palms, owners in neighboring communities and members of the press may join the TPOA for our numerous public events or attend the public CDD meetings but not the TPOA annual, budget or board meetings. (This is true for all similar HOA's.)

Please mark your calendars and attend if possible.

These villages, with a single exception, are the gated communities within Tampa Palms. The owners of homes in these villages are usually responsible for the streets (which are private), sidewalks and street lighting inside the gates.

The exception is the Manors of Nottingham which has no gates and the main roadway is public. Nottingham does own and bears the cost of maintenance for numerous private cul de sacs.

Many of gated villages have custom streetlights, decorative street signs, village fountains and other amenities, which are provided by the sub associations.



The sub associations may also have deed restrictions, which can be more restrictive than the TPOA Master Association **but may not be less or restrictive or conflict with the TPOA's governing documents.**

Owners must secure permission from the TPOA RMC for changes to the outside of their property in addition to any requirement of the village association. For any questions call Bonnie French at 977-3337.



A Season of Giving *Tampa Palms Women's Club*



The TPWC celebrated the Season of Giving at their December general meeting with an extraordinary luncheon. Each member brought a special treat from her kitchen and the group hosted representatives from the charities that the TPWC supports during the year.

Donations were made to R.I.C.H. house, Kids and Canines, Halo Academy, and God's Pedal power. In addition, gifts were collected to be given to children in need at Chile's Elementary and Tampa Palms Elementary schools.

R.I.C.H. House - that stands for Resources in Community Hope . R.I.C.H. House is a local safe house run by the Tampa Police Department for eleven years in the Sulphur Springs area . It is a place where children can go after school to study and learn instead of being left on the streets to be targeted by gangs.

Halo Academy is a private, co-educational school serving children of various abilities. Halo brings education, therapy services and medical referral intervention together to provide an inclusive forum to accommodate the individual educational growth of each child.

God's Pedal Power is a charity focused on providing bike to those who cannot afford them. Donated bikes are reconditioned and made special for those who would not have a bike otherwise.



TPWC Scholarship

Since 2000 the TPWC has presented a scholarship to a USF student. The scholarship funded by the community yard sale and the monthly 50/50 sales.

Thanks to the efforts of Elvea Kelly and many other members who volunteered and/or contributed items for sale, the TPWC will be able to award 2 scholarships in the spring of 2013.

2012 Installation Luncheon

There will be a special luncheon held at the Tampa Palms County Club Jan 17th (10:30 AM) to install the 2013 TPWC Board. Please return RSVP and payment by Monday, January 14th, 2013.

Save The Date

TPWC Fashion Show

April 11, 2013

See Judy Alkow or Edie Dutz to donate items for the raffle.



Trash Collection May Change

Hillsborough County, not the City of Tampa, provides trash collection services to Tampa Palms. The County uses independent companies to collect trash and the contracts with these companies will expire in 2013.

The County is considering several different service levels and asking for citizen input. The first is essentially what is in place today - private garbage cans, 2 garbage pickups per week, one recycle (same bins) pickup per week and one yard waste pick-up per week. It is called the “Manual 2 -1-1” option.

All other options involve automated trucks and County-provided containers. The “standard” container will be 95 gal, 65 gal will be available in some cases.



Options	Collections Per Week			Cost/ Year
	Garbage	Recycle	Yard Trash	
Current	2	1	1	\$100.35
#2	2	1	1	\$111.65
#3	1	1	1	\$104.21
#4	1	Every 2 Wks	1	\$97.77

Some residents have expressed concerns about the size of the standardized containers and potential problems fitting them in the garage- especially since Tampa Palms does not permit outside storage of garbage cans.

Others have voiced concern over the size of the automated trucks and question if they can safely operate on the many cul de sacs within Tampa Palms.

For more information or to voice your opinion go online to <http://hillsboroughcounty.org/index.aspx?NID=2952>

Hillsborough County Trash Collection Could Change.



Hillsborough County Invites You To




Talk Trash
COLLECTION

Voice Your Thoughts

HillsboroughCounty.org/TalkTrash

Re-Branding Tampa Palms

There are many aspects to the widening project that will affect the look of Tampa Palms on BB Downs. Tampa Palms is unique among the communities along Bruce B Downs in that it spans both sides of the road, effectively BB Downs splits Tampa Palms in half.

Enhancements to the appearance of Tampa Palms on BB Downs were included in the community-based planning “Visioning” project but were not implemented due to the pending widening of BB Downs. Now with the final plans in hand, the CDD (Supervisor Marlowe leads this effort) will move ahead to consider specific mitigation and improvement plans.

One notable change will be to the Area 1 main entry. In order to increase the turn lane capacity at the exit to Area 1, a strip of landscaped property and a signature brick entry feature will be removed.



Fortunately the entry median and sign are not affected.



In Area 2, the tip of the median at the exit for City Plaza will be reduced to create one additional left turn lane at BB Downs.

“Chopping off” the median will cause the removal of a large oak tree and the streetlight that lies directly behind

The main Area 2 entry monument appears unharmed; the front of the median will be reduced slightly to provide for a larger sidewalk.

Many, if not most, of these projects will be deferred for some time, probably several years, but mitigation planning is underway at this time.



City Repaves Tampa Palms Blvd

The City of Tampa is repaving Tampa Palms Blvd in Tampa Palms North. This area was not repaved when TP Blvd was repaved in Tampa Palms and was in need of improvement.

City has incorporated a new safety feature into the Tampa Palms North paving- a bicycle lane with shared lane markings.

Shared Lane Markings, also known as sharrows, are pavement markings indicating where a bicyclist should ride on the roadway.



The location of the sharrows should provide a safer riding buffer for cyclists who choose to use the bike lane instead of the bike path and serve as a constant reminder to drivers that this area is a neighborhood with shared roadway use.

In the course of this repaving project, the City has incorporated several passive speed control measures strategies that may contribute to encouraging lower speeds:

1. To create the dedicated bike lanes, the normal travel lanes were reduced in width. Narrower lanes require more driver attention and studies have shown result in reduced speeds.
2. The markings for the bike lane are prominent and serve as a reminder of speed hazards as do the crossing markings.

Traffic engineers have found that roadway speed is more affected by the drivers' perception of the maximum safe speed than on posted speed limits. Passive speed control measures such as these attempt to change the fundamental sensory information available to drivers which in turn influences the drivers speed behavior.



Tampa Palms Conservation Areas

A Public Notice sign posted along Amberly Drive – Tampa Palms Area 1 has raised questions by some residents.



From time to time the CDD receives requests by residents and others to use the Area 1 conservation areas for hunting.

The CDD answer has been that hunting and trapping of wild animals is not allowed for two

reasons:

1. Use of a weapon is not allowed within the City limits
2. Hunting and trapping of wild animals are not permitted uses for these conservation lands.

Due to the actions of the Florida legislature and governor in late 2011, the City restrictions were eliminated.

Given the fact that the CDD is a State agency and must be certain that any information is gives to citizens is factual and because, absent the City ordinance, zoning is the only protection for the natural areas existing at this time, it was suggested that the CDD make certain that the current land uses do not support hunting and trapping of wild animals.



This sign is the result of a request by the CDD for the City of Tampa to provide a formal determination of zoning and land uses for the Tampa Palms Area 1 conservation lands. The City preliminary confirmed that the zoning does not include hunting uses: a written confirmation to follow.

The conservation lands include a wide variety of animal habitats from swamps to the upland habitats of flood plain forests.





Rotary Clubs of New Tampa

The weekly club breakfast meeting of the **New Tampa AM Rotary** are held on Friday mornings at 7:00 AM at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club, 5811 Tampa Palms Blvd.

Upcoming speakers include:

January 4 : Dr. Moez Limayem, Dean

USF College of Business will speak on the subject of Business Analytics– the science of mining and interpreting the piles of data corporations are accumulating about their customers but often lacking the ability to interpret



January 11 Frank Moore— Aerospace Engineer will speak on the US Defense Budget.

January 18 Ed Green— Will speak about the Rotary International Golf Fellowship

January 25 Dennis Loomis — New Tampa AM Rotary President will speak about the Rotary Club Assembly, a meeting to discuss club programs and activities.



February 1 Ron Jarabak— Board of Directors USO Tampa Bay will speak on the history and update the attendees on the activities of the USO Tampa Bay such as the USO welcoming lounge at Tampa International Airport which opened earlier this year.



For further information about the New Tampa Rotary you may visit our website at www.newtamparotary.org or contact Eric Longphee at 375-2663

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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 622-1940
 TECO 223-0800
 Waste Management 621-3053
 Water Department 274-8121
 New Tampa Rec. 975-2794
 Stormwater (Floods or Dumping) 622-1901

Activity Calendar

JANUARY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day Closed	2 10-12 Private Event 6-9 Private Event 6-9 Fly Fishing	3 10-2 Women's Club 6-9 Private Event 	4 9-12 Children Music	5 11-4 Private Event 5-10 Private Event
		6 9-12 Private Event 1-6 Private Event	7 9-11 Private Event 1:30—3 Private Event	8 11-4 Les Girls Art 6-9 Chess Club	9 10-12 Private Event 3-5 Private Event 6 PM CDD Meeting	10 10-2 Women's Club Bridge 6-9 Private Event
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Student Holidays

Jan 1-4 Winter Break
 January 7 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
 January 8 Non-student / teacher planning

Meetings

Jan 9, CDD Meeting
 Jan 17 TPWC Board Installation Luncheon
 Jan 31st TPOA Annual Meeting

Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda

January 9 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
 - Bruce B Downs
 - Conservation Area Zoning
 - NPDES NOI Report
7. Misc. Board Business
8. Public Comments
9. Board Member Discussions
10. Adjourn

New Tampa Rec. Center Expansion

The City is in the planning stages for a 2013 expansion of the New Tampa Recreation Center.

While the actual plans have not yet been released by design agents Fleischman Garcia Architects, the \$1.5M, 14,000 square foot addition will feature:

- Increased gymnasium space,
- Additional lockers
- Multi-purpose meeting rooms

A very popular attraction, a rock climbing wall will also be added.

Question- on opening day will Mayor Buckhorn hop on for a climb? Smart money says yes.

The center has been wildly successful, adding playground and skate park facilities to those of dance and gymnastics.

CDD supervisor Marlowe is shown with then Mayor Iorio at the playground ribbon cutting.

