



# TAMPA PALMS NEWSLETTER

June-July 2014



## Service To Community Is #1 For Troop 180



### Troop 180 - Tampa Palms Own

The dedicated leaders and members of Troop 180 are a true Tampa Palms treasure - serving the community and the personal growth needs for all boys in this area from 11 to 18 years of age.

### Troop 180 & TP Country Club Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

Tampa Palms Country Club participates in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, a program designed to recognize and support a high degree of environmental stewardship for both the local community and the native wildlife.



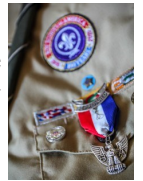
Recently the team from Troop 180 joined the Country Club in the process of Audubon certification by strategically installing bird houses throughout the non-play portions of the course.

The birdhouses will provide a bird sanctuary for many years to come, enriching the whole community.



### Protection of Public Waters

Many of the dedicated scouts in Tampa Palms have progressed through the ranks to Eagle Scout and chosen protection of water quality as fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.



An Eagle Scout project demands leadership and coordination of a multi-faceted plan. The process, planning and leadership are key. Tampa Palms is pleased to learn that another Eagle Scout candidate may choose the vital topic of water quality protection for his project.

Younger scouts have also indicated that they wish to make protection of the Tampa Palms waterways the key to their merit badge opportunities.

Troop 180 meets most Sundays from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 16190 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. For more information for your son, go to <http://www.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=27696>.





# News From The TPOA



## Summer Is Here!

Compton Park Summer hours are here.



Monday - Saturday 8AM -10 PM,  
 Sunday 8AM-8PM  
 Pool and tennis courts close 1/2 hour  
 prior closing time.

For the safety and enjoyment of all, please observe the pool rules below. (See article on page 3 regarding pool safety.)

### Pool Rules

- Compton Park pool is for the members of the TPOA plus guests. Members are allowed 2 guests per household.
- No Children under 13 years old are permitted in the pool area unless accompanied by an adult.
- **Adults must be IN THE POOL with any children under 8 years old.**
- Only 65 people are permitted in the pool area at one time.
- The pool should not be used unless two people are present.
- No running, pushing or horseplay allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the premises.
- No food, beverages or glass containers are permitted on the pool deck. Food & beverages are permitted only in the covered pavilion area.
- No alcohol or smoking permitted within the fenced pool area.
- No animals, except service animals, are permitted within the fenced pool area.
- No rafts, air mattresses, air rings, balls, buoys, water guns, facemasks, snorkels or fins are permitted in the pool.
- Arm floats, "Noodles" and goggles and floats for babies under age 2 are permitted
- Please shower before entering the pool and dry off before entering the bathrooms and building.
- All bathers must immediately leave the pool area during electrical storms.

## A Word About GP Room Use

The Compton Park General Purpose room is available to owners and qualified residents of Tampa Palms for special events at no charge.

Please plan and control your event carefully as only the General Purpose room, kitchen, restrooms and the lanai area may be used. Attendees may not use or gather in:



- The media room
- The pool area
- The playground or field areas

The maximum number of people that may attend any event is 70. This is not negotiable and is stated clearly on the application which must be signed by the host of every event.

- ✓ **70 attendees allowed by the Fire Marshal**
- ✓ **70 attendees is the maximum permitted by the TPOA Board of Directors.**

These limits are for the safety and protection of

1. The participants at any event
2. The TPOA staff
3. The TPOA facilities owned by all of the owners of Tampa Palms.

The terms and conditions of facility use are stated on the application which may be viewed online on-line at <http://tpoa.net/GPReservation.pdf>.

Any violation of the terms stated above will necessarily result in ending the event and loss of deposit, which can only be waived by the Board.

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# Summer Is Here .....So Are Swimming Pools



## Watch That Pool! Fun Turns To Tragedy In Seconds

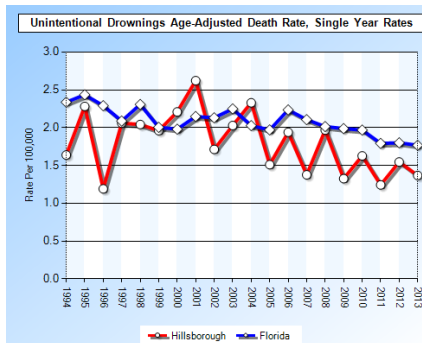
More than 90% of the homes in Tampa Palms have a pool or spa. Summer is here and swimming pools are a great way to have fun, “beat the heat” and bring families together but owning and operating a pool is a major responsibility.

Florida loses more children to drowning than any other state - 353 in 2013. For Hillsborough County alone there were 20 drowning deaths in 2012 and 18 in 2013.

Fortunately the rate of drowning deaths for both Hillsborough County and the Florida appears to be declining since 2000.

This decline rate may be in part due to greater focus on pool safety and new legislation requiring at least minimal pool protections.

The red line is Hillsborough County and the blue all of Florida



## Don't Forget Visitors To Your Home & Pool

Children who visit a home with a pool are in some ways at a greater risk than children who live in a home with a pool.

Grandparents, empty nesters, and those with visitors with children should create a safety plan for their pool before the opportunity for tragedy strikes.



## The Experts Maintain Layers of Protection Are Best

There is no one fail-safe protection against accidental drowning. Pool safety experts recommend multiple layers of care ranging from education to devices to secure the pool.

The chart to the right details six layers of protection. It was devised to remind parents that no one strategy can be solely relied upon.

- L** Is for **LOCKING** the doors: Lock all doors and windows leading to the pool including the back door, the back door, and the back door.
- A** Is for **ALARMS**: Installing Door, Window and Pool Alarms is designed to alert you.
- Y** Is for **YES to Pool Fencing**: Four-sided Pool Fencing provides a physical barrier that helps prevent entry to the pool area.
- E** Is for **EDUCATE**: Educate family, friends and neighbors on the pool rules. Make sure all swimmers know CPR and first aid. Take every precaution of your household to make the safest the best.
- R** Is for **REMOVE** toys: Remove beach balls, floats and other toys that could attract children to the water.
- S** Is for **SUPERVISION**: ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION at all times and around the water. 100% of the time. Active adult supervision means you are always watching your children in the pool. Never leave your children in the pool back pool or hot tub.

Said a different way, the most critical elements can be boiled down to these three:

- Supervise children at all times when near the pool
- Make certain proper barriers, alarms and latches are in place.
- Know what to do in an emergency (CPR) and have phones nearby to call for help.

There are many devices that can augment uninterrupted child supervision. They include:

- Proper locks on doors leading to pools.
- Drowning-proof pool covers.
- Removable pool security fencing (this is particularly useful to pool owners who have occasional child visitors).
- Pool alarms that detect entry into the water of a pool and create an alarm - some even remotely notify a pool owner of water entry.

Whatever devices are used, remember nothing replaces ever present supervision of any child in a home with a pool.





## *Inquiring Minds Want To Know...*



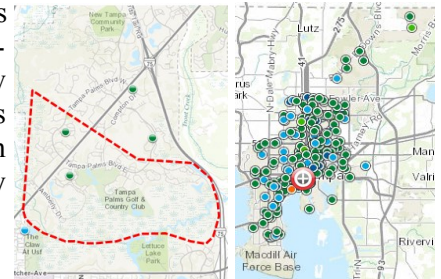
The TPOA and the CDD field questions from owners, perspective owners and others relative to Tampa Palms and how the community operates. Some of these questions are asked so frequently that the TPOA staff thought it would be useful to list them and with the answers for everyone.

**Who is responsible for and pays for the streetlights?** On the public roads (not gated) TECO owns and operates the streetlights. TECO repairs them, and in the cases of accidents, replaces them. The developers and CDD created a fund to pay the lease for the lights for the first 20 years of each light. That fund is exhausted but most lights have already reached the 20 year mark and have been transferred to full City responsibility. The CDD continues to pay the lease cost for the last 62 lights, the City pays the maintenance charge and power costs for the remaining 62.

**When do the CDD and TPOA expire?** CDD's are units of State of Fla government and do not expire - ever. Technically if another unit of government - such as the City or County- were to agree to accept responsibility for the considerable assets of the Tampa Palms CDD (ponds, parks, landscape, pump stations, entry monuments and signs), the CDD Board might be able to vote to dissolve the CDD.

The TPOA term is defined in Article XIII of the CCRS as *for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years.*

**Does Tampa Palms have a lot of crime and is Tampa Palms safe?** Tampa Palms is relatively safe - which is not say that vigilance is not necessary. The most common crimes are those of opportunity - a garage door open or something left in view in a car. For June 1-15 the map to the right from [raidsonline.com](http://raidsonline.com) shows the crimes in Tampa Palms. (Tampa Palms is outlined in red.) This compares favorably with the City in general, where high population density appears to yield substantially more crime. You can monitor this yourself by going online to <http://raidsonline.com/?address=tampa,fl>.



**Who is responsible for the streets and sidewalks in Tampa Palms?** With the exception of the gated communities, the rights of way [ROW] (generally extending from the outside of the sidewalk, across the street to the outside of the sidewalk or bike path on the opposite side) were given to the City for public use when the subdivision plats were filed by the developers. The City owns and maintains the roadways, sidewalks and bike paths.

**Who is responsible for the street signs in Tampa Palms and how many are there?** There are 81 village street name signs and 32 boulevard street name signs, along with 125 traffic control signs [stop/yield/speed limits] located on the public ROW's. The original developer provided the decorative signs.

The City of Tampa, as owner of the public ROW, has authority and responsibility to make certain that the streets are safe, including the signs. The City will provide the standard u-channel poles and plain signs, if needed in Tampa Palms but the citizens prefer the more decorative signs which are provided by the CDD. The CDD just replaced the signs in Tampa Palms at a cost approaching \$300K in 2011.

**Can a gun be fired in Tampa Palms or is it still prohibited?** The Tampa Palms CCRs, while were filed in 1986, remain in full force and effect today.

Article XII clearly states

**SECTION 10. Guns.** *The use of firearms within the Properties is prohibited. The term firearms includes B-B'guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size.*

This restriction for Tampa Palms is not qualified or over-ruled by any legislation, ordinances or rules.

## **Liberty Shines At District Spelling Bee**

Congratulations are in order for some fine Liberty Middle School students.

On May 15, 2014 16 schools in Hillsborough County participated in the Spanish Spelling Bee held at Roland Park K-8.

There were four categories:

- Beginning Spanish Native,
- Beginning Spanish Non-Native,
- Spanish 1 Native, and
- Spanish 1 Non-Native.



Liberty Middle School students were accompanied to the competition by their Spanish teachers, Señora Katie Smith and Señorita Christensen.

For Beginning Spanish, Liberty Middle was represented by Tania Sexauer (Native Speaker) and by Jack Richardson (Non-Native).

In Spanish 1, Catherine Weng (Non-Native) tied for first place this year, and won first last year as well.

Lead Spanish Teacher Sra. Smith said, "Srta. Christensen and I are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication that our students put in for this competition. It takes a lot of work to be able to compete outside of the classroom and at the county level against other students who have worked just as hard to get there."



From left to right: Jack Richardson, Tania Sexauer, Catherine Weng, Señora Smith

## **CDD FY 2014-15 Budget Hearing Set**

The CDD has set the date for the FY 2014-15 Budget Hearing as Wednesday, August 13, 5PM at Compton Park.



**Assessments for FY 2014-15 will remain the same as FY 2013-14.**

This budget may be modified by the Board between now and the Budget Hearing but the assessments may not be increased now that the public notice has been made.

### Revenues

As planned, the assessments will continue at the same levels as assessed in FY 2013-14.

- Special assessments will continue at that reduced level for FY 2014-15.
- In an abundance of caution the interest income forecast is maintained at \$ 10 K per year.
- No excess fee distributions were planned from the County Tax Assessor or Property Appraiser.
- Carry Forward revenue is not included for FY 2014-15 due to uncertainty as to the progress of the BB Downs widening project.

### Normal Expenditures

Normal operations increased \$ 20K or 1 % . This rate of increase is less than the general inflation used in the Five Year Financial Model (5%) and that fact is attributable to:

- A conservative view of the economies of the OneSource agreement
- Reductions in the cost of electricity primarily attributable to the efficiencies of LED lighting.
- Adjustments in forecasted water price increases.
- Decreases in the number of streetlights under CDD responsibility .

### Project Driven Expenses

Project driven expenses decreased \$158K or 28.6 % . This decrease is primarily the result of the timing for the various TP Signature Projects.

The entire proposed budget is available online at <http://www.TampaPalmsCDD.net/FY%202014-15Proposed.pdf>



# New Tampa Rotary Goes To The Dogs

## The Dogs' Park, That Is....



Finally, a much anticipated and much needed dog park will be coming to New Tampa - thanks in great part to the New Tampa Morning Rotary.

The New Tampa Morning Rotary has agreed to raise half of the funds (\$25K) necessary to convert unused, City-owned land next door to the New Tampa Rec Center on Commerce Park Blvd to a fully functioning dog park.

After completion, the City will own and operate the dog park.

The Rotary project to provide the funding for the dog park is equally awesome: Rotary is selling commemorative bricks that will line both sides of the entry.



While the exact layout for the New Tampa Rotary Dog Park has not been determined, the picture to the right shows a similar park with "doggie" bricks lining the walk.

Joyce Gunter, Chairperson of the Rotary Club of New Tampa Dog Park committee says that, "for as little as \$50, you can honor your pet with a brick inscribed with their name," explained. We are selling regular 4" x 8" bricks, as well as large 8" x 8" bricks, and there are discounts for multiple brick purchases".

To make it easy to participate, the commemorative bricks can be purchased online at [www.RotaryDogPark.org](http://www.RotaryDogPark.org).

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### One Source (Landscaping)

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 622-1940  
 TECO 223-0800  
 Progressive Waste Management 248-2820  
 Water Department 274-8121  
 New Tampa Rec. 975-2794  
 Stormwater (Floods or **Dumping**) 622-1901







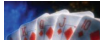


# Tampa Palms Calendar



## JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 9-12 Private Event 3-8 Private Event	2 9-11 Private Event	3 1-3 TPWC Board	4 3:15-4:15 Private Event 6-9 Fly Fishing	5 10-2 TPWC 7-9 Faircrest HOA	6 5-10 Private Event	7 11-4 Private Event 5-11 Private Event
8 9-11 Private Event 12-5 Private Event 6-8 Private Event	9 9-11 Private Event	10 12-4 Private Event	11 <b>6 PM CDD Meeting</b>	12 10-2 TPWC Bridge  4-9 Private Event	13 3-5 Private Event 5-10 Private Even	14 11-4 Private Event 5-10 Private Event
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## JULY 2014

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27  Happy Parents Day!	28 7-9 Faircrest Assn	29	30	31		

## **Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda**

**July 9 , 2014 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
  - BB Downs Update
  - Tampa Palms Ponds
7. Misc. Board Business
8. Public Comments
9. Board Member Discussions
10. Adjourn

## **Mosquito Control**

Mosquito season came early this year, possibly as a result of the earlier than usual rains.



Because Tampa Palms is laced with thousands of acres of wetlands, the local mosquito problem is substantial.

Please take precautions when out in the evening, especially children should be protected when playing out of doors. Check with your pediatrician for the proper repellent for your child.

There are steps homeowners can take to lessen the impact such as making certain that there is no standing water in plants (such as bromeliads), clogged gutters or plant stands.

Hillsborough County is responsible for mosquito control. You may contact them for support on-line at <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/index.aspx?nid=604> or call during business hours by phone at 635-5400.

The County website includes numerous tips for dealing with these nasty little biters.