



TAMPA PALMS

NEWSLETTER

May - June 2015

New Tampa's First Dog Park Is An Instant Hit

Mayor Buckhorn, Councilwoman Montelione and Joyce Gunter (New Tampa Rotary) Cut The Ribbon

Long awaited and much anticipated, the first New Tampa dog park opened on May 2nd.

The park is located just off Commerce Park, across from the New Tampa Rec Center and slightly south of Liberty Middle School.



Photo By Bob Thompson

The park features a doggie-safe, dual entry with separate "big dog" and "little dog" areas. There is seating and tables scattered inside the park, along with a three-level drinking fountain that serves everyone.



The park is open daily, from sunrise to sunset.

Each person may bring one large dog (over 30 lbs) or two small dogs (under 30 lbs). No food or rawhide is permitted and owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs. Aggressive dogs are not permitted in the park.

Public and Private Cooperation Made It All Happen

The enormous cost of usable acreage in New Tampa, added to the price tag to provide both access roads and parking, stymied the creation of a dog park for years.



Photo By Bob Thompson

Working together, the City of Tampa and the New Tampa Rotary made it happen!

The City carved out a 2/3 acre spot across from the New Tampa Rec Center - access roads and parking in place. This is real estates that would have been impossible to afford for a dog park.

The New Tampa Rotary raised funds, providing half the cost for clearing the area, fencing, seating and tables, water fountain, and more.

The City provided the remaining 1/2 of the costs and will provide the on-going maintenance of the area.





News From the TPOA



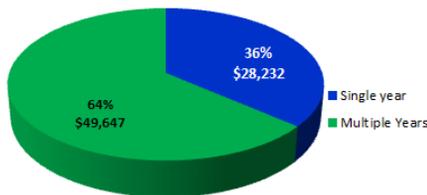
TPOA Assessments For 2015 Who Paid / Who Did Not

A number of residents have inquired as to how many Tampa Palms owners have unpaid TPOA assessments and asked that this information be published.

There are 3,407 housing units and 632 commercial "equivalent housing units" in Tampa Palms. As of the most current financial statements there are 132 residential accounts which are delinquent. No commercial accounts are delinquent at this time.

The TPOA billed \$1,062,880 for FY 2014-15 and as of April 1, 2.7% of that amount (for 71 owners) remains uncollected. This amount includes late fees.

Assessments Outstanding



There are also 61 owners who owe back assessments for prior years.

Some of these owners are in bankruptcy; some of the properties are held by mortgage holders or sub-association HOA's, limiting the ability for the TPOA to pursue collections.

As this goes to press, there are only two villages where there are no owners with unpaid assessments— Turnbury Wood and the Sanctuary.

The TPOA has no choice other than to vigorously pursue the payment of all assessments owed to the association - to do anything else would mean some owners are treated in a manner different from other owners.

Tampa Palms assessments are not large- a mere \$260/ yr.

It makes no sense through non-payment of assessments to have the amount due quadrupled by the application of legal fees, interest, and court costs .

Any owner with unpaid assessments or a question if there are past due assessments should call the TPOA to get the matter cleared up.

Storm Season Has Arrived Early Are You Prepared?

Many residents call the TPOA and ask if they "need" flood insurance. This is not a question that the TPOA can answer.



Standard home insurance does not cover flood damage and flood damage can occur - even in places "not traditionally seaside".

FEMA has a web page that will provide owners with the flood rating assigned to their property by FEMA. <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>.

The zones assign probability of flooding as follows. Zones (A , V, X) -

- AE, A, or AO Zone, These properties have a 1 percent chance of flooding in any year, and a 26 percent chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.
- VE or V Zone - These properties have a 1 percent chance of flooding in any year and also face hazards associated with coastal storm waves.
- Shaded X Zone - These properties are outside the high-risk zones. The risk is reduced but not removed.
- X Zone - These properties are in an area of overall lower risk



Although many of the Tampa Palms homes are in zones with reduced probability of flooding, the TPOA suggests that owners contact their own insurance professionals for guidance.

Remember , normally there is a 30 days waiting period for flood insurance. Don't wait until a storm is on the way.

BALLROOM DANCE CAMP

TAMPA PALMS
COMMUNITY
CLUBHOUSE

JUNE 8- AUG 8th
AGES 8-16

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It's Been A Whirl Of Activity For The Tampa Palms Women's Club

The TPWC Fashion Show was a tremendous success. The show was a cooperative work involving more than 35 club members. The event exceeded the club's charity contribution goals.

In the end it was all perfect:

There was fun for all, members and guests a like.

There was a delicious lunch featured and amazing table favors.

Members and guests were treated to an enthusiastic display of easy-wear fashions, with shopping after lunch and the always fun silent auction.



The core team that made it happen included: Sue Levine (Coordinator), Judy Alkow, (Senior Advisor), Mary Field (Publicity), Anita Hampson (Seating), Charlotte Hogue (Model Coordinator), Nikki Smith (Financial Mgmt), Sharlene Woodis (Event Planning, & Program Brochure Ad).

The trip to the FDLE Labs was intriguing. FDLE has six internationally accredited laboratories and one is located in Tampa.

The visitors were treated to tour showing how the FDLE crime laboratory system provides evidentiary analysis in biology/DNA, crime scene, digital evidence, firearms, toxicology, and more.

The tour was followed by lunch outside overlooking the water at Jackson's Bistro.



Save The Date....

June Potluck Luncheon & Award of the USF Scholarship

Thursday, June 4th
11:00 Compton Park



This will be the last club-wide event before the summer break (bridge and bowling will continue).



The Tampa Palms Women's Club is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to welcome members of the Tampa Palms community, provide educational programs for the membership and community, and conduct community-based fund raising programs in order to support the child and family oriented charities sponsored by the TPWC.

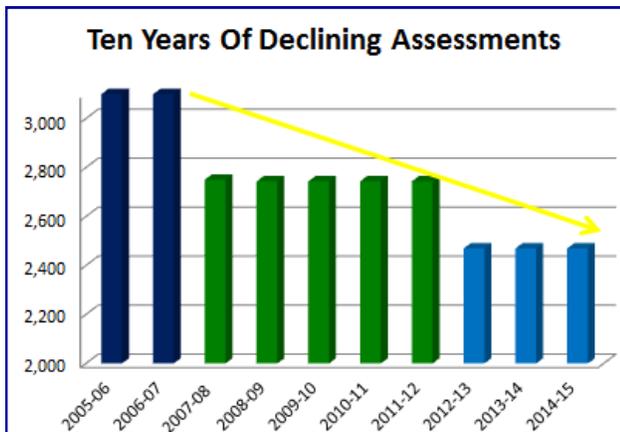


CDD Board Approves Proposed FY2015-16 Budget

Thoughtful Stewardship

After 10 years of reducing total assessments, the Tampa Palms CDD Board voted in April to propose an increase in the assessments by an average 2%, this to be effective with the fiscal year starting October 1, 2015.

This increase, if approved at the July Budget Hearing, would be included in the November 2015 tax bill.



Recaptures 10% Reduction Over Five Years

The Community will be coping with significant external-driven changes in the Bruce B. Downs corridor that will unfavorably impact the Tampa Palms *signature look*, a look nurtured over the past 25 years.



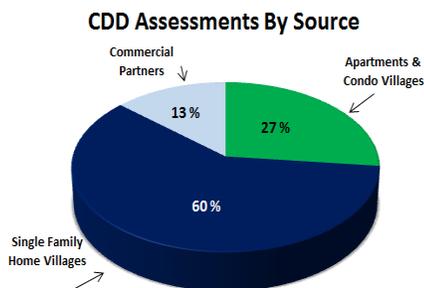
The magnitude of the changes are not yet fully visible to residents, but there is no doubt that they will be significant, as virtually every feature that has come to define Tampa Palms along BB Downs - over 3.0 miles or about 16,000 lineal feet - be forever and materially altered, as will be the four flagship corners at TP Blvd & BBD.

Tampa Palms CDD
 FY 2015-16 Budget Hearing
 Wednesday, July 8, 2015
 6 PM, Compton Park Meeting Room

Longer term, the Board has directionally modeled, but not approved, similar 2 % increases for the following each of the four years, returning assessments in 2020 to the levels of FY 2007.

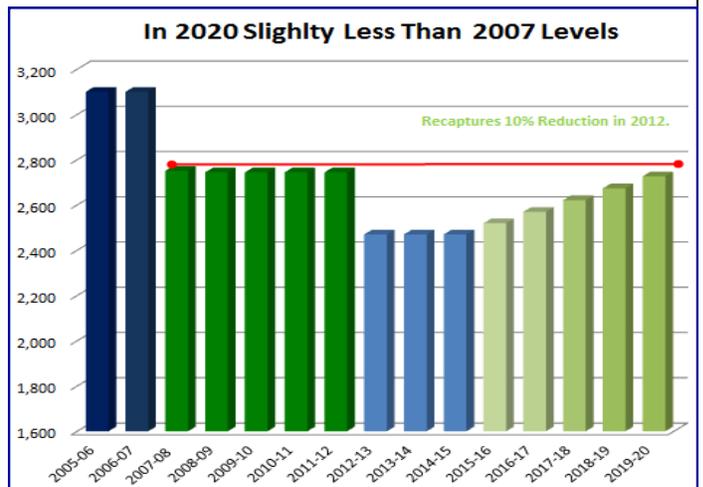
These actions will maintain the financial health of Tampa Palms and the ability to preserve our reputation as a premier community. (Any assessment changes going forward will be approved annually with the annual budget.)

The average increase proposed for single family villages will range between \$10 - \$11 per year for the smaller-lot villages to, \$29 per year for the villages with the largest lots.



As always, the commercial partners will share in the increase.

The Tampa Palms businesses presently fund 13 % of the assessments.



Who To Call In Tampa Palms

Bicycle Safety Month



From City Hall to the neighborhoods of Tampa Palms, there is confusion-who does what, who can use which facilities, who does one call with a problem?

In Tampa Palms duties are divided between the TPOA and the CDD. In the main, the TPOA has oversight for Tampa Palms standards and the CDD supports common areas and the enhancement of landscape along City-owned boulevards and cul de sac's.

There are five parks in Tampa Palms. The TPOA owns Compton and River parks while the CDD has Hampton, Amberly & Oak parks.

But the CDD and TPOA provide only a tiny portion of the services required by Tampa Palms owners and neighbors.

Tampa Palms receives support from the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, TECO, Waste Management and many more entities.

So who do you call with a problem? There is no easy answer but a list of common needs follows.

<i>Need Help?</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>Number</i>
Neighborhood Standards	Bonnie French	977-3337
Reservations for Parks	Jo Ann Conrad	977-3337
Streets- Paving / Potholes	City of Tampa	933-1940
Streetlights	CDD	977-3933
Sidewalks	City of Tampa	274-8303
Flooded Streets	City of Tampa Hillsborough	274-8771
Mosquitoes Control	County	554-5025
Ponds	CDD	977-3933
Common Area Landscape	CDD	977-3933
Cul de Sacs	CDD	977-3933
Street Signs	CDD	977-3933
Sewage Problems	City of Tampa	259-1693
Water	City of Tampa	274-8121
Garbage Pick-Up	Hillsborough County/ Waste Management	621-3053

The bike / jogging path that winds through Tampa Palms, along all the boulevards and extending from Compton Park to nearly River Park along the power line, is a Tampa Palms treasure.

The path is heavily used by residents of all ages from early morning, to late at night but from June to September when school is out, children rule.

Step one for insuring safety while biking - for both children and adults - is making sure the bike is in good working condition, "fits" the rider, and that the rider is properly attired for both protection and visibility.



For information on the laws that apply for such things as lighting for bikes after sunset or use of bicycles on streets, please go online to <http://floridabicycle.org/bicycle-traffic-law>.

For the safety of all, when using the bike path please observe a few rules.

1. Bicycles must at all time yield to pedestrians and **MUST** give an audible warning if passing a pedestrian. This is the law.
2. No motorized vehicles **including golf carts** may be used on bike paths or sidewalks at any time. This is also the law.
3. If walking dogs on the paths and approached by bikes or other walkers, step off the path and ask your dog to sit until the others pass by.

Special School's Out Warnings

With the end of the school year many Tampa Palms youngsters will take to their bikes.



Bikes are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile.

- Be especially careful to check for bicyclists and pedestrians when pulling out of village entrances onto TP Blvd.
- Use care when driving anywhere near the Compton, Amberly, Hampton or Oak Parks.



New Tampa Rotary

New Tampa AM Rotary was the first of three Rotary Chapters in the New Tampa area. The Rotary Club of New Tampa's membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. Regular weekly club breakfast meetings are held on Friday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Banquet Hall at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club, 5811 Tampa Palms Blvd.

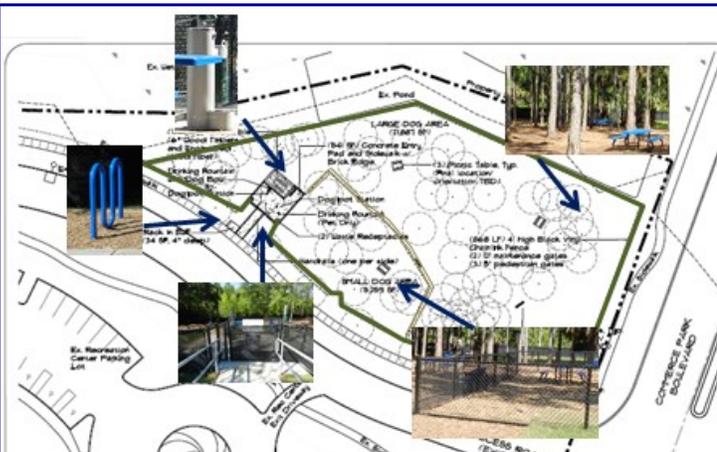
Following is a list of the club's upcoming speakers for the month of May

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	
May 8	Aarene Alessi, Community Relations Director	The Legacy at Highwoods Preserve Assisted Living Facility	
May 22	Yohan Perera	USF Medical Students' Bolivia Service Trip	
May 29	Gordie Zimmerman	Ice Hockey Arena in Wesley Chapel	

May 2nd Grand Opening

On May 2nd the New Tampa Rotary Dog Park was officially opened. (See related story on the cover.)

This is phenomenal amenity for all of New Tampa and was made possible by the public involvement of the New Tampa AM Rotary.



Community Director: Jo Ann Conrad Property Manager: Bonnie French

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 Bill Shimer 971-8063
 Jim Soley 977-3933

ABM (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
 Stormwater (Floods or Dumping) 622-1901



Tampa Palms May 2015 Calendar



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
May 10 Mothers' Day May 16 Armed Forces Day May 25 Memorial Day - No School					1 1-4 Private Event 5-10 Private Event	2 11- 4 Private Event 5-10 Private Event
3 9-12 Private Event 2-7 Private Event	4 9-11 Private Event 1-4 TPWC Canista 5-9 Private Event	5 9 - 11 Private Event 1-4 TPWC Canasta 6-9 Chess Club	6 10-12 Private Event 6-9 Fly Fishing	7 10-2 TPWC General Meeting 5-9 Private Event	8 5-10 Private Event	9 11-4 Private Event 5-10 Private Event
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Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda

May 13 , 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Compton Park Recreation Building
16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. J Rinard, HKA (New Pond Design)
4. Strategic Planning
5. Public Comments
6. Board Member Discussions
7. Project Updates
 - BB Downs Update
 - Tree Replacements
 - Tampa Palms Ponds
8. Misc. Board Business
9. Public Comments
10. Board Member Discussions
11. Adjourn

Next meeting- June 10, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Looking For A Summer Adventure?

Then look no further than the Tampa Riverwalk. From shopping to dining, to amazing museums, the Riverwalk is a Tampa treasure. For more information go online to the guided tour and plan your adventure.

<https://tampa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/?appid=b714f0a636c540a5b3f6cd669d0cdb4b>

