

September - October 2022



Tampa Palms Annual Meeting Setting The Course For Coming Year



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A Prudent Approach For 2023

Owners representing more than three thousand five hundred of the residents and commercial entities in Tampa Palms gathered for the first post-pandemic Annual Meeting on September 20th in the Palms Room at Compton Park.

- 1,632 Single Family Homes
- 1,425 Apartment Homes
- 304 Condominiums
- 28 Commercial Properties



The FY 2022-23 Budget was presented and unanimously ratified by the membership. The TPOA 2022-23 Budget was crafted to be mindful of the stresses a 40 year high inflation brings to both the residential and commercial owners of Tampa Palms.

For 2022-23 the annual TPOA assessment per residential unit is \$310.00, a 5% increase and only the first increase since 2019.

Changes were approved for the CCRs that included:

- Clarification of voting / quorum requirements
- Creation of a fining opportunity for owners who make changes without a modifications request.

Other items discussed included upcoming planning for Compton Park Phase II improvements approaching FY 2023-2024 (page 4) and the expansion of the By-Pass Canal Trail that will one day link the Flatwoods Park with downtown Tampa.





News From the TPOA

Planning Ahead, Time Change Nov. 6

Winter will soon be arriving, days a little cooler (we hope) and days a bit shorter (for certain).

Winter Hours

Compton Park	Hampton Park
8 AM - 9 PM	8 AM - 9 PM
Mon - Thurs	Mon - Sat
8 AM - 10 PM	8 AM - 8 PM Sun
Fri - Sat	River Park
8 AM - 8 PM Sun	8 - 6 Mon-Sun

The hours for Compton & Hampton parks remain the same year round; River Park closes at 6 PM and the Compton pool opens 9 AM rather than 8 AM.

Compton Pool Opening Rules

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 any cold mornings residents interested in swimming do the following:

- Call Compton Park to inquire as to if the temperature has reached 50 degrees.
- If it has, advise the park staff that you wish to swim and ask the attendants to uncover the pool.

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FY 2022-23 Payment Coupons On The Way

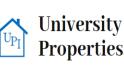
The TPOA Budget Meeting was held on September 20th at Compton Park.

The Board was set for FY 2022-23

Tracey Falkowitz, President Maggie Wilson, Vice President Jodi Percoraro, Director Debbie Libertiny, Secretary Jack Shoolfield, Treasurer



The budget and FY 2022-23 dues were also approved.



University Properties is the financial agent for the TPOA, and will mail the Properties, Inc. payment coupons in the next week or so.

The annual assessment for owners is \$310.00 per home. This applies to all homes, single family homes, apartment homes and condominium homes. The commercial owners are billed using an equivalent residential unit (ERU) formula found in the TPOA governing documents.

TPOA assessments may be paid in any one of three ways:

- 1. Mail a check to the Tampa Palms Owners Association to the address on the coupon.
- 2. Make payment via your bank's online bill payment option.
- 3. Make payment via credit card. To utilize this option, please visit University Properties, Inc. online https://www.univprop.com/ and click on the credit card tab.

Full instructions for making payment will be included with the coupons.

Note payment is due by October 31, 2022





Professional Staff

Tampa Palms Women's Club Community Yard Sale - A Worthy Tradition



<u>COMMUNITY-WIDE</u>

YARD SALE & CRAFT SALE 16101 Compton Drive in Tampa Palms Sat., Oct. 8, 2022, 9 AM – 1 PM





Lots of Parking Next Door At Tampa Palms Elementary This year the Tampa Palms Women's Club is returning to hold what can only be described as a superb service to the Tampa Palms community by holding a community-wide yard sale.

Tampa Palms folks can sell their former "treasures" in the complete safety of Compton Park. Community yard sales are safer than holding one in a neighborhood garage or even a driveway, both of which effectively open the seller's home and even the neighborhood to strangers to walk around and "check out".

At Compton Park shoppers can search for something awesome all the while enjoying a lovely day in the park and do so for a great cause (The TPWC charities.) and don't forget the goodies!

A park-like environment for you to sell or shop SELL YOUR "TREASURES" OR CRAFTS FOR CASH! or SHOP for crafts & "treasures!"

For more information, please contact Liz Kirby, 813-977-1572. Sponsored by Tampa Palms Women's Club

Let's Make Tampa Palms' Voice Heard

It was VERY embarrassing to read in the local newspaper that New Tampa had an awful turnout for the 2022 primaries. (One of the two Tampa Palms precincts had the highest turnout in all of New Tampa and that was only 15%.)

Information To Help With Voting

To vote in any election you must be registered: the deadline to register for the upcoming election is October 11th. Registration is easy and can be done online.



Just go on line to <u>https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home</u> for the complete instructions.

There Are Three Ways To Vote

<u>Vote By Mail:</u> First mailing of domestic ballots is tentatively scheduled for September 29. Voter ballots must be in the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. November 8. Overseas ballots will be accepted through November 18, if postmarked or signed and dated no later than Election Day. F.S. 101.6952(5).

<u>Early Voting:</u> October 24 - November 6, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you're registered to vote in Hillsborough County, you can vote at any Early Voting site, one close to home or close to work or close to a favorite restaurant.

<u>Vote on Election Day</u>: November 8, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your precinct.



Planning For Tampa's Future



Invitation To Participate

The City of Tampa is asking for citizens to help plan for the future of our community.



This fall, the City of Tampa is hosting a series of town halls to solicit resident input on major initiatives that will affect the city for many years to come.

Successful community development cannot be imposed from outside; it must be a creative and inclusive process that properly reflects both the history and the emerging future of the community.

The City invites residents to join in either one of the inperson sessions or at the virtual session to participate in discussions about Tampa's long-term plans for climate equity, energy efficiency, mobility, land use and more!

Representatives & Presentations from:

- Tampa's Sustainability & Resilience Officer
- Mobility
- City Planning
- Community Engagement & Partnerships
- Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission

Register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/plantampa



Options For Court Play at Compton The Pickleball Pickle

Pickleball - Amazing Popularity But Not That New

Pickleball is racket/paddle court sport where two players (singles), or four players (doubles), hit a perforated hollow ball over a 34-inch-high net using solid-faced paddles.

Pickleball was invented in 1965 as a children's backyard game in Washington State. In 2022 the sport was named the fastest growing sport in the United States with more than 5 million players nationwide.

The attractiveness of the sport can be credited to its short learning curve and appeal to a wide range of ages and fitness levels.



This is all perfect for a community park like Compton.

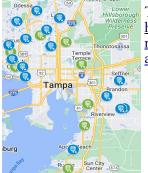
In 2017, and well ahead of the explosion in popularity of pickleball, the TPOA relocated the basketball courts and added two pickleball courts to Compton Park.

The demand for pickleball facilities now is so great that even the City-School District project at Liberty Middle School is adding dual use courts (see article page 4).

The City and the County are rapidly adding pickleball courts see below for information.

Compton Park will enter Phase II of the projects to keep Tampa Palms current in the 21st Century in the coming eighteen months. It was anticipated during the communitywide meetings for Phase I that court and pool expansion would follow in Phase II, but there is a need now for courts based on resident requests. (See article page 6 re Phase II)

The County pickleball facilities can be reviewed at <u>https://</u> www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/recreation-andculture/outdoor-recreation/pickleball



The City facilities are available at https://www.tampa.gov/parks-andrecreation/activities-recreation/ athletics/pickleball City of Tampa



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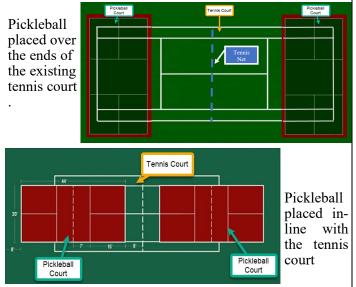
Rowlett Park 101 E Yukon St

Residents Request More Pickleball There May Be Options

Pickleball players have requested that one of the tennis courts at Compton Park (court number 3 adjacent to the pickleballs courts) be converted to a dual use court.

Pickleball courts are substantially smaller than tennis courts, with slightly different boundary configurations. It is for this reason that multiple pickleball court markings (in a different color from the tennis markings) can be overlayed onto an existing tennis court to facilitate use by players of both games.

This can be accomplished in a number layouts as shown below.



No solution is perfect and unquestionably the two sets of lines will be a distraction to players. Also the pickleball nets will have to be rolled onto the court; options for the use of adjustable tennis nets are not being considered for safety and liability reasons.

What Do You As A Tampa Palms Resident Think?

Tampa Palms always makes certain that residents are made aware of possible changes and have an opportunity to voice both opinions and suggestions about everything that affects their community.

Should the TPOA proceed to provide interim pickleball court space until Phase II? Your input is welcome and encouraged. Please contact Ray Ferreris (Park & Amenities Manager) at 813 977-3337 or rferreristpoa@aol.com.

City & School Project At Rec Center / Liberty

Available To Every Resident

City of Tampa and the School Board of Hillsborough County have entered into an interlocal agreement for the purpose of improving School Board facilities adjoining Liberty Middle School and the City property at the New Tampa Recreation Center.

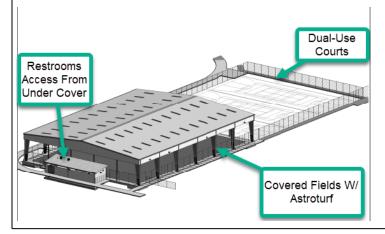


The new facilities will provide a play space for folks engaged in field sports, space that is protected from both rain and the Florida sun.

The court facilities will be converted to multi-use and made available for the following:

- Basketball
- Tennis
- Pickleball

The facilities will be reserved for school use on Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the school year and available to local residents after 4 p.m. and during the periods of non-school activity.



Bypass Canal Trail Expansion Moves Ahead

Flatwoods To Downtown One Day

The Tampa Bypass Canal, a flood control waterway east of Tampa and Temple Terrace, is transforming into a major recreation corridor that will allow families, friends and visitors to enjoy scenic vistas, active recreation all the way to the city



The Bypass Canal Project goals are to provide substantial recreational and social opportunities for residents and visitors, connecting all of the communities from New Tampa, through Temple Terrace, to East Lake/Orient Park and Palm River along the trail to each, other as well as, to the resources in North Tampa, South Tampa, and Hillsborough County.

Hillsborough County, in coordination with the FDOT District 7, is conducting a public meeting for the Tampa Bypass Canal Trail Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the portion from Bruce B. Downs at Flatwoods to 34th St.

- In-person open-house on October 11, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- A virtual engagement platform available from October 11, 2022, to October 24, 2022. *

* Information will be available online at the following site. <u>https://www.publicinput.com/hcengage</u>



Hillsborough County & You Work To Control Mosquitos



The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County (DOH-Hillsborough) advised residents and visitors on September 14th that there has been an increase in mosquito-borne disease activity in the county. Eastern Equine Encephalitis has been detected in two horses, heightening the risk of transmission to humans.

There are more than 40 species of mosquitos in this area, thanks in part to the wetlands that surround Tampa Palms. Mosquitos are a dangerous insect because they transmit numerous illnesses through their bite, including the Zika virus, West Nile virus, and eastern equine encephalitis.

For this reason, Hillsborough County, one of the 51 Mosquito Control Districts in Florida, has a robust program for general mosquito control (fields, wetlands, marshes, neighborhoods).



The County uses a wide range of techniques to determine breeding locations and eliminate mosquito infestations both at the larva stage and adult insects.



Hillsborough County conducts more than 20,000 larvae inspections per year. Several years ago it introduced the Buffalo Turbine system to safely and efficiently eliminate mosquito larvae throughout targeted breeding grounds in Hillsborough County using a safe and nontoxic larvicide,

Unlike the spray trucks residents typically see rolling down the street when mosquitoes are already flying around in force, the four new Buffalo Turbine trucks halt adult mosquitoes from forming by killing developing larval mosquitoes while they are still concentrated and trapped in water.

Residents can request additional mosquito treatment from the County by calling 813-635-5400 or online at <u>https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/mosquito/</u>

What Can Tampa Palms Residents Do?

Amid the concerns about the eastern equine encephalitis, Florida Dept of Health provides tips to reduce the chances of getting bitten:

- **Clothing:** cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, etc.
 - **Repellant**: use an insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin

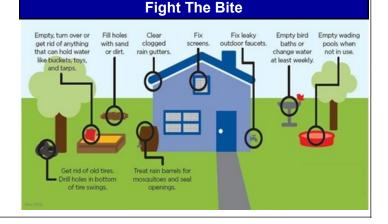


- Windows and screens: Make sure window and door screens are bug-tight
- **Time of day**: try to stay indoors during prime mosquito times of dawn and dusk

The easiest way to prevent mosquito bites is to prevent them from breeding in the first place. Mosquito larvae need water to grow, so the most effective method to keep them from reproducing is to deprive them of water.

A few things to help to reduce breeding sites around your home include

- Avoid standing water by not over-watering lawns or gardens
- Clean or hose-out bird baths at least weekly
- Flush out potted saucers for potted plants with a hose or drill holes in the bottom to allow for better drainage
- Check for leaky hoses and repair
- Remove any standing water from the top of pool and spa covers



TPOA AND CDD Who Does What In Tampa Palms

Teamwork Makes All The Difference

The TPOA and the Tampa Palms CDD receive questions about who does what in Tampa Palms. Both organizations serve the same constituency, the owners and residents of Tampa Palms. There are a number of ways that the two organizations cooperatively share responsibilities for the common good of the community.

One important element of that cooperation is reflected in the sharing of clerical staff: the CDD's administrative assistant provides support to the TPOA's team of property managers in the areas of modifications correspondence and, most importantly, negotiates the TPOA's insurance policies.

These shared services save the TPOA the cost of staffing such a position, and the non-trivial costs of providing the office space for additional staff.

Other examples of that cooperation include the TPOA Amenities Manager oversees park staff for the CDD's parks, taking pavilion reservations for Hampton and Amberly parks and managing opening and closing of the parks each day.

These shared services save the CDD the cost of duplicate staffing of such a position, that in this environment of rising labor costs would be substantial even on a part-time basis.

In addition, in many ways Tampa Palms is a hybrid community. Tampa Palms is not fully serviced by the City of Tampa for its municipal needs - such as are the communities of Forest Hills, or Seminole Heights.



Tampa Palms is also not a fully independent gated community - such as are Arbor Greene, or Hunters Green- where municipal services do not include streets, sidewalks, streetlights or stormwater. In Tampa Palms vital services such as streets, water, police, fire, storm water, wastewater, streetlights are all provided by the City of Tampa.

Similarly, many important services are provided by Hillsborough County (most notably garbage collection and disposal) but also maintenance of BB Downs through Tampa Palms.



Hillsborough County Florida



Are Sinkholes Possible In Tampa Palms?

A Resident Concern

From time to time Tampa Palms staffs receive inquires as to the existence and prevalence of sinkholes in Tampa Palms. This is due in part to the reporting about the catastrophic sinkholes that have occurred in both south and western Hillsborough County.

Sinkholes occur when the rock below the land surface is soluble and dissolved by groundwater circulating through it. The Bureau of Natural Resources for the State of Florida has mapped the state showing the depth of the limestone or other soluble rock in the subsurface.



The depth of the rock corresponds with the risks from sinkhole activity - the areas with minimal limestone coverage (yellow on maps) have less risk; those with a subsurface in excess of 200 feet have much more risk. The map above details the areas and is available online: http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/FGS/FGS Publications/ MS/MS110SinkholeType/sinkholetype2.pdf



It is Tampa Palms' good fortune to lie in an area of minimal risk of sinkholes.

While sinkholes can occur in Tampa Palms, the formations are such that they are less likely and if they do occur, much less likely that they will be catastrophic cover-collapse sinkholes.

Other subterranean events can cause holes, depressions or subsidence of the land surface that may mimic sinkhole activity. These include collapsed or broken sewer and drain pipes, improperly compacted soil after excavation work, and even buried trash and debris. Such events are called subsidence incidents.



Owners with questions about sinkhole insurance coverages are urged to contact their insurance provider.

In general Florida statutes (627.706) require carriers to include catastrophic cover-collapse coverage but not sinkhole loss so if you are uncertain, check with your carrier to confirm.

City of Tampa Online Amazing & Usable

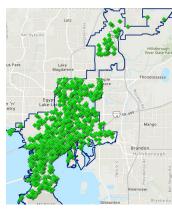
Check It Out And Be Surprised

The City web site has easy to use "button links" to more than 40 graphical information sources.

Simply go online to https://www.tampa.gov/geographicinformation-systems

Select the "button" from the list at the bottom of the page to display the information such as to the for "Active right Construction Permits"

Each dot shown is a permit which cane be selected by cursor and will the display the address and activity.



Another important display that is available is that of the activity driven by the new "Fix It Fast" process.

The "Fix It Fast" initiative goals are to fix any road problems like potholes or any dangerous roadway obstructions within 72 hours of them being reported by residents.

16200 COMPTON DR

Pothole(s)

The Fix It Fast map displays the projects reported to the Work Order have been 98199

You can select any site from Type of Call the map and a pop-up will show the type of report along Reported with when reported and how 7/6/2022, 11:05 AM long to correct. Assigned to

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The report to the right was a Street Maintenance - Paving pothole beside the speed table that is just passed the 19 hour(s) **Completion Time** Compton entry.

Be sure to try the site, there are lots of fun links too.





A Lot Of Hard Work With Spectacular Results!

Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club course has been completely revitalized, taking its rightful place as one of the most outstanding golf experiences in the Greater Tampa Bay area.



Today the Tampa Palms CC course features brand new Tiff Eagle Greens, (an ultra-dwarf turf with fine and erect blades that support putting speeds while displaying beautiful green color).



Modern Billy Bunkers, born at Augusta National three decades ago to create more efficient postrain drainage, Tampa Palms with its consistent rainfall now joins courses nationwide with these maintenance enhancing bunkers.



The restored fairways are beautiful to see, as well as, on which to play. Fairways are the portion of any golf course that is the most visible to all - visitors and players. The Tampa Palms new fairways are outstanding.



A local resident checking out all of the improvements appears to be impressed.



Property Manager: Bonnie French Property Manager: Brian Koerber Amenities Director: Ray Ferreris

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SEPT-OCT 2022



Sept– Oct 2022 Amenities Calendar



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Tampa Palms Owners Association 16101 Compton Drive Tampa, FL 33647 PRSRT STD US POSTAGE PAID TAMPA, FL PERMIT #1741

Tampa Palms CDD Meeting

October 12 at 6:00 p.m. Compton Park Recreation Building 16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647

- 1. Roll Call & Opening
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Board Member Discussions
- 6. Updates & Information

Neighborhood Updates Park Security Financial Updates

- 7. Misc. Board Business
- 8. Public Comments
- 9. Board Member Discussions

10. Adjourn



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