

May-Jun 2024



## The Fun Time of Year... Parks, Camps and Town Halls



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#### **Town Halls Start Off The Summer**

New Tampa's own councilman who is everywhere will be meeting with the neighbors at the New Tampa Rec Center in Tampa Palms North.

Thursday, May 30, 2024 5:30 PM

**NEW TAMPA COMMUNITY MEETING** WITH COUNCILMAN LUIS VIERA Tampa THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.



New Tampa's County Commissioner has scheduled a Town Hall at the New Tampa Performing Arts Center, off BB Downs, across from Hunters Green.



Tampa, FL 33647

HCFL.gov/District2

Food Truck Friday Returns, Don't Miss It

Tampa Palm's first "Food Truck Friday" was an absolute success. Some families came and dined at the park, some did a "grab and go", taking their dinners home. The playground was just filled with children having fun.

On June 7th, Food Truck Friday will return and with the TPD K-9 Unit.









## What's New From the TPOA



### TPOA & CDD Joint Weapons Policy Posted Online in Two Places

The Tampa Palms Parks Handbook of Rules and Regulations has for some time contained language that makes it clear that "weapons", real or faux, should not be carried or displayed by anyone (with the exception of law enforcement personnel) in any Tampa Palms Park or facility.





The carrying or display of any kind of firearms or weapons on properties owned by the Tampa Palms Owners Association or the Tampa Palms Community Development District may be perceived as a threat of harm, even if unintentional, and could result in an armed response either by other persons, or by law enforcement personnel responding to such an actual or perceived threat with tragedy ensuing.

For that reason the Tampa Palms Parks Handbook has for many years contained this safety policy and the Handbook has been available both at Compton Park and online on the Tampa Palms website at <a href="https://tpoa.net/Parks.html">https://tpoa.net/Parks.html</a>. It is still in that location.

During the April meetings of the TPOA and CDD Boards, separately both boards approved placing the joint policy on the Rules page of the TPOA.net website which can be found online at <a href="https://tpoa.net/Rules.html">https://tpoa.net/Rules.html</a>.

The TPOA is committed to making all of the park facilities in Tampa Palms a place for family friendly activities and fun to visit for everyone.

### School Will Be Out Soon & Warm Weather Dropped In Early

The warm weather and school vacations make the Compton Park pool THE destination for many Tampa Palms neighbors. Here are a few reminders to help make the pool experience a fun and safe one for all.

The Compton pool is reserved for residents of Tampa Palms Areas. 1 and 2. Residents may bring 2 guests per household.

### **Pool Rules - For The Safety of All**



- Children under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult in the pool area for their safety.
- An accompanying adult must be IN THE POOL with any child under 8 years old.
- No more than 65 persons are permitted in the pool area at one time.
- There must be at least two people in the pool.
- Pool must be closed anytime there is a threat of contamination such as "diaper failures".
- No running, pushing or horseplay will be tolerated.
   Violators will be asked to leave the premises.
- No food, beverages or glass containers are permitted on the pool deck but food & beverages are permitted in the 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, facemasks, snorkels or fins are permitted in the pool. Arm floats, "noodles" and goggles are permitted
- Personal radios and music device should be kept at a low level so as not to disturb others.

### **The Tampa Palms**





### **Professional Staff**

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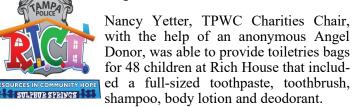
## **Tampa Palms Women's Club** 2024 Fashion Show A Huge Success

#### **Community Service The Hallmark of the TPWC**

Among the many charities of the TPWC is the Tampa Police Dept's Rich House which serves as a safe haven for

kids in the city's most economically chal-

lenged areas.



Nikki Smith, TPWC Scholarship Chair, has been working with Hillsborough Community College to choose the 2024 recipients for the TPWC scholarships.



This year, the TPWC will provide three scholarships of \$2,000 each for worthy recipients at HCC.

At the June 6th General Meeting the members will welcome and be introduced to the 2024 recipients chosen by the HCC scholarship team at the annual Potluck Scholarship Social held at Compton Park.

#### **Anita Hampson Remembered**

Notably this year the TPWC Board voted to name one of the 2024 scholarships for Anita Hampson in memory of her service to the TPWC and to the Tampa Palms community for more than twenty years.

Pictured to the right is "basket-making Anita" preparing for one of the fashion shows and "doggie -loving Anita" with her furry friend.





### **New Member Brunch**

Senior Advisor and Past TPWC President, Windy Starling will be hosting a "new member brunch" on May 6th. This will be exclusively for the members that joined the TPWC in 2022, 2023 and 2024.



#### So Much Fun & Hard Work

The TPWC Fashion for 2024 was epic, it certainly did Light Up for Spring as promised.

Hard work went into the creation of the gift baskets for auction that resulted in more than \$6,000 for the TPWC charity, Oasis Opportunities.







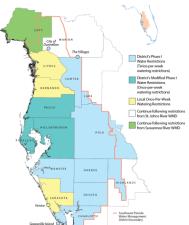
# **Update: Tampa Bay Region Phase 1 Water Shortage**



### **Update On Water Shortage Emergency**

Tampa Palms residents have inquired as to the status of the current water shortage, what caused it and for how long the watering restrictions will remain in effect.

At this time the "once a week" watering restrictions remain in effect through July 1 of 2024.



SWFWMD declared the water emergency in Nov. of 2023 due to the semi-drought conditions experienced by the Tampa Bay region in 2023 which resulted in a substantial rainfall deficit.

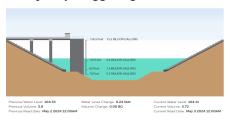
Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties are all under the order which specifically requires only *once per week* irrigation of lawns.

The first quarter of 2024 saw some improvement in rainfall for the Tampa area but the driest months of the year are April and May.

Tampa Palms relies on the COT for its drinking water and the City depends on the Hillsborough River for water supply, but in the event of low river flows (now) the City can turn to the CW Bill Young Reservoir for water supply.



The reservoir is a massive two mile long by one mile wide basin that draws water from the Hillsborough and Alafia rivers (in good times) and stores more than 15 billion gallons of water to be used for drinking water when needed. Alarmingly the reservoir storage fell to less than a third of its capacity, triggering the need for use reduction.



Reduced water use helps the reservoir refill which remains today at 30% of its capacity. The water level is recorded daily.

https://www.tampabaywater.org/cw-bill-young-regional-reservoir

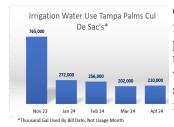
### **Does Reducing Irrigation Make a Difference?**

The short answer is yes, the Spring months are the driest of the year and Tampa Bay Water estimates that up to 50% of water used at homes during the dry season is for watering lawns.

Since there are other demands on the home use of water in Tampa Palms that increase in dry times, such as swimming pools, it is difficult for owners to estimate the real impact of reduced irrigation.

### **Reduced Watering Makes A Difference**

The City owns 52 cul de sac's on public roads in Tampa Palms. The City does not maintain these cul de sacs, they are maintained by the CDD and use City potable water for irrigation which is billed to the CDD.



Comparing the gallons used for Nov 2023 (before once per week) to the gallons on the Jan-Apl bills, the reduced water used averaged was substantial, - 2,120,000 gallons in just four months. **Not bad!** 

Want To Reduce Water Use (& Water Bills)? The Tampa Bay Water Rebates Can Help

Tampa Bay Water will provide cash rebates for certain water saving devices. Smart Irrigation Controllers

- √ Get one for free by applying
- Buy your own controller and have it installed and receive up to \$250
   High Efficiency Toilet Replacement
- √ 1993 or older \$100 rebate
- √ 1994 or newer \$40 rebate

For more information go online to: <a href="https://tampabaywaterwise.org/es/rebates-for-homeowners/">https://tampabaywaterwise.org/es/rebates-for-homeowners/</a>





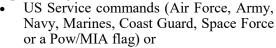
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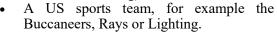
# Show Your Spirit With A Flag

### Tampa Palms Neighborhoods Patriotic & Full Of Spirit

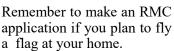
Tampa Palms enjoys a relatively far-reaching ability for neighbors to declare affiliation with a variety of organizations and teams, in addition of course to the US, by flying one or two flags from their homes.

From their homes, the documents provide that neighbors may fly one portable US Flag (no larger then 4.5 ft by 6 ft) plus one flag representing:





In lieu of a portable flag, residents may erect a freestanding flagpole of no more than 20 feet high to display one US flag or a flag of the State of Florida and one flag no larger than 4.5 feet by 6 feet representing a US Service.





## **Election Season Is Almost Here What About Political Signs?**

With the Primary and General elections looming in 2024, Tampa Palms and the whole nation, is set to experience another wild and crazy season with both local races and national elections.



The TPOA leadership is sensitive to the desires of some of its members to express political opinions so the following are automatically approved without a RMC.

- One sign supporting a political candidate or position may be erected in the front yard no more than 6 weeks before that election which must be removed the day after the election.
- The sign must be no larger than 2 ft high by 2 ft 6 in wide and removed promptly the day after the election.

## Artificial Turf Used Cautiously

### Artificial Turf An Option Used In Tampa Palms

The use of artificial turf is widely debated as it emerges as an option for homeowners to reduce the water needs for irrigation, as well as fertilizer use and mowing but at the same time has the potential to harm trees, cause drainage problems and increase exposure to PFAS's.



### Is Artificial Turf Approvable In Tampa Palms?

**Yes.** The Tampa Palms standards are consistent with the Florida Statutes governing HOA's,; artificial turf may be used in areas not visible from the front of the home or neighboring homes.

A number of homes have artificial turf approved for use in the rear of their homes. There are no limits on the size of the area covered.

**Caution:** if the area for installation is greater than 150 sq. ft, the City of Tampa requires a permit that includes a notarized verification statement, site plan. If under 150 sq. ft, no permit is required.

### Pet Safety and Taking Care of Pets In Tampa Palms

Pets are important members of the Tampa Palms family. Every village has a multitude of furry friends who bring fun and joy to their families.

Tampa Palms is home to many wild animals who may look at Fido as dinner, not buddy. For that reason there are important regulations regarding pet ownership in Tampa Palms.



- Pets may not be allowed out of doors tethered or fenced in a yard.
- Pets may not be left alone on a screened lanai or porch.

This is all summed up by the regulation that when out of any unit, pets must be on a leash held by a responsible person.

# What To Do In the Summer? Summer Camps Abound

This is the age-old question as the school year ends. Fortunately, there are a large number of summer activities available to the families in Tampa Palms. A few are featured below:

- City of Tampa Recreation Center
- The New Tampa YMCA
- Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club
- Freedom High School Theater Camp











The New Tampa YMCA on Compton Dr in TPOST 3 offers a range of camp and swim lessons.

813 866-9623



Freedom High School Theater Camp



The City of Tampa at the New Tampa Rec Center has an amazing number of summer camp opportunities, 36 and far too many to list here. For your convenience the Summer Camp Guide and Dates and are available online on the Tampa Palms website, as well as the City of Tampa.

https://tpoa.net/CampGuide.pdf https://tpoa.net/CampDates.pdf







Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club kimberly.howey@invitedclubs.com



Activity Camp | 8a.m. - 6:30p.m. | \$325/week Ages: 5 & up

Discover the joy of culinary arts, join the circus, become a mermaid, show off your gaming skills, learn about the Olympics or Chemistry. This camp explores many fun weekly themes to enjoy.

**Sports Camp** | 9a.m. - 2p.m. | \$350/week Ages: 9 & up

This camp includes a mixture of golf, tennis, football, soccer, basketball and daily swimming. Practice good sportsmanship and have fun.

Brainstorm Camp | 9a.m. - 2p.m. | \$350/week Ages: 5 - 9

Fall in love with science, engineering, games designed to challenge your brain.

<u>Tae Kwon Do Camp</u> | 9a.m. - 2p.m. | \$350/week Ages 5 & up PAGE 7 MAY JUNE 2024



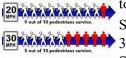
## Getting Summer Off .....To A Safe Start



### Summer Vacation From School Is Almost Here

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY. Summer is a wonderful time for everyone – especially for children and families. In Tampa Palms there are a host of fun activities at the parks, at the YMCA, at the Country Club and at the homes of their friends so many children are out and about on our streets.

Statistically at 30 MPH only 50% of the pedestrians hit by a vehicle **even survive**, and at 40 MPH survival drops to 10%.



Speed Limit Tampa Palms Area 1 is 35MPH

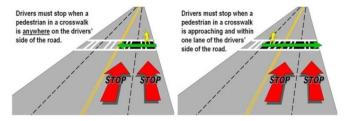


Speed Limit Tampa Palms Area 2 is 40 MPH

#### **Watch For Pedestrians At Marked Crosswalks**

At places where there are no traffic signals or signage but there is a marked crosswalk, vehicles must yield to pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk. It's the law.

Drivers at intersections with stop signs must stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the street. Drivers entering a public street from either a private driveway or parking lot must yield right-of-way for an approaching pedestrian on the sidewalk or on the roadway.



### **Pedestrians Have Safety Responsibilities Too**

- No pedestrian can suddenly leave a curb and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to stop; this is true even in a crosswalk.
- Pedestrians must always yield the right of way to vehicles on the road except when the pedestrian is crossing at a marked crosswalk or within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

## **Experts Maintain Layers of Protection Are Best**

There is no one fail-safe protection against accidental drowning. For this reason, pool safety experts recommend multiple layers of care ranging from education to devices to securing 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 for safety.

Said in 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.
- Nemovable pool security fencing (this is particularly useful to pool owners who have only occasional child visitors).
- V 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.



### Safety Improvement On The Way

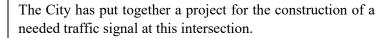
### **Dangerous Intersection Made Safer**

The north-end intersection of Compton Dr and Commerce Palms in TPOST 3 has been the site of numerous close calls and accidents, including at least one that even resulted in a fatality.



Multiple lanes of traffic on Commerce Palms (both entering and leaving the BJ's Mall) competes with traffic from Compton and also traffic coming from and to the near-by I-75 entrance from BB Downs, as well as, many pedestrians.

The intersection is currently controlled solely by stop signs on Compton Dr, that have blinking lights and a sign that warns that the Commerce Palms traffic does not stop.



The project will also include many of the features the City provided at the intersection of Compton and Tampa Palms Blvd - the south end of Compton Dr including:



- New crosswalks.
- Pedestrian activated signals,
- ADA-compliant ramps,
- Detectable warning mats.

Work is scheduled for the late summer / early fall of 2024.

# Tampa Palms Parks - Who Can Use Them?

### **Private For Tampa Palms Residents**

The TPOA and CDD parks are solely private to the residents of Tampa Palms. The name "Tampa Palms" is a registered trademark of the TPOA.

Confusingly the name "Tampa Palms" is used by several communities on their entry monuments as part of the old Tampa Palms DRI.

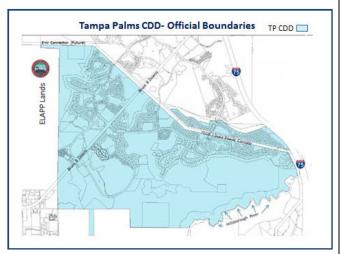
These are separate communities that were not part of the bonds that created the TPOA parks and they are not assessed for the maintenance and staffing of the parks. The communities include

- TPOST 3
- Tampa Palms North

Unfortunately this sometimes fools folks who move into these communities and especially some from TPOST 3, are surprised when not allowed to use Compton Park because it is close to them.

In the development orders that were approved to create Tampa Palms and the other communities in the area, the amount of park space in each community was based on the total number of residential units allowed at 100% build out.

Tampa Palms Parks were sized to accommodate the 4,000 residential units in Tampa Palms, including the apartments.



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### **Tax Holiday Savings Can Add Up**



There is no question, every little bit adds up and making purchases to enjoy the summer (see **Freedom Summer** below) or to improve the hardening of your home during storms or modernize appliances, all without paying sales tax is for certain a winner.

There are several major tax incentives that will end in the next 60 days (on June 30th) and the recreation holiday which lasts through July 31 and even includes season passes,

For more information go online to https://floridarevenue.com/pages/salestaxholidays.aspx



Washers, Dryers etc Ends June 30, 2024

Gas Ranges and Cooktops Ends June 30,2024





Impact Resistant Doors etc June 30, 2024

### Freedom Summer

Sales Tax Holiday July 1, 2024 Through July 31. 2024

### **Boating and water activity supplies:**

- Goggles and snorkels (\$25 or less)
- Pool toys (\$35 or less)
- Coolers, Life jackets, Paddles (\$75 or less)
- Inflatable water tubes and floats, Wakeboards
- Paddleboards, Surfboards (\$300 or less)
- Canoes, Kayaks (\$500 or less)

### **Fishing Supplies:**

- Bait and Tackle (\$5 or less for individual items, \$10 or less for multiple items sold together)
- Tackle boxes (\$30 or less)
- Reels, Rods (\$75 or less)

### **Camping Supplies:**

- Flashlights (\$30 or less)
- Sleeping bags, Camping chairs (\$50 or less)
- Tents (\$200 or less)

### **Outdoor Supplies:**

- Sunscreen (\$15 or less)
- Water bottles (\$30 or less)
- Bicycle helmets (\$50 or less)
- Outdoor grills (\$250 or less)
- Bicycles (\$500 or less)

### Admissions to events or performances scheduled to be held between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024:

- Live music events
- Live sporting events
- Movies to be shown in a movie theater
- Ballets
- Plays
- Fairs
- Festivals

### Admissions purchased for any of the following:

- Museums, including annual passes
- State parks, including annual passes
- Season tickets for ballets, plays, music events, and musical theater performances

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### Drop In To Your Club There Is A Lot Happening



Family Pasta Night | Every Wednesday | 5 PM - 9PM



Prime Rib and French Dip Night | Every Thursday | 5 PM - 9PM



Friday Brews | Every Friday | 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.



Friday May 17 and Sat May 18 .....Call For more information.



### **Community Director: Brian Koerber Community Liaison: Leslie Caruthers** Parks Supervisor: Michael (Dasch) Bergmann

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## May, 2024 Community Calendar



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
May 27th	Day		1	9 AM TPWC Mtg 4 PM Private (2)	<b>3</b> 5 PM Private 5 Private	<b>4</b> 10 AM Private (2) 5 PM Private (2)
5 8 AM Private Event 1 PM Private Event 3 PM Girls Scouts 5 PM Boy Scouts	6	7 9 AM Private 4 PM Private	9 AM Private 6PM CDD Meeting	9 9 AM TPWC Bridge	<b>10</b> 5 PM Private (2)	11 10 AM Private (2) 5 PM Private (2)
12 Mothers Day 8 AM 9 AM Private 3 PM Private (2)	13	14 9 AM Private	15 9 AM Private 10:30 AM Sanctuary 4 PM Private	9 TPWC Bridge	<b>17</b> 5 PM Private (2)	18 10 AM Private (2) 5 PM Private (2)
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26 8 AM Private 9 AM Private 2 PM Private (2)	27 Memorial Day 9 AM Private 4 PM Private	9 AM Olli Learning 9 AM Private	29	30 4 PM Private (2)	<b>31</b> 5 PM Private (2)	
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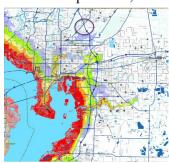
### Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda

June 12th 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. Project Updates
  Around the Neighborhoods
  Modeling Tampa Palms Future
  Park Updates
- 7. Misc. Board Business
- 8. Public Comments
- 9. Board Member Discussions
- 10. Adjourn

## Hurricane Season Is Almost Here Are You Ready?

Hurricanes are powerful storms that bring life-threatening hazards to people living in both the obvious coastal areas and like Tampa Palms, inland locations.



Tampa Palms may be far from the coast but hurricane level rainfalls always raise the concerns of possible river flooding, as well as, the impacts to power, telephone and sewer systems that can isolate owners both during and after major storms.

Add to that the damage from high winds that can accompany major storms and there are plenty of reasons for Tampa Palms neighbors to take steps to prepare for the upcoming storm season.

Hillsborough County created a Disaster Preparedness Guide. It is available online both on the TPOA and County web sites.

https://tpoa.net/DisasterPlanningGuide.pdf https://hcfl.gov/residents/public-safety/ emergency-management/annual-disaster-

