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TOCA MEETING August 23rd

The August 23rd TOCA meeting will feature a speaker from Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. Fire Rescue responds to

medical, fire, hazardous materials, and related public service calls. In addition, it provides fire prevention inspections, fire investigations, fire safety programs, and safety training to the public. This informative program is being offered to inform residents of the services provided by Fire Rescue in our County.

Staff from the Town 'N Country Hospital will also be on hand to do cholesterol, glucose, and blood pressure screenings. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns.

Light refreshments including pizza from Alessi Bakery, cubanitoes from Publix, fresh baked cookies and brownies, sodas, and water will be available. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the evening. The minutes of the July 26 TOCA business meeting and the current treasurer's report will be available. TOCA meetings are open to all residents – homeowners and renters.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

TOCA Meeting

Tuesday, August 23rd, 7:00 P.M.

Recreation Center — Morgan Woods School

Who Runs A Neighborhood Down?

Most of you know the answer. People who live in the neighborhood, not those on the outside, run it down. Your home is one of the biggest investments you will ever make so it is important to care about the outside as well as the inside. You can help improve the looks of your neighborhood and help to maintain and increase property values in Twelve Oaks. Check out the following suggestions:

► **Weeds grow all year in Florida!** There are a number of yards in Twelve Oaks that need attention. Step outside and take a good look at your own yard. Is it time to mow?

► **Utilize your garage, your driveway, or the street in front of your home** and not park your vehicles on front lawns or over sidewalks that block pedestrian traffic.

► **Are you guilty?** Yard waste, garbage containers, and recycle bins should NOT be placed curbside on weekends for your friends and neighbors to look at until Wednesday pick-up. They should be kept in your own back until the evening before pick-up.

► **Back yards should not become trash dumps.** Do you stash unsightly items in your back yard? Be aware there are code restrictions that address problems of junk, trash, and debris and overgrowth of lawns and weeds. In a compact neighborhood such as ours, one is not allowed to create conditions that endanger the health or safety of others. Accumulations such as these provide ideal breeding grounds for insects, rodents, reptiles, and other creatures that don't respect property lines and will migrate to your neighbor's property, something they will not appreciate. If reported, Code Enforcement will site those who allow their back yards to become a dump.

► **Spruce up the outside!** There are a number of homes in the Twelve Oaks whose exteriors are marked by mold, mildew, dry rot, and lack of paint. Consider pressure washing and / or painting.

► **Did you forget something?** There are still homes with icicle lights dangling from rooftops. Guess what? It's past time to pack away Christmas decorations.

► **Don't let the vacant house next door bring down property values.** Vacant homes with overgrown yards decrease property values in any neighborhood. Your help is needed. It's legal for neighbors to get together and mow, edge, and clean-up the front yards of vacant properties. It's time for everyone to CARE about Twelve Oaks.

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7:00-9:00 P.M. On the 2nd Wed. of
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TOSD Meeting
Aug. 10, 2011
7:00 PM

Recreation Center Morgan Woods School

TOCA General Meeting

August 23, 2011
Recreation Center Morgan Woods School

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The Twelve Oaks Ladies

Social Group will meet for lunch at

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers located at 7982 Citrus Park Town Center (in the mall) on Monday, August 29th, 11:30 A.M. We would love for you to

join us. Interested? Call: Marsha at 886-7323 or Rosemarie at 885-5753.



For County Services Who Do You Call?

Contact the "Hillsborough County InfoLine" at 272-5900, a one-stop county service and information center! The center provides comprehensive information and referral to all government, health,

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NEWS IN BRIEF

TOSD Trustees Approve 2011-12 Budget — Following a public comment period at the July 13 meeting, the TOSD Board of Trustees approved the proposed budget that was published for 3 months in the Acorn and also on the community website. The assessment for 2011 -12 will remain at \$120.00 per household.



The 2011 - 12 School Year begins Tuesday, Aug. 23, for all Hillsborough County students. Please drive carefully and “**Watch Out for Children**” walking or riding bikes to and from school. Stop at all STOP signs and PLEASE do not exceed the speed limits in our neighborhood. All occupants in a vehicle must wear seat belts. Remember, “Click-It or Ticket”. Sheriff deputies will be on duty near or at most schools. WARNING: The FHP officers will also be patrolling the neighborhood.

Summer Fun Program (2nd Session) for ages 5 and up is being offered at the Morgan Woods Recreation Center located on the north side campus of Morgan Woods School. For registration information contact Kim Cannella, Park Director, at 813-801-6844.

Town ‘N Country Family Support Center Offers Free GED Classes and More: Adults who have put off getting their high school diplomas can get help at the Family Support and Resource Center located near Hanley & Waters Avenue. The facility is offering free GED classes along with free childcare in its offices at 7520 W. Waters Ave., Suite 8. A certified teacher teaches the class and enrollment is continuous. Free family support services are offered and available at the Center. Free school supplies will be distributed to children at the Center’s Back To School event on August 12. Free school physicals and immunizations will be given on August 16 to children of families who qualify. For additional information call (813) 356-1703.

Visit the Town ‘N Country Library: Summer is here and exciting programs for tots, teens, and adults are being offered at our local library. Computer classes for adults will include help with job searching and resumes. Workshops for business owners and prospective business owners will be offered on Aug. 8 and on Aug. 27. Family programs in August include a special animal travel program on Aug. 2 featuring stories of magnificent animals, games, and crafts and on Aug. 4 *Red, White, and Blue*, a program that will include tales from legendary lives during the American Frontier. A book discussion on *Saving CeeCee Honeycut* by Beth Hoffman will take place Aug. 17 at 3:00 P.M. Copies of the book are available at the library. The Friends of the Town 'N Country Regional Library Bargain Street Book Store is open at all times that the Library is open with books at bargain prices. For information on these and other library activities visit the Town ‘N Country website, click on Schedule of Events or call (813) 801-6722.

The Town 'N Country Senior Center is a leading facility for senior citizens to engage in an assortment of daily programming. The Hillsborough County Senior Centers/Adult

Day Care Program provides stimulating activities, health and wellness, educational programs, opportunities for socialization and nutritious meals in an enriched environment for active adults and senior citizens. The Center, located on the first floor of the Town ‘N Country Commons Library, is open from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Jazzercise, Zumba, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, and exercise classes are offered. Seniors can learn about Medicare, how to manage prescriptions, and the importance of having blood pressure checks. All are part of the center's mission to focus on active adults and healthy living. On any given day, guests could be working out in classes or alone in the fitness center, scrap booking, watching movies, participating in crafts, or playing bridge, bingo, mahjongg, pinochle, and canasta. Special programs / events in August include a Nutrition Education presentation, an Armchair Travel to Galapagos Islands, a Summertime Beach Party, the Book of the Month Club meeting, and more. For additional information about the Town ‘N Country Senior Center or for class and activity schedules call (813) 873-6336.

Town ‘N Country Youth Council will meet Sunday, Aug. 7 from 2 - 3:30 P.M. at the Town ‘N Country Regional Library. YC teens will volunteer at the Town ‘N Country Senior Center and at the Rocky Creek Senior Center during the month of August. They will spend time reading to seniors, playing Wii games and Bingo with them, assisting with special events, and serving refreshments to them. Teens will also assist at YC membership drives at area junior and senior high schools during their Open Houses. The YC provides community service hours for teens for college scholarships and National Honor Society membership. Twelve Oaks teens, ages 12 – 17, are encouraged to join and participate in the Youth Council. The YC is part of Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Department and is open to all Town ‘N Country teens ages 12-17 who are attending school. For additional information about the Youth Council or to request a membership application contact Cindy Baron at 886-8791 or e-mail ppbaron@verizon.net.



Be Prepared This Hurricane Season — Residents are encouraged to prepare their families and homes to help reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster. ► Prepare a hurricane survival kit that includes food, water, medicine, and batteries for you, your family, and your pets. ► Secure important documents including insurance papers in waterproof bags or containers. ► Pre-register special needs or elderly residents that may need assistance at a Special Needs Shelter. Early registration allows

emergency officials to quickly identify and check on those that need medical attention. Special Needs applications are available by calling Hillsborough County's Infoline at (813) 272-5900 or the Hillsborough County Health Department (813) 307-8015 x6006. ► Know your evacuation zone and where you're going to go if an evacuation is ordered. ► Keep up with weather developments and official instructions as storms form so you have plenty of time to secure your home, boat, pets, and family. For hurricane information contact Hillsborough County Emergency Management at 236-3800 or <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency/hurricaneinfo/>.



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Welcome / Sunshine

Neighborhood Watch

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Matthew & Elizabeth Bosio 7419 Oakvista
Anthony & Selena Gonzalez..... 8204 Greenshire

Congratulations and welcome to Twelve Oaks!

We want you to feel like you are an important part of this community and to know that YOUR civic association is always available to help you. I encourage you to join TOCA, our civic association, and become involved in YOUR community! This is YOUR neighborhood. YOU can make a difference. The next civic association meeting is Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:00 P.M. at the Morgan Woods Parks and Recreation building located on the campus of Morgan Woods Elementary School on Armand Drive. We would love to meet you and welcome you. Want to know what is happening in and around the neighborhood? Attend our meetings, read The Acorn, our community newsletter, and visit our community website – www.TwelveOaksOnline.com. Share your email address with Neighborhood Watch, Nwatch12Oaks@verizon.net, and receive weekly updates on safety and security issues in our community. Questions?? Concerns?? Please call any TOCA Board member. Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Sunshine Thoughts: (author unknown)

- It's important for parents to live the same things they teach.
- Don't be so busy adding up your troubles that you forget to count your blessings.
- You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
- The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
- Follow the three R's: Respect for self, respect for others, responsibility for all your actions.

Residents are asked to continue to call to let me know of any neighbor who is ill, confined to their home, or who could just use a little "sunshine" for any reason. We will send notes, cards, flowers, etc. Good news is also welcome and notes of recognition or congratulations will be sent.

August Dates To Remember:

- Aug. 2 — NWatch National Night Out
- Aug. 10 — TOSD meeting
- Aug. 23 — TOCA Meeting
- Aug. 23 — Public School Students return to school
- Aug. 29 — Twelve Oaks' Ladies Luncheon at Red Robin



YARD OF THE MONTH

TOCA is proud to honor residents who make an effort to improve the exterior of their homes and keep their yards looking clean, neat, and well maintained. We

congratulate the Braum family, 6905 Barry Road, for being the Yard of the Month recipients for July – August. They received a \$50 Lowe's gift card from TOCA.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2. This special event is designed to heighten awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Twelve Oaks residents are asked to turn on outside lights in recognition of this event. If you see one of our State Troopers or Sheriff Deputies patrolling Twelve Oaks, take the time to wave, smile, and say thank you for keeping our community safe.

Important Messages: ► Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. Report all suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity to the Sheriff's Non-Emergency Phone @ 247-8200. Ask for an event number! ► If you witness vandalism of any kind, please call the Sheriff's non-emergency number at 247-8200. ► If you see graffiti and believe it is gang related, contact the Tampa Bay Area Gang Tip Line at 1-877-426-4688.

Neighborhood Watch Emails — Do you receive them?

If you do not receive these notices please make sure you get the latest information by putting nwatch12oaks@verizon.net into your address book. Send your name, email address, and your home address to Doreen Clauer, Email Coordinator at Nwatch12oaks@verizon.net.

Twelve Oaks Watch Patrol: There is a need for a replacement for Neighborhood Watch Patrol Coordinator. The Coordinator's job is to schedule patrols, keep track of the equipment, collect patrol reports, and issue gas cards to patrol volunteers. For health reasons Claudia Beran is unable to continue as coordinator of this important community program; however, she will help with the transition in any way that she can. The Neighborhood Watch Patrol, along with the FHP and our Sheriff's Dept. work together to protect and keep our community safe. This is YOUR community. Please consider volunteering.

Patrol volunteers are needed for September. It takes approximately 1½ hour to do a complete patrol of all streets. This is probably one of the best ways to become familiar with your neighborhood. You do not have to complete a full patrol every time, nor is it necessary to patrol everyday or even every month, just whenever you can spare the time. Remember, THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY! Your help is needed and will be appreciated. If you would like to help please contact **Claudia Beran, Twelve Oaks Watch Patrol Coordinator, at tocrimepatrol@gmail.com or call 882-0178.** A gasoline gift card is given to those who patrol at least three to four days in a week and turn in the report. Please, do your part and VOLUNTEER!

August Patrol Schedule:

- July 31 – Aug. 6 – Rosemarie
- Aug. 7 – Aug. 13 – Mary Jo
- Aug. 14 – Aug. 20 – Jerry & Carol
- Aug. 21 – Aug. 27 – Rosvinda
- Aug. 28 – Sept. 3 – Rosemarie

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