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TWELVE OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Asociación Civica de Twelve Oaks

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TOCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

Aplicación de la Membresía de TOCA 2024



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Proposed Housing Development Update:

The Results of the Zoning Hearing were posted on March 12th and the Zoning Master gave their Approval for the Planned Development. But we are not done fighting this. The next step will be the final Vote of the Board of County Commissioners. Currently, the date for that vote is scheduled for May 9th at 6pm. TOSD does have a Bus scheduled for this meeting, leaving from Morganwoods School at 430pm. Please Email Jhirst.TOSDTampa@gmail.com to confirm your spot on the bus. (\$5 per person driver tip requested) Please keep an eye on Facebook for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/events/913500780251365>

Application Type: Planned Development Rezoning
RZ-PD-23-0472

Next Hearing Date: May 9, 2024

LUHO Date: N/A ZHM Date: Feb 20, 2024

BOCC Date: May 9, 2024

Document Search: PGM Store

Contact: Maricela Medrano (MedranoM@HCFLGov.net)

This will be our last community opportunity to stop this development from being built. It is very important to make sure ALL the County Commissioners know how we stand on this issue. Please make plans to attend the hearing on May 9th AND email ALL the County Commissioners with a statement at least a week prior to the vote. <https://hcfl.gov/government/board-of-county-commissioners/contact-your-commissioner> (make sure to click on EMAIL ALL COMMISSIONERS)



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 Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
 District III Community
 Resource **813-247-0330**
 (leave msg at Dist.3 office)
gmechler@teamhcsoc.com

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Twelve Oaks Special District Meetings and Business Hours

7:00 – 9:00 pm
 2nd Wed. of every month
 Town 'N Country Library
 7606 Paula Drive
 2nd floor Conference Room
 Tampa, Fl 33615


The Twelve Oaks Ladies Social Group
 will meet for lunch at Longhorn
 Steakhouse at 8212 CITRUS PARK DRIVE TAMPA,
 FL 33625 on Monday, April 29th, 11:30 am.
 We would love for you to join us.

YOU MUST CALL or EMAIL Marsha so that your name can be added to the number of reservations for the restaurant.

Contact: Marsha at ph. 813-625-9186 or email marshacraig2017@gmail.com Thank you!

TOCA BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, April 23rd
7:00pm**

Town 'N Country Library
 7606 Paula Drive
 2nd floor Conference Room
 Tampa, Fl 33615

TOSD MEETING

**Wednesday, April 10th
7:00pm**

Town 'N Country Library
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 2nd floor Conference Room
 Tampa, Fl 33615



**Community Resource Deputy
Master Deputy Gary S. Mechler Jr. 196293
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office District III Community
Resource 813-247-0330 (leave msg at Dist.3 office) gmechler@teamhcsoc.com
Sheriff Emergency Number: 911 Non-Emergency Dispatch 813-247-8200**

Below is a link to the HCSO website that provides information about the Citizen Patrol program.
<https://teamhcsoc.com/Page/28349841-f8dd-4e44-b807-62401ad8b2e8/Volunteer-Citizen-Patrol>

At our community meeting in February, HCSO suggested that neighbors may want to volunteer to be part of the HCSO citizen patrol program. If you are interested, please email AMANDA B WOODKE
awoodke@teamhcsoc.com for more details.

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- Requests are monitored during regular business hours.
- For best results, [Sign Up for a new customer service center account](#) so that you can track the progress of your requests.
- Any information included is not confidential and is subject to Public Record Laws of the State of Florida and will be provided upon request. Any information included cannot be deleted or retracted once submitted.

Do not use this system to report emergencies. Please call 9-1-1 to report emergencies.

If you've been bitten by a wild or domestic animal call
813-307-8059.



NEWS BRIEFS

Hillsborough County Yard Waste Collection guidelines:



- You may set out up to 12 (twelve) 30-gallon containers of yard waste (which amounts to approximately 2-cubic yards) per collection.
- Use your own cans, boxes, bags, or other containers to store your yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, shrubbery, tree trimmings) and place these items curbside. NOTE: Each container cannot exceed 50 pounds.
- Bundle tree branches securely with twine or rope. Do not use wire. Each bundle must be less than 4 feet long and 6 inches in diameter.
- Yard waste must be placed within 10 feet of the curb.
- If you experience a missed pickup including Recycling, Garbage, or Yard Waste contact Republic Waste, our solid waste hauler. Republic Waste Services – 813-265-0292.

The Town n' Country Garden Circle



will meet Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Jackson Springs Recreation Center Annex at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be brown bag and members are invited to bring any goodies they might wish to share. See our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tncgardencir>. Questions? Contact Linda Mann at 813-886-8193.



A Message from Tampa Electric:

Utility lines can easily be damaged by planting trees, installing fences, etc. Avoid potential service interruptions for you and your neighbors. Call 811 two full business days before you begin your project to have utility lines marked for free. Digging on a Saturday? Call 811

by Thursday. For additional information visit [sunshine 811.com](http://sunshine811.com) or www.tampaelectric.com/callbeforeyoudig.

Did Your Dog Drop Something?



Doggie Bag Dispensers and trash receptacles, provided by TOCA, are located at the canal areas on Kirkwood, Barry, Armand, Overbrook, Rustic (1 near Oakmoor and 1 near Vassar), by the duck feeder, by the benches on the large lake, and on Twelve Oaks Blvd (near Oakview), and on Barry Rd & Mitchell. Dog walkers are encouraged to take and use one of the disposable bags that are provided to clean up after their pet(s). If you walk your dog in an area that does not have a dispenser, plan ahead and take a disposal bag with you. Please dispose of the bags properly. Remember, not cleaning up after your pet can result in a fine starting at \$84. Many neighbors now have cameras and can report you to animal control.

How do I report a dog off the leash in Hillsborough County?

Call Animal Control at (813) 744-5660.



I know many people have expressed concern for elderly neighbors that may need help or assistance in Twelve Oaks.

The Department of Elder Affairs

offers a very good online Quick Resource Guide that may be helpful in assisting our older neighbors in obtaining the help that they need:
<https://elderaffairs.org/resource-directory/quick-resource-guide/>

If you suspect this may be a case of **elder abuse**, you can also report to AHCA:
<https://ahca.myflorida.com/contact-ahca/filing-a-complaint>

General Social Services information may be found here:

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/social-services>

Mental Health Resources may be accessed here:

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/newsroom/2022/05/06/mental-health-resources-available-all-around-the-county>





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**Twelve Oaks Special District (TOSD) is
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responsibilities:**

- **Works with Code Enforcement**
- **Oversees contractors hired by the TOSD**
- **Assists with other duties, projects, and tasks as necessary, including:**
 - Obtaining vendor quotes as needed
 - Periodic scanning of TOSD documents
- **Serves as Community representative for traffic accidents/insurance involving TOSD property damage.**
- **Represents Twelve Oaks for Hillsborough County hearings and meetings involving Twelve Oaks**
- **Coordinates scope of work and oversees special projects,**
 - Including managing the periodic painting of the perimeter walls.
- **Attends the monthly TOSD meeting at 7pm at the Town 'N Country Library.**
- **Prepares a brief report of the status of your activities to present to the TOSD during their monthly meeting.**

This part-time position averages 20 hours per week.

For inquiries or to submit your resume, please contact the TOSD at tosd.tampa@gmail.com.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Congratulations and Welcome to Twelve Oaks! The Twelve Oaks Civic Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the best community in the Town 'N Country area. You probably already know that this is a convenient neighborhood making it an ideal place to live. There are many opportunities for meeting neighbors and making friends in your new community. Begin by joining our civic association. Attend meetings, ask questions, become a volunteer. YOU can make a difference. Remember, Twelve Oaks is YOUR community. Take the time to read The Acorn, our monthly community newsletter, visit our community website – www.TwelveOaksOnline.com, and sign up to receive Neighborhood Watch email notices at nwatch12oaks@gmail.com. You can even join our private group and follow our public page on Facebook by searching [TwelveOaksTampa](#). Members can use this group to exchange information, learn more about the community, and interact with neighbors and local businesses.

These are the best ways to stay informed about what is happening in and around our neighborhood. Questions? Concerns?

Please call any TOCA Board member.

Recent Homes Sales in Twelve Oaks:

Address	Beds	Baths	Square Footage	Price per/Sqft
7021 TWELVE OAKS BLVD.	5	3	2455	\$108
7403 ARMAND DRIVE	4	2	1931	\$220
8267 MALVERN CIRCLE	4	2	1578	\$267
7310 SUMMERBRIDGE DRIVE	4	3	2190	\$210
7613 RUSTIC DRIVE	4	3	2414	\$197
7529 CLEARVIEW DRIVE	4	3	2184	\$243

Thank you to Abby Keil of THE ALDRICH AGENCY REAL ESTATE LLC for providing us with recent home sale information. Abby can be reached at 813-635-6275 abby@thealdrichagency.com





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Here's why I'm your best source for Twelve Oaks real estate:

- In the last 5 years, I have sold more Twelve Oaks homes than every other real estate agent
- Coldwell Banker Realty is the #1 listing brokerage in your 33634 zip code
- In 2023, I am ranked in the top 2% of more than 90,000 Coldwell Banker Realtors nationwide for total sales
- My family called Twelve Oaks home for 16 years. My kids attended Morgan Woods and I coached baseball at TnC Baseball. I also volunteered to serve as Vice President on the Twelve Oaks Civic Association Board for many years. I'm very familiar with this community and have been in hundreds of Twelve Oaks homes
- **STAY TUNED - more great Twelve Oaks homes coming soon!**

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Membership

If you haven't already done so, please take the time now to join or renew your Twelve Oaks Civic Association membership. A \$10 annual donation (or more if you choose) supports year-round community events and services that maintain the quality of living in our beautiful neighborhood. There are 994 homes in Twelve Oaks. We have currently collected dues from 171 homes for 2024. It's a good start but we need more participation if we are to continue to have a Civic Association. We now offer PayPal as an easy way to pay your membership. Simply go to <http://www.twelveoaksonline.com/toca.html> and follow the prompts (a PayPal account is not required to pay in this manner). If you prefer, complete the application in this issue of the Acorn and mail your application with a check made out to TOCA, PO Box 261012, Tampa Fl 33685. Thank you for your support!

At this point, TOCA is not planning on doing any reminder mailings to collect 2024 dues because of the costs and time involved in doing so. Unfortunately, because of several years of low participation, we will have to look at cost-cutting measures until and unless membership levels increase.

2024 Memberships received:

Armand Circle

Barry Road

Barry Road

Barry Road

Brookhaven Ct.

Brookview Circle

Brookview Circle

Brookview Circle

Clearview Drive

Greenshire Drive

Greenshire Drive

Greenshire Drive

Malvern Circle

Mitchell Circle

Nova Circle

Oakview Circle

Oakvista Circle

Palmbrook Drive

Rustic Drive

Rustic Drive

Summerbridge Dr

Twelve Oaks Blvd

Twelve Oaks Blvd

Twelve Oaks Blvd

Williams Drive

Willow Court

Joseph & Barbara Trippiedi

Marvin & Jeanette Oliver

Charlotte Mitchell & Kevin Mitchell

Paulo Ponce & Andrea Covarrubias

David & Patricia Tinkey

Celso & Elizabeth Alvarez

Ralph & Denise Gonzalez

Rosemarie Jaszka

Hector Santini & Yvonne Betancourt

John & Barbara Smallwood

Elvia Perez

Gerald & Laura Coplon & Martha

Munoz

unknown

Richard & Dianne Geiger

Gary Esser & Johanna Cintron

Horacio & Kiomara Yturriaga

Dan Joerger and Tracy Gelo

Hezzel Jacobsen & Pedro Serrano

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Frank & Cindy Batista

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Richard & Darlene Euhus

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Jorge (George) & Jadeana Vera

Marsha Craig



Twelve Oaks is a Special Taxing District (TOSD). Our trustees meet once a month, and the public is welcome to attend. A Special Taxing District is a unit of local government created for a special purpose, as opposed to a general-purpose, which has jurisdiction to operate within a limited geographic boundary and is created by general law, special act, local ordinance, or by rule of the Governor and Cabinet. In our case, TOSD collects \$150 per year per home that is billed with your property taxes. TOSD then is responsible for using that money to maintain our community public areas (**NOT including roads, sidewalks, and canals which are OWNED and MAINTAINED by HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**). You may contact TOSD at TOSDtampa@gmail.com

Twelve Oaks Civic Association (TOCA) is a volunteer civic organization. We attempt to collect a \$10 membership fee per home per year. TOCA does things like organize our community events (Hotdog Shindigs, parades, light fight, Holiday Market, community garage sale, community cleanups, etc.), and makes improvements to the neighborhood (duck feeder, little libraries, doggie bag dispensers, garbage cans, etc.) TOCA has quarterly board meetings and quarterly Community Meetings where we try to increase community involvement in our neighborhood and offer important information to our neighbors. TOCA may be contacted at TwelveOaksGeneral@gmail.com

We do not have an HOA in Twelve Oaks. Legal issues must be pursued neighbor to neighbor. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY is SOLELY RESPONSIBLE for maintaining Roads, Sidewalks, and Canals in Twelve Oaks.

Keep up to date on Twelve Oaks events at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TwelveOaksTampa/events>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Twelve Oaks is a Deed Restricted community and single-family residential homes ONLY are allowed. Renting out a subdivided portion of your home, a garage apartment, RV, or modified shed is illegal based on our Deed Restrictions. If it is reported, it will be sent to Code Enforcement for investigation. Further, offenders are subject to being sued by any owner of a home in Twelve Oaks for breaking our Deed Restrictions. <https://hcfl.gov/residents/property-owners-and-renters/code-violations/report-a-code-violation>

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- Adjust your sprinkler times for the drier months expected through May

- Check your lawn and resod areas which were too weedy during the last growing season
- Prune easement trees 15ft above roadway grade (anything below 15ft will get damaged by Republic Services trucks, Fedex, UPS etc.). Prune shrubs and trees when new growth begins: The end of the dormant season is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs. Cold damaged shrubs can be pruned back to where new growth appears.
- Replace plantings affected by January freezes.
- If you have azaleas in your landscape they need to be pruned after blooming
- Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming: Prune after the last flowers fade but before new buds set in mid to late summer
- Mulch conserves moisture during dry weather and minimizes weeds in landscape beds.
- The drier months are ideal for completing jobs like exterior home repainting.
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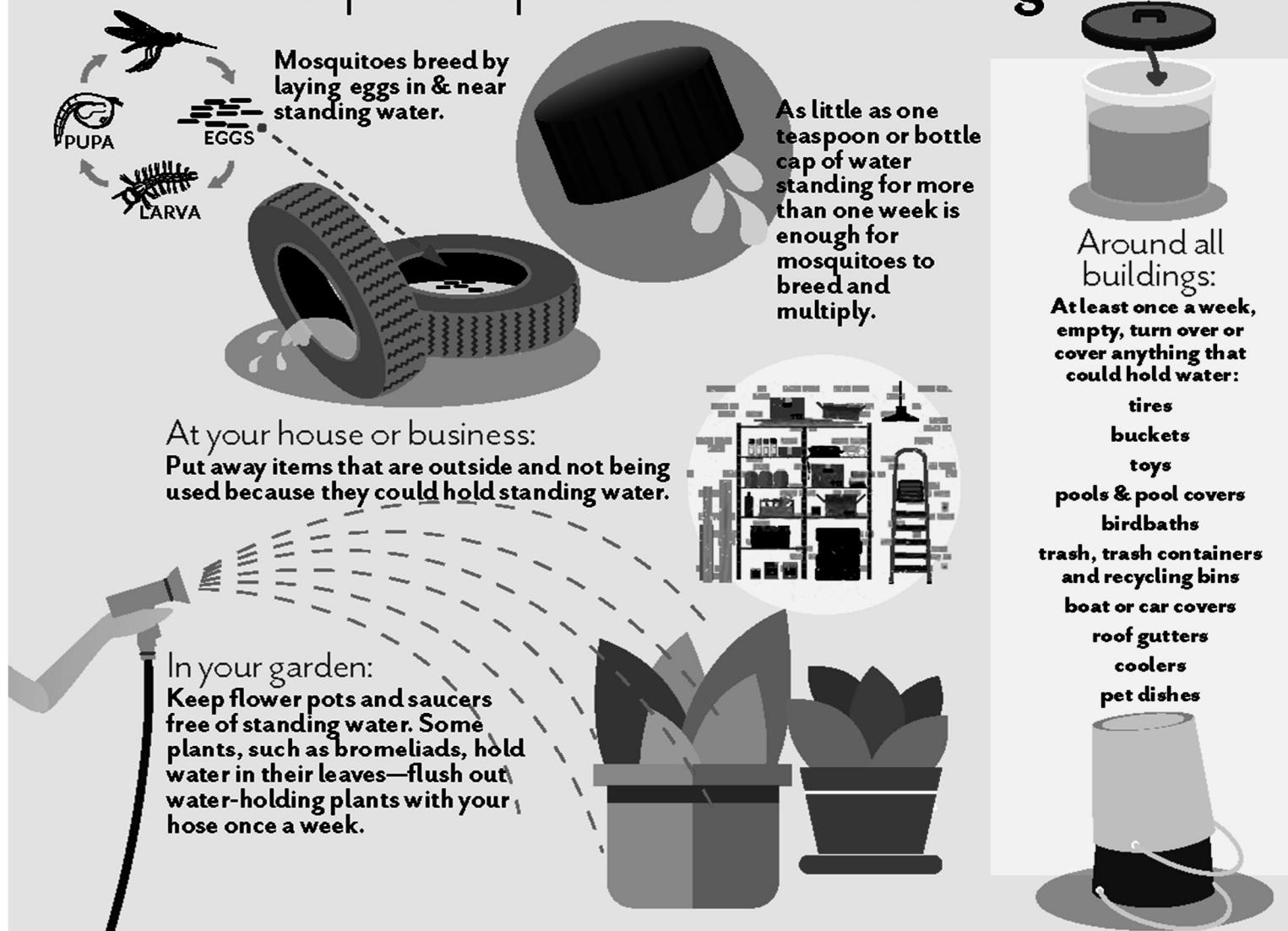
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