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The Bay Crest Park Newsletter

BUILDING *UNITY* IN OUR *COMMUNITY* TOGETHER

Bay Crest Shines Because of YOU!

Celebrating the Neighbors Who Make Our Community Extraordinary

Bay Crest is more than a neighborhood. It's a community built on friendship, generosity, and neighbors who care about making this a wonderful place to call home. As we look back on 2026, the Bay Crest Park Civic Association wants to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our community throughout the year!

From Santa Comes to Bay Crest and our popular Hot Dog Happy Hours to food at our community gatherings, the Fall Picnic, neighborhood garage sales, and so much more, this year was filled with opportunities to connect, make memories, and strengthen the bonds that make Bay Crest special.

None of this happens without YOU! Every donation, every volunteer hour, every event organizer, and every helping hand makes a difference. To the neighbors who shared their time and talents to organize activities, provide food, plan gatherings, and bring people together, we appreciate you more than words can say. Without your enthusiasm and love for Bay Crest, our neighborhood simply wouldn't have the same spirit!

Celebrating Our 2026 Supporters
We are especially grateful to our neighbors who contributed to the 2026 Bay Crest Civic Association campaign. In appreciation of their generosity, we're recognizing our supporters by first name and last initial as a way to celebrate their contributions while respecting their privacy.

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If we accidentally missed your name, please know that we still appreciate you! Every contribution, helping hand, and act of kindness makes a difference in our Bay Crest community. Thank you for being part of what makes our neighborhood so special!

To each of you: thank you for investing in the place we call home! Every contribution helps make our community events possible and creates opportunities for neighbors to connect.

The Best Is Yet to Come!
As we look toward 2027, we're excited about the possibility of making next year even bigger and better! Imagine more opportunities to gather, more fun for our families, more ways to meet our neighbors, and even more memories made right here in Bay Crest.

That's why we invite everyone to watch for our upcoming **2027 Community Support Campaign**. Your participation helps support the events, traditions, and activities that bring our neighborhood to life.

Whether you volunteer, organize an event, lend a helping hand, attend a gathering, or make a contribution, you are part of what makes Bay Crest extraordinary.

Thank you for showing up, pitching in, spreading kindness, and making Bay Crest a place where neighbors become friends. Let's carry that wonderful community spirit into the new year and continue building something special together.

Here's to YOU, Bay Crest! Together, we're making our neighborhood a little brighter, a little friendlier, and a whole lot more fun!

Bay Crest Treasurer's Report

The Bay Crest Park Civic Association currently has a bank balance of **$5,036.37**.

Thank you to our members and supporters for your continued generosity. Your contributions help fund our community events, activities, and initiatives throughout the year.

We appreciate your support in helping keep Bay Crest a wonderful place to call home!



Our Purpose:

Bay Crest Civic Association is a neighborhood event board that helps plan, organize, and promote community events and activities for Bay Crest residents. To bring neighbors together, build community, and make Bay Crest a fun and connected place to live.

YOUR BAY CREST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Bay Crest Civic Association has elected new officers to the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Volunteers elected to these positions by the residents of Bay Crest normally serve for at least a two year term.

Board Of Directors

President: Norm Coffman • Starting 1/27 Rina Tabak
Vice President: Luis Silva • Starting 1/27 Mary Volpitta
Secretary - Rina Tabak • Starting 1/27 Jim Furgas
Treasurer: Marcia Champion 727-686-8582

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Tommy Frank 201-805-3600
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Samantha Freeland: 727-743-2697
Luis Silva
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PO Box 261116 Tampa, FL 33685-1116

If you would like to know more about being a part of the Civic Association, please email contact@baycrestpark.org.

Bay Crest Park Special Dependent Taxing District

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https://mydistrictwebsite.com/bay-crest-park-special-dependent-tax-district

Contact the listed Trustees of the Bay Crest Special Dependent District (the "Taxing District") with concerns or suggestions.
For boat ramp permits and gate keys, contact the Taxing District at boatramp@baycrestpark.net.

Is Your Trash Can Broken?



Have a cracked garbage can, broken lid, or a wheel that just won't cooperate? Good news, Bay Crest neighbors! If your home receives trash and recycling service through Hillsborough County, you may be able to get your damaged cart repaired or replaced **at no charge**.

Here's What You Need to Know

Broken wheel or axle? Hillsborough County offers free repairs. Call **813-272-5680** or submit a repair request online.

Cracked cart or broken lid? If your county-issued garbage or recycling cart has a damaged body or lid, you can request a replacement of the same size at no cost.

How to Request a Repair or Replacement

1. **Call Hillsborough County Solid Waste** at 813-272-5680, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding county holidays.
2. **Explain the damage** and let them know whether you need a wheel repair or a replacement cart.
3. **Put your cart at the curb.** Keep it visible from the street and empty, or no more than half full when possible. Leave it at the curb until the repair or replacement is completed.

The county generally expects damaged cart replacements within three business days and wheel or axle repairs within seven business days. Curbside placement may allow for next-day service.

A Few Helpful Reminders

- Have your cart's serial number handy for a wheel or axle repair. It begins with **G** for garbage or **R** for recycling.
- If your cart is missing rather than damaged, charges may apply.
- These services and fees apply to Hillsborough County Solid Waste customers. Residents served by the City of Tampa, Temple Terrace, or Plant City should contact their respective city for assistance.

Ready to get started? Visit the official Hillsborough County Garbage and Recycling Roll Cart Services page for details and repair request information.

Here's to keeping Bay Crest clean, tidy, and rolling along!

A Holiday Message from Our Outgoing President

Norm Coffman

As I prepare to conclude my time as President of the Bay Crest Park Civic Association, I want to wish all our neighbors a joyful holiday season filled with peace, happiness, and time with loved ones. Perhaps we can all remember the excitement of our first holiday season in Bay Crest and the feeling of becoming part of a wonderful community.

This year has reminded us of the power of neighbors working together. We celebrate the efforts of Bay Crest residents who advocated for improved regulations regarding short-term rentals, including Airbnb. Their dedication demonstrates how neighbors can come together to help preserve the character and quality of life that make Bay Crest such a special place to call home. As we move forward, continued communication and involvement will help us build on this progress.

Just as importantly, let us continue to focus on what brings us together. We may have different perspectives on community matters, but we share a common goal: making Bay Crest a welcoming, enjoyable place for everyone. Our Civic Association remains a volunteer organization focused on bringing neighbors together through events, activities, and opportunities to strengthen our community.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our neighbors at Wesley United Methodist Church for generously hosting our Board meetings, membership gatherings, and special events over the years. Your continued support has played an important role in helping our community stay connected.

As we look ahead to 2027, I am pleased to pass the presidency to Rina Tabak. Please join me in welcoming Rina and supporting her as she takes on this new role.

Finally, thank you to our faithful Board of Directors, our volunteers, and every neighbor who has contributed their time, ideas, and enthusiasm throughout the year. Every event organized, every helping hand offered, and every effort made to connect with a neighbor helps strengthen the spirit of Bay Crest.

May we enter the new year with gratitude for what we have accomplished together and excitement for what lies ahead. Here's to another year of friendship, community, and building unity among our Bay Crest neighbors.

Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday season and a happy New Year

Welcome, Fall!

Florida's Season of Change Arrives

While our friends up north are pulling out heavy sweaters and preparing for the first frost, here in Florida we welcome fall in our own special way. The arrival of autumn may not bring snowflakes or colorful mountainsides, but it does offer something just as enjoyable: cooler mornings, lower humidity, and a chance to spend more time outdoors with family, friends, and neighbors.

As the days grow shorter and the sun sets a little earlier each evening, many of us look forward to the simple pleasures that make this season memorable. Community festivals, farmers markets, pumpkin patches, hayrides, outdoor concerts, and local fall celebrations provide wonderful opportunities to enjoy the beauty of our neighborhoods and connect with one another.

Fall is also a season of renewal and preparation. It is a perfect time to spruce up our yards, plant seasonal flowers, and tackle outdoor projects made easier by the more comfortable weather. Evening walks, bike rides, and neighborhood gatherings become more inviting as temperatures begin to moderate after the long summer months.

Don't forget that daylight saving time ends on November 1, so remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Halloween night. The extra hour of sleep is one of autumn's most welcome traditions!

Perhaps most importantly, fall reminds us to slow down and appreciate the many blessings around us. It is a season filled with gratitude, community spirit, and anticipation for the holiday celebrations that lie ahead. Whether you're decorating your home with festive autumn colors, cheering on your favorite football team, or simply enjoying a sunset with neighbors, there is much to appreciate during this special time of year.

On behalf of the Baycrest Civic Association, we wish all our residents a wonderful fall season filled with good health, happiness, and opportunities to make lasting memories. Let's enjoy Florida's version of autumn together and continue making our neighborhood a great place to call home.

Happy Fall, everyone!



Fall fun fact: Florida may not have the traditional fall foliage found in northern states, but our seasonal changes are still worth celebrating. Cooler weather, changing wildlife activity, and the start of the state's prime outdoor season give us plenty of reasons to enjoy autumn.

Fall is a good time to give your home a little extra attention before the busy holiday season arrives. A few simple maintenance tasks can help keep things running smoothly.

- Check smoke alarms. Test alarms and replace batteries when needed.
- Inspect outdoor lighting. Make sure walkways, porches, and entrances are well lit.
- Look over your roof and exterior. Check for visible damage and address problems before heavy rain.
- Clean outdoor spaces. Clear leaves and debris from drains and areas where water collects.
- Check doors and windows. Repair worn weatherstripping and damaged screens.
- Review hurricane supplies. Keep flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies, and important documents accessible.
- Prepare for holiday guests. Tidy outdoor seating, check walkways, and make sure house numbers are visible.

Here in Florida, hurricane season continues through November 30, so don't put away your preparedness supplies just because fall has arrived.

A little attention now can help you enjoy a more relaxed and comfortable holiday season later!

Your County, Your Community: What's Happening in Hillsborough County

Did you know that decisions made by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners can affect everything from neighborhood drainage and development to short-term rentals and public services?

As residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County, staying informed about local government is one way we can help shape the future of our community.

Here are a few recent developments worth knowing about:

Short-Term Rental Regulations: Beginning January 1, 2027, Hillsborough County's new short-term vacation rental ordinance will require annual registration, including a $200 annual registration fee per rental. The ordinance also provides for inspections under specified conditions. This is an important development for residents following local rules for Airbnb and other vacation rentals.

Stormwater and Drainage: The county established its 2026 stormwater assessment at $92.58 per dwelling. The assessment supports drainage-system repairs, maintenance, and improvements intended to improve water flow and reduce roadway flooding. Residents interested in specific neighborhood projects can contact county Public Works to ask about planned maintenance and improvements in their area.

Keeping Up With Development: The Hillsborough County Planning Commission reviews land-use proposals and comprehensive-plan amendments. Residents can review public-hearing agendas and learn about proposed changes that may affect unincorporated communities.

Your Voice Matters: County commission meetings and public hearings provide opportunities for residents to learn about decisions, review proposals, and share comments. Public Works Community Forums also offer a chance to speak directly with county staff about issues such as drainage, transportation, sidewalks, and road maintenance.

Stay Informed and Get Involved
You don't have to attend every meeting to stay informed. Visit the official county websites to review meeting recaps, upcoming agendas, public hearings, and opportunities for public comment.

- **County Commission meetings and decisions:** hcfl.gov
- **Development and land-use hearings:** Plan Hillsborough
- **Public Works services and community forums:** Hillsborough County Public Works

An informed community is an engaged community. By staying aware of local decisions and participating when opportunities arise, Bay Crest residents can help ensure their voices are part of the conversation about our community's future.





Here are a few fall jokes to share around the dinner table.

Q: What do you call a pumpkin that works out?

A: A jacked-o'-lantern!

Q: Why did the scarecrow win an award?

A: Because he was outstanding in his field!

Q: What's a pumpkin's favorite sport?

A: Squash!

Q: Why are autumn leaves so good at solving problems?

A: They always turn over a new leaf!

Q: What did one leaf say to another?

A: I'm falling for you!

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OUR LISTINGS ARE ATTRACTING FULL-TIME HOMEOWNERS WHO WANT TO BE PART OF THE BAY CREST COMMUNITY.

Bay Crest continues to attract buyers who aren't just looking for a waterfront home. They're looking for a **true neighborhood.** We're proud that **every one** of our recent Bay Crest sales and pending transactions has been to full-time homeowners who appreciate the boating lifestyle, friendly neighbors, and **strong sense of community** that make Bay Crest so special.

Recent Sales

SOLD

4623 Bay Crest Dr. Sold 7/29/26 $685,000
4626 Bay Crest Dr. Sold 5/15/26 $807,000
8718 Palisades Dr. Sold 3/30/26 $855,000
8406 Millwood Dr. Sold 5/27/26 $647,000
8720 Hickorywood Ln. Sold 9/8/26 $756,000
4724 Soapstone Dr. Sold 8/24/26 $412,500



Available:

8403 S. Flint Rock $449,500
8727 Bay Crest Ln $750,000
8711 Bay Crest Ln. $725,000
8450 Flagstone Dr. $750,000

If you're thinking about buying or selling in Bay Crest, we'd love the opportunity to help you achieve your real estate goals while welcoming wonderful new neighbors to our community.

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2026 Bay Crest Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day | 9:00 AM | Bay Crest Boat Ramp

Start your Thanksgiving morning with a little exercise, lots of fun, and a great cause! Join your Bay Crest neighbors for our annual Turkey Trot, featuring both a **1K and a 5K** starting at the Bay Crest Boat Ramp.

Whether you're running, walking, or bringing the whole family along, this is a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving while giving back to our community!

Event Details

- **Date:** Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2026
- **Start Time:** 9:00 AM
- **Location:** Bay Crest Boat Ramp
- **Race Options:** 1K or 5K

Running for a Great Cause!

All proceeds will benefit **The Children's Home**, helping us make a positive difference in the lives of children in our community.

Gather your family, invite your neighbors, and kick off Thanksgiving with a fun Bay Crest tradition. Let's get moving, give back, and make a difference together!



HappyHolidays... And New beginnings

May your holidays be bright with joy, warm with love, and full of peace and happiness throughout this special season.

The holidays bring family, friends and visitors from all across the county to sunny Florida. And many of those travelers may be looking for more than a vacation-they may be searching for a waterfront community with boating opportunities and beautiful canals like ours to call home!

Don't Let Interest rates put your plans on hold! Interest rates are only one piece of the puzzle! The right time to sell is when the timing and numbers make sence to you! And buyers have a different timing too!

Why choose a Bay Crest Neighbor as your Realtor?

I'm not just familiar with Bay Crest -I live here too! When you choose me, you get more than a neighbor who understands the community, a dedicated professional committed to your goals and someone who will work to help you navigate the selling process with confidence.

Your home is more than a property. It's an investment, a collection of memories, an an opportunity for your next chapter. Let me help you make the most of it!

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Santa Comes to Bay Crest



Sunday, December 20 | 3:00–5:00 PM | Wesley United Methodist Church

The magic of Christmas is coming to Bay Crest! Bring the children and join us for a festive afternoon as Santa makes a special visit to our neighborhood.

We are partnering again this year with Wesley United Methodist Church, who has so graciously provided the space for this wonderful community tradition. The children will have the opportunity to meet Santa, share their Christmas wishes, and write a letter to him to place in Santa's very own mailbox!

The fun doesn't stop there! Kids can get creative at our **make-your-own Christmas ornament craft table**, enjoy tasty snacks, and take home a special goodie bag.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make holiday memories, celebrate the season, and enjoy time with fellow Bay Crest families.

A heartfelt thank-you to Wesley United Methodist Church for their continued generosity and partnership in making this special event possible.

We hope to see you there for an afternoon filled with Christmas cheer, creativity, and community spirit!

27th Bay Crest Park Holiday Boat Parade & Dock Decorating Contest

Sat, Dec 19, 2026

Skippers, start your engines! That's right. This will be our 27th consecutive year of the Bay Crest boat parade! Please join us for this year's parade!

This year, we begin in New Bay Crest and end in Old Bay Crest (see below for details).

Whether you're a spectator, skipper or crew, don't miss this year's parade on the waters of Bay Crest.

Participating boats and decorated docks can win some great prizes. Watch from the Bay Crest boat ramp or Bay Crest Mini Park (Peel Park) at the end of Bay Crest Drive.





Enter your boat:
Contact John Housand
813-220-9109
jjhousand@icloud.com

Enter by Thu ←12/17→

Enter your dock.
Contact Barbara Housand
813-351-0054
bahousand@icloud.com



Vote for your favorite boats!

Note the boat numbers & visit:

https://tinyurl.com/bayrestbp2026

Voting opens 12/19.
One ballot per person.

Rain date: Sun, 12/20

Boat Parade Schedule
Old Bay Crest to New Bay Crest

6:45 pm	Parade begins at The Reserve
7 pm	Continue past Bay Pointe Condos
7:10-8 pm	Old Bay Crest canals, turnaround @Tahiti Ln
8:10 pm	Pass by Peel Park (end of Bay Crest Dr)
8:10-9 pm	New Bay Crest canals

Please note times are approximate





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What if Kindness was a Holiday Tradition?

What if we made kindness part of our holiday traditions? This year, challenge yourself and your family to complete twelve small acts of kindness throughout the season. They don't have to cost a thing, and even the smallest gesture can brighten someone's day.

Here are twelve ideas to get started:

- Write a thank-you note to someone who made a difference in your life.
- Bring in a neighbor's trash or recycling cart.
- Donate a new, unopened item to a local charity.
- Call a friend or relative you haven't spoken with in a while.
- Leave a cheerful note for someone in your household.
- Help an older neighbor with a simple task.
- Support a local small business.
- Share homemade cookies or a favorite holiday treat.
- Compliment someone and mean it.
- Volunteer your time for a community activity.
- Invite someone new to join a neighborhood gathering.
- Thank a community volunteer for everything they do.

The beauty of this challenge is that it can be adapted to any age or budget. Children can draw pictures for neighbors, families can work together on a donation project, and friends can encourage one another to spread a little extra cheer.

Imagine what our neighborhood could feel like if every household shared just a little more kindness this holiday season!

Let's make kindness contagious in Bay Crest. After all, the best gifts aren't always wrapped in paper.

"WHEN WE FEEL LOVE AND KINDNESS TOWARD OTHERS, IT NOT ONLY MAKES OTHERS FEEL LOVED AND CARED FOR, BUT IT HELPS US ALSO TO DEVELOP INNER HAPPINESS AND PEACE."

– THE 14TH DALAI LAMA



A Taste of the Holidays

Brown Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

Looking for a cookie that's sure to be a hit at your holiday gathering? These Brown Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies take a classic favorite to the next level! With golden, slightly crispy edges, soft and chewy centers, rich chocolate chunks, and a hint of nutty caramel flavor, they're perfect for holiday parties, cookie exchanges, or sharing with a neighbor.



Ingredients

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups semisweet chocolate chips or chunks
- ¾ cup chopped pecans (optional)
- Flaky sea salt for topping (optional)

Directions

1. **Brown the butter:** Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring frequently until golden-brown specks appear and it smells nutty. Pour into a heat-safe bowl and cool for 10–15 minutes.
2. **Mix it up:** Whisk the brown butter with both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla, mixing until smooth.
3. **Add the dry ingredients:** In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Gradually stir into the butter mixture until just combined.
4. **Make it chocolatey:** Fold in chocolate chunks and pecans, if desired. Refrigerate the dough for at least 30 minutes.
5. **Bake:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Scoop rounded tablespoons of dough onto a parchment-lined baking sheet, spacing about 2 inches apart. Bake for 10–12 minutes, until the edges are golden and the centers still look slightly soft.
6. **Finish and enjoy:** Sprinkle with flaky sea salt, if desired. Let cookies cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.

The Secret to Cookie Success: Don't overbake! Removing the cookies while the centers are still slightly soft helps create that delicious chewy texture. For an extra-special bakery look, press a few chocolate chunks into the tops before baking.

Spread a Little Holiday Cheer! Package a few cookies in a festive tin, add a ribbon, and share them with a neighbor. After all, the holidays are sweeter when we share them!

Bay Crest, We are THANKFUL for your incredible community support!

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This year there is an outbreak of the Dengue virus, which is mostly spread through mosquito bites, and which will make people very sick or even die. If someone becomes infected and survives, they will be immunized for life from that strain of Dengue. However, there are 4 strains (DENV-1, 2, 3, and 4), and that immunization will only work on the certain strain of the virus that infects you, so that same person can still be infected with any of the other 3 strains. No one can tell a mosquito to "buzz off" - she already got you. Hillsborough County is the #1 county in Florida for cases of the Dengue virus.

The virus is spread when the female *Aedes Aegypti* and the *Aegypti Albopictus* mosquitoes bite a victim. These bites take place during the day, especially around sunrise and sunset. The virus can occasionally be spread vertically - from an infected pregnant woman to her baby, or in rare events like blood transfusions and organ transplants, but Dengue is NOT spread through casual person-to-person contact.

Common symptoms are a high fever (up to 104 degrees); severe headache; intense pain behind the eyes; severe muscle, bone, and joint pain ("breakbone fever"); nausea; vomiting; and a skin rash. Within 3-7 days after, most fevers break; however, in about 1 in 20 cases the illness enters a dangerous critical phase. Blood vessels start to leak fluid and platelet counts drop sharply, increasing the chance of internal hemorrhaging and organ failure.

We can help prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs by elimination standing water around the house (a single puddle can carry thousands of larvae) and bird baths should be emptied every few days. Making sure to wear long sleeves and pants at night and in the morning with repellant will ward off those flying pests.

Natural mosquito predators are everywhere. Flying predators such as dragonflies, bats, and birds (bird feeders can attract certain mosquito-eating species of birds) can consume thousands of these pests. Many freshwater fish participate in nature's control of mosquitoes, such as the mosquitofish, goldfish, guppies, bass, bluegill, and catfish. Other natural feeders include aquatic beetles, frogs, and turtles. Spiders catch them in their webs.

We in Bay Crest can help ourselves by following the County's 3Ds guidelines to stop mosquito breeding and prevent bites:
3. Dress – wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants when outdoors in the morning and at night.
Visit the county website for more information.

Also, thank your goofy lizards for their help too.

Sources:
National Institute of Health
Mayo Clinic
Cleveland Clinic
West Baton Rouge Parish Government
Hillsborough County
1. Drain or Dump – remove all standing water at least weekly.
2. Defend – use insect repellant when outdoors, and keep windows and doors closed.

Thanksgiving in Florida



Thanksgiving in Florida may look a little different from the picture-perfect autumn scenes we see in movies, but that's part of the fun! Instead of bundling up beside a snowy window, we might be enjoying sunshine, gathering on the patio, or taking an evening walk after a big holiday meal.

Our traditions are just as special. Maybe your family has a favorite stuffing recipe passed down through generations, a friendly competition over who makes the best pie, or a tradition of watching football after dinner. Perhaps you enjoy a neighborhood Turkey Trot before sitting down to feast.

Florida's beautiful weather also gives us the opportunity to enjoy outdoor celebrations, decorate our porches with pumpkins, and spend time with friends and family in the fresh air.

No two families celebrate exactly alike, and that's what makes the season so wonderful. Whether your Thanksgiving includes twenty relatives, a quiet dinner for two, or a gathering of friends who feel like family, the heart of the holiday remains the same.

From our Bay Crest family to yours, may your Thanksgiving be filled with good food, wonderful memories, and plenty of reasons to be thankful!

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Is your electric bill ready for one of the hottest Florida summers yet?

The real problem may be poor attic insulation. Most homes built before 2010 in Florida do not meet today's insulation standards, and many homes are under-insulated. This causes your A/C system to run longer and work harder — driving up your electric bill.

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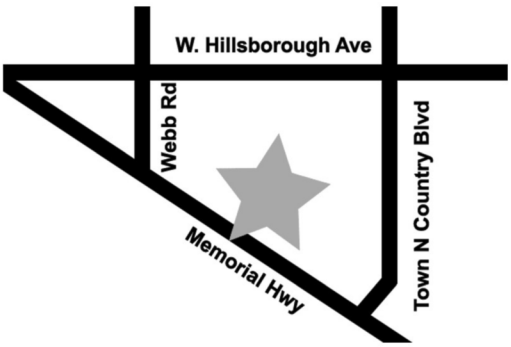
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5007 STOLLS AVE	1,155	3	2	0	None	$369,000	01/09/2026
8417 BAY POINTE DR	1,620	3	2	0	None	$410,000	01/12/2026
8722 THORNWOOD LN	1,893	4	2	0	Private	$530,000	01/20/2026
5013 GILBERT AVE	1,000	3	2	0	None	$255,000	01/26/2026
8403 SANDSTONE CT	1,932	4	2	1	Private	$495,000	01/28/2026
4624 BAY CREST DR	1,879	3	3	0	None	$663,000	01/29/2026
8410 BOULDER PL	2,258	3	2	0	Private	$465,000	01/30/2026
8315 MILLWOOD DR	1,576	4	2	0	Private	$485,000	02/12/2026
8317 BOXWOOD DR	1,492	3	2	0	None	$308,000	02/27/2026
4928 STOLLS AVE	1,634	3	2	0	None	$379,900	03/19/2026
8718 PALISADES DR	2,426	4	3	1	Private	$855,000	03/30/2026
8418 FLAGSTONE DR	1,899	3	2	0	Private	$520,000	03/30/2026
8405 STILLBROOK AVE	1,742	3	2	0	None	$405,000	04/01/2026
4029 STARFISH LN	2,153	3	2	1	None	$365,000	04/03/2026
4701 LODESTONE DR	1,766	4	2	0	Private	$410,000	04/16/2026
8425 FLAGSTONE DR	3,027	6	3	1	Private	$1,197,500	04/30/2026
8705 TAHITI LN	1,162	3	2	0	None	$425,000	05/08/2026
4307 HARBOR HOUSE I	1,700	3	2	1	Community	$314,000	05/08/2026
4626 BAY CREST DR	2,013	3	2	1	Private	$807,000	05/15/2026
8717 BAY POINTE DR	2,030	3	2	1	None	$550,000	05/19/2026
4201 FOGCUTTER CT	1,650	2	2	0	Community	$270,000	05/26/2026
8407 MILLWOOD DR	2,484	3	2	1	Private	$645,000	05/27/2026
4306 HARBOR HOUSE I	1,352	2	2	0	Community	$360,000	05/29/2026
8401 GRANITE PL	1,656	3	2	0	None	$490,000	06/09/2026
8461 FLAGSTONE DR	3,063	4	3	0	Private	$739,900	06/16/2026
4354 OUTRIGGER LN	1,390	2	2	0	Community	$443,537	07/01/2026
8404 SANDSTONE CT	1,608	4	2	0	None	$385,000	07/06/2026
8728 COBBLESTONE DI	2,265	4	3	0	Private	$450,000	07/07/2026
4311 HARBOR HOUSE I	1,700	2	2	1	Community	$420,000	07/07/2026
4810 ARROWWOOD DR	1,242	3	2	0	Private	$440,000	07/08/2026
4344 OUTRIGGER LN U	1,957	3	3	1	Community	$340,000	07/08/2026
8401 BLACKSTONE CT	2,337	4	3	0	Private	$535,000	07/15/2026
4721 TRAVERTINE DR	1,490	3	2	0	None	$350,000	07/17/2026
8401 MILLWOOD DR	1,492	3	2	0	None	$300,000	07/24/2026
8412 LOPEZ DR	1,722	4	3	0	None	$490,000	07/24/2026
4623 BAY CREST DR	1,640	3	2	0	None	$685,000	07/29/2026
8703 DRIFTWOOD DR	1,638	4	2	0	None	$450,000	07/30/2026
8708 THORNWOOD LN	2,073	3	2	0	Private	$770,000	08/19/2026
4724 SOAPSTONE DR	1,608	3	2	0	Private	$412,500	08/24/2026
5010 SHETLAND AVE	1,022	2	1	0	None	$265,000	08/27/2026
4808 ARROWWOOD DR	1,500	3	1	1	None	$187,000	08/28/2026
8702 DRIFTWOOD DR	1,350	3	2	0	None	$460,000	09/04/2026
8408 BOULDER PL	1,830	4	2	0	Private	$515,000	09/04/2026
8720 HICKORYWOOD L	1,695	3	2	0	Private	$756,000	09/08/2026
8722 PALISADES DR	2,194	4	3	0	Private	$865,000	09/08/2026
8722 HICKORYWOOD L	2,248	5	4	0	Private	$840,000	09/18/2026
8402 BOXWOOD DR	2,696	4	2	1	Private	$690,000	10/07/2026

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