



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CALUSA TRACE

JULY 2026



For some of the homeowners in Calusa Trace you may not know that we have a Mission Statement. Therefore, as a reminder it is printed below.

Calusa Trace Mission Statement

Manage the operations of the Association to Effectively Maintain the Community in order to Preserve Property Values and Foster Community Spirit.

Van Dyke -corner

After meeting with Kruger Engineering and Construction and reviewing the Hillsborough County Property Map of that area, it would be really difficult to make any major modifications to this area. The entire area is considered a Conservation Area and it is very unlikely that it can be removed. Even if it would be possible to do that, it is unknown exactly what is possible to put there without spending significant funds to hire a firm to do the research. There is also a concern that it could look worse after it is changed.

Van Dyke Median

The electrical situation has become nearly impossible to maintain. The

GFI outlets trip constantly therefore causing the Christmas Lights to fail. The outlet boxes that are currently there are not keeping the moisture and thousands of ants out. Therefore, the outlets are getting wet and corroded and fail along with the GFI tripping. Brandon electric has changed failed outlets many times and the typical expense is just over \$350. The recommendation is to find a much more resilient solution which will require a complete change out of the existing outlet boxes to a more substantial box that is better suited for this application. Along with the outlet failures, the Christmas lights are also failing. These types of lights are not designed for long term use. To avoid spending more funds on replacement lights, they will eventually need to be removed.

Irrigation

Two proposals from Red Tree were tabled as these should be work done by the construction firm working on the sewer line project. Further discussion with Red Tree is needed to understand why the HOA received these quotes



What to plant...

Annuals: Summer annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, torenia and ornamental peppers.

Bulbs: Butterfly lily, gladiolus and society garlic are bulbs that can be planted during the middle of summer.

Palms: Continue planting palms while the rainy season is in full swing. Support large palms with braces for 6-8 months after planting. Nails should not be driven directly into a palm trunk.

Herbs: While summer is too hot to start herbs from seeds, many will do well if started from small plants.

What to do...

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weakened branches and pruning if needed.

Lawn Insects: Lawn pests can be a problem this time of year. Before treating, find out if an insect is the culprit and treat only the affected area.

Irrigation: An inexpensive rain shut off device can save money by overriding an irrigation system when it rains. If one is already installed, check that it is operating properly.

Pests on Ornamental Plants: Small white dots on the leaves of azaleas and other ornamental plants may indicate lace bugs at work. Spraying forcefully with water helps control this pest.

Citrus: Check citrus trees for damage to fruit or leaves and take action to minimize the effect on developing fruit or the overall health of the tree.

What to Do Every Month:

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms.
- Monitor the garden for insects and disease.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established.
- Mow lawns at recommended heights: St. Augustine: 3-4"



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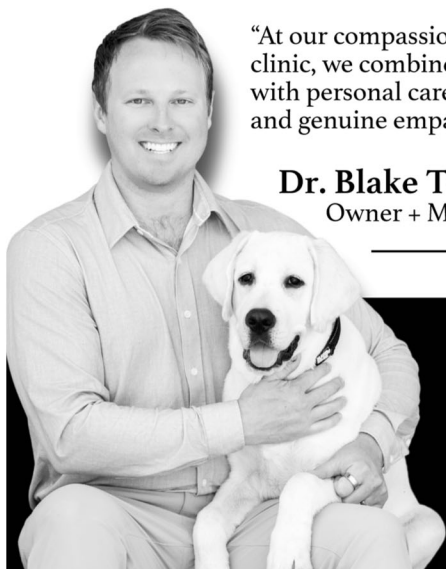


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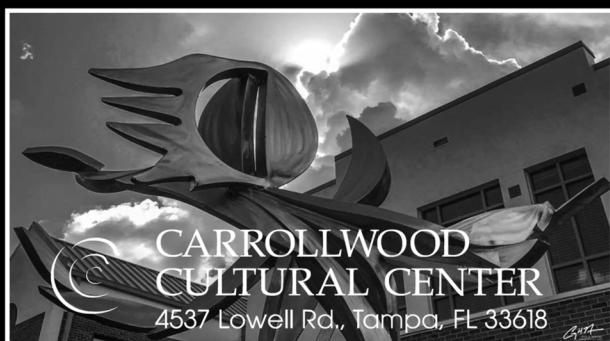
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September 12 • 7:30 pm

A tribute to Tijuana Brass

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YOUTH PERFORMANCE

July 31 • 5:30 pm

Based on the Play by Sir J.M. Barrie

Lyrics: Carolyn Leigh / Music: Morris Charlap

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IN THE GALLERY



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**Calusa Trace Master Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12th, 2026 6:00 PM Via Zoom
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Samantha Morfa, Community Association Manager, called the Calusa Trace Master Association Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:03 PM via Zoom teleconference.

Notice of Meeting: posted on Vantaca, proof of notice was mailed, and posted on the bulletin

II. ROLL CALL

Director's Present

David Jacobs -President

Frank Julian -Treasurer

Bob Weinstock -

Vice President - Absent

Bob Nagel - Secretary

Steve Bregman – Director

Samantha Morfa - CAM

Betsy Ferrer, Transcriptionist

Notice of meeting was posted in accordance with Florida statutes, via email and posted in Vantaca

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2 min (April 14th, 2026)

David Jacobs made a motion to approve April 14th, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes as submitted, Frank Julian, second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

a. President

David Jacobs - Spoke with Dave Lucadano from Red Tree, their company has fertilized the sod. They also recommended the replacement of the bushes on Van Dyke Rd.

President was contacted by Steinbrenner High School for the park cleanup, will prefer either in November 2026 or in April of 2027 – Will need a volunteer to serve as Chair of the project.

Still pending a response from Krueger with an estimate on the pond erosion quote.

b. Treasurer

Frank Julian provided the financial report to the Board Members via email.

Treasurer will be looking at the reserve study and will present a proposal for the monument, which was finished in 2022 on a future 20-year replacement – from Kinney Engineering. Will also obtain a quote for the mailboxes (464 single & 63 doubles). A cost estimate from the prior company replacement of one mail box was € \$1400.

Board asked where the Association currently stands with the collection of the past due accounts, and compared to last year \$15,785, currently there is \$16,034 in collections. CAM pointed out that there are some homeowners currently under an approved payment plan.

C. Management

Samantha Morfa, CAM will re-visit the fences along Pine Isle that need to be either cleaned or replaced and will send letters.

Violations Update:

House on Kingbird with the Roof Tarp – The owner and his attorney had until today, 5/12/26 to respond back to the association's attorney letter; CAM will follow with John Ellis, attorney for an update.

Property on Gulfwind – causing drainage problems to the neighbors. Owner has responded to the association's attorney and will be submitting an ARC application for the work to be completed to remedy the drainage problem.

d. Committee Reports:

1. Architectural Report: N/A

Samantha Morfa reminded everyone that the deadline for Tracer submissions is due on or before the 20th of the month, preferably a week prior.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pond Report – 2 min

Water levels are low, which could be a great time for both inspection and treatment of those affected by the erosion. Kinney Engineering will be inspecting and providing a report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Landscape Irrigation Control Replacement Upgrade

1. Red Tree estimate of \$4450 to replace plants on the Dale Mabry entrance. Removal of the existing declining Dwarf Ixora plants and replace with (50) 3-gallon Variegated Arboricola (center median island). • Removal of the existing declining Gold Mound Duranta and replace it with (100) 3-gallon Variegated Arboricola on both Dale Mabry signs (50 plants per sign). • Includes all labor, hauling, and dumping fees. David Jacobs made a motion to approve the estimate; Frank Julian seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
2. Drip line/rotors head replacement – tabled until next meeting. Estimate: \$6163.53
3. Van Dyke landscaping upgrade discussion – David Jacobs is waiting on Spencer from Krueger to return his message to gather his opinion on what could be done on that area and to obtain an estimate to present to the Board.
4. (27) No Fishing signs 24x18, (10) U-Channel Posts & Removal/Installation total\$3308.58 - David Jacobs made a motion to approve Steve Bregman seconded the motion. All in Favor. **Motion carried.**

IX. HOMEOWNER COMMENTS

Kelly Morillo, Apple Blossom Street homeowner, brought up and issue with her backyard flooding due to a neighbor placement of pavers on their property backyard – causing the Morillo's home to have issues that cause replacement of their pool deck but needs to be addressed as soon as possible to remedy the situation. CAM will review and will provide the Board and owner a follow up to see if an ARC approval was provided to the neighbor and /or a county permit.

Ms. Morillo also expressed concern with work completed by Cheval Golf Course, which shares a back wall to her residence that is also causing drainage issues.

Ms. Morillo brought up that when they first bought the property, permission was requested from the HOA to allow them to level their backyard, and it was denied.

Ms. Morillo requested clarification from the Board and CAM on the meaning of “operating a business” from a home. Samantha Morfa provided an explanation and examples of what is operating a business from a home. In conclusion, using a home to generate income is considered as operating a business.

NEXT MEETING – May 12th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM via Zoom.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Jacobs made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM, motion was seconded by Steve Bregman. All in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary by Betsy Ferrer.



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