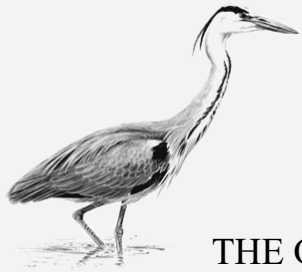
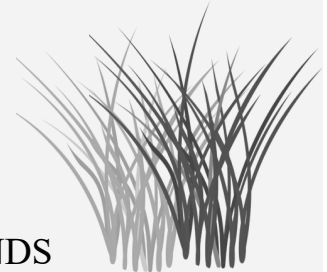


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A message from our President
Jermaine Jenkins

Tampa Road Perimeter Wall – Project Update

Thank you to all residents for your continued patience and understanding as we work through the county approval process for this important project. The Board remains highly engaged and continues to work closely with the County to move the project forward.

We are pleased to share that four of the five required approvals have now been cleared. At this stage, the only remaining item is final Right of Way (ROW) approval. Once that approval is secured, the project will have full approval to proceed.

The Board has already submitted the additional information requested by the County and remains optimistic that final clearance will be obtained soon. Once the ROW permit is finalized, the County will complete the final project approval.

Please know we remain actively engaged and committed to seeing this through to completion, and we will continue to keep the community informed as progress is made.

ELWCA Website

The ELWCA website has now been up and running for over a month, and overall, things are going very well. Resident feedback has been positive, and we recently completed additional backend optimization updates to further improve site performance and reliability.

If residents have any feedback or suggestions from a user experience standpoint, the Board would welcome hearing from you. Your input is valuable as we continue making improvements for the

greater benefit of the community.

Speeding & Traffic Safety – Community Reminder

The Board remains actively engaged with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office in ongoing efforts to monitor and address speeding throughout the community. Residents should continue to expect a visible law enforcement presence as part of this important safety initiative.

We encourage all drivers to remain mindful of posted speed limits and to drive with caution at all times. Speeding creates unnecessary risk by reducing reaction time and increasing stopping distance, especially in a community where pedestrians, cyclists, golf carts, and children are regularly present. Small increases in speed can have serious consequences.

Safety is a shared responsibility. Please help protect our community by observing speed limits, following traffic signs and signals, and using added caution near crosswalks, intersections, and amenity areas. Working together, we can help keep East Lake Woodlands safe for all residents and guests.

Irrigation Repairs at Main Entrances – Update

After several months of persistent focus on restoring our irrigation system to proper working order, we are pleased to share that we are now in the final stages of the necessary repairs. Our current efforts are focused on the medians stretching from Tampa Road and the Truist entrance to the Club. This work is nearing completion and is expected to wrap up soon.

As we enter the summer season, having a fully functional irrigation system in place will be especially important to keeping our common grounds, medians, and key focal

areas of the community healthy, green, and well maintained. This progress represents an important step in supporting the overall appearance of East Lake Woodlands.

Cluster 4 – Drainage & Sidewalk

The Board has been evaluating several options to address the standing water issues affecting sidewalks throughout this neighborhood. As part of that effort, we will soon begin a cost-effective proof-of-concept project to test a potential solution. If the approach proves successful, the Board will then move forward with the broader work needed to more fully address the standing water concerns across the community.

This has been a long-standing issue within Cluster 4, and the current Board has taken ownership of it and remains committed to staying focused on a path to resolution for the residents of this neighborhood.

Cross Creek & ELW Blvd. – Landscaping Improvements

Landscaping improvements in the common ground area of Cross Creek along East Lake Woodlands Boulevard are now complete. This work included palmetto removal, irrigation enhancements, and re-sodding of impacted areas to restore and improve the appearance of this important common area.

In addition, the Board recently worked with our tree contractor to remove two dead pine trees, further enhancing both safety and aesthetics. These improvements not only enhance the appearance of the corridor, but also help reduce ongoing maintenance needs and related costs for the community.

The Board would also like to thank the Cross Creek Board for their collaboration and support throughout this effort.

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Community Safety Reminder

Please be mindful of your speed when driving throughout our community. The safety of our residents, guests, and pets is vitally important. Remember, once you enter the community gates, you are essentially in your own driveway — and the same level of care and attentiveness should be applied when driving.

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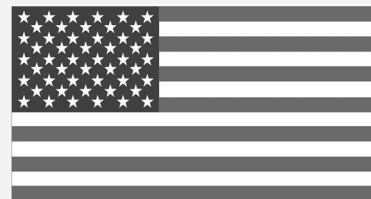
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Stonebriar Pedestrian Crosswalk – Project Complete

We are pleased to share that the Stonebriar pedestrian crosswalk project is now complete.

The Board sincerely thanks Stonebriar residents for their patience throughout this process. We recognize this was a long-standing community request, and the current Board was committed to taking ownership of the project and seeing it through to completion.

This new crosswalk improves pedestrian safety and connectivity along East Lake Woodlands Boulevard and marks another meaningful step forward in enhancing walkability within our community.

Curb & Sidewalk Safety Improvements – Turtle Creek 1/2 Entrance

Important curb and sidewalk safety improvements have been completed at the Turtle Creek 1&2 entrance. This work addressed damaged and uneven areas that had been impacted by tree root growth and included removal and replacement of raised Miami curb sections, repair of a broken sidewalk slab, root pruning and restoration, asphalt replacement along both sides of the entrance apron, and removal of two trees at the apron that were contributing to the problem.

We greatly appreciate the collaboration and partnership of the Turtle Creek I and Turtle Creek II Boards in helping move this work forward.

Projects like this reflect our continued focus on maintaining and improving the safety, function, and appearance of our community infrastructure for the benefit of all residents and guests.

Main Entrance Signage & Landscape Enhancements

As part of the Board's continued efforts to enhance the appearance of our community entrances, additional improvements have recently been completed around the newly updated signage and landscape areas at both the East Lake and Tampa Road entrances.

This work included decorative stone borders, new plantings, and fresh mulch designed to create a more refined and welcoming appearance. Additionally, decorative stone borders were installed along the base of the entrance walls on both the east and west sides of the Tampa Road entrance, providing a clean, finished edge to the landscape beds and further elevating overall curb appeal. Sylvester palms were also installed on both ends of the Tampa Road entrance, while additional plantings and fresh mulch were added throughout the beds to complement the updated signage and enhance the overall visual appeal at both entrances.

Community Drainage Improvements – Update

As a follow-up to the Board's previous update regarding the community-wide drainage inspection, we are pleased to report that, as promised, the Board has executed on the findings identified in the professional inspection report and completed the recommended improvements to help ensure the community's drainage system is functioning effectively.

The work addressed several areas across the community and included clearing vegetation and debris from culverts and drainage channels, repairing and reinforcing eroded areas, replacing or repairing damaged drainage structures, restoring storm inlets and grates, and clearing ditches to improve water flow throughout the system. Additional work included jetting pipes and culverts to remove buildup, stabilizing drainage areas with riprap, and performing grading and vegetation management to help prevent future erosion and standing water.

In addition, during the course of one of the repair projects, an underground drainage pipe was found to be in significantly worse condition than originally documented, requiring replacement to fully correct the issue and support proper long-term function of that section of the system.

These types of proactive maintenance and repair efforts were completed to improve water movement throughout the stormwater system and to help protect the long-term integrity of the community's drainage infrastructure. The current Board remains not only committed to ongoing inspections, but also to ensuring that follow-up work identified through each inspection is executed in a timely manner so issues are addressed timely and effectively.

Community Curb and Sidewalk Safety Improvements

Sidewalk repairs and safety improvements have now been completed along Phase 3 of East Lake Woodlands Parkway, from Enclave to Turtle Creek, as well as at the Tampa Road entrance and near Sunflower Drive. The work included targeted slab replacements, corner repairs, lifting select sections where feasible, and grinding down trip hazards to improve pedestrian safety and walkability. These improvements reflect the Board's continued focus on maintaining safe pedestrian pathways while proactively investing in the community's infrastructure.

Community Tree Trimming and Debris Clean-Up

As promised, the Board remains committed to ongoing clean-up and maintenance efforts throughout the community. To that end, most recently, clean-up work was completed in the area between Enclave and Pinnacle Drive allowing the ELW parkway, including debris removal, canopy uplifts, and the removal of several dead trees that posed a safety concern

along the roadway. Special thanks to the board members from Muirfield, as well as Pinehurst for their support.

The Board is currently evaluating other areas throughout the community where similar clean-up, overgrowth removal, and safety-focused landscaping work is needed and will continue prioritizing these efforts as part of its broader commitment to enhancing the appearance and safety of our common grounds.

Roadway Line Striping Repairs Moving Forward

Following the heavy rains and related impacts from Hurricane Milton, line striping along Sunflower, Greenhaven Circle, and in the area of Woodlands Boulevard and Woodlands Parkway was damaged and came up in several locations. In response, the Board worked diligently to coordinate repairs and secure completion of this work at no cost to the community. We are pleased to share that the repair work is expected to be completed soon.

Board Advances Community Gate Access Platform Upgrade

Consistent with the Board's ongoing commitment to community security, safety, and modernization, the access control platform upgrade is now underway across our community gates.

Phase 1 of the upgrade is focused on bringing the existing RFID and barcode access live so residents experience a consistent, like-for-like transition with minimal disruption. Importantly, the new platform is expected to provide significantly greater stability, improved reliability, and a better overall customer service and support experience through the community's new service provider, Accurate Electronics.

Once Phase 1 is fully deployed and operating as expected, we will move into Phase 2. In this phase, we are excited to introduce enhanced capabilities designed to further improve convenience and access management for the community, including improved guest and contractor access management.

These capabilities are expected to include mobile gate management tooling, live video and voice communication, virtual or QR guest passes, and the ability to issue guest access by text or email with configurable restrictions by date, time, day of week, or number of uses. The platform also supports individual and temporary event-based access options, providing residents with greater flexibility and control over visitor entry.

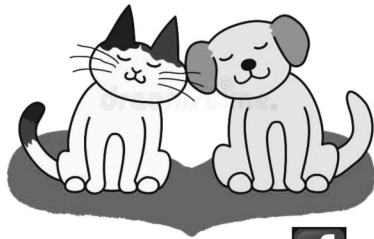
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You are welcome to attend ELWCA meetings. Please join us to learn more about your ELWCA community. Meeting dates and times are posted on the message boards and in the calendar on our website elw-fl.com or eastlakewoodlands.com



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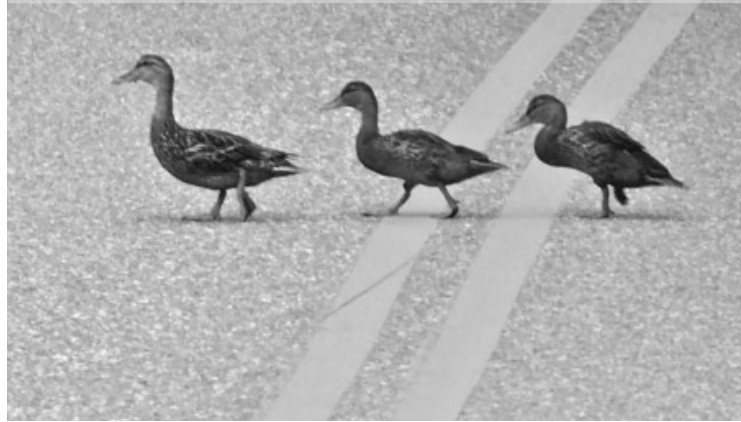
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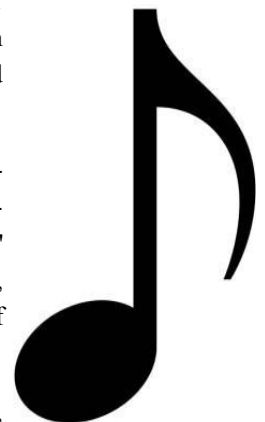
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At 3pm on April 19th the Pinellas Wind Symphony, also under the baton of Dr. Martin Seggelke, will perform David Maslanka's Symphony No. 4. Maslanka was an American composer of Polish descent. According to the composer the piece describes the powerful voice of the earth that came to him from his adopted Western Montana home and the high plains and mountains of central Idaho.

Finally, at 3pm on May 2nd, The Suncoast Symphony under the direction of Dr. John Bannon will perform at the North Bay Community Church in Clearwater. The program includes; Richard Strauss' rousing Feirllicher Einzug, Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance (Military Marches) and a portion of Verdi's opera AIDA.

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Dogs and other domestic animals must be leashed at ALL times on your property as well as within the Pinewinds community.

Coyotes have been sighted roaming in Pinewinds in broad daylight. Keep animals inside and consider carrying a whistle when walking.



Community Sale – Cluster V

Join us for a Community Sale on April 18th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Cluster V.

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In East Lake Woodlands we share space with many animals who were here long before we were. Reminder...It is important not to feed wildlife and do not use rodenticide. Live and let live, naturally.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the newly elected Board members. Thank you to all candidates for participating in the election process. We are fortunate to have so many residents who truly care about East Lake Woodlands!

- Brian Hiatt 277 votes
- Janie Baker 263 votes
- Christopher Baerga 259 votes
- Jared Bancroft 205 votes

Turtle Creek

Spring in Turtle Creek

As the weather warms and the days grow longer, spring is a great time to refresh our homes, yards, and community spaces. Whether it's trimming landscaping, cleaning outdoor areas, or simply enjoying the beautiful Florida weather, this season reminds us why Turtle Creek is such a wonderful place to live.

Community Updates

Entrance Tree Removal & Roadway Repairs

Two trees at the entrance to Turtle Creek Circle were recently removed and roadway/curb repairs completed due to the heavy damage they were causing to the surrounding infrastructure. We are thankful for ELWCA's proactive support in helping address this situation and keep our entrance safe and well maintained.

Drain Pipe & Intake Repairs

Repairs to a collapsing drain pipe and several drainage intake structures should be completed by the time this newsletter goes to print. These repairs were funded through our capital reserves and will help maintain proper drainage within the neighborhood.

Upcoming Roadway Repairs

We are currently working on a start date for roadway repairs in areas where the water table has damaged the underlying road structure. The repairs will include modifications recommended by an engineer to help prevent similar issues in the future. We will communicate the start date once it has been finalized.

Monument Beautification Study

The Board is currently studying the feasibility of beautifying the neighborhood monuments while being mindful of the recent infrastructure expenditures.

Streetlight Upgrade

A streetlight upgrade has been scheduled with Duke Energy, which should improve visibility and safety throughout the neighborhood.

Spring Preparation Tips

- Check your roof, walls, driveway and sidewalks to see if it is time to pressure wash them.
- Trim trees and landscaping before peak summer growth
- Inspect irrigation systems and adjust coverage as needed
- Refresh mulch and garden beds
- Clear nearby storm drains to support proper drainage
- Check outdoor lighting around walkways and driveways

Community Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking two additional volunteers to serve on the Board so we can have a broader set of voices representing the neighborhood. Serving on the Board is a great way to stay informed and contribute to the continued improvement of Turtle Creek. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please contact the Board.

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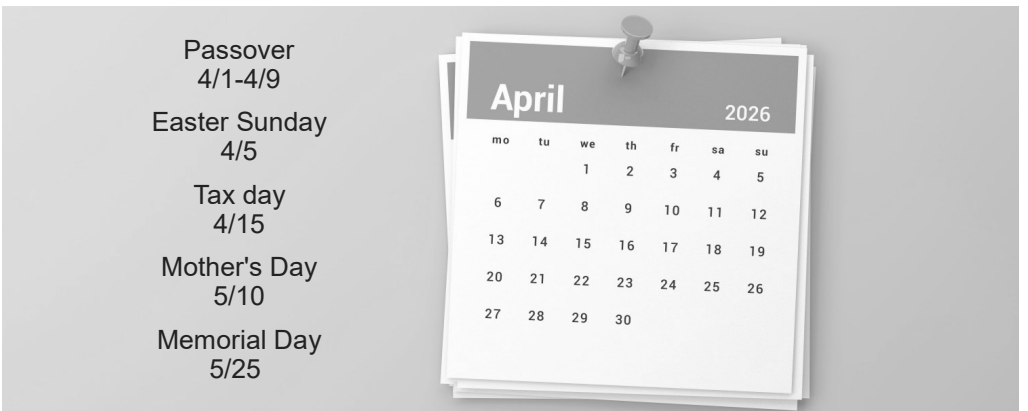
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Thank you again for your continued support and cooperation. We remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our East Lake community.



The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a US federal holiday which is celebrated every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Annual Decoration Days for particular cemeteries are held on a Sunday in late spring

or early summer in some rural areas of the American South, notably in the mountains. In cases involving a family graveyard where remote ancestors as well as those who were deceased more recently are buried, this may take on the character of an extended family reunion to which some people travel hundreds of miles. People gather on the designated day and put flowers on graves and renew contacts with kinfolk and others. There often is a religious service and a "dinner on the ground," the traditional term for a potluck meal in which people used to spread the dishes out on sheets or tablecloths on the grass. It is believed that this practice began before the American Civil War and thus may reflect the real origin of the "memorial day" idea.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

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It's not often one gets to sing a rousing Happy Birthday to one born in 1924!

On February 7, 1924, our friend and neighbor on Christy Lane, Dick Paternoster, was born in Utica, NY. Along with his five siblings, Dick grew up in a household filled with family, Grandma and cousins, all working hard trying to survive the Great Depression. Dick's memories of those years working the land, growing vegetables, chickens and goats to sell to others or to the local Milkman or Egg Man so that they and the neighbors could eat are colorful and insightful. His first 'eureka' moment came as a 14 year old teenager, working that land. A customer, after ordering 12 bushels of tomatoes that Dick worked hard to pick and pack, took the tomatoes but never paid for them. Dick decided right then and there that Education was the key to a potentially 'better' world where he could be paid for the work he performed.

However, at age 18, with the US entering WWII, Dick signed up for the Navy but was deferred because he was working for a company manufacturing machine guns - badly needed in the war effort. Finally arriving in San Diego at age 20 to begin his naval 'career', given his work experience, he was assigned to Fire Control, handling maintenance of those enormous guns mounted on battleships and destroyers. His stories of his years aboard the US Picking 685, cruising through the Philippines, in and around Okinawa and onward to Southern Japan are riveting. Reaching Southern Japan with battles raging and Japanese kamikaze pilots with 5,000 pound bombs strapped to their planes, dive bombing American ships in suicide missions, the fear, death and destruction must have been horrific. Dick commented, "If the USA had not dropped the Atomic Bomb when they did, I would not be here today."

Arriving back to the USA on the same ship he'd departed the USA from, he went to college, becoming a teacher. Realizing that he wanted more than a 9:00 am to 3:30 pm job, he quit teaching to purchase one of the first soft ice cream store franchises - a Tasty Freeze in NY, ultimately expanding that business to 39 stores across NY. At 22 years old, he built his first home by hand, by himself, on a piece of that land he'd worked as a kid. Learning it all from scratch, "but not electric - I hired that out — I'm not stupid", his home was built and another 'second' career was born. Dick went on to build two shopping centers and other projects throughout his working years, while building a family (Wife Connie and Daughter Rachel Dominick) and managing the 39 Tasty Freeze stores. During the war, based on that machine shop experience as a young kid and his Naval experience, Dick ultimately invented a special nozzle utilized to preserve and spray preservative that flows into 12 inch streamlines, allowing one to put that spray all the way down the pipes into the equipment.

Not one to just 'sit around', Dick obtained his private pilot's license and his own airplane at age 62, flying over 1,700 hours until the spectra of passing that dreaded physical exam forced him to give up flying.

In 1995, at age 71, Dick thought he'd slow down a bit. He and his family moved to Island Estates in Clearwater, becoming a 'snowbird', still returning to the second home he'd purchased in 1950. That second home, on the largest (at 100 foot deep) lake in the Adirondacks, is where Dick learned to scuba dive and water ski in the crystal clear, spring fed waters. During the summer, Dick can still be found on that lake, running bulldozers, taking care of what needs to be fixed.

He recently participated in an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, to see the WWII Memorial. He calls this event 'a highlight in his life'. He used to participate in Naval WWII Reunions, but no longer, as "there is no one left".

Dick moved to Turtle Creek 3&4 seven years ago. You can find him in our neighborhood, working his garden in his side yard or running around, managing his and his family's affairs or find him at home, simply spending time with his family, including his 98 and 103 year old sisters. (His Mom passed at age 100.)

It's a life well lived when asked if he would do 'anything differently as you look back over your lifetime' and the answer is "No. No regrets, I have loved every day." Dick's goal is to live to 112 years of age, making him the oldest WWII veteran left.

Sharon Larrison Stepniewski



WHY 3/4 OF HOME SELLERS DON'T GET THE PRICE THEY WANT FOR THEIR HOMES

East Lake Woodlands - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money. This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market. As this report uncovers, most home sellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders

have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar". To order a FREE Special Report, visit www.ELWHomes.com/mistakes or to hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call toll-free 1-866-945-9308 and enter 1000. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to find out how you can get the most money for your home.



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Talons and Treatments: A Monthly Peek Into Raptor Care

This month has already been a busy and rewarding one at Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue as we move into the heart of spring wildlife season.

We were grateful to welcome Dr. Kushnir and two veterinary interns, who conducted complete physical exams on behalf of our ambassador birds during their visit. These annual wellness checks are an important part of ensuring our educational ambassadors remain healthy and able to represent their wild counterparts.

One notable patient was Lulu, our Great Horned Owl, who recently laid an unfertilized egg. As anyone familiar with Great Horned Owls might imagine, catching her for her exam proved to be quite the challenge. Mikell Kilgore, well protected and well prepared, entered the aviary and successfully secured Lulu so she could receive her examination.

The remaining ambassadors will receive their exams during the team's next visit.

These visits are invaluable not only for our birds but also for the students. Opportunities to work directly with birds of prey and other wildlife patients are rare in veterinary training, and we are proud to help provide hands-on experience that supports the next generation of wildlife veterinarians.

In the field, our team has already been busy with re-nesting efforts. So far this season we have successfully re-nested four Great Horned Owl babies and one Barred Owl back into the wild where their parents can continue raising them.

As spring progresses, we expect to begin seeing baby Eastern Screech Owls, hawks, and ospreys arriving in care as nesting season continues across the region.

Residents should also note that necropsy results are still pending for the squirrels and the bald eagle recovered from *East Lake Woodlands*. We will share updates when those reports become available.

Spring is one of the most demanding—and most inspiring—times of year in wildlife rescue. From re-nesting young owls to providing specialized veterinary care for our ambassadors, every effort helps ensure that birds of prey in our community have a future in the skies.



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Top of the Bay Kiwanis 2nd Annual**April 18th - 11am register
Noon Start****Cornhole for a Cause**

Join Top of the Bay Kiwanis Charities, Inc. at Tampa Bay Brewing Company in Oldsmar for the 2nd Annual Cornhole-for-a-Cause. Play cornhole or just come & watch! Lots of raffles, 50/50. Cash to Winners!

Grow & Transition your Family with**April 22nd - 3:30pm to
5:30pm****Ease**

Young growing families looking to balance home, life, & work? Come to a mixer for growing families & receive resources to help facilitate transitioning families. Nannies who Care will be on site with programs for in-home & transitional child care.

Upper Tampa Bay Education**April 23th - 4pm to 7pm
at Let'sCo! Oldsmar****Foundation Mixer!**

Are you curious about how to get involved with the Upper Tampa Bay Education Foundation? Do you have school-aged children who are looking for scholarship options? Come & meet the board of directors to find out more! Refreshments and drinks will be served!

Spring Cleaning Event!!**April 24th - 9am to 11am drop off at
Let'sCo! Oldsmar**

Do you live in East Lake Woodlands & have some donations cluttering up your home or garage? We will have a collection at Let'sCo! Items too large for a drop off? Scan QR code to register for a pick up.

**Mother's Day Tea Party & Flowers****May 8th - 2pm to 5pm
at Let'sCo! Oldsmar**

Celebrate Mother's Day with a beautiful afternoon of tea, flowers, & meaningful moments. Scan QR code to register. **Registration: \$30**

**Top of the Bay Kiwanis 2nd Annual Triple
Crown Gala****May 14th - 6pm to 9pm
Ardea Country Club**

Join us for an evening of community, dining, and giving back at the 2nd Annual Triple Crown Gala. This special event supports improvements at the Paul B. Stephens School, benefiting students with special needs. Enjoy dinner, participate in raffles, and help make a meaningful impact in our community. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

Honor Our Heroes 5K Memorial Run**May 23th - Opening
Ceremony 7am**

Start this Memorial Day weekend with an event for the entire family. Everyone from competitive runners, laid-back joggers, dog-walkers, & even those along for a ride in the stroller. Every step supports Oldsmar Cares' mission to support our community & pays tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our country.



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Car Construction Day--Rotary Car Show Competition

Sat, April 11th | 1pm-3pm

Calling all Kids! Make your own cardboard car to enter into next weekend's Rotary Car Show! We will provide cardboard, markers, tape, and car-themed decorations for all registered kids. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Want to take your supplies home and DIY? Register and pick up your FREE materials during the program time.

Information will also be provided on where to bring your completed car on 4/18 at John Chesnut Park. This is a fun-for-the-whole-family event, and all ages are welcome.

Astro Club

Mon, April 6th | 6pm-7pm

Join us at the library for a fun, hands-on STEM program that takes science learning beyond the classroom. Presented by the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, this series invites students to explore the universe through authentic inquiry by requesting images from remotely operated telescopes, using image-processing software, and making real astronomical measurements. Open to students in grades 5-9.

Home Sweet Home Fest

Sat, April 18th | 10am-2pm

Join us for Home Sweet Home Fest, a free, family-friendly housing and resource fair designed to connect community members with trusted local professionals and valuable homeownership information. This engaging event brings together real estate and housing experts, local service providers, and community partners all in one place to help

answer your questions and provide helpful resources — whether you are buying your first home, planning your next move, or simply exploring options.

Enjoy a fun, festival-style atmosphere with food, family activities, and exciting giveaways while you browse vendor booths and connect with community experts. Highlights include face painting, cotton candy, on-site food options including Chick-fil-A and Ice Barr, and opportunities to win big prizes.

The Founding of Heritage Village Museum & Park: A Legacy of Preservation

Wed, April 15th | 6pm-7pm

Join Monica Drake, Operations Manager of Pinellas County's open-air historic museum, Heritage Village, for a behind-the-scenes look at 50 years of collecting, preserving, and sharing Pinellas County history.

Through original documents from the Pinellas County Historical Commission, this presentation tells the story of the community leaders and advocates whose passion and persistence helped establish Heritage Village in 1976. Drake will also explore how the national Bicentennial movement sparked a powerful local response—shaping preservation efforts right here at home.

Come celebrate 50 years of Heritage Village and the enduring legacy of those who built it, with an eye toward the next 50 years ahead.

Tech Talk - Intro to AI

Tue, April 21st | 10:30am-11:30am

What is AI (Artificial Intelligence)? Join us for this tech class geared towards older adults. This is a librarian-led class discussing an introduction to AI and various ways to use it. Bring your own device if you would like to practice using various AI functions. Registration is required.

Adult Field Trip: Brooker Creek Preserve - Stormwater 101

Fri, April 24th | 2pm-3pm

Explore how we play a critical role in the health of our stormwater and the impacts of this water to our local ecosystems! Presented by Lara Milligan, Natural Resources Agent

for UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County
Additional Notes: This program will be held in the Brooker Creek Preserve auditorium. It takes about 10 minutes to drive from the preserve entrance (Keystone Rd.) to the parking lot, and there is a 2-5 minute walk from the parking lot to the auditorium. This program does not take place at East Lake Community Library. We will be meeting at Brooker Creek Preserve in the auditorium.

Teen Craft and Relax (Grades 6-12)

Thu, April 30th | 5pm-7pm

Ending the school year can be stressful, join in on making stress balls and watching the movie, Inside Out to relieve some of the testing pressure. Meet and collaborate with other kids your age in this club meeting for teens, by teens! Open to students in grades 6th - 12th.

Local Author: Mother's Day Storytime and Crafts

Sat, May 2nd | 2pm-3pm

Local author, Janice Linnert, will share her new book with young children in an exclusive storytime at ELCL. This special story highlights a moving relationship between a mother and a child as they follow a tree through all four seasons. All registered participants can make Mother's Day crafts, gifts, and cards to round out the hour.

Teen Trivia Night!: Mental Health Edition (Grades 6-12)

Thu, May 14th | 5pm-6pm

Mend your mind with a fun trivia day! Join us to reflect on all we've learned and win prizes. Meet and collaborate with other kids your age in this club meeting for teens, by teens.

"New to Medicare" Presentation

Wed, May 20th | 2pm-3pm

This presentation gives an overview of Medicare coverage, including parts A, B, C, and D, as well as Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap).

Summer Reading Kickoff

Sat, May 30th | 10am-1pm

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Climate Change Evidence

There are many pieces of evidence that support the idea that global average surface temperature has been increasing. These include:

- Temperature records over the last century indicate that average global surface temperatures are increasing.
- The rate at which temperatures are getting warmer is increasing.
- Ocean surface temperatures are increasing.
- Average surface temperatures in the Arctic and Antarctic regions are increasing.
- The number of extreme weather events is consistent with global warming. There is an increasing number of warm-weather extremes such as heat waves. There is a decreasing number of cold-weather extremes, such as the number of frost days in the middle latitudes.
- The number of storms with large

amounts of precipitation is increasing.

- Hurricane activity has increased over the last 40 years.
- There has been a measured reduction in the horizontal dimensions of glaciers and ice caps everywhere in the world except in Antarctica and Greenland. Measurements indicate that these glaciers and ice caps are getting thinner.
- There is a rising trend in the overall global average sea level.
- Dendrochronology, or the study of tree rings, indicates the climate in many areas is getting warmer and wetter.
- Studies of ice core samples from glacier areas indicate the air temperatures are getting warmer.
- Studies of sediment core samples from the ocean floor indicate that air and ocean temperatures are getting warmer.
- The ranges of some marine animals are shifting to higher latitudes to escape

from the warmer temperatures at lower latitudes.

- Ocean chemistry is changing due to increasing amounts of carbon dioxide in the ocean.
- Hundreds of species have already become locally extinct. They have disappeared from some of the areas they formally occupied to changes in environmental conditions such as temperatures and precipitation patterns.

For some additional information please visit: <http://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

The 6th Assessment Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-cycle/>

The Physical Science Basis for the IPCC reports:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-i/>

Not only does this enormous mountain of evidence for climate change currently exist, this mountain of evidence is continually growing as new research identifies additional effects.

The evidence is overwhelming that human activities are contributing (not causing entirely, but are the major contributor) to long-term climate changes around the world. Other than people who have some financial connection to the fossil fuel industry, the vast majority of people who don't believe that global climate is changing are people who simply do not understand the evidence.



**Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Summary of Citations and Warnings**

JANUARY 2026

Requested Patrols	9	Filled: 9	Not Filled: 0
CITATIONS		VIOLATION	
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	14	Speeding Over 1-15 MPH	
	1	Speeding Over 15 MPH +	
	1	Expired Tags	
	2	Drivers License	

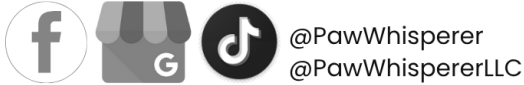
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Requested Patrols	9	Filled: 9	Not Filled: 0
CITATIONS		VIOLATION	
	1	Stop sign	
	13	Speeding Over 1-15 MPH	
	4	Speeding Over 15 MPH +	
	1	No Seatbelt	



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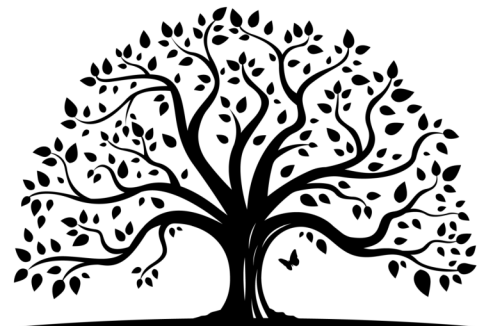
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Preventing Falls: Safety Starts at Home

Last year, our emergency crews responded to **741 fall-related calls**—that’s roughly **two calls every day** in our community. Falls remain one of the most common reasons residents need emergency help, but many falls can be prevented with simple steps.

Steps to Reduce Your Risk of Falling

- **Check your medications.** Talk with your doctor or pharmacist to ensure your medications—or combinations of medications—aren’t increasing your risk of falls.
- **Wear proper footwear.** Always wear shoes with good traction, even if you get up in the middle of the night.
- **Keep your home well-lit.** Ensure adequate lighting in all areas where you walk.
- **Clear walking paths.** Remove cords, throw rugs, and other obstacles. This is also important for safe evacuation in emergencies, not just fall prevention.
- **Make bathrooms safer.** Use nonslip surfaces in tubs and showers, place slip-resistant bathmats outside, and consider a shower chair or bedside commode if needed. Have a professional install grab bars in the shower and near the toilet.
- **Take your time.** Avoid rushing when standing up from a chair or bed.
- **Exercise regularly.** Participate in exercise programs designed to improve balance, strength, and flexibility for all abilities.
- **Stay hydrated and eat well.** Proper nutrition and hydration support overall health and stability.



Don’t Forget Fire Safety

While preventing falls, also make sure your **smoke alarms are working**. Smoke alarms provide early warning in the event of a fire, giving you time to evacuate safely.

- Replace batteries during **Daylight Saving Time** (“spring forward”) and replace alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Install smoke alarms **inside every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.**

By taking these steps, you can greatly reduce your risk of falls and improve your overall safety at home. Staying proactive helps you live independently and confidently.



You’re Invited: Splash of Summer

Join **East Lake Community Library** and **East Lake Fire Rescue** for the annual **Splash of Summer Event!**

- **When:** Friday, May 29th | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Where:** East Lake Sports Complex, 3555 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs
- **Who:** Family-friendly, free for all to attend
- **Highlights:**
 - Water safety information
 - Children’s life jackets (while supplies last)
 - Fun East Lake summer tradition

No registration needed – just meet us there! Please ensure children wear protective footwear and eye goggles, and don’t forget your sunscreen.

Together, let’s work to ensure East Lake is a safer place for everyone. If you have questions or would like more information on fire and life safety, don’t hesitate to reach out to East Lake Fire Rescue at www.elfr.org and follow us on Facebook!





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Where's the Curb Appeal?

Most real estate professionals advise that a home offered for sale must make a good first impression, commonly referred to as “curb appeal.” It appears some still-resident owners aren't doing all they can to make their property ready to sell and increase this appeal. If you're a seller, the bottom line is to convert your home to cash, pack up, and move on. That's hard enough to do in today's market glut, so why not make the product look as good as possible?

Some obvious things to do include:

1. Stow tools, bikes, ladders, trashcans, and other materials out of sight. Put scattered toys away.
2. Mow the lawn regularly and edge sidewalks and curbs; kill and pull vegetation in sidewalk and driveways.
3. Trim tree limbs and remove dead or drooping palm fronds and seed clusters.
4. Pressure wash gutters, driveways, walks, and building areas where mildew has formed.
5. Wash your windows, porch and deck areas.
6. Tidy back yard areas; potential buyers may also try to take a peek behind the home.
7. Replace tattered screening on patios and pool cages.
8. Last, but not least, do not have cars parked on the front lawn.



In the early evening hours, potential buyers will still do “drive-bys” of your property. Professionals advise that you should:

- Keep interior lights on and shades open to show a warm interior appearance.
- Use low-voltage decorative lawn lighting to highlight the home and landscaping.

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Spring Gardening

Gardening Calendar – April

What to plant:

Annuals: New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provide vivid colors and patterns for months.

Bulbs: Planting early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties of daylily will insure months of color from these low maintenance plants.

Herbs: Add nasturtiums to your herb garden. The leaves and flowers add a peppery zest to salads.

Vegetables: Continue planting warm season crops such as bean, cantaloupe, and okra. Mulch well to prevent weeds, and provide water if the weather has been dry.

What to Do:

- **Pests:** Monitor landscape plants weekly for aphids on tender new growth.
- **Flowering Plants:** Check for thrips if leaves and/or flowers of gardenias and roses are damaged.
- **Divide Perennials & Bulbs:** Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses, or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass-along to friends.
- **Lawn Problems:** Many lawn problems, such as lack of water, mimic insect damage. Confirm the damage is being caused by insects before applying a pesticide.
- **Lawns :** Apply fertilizer after new growth has started. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen yields longer-lasting results.
- **Shrubs:** Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape now.

Gardening Calendar – May

What to plant:

- **Annuals:** Plants that can take summer heat include salvias, torenia, wax begonias, and ornamental peppers.
- **Bulbs:** Some lilies do better when their roots are crowded. Try planting Amazon, Aztec, and Kaffir lilies in containers to increase blooming.
- **Herbs:** Plant heat loving herbs, including basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

What to Do:

- **Pests:** Harmful insects become more active as the weather warms. Watch for thrips, scale, and mites on ornamental plants.
- **Gardenias:** While some yellowing of older leaves is normal, yellowing of new growth usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency.
- **Oleanders:** Chewed or ragged leaves indicate oleander caterpillars at work.
- **Lawn insects:** Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustine.
- **Prevent lawn diseases:** Prevent or minimize disease by following proper cultural practices when caring for lawns.
- **Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants.

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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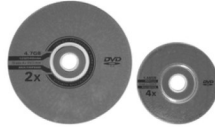
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