

The FAWN RIDGER

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF FAWN RIDGE



FROM HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Board Member

We would like to thank **Denise** for her time, service, and the knowledge she brought to the Board. We truly appreciate her contributions to the community.

Following her resignation, **Chris Renshaw** volunteered to step into the interim role of Board Secretary following the resignation of **Denise Avecedo**.

Many of you may remember **Chris** from his previous roles as President, Vice President, and Fining Committee Chair. He now brings that experience and expertise to this position, and we are grateful for his continued time and dedication to our neighborhood.

Upcoming Repairs

The Board of Directors is working on repairs to the damaged trash receptacle on Fawn Ridge Boulevard. They are working on getting this fixed as soon as possible.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee is actively planning landscape improvements, such as tree removal and replacement on Exposition Drive and Breland Drive, planting new flowers and plants in the beds, and enhancing the entrance area. The improvements are expected to occur before summer.

Community Garage Sale

The community garage sale has been declared a huge success by everyone who participated. Garages and closets across the neighborhood are now far less cluttered, and people acquired new treasures and had a wonderful time.

Volunteers Needed for HOA Committee

The HOA Fining Committee needs volunteers and is looking for people who are available to meet via Zoom once per month. To participate or learn more information, reach out to the committee chair at bod@fawnridge.org.

Support for Tampa Homeowners After Devastating Fire



We received a message we'd like to share from the homeowners who recently experienced losing their house to a fire:

"I wanted to take a minute to thank the community again. Everyone has been extremely considerate and helpful. The amount of kindness we have experienced in the last week is outstanding. You have shown us so much support, with no questions asked. The amount of people that jumped right in, set aside their personal tasks they had already going on that day, and helped- we have truly been more thankful than you will ever know. It is an indescribable feeling to explain how much my faith has been restored, all thanks to this community. We hope you all are staying safe and healthy, and know how much you are appreciated."

- Tayrn Luma

To help please consider to donating to their GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/3f99062ae>

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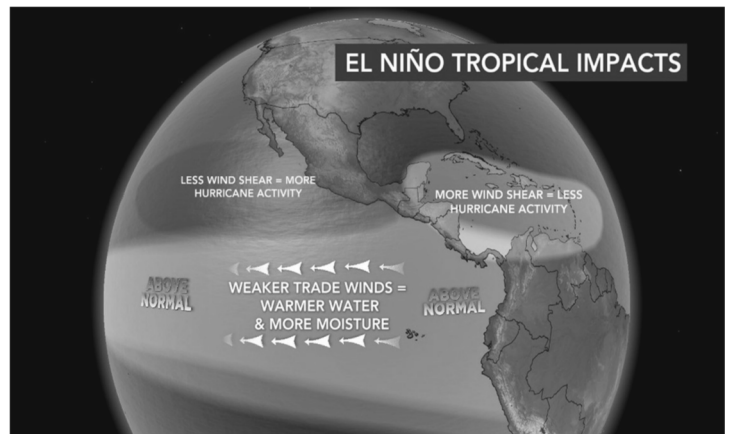
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Colorado State predicts a slightly below-normal hurricane season for 2026. Researchers at Colorado State University have released their latest Atlantic hurricane season outlook, pointing to a slightly below-normal year ahead. The forecast calls for 13 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes, reflecting conditions that are expected to be less favorable for storm development compared to an average season.


Nothing for kids to do? Summer camps to the rescue! Hillsborough County's popular and affordable summer camps offer hours of indoor and outdoor games and a variety of recreational and team-building activities. Open registration for traditional summer camps begins at noon Saturday, April 4. Camps are offered for kids ages 6-12, and from 12-15, and adaptive recreation for kids ages 5-18. The camps are open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from June 9 to Aug. 8.



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**Please Read Color Palette Guidelines Before
 Submitting Colors to ARC.
 It will save you a lot of time, money and
 frustration.**

1. All exterior paint and repainting must be submitted to Fawn Ridge Architectural Committee (ARC)
2. Approved Exterior Paint colors found on 1st page of FAWNRIERGE.ORG
3. Only approved paint colors which are listed are permitted.
4. Must use a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) colors are permitted per home.
5. One color must be declared as the house body color.
6. Any siding must be painted house body color only.
7. If home needs repainting than an approved color from palette must be selected.
8. Colors shall not be similar to adjacent homes or homes directly across the street.
9. Trim color must be within three (3) shade colors up or down, on the same color strip as the body.- or - one of the trim ONLY colors.
10. There are five (5) approved white house colors on the palette. The trim must be within the top three (3) colors on any trim/body color strip on the palette.
11. Garage door must match body or trim of units' exterior color or simulation wood finish.
12. Sheen of the paint finish may not exceed semi-gloss for the house body.

FAWN RIDGE WEB PORTAL

Fawn Ridge has a web portal informational site! If you are a homeowner and have not accessed or created an account on the web portal go to:
<https://www.fawnridge.org>

- Personal association payments, Payment history
- Violation information . Association documents, forms, and other information regarding the community

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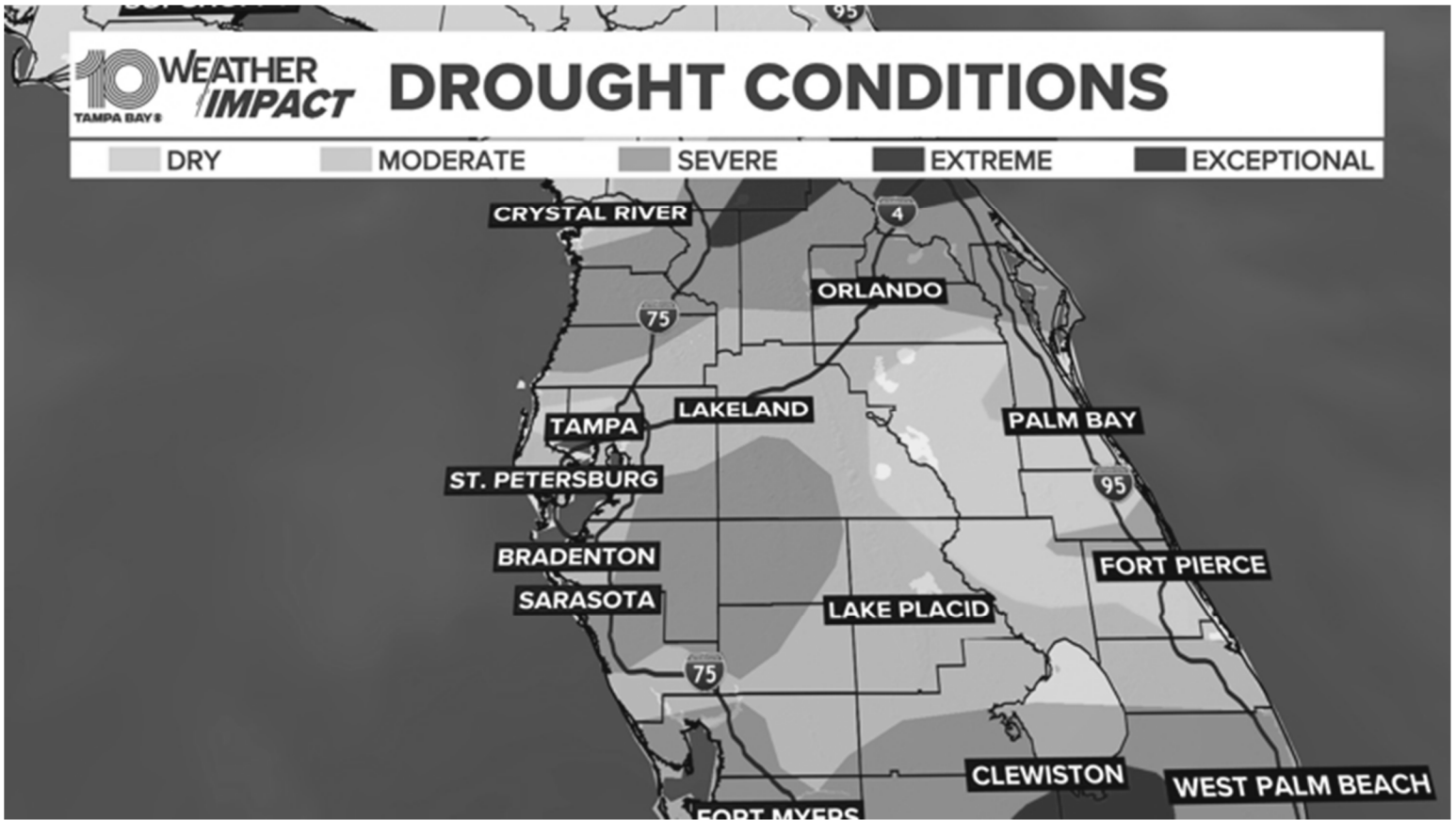
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Dealing with the Drought

Just a reminder that we are in a drought and under Phase III water shortage restrictions according to the Southwest Water Management District. Unless you have reclaimed water, you can only water your lawn once a week, between midnight and 4 a.m. or between 8 p.m. – midnight.

FLORIDA BRUSH FIRE EXPANDS

Did you know escaped yard debris burning is one of the **LEADING CAUSES OF WILDFIRES IN FLORIDA?**

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Growing Gardens:

Quite a few of our neighbors have plants to share as they tackle their springtime gardens and lawns. Visit the Friends of Fawn Ridge – Tampa FL group on Facebook to see what plants neighbors are offering. You might find the perfect plant for your garden.



Turtle Egg-Laying Season:

Freshwater turtle egg laying season generally runs from late March through July. These turtles are seeking higher ground to make their nests and will generally make several during a season. Freshwater turtles are a very important part of our ecosystem as they help filter impurities from the waters they live in.

Be careful driving as turtles will cross streets to get to a place to lay their eggs. If you happen to spot one crossing the road, just pick it up and carry it off the road in the direction it is going. Do not relocate the turtle or take it home. There is an outbreak of TFV1 virus, which cannot be contracted by humans or other animals but is fatal for turtles and is easily spread among them.

If a turtle chooses your yard as a great place to build a nest, just leave mom alone and let her do her thing. Once mom leaves, it's fine to put something like a wire guard over the nest to help protect it from predators while allowing air, sunlight and water in. It typically takes about 80 days for the eggs to hatch.

Port Tampa Bay to build fourth cruise terminal as demand grows

Port Tampa Bay, Florida's fourth busiest cruise port, is set to become bigger and busier. Local officials are moving forward with plans to build a fourth cruise terminal as demand continues to grow. According to Port Tampa Bay data, the cruise port welcomed a record 1.66 million passengers in 2025.

Alligators - Swampy and Single and Snapping to Mingle

Alligators start courting potential mates in early April, and the actual mating usually happens in May or June. You may hear a bull alligator 'bellow', making a low rumbly sound to let the girls know he's interested. The bellow also sends vibrations out across the water, hopefully piquing the interest of any scaly ladies not in earshot and encouraging them to investigate.

For the next three or four months, alligators will be more aggressive than usual, so this is a good time to review some general safety rules.

- 1. NEVER FEED THE ALLIGATORS.** Not only is it illegal, but it is also downright dangerous.
- 2. NO PART OF YOUR BODY SHOULD BE IN A POND.** Don't sit on the bank and cool your feet, and don't let kids play near the pond.
- 3. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.** Even if you don't see an alligator in the pond, assume that there is an alligator somewhere in that pond. Be especially careful at night as gators are more active when it's dark.
- 4. LEASH YOUR PETS.** Don't allow your pets to be near ponds unsupervised.
- 5. EDUCATE THE FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.** Make sure your kids know the rules, as well as any new neighbors.

School's Out for Summer

May 29th was the last day of school, and the kids are outside playing! We love seeing a kid playing outside without their eyes glued to their Nintendo Switch – riding a bike (sometimes an electric bike) or scooter, playing hockey, baseball, skateboarding, etc.

We all need to take extra care when driving in the neighborhood in the summer. Please drive slowly and keep your head on a swivel. Balls roll away and kids come darting out from blind spots to retrieve them. Nets and ramps may need to be moved to allow you to get by, so be sure to give yourself plenty of time to respond to these possible scenarios.

Remember to make a complete stop at the stop signs, too, and be extra vigilant when you see children.



Babysitter available in Fawn Ridge:

Alayna Robertson, age 15
Text or call 813-454-4384

Responsible, mature, straight-A student with experience working with young children through weekly dance-class volunteering.

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- Alligator Hotline** – 1-866-392-4286. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Report nuisance alligators.
- Animal Control** - 813 744-5660. Animals, barking dogs, animals off leash, pet adoptions, rabid animals, strays, animal tags, dead animals, neglect.
- Code Enforcement** - 813 744- 5568. Code enforcement, housing standards, junk/abandoned cars, unmaintained swimming pools.
- County Parks & Recreation** - 813 975-2160. All issues with the County park in Fawn Ridge, including security matters, maintenance, lighting, etc. Broken glass is not considered vandalism and falls under maintenance.
- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office** - 813 247-8200. Non-emergency issues. Vandalism (eggings, mailbox damage, etc.), or other illegal activity and other non-emergency issues. When life and property are in immediate danger dial 911.
- Mediation & Diversion Services** - 813 272-5642. Citizen and community disputes, dispute resolution.
- Solid Waste Management** - 813 272-5680. Illegal dumping, garbage collection, sanitation, recycling, litter.
- TECO/Tampa Electric Company** - 813 223-0800. Street light outage, transformers, electric-related problems.
- Traffic Operations** - 813 744-5670. Stop signs, road signs, traffic signals, traffic calming.
- Transportation Maintenance** - 813 272-5912. Street repairs, road damage, potholes, sidewalks.
- Waste Management** - 813 621-3053. Garbage pick-up. Missed pick-up.
- Water Department** - 813 272-6680. Water service, wastewater/sewers, utility bills, reclaimed water, water quality issues, boil water alerts.
- Watering Restrictions** – 813 275-7094.
- Law Enforcement Links - Provided by the Fawn Ridge Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office** – www.hcso.fl.us
- Criminal Histories, Sex Predators** – www.fdle.state.fl.us
- FBI** – www.fbi.gov
- Homeland Security** – www.dhs.gov
- Drivers License** – www.hsmv.state.fl.us
- Probation, In Custody of DC** – www.dc.state.fl.us
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- Sheriffs Association** – www.sheriffs.org
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- Youth Ranches** – www.youthranches.org

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Tampa's Florida Aquarium unveils 'AquaFence' to protect against hurricane surge

If Tampa were to suffer a direct hit from a hurricane, it would be impossible to evacuate all 20,000 animals from the downtown aquarium's waterfront location. The aquarium announced Tuesday morning that AquaFence, a flood barrier company that garnered local and national recognition after its barriers protected Tampa General Hospital from Helene's 7-foot storm surge, would be donating barriers ahead of the 2026 hurricane season.

Free compost bin program for Tampa residents: learn, register, and start composting



A program called the "Background Composting Program" will send participating City of Tampa residents a free backyard composting bin. According to City of Tampa, "Being a part of the solid waste process, individuals will get the chance to learn and start composting as they recycle select organic waste.

Hillsborough residents can check out the UF IFAS event calendar for composting, Florida-friendly landscaping, and many more resources.

Please remember that if you do manage to get one of these bins that it has to be stored within a fenced rear yard.