



# TWELVE OAKS ACORN

## OFFICIAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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2025 TOCA membership dues:**  
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### TWELVE OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION



Asociación Cívica de Twelve Oaks

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Tampa, FL 33685-1012

TOCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Aplicación de la Membresía de TOCA 2025

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[twelveoaksonline.com/toca.html](http://twelveoaksonline.com/toca.html)

## Your neighborhood **Dumpster Day**



### Community Cleanup "Dumpster Day"

Overbrook Canal Area

Saturday, April 26th

9:00am to 12:00pm (or when dumpsters are full)

[https://www.facebook.com/  
events/2353735001651201](https://www.facebook.com/events/2353735001651201)

#### WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE ROLL-OFF

Old refrigerators, ovens, electronics, water heaters, steel, and other metals, old furniture (such as couches, chairs, tables, and mattresses), construction debris from minor construction only (such as concrete, bricks, glass, and roofing materials), and tires.

#### WHAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE ROLL-OFF

No items normally picked up at the curb by Hillsborough County (household trash), solid waste from commercial activity, car parts, or hazardous waste such as paint, household chemicals, batteries, and propane tanks.

NO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OR SUB-CONTRACTORS DEBRIS; COMMUNITY CLEANUPS ARE DESIGNATED FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS PAYING THE RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY TAX BILL.

**PLEASE no dumping** outside the fence (on the easement) before 9:00 am Saturday or once the gates are closed and locked after the cleanup. Republic Waste will not pick it up and it is not fair to expect volunteers to dispose of your "garbage".

#### Hillsborough County Roll Cart Information

The county will provide samples of the available roll cart sizes at the event. County employees will be on-site to take orders for any replacements or repairs that homeowners may need. The roll cart sizes in our inventory include small (35 gallons), medium (65 gallons), and large (95 gallons).

Our vendor will service your roll cart within three business days. Please ensure that your roll cart is placed at the curbside by 6:00 AM on the next business day.

If you have lost your roll cart, need an extra one, or wish to swap your current cart, please call our Customer Service line at 813-272-5680 or visit our website at [hcfi.gov](http://hcfi.gov) and click on "Pay for Garbage and Recycling Roll Carts."



**TOCA will be having our  
2nd General Membership  
Meetings on Tuesday, May  
27th at 7pm at the Town  
'N Country Regional  
Public Library - 1st floor,  
meeting room A**

We have invited Adam Snyder of Southern Environmental (<https://www.facebook.com/southernenviroplancity>) to speak about how to know if your trees need attention before Hurricane season. Adam is an ISA Certified Arborist and an expert in disaster relief recovery.

After Mr.Snyder's presentation, we will be going over our plan for events for the year, discussing neighborhood concerns, and taking questions.

If you have any questions, please email [TwelveOaksGeneral@gmail.com](mailto:TwelveOaksGeneral@gmail.com).



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## Neighborhood Watch Twelve Oaks Watch Patrol

General Coordinator  
 Twelve Oaks Watch Patrol Doreen Clauer  
[nwatch12oaks@gmail.com](mailto:nwatch12oaks@gmail.com)

### Community Resource Deputy:

Master Deputy David Bender  
 Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office  
 District III, Community Resource Deputy  
 (813) 247-0330  
[dpbender@hcsol.tampa.fl.us](mailto:dpbender@hcsol.tampa.fl.us)

Sheriff Emergency Number: **911**  
 Sheriff (Non-Emergency  
 Dispatcher) **247-8200**



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### Twelve Oaks On Line

<https://www.twelveoaksonline.com/>  
<https://facebook.com/twelveoakstampa>  
<https://facebook.com/groups/TwelveOaksTampa>

### Twelve Oaks Special District Meetings and Business

#### Hours

6:30pm – 8:30 pm  
 Town 'N Country Library  
 7606 Paula Drive 33615  
 2nd floor Conference Room

Twelve Oaks  
 Special District  
 P.O. Box 260352  
 Tampa, FL 33685-0352  
[TOSDtampa@gmail.com](mailto:TOSDtampa@gmail.com)



### The Twelve Oaks Ladies Social Group

The Twelve Oaks Ladies Social Group will meet for lunch at LONGHORN Steakhouse at 8212 Citrus Park Drive on Monday, April 28th, 11:30 am. We would love for you to join us.

**YOU MUST CALL or EMAIL** Marsha so that your name can be added to the number of reservations for the restaurant. Contact: Marsha at ph. 813-625-9186 or email [marshacraig2017@gmail.com](mailto:marshacraig2017@gmail.com) Thank you!

### TOCA BOARD MEETING

**Tues., April 22nd**

**7:00 pm**

**2nd floor Conference  
Room**

**Town 'N Country Library  
 7606 Paula Drive 33615**

### TOSD MEETING

**Wed., April 9th**

**6:30 pm**

**2nd floor Conference  
Room**

**Town 'N Country Library  
 7606 Paula Drive 33615**

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

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

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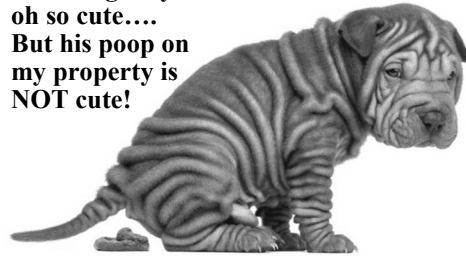
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Your dog maybe  
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### Did Your Dog Drop Something?

Doggie Bag  
Dispensers and trash  
receptacles, provided  
by TOCA, are located  
at the canal areas on  
Kirkwood, Barry,  
Overbrook, Rustic  
(1 near Oakmoor and

1 near Vassar), by the duck feeder, by the benches on the large  
lake, and on Twelve Oaks Blvd (near Oakview), and on Barry Rd  
and Mitchell. Dog walkers are encouraged to take and use one of  
the disposable bags that are provided to clean up after their pet(s).

If you walk your dog in an area that does not have a dispenser, plan  
ahead and take a disposal bag with you. Please dispose of the bags  
properly. Remember, not cleaning up after your pet can result in a  
fine starting at \$84. Many neighbors now have cameras and can  
report you to animal control.

This should be common sense, but only take the bags that you need  
for your daily walks. Neighbors have reported seeing people  
removing entire stacks of bags from the dispensers and damaging  
the dispensers in the process. TOCA spends the money to refill  
these dispensers and to have them fixed when needed. They may  
have to be removed if the expenses get too out of hand.

### How do I report a stray or off leash dog in Hillsborough County?

Call Animal Control at (813) 744-5660 or report online at [https://  
hcfl.gov/residents/animals-and-pets/lost-and-found-pets/report-a-  
stray-animal](https://hcfl.gov/residents/animals-and-pets/lost-and-found-pets/report-a-stray-animal)

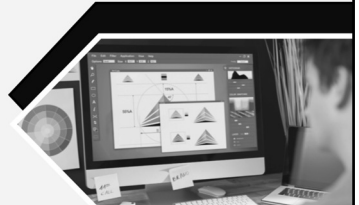
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## TOCA MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already done so, please take the time now to join or renew your Twelve Oaks Civic Association membership. A \$10 annual donation (or more if you choose) supports year-round community events and services that maintain the quality of living in our beautiful neighborhood. There are 994 homes in Twelve Oaks. We were only able to collect dues from 291 homes for 2024. So far, we have collected dues from 202 homes for 2025. We need more participation if we are to continue to have a Civic Association. We now offer PayPal as an easy way to pay your membership. Simply go to <http://www.twelveoaksonline.com/toca.html> and follow the prompts (a PayPal account is not required to pay in this manner). If you prefer, complete the application in this issue of the Acorn and mail your application with a check made out to TOCA, PO Box 261012, Tampa FL 33685. Thank you for your support!

**At this point, TOCA is not planning on doing any reminder mailings to collect 2025 dues because of the costs and time involved in doing so. Unfortunately, because of several years of low participation, we will have to look at cost-cutting measures until and unless membership levels increase.**

### 2025 Memberships & Donations Received 8Feb-1Mar:

Armand Circle	Khadijah Nashagh & Sandy Turner
Barry Road	Harold Achicanoy & Deisy Franco
Brookhaven Ct.	David & Patricia Tinkey
Brookview Circle	Denise Gonzalez -Williams
Brookview Circle	Yumary Carmenate
Brookview Circle	Percy & Kara White
Brookview Circle	Hilton Vargas & Milagros Roman-Reyes
Edenbrook Court	Chet & Joan Sze glowski
Greenshire Drive	Luis & Daisy Frieri
Greenshire Drive	Vera Yury & Hidalgo Claudia
Greenshire Drive	Lee Salemi
Kirkwood Drive	Andre h Alito & Trish Taken
Malvern Circle	Chantal Saumont, Hugo & Thomas Brillard
Meadow Drive	Kenneth Williams & Patty Hicks Podsobinski
Oakview Circle	Horacio & Kiomara Yturriaga
Oakvista Circle	Santiago Peralta Gonzales
Palmbrook Drive	Ramirez Keidi Yuritz y Garcia & Cortes Serigo
Sunshine Circle	Thomas & Jody Anderson
Twelve Oaks Blvd	Tanya Hines
Twelve Oaks Blvd	John & Cindy Rowe
Twelve Oaks Blvd	Antonio & Maytee Jorge
Twelve Oaks Blvd	Luis Barba & Ana Jasso
Twelve Oaks Blvd	Joyce Gambacurta
Vassar Circle	John Masak
Willow Court	Daniel Fuentes

IT'S TIME TO  
PAY  
YOUR DUES



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

private group and follow our public page on Facebook by searching TwelveOaksTampa. Members can use this group to exchange information, learn more about the community, and interact with neighbors and local businesses. These are the best ways to stay informed about what is happening in and around our neighborhood. Questions? Concerns? Please call any TOCA Board member.

#### Recent Homes Sales in Twelve Oaks:

Address	Beds	Baths	Square Footage	Price per/Sqft
7507 Meadow Dr	4	2	1817	\$212
7515 Oakvista Cir	3	2	1700	\$241

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

# Twelve Oaks Real Estate News



## 7601 Oakmoor Dr

- 4 Beds, 2.5 Baths, Private Pool, Large Backyard, 2 Car Garage
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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Hillsborough County Yard Waste Collection guidelines:

► You may set out up to 12 (twelve) 30-gallon containers of yard waste (which amounts

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



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

The Department of Elder Affairs offers a very good online Quick Resource Guide that may be helpful in assisting our older neighbors in obtaining the help that they need:

<https://elderaffairs.org/resource-directory/quick-resource-guide/>

If you suspect this may be a case of elder abuse, you can also report to AHCA:

<https://ahca.myflorida.com/contact-ahca/filing-a-complaint>

General Social Services information may be found here:

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



### Town'NCountry Garden Circle

The Town n' Country Garden Circle will meet on April 9th, 11:30 am at the Jackson Springs Recreation Center Annex at 8620 Jackson Springs Road. Members will provide light refreshments. The meeting will feature an auction of plants and garden related items, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Linda Mann at 813-886-8193.

<https://www.facebook.com/tncgardencir>



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

### A Message from Tampa Electric

A Message from Tampa Electric: Utility lines can easily be damaged by planting trees, installing fences, etc. Avoid potential service interruptions for you and your neighbors. Call 811 two full business days before you begin your project to have utility lines marked for free. Digging

### Hillsborough County Customer Service Center - At Your Service

<https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/>

At Your Service allows you to make Hillsborough County online service requests 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Your request will be routed directly to the team responsible for providing that service. This is where any issues with Roads, Sidewalks, or Canals should be reported! **REMINDER: HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY is SOLEY RESPONSIBLE for maintaining Roads, Sidewalks, and Canals in Twelve Oaks.**

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

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## ALERT TO OWNERS RENTING OUT HOMES IN TWELVE OAKS!

**Twelve Oaks is NOT zoned for transient rentals.** That means that you **MAY NOT** rent a home or any portion of a home for less than a 6 night stay. This **LAW** is intended to limit disruptive rentals such as those that are rented for a weekend party, etc. Twelve Oaks is a quiet, residential neighborhood and the vast majority of residents do not want to deal with loud and rude temporary renters that don't care who they are disturbing. Illegal rentals will be reported to code enforcement. You are also taking a chance that a fed up neighbor will take you to court over the repeated disturbances.

Also, if you claim a Homestead Deduction on your home, you may be reported to the taxing authority for **TAX FRAUD** as it is illegal to use a homesteaded house or portion of a house as a rental.



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## Tips for staying safe and reporting at-large dogs

'Tis the season for lots of kids and caregivers walking to and from school. In some instances, pedestrians may encounter off-leash dogs. If you find yourself in a situation where you spot a dog without an owner, take these steps to stay safe:

- Walk in a different direction. Once you spot an at-large dog, and before it sees you, it's best to take off in the opposite direction to avoid them.
- If a dog starts to chase you, stop moving. A dog's instinct is to chase you if you run.
- Keep your arms loose at your sides - don't flail around
- Speak in calm tones, telling it to go home or that it's a good dog
- Don't touch or pet the dog or look it in the eye

Once you are safe and away from the dog, report it to Hillsborough County Animal Control at (813) 744-5660. Give as much detail as possible, including exact location and description of the animal.

Dog owners with off-leash animals are subject to citations and fines as outlined in the **Animal-at-Large Ordinance**. The ordinance dictates that any pet when off its owner's property or in a public place must be under direct control. **If cited, the fines are at least \$100 and up to \$500 for multiple violations.**

Sec. 6-28. - Confinement to property; dogs and cats at large; exceptions.

(a) Excluding public right-of-way on an owner's private property, no dog or cat shall be allowed to stray, run or go, at large upon any public property or street, sidewalk, park, or on the private property of another without the consent of the property owner.

(b) Any cat that is outdoors while not under direct control must be sterilized.

© Any dog or cat that is on private property without the consent of the property owner or resident may be captured in a humane trap or otherwise humanely confined. Persons capturing at large dogs or cats will be responsible for the humane care of the animal until the captured animal is turned over to the Department, other humane organization, or licensed wildlife trapper. A person shall not entice a dog or cat to become at large for the purpose of trapping or apprehending when that dog or cat would otherwise not be at large.

(d) In order for a dog or cat to be allowed on a public street, road, park or other public property, excluding public right-of-way on an owner's private property or unless otherwise specifically permitted, the dog or cat shall be under the direct control of the owner or keeper, except while hunting pursuant to permit or during a legitimate obedience demonstration, show, trial, training exercise, competition, show and/or match or educational program, so long as proper precautions are taken by the owner of the dog and/or sponsor of the event to ensure the safety and protection of both the public and other animals.

(e) Ear-tipped cats and ear-tipped cat caretakers shall be exempt from paragraphs (a) and (d).

(f) The Department and/or Animal Control Officers and/or any Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) designated by the Department, shall work with and educate (about proper management of ear-tipped cats) community partners and/or ear-tipped cat caretakers and/or residents to resolve, as effectively and efficiently as possible, any such complaints received from residents. Ear-tipped cat caretakers may be found in violation of this section only for intentional misconduct that endangers the safety, life, or health of other companion animals or persons acting lawfully. Persons who cannot demonstrate compliance with the policies and procedures promulgated by the Department, as may be amended from time to time, shall not meet the definition of ear-tipped cat caretaker and will not qualify for the exemptions in this section and where otherwise may be provided for in this section.

(Ord. No. 00-26, § 10, 1-1-2001; Ord. No. 12-2, § 2, 1-12-2012; Ord. No. 13-33, § 4, 12-19-2013)

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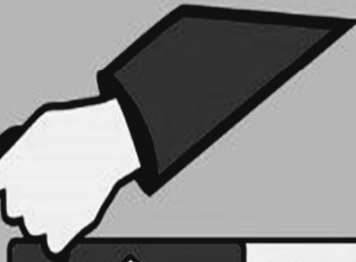
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# Dog Owner Responsibility



Keep your dog's vaccinations up to date. Over-vaccination can be a concern for pet owners, but rabies, distemper, and parvo vaccines are required as is Bordetella if you plan on boarding your dog.



Keep your dog inside whenever possible, especially during extreme weather conditions. Do not tether your dog unsupervised as this can result in injury or death. If you must keep your dog outside, provide adequate shelter, food, and water. Make sure your fence is secure. If your dog is an escape artist, line the fenceline with materials the animal cannot dig through or under. Keep the gate closed and latched at all times.



Prevent your dog from injuring any person, property or other animal. Train your dog properly and give him plenty of daily exercise to release any pent-up anxiety or tension.



Do not confine your dog in a vehicle in extreme (hot or cold) weather.



Keep your dog leashed when off your property unless you are within the off-leash exercise areas in parks where dogs are allowed. Not keeping your dog leashed can result in fines. If a fight occurs, while off leash your dog is most likely to be blamed and could potentially be taken away from you.



Clean up after your dog and adequately dispose of their droppings.



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# Twelve Oaks Celebrations



**Happy belated birthday to Chris who turned 35 in March!**

**Submissions for future Celebrations are due by the 1st day of the month prior to when you would like it to be published.**

**Email submissions to  
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# Earth Day

## History of Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with these tips for helping our environment.

By Rose Davidson

Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries around the globe.

You can celebrate and protect the planet at the same time. Check out these Earth Day ideas to help save the planet any time of year.

- The number of garbage trucks Americans fill each year would stretch halfway to the moon. Toilet paper tubes, made from cardboard, take two months to decompose in a landfill. A plastic bottle sticks around for way longer—it can take over 450 years to break down! But instead of turning to the trash bin, you could turn these items into an awesome telescope or a flower planter. Before you throw something away, think about whether it can be recycled or repurposed. You can also limit waste by reducing the amount of things you buy. For example, check the library for that book you have to read before visiting the store
- Researchers estimate roughly 15 billion trees in the world are cut down each year, so help offset that loss by planting a tree of your own. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen for people to breathe. They also provide shelter and food for animals such as squirrels and owls. Depending on where trees are planted, their shade can even reduce the need for air-conditioning in hotter months. How many more reasons do you need to go green?
- Does that lamp really need to be on while the sun is out? Electricity doesn't just happen—it has to be produced from things around us. A lot of times it comes from fossil fuels (such as coal, oil, or natural gas) that contribute to climate change. But electricity can also be made from renewable sources like wind, water, the sun, and even elephant dung! No matter where it's coming from, try conserving electrical energy by using only what you need.
- It might seem like it's everywhere, but clean, drinkable water is a limited resource. In fact less than one percent of the water on Earth can be used by humans. (The rest is either too salty or too difficult to access.) Turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth can conserve up to eight gallons of water a day. To help save even more water, challenge yourself to take a shorter shower (but still get clean!).



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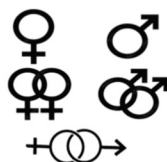


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## Unregistered Golf Carts



A golf cart that is not converted into a LSV is not permitted to be driven on the roads or sidewalks that are not in a designated golf cart area of Hillsborough County.

Twelve Oaks is **NOT** a designated golf cart community therefore a golf cart may not be driven on the roads or sidewalks.