



OAKSTEAD TIMES

THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF OAKSTEAD • MARCH 2025 ISSUE

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME**
begins
March 9th



Clubhouse Hours
March 9TH
Hours will return to
9am - 9pm



YARD SALE
April 5TH
Gates will open at 8am
and close at 4pm



EASTER EGG HUNT
April 19TH
Whistle Blows at 10a.m.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY CALL 911

Police Non-Emergency	727-847-8102
Fire/Rescue Non-Emergency	727-847-8102
Florida Highway Patrol	866-369-4613
Pasco Utilities	813-235-6012
Streetlight Out	800-228-8485
Alligator Hotline	866-392-4286
Progress Energy	727-443-2641
TECO Gas	813-275-3700
Pasco Water	800-226-8144
Waste Connections	727-849-3333
Mosquito Control	727-376-4568
Oakstead Elementary School	727-246-1500
Charles S. Rushe Middle School	813-346-1200
Sunlake High School	813-346-1000
Oakstead Clubhouse	813-949-6591
Oakstead Clubhouse Fax	813-949-6462
Inframark CDD Management Co	813-991-1116
Greenacre Properties	813-936-4111
Rizzetta & Company (Tanglewylde)	813-533-2950
Greenacre Properties, Inc. (Weymouth)	813-936-4111
Pasco Pot Hole Repair	727-834-3611

ROOM RENTALS AND POOL RENTALS

Room Rental

Hours: 12 PM to 6 PM (6 hours) **POOL NOT INCLUDED**

Fee: Rental \$150.00 Deposit \$150.00

Pool Rental

Hours: 11 AM to 3 PM (Winter Hours) 4 hours

12 PM to 4 PM (Daylight Saving) 4 hours

Fee: Rental: \$50.00 Deposit: \$100.00

One pool party per day - 20 people which includes host family

GATE CODES

If you are expecting a delivery, a family member, a friend, or a vendor, please give them your 4-digit personal code for access.

If you receive a call from the gate, just hit the number "9" to open the gate.

GATE REMOTE OPENERS



Available at clubhouse
\$15.00

WALKING GATE KEYS



Walking gate keys are available at clubhouse for \$5.00 each

CDD MEETING SCHEDULE

Third Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Check calendar for any time change.

Tennis Court: (5 Guest Limit per Household)

- You must be a resident. You are allowed to bring guest(s).
- Courts are locked. The key can be signed out in the clubhouse.
- We ask that you relock the gate when leaving.
- No food or drinks are allowed except for water in non-breakable containers.
- No loud music. Please refrain from using explicit language. Be respectful.
- Proper attire is required. Shirts and tennis shoes with non-marking soles.
- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- No bicycles, roller blades, motorized moped or skateboards.
- No Pets allowed.

Pool: Hours 10 am to Dusk (5 Guests Limit per Household)

- No food or beverages in or around the pool.
- No glass or smoking on the pool deck. (including vaping). No animals. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- Shower before entering the pool.
- No running, diving, or horseplay.
- Clean up your area including sweeping deck. Throw away all your garbage.
- Do not use tables as a diaper changing table. Changing tables can be located in restrooms.
- You must be 14 years old. Under 14 years old, you must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old. You must be 18 years old to bring guest(s).
- BBQ grills are on a first come basis. Please limit your time so all have an opportunity to use grills. Please clean grills after use.
- Splash Pad is for 7 years old and under. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult in the splash pad area. No Chairs allowed in the splash pad water.
- **When lighting is detected, you MUST leave the pool and pool deck.**
- Footwear is highly recommended due to the hot deck.
- Chairs must be 6 ft or more from pool edge.
- No loud music. Please refrain from using explicit language. Be respectful.
- Oversized floats are not allowed. No hard balls allowed. Please use pool-approved water equipment.
- When entering the clubhouse from pool deck, please use a towel

Playground: (5 Guest Limit per Household)

- Children 12 and under Only
- Children under 5 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.
- No pets
- No Glass, No Smoking (including vaping)
- Throw away all your garbage.
- Do Not go on top of slide. It is not safe.
- Do Not throw mulch or bring it to the pool.

Gym (5 Guest Limit per Household)

- You must be 16 years old
- You must be 18 years old to bring guest(s)
- Proper attire is required. No dress shoes, sandals, boots, slippers, open-toed shoes, or bare feet.
- Respect personal space
- Clean up after yourself
- Don't drop weights. Put your weights back
- Wipe down equipment after use
- Use headphones. Avoid using cell phones
- No food or drinks allowed except for water in non-breakable containers
- Please refrain from using explicit language

Lynn's LETTER

Lynn Tempera, Operation Manager

As the winter chill comes to an end, the warmth and vibrancy of spring arrives, bringing with them a sense of renewal and rebirth. The season of blooming flowers, greenery, and endless sunshine is the perfect time to shake off the stagnation of winter and embrace the freshness of the new season.

Spring Cleaning and Organization

Spring is the ideal time to give your home and life a thorough refresh. Start by decluttering and organizing your living spaces, tackling those areas that have accumulated dust and disarray over the winter months. Donate or recycle items no longer needed and consider adopting

sustainable storage solutions to keep your belongings tidy

Gardening and Outdoor Activities

As the weather warms up, it's time to get outside and connect with nature. Plant vibrant flowers, vegetables, and herbs in your garden, and take advantage of the longer days to enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, biking, or simply taking a leisurely stroll around your neighborhood.

Seasonal Recipes and Wellness

Spring's fresh produce offers endless opportunities to charge up culinary routine. Incorporate seasonal ingredients like asparagus, strawberries, and lemons into

your recipes, and consider adopting healthier habits like increasing your water intake, practicing yoga, or meditation.

Events and Celebrations

Spring is a time for celebration and connection. Attend local festivals, farmers' markets, and outdoor concerts.

As we welcome the arrival of spring, remember to appreciate the beauty and wonder of what's around us. Whether you're a fan of blooming flowers, warmer weather, or simply the sense of possibility that comes with a new season, there's something for everyone to enjoy during this time.



Notary Service
(Oakstead Resident)
Danelle Castillo
813 380 0191

Spring and Summer Dangerous For Dogs



Spring and summer can be dangerous times of year for our pets. In the spring landscapers put chemicals on the lawns to control bugs and weeds. These chemicals can get on to the animals' feet and then the pet cleans their feet and ingests the chemicals, after walking your dog, wet a towel and wipe the dog's feet off so the dog does not ingest the chemicals.

As the warmer weather comes in, don't walk your dog during the midday hours. The roads and sidewalks can burn their paws. Walk in the morning or evening when the pavement is cooler. Also, bring a bottle of water for your dog to drink while on the walk. It does help cool the animal down.

Another thing is to watch out for snakes during the day. Snakes like to hide under bushes to keep cool but toward the evening they like to come out onto the sidewalks and roadway to collect the heat. Snakes are cold blooded and need the morning sun and the heat of the evening sidewalks and roads to keep warm.

We ask that while walking your furry babies, please pick up after them. No one wants to step in a pile of ___! Remember to bring poop bags. All dogs MUST be leashed. It's the law.

Gate CODES

Please give your private entry code to family members, a friend or a vendor. Often, people are at the gate waiting to tailgate into the village. Some wait for residents to exit only to gain access to the village by entering the exit gate. The clubhouse has been receiving several calls from vendors for access. We have no knowledge that you are expecting a package delivery from Amazon, UPS, DHL, or FedEx. We have also received calls from visiting healthcare providers, your friends and family members. The gates are there for a reason, security. All residents have a 4-digit private entry number. All residents should be registered, which gives you the capability to let your guests or vendors access when they contact you from the gate by hitting the number 9. If you have any problems, please come to the clubhouse for assistance.

Again, we are reminding residents to give your private entry code to family, friends, and vendors. We are still getting calls at the clubhouse for access. When ordering from suppliers, please check for specific delivery instructions where you can give your private code. If that is not an option, please verbally give information. This is for your security. I realize we have no control over tailgating into the village, but we all must do our best to protect each other.

Note from Board Supervisor by Norm Keith



I wrote this article 20 years ago. As I read it again it occurred to me that it might be interesting for our residents to reflect on how things have taken shape in Oakstead over the last 20 years.

Things are changing in Oakstead!

2003

As I walked my little dog around the neighborhood, on a cool crisp evening in 2003, I saw houses being built along Judson and around Briley Loop. Strathmore was just about finished and Marchmount was being developed. Brenford had model homes and Ballastone was just being started. The stars were bright, and everything seemed quiet and peaceful.

2015

As I walked my little dog around the block on a cool crisp evening in February 2015 the stars were bright, I could see the Little and Big Dippers and several airliners with headlights on as they approached Tampa International Airport. I could hear a pack of coyotes yelping, owls hooting, and cats were scurrying all over the place. Things were

not quite as peaceful as in 2003.

2025

All 9 Oakstead villages have been completed and many of the 1183 homes have been repainted and remodeled. It appears that our beautiful community has settled in and established its identity. Home values are rising, foreclosure numbers, so numerous for several years, are way down and re-sales are brisk. Maintaining our homes is extremely important because with all of the construction beginning between Oakstead and the Sun Coast Parkway thousands of new homes will soon be on the market.

Huge changes are quickly approaching. The Pasco County Planning Commission has approved new developments along SR. 54 northward to County Line Road and on to SR50. The completion of Lake Patience Road and Sunlake Boulevard has had a major impact on the traffic flow. An extremely dangerous traffic situation exists at the Weymouth entry and exit gates. Oakstead Boulevard has become a major connector between Lake Patience Road and SR54. The development of the SR41 and SR54 intersection might alleviate the problems but it may be several years before that project is completed. All of this, coupled with school zones etc. might make traffic lights at some Oakstead intersections necessary. The four-way stop signs recently installed at the intersection of Lake Patience Road and Oakstead Boulevard have really

helped eliminate traffic delays. The School Traffic Control Guards also provide a needed safety factor.

As many of us know, Oakstead was developed as a natural setting with wildlife corridors winding by large ponds. As development closes in all around us I have real concerns that this setting will be lost and wildlife populations will be decimated until even the Sandhill Cranes will be gone. What a shame this would be.

Residents have spoken out and fought several development battles in the past. An elevated highway at the intersection of SR 41 and SR 54 is in the Pasco County planning stages. If approved several businesses will be removed at that site. Who knows how long it will be before Pasco County loses its rural identity? One of the major concepts that Pasco County Planners are initiating is the idea of self-contained communities which allow residents to work, shop, receive medical care and educate their children without leaving the community. This will have a major impact on traffic flow within Pasco County.

I sincerely hope this concept works so that Oakstead remains a truly nice place to live where we can continue to say,

"Welcome home,"
at the end of each day.

Tanglewylde NEWS by Fred Krauer



ARC Application

ARC applications are only good for 6-month period. The applicant will have to then reapply. If any changes to the alteration are made, then a new application will be required. Applications that are approved may need a county permit and approval.

Fenced In Backyards

Once a backyard is fenced in the homeowner takes full responsibility for the maintenance of the yard. The landscaper will cut the grass but that is it. The Homeowner must take care of the weeds, mulch, the irrigation and cleaning of the fence.

Property Owners

Only owners of rental can call the management company with a complaint or put in for any work order. The renter must request the property owner to call the management company to request or complain about a problem.



The Valentines Cocktail Party was a success. Good food, good drinks, good friends and great entertainment. Fun was had by all.



Outdoor Spring Cleaning Checklist

Home:

- ◇ Wash windows
- ◇ Clean gutters
- ◇ Wash siding
- ◇ Declutter garage
- ◇ Clean doors

- ◇ Prune
- ◇ Treat pests
- ◇ Mulch

Miscellaneous Tasks:

- ◇ Clean dog pen
- ◇ Clean birdfeeders
- ◇ Repair gates
- ◇ Check mailbox

Lawn:

- ◇ Pick up debris
- ◇ Rake
- ◇ Aerate
- ◇ Fertilize lawn
- ◇ Check sprinklers

Other Exterior Cleaning Chores

In addition to the chores for different areas around your home, you may have other exterior cleaning chores to attend to.

Deck:

- ◇ Inspect and clean deck
- ◇ Wash furniture
- ◇ Clean out grill
- ◇ Check exterior lighting

- Clean the doghouse or pen
- Clean out birdhouses and bird feeders
- Clean and repair the fence and gate
- Check that the mailbox is secure
- Report any roadway problems, such as potholes

Garden:

- ◇ Weed
- ◇ Uncover plants



Get your shamrocks ready – Paddy Fest is coming back into downtown St. Pete. After two years of smashing success, the 3rd annual Paddy Fest is returning to Williams Park with all the sights, sounds, and flavors of Ireland. Festivities take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 11 am – 9 pm.

Tickets this year are \$10 (though you can get them now at early-bird pricing for only \$5), with a portion of the proceeds going directly to charity partner Ocean Aid 360. Children 13 and under enter for free, and dogs are welcome if leashed.

As St. Pete's biggest St. Patrick's Day festival, it is a spectacle that draws eyes from all over Tampa Bay, and organizers announced that a limited number of sponsorship opportunities are still available alongside returning partners Modern Shore Insurance, BreakThru Beverage, and JJ Taylor Distributors.

Paddy Fest is a celebration of all things Celtic, complete with tons of Irish food (corned beef, anyone?), Irish whiskey and beer (helloooo,

Guinness), and live Irish music, including multiple sets from the world champion Dunedin Pipe Band. The headline performance this year is live Leprechaun Wrestling with the Micro Wrestling All-Stars, taking place in front of the main stage from 6:30-8:30 pm.

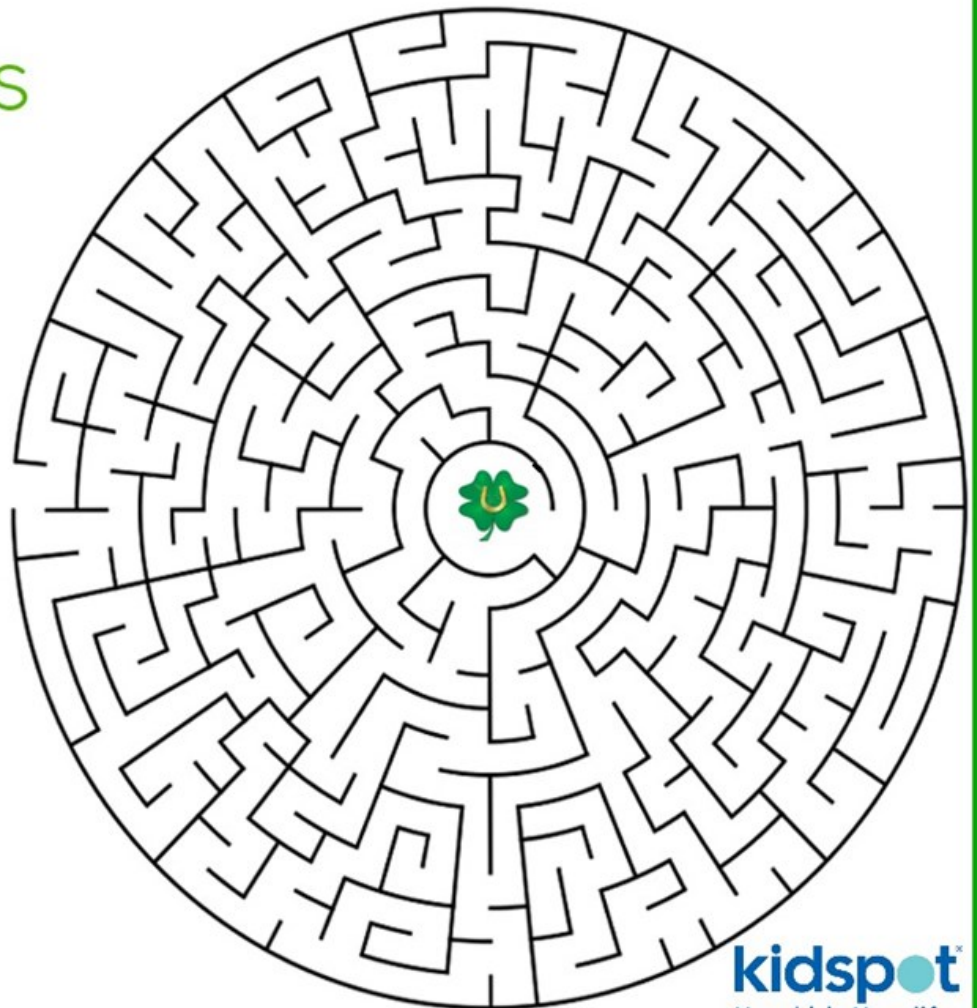


Another attraction this year is the expanded Kids' Zone, sponsored by Walker Wealth Management, which will fill the entire east side of the park with bounce houses, giant slides, and a 90 ft obstacle course, plus face painting and a few new additions for the wee ones. Entry to the 7500 square-foot Kids' Zone is limited to kids 13 and under, with wristbands for all-day access available for \$5.

Also new this year is the new Mary Margaret's 21 & up Tent, where adults can enjoy a festive atmosphere in the park featuring a stage with live Irish music by Chad McDonald, trickery from magician Cory Van Valin, proper pints of Guinness, complimentary Irish whiskey tastings from several brand partners and a private restroom trailer. Entry to this exclusive adult playground is \$10 and requires proof of age.

St Patrick's Day maze

Help Lucky the leprechaun get to his charm



kidspot
Your kids. Your life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Florida Strawberry Festival

February 27- March 9 • 303 Berry Fest Pt. Plant City, FL 33563 • 25 mi • (813) 752-9194 • Closes 10 PM

The Strawberry Festival is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year, celebrating the succulent, sweet, and downright delightful fruit that is the strawberry. This annual extravaganza brings together people from all walks of life to enjoy a day filled with fruity treats, live music, fun-filled activities, and a whole lot of strawberry-inspired fun. From delectable strawberry shortcakes to strawberry sundae competitions, this festival is a berry lover's dream come true. But aside from the obvious deliciousness, there are many fascinating facts about the Strawberry Festival that you may not be aware of. In this article, we will explore 18 intriguing facts about this beloved event that will leave you wanting to grab a basket and head straight for the nearest strawberry patch.

Gasparilla Festival Of The Arts

March 1-2, 2025

Every year, downtown Tampa transforms into one giant outdoor museum when hundreds of artists gather for the Raymond James Gasparilla Festival Of the Arts. Imagine some of the world's preeminent artists, hand-selected from over 1,000 submissions, all in one place. The Gasparilla Festival of the Arts is recognized as one of the top-rated outdoor fine art festivals in the country. The festival will be held at the beautiful Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park in downtown Tampa. Each year, more than 250 artists are selected through a juried process to exhibit their work for art enthusiasts and vie for more than \$90,000 in award money, including the \$15,000 Raymond James Best of Show Award and an additional 38 awards. The festival is free to the public and attracts an estimated 100,000 visitors.

Pasco Food Truck Jamboree

Sunday, March 9th 4pm-8pm • The Shops at Wiregrass 28211 Paseo Drive Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543

This vibrant event features a **variety of popular food trucks** serving up diverse flavors to satisfy every craving! Explore a **marketplace of local makers, bakers, artisans, and small businesses** brought to you by Community Markets & Events. It's the perfect chance to discover unique products and support local talent while enjoying a festive atmosphere! Live entertainment will add to the fun, making it an outing the whole family will love. Bring your friends, family, and even your pets for a memorable evening at **The Shops at Wiregrass! Free entry and parking** make this event accessible and enjoyable for all. Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of food, shopping, and community spirit at one of Pasco County's favorite events!

Pasco Flea Fest

Mark your calendars for a day filled with excitement, treasure hunting, and community spirit! This event is your one-stop shop for amazing finds and unique deals:

- **Treasure Hunting:** Discover hidden gems, vintage items, and one-of-a-kind pieces you won't find anywhere else.
Swapping & Bargaining: Love the thrill of negotiating? This is the place to find unbeatable deals and maybe even trade a treasure or two!
Local Vendors: Support our local community by exploring booths filled with handcrafted goods, home décor, collectibles, and more! But that's not all! PASCO Flea Fest offers:
- **Live Entertainment:** Enjoy tunes and performances that will keep the energy high and the vibes fun!
Delicious Eats: Food trucks and local vendors serving up mouthwatering treats to fuel your treasure hunt.
Family-Friendly Fun: Bring the whole family along for a day of adventure and excitement!
Pet-Friendly Atmosphere: Don't forget your furry friends—they're welcome too!

Whether you're a seasoned flea market enthusiast or just looking for a fun outing, PASCO Flea Fest has something for everyone. Connect with neighbors, meet new friends, and celebrate the joy of shopping local in a lively, welcoming environment. Admission is free, and parking is easy and convenient! Don't miss out on the ultimate treasure-hunting extravaganza at PASCO Flea Fest we can't wait to see you there!

2025 Bay Area Renaissance Festival

Be part of this long-standing tradition by visiting the festival ground in Dade City.

Weekends until March 30th 10am – 6pm

Rain or Shine!

2025 Ybor City Tampa

14th Annual International Ford Cuban Sandwich Festival

Sunday March 30th, 2025, Noon – 6pm @ Historic Ybor City

Enjoy live music and cultural entertainment and the BEST Cuban Sandwiches

Featuring contestants and chefs from all over the world competing for the grand prize. They will be attempting to make a 360 ft Cuban Sandwich

Post Office: Please expedite delivery of newsletter into community.



March 2025 Oakstead Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Silver Sneaker 9am Cards 6:30pm	4 CDD Workshop 10am	5 Silver Sneaker 9am Dominos 1pm	6	7 Food Trucks 5pm - 8pm 	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	10 Silver Sneaker 9am Cards 6:30pm HOA 7pm	11	12 Silver Sneaker 9am Dominos 1pm	13	14	15
16	17 Silver Sneaker 9am Cards 6:30pm HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY 	18 CDD Meeting 1:00 pm	19 Silver Sneaker 9am Dominos 1pm	20 Tanglewylde Meeting 2:00pm	21 Senior Coffee 9am 	22
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