

# OAKS NOTES

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## THE APRIL 2019 ISSUE

We are off to a fast start here at Colony Oaks.

Thanks to the generosity of 10 residents we have a newly installed **fountain** in the pond. We are slowly restoring Colony Oaks to its former grace and beauty.

TECO has painted 4 of our **transformers** green so they blend in with the foliage surrounding them. Two of the transformers need to be replaced rather than just painted and we are working with TECO to make that happen sooner rather than later.





**The pool bathroom** has been renovated and looks beautiful. Please be sure that the amenities are treated with respect as we and our guests have a newly refurbished bathroom poolside.



For some years there have been **serious flooding issues** behind units 1-9 that was caused when the original swale was removed and pavers were put down. This issue has been resolved and homeowners contributed to the cost of a rock garden/landscaping behind their units.



**2 more solar lights** have been placed in the courtyard and once again we thank John Hassell and Rosanne Clementi for “planting them”. Now that the courtyard has more lights the board would like to suggest that you put a LED light bulb with a light sensor in your back porch light fixture and leave the switch on. This would give us additional lighting in the dark areas.

We have added 2 more no parking signs in an attempt to protect the grass at 5220 Russell.

You may notice that there have been new plantings done in the courtyard, which have beautified some bare areas. Slowly but surely we are improving our landscaping and irrigation and will continue to budget to maintain our property with an eye to increasing property values.

### MAY 19 SPRING FLING

The social committee is hard at work planning the Spring Fling. MARK YOUR CALENDARs!



In order to broaden our view of the property we will arrange to lead a tour of our common areas as part of the fun. Everyone can then appreciate the scope of what we are accomplishing here. Remember many units do not see the fountain and no one sees behind units 1-9 but those residents. We will all perhaps see the property with new eyes.

### HOUSEHOLD TIP

Since this has been a chillier than usual winter and some of us have had the opportunity to enjoy our fireplaces more frequently, you may want to consider having your fireplace cleaned. Most chimney sweep companies are also equipped to clean your dryer vents at the same time and offer discounts. These are two of the most fire-prone areas in the home due to creosote and soot build up in the chimney and lint build up in the dryer vent. Most of all it provides peace of mind.

### **Quick Reminders**

- Please remember that debris and unwanted items are not to be put by the street at any time. If you need someone to haul debris one suggestion is, Junk King (813 534 4349). Only household trash and garbage are to be placed in the dumpsters.
- Recycling items should be placed in green cans by community trash areas. Items that can be recycled through the City of Tampa include: Phone books, paperback books, junk mail, cardboard, magazines, newspapers, catalogs, plastic containers, food and beverage containers, aluminum and steel cans. Items that cannot be recycled include plastic bags and styrofoam.
- Dogs are not allowed in the courtyard or any common areas.
- Fire pits and fireworks are not allowed anywhere on the property.
- Let's keep our homes and driveways neat and clean. Pepper's Cleaning is available for pressure washing, painting, and light handy man jobs. Call them at (813) 505-7195.