
December Oaks Royal 3 Newsletter

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Oaks Royal 3 - A 55+ Community

Oaks Royal 3 Newsletter - December 2023

Board and Director Reports

President - Ann Parks

I wish I was there with all our friends at Oaks Royal 3, especially with Christmas coming up! We got so much snow Harley had to break out his tractor and plow! All my decorations are in Florida, since we won't be down till AFTER the holidays now, I actually had

to break down and go out and buy some for here! Oh my! Any way, we will miss all the people and activities and sunshine and warmth, until we are with you again in the new year! It is unavoidable.

But I am still answering calls and emails for the HOA, in between dealing with contractors. Your HOA Board is back, and actively dealing with the issues of keeping Oaks Royal 3 the wonderful place we enjoy as snowbirds or year-round residents!

Your board works as a team, we plan, we handle issues when they arise and we hear your concerns and work on solutions. We appreciate you!

Thank you to the residents who are running for the board. We now have a full ballot, but if there are any further interested residents please let myself or Guy know as soon as possible.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Vice President - Guy Engelhardt

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to the plate for the election. We now have three people on the ballot. If anyone else is interested in running, please let Ann or myself know as soon as possible. I also have my volunteers for the January 8th HOA Meeting to help sign people in and help count ballots.

As I mentioned at the November HOA meeting, Frontier is planning to lay fiber optic cable park-wide in December. Hopefully, if they keep to schedule that will mean our account representative will be taking orders for new service in January! Yes we have been told it will be discounted, but we have not been told numbers yet. Do not call Frontier about discounts for Oaks Royal 3, we will have a personal account representative to handle our new account requests and you will get that information AFTER the cable has been laid. I will keep you informed about that timeline as soon as the engineers from Frontier inform me! Patience is the word!

The Florida Legislature held a special session in November that ended in four pieces of legislation Governor Desantis signed. Some had to deal with special education and trade with Israel.

However, there were several of interest to residents: \$176.17 million in additional funding to the My Safe Florida Home program, which is designed to help people shore up their homes to better withstand hurricanes with \$10k grants for reinforcing roofs, doors and windows; and \$25 million to the Florida Housing Finance Corp. for what is known as the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program in the designated counties to make repairs after the storm.

Social Director - Lisa Whitaker

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving! A delicious meal was enjoyed by forty (40) residents. Thanks to all who brought their side dishes for dinner.

December Activities:

December 3 - Birthday & Anniversary @ 6pm

December 4 - HOA Meeting @ 7pm

December 9 - Craft Fair @ 9am to 1pm

Set up Friday @ 3pm

Donations needed for bake sale

There will be a 50/50 raffle

Any Questions, Call Carol Carmichael (813) 696-

1549

December 16 - Decorated Golf Cart - Bike Parade

Line up @ 5pm - Start @ 6pm

Cookies & Drinks at Clubhouse after (about @

7pm)

December 18 - Women's Meeting @ 3pm

December 20 - Women's Club will be putting the Luminaries together after Coffee &

Donuts (about @ 9:30 am)

December 22 - Jingle Exchange @ 6:30pm

\$10 wrapped gift for exchange

Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share

Christmas punch will be provided - plain or spiked

December 24 - Luminaries get lit at dark (sunset about @ 5:30pm)

December 25 - Christmas Dinner @ 3pm

Meat will be provided

Potluck for side dishes, signup sheet in clubhouse

Bring your own tableware/place setting

December 31 - New Years Eve Party @ 7pm
Brink a finger food and your own drink

Coffee & Donuts every Wednesday @ 8:30am

Toys for Tots - Donation box for new unwrapped toys is in the clubhouse

Annual Christmas Yard Decoration Contest - by popular ballot - details to come

Gounds Director - Harry Whitaker

We are glad to be back at Oaks Royal III!

We have several projects to do this winter:

- 1) Sweep all the cul-de-sacs
- 2) Sweep any place there is "gravel in the streets"
- 3) Work at benches on Antigua Drive
- 4) Spray for weeds

The creek bed looks really good since being maintained by aquatic contractor.

I am putting a new sign up sheet on bulletin board for potential workers.

A new light pole was installed at the clubhouse.

Pool Director - Paul Grizenko

I am happy to report that the solar panels have been repaired.

The hot tub part came in and the spa is working now.

We have power washed the lounge chairs, fence and tables.

At The Library - Donna Birch

"Gone for the season! Why? It's Freez'n!" So reads a plaque on the kitchen wall here in New Hampshire where the temperature

outside is 16 degrees. I am grateful for the kitchen wood stove and the basement furnace making this final week tolerable, and as a reminder why we go “Back to Summer”.

Before leaving for Florida next week, I wanted to take advantage of a local thrift store book sale . The following titles are the result:

“THE ANSWER IS” - Reflections on My Life - by Alex Trebek
Jeopardy fans will enjoy this reflection on his life and career from his childhood in Sudbury, Canada to the end of his thirty-six years as the host of the popular quiz show.

“DON’T GO” - Lisa Scottoline - the story of an army doctor in Afghanistan.

“HELL’S CORNER” - David Baldacci - “In the shadowy worlds of politics and intelligence, there is no one you can really trust, and Hell’s Corner truly lives up to its name”

“THE BLIND ASSASSIN” - Margaret Atwood - “The Booker Prize-winning sensation from the incomparable Margaret Atwood - a novel that combines elements of gothic drama, romantic suspense, and science fiction fantasy in a spellbinding narrative.”

“THE OCEAN BETWEEN US” - Susan Wiggs A “tale of the lives and loves of a Navy family that is wonderful and so amazingly evocative of the truth of the emotions of Navy life”.

“CHOCOLATE FOR A WOMAN’S SOUL” - 77 stories that celebrate the richness of life.

“LIFE’S A BEACH” - Claire Cook “sparkles with warmth, wit and humor”

Many thanks to Lee and Debby for being the stand - in librarians for the last eight months.

QUOTE OF THE DAY - “I do not have a favorite app. I use my phone for something completely revolutionary. I make a call. I receive a call. I prefer the simpler things in life “ Alex Trebek

Thank You From - Neighborhood Care Center

Thank you for to our Oaks Royal 3 residents your generosity in support of the Neighborhood Care Center which supports the

many needy families and homeless persons in Zephyrhills who would otherwise go without. This year this important community resource has seen donations reduce by more than 50% to the point where a month ago there was no food on the shelves! At the same time request for repeat assistance had increased in one year from 600 people to almost 1000!

Your help has not only provided two huge boxes of canned foods and dry goods, but many of you opened your hearts and gave me cash which when added up, totaled \$620! This will go a long way to help. The Centers Director, Lea Ann Bickford says that the senior parks in Zephyrhills, like Oaks Royal 3, have really stepped to help fill the gap in need. More is needed, but your generous donations have really helped! Thank you!

Regular Activities

Oaks Royal 3 has many regularly scheduled activities each week. Please check them out and join your friends and neighbors in something that interests you. If there is something you would like to do, come to coffee hour and talk to folks, if enough are interested we can find a free time to add it to our activities!

Sundays @ pm - put out trash for Monday morning pickup

Tuesdays @ 11:30am Water aerobics (weather permitting > 75 degrees)

Tuesdays @ 1 to 3Pm Chosen Bible Study (beginning December 5th)

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm - Bingo

Tuesdays @ pm - put out recycling for Wednesday morning pickup

Wednesdays @ 8:30am - Coffee & Doughnuts

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm - Dominos

Wednesdays @ pm - put out trash for Thursday morning pick up

Thursdays @ 6:00pm - Cards

Come on out and have a great time!

Community Notices

December 9 - @ 9am to 1pm ORIII women's group will have a craft fair on Saturday,

Dec. 9, 2023 at the clubhouse from 9-1, come check out what is available

from some local crafters, there will also be a bake table and we would

appreciate any donations from our residents for the bake table, a sign up

sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Proceeds from this event go to support our residents and community

events.

December 23 - Dessert Party @ 7pm [36339 Impala Way](#)

Bring your favorite dessert to share

Coffee, soda, (LiL) tea provided, BYOB

All OR3 residents are invited - Debbie Woodall

(813) 766-4760

For Sale - Solar Fairy Lights W/ mason jars (colored or white)

\$8.00

Call or text (LiL) Debbie (813) 766-4760

Pasco Events

December 2 - Zephyrhills Festival of Lights @ 4-9pm (Parade @ 7pm get there early

to park near Main Street/5th Ave and bring your own chair)

December 3 - 39th Annual Tree Lighting Advent Health Hospital Zephyrhills @ 5 to 8pm

December 8 - Dade City Christmas Parade @ 7pm (get there early to park near 7th

street and bring your own chair)

December 9 - Dade City Christmas Stroll @ 5 to 9pm shops,

historic homes, carols,
carriage rides, Santa and more

December 10 - Christmas Concert First Baptist Church @ 6pm
(38321 [5th Ave](#),
[Zephyrhills FL 33542](#))

Print Calendar, Birthdays & Anniversaries.

To print a month calendar of Oaks Royal 3 Events click on one of the links below. Continue reading to review the list of birthdays and anniversaries for this month.

[Print Month Calendar - Regular Type](#)

[Print Month Calendar - Big Type](#)

[Print Full Length Calendar](#)

December Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Birthdays

Janet Sylvester, 12/2

Joyce Zikeli, 12/5

James Wilds, 12/6

Karen Wightman, 12/7

James O'Connor, 12/8

Joseph Bruschi, 12/9

Tom Gearhart, 12/11

Peter Premo, 12/11

Carol Carmichael, 12/14

Ray Stark, 12/14

Lisa Whitaker, 12/16

James Clem, 12/18

Carol Harris, 12/19
Walter Sweeney, 12/19
Elizabeth Eisenhower, 12/21
Sally Schneider, 12/22
Milka Koharcheck, 12/23
Judy Simmons, 12/24
Robert Morton, 12/28
Lideth Brueggemann, 12/30
Jeannette Cook, 12/31

Anniversaries

Harley Parks & Ann Parks, 12/3
Jerry Nash & Julie Nash, 12/5
Jean Pardy & Carolyn Pardy, 12/13
Stephen Weadick & Deborah Weadick, 12/19
Ray Stark & Dottie Stark, 12/20
John Snell & Wanda Snell, 12/29

Frequently Used Phone Numbers.

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative
(352) 567-5133

Spectrum – Internet & Cable TV
(800) 921-8102

Pasco County Utilities – Water
(727) 847-8131

Waste Connections (East & East Central). Trash pickup
352-583-4204

American Red Cross
727-848-8354

Animal Services
352-521-5194

Florida Consumer Fraud Hotline
866-966-7226

Pasco County Public Transportation (East Pasco)
352-521-4587

Pasco County Sheriff

727-847-5878

Pasco County Sheriff (non emergency)

727-847-8123

Special Needs Shelter Registration

727-847-8137

Pasco County Emergency Management

727-847-8137

Pasco County Tax Collector – licenses, tags. (Dade City)

352-521-4360

East Pasco Transfer Station - Dump

Handcart Road

352-521-0500

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