
February 2024 Oaks Royal 3 Newsletter

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Oaks Royal 3 - A 55+ Community

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Board and Director Reports

President - Ann Parks

It's good to be back in sunny warmer Florida. We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement. The other morning, I was on a golf cart ride and a calm peaceful feeling came over me and I knew this was where I needed to be to rest.

Thank you to all who filled in for me during my absence, attending through zoom is not the same as being in person. Guy and Sharon were awesome keeping me informed. See you at February's Mtg.

We need your HELP.

All guests who resides in your home over twenty (20) days, per Governing Documents, need to have a background check. (See Declaration of Easements Article IV, Section 7) To protect our community and comply with guidelines, I can't express enough to you how important it is to be consistent. We do not choose or pick who has a background - it must be 100%. Paper work is located on the office door and can be down loaded from our web site www.oaksroyal3.com. Background check request/application is handled securely and destroyed upon completion, and copies are not retained for our files, to protect individuals ID information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vice President - Guy Engelhardt

JANUARY ANNUAL HOA MEMBER MEETING: We had a great turn out for our annual HOA meeting in January. We had 68 properties represented and the room was pretty full!
the Election went well and we elected three residents to the Board of Directors:

Sharon Pollard
Lisa Whitaker
Tracey Keeny

Sharon and Lisa are continuing Board members while Tracey is a new Board member. All three will serve a three-year term from Jan 8, 2024 to Jan 4, 2027.

The Board of Directors met directly after the HOA meeting and elected the Association Officer positions for 2024 as well as the Director positions as follows:

President - Ann Parks
Vice President - Guy Engelhardt
Secretary - Sharon Pollard
Treasurer - Tracey Keeny
Clubhouse Director - Ernie Stevens
Grounds Director - Harry Whitaker
Hospitality Director - Dot Dodge
Pool Director - Paul Grizenko
Social Director - Lisa Whitaker

Nomination/Elections Committee: The committee for 2023 was thanked for its work and dissolved. The volunteers were called and accepted. The Committee for 2024 was appointed: Tena Grey (Chair), Marcia Meredith, Lee Bruggeman, Debbie Weadick, Joyce Zickeli and Bev Armstrong. Guy Engelhardt will work with the committee as Board liaison. The Committee will meet in February to review rules, procedures and timeline.

Election Rule Sub-Committee: There was a motion made to “change our bylaws so a person may run for a titled position instead of an open position”. A rules subcommittee was formed chaired by the Vice President, Guy Engelhardt, to draft this change including: Jerry Nash, Larry Way, Jan Burden, Sharon Pollard and Ann Parks.

I am happy to report that the sub-committee met on January 27th and successfully drafted a Rule to be presented at the Feb 5th HOA Meeting for discussion. If there are no changes we can accept a motion to send to the Board for approval, which can meet immediately after the HOA meeting for this purpose.

By doing a Rule instead of a Bylaw change, we allow ourselves to “try out” the process prior to incorporating it into the governing documents. Additionally, with mandated review periods, audit by legal counsel, 30 day advertising to vote, and differing levels for vote approval for each governing document, and recording final docs with county clerk (or state) the change process to governing documents is long and tedious. If we started reviewing a Bylaw change at the Feb HOA meeting we would be just able to vote on it by the April HOA meeting, if everything went without any hiccups!

FRONTIER FIBER OPTIC PROJECT: So far the conduit stage seems to be pretty well along. Those were the big orange rolls. The big black rolls now appearing is the fiber optic cabling itself. My last communication still looks positive for completion by the end of February.

Secretary- Sharon Pollard

Thank you for your vote of confidence for me to serve as your Secretary for another term... your support is greatly appreciated!

I would also like to thank everyone for their assistance in returning their updated information forms and HUD forms along with copies of their drivers licenses to the office in a timely manner. I am happy to report that we are 100% compliant in maintaining our 55+ status and our new phone books will be available soon!! I think everyone will love the new look!! A hugs thanks to Guy

for keeping an updated log on paperwork received and for Dot's assistance also... your help was greatly appreciated!!

Looking forward to our February activities and being a part of a great community!

Sharon Pollard, Secretary

Social Director - Lisa Whitaker

I hope everyone enjoyed the taco bar. Thanks to those who waited for the additional taco meat to be made! The Chili cook-off was a huge success thanks to all the participants and all those who came to enjoy! A big congratulations to the winners: Dottie Stark - 1st Place, Teresa Teska - 2nd Place, and Sue Brooks - 3rd Place.

February Events:

- Saturday 3rd - Men's Breakfast @ 7:30am (\$7.00 each at door)
- Sunday 4th - HOA Board Meeting @ 3pm
Birthday & Anniversary @ 6pm
- Monday 5th - HOA Members Meeting @ 7pm
- Wednesday 7th - After Coffee & Donuts @ 8:30am - Bring Yard Sale items to clubhouse, start sorting, pricing & arranging tables
- Thursday 8th - Sorting, pricing & arranging tables for Yard Sale @ 9:30am
- Saturday 10th - Yard Sale @ 8am to 1pm - breakfast burritos; hot dog & sloppy-Joe
lunch; bake sale
- Monday 12th - Women's Meeting @ 3pm (note - 2nd Monday)
- Wednesday 14th - Strawberry Social * Tickets Will Be Sold * \$2 per ticket - Donation
towards memorial for the Oaks Royal 3 Community. Plus,
your ticket
will be a chance to win a door prize. **Tickets will be
available at all
functions or you can reach Lisa at 301-268-3672.
- Thursday 15th - Potluck Dinner @ 5 pm - bring dish to share & don't forget your
tableware
- Saturday 17th - Men's Breakfast @ 7:30am (\$7.00 each at door)
- Monday 19th - Baked Potato Bar @ 4pm - Sign-up sheet (Please)

Every Wednesday Coffee & Donuts @ 8:30am

Hospitality Director - Dot Dodge

Please send notifications to me for cards to be sent to anyone who is ill, in the hospital or lost a loved one. My phone number is (336) 575-3041 and my email address is djdodge65@gmail.com. Thank you.

Gounds Director - Harry Whitaker

The guys are helping to clean up the park. The streets are looking good!

John is here trimming trees and cutting down trees tha need to be cut. He is pretty reasonable and the residents are pleased with him.

Our main project is building a roof at the memorial, over the benches on Antigua Drive.

We are planning a hot dog roast around the campfire for everyone and it will be free. Plan on February or March depending on the weather.

Pool Director - Paul Grizenko

The weather has been to cold this month; the pool has been hardly used at all.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for Shuffle Board, Pickleball and Corn Hole. If you are interested please sign up.

Men's Club - Clair Marquart

Thank you to everyone who has joined us in january for our breakfasts. Our dates for February are Saturday the 3rd and two weeks later on the 17th. Serving time is 7:30 - 9:00 AM.

Please join us on these dates for a wholesome meal and great socialization. Encourage your neighbors and friends to come along if they haven't been before.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 3rd and 17th.

Women's Club - Carol Carmichael

Upcoming events the women's group will be doing are:

-At the first HOA meeting in Feb. we will be having a service to honor 2023 deceased ORIII members.

-February 19th we will be serving 2023 board members a dinner to thank them for their service to our community.

We passed out 11 welcome baskets to new residents who came into our park in 2023.

We meet on the third Monday of each month during the winter season at the Clubhouse at 3 PM, we invite any woman in our park who is interested in knowing what we do to come join us.

At The Library - Donna Birch

The cooler weather lately makes for good reading and puzzling days (jig saw puzzles that is). I am glad to see the library is getting a little more use now!

New books for February are as follows:

“A Sisters Secret” “A Sisters Test” “A Sisters Hope” Wanda Brunsstetter

“Never Look Back” Linda Lael Miller

“Words Of Silk” Sandra Brown

“Nineteen Minutes” Jodi Picot

“Someone to Love” “The Princess” Jude Deveraux

“The Carpenters Lady” “Lake News” Barbara Delinsky

“The Shop on Blossom Street” LARGE PRINT Debbie Macomber

“One Perfect Life” LARGE PRINT Lisa Scottoline

“D is f or Deadbeat” “E is for Evidence” “F is for Fugitive” “V is for Vengeance” Sue Grafton

“Beyond Eden” Catherine Coulter

“Portrait in Death” “Creation in Death” Nora Roberts writing as JD Robb

“One Summer” David Baldacci

“The Pond” Robert Murphy

“On Secret Service” “the last untold battle of the civil war” John Jakes

“Dark Lady” Richard North Patterson

“Saving Grayson” Chris Fabry “A family’s struggle with dementia”

“This Time Together” Laughter and Reflection Any fan of Carol Burnett will enjoy this memoir of her hilarious and favorite anecdotes.

Many thanks for the recent donations.....please continue to put them in the basket provided as well as returns. The puzzles can go back to the puzzle shelf. We will be thinning out the shelves to make room for new books and to provide the same for the upcoming yard sale.

QUOTE OF THE DAY - “Today is the oldest you’ve ever been, and the youngest you will ever be again” Eleanor Roosevelt

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

Mondays @ 1pm - Euchre (cards)

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

Tuesdays @ 1 to 3pm - Chosen Bible Study

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

1st & 3rd Saturday @ 7:30 am Men's Club Breakfast - \$7 a plate

Come on out and have a great time!

Community Notices

February 3 - Comedian at Clubhouse - \$8 tickets see Liz Eisenhower or people will be selling tickets at Coffee & Donuts, Bingo, etc. Flyer posted at clubhouse.

February 5th @ 1pm - The next women's monthly lunch gathering will be at the Plaza Mexico. Please sign up on the sign up sheet at the clubhouse bulletin board. This is sponsored by Oaks Royal 1 & 2.

February 2024 Festivals in Florida

[Artfest Fort Myers](#), Fort Myers, Feb. 3-4, 2024

The free festival takes place on the waterfront in historic downtown Fort Myers

and features a juried exhibition of 290 fine artists from all over the country. Along with the art, the festival features interactive art exhibits, children's activities, live music, and demonstrations.

[Mount Dora Arts Festival](#), Mount Dora, Feb. 3-4, 2024

Charming Mount Dora is a city of festivals, and this free fest attracts 250,000 for top art, food and entertainment. From Florida Rambler: **[Things to do in Mount Dora](#)**.

[South Florida Garlic Fest](#), Wellington, Feb. 3-4, 2024

A big event with food and top musical performers, it started as a fundraiser for several non-profits. The festival outgrew Delray Beach and moved to Wellington Green.

[Everglades Seafood Festival](#), Everglades City, Feb. 2-4 2024

This free event in Florida's Stone Crab Capitol packs 'em in for fresh seafood, country music, carnival rides, crafts booths. An estimated 50,000 people attend each year in this small town (population 500) for the three-day event.

[Florida State Fair](#), Tampa, Feb. 8-19, 2024

It boasts the largest midway in the USA, but its core purpose, celebrated for more than 100 years, is to showcase Florida agriculture and its history. Florida Rambler story on [Florida State Fair](#)

[Scottish Highland Festival](#), Mount Dora, Feb. 17-18, 2024

This gated event features Scottish bands and musicians all the weekend at Donnelly Park and an afternoon of Highland Games in Gilbert Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

[The Battle of Olustee Civil War Re-Enactment](#), Sanderson, Feb. 16-18, 2024

Florida's largest Civil War battle is re-enacted, with gun smoke, booming cannons and cavalry.

[Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival](#), Cortez, Feb. 17-18, 2024

Cortez started as a fishing village, and it still has a working waterfront and fishing boats. The festival offers music, nautical arts and crafts, children's activities, environmental exhibits and lots of fresh seafood.

[Fiddler Crab Festival](#), Steinhatchee, Feb. 16-18, 2024

The tiny remote Gulf-front town of Steinhatchee was walloped by Hurricane

Idalia in 2023. It's bouncing back, but needs folks to spend the night and eat and drink at local establishments. The festival offers music, food and craft vendors.

[Coconut Grove Arts Festival](#), Coconut Grove, Miami, Feb 17-19, 2024

A huge fair (covering many blocks with 350+ exhibitors) and a beautiful waterfront setting make this one of the most popular art festivals in Florida. As a result, it attracts top entertainers, food vendors and artists. Held annually on Presidents Day Weekend.

[ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival](#), Jupiter, Feb. 17-19, 2024

A top juried festival with 300 artists, Artigras is celebrating 39 years of family fun this year. This is a ticketed event (\$11) that raises money for local charities.

[Sanford Porchfest](#), Sanford, Feb. 24, 2024

Lively music-filled Sanford has a one day free music festival described this way: "17 porches; over 70 bands." This town fills its beautiful oak-shaded historic district with free concerts you attend by strolling from block to block all afternoon.

[Naples National Art Festival](#), Naples, Feb. 23-25, 2024

Ranked among the top art festivals in the state, the event takes place in scenic Cambier Park and along 8th Street South in downtown Naples. It features 194 artists who compete for inclusion and the fair does not admit mass-produced items.

[Swamp Cabbage Festival](#), La Belle, Feb. 24-25, 2024

For 50+ years, this authentic Florida town east of Fort Myers has been celebrating swamp cabbage in a down-home festival and parade. A unique highlight: Armadillo races.

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

February Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Birthdays

Margie Phillips, 2/1
Joan Bovee-Vink, 2/3
Jean Taylor Clem, 2/6
Deborah Overholt, 2/9
Harry Glossner, 2/10
Patricia Hettesheimer, 2/10
David Bitner, 2/11
J. Richard Bournival, 2/11
William Davis, 2/12
Ernest Stevens, 2/12
Cecelia Doknovitch, 2/14
Patricia Sweeney, 2/15
George Harris, 2/16
Richard Borges, 2/19
Diane Deaton, 2/21
Marcia Meredith, 2/23
Fred Gauthier, 2/25
Cynthia Lavoie, 2/27

Anniversaries

Brueggemann, Norman & Lideth, 2/11
Donna Birch & Phil Gatz, 2/13
John Vink & Joan Bovee-Vink, 2/14
Sherwood, John & Janet, 2/15
Carmichael, Ronald & Carol, 2/26

Simmons, Dale & Judy, 2/27

Gene Mayotte & Holly Keys-Mayotte, 2/28

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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