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## March 2021 Newsletter

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# Oaks Royal III News

## Zephyr Creek gets a Facelift

Zephyr Creek runs through Oaks Royal 3. A picturesque waterway, winding through backyards, meandering past majestic oak trees where birds twitter and squirrels scamper, babbling under our bridge and past the ponds full of ducks and cranes on its way to Dean Dairy Road where it passes serenely into Betmar.



What happens when torrential summer rains erode the banks of the creek, or silt from up-creek fill up the waterway? Who will fix it? Well as it turns out, we do. Just as the developers of Oaks Royal 3 turn our roads over to Pasco County in the 80's, so the county could assume maintenance as public roads, so Pasco County turned over the property containing Zephyr Creek to Oaks Royal 3 for similar reasons. We do not pay taxes on it, can not develop it, and if something has to be done to fix it we have to pony up. Also, because it is Florida wetlands, we have to be aware of the Southwest Florida Water Management District or SFWMD. Which means if the creek has to be touched, it has to be done in just the right way.

Well we're our team at Oaks Royal 3 to be daunted when it became obvious that Zephyr Creek needed help? No! Ann Parks our President researched the rules and guidelines at SFWMD, while Harry Whitaker our Maintenance Director organized the plan and the team to get the work done!

Early in February, after a Coffee Hour, Harry got his team of hardy volunteers together to go out and attack the "ditch". Volunteer: Wade Phillips, Paul Grizenko, Norman Snyder, Dennis Kramer, Harold Teska, Clair Marquart, Marty Draper, Harry Whitaker, Jim Burton. After an initial set back, the backhoe they were going to rent turn out to be a dud, they decided to go at it with shovels, muscles and sweat, lots of sweat!

The result is a creek bed that is made to flow more naturally and banks that are less likely to erode once the grass seed planted grows in.



View from bridge facing East (circa 2017)



View from bridge facing East after work (Feb 2021)



View from bridge facing East after work (Feb 2021)



View from bridge facing west after work (Feb 2021)

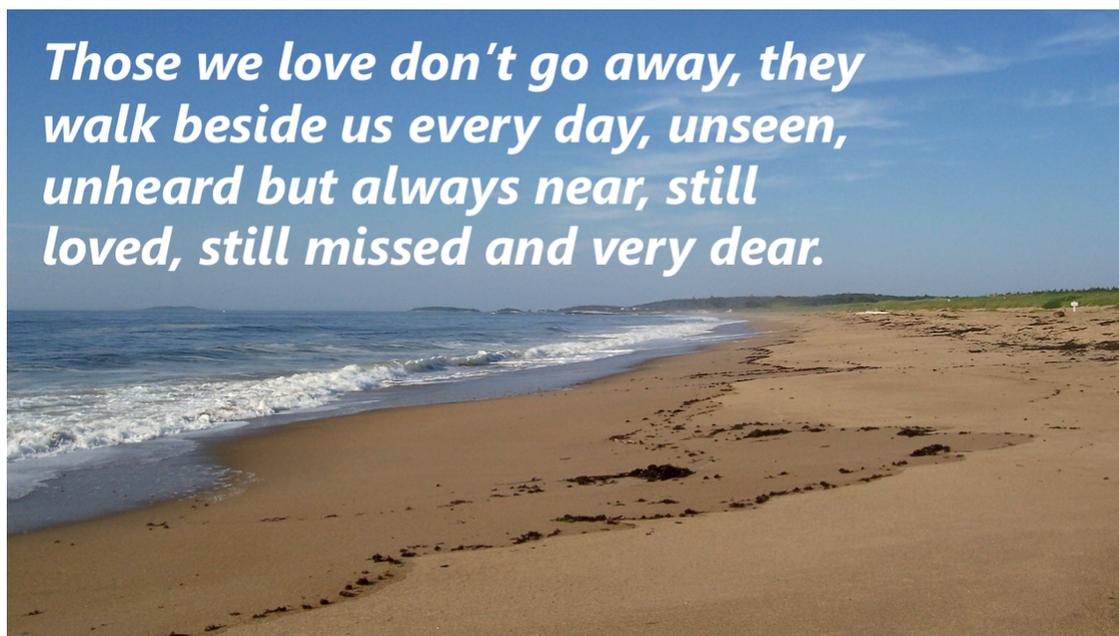
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## Memorial for Passed Residents

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during the previous year.

This annual recognition of fallen friends and neighbors is particularly poignant in this year, as many across the nation are mourning loved ones lost due to the pandemic. It is important to remember our loved ones and share that loss as a community; where we can share memories and the strength of those around you.



Those residents recognized in Memorial for 2020 were:

Richard Sylvester

Louie Champeau

James Doyle

Jack Horner

Robert Rizer

Robert Bertleson

Tina Brechak

**There is No Night Without a Dawning**

No winter without a spring

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Our hearts will once more sing ....

For those who leave us for a while

Have only gone away

Out of a restless, care worn world

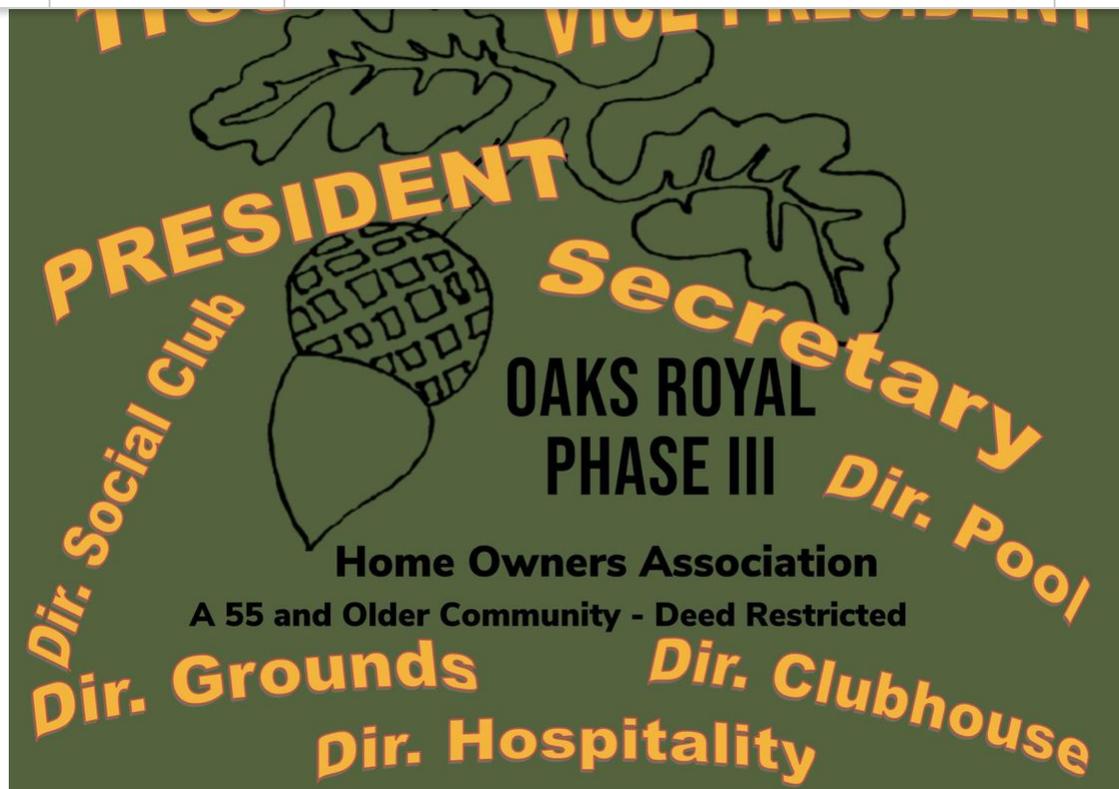
Into a brighter day

*Helen Steiner Rice*

As we go on living our lives, day to day, take a moment and think how they have been enriched by those who have shared that journey with us, in many ways. Hopefully, you can smile on those memories of old friends, and maybe share them with a new friend or two.

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## Oaks Royal III Officer Reports – March 2021

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### **Ann Parks, President:**

I contacted Pasco County on road construction and Health Department on COVID vaccines. The responses I received to my inquiries from the county officials are below:

#### **PAVING ASSESSMENT**

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the Oaks Royal 3 paving project at their February 9, 2021 public meeting. Typically, paving will begin within 6-9 months after BCC approval; residents will be notified 10-14 days prior to paving operations.

Ainsley Caldwell Chief Project Manager, Pasco County BCC Pavement Management 4454 Grand Blvd. New Port Richey, FL 34652

#### **COVID VACCINE (AT OAKS ROYAL 3)**

Yes you will receive the vaccine. I will also contact you.

Sarah Salgado, MA Emergency Management Coordinator II Division of Emergency Management Pasco County P 727-847-8137 ext. 8888 8744 Government Dr. Bldg A New Port Richey, FL 34654

#### **EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

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Thank you.

[Bylaws](#). Article XIII. Exterior Construction Projects.

All exterior construction projects, including, but not limited to, decks and poured concrete projects, require the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### POOL ATTENDANT NEEDED

Paul will be going home in March and we need someone to fill his position. During warmer weather the pool doesn't require covering, and if it does residents can help with this as they have in the past. This position would coordinate that, but more importantly this position is the point person for monitoring the pool, spa and systems to ensure they are operating well, monitoring cleaning services and to identify any problems so they can be repaired as soon as possible. The pump area, within the inside fencing, needs to be checked daily for leaks and chemicals. The pool company comes once a week to clean. We have a vendor list we use for major repairs. Ideally, we really need a full-time resident to step up and fill the position. For those who want to continue to enjoy using the pool and spa, we must have this position filled so think about stepping up or who you can encourage to do so, otherwise it doesn't look good!

#### **Cathy Swett, Vice President:**

Soon all residents will be receiving the recently APPROVED amendments to be added to your Declarations and a PROPOSED amendment and ballot for your consideration to further work on our extremely outdated Declarations. Once returned from the printer's, as many packets as possible will be distributed by our block captains so that mailing costs can be kept to a minimum.

Please read the proposed amendment carefully and, as always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact any board member for answers.

Nominating Committee members are needed to consider candidates for the upcoming 2022 Board. This may sound early to begin this process, but realizing how difficult it is to recruit board members, starting early is necessary. Please step up to work on this important committee.

Board members are currently working on their job descriptions to better define responsibilities. It is hoped this will also help in recruiting homeowners to run for the board.

On a personal note, a big THANK YOU to Janet Sylvester and Bob Morton for helping prepare the Sloppy Joe's and to Theresa Teska for serving them during the community-wide yard sale. I think they were quite successful! Let's hope next year will allow us to be back in the clubhouse for the inside yard sale, bake sale and Sloppy Joe luncheon!!

#### WOMEN'S GROUP:

friendliness intended.

The Board Appreciation Dinner will be held poolside on March 8, 2021 in order to say thank you to the Board of Directors who work very hard to keep our community the best it can be! It will look different because of COVID, but no less fun! Please don't hesitate to say Thank You to your Board whenever you get the chance.

The Women's Group provided \$20 to Louise Harmer and Bernie Schultz toward yarn for their afghan Thomas Promise project. They continue to look for help with this project.

**Sharon Pollard, Social Club Director:**

March Activities:

Monday March 1st..... Association Meeting at 7 p.m.

Monday March 8th..... Board Appreciation Dinner at 5 p.m.

Monday March 15th..... Women's Club Meeting at 6 p.m.

Thursday March 18th..... Hotdog Roast, Chinese Auction, Bonfire and Music in the Clubhouse Parking Lot. Items for the Auction may be dropped off after March 1st. The hotdogs and rolls will be provided by the Social Club and the activities will begin at 5 p.m.

Coffee Hour every Wednesday morning at 8:30.

Bingo every Tuesday night at 6:30.

Dominoes every Wednesday night at 6:30.

Penny Bingo every Friday afternoon at 12:30.

Card games every Thursday and Friday nights at 6:30.

THANK YOU to everyone for their concern and prayers after my fall....they were all greatly appreciated!!

STAY WELL.....STAY SAFE !!

**Judy Shiner, Hospitality:**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Beverly Armstrong on the loss of her husband Bill. Please know that we are thinking of you.

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family.

Please stay safe and don't let your guard down!! Wear a mask!! We should all be getting our COVID vaccination's real soon.

Let me know if you know someone who is ill or having surgery!

### **Harry Whitaker, Maintenance**

We have been busy sprucing up the park. The men have gathered after Coffee Hours and have put in a lot of elbow grease and back power into projects that have improved our Association.

We have finished power washing the entrance signs, clubhouse and tool sheds.

We have cleaned out Zephyr Creek where it was eroding. This was done according to guidelines posted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The banks are partly seeded and the new grass has sprouted!

For the next project: Materials are here for the sea wall. We will do work after Coffee Hour, weather permitting. All hands are needed.

For a number of reasons, including lack of participation and number of no-shows, there will not be a Strawberry Social next year, as we re-evaluate sponsoring this annual event and what might be done in its place.

### **Donna Birch, Library:**

At the recent park wide sales I picked up a few books to add to the library shelves. They include the following:

“Every Living Thing” by James Herriot – a sequel to “All Creatures Great and Small”, which has been shown recently on PBS.

“Johnny Carson” by Henry Bushkin – “a revealing and incisive account of the King of Late Night at the height of his fame and power, by his lawyer, wingman, fixer and closest confidant”.

“Summer Blowout” by Claire Cook

“Late Bloomer” by Fern Michaels

From a resident's request, we now have a copy of “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens and as forewarned, it is indeed a page-turner.

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open our own eyes to the secret wonders and dangers of her private world

The New York Times Book Review

Thank you for the donation of The Great American Westerns for fans of western movies as well as for other donations left in the basket.

From the sale of books, puzzles and movies at the park wide sale, a total of \$43 was realized.

Please let me know of any authors or titles that you are interested in reading.  
[DMaeB628@aol.com](mailto:DMaeB628@aol.com)

“When I was a boy, the Dead Sea was only sick”

George Burns

### **Clair Marquart, Men’s Club**

Due to continued restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 virus, we will not be hosting Saturday breakfasts for the remainder of the 2021 winter season. On behalf of the Men’s Club, I’d like to thank you all for your past attendance at these events and we look forward to restarting in January, 2022.

On a more positive note our club will be cooking and serving hot dogs outside at the bon fire/music event on February 26th with music provided by Clarence and Kathy Herman.

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## **Oaks Royal III to Host AdventHealth Virtual Health Talk Series at Clubhouse In March**

During the month, Oaks Royal III Home Owners Association will be showcasing a program of free health related talks by medical experts produced by AdventHealth. Prominent medical professionals from our area will speak on relevant topics to the 55 and older population. Oaks Royal III will open it’s clubhouse to residents Tuesday’s at 11:30am for these Noon presentations, that will be displayed for easy viewing on the associations big screen television. Residents that pre-register on the AdventHealth website, or sign an AdventHealth registration card the day of, will be eligible for an exclusive coupon to the AdventHealth Wellness Center Zephyrhills. To pre-register



### [What You Need to Know About Colon Cancer](#)

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm Oaks Royal 3 Clubhouse

In 2021, an estimated 149,500 people will be diagnosed with colon cancer. Learn more about this highly preventable disease as Thushy Siva, MD, a board-certified General Surgeon, shares colon cancer symptoms, the importance of preventive screenings and which type of screening is the most accurate.

### [Women's Hearts Are Different](#)

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm Oaks Royal 3 Clubhouse

You deserve a life that's free of the strains and stresses of heart disease. Join Jennifer Roller, MD, a board-certified Gynecologist, as she discusses how heart health and women's health are linked, and what questions you should ask at your annual checkup.

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## Community Goings-On March 2021

It is March in Florida and the weather is great! We are having the kind of days that make you want to get up, get out and get going! Despite the COVID crap causing many of our favorite activities to be cancelled, we can still find some safe-ish activities to enjoy if we practice some safe habits! Well there are some things we can do safely until everyone is vaccinated. Remember the Florida

Get out and enjoy Florida! Walk in the sun and smile!

### **2021 Spring Training**

Date: March 3, 2021 Time: TBA Website: <https://www.mlb.com/springschedule>

Play Ball! One of the surest sings of Spring in Florida is Spring Training for pro baseball. You can come out and watch some of your favorites train and play right here in their winter hide away! Prices range upwards from around \$30 per game. Right in our local area we have:

Detroit Tigers at Publix Field, Joker Marchant Stadium, Lakeland, FL

Philadelphia Phillies at Spectrum Field, Clearwater, FL

New York Yankees at George M Steinbrenner Field, Tampa, FL

Baltimore Orioles at Ed Smith Stadium, Sarasota, FL

Pittsburg Pirates at LECOM Park, Bradenton, FL

Toronto Blue Jays at TD Ballpark, Dunedin, FL

Boston Red Sox at JetBlue Park, Fort Myers, FL

Minnesota Twins at Hammond Stadium, Fort Myers, FL

Florida Marlins & St. Louis Cardinals at Roger Dean Stadium, Jupiter, FL

Atlanta Braves at CoolToday Park, North Port, FL

Tampa Bay Rays at Charlotte Sports Park, Port Charlotte, FL

New York Mets at Clover Park, Port St. Lucie, FL

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*All Aboard!*

March 4th – March 14th, 2021 • Plant City, Florida

### **Florida Strawberry Festival**

March 4 – 14, 2021 Plant City Festival Grounds Gates open at 10 a.m. daily and close at 10 p.m.

#### [Daily Schedule of Events](#)

#### REGULAR TICKET PRICES:

Adults (ages 13+): \$10

Children (ages 6-12): \$5

Children (ages 5 and under): FREE with paid adult admission. \*\*\*Tickets may

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Zephyrhills are on the list selling advance tickets.

### MIDWAY HOURS:

Kiddie Korral:

Daily from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday–Friday:

12:00 noon – 11:00 p.m.

\*On Friday, March 12th, Midway closes just before 10:00 p.m. and reopens from 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for Moonlight Magic

Weekends & Monday:

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Parking is \$5 per car!

Humana Senior Citizens Day – Thursday March 4th & 11th – Patrons 60 years of age or older get \$2 off the gate admission of \$10 all day. A prize will be given away at 11:45 am each Senior Citizens Day following the 10:30 am show on the Wish Farm Variety Stage to the lucky senior citizen whose ticket is drawn from the barrel. Tickets for the drawing will be available to seniors in the stadium. You must be present at the Senior Citizens Program to win.

Grow Financial American Hero's Day – Wednesday March 10th – All active, reserve and retired military and military veterans along with law enforcement and first responders (ems, fire fighters and healthcare workers) will be admitted **free** all day with valid ID.

### **Almost, Maine – a play by John Cariani**

March 5th-7th, 12th-14th, 20th. Heritage Museum & Ticket Office. 100 Beekman Ln  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

In this magical series of vignettes, we welcome you to Almost, Maine – a place so far north, it's almost not in the U.S., and it's not quite a town because its residents never got around to getting organized. One cold, clear winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected, hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend – almost – in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

Ticket prices are \$20 each. Performances at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm most days.

[Buy tickets](#)

### **South Florida Garlic Fest, March 6-7, 2021, Wellington.**

A big event with food and top musical performers, it started as a fundraiser for

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### [Kumquat Festival, March 27, 2021, Dade City](#)

The historic downtown in Dade City fills with as many as 35,000 people for this free event celebrating the tangy little fruit grown locally. Along with dozens of booths and live entertainment, a highlight is tasting kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies to kumquat salsa. Free shuttles run from two satellite parking areas –the Pasco County Fairgrounds on State Road 52 and next to Jarrett Ford on US Hwy 301 Truck Route. On the preceding Thursday and Friday, the kumquat growers open their groves and packing houses for tours.

### [Crystal River Manatee Festival, March 27-28, 2021, Crystal River, Rescheduled from traditional January date.](#)

This manatee festival takes place in an area where hundreds of manatees gather each winter. The event offers a variety of activities, including opportunities to view manatees along with food, music and booths. Florida Rambler story on [manatee festival](#).

### **Music in Zephyr Park – Sundays 10am to 3pm**

Every Sunday during snowbird season, say November through May, elder musicians from all over the area come into Zephyr Park and form up into groups to jam some of the best old-time, folk, country, gospel music you have heard. People bring their lawn chairs & beverages, some even bring picnics, sit under the old oaks or soak up the sun and listen to these folks & sing play songs they enjoy. It is a great way to spend a few hours, and it doesn't cost anything but the smile on your face!

### **Flea market at 301 & 56 – Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 1pm**

Most of the flea markets and farmers markets in the area have shut down. However this seasonal favorite is back! It opened December 8th, usually until end of May. This is what the old Patriot flea market on Chancey Road grew into. Last year they charged \$1 for parking, this year I saw a comment on the Facebook site that said parking was free. Joyce and I have been. Parking is free, the vendors are set up under the trees so there is some shade as the day goes on, but there is no pavement, you are walking on grass and dirt. We brought a walker and cane. You may want take it into consideration.

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## **AdventHealth Flyers March**

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# QUIT YOUR WAY

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. Tobacco Free Florida offers free tools and services to help you get started.

## Gulfcoast North AHEC presents FREE Virtual Tools to Quit Classes

Monday, March 1, 2021 | 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Wednesday, March 3, 2021 | 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Friday, March 5, 2021 | 1:00pm-3:00pm  
 Monday, March 8, 2021 | 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Friday, March 12, 2021 | 1:00pm-3:00pm  
 Tuesday, March 16, 2021 | 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Wednesday, March 17, 2021 | 12:00pm-2:00pm  
 Thursday, March 18, 2021 | 5:00pm-7:00pm  
 Monday, March 22, 2021 | 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Tuesday, March 23, 2021 | 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 1:00pm-3:00pm  
 Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 Friday, March 26, 2021 | 12:00pm-2:00pm  
 Monday, March 29, 2021 | 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 6:00pm-8:00pm **SPANISH**

**JOIN:** By calling **813-929-1000** to register.  
 Pre-registration is required! You will be emailed a link to join by ZOOM conference via video or audio.

### ABOUT THE CLASS:

Tools to Quit Class will provide you with information about the effects of tobacco use, the benefits of quitting, and will assist you with developing your **OWN QUIT PLAN**. Cessation groups cover all forms of tobacco.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, quitting is more important than ever! Let us help you get the support you need from the comfort of your own home.



### BENEFITS:

Nicotine replacement patches, gum or lozenges.  
*(If medically appropriate for those 18 years of age or older)*

Participant workbook and materials.

More than **DOUBLES** your chances of success!

**Pre-registration is required!**

**To register, call: 813-929-1000**

For more information, visit us at:  
[www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway](http://www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway)

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# Healthy Happenings

Health & wellness events to help you feel whole.

Visit the [AdventHealth Dade City](#) and [AdventHealth Zephyrhills](#) Facebook pages to watch a variety of free health talks.

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### Virtual Bariatric Support Group

Wednesday, March 3, 5:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Call 352-521-1170 or email [robin.stuckey@AdventHealth.com](mailto:robin.stuckey@AdventHealth.com) to register



**Robin Stuckey, BSN-RN, CBN**  
Bariatric and Digestive Health Nurse Navigator

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### What You Need to Know About Colon Cancer

Tuesday, March 9, Noon

AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills Facebook Pages

Call 877-534-3108 or visit [AHZephyrhills.com](http://AHZephyrhills.com) to register



**Thushy Siva, MD**  
Board-Certified General Surgeon

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### Women's Hearts are Different

Tuesday, March 23, Noon

AdventHealth Dade City Facebook Page

Call 833-300-2371 or visit [AHDadeCity.com](http://AHDadeCity.com) to register



**Jennifer Roller, MD**  
Board-Certified Gynecologist



### Family And Friends: Infant CPR And Choking

Online via Zoom

Email [terri.blanyar@AdventHealth.com](mailto:terri.blanyar@AdventHealth.com) or visit [AHZephyrhills.com](http://AHZephyrhills.com) for upcoming classes and registration information.



**Terri L. Blanyar, RN, C-EFM, CCE**  
Childbirth Educator

## How to Register for a Virtual Health Talk

1. Visit [AHDadeCity.com](http://AHDadeCity.com) or [AHZephyrhills.com](http://AHZephyrhills.com)
2. Click the "News and Events" tab on our homepage
3. Click on the event you would like to register for
4. Click the "Register" button and follow the registration instructions
5. To tune into our virtual health talk, visit our Facebook pages

Register for a virtual health talk and receive an exclusive coupon to the AdventHealth Wellness Center Zephyrhills



# March Calendar

OAKS ROYAL III – COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Ruth Boboltz	1 Trash pick-up 7pm - HOA Members	2 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm	3 Recycle pick-up Rick Bedford Thomas Gerrelli Lee Armstrong Donald Nadeau 8:30am - Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm - Domino @ OR3	4 Trash pick-up	5 Rosa Campbell 12:30pm - Penny Bingo 12:	6 Paul Soare
7	8 Trash pick-up 7pm - Board Appreciation	9 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm	10 Recycle pick-up Wayne Gonzalez Pam Bertelson Velma Lucey 8:30am - Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm - Domino @ OR3	11 Trash pick-up	12 Carol Dreger 12:30pm - Penny Bingo 12:	13 Janet Markotjohn Lucey, Richard & Velma
14 Linda Bedford Manlynn Garetton Kathy Sweet	15 Trash pick-up 5pm - Women's Group @ OR3	16 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm	17 Recycle pick-up St. Patrick's Day 8:30am - Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm - Domino @ OR3	18 Trash pick-up 5pm - Hot Dog Hoast @	19 Dottie Stark 12:30pm - Penny Bingo 12:	20
21 Deborah Jordan Kathryn Henman Greg Cooper	22 Trash pick-up Smart, Zachary & Gail	23 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm	24 Recycle pick-up Geanhart, Tom & Geri 8:30am - Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm - Domino @ OR3	25 Trash pick-up	26 Ellie Schenassy 12:30pm - Penny Bingo 12:	27
28 Palm Sunday	29 Trash pick-up Clair Marquart	30 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm	31 Recycle pick-up Neal, Robert & Penny 8:30am - Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm - Domino @ OR3	1 Trash pick-up Abielask, Krystzof &	2 Good Friday 12:30pm - Penny Bingo 12:	3 Chris Daniels

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