

# Tall Pines Hi Lites

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## COVID 19 UPDATE: UNITED STATES CASE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE AT AN ALARMING RATE

There were more than 5 million new cases of Covid19 in December. The total number of cases was 18,918,206 and the death toll was 331,689 as of December 26th, making it the worst month of the Pandemic.

\*The state of Florida reached 1,271,979 cumulative cases, and has had 21,574 deaths, as of 12/27/2020.

\*Pasco County has had 21,036 cases, and 356 people have died, also as of 12/27. New Port Richey continues to have the highest number of cases in Pasco County.

\*The Governor has ordered those 65 years of age and older to be the next group to receive the first of a two-dose Coronavirus vaccination.

*\*The CDC advises everyone to continue current safety protocols of masking, distancing, avoiding crowds and hand washing.*

\* PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM NEIGHBORS WHO ARE NOT IN YOUR "BUBBLE". You don't know who may be COVID Positive. Let's keep Tall Pines as safe as possible!

\*The HOA Boards cannot share medical information about residents.

\*REMINDER: The Pasco County Mask Order of June 23rd is STILL IN EFFECT.

## DOG-WALKING ISSUES. NOTICE FROM THE TALL PINES BOARD TO ALL RESIDENTS OF HUNT RIDGE, RUXTON VILLAGE, RUXTON II, VALLEY WOOD AND SPRING LAKE

We have noticed, and unfortunately smelled, more incidents of people walking their dogs and not picking up after them. We have seen people walking their dogs with extension leashes and actually letting the dog onto another owner's yard to let them defecate. It is hard to believe but we have seen incidents of residents riding golf carts and letting dogs do the same thing.

Two important points:

**First: Our Tall Pines Master Documents state that "No person owning or in custody of an animal shall allow it to stray or go upon another's lot or property without the consent of the owner of such lot or property".** So please keep your dog at the edge of the road. Some residents think that if the waste is picked up, they may allow their dogs to go on to someone else's property. This is not the case!

**Second: The Pasco County Ordinances state that "owners walking dogs shall carry a pooper-scooper and a bag to carry off droppings."** *Please take the bag home with you. Do not drop it off somewhere in Tall Pines.*

Please! Let us all be considerate and do the right thing. We have addressed this *many* times. Please comply, so we do not have to start sending out violation letters. We are not trying to single out residents, but you know who you are and so do we.

Also, we have many common ground areas where it would not infringe on your neighbors so long as you pick up the waste and take it with you. Thank you in advance for your co-operation!

Thank you.

## TALL PINES CLUBHOUSE UPDATES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS! THE FIRST PIECE OF GOOD NEWS IS THAT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, THE BOARD VOTED TO REOPEN THE CLUBHOUSE ONCE CERTAIN CRITERIA HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED:

- \* AN EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN HIRED BY THE BOARD TO PERFORM CLEANING DUTIES WITHIN THE CLUBHOUSE
- \* THE BUILDING WAS THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND DISINFECTED
- \* THE BOARD PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC ULV DISINFECTION NANO SPRAY GUN AND COMMERCIAL GRADE DISINFECTANT TO BE USED ON A REGULAR BASIS WITHIN THE BUILDING
- \* SIGNAGE HAS BEEN HUNG WITHIN THE BUILDING AS WELL AS ON THE FRONT DOOR ADVISING OF THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTS TO ENTER THE BUILDING
- \* THE BUILDING WILL BE SANITIZED DAILY BY GARY, AS WELL AS EACH TIME THE CLEANERS ARE IN THE BUILDING

THESE CONDITIONS HAVE NOW BEEN MET AND THE CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS TO UTILIZE THE LIBRARY, COMPUTER, OR THE GAME ROOM, ETC. PLEASE USE SUPPLIED SANITIZER WIPES TO WIPE DOWN SURFACES BEFORE AND AFTER YOU TOUCH THEM. THERE WILL BE NO LARGE GATHERINGS OR RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THANK YOU TO BOB KROBATSCH FOR COORDINATION THESE EFFORTS! WITHOUT HIM THE CLUBHOUSE WOULD NOT BE OPEN!

THE SECOND PIECE OF GOOD NEWS IS THAT AFTER THE GRAFFITI VANDALISM OF THE CLUBHOUSE, WE VOTED TO GET A NEW CAMERA SYSTEM THAT WOULD MONITOR ALL THE ROOMS AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE PERIMETER OF THE CLUBHOUSE. WE HAD SOME VERY EXPENSIVE ESTIMATES, BUT FORTUNATELY, ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERED TO INSTALL THE ENTIRE SYSTEM GRATIS.

WE OWE **MARK LENON** A SERIOUS DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK. HE SPENT MANY HOURS CRAWLING AROUND IN THE ATTIC, CLIMBING LADDERS AND SNAKING WIRES THROUGH WALLS. AS WELL AS INSTALLING CAGES AND RUNNING CONDUIT TO KEEP THE CAMERAS SAFE FROM VANDALISM.

HE HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO DO A FEW MORE JOBS AT THE CLUBHOUSE, AS WELL AS AT OUR GAZEBO. WE HAVE MANY RESIDENTS WHO REALLY TRY AND HELP TO MAKE TALL PINES A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND MARK IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THEM.

THANK YOU MARK!

## HUNT RIDGE LANDSCAPING NOTE FROM BOB KROBATSCH

THERE IS A PROCEDURE IN PLACE FOR CLEANING AROUND SPRINKLER HEADS.

THE SUBJECT CAME UP AT THE DECEMBER HUNT RIDGE MEETING AND IT SEEMS THAT MOST PEOPLE WERE NOT AWARE OF HOW IT WORKS.

THE PROCEDURE IS TO CALL PARKLANE AT 727-232-1173, ASK THEM TO GENERATE A TICKET TO HAVE GARY FLAG ALL THE SPRINKLER HEADS.

GARY WILL DO THIS ON THE MORNING T4 IS MOWING. T4 WILL THEN WEEDWACK AROUND ALL THE HEADS.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS DOING THIS EVERY FEW MONTHS DURING THE GROWING SEASON.

THANK YOU!

The Tall Pine HOA November meeting Minutes were not available at print time. They will be published in the February Hi Lites.

IF you have recently confirmed your e-mail to Dennis Babe, you will receive the minutes by a group e-mail blast when they are available.

Unfortunately, the recent attempt to obtain owner email addresses went largely unanswered. **The Tall Pines Board now has LESS THAN 40% of owner emails and again requests all owners to submit their email address to Dennis at *ddbabe@wi.rr.com***

Your personal email address is not seen by others when the Board sends out an email. The use of email is a rapid and cost-effective means of communication for the Board. The emails are infrequent.

**If you do not use email**, please mail a letter to inform the Board. The address is:

Tall Pines Community HOA  
10930 Tall Pines Boulevard  
New Port Richey, FL 34654

# HUNT RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2020

### Call to Order

The board meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Steve Fitts - President. Board members present: Derek Watkinson, Susan Gavin, Bob Krobatsch, Carl Cassella, Mark Lennon, absent: Sam Guiliano: a quorum was established.

Meeting notices were posted.

### Approve Minutes - Previous Board Meeting

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting and approve, as recorded in the Hi-Lites, was made by Susan, seconded by Derek; motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Unavailable

### Old Business

After reviewing and discussing landscaping bids, the board voted to retain T4 Ventures. A motion was made by Carl, seconded by Mark: motion carried 4 to 2.

A landscaping committee was formed to oversee the performance of the vendor on a weekly basis. Committee members are Mark Lennon, Bob Krobatsch and Terry Mullins.

### New Business

Since the clubhouse will soon be reopened, the monthly HOA meetings are moving to the third Thursday of the month at 6pm - all homeowners are welcome to attend.

The budget meeting will be held on January 21, 2021 and the annual member meeting will be held on February 18, 2021.

### Next Meeting Date

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21 at 6 PM at the Tall Pines Club House.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mark to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 PM; seconded by Bob: motion carried.

Submitted by

Susan Gavin, Secretary

## RUXTON VILLAGE HOA SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2020

### MINUTES

Ruxton Village Meeting was conducted by teleconference on December 16, 2020. Jack Brandt called the teleconference meeting to order at 3:02 pm. Present on the teleconference were: Board Members Bud Johnson, Paula Morin, June Stanislaw, and Jack Brandt, as well as Parklane Representative Cindy Woods and resident Mike Manto. and resident, Mike Manto.

The purpose of this special meeting was to ascertain sufficient votes for the Roof Amendment to Ruxton Village By-Laws. Cindy Woods acknowledged receipt of Yes votes at 19 and one abstained. There being 24 residents a quorum was received and the Roof Amendment passed. The board all in favor of the resolution.

Simply, the HOA is still responsible for the normal maintenance and replacement of the roofs when necessary. The homeowner continues to be responsible for gutters, facia and soffits as well as acts of nature.

The document will be filed with Pasco County. The Board would like to thank all residents for their attention to this matter!

The next meeting for Ruxton Village will be on January 20, 2021 at 3PM at Tall Pines Clubhouse. No further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 with all in favor at this time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Residents!

Submitted by

Paula Morin, Secretary

## Tall Pines Email Distribution List Review Update

The review of the Tall Pines email distribution list is done.

After two and a half weeks and three attempts to get responses, 40 email addresses have been removed from the list. As always, if you would like to be included in this list then simply send Dennis Babe an email ([ddbabe@wi.rr.com](mailto:ddbabe@wi.rr.com)) requesting to be added.

### A Resolution for 2021

Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged,  
sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong.  
Sometime in life you will have been all of these.

Lloyd Shearer, 1998

# COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE APPROVED FOR MARCH 2021!

PROVED



TALL PINES COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE  
SATURDAY MARCH 6TH, 8AM-2PM

Traditionally, in February of each year, a successful Flea Market has been held in the Tall Pines Clubhouse. This Social Club event benefitted from residents donating household items, the Men's Club food sales and vendor booth fees.

Due to Covid19, we must all agree that we have had a very untraditional year! In view of this, at the December Tall Pines HOA Meeting, President Dawn Horvath led a discussion about an outdoor Community Garage Sale in 2021.

With the Board in favor, Board Member Paula Morin offered to work with a committee on this Garage Sale. It is open to all our residents.

*Residents will use their own garage or driveway.* In order to free up driveway space, those participating may move one of their vehicles to the Clubhouse parking lot on Friday, the day before the Sale. Further details are to follow in January.

The committee will cover advertising, signs, one-way traffic control, and vehicle admission into Tall Pines. More information as the event develops will follow in the next Hi Lites and by email blast. ***Make sure Dennis Babe - [ddbabe@wi.rr.com](mailto:ddbabe@wi.rr.com) - has your email address for notifications!***

**TO SIGN UP** - ADD YOUR NAME or write "YES" next to your name in the 2019 Tall Pines Directory posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board now through February. There is no fee to participate.

Your help with this COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE will be greatly appreciated! Please volunteer!

- \*We need volunteers for the Garage Sale Committee.
- \*We will need volunteers at the entrances to Hunt Ridge and Tall Pines Boulevard.
- \*We will need traffic control volunteers in each neighborhood.

Please contact Paula Morin at 207-468-0656 or [MORIN.PAULA5842@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MORIN.PAULA5842@GMAIL.COM) to volunteer, or if you have any questions or suggestions.

In the meantime prepare your "trash to become someone else's treasure!"

*The funds previously raised from the annual Flea Market have been used by the Social Club in past years, not only for community activities, but also for donations to the Volunteer Way food pantry on Moon Lake Road to help those less fortunate. Because there are no fees this year, the Social Club will not be earning money from this event.*

***If you participate in this event, please consider making a donation to the food pantry with some of your earnings.***

**NO RENTALS AT THIS TIME!**

**Tall Pines Clubhouse Rentals**

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at 352-442-2635

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See the all-color Hi Lites on-line at  
[www.tallpinesnpr20.com](http://www.tallpinesnpr20.com)



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please contact Sue Mac Queen  
[valleywoodsue@gmail.com](mailto:valleywoodsue@gmail.com)

**CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN. Do you need a**

**key?** The Clubhouse is unlocked for all meet-  
ings and events. If you wish to use it at other  
times, and do not have a key, contact AJ Doug-  
las, Clubhouse Manager at 352-442-2635. If you  
have an "old key", you can trade it in. If you do  
not, the price is \$10.

**IN THE LIBRARY**

We have a computer, printer, and e-mail address:

[tpcaclubhouse@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tpcaclubhouse@tampabay.rr.com)

This e-mail address is intended for anything related to  
clubhouse business. i.e., community meeting,  
scheduling, clubhouse key requests, private parties,  
etc. The printer is intended for personal low volume  
printing, and is monitored by the Clubhouse  
Manager, AJ Douglas.

The clubhouse phone # is 727- 849-7790 There is a fax  
machine attached to this number.

**WELCOME to Tall Pines!**

Nicolina Patterson, in Valley Wood, at  
7631 Bloomingdale Drive

Marian Pope, in Valley wood, at  
7611 Oakmont Lane

From the Tall Pines Board of Directors &  
Residents, *Congratulations* on ownership of your  
new property!

If you would like to be included in the next **Tall  
Pines Directory**, and receive important e-mails  
from the Tall Pines HOA Board, contact **Dennis  
Babe** for an Owner Profile Form at  
[ddbabe@wi.rr.com](mailto:ddbabe@wi.rr.com), or print the one  
at [www.tallpinesnpr20.com](http://www.tallpinesnpr20.com)  
on the Valley Wood tab.



# GOOD TO KNOW!

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS vs. Flu, Cold & Allergies

	COVID-19	FLU	COLD	ALLERGIES
COUGH	●	●	●	●
FEVER	●	●	●	●
BREATHLESSNESS	●	○	○	●
BODY ACHES	●	●	●	○
HEADACHE	●	●	●	●
FATIGUE	●	●	●	●
SORE THROAT	●	●	●	○
DIARRHEA	●	●	○	○
RUNNY NOSE	○	●	●	●
SNEEZING	○	○	●	●
WATERY EYES	○	○	○	●

● Frequently  
 ● Sometimes  
 ● Little  
 ● Rarely  
 ○ None

Sources: WHO, CDC  
 [www.co.carver.mn.us/covid-19](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/covid-19)  
 CARVER COUNTY Public Health

## TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM

Offered by CARES at the Elfers Center, the Telephone Reassurance Program is an invaluable **FREE SERVICE**. It could save your life! A telephone call is made to you each weekday between 8 am to 10 am. A call to ensure you are alright. It is designed for those who have impairments, live alone or do not have family support near by.

For an application or information, call CARES Elfers Center Management at 727-847-1290.

## RESIDENT ALERT!

**COYOTE SIGHTINGS** in and around Tall Pines have been increasing in number. Recent sightings in the area have prompted concerns. Coyotes are known to inhabit every county in Florida. Colored tan, gray brown or occasionally black, they can live in rural, suburban & even urban areas.

Coyotes are generally timid and may run away from you if you aggressively yell and wave your arms over your head, or throw something in its' direction. You can also make loud noise with a can of coins, or a loud whistle. This is called hazing. Do not haze a coyote if it appears sick or injured, or if it is accompanied by its' young. If you have a small dog or cat with you, pick it up and hold it securely before hazing.

Coyotes do prey on domestic cats and small dogs. Avoid walking your pet at night, dusk and dawn. Also avoid walking in wooded areas or at the edge of wooded areas.

We each can reduce attracting coyotes to the area by keeping our trash secure. Also keep pet food indoors. Remove bird seed from below feeders, and tree fruit from the ground.

Report coyotes that chase joggers or bikers, or approach people. The FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) can be reached at 850-488-4676

## TREE OWNERSHIP

If you feel that there is an issue with a particular tree near your home, the ownership of the tree needs to be determined to know whether the responsibility would lie with the homeowner or the association. In order to determine if a particular tree belongs to you or Tall Pines, contact Parklane Realty Services to document your concern. Parklane will then contact the Tall Pines board.

For a basic look at your lot see <https://www.acrevalue.com/plat-map/FL/>

## DO YOU NEED A LICENSED CONTRACTOR??

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## WELCOME COMMITTEE

- \*Ruxton Village - Paula Morin (207) 468-0656
- \*Ruxton II - Donna Hoey (631) 332-9814
- \*Valley Wood - NEW! Jill & Terry Bell 518-725-6407 and Miranda Buckley 607-382-3904
- \*Hunt Ridge - Brookhaven- Peggy Krobatsch (727) 845-0950
- \*Hunt Ridge-Baltusrol, Pineneedles and Ravines Barbara Mullins (248) 672-2834

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

- \*Ruxton Village — Paula Morin (207) 468-0656
  - \*Ruxton II — Donna Hoey (631) 332-9814
  - \*Valley Wood — Sue Mac Queen (860) 967-5788
  - \*Hunt Ridge- Brookhaven.....Volunteer Needed
  - \*Hunt Ridge-Baltusrol, Pineneedles & Ravines ..... *Volunteer Needed*
- Please contact Dawn Horvath to help out.  
**630-373-6363** or [dmhorvath23@gmail.com](mailto:dnhorvath23@gmail.com)

# JANUARY OCCASIONS



Rose Antonacci, January 5th

Gerre Ann Lepkowski, January 6th, 66 years

Chris Witaszek, January 6th

Ceil Witt, January 10th

Sandra Livengood, January 13th, 50 years

Becky Anderson, January 15th

Dave Antkowiak, January 18th

Edward Spodarek, January 20th

Derek Watkinson, January 22nd, 63 years

Adrienne Vanselous, January 28th



Thinking of You & Wishing You Well

Maria Cid

Dorothy Roberts Mickey Hebert

### A Resolution for 2021

Take care of yourself.  
Good health is everyone's greatest wealth.  
Without it,  
happiness is almost impossible.

Lloyd Shearer, 1989

## Happy Anniversary!

Nick & Samantha Vavoulis  
January 3rd

Marty & Margaret Giles  
January 31st, 14 years



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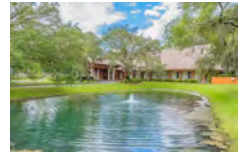
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advertise with us!!

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# JANUARY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years Day	2
3	4	5 <b>Ruxton II HOA Meeting 1pm</b> outside Clubhouse. Bring a Chair	6 <b>Recycle</b>	7	8 BUNCO <b>CANCELLED</b> 	9 COFFEE & CAKE <b>CAN- CELLED</b> 
10	11	12 <b>Social Club Meeting CANCELLED</b>	13 <b>Recycle</b>	14 <b>Tall Pines HOA meets at 7 pm</b>	15	16
17	18	19 <b>Valley Wood HOA Meets at 6 PM</b>	20 <b>Ruxton Village HOA meets at 3 PM</b> <b>Recycle</b>	21 <b>Hunt Ridge HOA meets at 6 PM</b>	22	23
24	25 HI LITES Deadline	26	27 <b>Recycle</b>	28	29	30
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