

# The Tall Pines Hi Lites

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## HI LITES UPDATE. EDITOR RESIGNS.

I am Sue MacQueen, Editor of the Hi Lites. I have asked the community for a volunteer to replace me, after nearly nine years volunteering for the Tall Pines HOA. The request has gone unanswered for a year.

As it turns out, in the early Fall, Microsoft is retiring the program called Publisher, part of Microsoft 365, which I use to create the Hi Lites.

As some of you know, I am caregiver for my 95 year old mother from October through April, and also for my husband Ray. I feel that learning a new program is not compatible with my ongoing family responsibilities. I have informed Jill Bell, President of Tall Pines, that the September 2026 Hi Lites will be my last on-line issue submitted, rendering the May 2026 issue to be the last printed and delivered issue.



I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to deliver the Hi Lites during my tenure, and to Jerry and Rosemary Jaskierny for managing the home delivery, Dawn Horvath and Jill & Terry Bell for proofing, anyone who submitted photos from functions, and Greg Darmand, our printer, for working with me to get the Hi Lites printed ASAP!

I would be remiss not to mention the late Ed McClain, Editor of the Hi Lites for decades, who turned over his files and gave kind guidance when requested.

In the likely event that there is no volunteer, Jill Bell has said that the Tall Pines Website which sports a monthly calendar, could become the place where HOA minutes, board notifications, event information, obituary announcements, property sales, trash & recycle schedules, the prayer list, Bunko information, clubhouse information etc. are submitted.

Please watch for further information about this transition in the near future.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER THE HI LITES IS ASKED TO CONTACT**

**JILL BELL AT [vwjillbell@gmail.com](mailto:vwjillbell@gmail.com).**

**Tall Pines Hurricane Season (June 1 — November 1)  
Reminder! Know your Evacuation Zone:**

**GO TO: <https://pascogis.pascocountyfl.net/evaczone/finder.html>  
Easily look up your address!**

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**WEDNESDAY  
GAME NIGHT AT  
THE  
CLUBHOUSE  
IS SCHEDULED  
TO  
RESUME ON  
SEPTEMBER 2ND.**

**THE NEW STARTING  
TIME IS 4PM**



## **HOLD OFF SOD PLANTING IN TALL PINES**

The Tall Pines Board of Directors advises, due to watering restrictions continuing until October, that owners do not install new sod at this time.

Please try not to apply to your Community Architectural Review Committee (CARC) now to install sod. We are in a severe drought and you are asked to wait a few months until the summer rainy season. No one will receive a violation for dead sod at this time.

Tall Pines President Jill Bell spoke with a landscaper who recommends St. Augustine sod for our area.

Please remember to keep your property in compliance with your ARC documents to maintain curb appeal. Also many people have dead plants in pots, and many weeds in garden beds. Please make sure to take care these issues.

## **THE FIRST VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2026 TALL PINES DIRECTORY ANNOUNCED – more needed!**

JUDITH SCOTT & PATTY BURKE, both Directors on the Tall Pines HOA Board are our first volunteers to assist DENNIS BABE with the update of our 2019 Directory. If you can help out in your neighborhood, please contact Dennis at [vwdennis@wi.rr.com](mailto:vwdennis@wi.rr.com) and thank you!

## **ATTENTION VALLEY WOOD OWNERS WHO ARE SELLING**

If you are selling your villa, please be sure to notify Parklane Management and the realtor an application and background check is required for each person on the deed. Failure to do this step can result in the closing being held up.

## **ATTENTION VALLEY WOOD OWNERS: MANY PLANT VIOLATIONS ARE NOTED PLEASE CORRECT YOURS!**

PLANTS are to be a MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF SEVEN FEET HIGH AND ONE FOOT AWAY FROM buildings, sheds, columns, soffits, carport poles etc. Plants should not be in contact with roofs or soffits.

ALSO, AT THE MARCH MEETING, THE BOARD VOTED TO SEND OUT VIOLATIONS OUT AS THEY SEE THEM, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL WALK-AROUND. Owners may report violations to our Parklane manager, Ricco.

To avoid violations please make sure your property is compliant with:

Clean driveways, sidewalks, patios & border stones (no mold allowed on stones)

Removal of rust stains on white stucco (try Dollar Store cleaner "The Works")

Rust stains on sheds, driveways & sidewalks (try "Iron Out" )

Weed-free garden beds.

## HOA Meeting Open Forum Rules for all Tall Pines HOA Meetings

Members attending are asked early in the meeting at the Announcements/Accomplishments to hold comments and questions until asked at the Open Forum near the end of the meeting.

When called upon, each person will have the floor for **up to three minutes** to voice their question or issue. Other members will **not** be allowed to interrupt.

### RESIDENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT ARMADILLO PROBLEM

These animals are digging 12-15" deep holes near foundations. This is serious because it may cause water to seep under the foundation and cause cracking.

Some residents are hiring trapping experts to remove the animals.



RESIDENTS MAY ALSO FILL THESE HOLES WITH STONE OR CEMENT, OR A WATER FILLED BOTTLE SURROUNDED BY DIRT. CASTOR OIL IS SAID TO REPEL THE ANIMAL, SO YOU MAY PLACE A LINE OF IT ON THE GRASS BESIDE YOUR FOUNDATION.

Many residents are complaining about numerous 4-5 inch holes being dug in their sod during the night. It is thought that armadillos digging for grubs are responsible for these holes.

Suggested treatment of the sod includes Cayenne Pepper available at dollar stores, and Scott's GRUB-X applied to dry grass and then watered.



"PLEASE DO  
NOT DRIVE  
OR PARK  
ON THE GRASS"

### NO PARKING ON THE GRASS SIGNS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

There have been increased reports of cars parking on the grass, both in common areas and with-in yards.

Please know that *our bylaws specifically state that there is to be no parking on the grass within the entire community.*

We have a very old, fragile irrigation system which can be damaged by the weight of vehicles, additionally it damages the lawns.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARK ON THE GRASS, YOU RISK BEING TOWED! And the cost of a tow can run as much as \$500 out of your own pocket, so please do not park vehicles on the grass any where in the community!

**AMERI-TECH MANAGER FOR TALL PINES****Brett Newby****727-726-8000 X301****bnewby@ameritechmail.com****ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

Please notify Withlacooche Electric to report streetlight or residential outages. Call 352-567-5133, or to report on line, go to [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) and click on "Report a Streetlight Outage" or "Report an Outage".

If you are unable to report your outages via these methods, you may call Ameri-Tech: 727-726-8000 ext. 301 to contact Brett Newby, Tall Pines Manager. Please do not contact board members.

**IMPORTANT!! YOUR HOME INSURANCE DECLARATION PAGE**

As per our Master Declaration documents (Article XIII, Section 6) —

all homeowners are required keep in full force and effect at all times a full replacement value insurance policy.

The declaration pages must be sent to Ameri-Tech management company annually when you renew your policy. You can set it up with your insurance company to automatically email a copy to the management company.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A COPY OF YOUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DECLARATION PAGE TO YOUR HOA, please send it in to BRETT NEWBY at [bnewby@ameritechmail.com](mailto:bnewby@ameritechmail.com)**

**ARE YOUR SPRINKLERS NOT WORKING?**

**Please report this immediately via the website contact form.**

We have received several requests recently where residents are stating that they feel they haven't had water for weeks or months, but no requests have been submitted.

We need these reported immediately so they can be put on the work list to be repaired. The best person to report this is the homeowner or resident who sees it every day. We rely on you reporting issues that you notice.

**CAT ISSUE****Check your community's rules!**

Some have a rule cats can only be indoors, others have a rule that any pet outside must be on a leash.

Please abide by this — if a pet roaming the community is reported as a nuisance, animal control will be contacted and the animal removed.

Several residents have complained about a black cat bothering their indoor cats and scratching up the screen. The cat owner will be responsible to fix a homeowner's screen.

Please keep cats indoors or on a leash.

Please keep your pet cats out of danger and keep them indoors.

**SLOW DOWN!!!! PLEASE OBSERVE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT  
THERE ARE MANY COMPLAINTS RE: SPEEDING ON MILLRIVER ROAD AND  
IN HUNT RIDGE WEST  
THANK YOU**

## **RE: FLORIDA DROUGHT NEW STRICTER WATERING GUIDELINES IMPOSED IN JUNE**

The one-day-per-week **lawn watering restrictions** that went into effect in February, continues with stricter watering hours.

Unless a city or county already has stricter hours in place, watering hours are reduced to 12:01 to 4 a.m. or 8 to 11:59 p.m. on a property's scheduled day for watering, SWFWMD said.

Properties less than 1 acre may only use one of these windows.

Here is the SWFWMD standard watering schedule based on addresses ending in:

- 0 or 1, only water on Monday
- 2 or 3, only water on Tuesday
- 4 or 5, only water on Wednesday
- 6 or 7, only water on Thursday
- 8 or 9, as well as locations with a mix of addresses or for which an address can't be determined, such as common areas associated with a subdivision, only water on Friday

Low-volume watering (micro-irrigation, soaker hoses, hand watering) of plants and shrubs (not lawns) is still allowed on any day but only before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

New lawns and plants have a 60-day establishment period. They may be watered any day of the week on days 1 through 30, and then three days per week on a regular schedule during days 31-60.

### **Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing**

Pressure washing in preparation for painting and sealing is allowed.

No homeowners association or other entity can enforce deed restrictions or other community standards requiring an increase in water use, including replacement of plant material to meet aesthetic standards or pressure washing.

Non-commercial car washing at home is only allowed. Annual pressure washing or in preparation for painting and sealing is allowed.

**\*\*NOTE: Tall Pines Irrigation will continue at twice per week**

Car washing is allowed on your property's lawn watering day. A hose with a shutoff nozzle must be used.



**DOG DROPPINGS!!! This problem goes on & on & on!!!!**

**IF YOU OWN A DOG, PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE, CONSIDERATE OWNER & CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND TAKE THE DISPOSAL BAG WITH YOU!!!! AND HAVE ANYONE WALKING YOUR DOG DO THE SAME!!!!**

**BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER OWNERS AND PICK IT UP!**

## **DOG WALKERS**

A common complaint about some, is letting their dog up onto a neighbor's property.

Please keep your dog leashed at the **edge** of the grass/road junction.

Your neighbors thank you.

## **TRASH & RECYCLE PICKUP INFORMATION:**

**TRASH COLLECTION on Mondays and Thursdays** Large items such as furniture, BBQ grills, and lamps are **not** accepted for pick up.

**RECYCLE COLLECTION on Wednesdays** Glass, shredded paper, styrofoam, and items that may tangle are **not** allowed. Plastic **Codes # 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 are taken. Nothing can be in plastic bags.** All items must be loose and clean in your pick up container. A blue plastic trash can is preferred but you can use your regular trash can. **Do not mix trash with recycle items.**

See [Pasco West FL | Dumpster Rentals & Garbage Pickup \(wasteconnections.com\)](http://Pasco West FL | Dumpster Rentals & Garbage Pickup (wasteconnections.com)) for more information on what recyclable items are accepted.

**RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO PUT RECYCLE ITEMS OUT ON TUESDAY EVENING** Due to a schedule change the recycle collection truck may arrive before or around 7am Wednesday mornings. Don't miss it!!

## **TRASH & RECYCLE SCHEDULE**

### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Presidents Day**  
**Office Open**  
Normal collection schedule

**MLK Day**  
**Office Open**  
Normal collection schedule

**Juneteenth**  
**Office Open**  
Normal collection schedule

**Memorial Day**  
**Office Closed**  
Normal Collection Schedule

**Independence Day**  
**Office Closed**  
Normal Collection Schedule

**Labor Day**  
**Office Closed**  
Normal collection schedule

**Veterans Day**  
**Office Open**  
Normal collection schedule

**Thanksgiving Day**  
**Office Closed**  
Collection delayed until next service day

**Day After Thanksgiving**  
**Office Open**  
Normal Collection Schedule

**YOU ARE PAYING FOR IT!**

**PLEASE RECYCLE!**  
**PICK-UP IS INCLUDED IN YOUR HOA FEE.**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Office Open**  
Normal collection schedule

**Christmas Day**  
**Office Closed**  
Collection delayed until next service day

**New Years Day \*\*\***  
**Office Closed**  
Collection delayed until next service day



## EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM - Please send in if you have not done so!!

The board would like to have all owners submit this form for a few reasons:

1. To be able to reach you in the event of an emergency or about work being done in Tall Pines
2. To allow you to choose to receive Tall Pines HOA communications by email to save postage
3. To give your permission to be included in the new Tall Pines Directory

The form can be obtained here and on our website, [www.tallpinesnpr.com](http://www.tallpinesnpr.com) and submitted to Brett Newby at [bnewby@ameritechmail.com](mailto:bnewby@ameritechmail.com)

### TALL PINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please return to Ameri-tech Community Management Partners, LLC.

5434 Grand Blvd., New Port Richey, FL 34652

E-mail: [bnewby@ameritechmail.com](mailto:bnewby@ameritechmail.com) – 727-726-8000 Ext. 253

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

#### FOR OWNER OR TENANT

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form by PRINTING the requested information, sign & date & hand deliver, mail, or Scan and email to Ameri-tech Community Management Partners, LLC, c/o Brett Newby.

Homeowners Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tall Pines Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ TEXT CELL PHONE: YES OR NO

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

TENANT(S), IF APPLICABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Cell Number: YES OR NO

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-owner, if applicable

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I grant permission to be included in the Tall Pines Directory

GTU, LLC DBA Licensed & Insured

# Green Thumb Unlimited

Professional Landscape Services

**Eric Kopp**

727-457-3460

eric@greenthumbunlimited.com

greenthumbunlimited.com 4/1/26



## BUNKO WINNERS

Most Wins -

Most Losses -

Most Bunkos -

**Bunko  
resumes  
in the  
Fall**

**COME ENJOY OUR NEXT NIGHT!!**



**LAUGH LOCAL!**

# COMEDY OPEN MIC

★ EVERY THURSDAY ★

**@ 8:00 PM**

**R2 Pub**

Good Times  
Great Friends  
Great Place

**\$4** WELL DRINKS

**\$4** DOMESTIC BEER

**STEP UP TO THE MIC  
OR JUST COME  
ENJOY THE SHOW!**

**R2 PUB** | 11022 Tee Time Cir | New Port Richey, FL



## **IMPORTANT: TO ALL SUBCOMMUNITY BOARDS & ALL USERS OF THE LIBRARY**

If you plan to use the library for any sort of meeting or gathering you must notify **Patrycja Zajac** to reserve your date and time.

All HOAs must notify her if your meeting date for the month has been changed.

Report to Clubhouse Manager Patrycja Zajac at 773-827-6849 for conflict review.

Meeting changes have resulted in conflicts with scheduled events.

Thank you!

## **THE HI LITES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO YOU!**

For those of you who travel between your northern home and your Tall Pines home. When you are not here to retrieve your paper copy of the Hi Lites, you can always find a copy on our website at <https://tallpinesnpr.com/newsletter.php> We also keep archives, and right now there are approximately six years' worth of historical Hi Lites stored on the site. Tall Pines wishes to send a thank you to Hi Lites editor, Sue MacQueen, for all of her time and effort in making these newsletters available, and to our delivery team out in the community.

P.S. **RENTERS** may be placed on the Tall Pines e-mail list, and receive all emails sent to the community.

Just send your name, home address & email address to Brett, at Ameri-Tech. See cover page, bottom right.



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS go out to

Lynda Leonard  
Dana Ringewald  
Peggy Krobatsch

Please contact Sue MacQueen at  
valleywoodsue@gmail.com to add someone  
to our list.



### BOOKS AND PUZZLES GALORE!

There are many, many books, games, movies and puzzles in the Clubhouse library! Tall Pines owners are encouraged to borrow and enjoy the collection. Please use, and return on the honor system.

Clubhouse Keys, \$20 each, are available from Patrycja Zajac, Clubhouse Manager

### CLUBHOUSE RENTAL \*\*

The Clubhouse is available for owners to rent for events such as:

**Christmas & New Years**  
**Parties Retirement Parties**  
**Meetings Birthdays**  
**Weddings**  
**Life Celebrations Showers**

For information contact Patrycja Zajac  
at paciorka@gmail.com, or 773-827-6849  
Pricing & Rules can be obtained on our website  
www.tallpinesnpr.com

\* \* **\$500 Security Deposit Required**

### ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR THE CLUBHOUSE

If you have any ideas, or want to teach a class, contact Clubhouse Manager Patrycja at 773.827.6849

Learn MAHJONG BOOK CLUB

WALKING BUDDIES GARDENING

EXERCISE CLASS / YOGA

HOMEMADE GREETING CARDS

WATERCOLOR CLASS CARD GAMES

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS ETC.,

SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS!!

### REMINDERS!! Please Slow Down!!

Keep  
our  
streets  
SAFE!



PLEASE OBEY THE  
SPEED LIMIT AND  
THE "PLEASE SLOW  
DOWN" SIGNS!

**PLEASE STOP THROWING CIGARETTE  
BUTTS ON THE ROADS OR GRASS!!**

### PLEASE STOP FEEDING CERTAIN WILDLIFE

The Board is asking residents to  
**refrain from feeding alligators,**  
**ducks, deer, Sandhill Cranes**  
**etc.**

Feeding songbirds, woodpeckers  
and hummingbirds from hanging  
feeders is acceptable.



# DONATE BLOOD

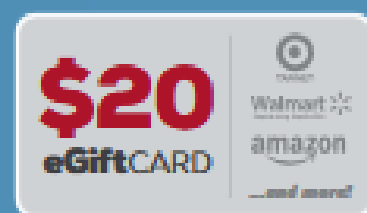
**Tall Pines at River Ridge**  
**Saturday, September 12**  
 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Cancer Awareness T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*

Donors  
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 80251**

**ID REQUIRED**

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

**oneblood**   
 share your power

### **Tall Pines Board Members 2026**

Jill Bell, President (518) 725.6407  
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 Anne McQuade, Director (917) 306-2079

### **HUNT RIDGE HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS as of FEBRUARY/2026**

President – Nick Vavoulis 727-234-3743  
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 Treasurer – Patrycja Zajac 773-827-6849  
 Secretary – Trish Ives 727-744-4102  
 Director— Susan Gavin 727-505-2346

### **RUXTON VILLAGE JANUARY 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Dawn Horvath President**  
**Bill Martin Vice – President/Treasurer**  
**Dana Ringewald Secretary**  
**Maureen Johnson Director**

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### **RUXTON II HOA FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Donna Hoey        | President      |
| Joe Capasso       | Vice President |
| David Smyth       | Treasurer      |
| Sherrie Walker    | Secretary      |
| Michael Laszewski |                |

### **SPRING LAKE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1/2026**

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 ganbru1@gmail.com  
 Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Brunelle  
 (813) 451-44161

**IF YOU HAVE ISSUES, REPORT TO YOUR MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE FIRST. HE or SHE WILL CONTACT THE BOARD ACCORDINGLY**

Tall Pines and Ruxton II call:

Brett Newby at Ameri-tech 727-726-8000 x301

Valley Wood, Ruxton Village, Hunt Ridge and Spring Lake call:

Richard Bremer or Saile Alvarez at Parklane 727-232-1173 x108



| Sunday                                                                                                                     | Monday       | Tuesday | Wednesday                                          | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2                                                                                                                          | 3 Trash      | 4       | 5 Recycle 7AM                                      | 6 Trash  | 7      | 8        |
| 9                                                                                                                          | 10 Trash     | 11      | 12 Recycle 7AM                                     | 13 Trash | 14     | 15       |
| 16                                                                                                                         | 17 Trash     | 18      | 19 Recycle 7AM                                     | 20 Trash | 21     | 22       |
| 23                                                                                                                         | 24 Trash     | 25      | 26 Recycle 7AM<br><div>HI LITES<br/>Deadline</div> | 27 Trash | 28     | 29       |
| 30—                                                                                                                        | 31—<br>Trash |         |                                                    |          |        |          |
| A MONTHLY CALENDAR IS ALSO NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE<br><a href="https://tallpinesnpr.com">https://tallpinesnpr.com</a> |              |         |                                                    |          |        |          |