

Oak Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

*David Rosin, President; Mike Brescia, Vice President
Pat Spence, Treasurer; Julie Rosin, Secretary*

Current Events

- **Time for Change**—April 9, 2013 meeting to elect new Directors
- **Meet My Neighbor—John McCormick** - works to restore 972 Harley
- **Water—Florida's Most Precious Resource**— water conservation tips for the yard
- **Pondless Water Features**—Kid friendly and low maintenance
- **Pasco County Recycling**— being expanded and lowering your taxes in the process
- **President's Corner**— Members meeting importance
- **July 4th**— Independence Day Flag celebration planned for July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2013
- **Nov 8, 9 and 10**—Oak Ridge Community Yard Sale
- **Dec 24**—Luminaries

Annual Members Meeting—We seek your ideas

The annual meeting of the members of the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association will be held:

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Time: 7 PM

Location: VFW

7445 Chester McKay Dr. New Port Richey, FL, 34680 .

Your attendance is requested to join and vote on the Directors who oversee the Executive's stewardship of the Association for

the two year term 2013-2015.

Participation in the Association's activities and goals has never been more important.

The meeting agenda includes opening the floor to questions. Bring your concerns, bring your compliments; but most importantly **BRING YOUR-SELF.**



Meet My Neighbor, John McCormick and his Harley Rebuild

Hello Folks My name is John, I am the guy that use to walk the big white dog, I call Mutley but his real name is Rahlla. That is a story for another time!

Some of my neighbors might be interested in the goings on in my garage. I am refurbishing to useable condition a 1972 Harley XLCH, this bike is more commonly known as a Iron Head Kick Start Sportster.



Understand I am not doing a restoration or a modification, but really just a little of each. I plan to take it to the 110th HD BLAST IN Milwaukee.

Sandy, my wife, thinks this is all a ruse and that I really only use it to practice cussing. While that thought is not groundless it is basically false.

August of 2012 I rode my Triumph to the TRI STATE HOG RALLY at Deep Creek Lake HARLEY OWNERS

GROUP (HOG). I was asked at that time not to do that again EVER! !!. I know what some of you may be thinking, (The Biker Crew) why would you choose that bike- are you nuts? A kick start bike that is cold natured and hard to start on a good day, vibrates worse than anything else on this

Planet except maybe a Jack Hammer, and therefore brakes parts and will wear you slap out in less than half the time of any other more modern bike, and on top of that has a max range of 75 miles before you need to go on re-

serve. To this I will reply, that I bought a larger tank, and I do not intend to take that bike on a long ride ever again. These old bikes are very fast from zero to 80 and stop well.

So for short trips they work well and they made a lot of them. Furthermore, they are bone simple to fix because they are just slightly more mechanically complex than your average red clay brick. There are a lot of them still around therefore they are cheap for a Harley.

So in closing, I would like to say if you see me in the neighborhood say "Hi"- I don't bite nor does Mutley.

WATER— Florida’s Most Precious Resource

With Spring fast approaching or already here, it’s time for many to think about working in the yard. The trees are blooming, birds are singing and the temperatures are still “cool” enough to make it enjoyable instead of turning us into a total puddle of sweat.

That said, here are some tips for conserving water in your yard from the Pasco County Government web site: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=194>

- Do not use cypress mulch. Using cypress mulch encourages destruction of cypress trees, which are wetland trees.
- Plant it smart! 'Florida-friendly' landscaping is a great way to design, install and maintain both your plants and irrigation system. More importantly, it will save time, money and water. For free information on 'Florida-friendly' landscaping, contact your water management district or your local cooperative extension service.
- Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once estab-

lished, they do not need water as frequently and usually will survive a dry period without watering.

- Put the right plant in the right place! Group plants together based on similar water needs into zones.
- Use a rain barrel / cistern to harvest rainwa-

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ter for your house-plants, garden or planter beds. Rain barrels like this can be made from 50 to 55 gallon food-grade drums. Larger containers are available and affordable too. An example of this functioning rain barrel is located at the Dade City Cooperative Extension Service Office.

- Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.

Emergency - 911
Non-Emergency Sheriff
727 847 5878
Fire
727 847 8102
Code Enforcement
727 847 8110

Pondless Water Feature Child safety, low maintenance among benefits

There's nothing quite like the sound of water bubbling in your back (or front) yard. A water feature can become an eye-catching landscaping feature, or a cool and tranquil backdrop that also helps block unwanted traffic or neighborhood noise.



A water feature can also be a great do-it-yourself project that just about anyone can tackle.

The term "water feature" can mean different things to different people. But if you want a stunning, low-maintenance option that's customized to your yard and your

style, consider going "pondless." Also known as a "disappearing pond," pondless water features eliminate the open pond that requires periodic maintenance to prevent algae and other problems, along with potential safety issues for small children. Instead, they use a water reservoir, a recirculating pump, and some type of rock or other feature that the water flows out of. The water filters down through a rock base over the reservoir and disappears, to be recycled endlessly. The pondless water feature pictured above is located in Oak Ridge subdivision. This dual-spillway water feature was designed and built by a local contractor, **Joe Cunningham**, who

owns **Nature Rocks!** Joe provided excellent advice, knowledge and experience in the area of landscaping and water feature mechanics. I wouldn't hesitate to use him for additional work or recommend him to friends, neighbors, or family. Joe's email address is: pondlessyardstreams@hotmail.com

To watch the waterfall in "motion" go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGSUWnRLhbQ>

Recycling is getting better-And lowers your taxes in the process

Mandy Stephens, the Project Coordinator for Pasco County recycling provided an update on the County's effort to reduce county expenses thru recycling.

"Our effort to improve on Pasco County's "Curb Your Blues" program (continues). Currently, this program allows for certain citizens to recycle eligible items at their residential curb. If you receive twice a week residential curbside trash pick up, you are eligible for twice a month curbside recycling. Items that are currently eligible for this program include plastics #1 &



#2, aluminum cans, metal food cans, and clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars. We have a new program on the horizon, "Curb It Pasco". With this new program, we hope to expand the type of recycling to include one thru five, and seven (thus excluding #6 which is mostly styrofoam). We also hope to allow residents to put their recycled goods into ANY type of container; this container will need to have a special reflective sticker attached to it that allows your trash hauling company to identify the container in the early dark morning hours. You (i.e. the resident) would supply the container and your trash hauling company would supply the

reflective sticker. However, you are allowed to continue using your blue bag(s) if you wish. There is no date set for implementation of this new program. Please feel free to call our office later this year for a date".

"**Newspaper in Education** is an insert that will be included in the Tampa Bay Times on April 21. This insert, as well as Earth Day on April 27 at Crews Lake Park, promotes environmental awareness and sustainability in children and adults. Earth Day is a family event that includes food, entertainment, games, and vendors. Some things that were done in the past have included a rain barrel workshop, a composting workshop, alligator encounters, and a mercury bounty collection." Contact Mandy at (727) 856-4539 mstephens@pascocountyfl.net

President's Corner—Responsibility

I urge you to join us on April 9, 2013 to elect the next slate of Directors that are **responsible** for oversight of the executives of your Association.

This year we are operating under the revised Bylaws and as such, the election on Tuesday April 9, 2013 will elect the four Directors of the organization for a two year term, 2013-2015. The Bylaws call for Directors terms to be 2 year terms, in line with the Executives' 2 year term.

I have selected Bob Roberts, as the Chairman of the Nominations and Elections (N & E) committee. As such, Bob is responsible for seeking nominations for the director positions and to run the election portion of meeting of the members Tuesday, April 9, 2012

7:00pm, at the **VFW Post, 7445 Chester McKay Dr., New Port Richey, FL, 34680** to help elect 4 Directors.

AGENDA:

- 7:00**—Call the meeting to order
- 7:05**—Pledge of Allegiance
- 7:08**—Introductions
- 7:15**—Treasurers report
- 7:25**—Vice President—Welcoming Comm.

- 7:35**—President's report
- 7:50**—Floor open to Questions
- 8:10**—Nominations Comm. chair

- Reading of the Slate
- Solicitation for Nominations
- Member Voting

- 8:28**—Motion to close
- 8:29**—Await a second
- 8:30**—Meeting adjourned

Additional information regarding the members meeting is available on the web site www.myorha.org.

Responsibility—Recently we have received anonymous complaints regarding County Code violations. The executives of the HOA strive to help Association members resolve issues using all of the resources at the Association's disposal, but without a member **responsible** for the complaint to work **with**, the HOA is unable to lend assistance. We seek your participation with all activities of the Association, that includes problem resolution.

If you want to make this a better place, join, volunteer, offer suggestions and then get behind those suggestions to make them happen.

Without YOU, we have nothing.



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Members Meeting—April 9, 2013

The **meeting of the members** to elect Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 9, 2013 at the VFW post located at 7445 Chester McKay Dr., New Port Richey, FL, 34680**

To be eligible to vote, you can join the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association using 1 of the 3 methods:

1. Online at www.myorha.org using your credit card
2. USPS mail, a check to the ORHA Treasurer, C/O Pat Spence, 6403 Chiswick Ct., New Port Richey, FL 34655.
3. Join us, the Executives, Directors and the members of the Association at the VFW post, **7445 Chester McKay Dr., New Port Richey, FL, 34680** on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. and personally hand a check to the

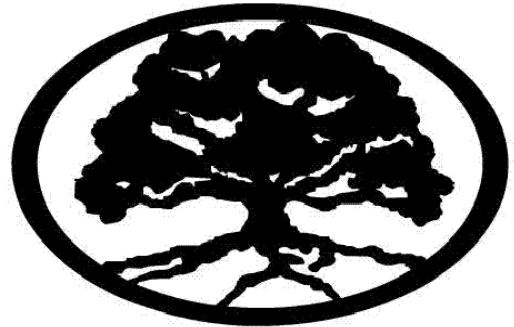
Treasurer, Julie Rosin at the meeting.

The current Executives and Board of Directors look forward to meeting you. Your help in the selection of new executives and Board of Directors will be solicited by the Chairman of Elections and Nominations Committee. The newly elected executives will run the organization for the coming year under the guidance and supervision of the board.

Please plan to attend for this important once a year event.

The meeting will also offer an open question and answer period following the Treasurer's and President's report.

We want to hear from you.



David Rosin
President