

Oak Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

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July 4th– Independence Day Flag Celebration planned

Nov 8, 9, 10–Oak Ridge Community Yard Sale

Dec 24–Luminaries

Did you know?

ORHA members advertise free on www.myorha.org
 ORHA members advertise at discounted rates in the newsletter?
 ORHA members receive discounts on flags and luminaries?
 Are you an ORHA member?

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

Oak Ridge Celebration—Our Nation's Independence

Oak Ridge salutes our Nation's independence each July 4th with a massive display of lawn-lined U.S. Flags.

July 4th is only a couple of weeks away.

Be a part of this annual celebration by displaying your flags beginning Sunday morning, June 30, 2013 through sundown, Thursday, July 4, 2012.

You may purchase flags online via the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association web site at <http://www.myorha.org/flagDisplayInfo.shtm>

Flag purchases must be

completed online by June 27th to be delivered to your home at the Oak Ridge address you provide, by June 30th.

Or you may choose to visit the Associations' Vice President, Mike Brescia, at 6315 Arbor Drive to pick the flags up in person (please call to coordinate a convenient time (727) 375-1717.

Oak Ridge Homeowners Association members save approximately 33% over non-members, so if you haven't joined the association, it is to your benefit, in more ways than one, to [join now](#).

As more and more Oak Ridge residents participate, don't be the only house on your street not displaying flags!

CELEBRATE AMERICA!!



Pasco County Code Compliance—They are here for you

Your property taxes fund many county services. One of the least utilized is the [Code Enforcement](#) division. "The goal of the Code Compliance Division is to provide information to all interested parties and to fairly and efficiently enforce the Pasco County Land Development Code and ordinances."

Pasco County's Customer Service Center is the fastest, most efficient way to ask the Code Compliance division to look into a problem.

Beware, the County does not respond to anonymous requests; therefore the first step to submitting a request is creating a "User ID" in the system. Creating your ID is super easy and takes less than 2 minutes!

Some examples under the category of Code Compliance include:

- Abandoned Animal
- Aggressive Dog
- Boats, Trailers & RV's
- Illegal Dumping of Trash or Debris
- Illegally parked commercial vehicle
- Inoperable Vehicle
- Overgrown Lots
- Trash and Junk
- Abandoned Signs
- Unsecured Pools
- Street Light Out
- Tree Low Hanging Branches near road
- Violation of permitted use
- Miscellaneous

Code Enforcement is there for YOUR benefit; you pay for it; use it.

Get a FIRM grip, you may not like what's coming

May I have Your Undivided Attention!

Pasco County has informed the home owners association that the Digitized Flood Information Rate Maps (DFIRM) are changing.

Pasco county is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and because they are, the residents of the county qualify for Federal Flood Insurance. The insurance

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Member Appreciation

rates are based on risk assessment and the risk assessment is derived from the current DFIRM.

FEMA is publishing new Digitized Flood Information Rate Maps (DFIRM) and with those new maps, there is the potential your flood risk and associated insurance rate may change.

The Oak Ridge HOA received notification of the new DFIRM via a [letter](#) from the Pasco County Storm Water Department. That letter is packed with information,

links and meeting schedules to help you understand what impact the revised DFIRM may have on you. In addition to the letter, the Pasco County web page is a good information source to help you understand the potential impact to you and your insurance premiums.

Pasco County has planned 4 open house meetings that run 4pm–6:30pm as follows:

- June 26, St Leo University 33574 SR 52
- June 27, Zephyrhills High School
- July 10, Sunlake High School
- July 11, Wiregrass Ranch High School

The meetings will permit you review the revised DFIRM and to ask questions as to the impact the map change will have on your flood risk and associated insurance premium.

The Association will keep the [News page](#) updated with all the changes to help keep you informed.

POTAGER (po-ta-shjay) GARDENS-Bill Higdon, Master Gardener

Potager gardening is the practice of intercropping and companion planting of a variety of herbs, flowers, vegetables and even fruit trees. In fact, the word “potager” is actually a derivative of the French term for soup: everything needed to make a hearty soup that could typically be found in a medieval garden.

These gardens can take many forms from formal gardens to more casual or informal planting arrangements. The Europeans have been intercropping for centuries.

Intercropping and companion plantings is nothing new. The Native Americans practiced a method of gardening known as “the 3 sisters”. This consisted of planting corn, beans and squash together. Corn provides support

for the beans, which fixed nitrogen into the soil and squash which acts as living mulch to help conserve moisture.

Potager gardens not only look great, but there is an increased level of biodiversity which makes everything healthier. Flowers increase the number and diversity of pollinators which will lead to greater yields, i.e. French marigolds are helpful in controlling

all types of nematodes. Another way to control nematodes is to improve the soil itself with organic matter. This allows the growth of certain fungi and predatory nematodes that can help keep root-damaging ones in check.

Sunflowers and nasturtiums can give a cottage feel to a garden. They attract aphids and can be used as decoys for vulnerable vegetables. Nasturtiums can deter cucumber beetles, whiteflies and squash bugs.

To be sure that what you plant is compatible, refer to the guides that are available at www.howtogardenadvice.com. Also refer to the Florida Vegetable Garden Guide at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021> for appropriate planting times for vegetables.

Don't forget that Pasco County Extension Services offers a great variety of information from turf problems to citrus, horticultural and any other gardening questions you may have. They may be contacted at <http://pasco.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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

Can you imagine a more perfect place for a passive Pasco County Park?

As I drive by the busy corner of Perrine Ranch Road and Seven Springs Boulevard I always gaze to the North East side of Seven Springs Boulevard and visualize a green, tree-lined park with a two-mile biking/walking trail, Frisbee golf course with a small, 20-car natural rock parking lot. The light turns green and I proceed past the 14 acre parcel that has been vacant since I've moved here in 2004.

Tax map:<http://tinyurl.com/khlsp2f>

Nice Dream.

It is going to take more than one person's day dreaming at a traffic light to make this dream become reality.

The first step in a long series of steps is getting the Pasco County Commissioners on the same page as the residents. While this is a very straight forward goal, the steps to accomplish this goal are not.

I need your help.

If you have an interest in finding out what it will take to have Pasco County Commissioners locate the funding for land acquisition and begin the process of creating a Passive



Community park, please do two things:

1) Write [Kathryn Starkey](#)

'kstarkey@pascocountyfl.net' <<mailto:kstarkey@pascocountyfl.net>>

And ask her: "What steps are needed for Pasco County to acquire the 14 acres at the corner of Perrine and Seven Springs, for a Passive Community park?"

2) Write me, [David Rosin](#) and let me know if this is a good or bad idea and what your thoughts are.

I've approached the Commissioner via email and one phone call but to date I've not spoken face to face.

Your support will help convince the commissioners that this is a desired project and has the support of the adjacent neighbors.



President's Corner—Grass is always greener across the street

Does your neighbor have a better looking yard than you? Is her grass always greener? Landscaping attractive and tailored? House freshly painted?

Summer is in full swing; most of your summer flowers are in full bloom. You gaze across the street and notice the neighbor's house and yard look just a little better than yours.

You can fix that, but it is going to take some work on your part.

Here are some ideas to get you started;

[Spruce up your mailbox like one of these:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/k2fl2lf>

[Paver your driveway to look like one of these:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/k4qpsts>

[Landscape your yard to look like one of these:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/l4fphqk>

[Install a water effect like this one:](#)

<http://youtu.be/OGSUWnRLhb0>

[Reroof with something spectacular:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/m4rcwdz>

[Paint your house in a unique way:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/kcafskn>

[Remodel your pool:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/krmxab6>

You should be getting a few ideas of your own at this point.

The value of your house is something you can take pride in as you enhance its physical beauty and improve the property's value.

There has never been a better time than right now to start some "enhancement" projects and improve your property.



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Oak Ridge membership—Good, but not as good as it should be

Membership has its privileges and the Association would be privileged to have you as a member.

Many, but not all, have paid their 2013-2014 membership dues. The April 2013 printed newsletter, distributed by first class postage (United States Postal Service), included your invoice for the coming year. If you have not sent in your annual membership dues of \$35, now would be a good time to reaffirm your membership in what is BY FAR one of the best HOA values in Pasco County, if not the State of Florida.

To make the membership process as simple as it can be, there are two methods available to you to purchase your 2013-2014 membership;

- 1) Go to the [membership page](#) of the web site and use your Credit Card to obtain immediate feedback on your membership purchase.
- 2) Mail a physical check, payable to O.R.H.A. and send to the Associa-

tion Treasurer, Pat Spence
6403 Chiswick Ct.
New Port Richey,
FL 34655
(727) 846-1264

You funds help support:

- Four quarterly newsletters keeping you informed. Three of the four are distributed electronically, saving hundreds of dollars in postage and printing expense.
- Timely WWW.MYORHA.ORG website updates to keep you up to date on ORHA events.
- Legal expenses include Pasco County document filing fees.
- Entrance wall maintenance.
- Detailed financial records in Quicken to help understand the financial requirements of the Association.

- Architecture Committee for review of building changes per covenants.



- ORHA community yard sale print advertising (St. Pete Times, Tampa Tribune), signage, new Banners and Craigslist making this community event more successful.

- Continued PayPal access for online dues payment to make it easy to join ORHA.

- Neighborhood flag events, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

- Christmas Luminary event.

We want you, we need you.

Join today!