

Oak Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

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

Current Events

- Celebrate the Birth of the United States Constitution, July 4, 1776
- Ground View, Inc.
- MyPasoc Smart Phone App
- Pasco Charter Government
- RC working for you
- This spuds for you—Potato Vine
- James E Grey Preserve Park
- BMP1a Pasco Strom Water
- DIY Cleaning Products for the Whole House
- President's Corner- A Deal for You
- Scheduled Events:
 - July 4th - Independence Day Flag celebration planned for July 3 -5, 2015
 - Nov 6, 7, and 8 - Oak Ridge Community Yard Sale
 - Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Flag celebration
 - Dec 24 - Luminaries

Oak Ridge July 4 Flag Celebration to run July 3–5

Oak Ridge salutes our Nation's independence and the creation of the Supreme law of the land, the United States Constitution, each July 4th with a massive display of lawn-lined U.S. Flags.

The HOA needs your help make this the biggest display of U.S. Flag lined streets in all of Pasco County. **July 4th is only a couple of weeks away.**



Be a part of this annual celebration this year by displaying your flags beginning Friday July 3 through sundown, Sunday, July 5.

You can obtain inexpensive novelty U.S. flags and help the HOA by purchasing flags online via the Oak Ridge Homeowners Association web site at <http://www.myorha.org/flagDisplayInfo.aspx>

The HOA appreciates your purchase and participation that commemorates the historic event in human history.

Doing Business with Oak Ridge Neighbors— Ground View, Inc.

Ground View Inc, is owned by George Kostakis, one of our Oak Ridge residents. He started the business in 2005 and it's more than just another landscaping company. The Landscape architects do more than simply plant shrubs, arrange trees, and run watering systems. They create a complete visual package that works with your architecture's aesthetic and your surroundings. This takes not only a keen eye for visual detail, but also an expansive knowledge of biology and ecology.

Ground View employs only the most well versed, well rounded, and artistic landscape architects. You will absolutely love the work we do for you, whether it's installing your fence, new pavers, or decorating your yard with creative curbing and landscaping.

At Ground View, we treat what we do as a form of high art: it's beautiful, elegant, timeless, and expressive.

Their services include:

- Landscaping Services and Design
- Patio Pavers



- Driveway Pavers
- Decorative Concrete Curbing/Edging
- Fencing

For more information and additional photos check out Ground View, Inc's web site at: www.groundviewinc.com

Pasco County Government launches the new “MyPasco” mobile APP

Pasco County Government’s new mobile application (APP) for smart phone users is now available online. The new APP is designed for Android, Apple, Blackberry, and Windows mobile products.

The APP is called, "MyPasco" selected after more than 250 people participated in a social media contest to come up with a name for the new APP. In May, Pasco County Government announced that three individuals came up with the winning entry and received a small prize package for their help.

The APP will have a variety of features including the ability to view County Commission meetings, press releases, National Weather Service alerts, parks information, library locator, emergency management information, pet adoption services, and commuter information.

"The MyPasco APP unveiled today is just the start," said Doug Tobin, Public Information Officer for Pasco County Government. "We plan on rolling out new features and it will be updated auto-

matically on each smart phone."

"There has been a lot of excitement with this new APP," said Todd Bayley, Pasco County’s Chief Information Technology Officer. "As we were testing this APP citizens were finding us online, we had a park reservation before we even announced it to the public."

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

In the near future the APP will have the ability for citizens to pay their utility bills, report a pothole directly to road and bridge and watch Pasco County Television.

"We could also look at the APP as a way of communicating with all 2,000 County employees in the future," said County Administrator Michele Baker.

"This would be especially beneficial to employees who don't have easy access to a computer and spend much of their time in the field. The possibilities are endless for both employees and Pasco Citizens."

Charter Form of County Government—Are you affected?

Pasco County Commissioners have created an exploratory committee to determine the possibility of changing the way Pasco County government works.

The meeting took place at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, Board Room, 2nd Floor, 37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, Florida 33525 on Monday June 8, 2015 and was recorded and you can see and hear the agenda items discussion.

The agenda of the meeting can be found at the following link: <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/19558>

Pasco County Government has a dedicated website to help

inform citizens learn more about the Charter Advisory Committee. The website includes: a timeline, committee member listing, meeting minutes, frequently asked questions and background. The website can be accessed by

clicking on this link: <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2176>

A complete look at this week’s schedule on Pasco County television can be found at the following link: [http://](http://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/13886)

www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/13886. Pasco Television is your source for vital safety information during a hurricane or other emergencies affecting the County.



Pasco Economic Development Council nominates one of our own

[Can Can Concealment LLC](#), owned and operated by an Oak Ridge parcel owner has been nominated by the Pasco Economic Development Council (PEDC) in the Applicant Insight category. Congratulations to Darlene and George for their nominations and future success.

The PEDC award committee, over the next few weeks, will interview executives of the nominated firms, using a specific scale to determine a score which will yield a winner in the category.

Winners will received awards at the

PEDC’s 2015 banquet on Sept 3 at Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel. Visit www.pascoedc.com/events for details.

Congrats Can Can Concealment!

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Oak Ridge Restrictions Committee (RC) makes strides for Oak Ridge Parcel Owners

By
Doug Lines,
Committee Chair

On July 22, 2014 your Restrictions Committee (RC) began functioning in accordance with the Oak Ridge Homeowners' Association (ORHA) Restrictions Committee Guidelines.

Those guidelines are utilized when your RC responds to a complaint from a property owner who perceives that there is a problem with the condition of a specific property within the neighborhood.

Protecting your property value is the purpose of the RC and we make every attempt to resolve problems in the neighborhood through voluntary compliance with our Deed Restrictions and Pasco County Codes and Ordinances.

The RC has been successful in resolving complaints from six property owners. Of the six complaints, three were

resolved with voluntary compliance, three through Pasco County Code Enforcement involvement.

The RC attempts to resolve complaints with the affected property owner by utilizing our ORHA Courtesy Letter. If Pasco County Code Enforcement should be required to resolve a complaint your RC will not hesitate to enlist their help in assuring a successful conclusion to a complaint should our ORHA Courtesy Letter fail to achieve the desired result.

The committee has an excellent group of members who have varied

backgrounds that have contributed to its success. Each RC member, and your ORHA Board of Directors, are all "on the same page" when attempting to resolve complaints through voluntary compliance.

Oak Ridge residents can be assured that we will continue to exercise understanding, compassion for extenuating circumstances, and maintain the proper attitude when requesting that a property owner honor the

intent and spirit of your ORHA Deed Restrictions and all Pasco County Codes and Ordinances.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Restrictions Committee at: OakRidgeRestrictionsCommittee@myorha.org.
We are here to help you.

Functional Fund Raising

Keep your dollars in the Community

A percentage of the \$34 cost of each 3.5 gallon bucket of this laundry detergent goes to support the [Medical Center of Trinity Volunteers, Inc.](#) scholarships. [David & Charley Wischmann](#)
317-627-4377

Product	Price	Cost / oz	Cost / load
1 Liquid Laundry Detergent	\$34	0.07	0.11
Sams Club Tide total green	\$18.38	0.33	0.21
Winn Dixie Tide	\$17.99	0.12	0.19
Walmart Original Tide	\$17.97	0.12	0.19
CVS	\$19.99	0.13	0.21

Have you heard of the “Air Potato”? Listen up, this one has got to go!

An **Air Potato** and invasive management workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension Office in Dade City, Florida from 5:30-7:00 PM.

This particular workshop has been designed for home and property owners seeking information on control of the invasive air potato plant. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences will provide air potato beetles as door prizes.

Air potato beetles are an exceptionally effective method of control for the air potato plant without harm to other species.

Note: We cannot guarantee everyone will receive air potato beetles. In the event more participants register than beetles are available, they will be given away as door prizes selected at random.

To register for the workshop, please go to: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/air-potato-invasive-plant-management-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/air-potato-invasive-plant-management-workshop-tickets-16771516056)

[workshop-tickets-16771516056](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/air-potato-invasive-plant-management-workshop-tickets-16771516056). *The program costs \$15.00/person.*

For more information, call the UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension Office at: 352-518-0156.

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James E Grey Preserve— One of Pasco County’s Best Kept Secrets

James E Grey Preserve is a beautiful park located about 3 miles north of our Oak Ridge subdivision. The park is described as “80 acres of Old Florida nature, with the Pithlachascotee River taking center stage.”

This area has been preserved for all to enjoy. This site is named after New Port Richey city pioneer James E. Grey, who

died in 1985. The Preserve is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail, with 140 different kinds of birds. In addition, it offers spectacular viewing opportunities for deer, wild boar, turtles, and manatees. Dogs are not permitted in this park.

Amenities and features of the park include:

- Parking Area
- Restrooms
- Canoe / Kayak launch area

- The end of the Florida Canoe Trail
- 1/2 mile boardwalk through the flood-plain forest



- Fishing Pier
- Pavilions with grills
- Great Florida Birding Trail
- 2 miles of trails for Hiking

<http://www.cityofnewportrichey.org/index.aspx?NID=143>

The entrance to the park is located on Plathe Road off of Rowan. [Click here](#) for Map or use:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=z9ghedel7Y_0.kzt8BWBksjXU&msa=0&ll=28.24164,-

- Geocaching location
- Partially wheelchair accessible
- Wildlife viewing

Check out the reviews and pictures posted on [Trip Advisor](#)

There is additional information on the New Port Richey site:



BMP 1a—Pasco County Storm water

Pasco county storm water department has an ongoing task force that was put into place in 2013 to address the street and house flooding that occurred in the upstream 1000 oaks and Trinity Oaks area, 1000 Oaks and Trinity Oaks is approximately 2-4 miles west of Oak Ridge on Mitchell Ranch, Little and Trinity Blvd area.

The first task Storm water tackled is the gate that is located behind CVS and who's flow, when the gate is open goes directly into the Oak Ridge canal that runs behind Ridgetop and Milestone residents. Under MOST normal circumstances, the gate at BMP (Best



Management Practices) 1a is closed and the natural flow of water does NOT go thru the Oak Ridge Canal. Because of the work upstream, Pasco Storm water has received a special permit from the South West Florida Water Management District to open the gate and effectively drain upstream retention ponds to permit contractor work that will eventually correct the flooding in the Trinity Oaks and 1000 Oaks subdivisions.

The purpose of this article is bring you, the Oak Ridge parcel owner, into the loop on the actions of Storm water management and the work contractors are accomplishing upstream so that you can monitor your parcel's for unusual storm water run off during these changes. The picture at left is the BMP 1a with the gate open. Under normal conditions the gate would be closed.

The Trinity Oaks, 1000 Oaks

effort is mostly BMP 5a and involves changing the lay of the land to effect a better water flow from the affected area. That work took a significant delay because it was flooded. It took Pasco Storm water management, working with South West Water Management District to come up with a plan to drain the area and NOT

flood down stream areas. Many of the meeting which had all interested parties (Oak Ridge included, cover this issue thoroughly.

The Picture at left is the BMP 5a area where the work has now been completed, the SOD is being placed and clean up work is being accomplished by the contractor.



The contract costs associated with the planning, permitting and actual work exceeds 2 million dollars and involved some county and some state funds.

The entire project has been lead by the Storm water project manager, Cindy Jolly ((727) 834-3611)



Oak Ridge Membership
Protect your home investment

As your association Representative on the Task force and your President, I wanted to pass on as much information as I can to insure you

have the knowledge to understand the potential ramifications of the Counties' efforts. If you live on the Oak Ridge Canal and experience any unusual water flow or height conditions, please email me at president@myorha.org

Penny for Pasco—Know where your money goes

Penny for Pasco is a Local Government Infrastructure Surtax first proposed and approved in late 2004 with the first surcharge assessed to tax-payers in January 2005. In 2015 the surcharge was again voted on and positively supported by 70% of the voters; therefore, continuing the surcharge for another 10 years. The recent improvements to the Perrine Ranch intersections was

funded by this money. The Penny for Pasco 2015 / Pasco County's share of 45% is to be distributed as follows:

- 40% for transportation improvements and to address traffic congestion
- 20% for Economic Development and job creation

- 20% for acquisition of environmental lands
- 20% for improving public safety

For more information including a detailed list of the 2015 [Penny for Pasco](#) Projects list, access the web site at: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/penny>



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The first five people who read this and send an email to the President of the association with 'FLAGS' as the subject line will receive 10 US Flags for the 4th of July.

Without you, we are nothing. Join, contribute, be involved, be a member.

<http://www.myorha.org>

The Oak Ridge Homeowners' Association, Inc. (ORHA) is a voluntary HOA in a deed restricted community located in beautiful New Port Richey, Florida.

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Homemade Cleaning Products for the Whole House

Of course we can buy all types of household cleaners at any local store. But most of them contain harsh chemicals and ingredients that are truly unnecessary to get the job done. Many of our homes in Oak Ridge have big, beautiful windows, so here's a super simple recipe for making your own window cleaner; it's cheaper and has basic non-toxic ingredients.

Glass Cleaner: Great for: Windows and mirrors

Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup white or cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol (70% concentration)
- 1 to 2 drops of orange essential oil, which gives the solution a lovely smell (optional)

Find more easy and safe recipes like this for Heavy Duty Scrub, Grease Cleaner, Stain Remover and many more at the following [Good House-keeping](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com) web site:

<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/tips/a24885/make-at-home-cleaners/>

President's Corner— Oak Ridge HOA has a deal for you!

You've read the cover article on the July 4th celebration for our supreme law of the land, the United States Constitution. And the birth of the United States. Have you thought about placing flags on your frontage to participate but you just don't have the time to go pick up the flags.



Membership means success

The HOA is offering 10 FREE flags to anyone who [purchases 20 flags on the web site](#) AND in the address field along with your house address, the words **PRESIDENTS DEAL**. Your order of flags will be at your front door within 48 hours, You can order your flags at <http://www.myorha.org/flagDisplayInfo.aspx>

Don't forget the **PRESIDENTS DEAL**.

We want you to participate, join the fun and order your United States novelty flags like the rest of the neighborhood.

Be safe, be creative and have fun!

David Rosin

President

The **Oak Ridge HOA** has a deal for you!