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Our friend, **Deputy Steve Ferreira**, and his associates from the Sheriff's Office will present a timely program on neighborhood crime prevention. Steve, formerly our Community Resource Deputy, is now with the HCSO Crime Prevention Bureau.

Joining Steve on the program will be volunteers from the Citizens' Patrol Program who are serving in their neighborhoods. We'll also get a close-up look at the VCPP patrol cruiser and have an opportunity to ask questions of Steve and his associates.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 PM, following our usual 7:00 PM social hour featuring pizza, subs, desserts, coffee and soft drinks. Our "Kids Corner" will be open to keep the little ones busy. The meeting will be at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 6100 Memorial Highway. Please enter from the church driveway on the west side.







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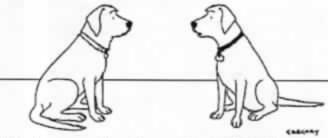
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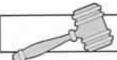
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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where's the "curb appeal?" Walking or driving through our Bay Crest neighborhoods, it is hard not to notice the number of homes for sale. Many bear the lawn sign of a Realtor® or broker, others are posted as owner sales, and still more are obviously vacated and in legal limbo.

Most real estate professionals advise that a home offered for sale must make a good first impression, commonly referred to as "curb appeal." It appears some still-resident owners aren't doing all they can to make their property ready to sell and increase this appeal. If you're a seller, the bottom line is to convert your home to cash, pack up, and move on. That's hard enough to do in today's market glut, so why not make the product look as good as possible?

Some obvious things to do include:

- Stow tools, bikes, ladders, trash cans and other materials out of sight. Put scattered toys away.
- Mow the lawn regularly and edge sidewalks and curbs; kill and pull vegetation in sidewalk and driveways.
- Trim tree limbs and remove dead or drooping palm fronds and seed clusters.
- Pressure wash gutters, driveways, walks and building areas where mildew has formed.
- · Wash your windows, porch and deck areas.
- Tidy back yard areas; potential buyers may also try to take a peek behind the home.
- Replace tattered screening on patios and pool cages.
- Paint trim or shutters if needed; this improves attractiveness without a large investment.

In the early evening hours, potential buyers will still do "drive-bys" of your property. Professionals advise that you should:

- Keep interior lights on and shades open to show a warm interior appearance.
- Use low-voltage decorative lawn lighting to highlight the home and landscaping.

In Bay Crest Park, we don't want to lose good neighbors, but we do want those that leave to have the greatest return possible from their largest possession – their home. We also welcome new residents who appreciate and maintain the attractiveness and "curb appeal" of our neighborhood.

Juli

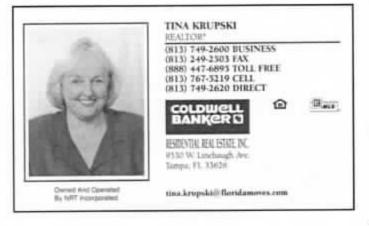


# TREASURER'S REPORT

Gil Leimbach

As of October 28, we have 534 paid members of the Association, and a treasury balance of \$12,550.18.

Our annual dues are only \$10 (or more if you choose). Please continue to support your neighborhood and mail your membership check today to the Bay Crest Park Civic Association, PO Box 261116, Tampa FL 33685. Please be sure to include your Bay Crest address on your check.







### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Juli Milas called the meeting to order at approximately 7:34 PM. The program for the night was "Meet the Candidates". Juli thanked Norm Coffman for being the liaison between Wesley Memorial Church and Bay Crest. Norm welcomed everyone and invited all to attend Wesley Memorial Church. Juli also thanked Gil and Gwyn Leimbach for hosting the meeting. Gil led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Juli also welcomed Rosemarie Middleton and guests from Twelve Oaks. Their "Meet the Candidates" night was cancelled due to the hurricane. They were invited to attend our meeting. Juli asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May General Membership Meeting. Tom Suttle made the motion and it was approved.

Gil Leimbach announced that the Bay Crest Park Civic Association's current account balance is \$13,918.72 as of the July 2008 statement. We have 478 paid members to date.

Juli asked if there were any first time attendees or new residents. Michael and Julie Gardner from 8702 Driftwood, Judi Morrell from 8326 Archwood Cr. and Matt and Amanda Allen from 8301 Sandstone Ct. were all given new resident packets by Lynette Peel.

Juli thanked Deputy Michelle Branscomb for everything she does for the neighborhood. She advised that Lloyd Humphrey and Paul Morales from Solid Waste and Code Enforcement could not be in attendance, but their number is listed in the newsletter if anyone needs to report a violation.

Lynette advised that if anyone knows of a new resident, they can contact her and pick up a packet to take to their new neighbor.

Gene Milas introduced the evening's candidates and guests for the "Meet the Candidates" program. The candidates in attendance were Eddie Adams, Jr., Ken Ayers, Kevin Beckner, Phyllis Busansky, Yvonne Yolie Capin, Faye Culp, Stephen Gorham, Beverly Harris and Rob Turner. Each candidate was given three minutes to speak before the group. They also took questions from Bay Crest residents.

Once the program was concluded Juli called the meeting back to order to finish business. Juli recognized Roxanne Maylen representing the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Norm Coffman reported that we have 478 paid members to date. He asked for additional volunteers to canvas the remaining streets. He also thanked Lynette Peel for her work as Membership Chairman in previous years. He reminded everyone that with a \$50 or greater donation to the association, you receive a free Bay Crest license plate.

Juli advised that a Nominating Committee has been formed consisting of Norm Coffman, Tom Suttle and David May. They met and are nominating Ken Broome and Todd Moran to the Board. Officers nominated are President - Juli Milas, Vice President - David May, Treasurer - Gil Leimbach and Secretary - Theresa Shell. Remaining Board Members are Norm Coffman, Chet Krupski, Jay Lovelace, Gene Milas, and Tom Suttle. Steve Eggert made a motion to accept the Officers and Board as presented. Becky Ritz seconded the motion and it passed.

Theresa Shell reminded everyone that the annual picnic will be held November 1st. Everyone must mail in their registration. She advised that a flyer will be mailed to all homes and signs will be posted as a reminder. This year is the 45th Anniversary of Bay Crest, so we are going to have some trivia questions for door prizes and there will be historical info displayed as well.

Norm Coffman announced the yard sale will be held on November 15th.

Juli announced an increase in crime in the area. She advised all residents to be aware of strange vehicles. She recommends getting tag numbers of suspicious vehicles and report them to the Sheriff's office. Make sure you keep your garage doors closed. Juli will discuss at next Board meeting the appropriate way to capture all email addresses of Bay Crest residents and keep records. Jill LaFond is currently working on a list and has been sending and receiving emails related to crime incidents in Bay Crest. Juli also discussed reinstating the Good Neighbor Patrol. She is looking for someone other than a Board member who will be in charge of the program.

Juli advised everyone that Town 'N Country will be having their 50th Anniversary in September 2009. There will be an event at the Jackson Springs Park to commemorate the anniversary. If anyone is interested in working on the event, giving input or becoming a sponsor, please contact Juli.

Lynette Peel reminded everyone that she will be waving flags on Memorial near Bay Crest Drive on September 11th from 7:00 - 8:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to join her.

The following door prizes were awarded:

Golden Corral – two meals – Steve Eggert
Janis Elliot - Photographic Notecards – Lynette Peel
Longbar Pub and Grill - \$20 gift certificate – Shari Johnson
Pizza Hut - \$25 gift certificate – Joe Keleher
Carrabba's - \$45 gift cert. – Gene Milas

All business was concluded and the meeting was adjourned.



Get your trash and treasures ready to display and sell in the latest twice-annual all Bay Crest Park community yard sale.

Hours are 8:00 AM until noon, or longer if you choose, on Saturday, November 15. Association Event Chairman Norm Coffman reports that the event will be advertised in numerous local publications and signs will be posted at all community entrances.

Make more space in your home, pick up a few dollars, and join the fun. Meet new people, see your neighbors, and maybe even buy some more "stuff" at bargain prices! Bay Crest Community Yard Sale Saturday, November 15

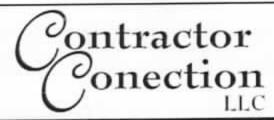
Here's a few tips to make your sale a success:

- Be clear on the purpose of your sale Are you selling things to make money or to get rid of them? This question
  affects how you price things and how willing you are to negotiate.
- Get seed cash a roll of quarters, a stack of \$1 bills, and a few \$5 bills. Keep money in your pocket, not a cash box.
- Group items by type and price. Clothing, for example, may be placed on hangers and labeled \$1 each piece. Books or CDs may be displayed for "Your Choice – 50 cents each or 3/\$1.00." Keep pricing simple on small items.
- Set up shop in your yard or driveway. Some people are reluctant to enter a dark and dreary garage. Make your sale inviting and easy to browse. You can lure customers by placing highly-desirable items near the road.
- Be clear on your bargaining policy.
- Be prepared for "early birds." You need to decide whether to accommodate them.
- Play pleasant background music to add to the atmosphere.
- Make it easy for shoppers to test electronic items. Have an extension cord so that people can test electrical or electronic items. Have batteries available for testing portable devices.

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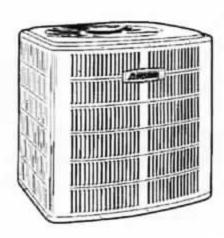
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# August Meeting Hosts Politicians





About 80 residents and guests attended the August 28 membership meeting, which was billed as a "Political Bazaar." Candidates for state and county offices were given a timed period to address the group, concluding with a question and answer session after all candidates were heard.

In addition to the presentations, the candidates also used the opportunity to speak personally with residents, distribute their campaign literature, and plead for votes from the Bay Crest community. In total, nine candidates appeared, contesting seven races. They were:

U.S. Representative District 11 - Eddie Adams Jr.

State Representative District 57 - Faye Culp, Yvonne Yolie Capin.

Property Appraiser – Rob Turner, Ken Ayers.

Tax Collector - Beverly Harris.

Supervisor of Elections - Phyllis Busansky.

County Commission District 6 (At-large) - Kevin Beckner.

School Board District 7 (At-large) - Stephen Gorham.

A multitude of supporters, signs and T-shirts also contributed to a lively and informative meeting.



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#### Animal Services Calls for Volunteers

Hillsborough County Animal Services will hold a series of orientation sessions for citizens who wish to join the volunteer Partnership Program for animals at the County shelter on Falkenburg Road. A variety of skills are needed for the following areas:



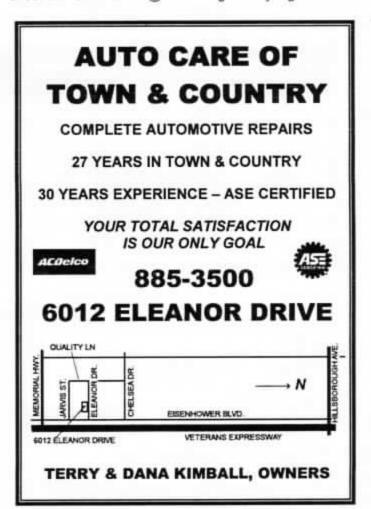
Digital photography
Escorting adopters to kennel areas
Helping to unite lost animals with owners
Special events
Veterinary service assistance
Walking and socializing animals

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, and a parent must accompany minors to orientation. Seating is limited, and reservations are suggested. Orientation sessions are offered at Hillsborough County Animal Services, 440 Falkenburg Road in Tampa. The following dates have been scheduled to welcome new recruits:

Saturday, November 22 at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 PM

Animal Services is also seeking volunteers at least 18 years of age to train as Reserve Animal Control Officers (RACO). Candidates are asked to commit a minimum of 20 hours per month, primarily on weekends, to assist field operations. RACO officers may be involved with animal handling but will not be asked to write citations.

For further information on this Volunteer Partnership Program, call Hillsborough County Animal Services at 813-744-5660 or send an email to info@hillsboroughcounty.org.





"Something's just not right—our air is clean, our water is pure, we all get plenty of exercise, everything we eat is organic and freerange, and yet nobody lives past thirty."





# Ahoy There! Stand By for the Annual Bay Crest Holiday Boat Parade December 20

Hello, Skippers! It's that time of year again! This popular event is getting ready to cast off for another night of community fun and spectacle. Time to clean up your boats, dust off the lights and begin thinking about your decorating scheme for our annual Bay Crest Park Holiday Boat Parade!

As in past years, our fleet of decorated boats will assemble at the end of Bay Pointe Drive at the Bay Pointe Condominiums and cruise through the Bay Crest waterways, ending at Tahiti

Lane. By request, this year's parade will also include a pass to the east side of The Reserve prior to entering the Bay Crest canal system. Start time will be 6:45 PM on Saturday, December 20.

Our event chairman, **John Housand**, encourages all boat owners to be creative. Prizes will be given in several categories to be decided at an organizational meeting in early November. As always, cheer for your favorites, but please don't toss beads or other items into the canals. Great spots to view the procession are on Baypointe Drive and at the mini-park at the end of Bay Crest Drive.



The event needs participants, volunteers and sponsors. To be a sponsor, volunteer, enter a boat, or get more information, call John Housand at (813) 290-0626 or email him at jhousand@tampabay.rr.com.



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## Association Elects New Officers, Board for 2009-2010

New 2009-2010 Bay Crest Park Civic Association officers and directors were elected at the summer General Membership Meeting on August 29. In accord with Bay Crest Park Civic Association by-laws, a slate of officer and director candidates was approved by the membership and will be officially installed at the November meeting. County Commissioner Rose Ferlita has agreed to perform the installation ceremony at the meeting. The new group of Association leaders is as follows:

#### Officers

President

#### Juli Milas Vice-President David May Theresa Shell Secretary Treasurer Gil Leimbach

#### Board of Directors

Ken Broome	Gene Milas
Norm Coffman	Todd Morar
Chet Krupski	Tom Suttle
Jay Lovelace	

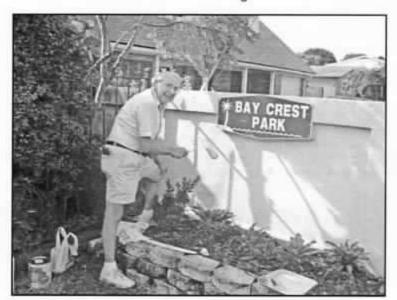
Please support these volunteers who give of their time and talents to assure that Bay Crest continues to be an outstanding family community.

# Stillbrook Entrance, Park Amenities Upgraded

Board Member Tom Suttle has again given of his time and considerable handyman talents to maintenance tasks in the Bay Crest community.

After vandals had broken and thrown a bench from the mini-park ("Peel Park") on Bay Crest Drive into the canal, Tom procured, painted and installed a replacement. In addition, he refinished and painted an existing bench and replaced and rewired the motion sensing floodlights and flag spotlight at the location.

As an encore, he then repainted the small entrance wall adjacent to Dr. Moore's office building at Memorial and Stillbrook. The wall color now matches the building.







In the photos at left, Tom is shown with paint roller in hand (top). Benches and lights are shown in the lower pictures. Thanks, Tom!



"Wake up. The cat's got your teeth."



# BAY CREST ON YOUR SIDE

Signs of gangs The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department advises all citizens to watch for organized gang activity. One of the primary signs of this undesirable trend is graffiti, or "tagging." Any incidence of graffiti should be immediately reported to the Sheriff, where experienced law enforcement officers can readily determine if a gang is involved, its name, and whether the neighborhood can expect more problems. Graffiti must be removed as soon as possible in order to discourage more incidents at the same location. Report any and all suspicious gang activity or behavior to the Tampa Bay Area Gang Tip Line at 1-877-426-4688 or call 247-8200.

Once-a-week watering restrictions continued. Residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County will remain on once-a-week watering restrictions for at least another four months. The Southwest Florida Water Management District voted to extend the water shortage order through Feb. 27.

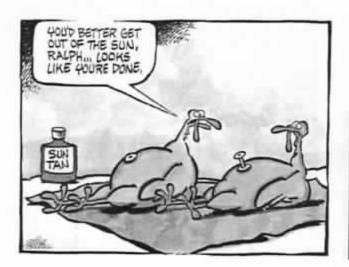
Under the once-a-week schedule, residents may water established lawns and landscaping on the following days: Mondays for addresses ending in 0 and 1, Tuesdays for addresses ending in 2 and 3, Wednesdays for addresses ending in 4 and 5, Thursdays for addresses ending in 6 and 7, and Fridays for addresses which end with 8 and 9. All watering must be accomplished before 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM. For complete information, call 275-7094 for a recorded message or visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org/water.

Shingles vaccine recommended. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is now recommending that people 60 or older be vaccinated against shingles, also called herpes zoster. Shingles is a condition often marked by chronic pain that can severely affect daily life. The CDC recommends a single dose of the vaccine, called Zostavax, for adults over 60, even if they have already had the disease. Researchers found that the vaccine reduces recurrence up to 50 percent, more for still older people. Check your insurance plan for coverage of charges.

A good home security tip. Put your car keys and remote beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside or someone trying to break in your home, just press the panic button on the remote. Most car alarms will sound the car's horn and repeatedly flash the lights, driving off any would-be aggressor. After a few seconds all your neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and perhaps identify the culprit. Test the alarm – it will probably function from any room in your home. Another tip - carry your keys in hand while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Shadow Day at Incarnation. Now is your chance to find out what a typical day at Incarnation Catholic School is like! If you are in pre-K4 to fourth grades, you are invited to come and spend the day at the school on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, from 8:30 AM -1:30 PM. A complimentary lunch will be provided. While children visit the school, tours for parents will be available. Please call (813)884-4502 for more information.

Time for flu shots. Several area merchants are offering flu shot clinics during November. These include Publix Supermarkets, Sam's Club, CVS Pharmacies and Walgreens Pharmacies. Prices are \$25 to \$ 30 per injection (Sam's is \$20). Some stores also offer pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccinations at a higher price. Call your favorite store for dates and hours in November. Not all stores offer the service. The American Lung Association also sponsors flu injections at various walk-in clinic locations, many at CVS stores. Find locations and dates at <a href="https://www.flucliniclocator.org/">www.flucliniclocator.org/</a>.







### COMMUNITY WATCH

Care givers needed in Bay Crest. Several elderly or infirm people in the community are looking for in-home care givers. If you are looking to supplement your income, this may be something you could do and provide a valuable service at the same time. Residents should call 884-5511 to place a free one-liner ad.

Could this be a better way to get to school? At present, it requires at least three crossing guards to get Bay Crest Elementary children safely to school, two at Memorial and Stillbrook and one further down on Webb Road. A suggestion was made to Sheriff David Gee and School Board member Susan Valdes that a walkway over Memorial Highway would eliminate the need for these crossing guards. By locating the overpass on the east side of Webb Road, children would exit onto the sidewalk on the same side of the road as the school. If you think the idea has merit, contact Susan at susan.valdes@hdsc.k12.fl.us

HARTline service lacking for Bay Crest Park residents. If the high price of commuting is getting too costly, consider riding the bus, a rather pleasant experience. At present, the nearest bus stop to Bay Crest is on Kelly Road and the nearest location for park-and-ride is the St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Hanley Road. HARTline has been contacted about the possibility of routing a few buses along our part of Memorial for the benefit of our residents and those people in the apartments at Arbor Lakes, Audubon Village, Camden Bay, and Savannah Trace. When HARTline was planning their routes several years ago, not one person from Bay Crest responded to a survey, which is why we were bypassed. If you would like to have the bus serve our community, contact your District 1 County Commissioner, Rose Ferlita, who is on the Transportation Planning Board.

Landlords beware? As times get tougher, people are doing what they can to get by. This includes sharing necessities such as houses and cars. If you are a landlord, think about structuring your lease agreement to specify by name those who can live in the house. Otherwise, you may be in for a rude shock when 10 or 12 people move into your 3BR, 2BA rental unit.

Stolen air conditioner. Back in July, some lowlifes stole copper tubing from the outside A/C unit at the Ethline R. Williams Prep School at 5815 Memorial Highway. Mrs. Williams runs her school on a shoestring and accepts students 1-12 who do not do well in conventional school settings. From what I've heard, she gets exceptional results. Steve Coats, owner of A/C Services of Tampa, was contacted and agreed to put things back in order for less than \$1,800 (his cost and no labor charge). Unfortunately, Mrs. Williams doesn't have \$1,800, so contributions for this cause would be appreciated.

Vacant houses. The Sheriff urges us to report any vacant and/or unsecured houses in the community. Left open, they can be used by squatters, vagrants, drug dealers, prostitutes, and others who seem to have a knack for spotting them. If you know of one, call the Sheriff's Department at 247-8200. On this same note, most of these vacant houses will have overgrowth of grass, weeds, bushes and such. It is suggested you report them to Code Enforcement so they get entered into the system (see Code Enforcement article on page 20).



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# Town and Country Regional Library Grand Opening Celebration

The official dedication of our new Town and Country Regional Library is Wednesday, December 3 at 9:30 AM. The ceremony will feature Leto High School's marching band and presentations by dignitaries before a ribbon cutting and official opening. The TnC Regional Library Friends will serve refreshments in the auditorium in addition to tours of the Senior Center & Head Start facilities. The Bargain Street Bookstore will also be open for business. The new library has many computer stations, tutor rooms, areas for quiet reading in cozy chairs, great views and 30,000 square feet of space.

On the following day, Thursday, Head Start will have tours, refreshments and special surprise guests all day. On Friday, the Senior Center will have tours, refreshments and special activities.

Saturday, December 6 is a full day of activities, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. At 10:00 AM the wonderful string quintet from Alonso High, under the direction of Wendy Roth, will play for your enjoyment. At 11:00 AM, "Genesis," a trio of young Hispanic men led by Jose Morejon will delight you with their Spanish rap and popular tunes. At 1:00 PM "The Flexible Four Barbershop Quartet" will harmonize for you. At 2:00 PM "The Treble Clefs" will play. These are four gentlemen who play Big Band Swing, Bourbon Street Jazz and Dixieland tool

There will be local authors signing their books and entertaining you as well. Tim Dorsey, a Florida humorist and writer of detective novels, will appear in the afternoon. In the children's library "Clifford, The Big Red Dog" will visit with you and your children. He'll have "goody bags" for all. Don't forget your camera...Clifford would love to pose for a photo with you.

Box lunches prepared by Leto High's culinary students will be available between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM for \$6.00. Lunch will include: a turkey sub, potato salad and large fresh chocolate chip cookies. This is a fund raiser for the school. Drinks will be available in the new "Friends Corner" vending machine coffee shop.

Join a great week of activities and celebration! Come to any or all events as we welcome our Town 'N Country Regional Library.



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## Flight of the Frisbee®

Many people have claimed to have invented the Frisbee®, the famous flying platter. This is the most accepted version.

The Frisbie Baking Company (1871-1958) of Bridgeport, Connecticut, made pies that were sold to many New England colleges. Hungry college students soon discovered that the empty pie tins could be tossed and caught, providing endless hours of game and sport. Many colleges, including Yale in 1820, have claimed to be the home of "he who was first to fling."

In 1948, two Los Angeles men, Morrison and Franscioni, invented a plastic version of the Frisbie that could fly further and with better accuracy than a tin pie plate. Morrison's father was also an inventor, who invented the automotive sealed-beam headlight. Another interesting tidbit was that Morrison had just returned to America after World War II, where he had been a prisoner in the infamous Stalag 13. His partnership with Franscioni, who was also a war veteran, ended before their product had achieved any real success.

After his split with Franscioni, Morrison produced a plastic Frisbie called the "Pluto Platter," to cash in on the growing popularity of UFOs with the American public. The Pluto Platter has become the basic design for all Frisbies. At that time, a new toy company, "Wham-O," marketed the Hula-Hoop, the Super Ball and the Water Wiggle. After seeing Morrison's Pluto Platter in late 1955, the company convinced Morrison to sell it the rights to his design. With a deal signed, Wham-O began production in 1957 of more Pluto Platters. The next year, the original Frisbie Baking Company shut down and coincidentally Morrison earned a patent for his flying disc. He received over one million dollars in royalties for his invention.

The word 'Frisbee' is pronounced the same as the word "Frisbie." The Wham-O Company was in search of a catchy new name to help increase sales, after hearing about the original use of the terms "Frisbie" and "Frisbie-ing." They borrowed from the two words to create the registered trademark Frisbee®. Sales soared for the toy, due to Wham-O's clever marketing of Frisbee playing as a new sport. In 1964, the first professional model went on sale.

In 1967, high school students in Maplewood, New Jersey, invented Ultimate Frisbee®, a recognized sport that is a cross between football, soccer and basketball. Ten years later, a form of Frisbee golf was introduced, complete with professional playing courses and associations.

In another great Frisbee® moment, the U.S. Navy spends almost \$400,000 in 1968 to study them in wind tunnels, following their flights with computers and cameras, and building a special Frisbee®-launching machine on top of a Utah cliff to test a prototype flare launcher.

Today the fifty year old Frisbee® is owned by Mattel Toy Manufacturers, only one of at least sixty manufacturers of flying discs. Wham-O sold over one hundred million units before the selling the toy to Mattel.

-from About.com



### Club Corner

Would you like to form a Bay Crest club or special interest group of any kind? If so, use your Newsletter to spread the word.

If you are interested in running, walking, boating, fishing, bridge, poker, arts and crafts or any other avocation, others may want to join you. Formal, informal, or "once-in-a-while," publicize your interest by a short article in the Newsletter. If a group is formed, you can also advertise continuing meetings and events.

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# Come to the Annual "Secret Santa" Party on Bay Crest Drive

Hooray! The man in the red suit will appear again this year at the Bay Crest Drive "Secret Santa" event, to be held Sunday, December 21.

Location: Mini-park ("Peel Park") at the end of Bay Crest Drive

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 PM (Santa will appear PROMPTLY at 2:30 PM)

Please bring a wrapped gift for your child, with the child's first and last name on the gift. Deliver gifts to Lynette Peel, 4621 Bay Crest Drive, no later than 6:00 PM Saturday, December 20. Please also bring your child's favorite cookies, snacks, or drinks. Tables will be provided at the park.

For more information, call Lynette at 886-9601 or Lorraine Mathes at 885-5384.

# Town 'N Country Garden Circle News



The Town 'N Country Garden Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month from September to May at the Town 'N Country Rec Center 6039 Hanley Road (next to Webb Middle School). Bay Crest Park residents are welcome to join the group. Contact Fran Gamester, President at 884-3462.

November 5, 2008 - Wednesday - Noon Program: Favorite 40 Plants Lucy Hoyt, Master Gardener

December 3, 2008 - Wednesday - Noon
Program: 80 Years of Gardening
Kathy Echevarria, Past President, Tampa Garden Club

January 7, 2009 - Wednesday - Noon Program: Fruit Trees Jim Hawke, Master Gardener

January 2009
Garden Circle Strawberry Picking
Time and Date to be announced

February 4, 2009 - Wednesday Noon

Program: Circle member gardening tips potpourri & circle
member plant exchange

February 2009
Garden Circle Strawberry Picking
Time and Date to be announced



# Town 'N Country Going Gold in 2009

Join in the celebration! The Town 'N Country Community was born on September 18, 1959 when the first home in Town 'N Country Park on Brookside Lane was sold. The developer was LaMonte-Shimberg Builders, Inc. Next year will mark the golden anniversary of Town N' County Park, which emerged from cow pastures nearly 50 years ago.

An organizing committee is diligently planning a giant anniversary party for September 19, 2009 at Jackson Springs Park.

If you have any pictures, newspaper clippings, memories to share or memorabilia from the "olde days" of Town 'N Country ['50's - 90's] contact **Sandy Streit**, (Pat Acres Civic Association Vice President) of the history committee at 243-9053 or e-mail her at sandyrae@gte.net

Also, you can lend your business name to the festivities by becoming a sponsor! Place an image ad on the TNC 50 Bash website (www.tnc50.com) or give your time, business talents, cash or in-kind donation to the event. Call 884-3462 or email uddis@aol.com.

You missed it! Go back to page 14 to read about the new Town 'N Country Regional Library. Opening festivities start Wednesday, December 3





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Mr. Staple grew up in the greater Tampa Bay Area, graduated from Florida State University with degrees in political science and economics, and earned a law degree from Capital University's School of Law, where he served with distinction as a member of Law Review and the Moot Court Board.

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- Former Prosecutor
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# Hillsborough County's New SignWatch Program

You can help improve roadway safety in Hillsborough County. The County is introducing a new program called SignWatch, in which residents are asked to pay attention to the condition of traffic signs in their communities and report problems to the County at a central phone number.

Hillsborough County's Traffic Services Division maintains over 100,000 signs on more than 6,000 miles of roadway. Because of this, the County cannot be aware of every sign in need of repair.

Please help by keeping a watchful eye on the condition of signs in your neighborhood and along the roads you drive every day. When you see a damaged, knocked-down, vandalized or missing sign, call the Public Works Department's Customer Service Center. Also let them know if a sign is not visible, such as from an overhanging tree.



Contact: Hillsborough County Public Works Department, Customer Service Center, Direct line: 813-635-5400, Fax line: 813-635-1608.

After hours, contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at (813) 247-8000 for damage to the following signs only: "Stop", "One Way", "Do Not Enter", "Yield" and "Wrong Way" signs.

# Good neighbors respect their property and their neighbors. Good neighbors:

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- Keep cars and boats off the lawn;
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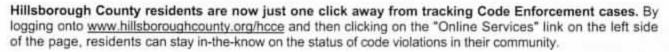
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This new online service can be used to search case information by case number, parcel number, address or owner's name. Available information includes all of the above, in addition to current case status, violations cited if any, and the dates of visits made to the property.

In fiscal year 2007, Hillsborough County Code Enforcement opened more than 14,000 new Code Enforcement cases and performed more than 40,000 inspections. This new online service provides a snapshot of past and present cases and allows residents to verify if a perceived community nuisance has been reported.

Residents who do not have access to a computer may still contact the Code Enforcement Department to check on code inspections by calling the Code Enforcement Department at (813) 274-6600.

#### Q: How do I report a problem if it has not yet been reported?

Reporting problems can be done in several ways including:

- Logging on to <u>www.hillsboroughcounty.org/hcce</u> and then clicking on the "Online Services" link on the left side of the page.
- Calling (813) 274-6600 during normal business hours
- Calling (813) 272-5900 seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m.
- Visiting 10119 Windhorst Rd., Tampa, FL 33619, or 410 S.E. 30th St., Ruskin, FL 33570

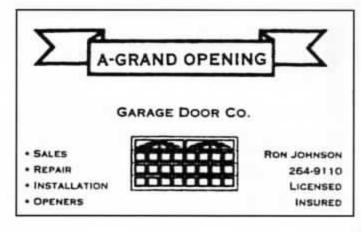
#### Q: Can I remain anonymous when registering a complaint?

Yes. Hillsborough County does not require that you provide any personal identifying information when registering your complaint. It should be noted that any information that is provided to the department, including names, phone numbers or email addresses are subject to the Public Record Laws of the State of Florida and must be provided to anyone who requests the information. If you wish to remain completely anonymous, do not provide any of this information to the department when registering the complaint.

#### Q: What do I do if I've received a notice of violation from Code Enforcement?



If you have any questions about what is required of you to achieve compliance with Hillsborough County's Code, contact the investigator assigned to your case. The investigator's name and contact information is listed at the bottom of the notice you received. The goal of Code Enforcement is to preserve the quality and value of public and private property and maintain a high standard of living by eliminating conditions that threaten the life, health, safety and general welfare of the public. The department recognizes that this goal is most effectively achieved through the education of, and cooperation with, the citizens of Hillsborough County.







Florida Statutes state that during a state of emergency, it is unlawful to sell, lease, offer to sell, or offer for lease essential commodities, dwelling units, or self-storage facilities for an amount that grossly exceeds the average price for that commodity during the 30 days before the declaration of the state of emergency, unless the seller can justifying the price by showing increases in its prices or market trends. Examples are food, ice, gas, and lumber.

Price Gouging – How to Protect Your Interests

The law compares the reported price of the commodity or service during the state of emergency to the average price charged over the 30-day period prior to the declared state of emergency. If there is a "gross disparity" between the prior price and the current charge, it is considered price gouging.

The Price Gouging Statute covers only essential commodities. A "commodity" means any good, service, material, merchandise, supplies, equipment, resources, or other article of commerce, and includes, without limitation, food, water, ice, chemicals, petroleum products, and lumber necessary for consumption or use as a direct result of the emergency. The law also requires those selling goods and services to possess an occupational license. Examples of non-essential items luxury items are alcoholic beverages and cigarettes.

If you suspect price gouging, obtain as much information as possible in the form of estimates, invoices, receipts or bills. When comparing products, note as much information as possible, including the product name, size or quantity, manufacturer, item number and unit price. If it is a service such as storage or towing, note the per-mile (or other distance) charge, removal charges, per-day storage charges and other charges such as security, clean up or other "add-ons." Report this information to the Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline at 1-866-966-7226. You may also report violations online at http://myfloridalegal.com.

To deal with any type of consumer fraud at the county level, call the Hillsborough County Consumer Protection Agency at (813) 903-3430 or visit http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/consumerprotection/.

# A PLACE FOR YOU WESLEY – A COMMUNITY FAMILY CHURCH

#### DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

#### Community Family Christmas Celebration

- Saturday, December 6 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Pizza Supper, Crafts, Music, Program
- \$5 per Person/\$20 per Family

#### Choir Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 21, 9:15 AM and 11:15 AM Worship

#### Community Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones

· Monday, December 22, 7:00 PM

#### Christmas Eve Worship

- Wednesday, December 24
- · 5:00 PM Children's Family Worship
- 7:00 PM Candlelight Worship Celebration



#### **EVERY SUNDAY**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVICES

Adoptive/foster Parents Wanted. The Children's Home at 10909 Memorial Highway is always looking for families who want to adopt a child or offer long-term foster care. For more info, call Ellen Fisher at 855-4435, Ext. 2037.

Adult Care Providers. If you have some spare time, you could provide a valuable service to some of your neighbors by allowing us to list your name and phone number in the newsletter as an Adult Care Provider. Call 884-5511.

Elder Net Services. This service, offered by the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, provides daily reassurance calls, helps reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness, and provides peace of mind. It's also a source for information and referral, case management, and chore service. To learn more, call 964-1577.

Paid Meal Drivers Needed for Seniors in Need. A hot meal and seniors in need — you can bring the two together. Hillsborough County's Aging Services Department is looking for drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Drivers earn \$6.93 per hour for up to 18.75 hours per week. Mileage reimbursement is 37.5 cents per mile. Contact Kimberly Porter, Aging Services, 272-5160.

Miss Myrle's Pet Reunification Service. If you have lost your pet or have found one, call Myrle. She's our Bay Crest neighborhood clearinghouse for such information and performs a very valuable service. To report a pet either lost or found, call her at 885-2205.



Bay Crest Service Providers. The residents listed below offer the services listed to their Bay Crest neighbors. If you would like to get your name on this list, call 884-5511. You must be an association member in good standing to receive this service. Note that the Association does not endorse any person listed, but only provides names as a service to the community. If you are currently listed and have revisions or wish to be removed, please call 884-5511.



Service Offered	Name	Adult	Phone
Adult Care	Sidrah Audifferen	Yes	887-5704
Babysitting	Mikhaila Fabian	Yes	884-5267
	Wendy Hall	Yes	881-0704
	Maureen McAuliffe **	No	884-8452
	Annette Rodriguez	No	598-4377
	Carly Sharrock **	No	889-9337
Estate Sales, Garage Clean-outs, Hauling	Chet Krupski	Yes	886-3722
General Home Repairs	Lance Hall	Yes	300-8216
House Cleaning	Rose DeLucia	Yes	884-5621
Ironing Service	Donna Fiore	Yes	884-7769
Pet Care	William Carey	No	885-7944
	Lorraine Mathes *	Yes	885-5384
	Steve Sharrock	Yes	889-9337
Plumbing, Electrical, General Home Repair	Andy Tom	Yes	924-4508
Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, General Home Repair	Charlie Griffin	Yes	300-6112
Pressure Washing, Roof Cleaning, Landscaping, Misc.	Michael Harrell	Yes	679-7657







Manatee Viewing Center. For more than 20 years, visitors of all ages have marveled at the fun and educational offerings at TECO's Manatee Viewing Center in Apollo Beach. Visit the Center from November 1, 2008 through April 15, 2009 to enjoy a tidal walkway, butterfly gardens, vibrant Florida birds and plants, and much more. When bay water temperature falls below 68 degrees Fahrenheit, you can also see the center's most popular visitors; manatees!

<sup>\*</sup> Certified Veterinary Technician

<sup>\*\*</sup> Taken Certified Baby Sitting Program

# 2008 BAY CREST PARK COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

Bay Crest Holiday Boat Parade	December 20
Board of Directors Meeting - Wesley Memorial - 7:00 PMLa	st Tuesday of each month (except Dec)
Community Trash Cleanup Day	To Be Announced
Community Yard Sale	November 15
General Membership Meetings - Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church	November 20
Hazardous Household Waste Accepted at Sheldon Road - 8:00 AM -2:00 PM	First Saturday of each month
Taxing District Board Meetings - Town and Country Hospital - 7:00 PMSeco	nd Monday of each month (except July)



# GOOD TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP

Abandoned Shopping Carts274	
Animal Services744	
Auto Problems (Lemon Law)800-321	1-5366 Parks & Recreation975-216
Bay Area Car Pooling Service800-998	3-RIDE Pets, Lost & Found in Bay Crest885-220
Building Permits272	2-5600 Poison Control Center800-222-122
> Code Compliance635	
Canals - Permits/Questions905	
Chamber of Commerce854	
Child Abuse (Emergency)224	
Child Care Licensing	-6487 Public Works Department (County)635-540
Child Neglect800-962-	-2873 Rental Property Inspections274-665
Citizen Action Center272	-5900 Roadway Maintenance (WSU) 554-5006, x 70
Code & Housing Enforcement274	-6600 Roadway Maintenance (State)664-838
> Illegal Sign Removal274	-6633 Roadway Maintenance (City of Tampa)622-194
Consumer Protection Agency903	-3430 R-O-W Mgt. Office (Permits)274-650
Contractor Problems272	2-5600 School System272-400
County Commissioners:	Sewer Department (County)272-668
Rose Ferlita (District 1)272-54	470 > (Emergency)744-560
Brian Blair (At Large)	730 Sexual Predators888-357-733
Jim Norman (At Large) 272-57	725 Sheriff (Main Office Dispatcher)247-820
Mark Sharpe (At Large) 272-57	735 >District III Office247-033
Crisis Center	211 >Environmental Abuse
Dead Animal Removal744-	-5660 >Marine Patrol Unit276-260
Elder Help Line273	
Elder Net Services964-	
Electronics Equipment Recycling621	
Environmental Protection (County)627	
Environmental Deputy690	1-8564 Tampa Electric Co223-0800 or 228-111
Florida Fish & Wildlife/Marine Patrol272	2-2516 >Emergency Reporting877-588-101
Free/Low Cost Medicines941-753	
HARTline623	1-5835 Traffic Sign Repair (County)744-567
Hospitals:	Trash Pickup (Republic Waste Service) 265-029
St. Joseph's870-40	
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Tampa General844-70	
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Volunteers needed. The American Red Cross Tampa Bay Chapter needs volunteers for a variety of positions at Town & Country Hospital, 6001 Webb Road. Volunteers are needed for the gift shop, information desk, courier services, nursing floors and other hospital units for patient comfort. They must be available for at least one four-hour shift a week. Volunteers may have a free lunch on the day they work. For info, call Janie Koike at (813) 348-4820, x858.

Bay Crest Park on the Internet - www.neighborhoodlink.com/hillsboroughco/bcpca/main.html

## Gardening Tips

#### -from the Hillsborough County Extension Service http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu

#### WHAT TO PLANT IN NOVEMBER

FLOWERS: Annuals: Ageratum, Alyssum, Baby's Breath, Blue Sage. Calendula, California Poppy, Celosia, Cleome, Delphinium, Dianthus, Dusty Miller, Gazania, Geranium, Hollyhock, Impatiens, Lobelia, Nasturtium, Ornamental Cabbage/Kale, Pansy, Petunia, Phlox (annual), salvia (annual), Snapdragon, Stock, Sweet Pea, Verbena, Viola, Wax Begonia.

VEGETABLES: Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Onions (bulbing and bunching), Peas, Radish, Spinach, Strawberry, Turnips.

HERBS AND SPICES: Anise, Basil, Bay Laurel, Borage, Caraway, Cardamon, Chervil, Chives, Cilantro/Coriander, Dill, Fennel, Garlic, Ginger, Horehound, Lemon Balm, Lovage, Marjoram, Mexican Tarragon, Mint, Nasturtium, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Savory, Thyme, Watercress.

BULBS: African Lily, Amaryllis, Aztec Lily, Calla, Crinum, Elephant Ears, Gladiolus, Lapeirousia, Louisiana Iris, Moraea, Narcissus, Pineapple Lily, Shell Ginger, Society Garlic, Spider Lily, Walking Iris.

#### WHAT TO DO IN NOVEMBER

Plant and fertilize annuals

Fertilize citrus trees if not done in October.

Sidedress vegetable plants with fertilizer.

Set strawberry plants. November is the last month to plant strawberries.

Plant winter ryegrass seed.

Reduce irrigation frequency as weather cools. Lawn and landscape irrigation should be reduced during winter months. Adjust time clocks to conform to time changes or turn off sprinkler systems completely and water only when needed.

Plant containerized roses. Plant roses now for a beautiful spring display. Prepare a good rose bed, buy roses grafted on Fortuniana (preferably) or Dr. Huey rootstocks, and plant them at the same depth they were growing in the containers. Antique or old garden roses do not need to be grafted.

Plant cold-hardy landscape plants. Fall is for planting. Cold-hardy trees and shrubs establish well during cooler months. Check poinsettias for poinsettia hornworms. Young worms can be controlled with an insecticide. Handpick mature worms. Root-prune plants scheduled for transplanting. The best time to transplant trees and shrubs is December through February. Root-prune them now to help them survive the move. Cut a 12-15" circle around the plant, slicing the roots with a shovel to a depth of 12". When transplanting (4 to 6 weeks later) dig four inches beyond the root-pruned area.

Monitor the vegetable garden. Continue planting fall vegetables. Apply two to four pounds of 8-8-8, or 1 or 2 pounds of 15-15-15, or similar fertilizer per 100 square feet every 2-3 weeks. Watch for caterpillar feeding and spray with Bacillus Thuringiensis if detected. Aphids and other soft-bodied insects can be controlled with insecticidal soap. Remove weed seedlings. Apply mulch.

Bring houseplants in for the winter. Houseplants set outside for the summer should be cleaned up and set in protected areas before the temperature dips below 55°F. Divide and reset perennials. Continue to dig and replant herbaceous perennials and bulbs such as daylilies, gerberas, and caladiums. Use horticultural oil to control scale insects. Horticultural oil sprays are an effective and environmentally safe way to control scale insects. The oil coats the scale and suffocates it.

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