



Spring Cleaning

As you know, we have had a brutally cold winter. Many plants and sod have been damaged, but luckily warmer weather is on the horizon, as is the time for replanting. We all need to address our lawns and planters for maintenance. This is important to keep our property values up in a tough economy.

Trash, Trash, Trash

Please do not put out yard waste before Thursday night. Friday is the only yard trash pick-up day. Also, trash cans should not go out before Monday night for Tuesday pick up. When your trash cans are empty please put them out of sight in your garage or behind a fence/ wall.

Treasurer's Report

Due to excess expenses last year, we have had to move 30% of savings (our reserves) over to cover normal operating expenses until June. We are working hard to trim our expenses to avoid any special assessments, so if you know any professionals that want to bid their services please let us know.

Meet the New Board

President: Ron Santiago

Born in NYC and still a Yankees fan, Ron moved from Puerto Rico in 1973 and settled into Tampa in 1982 as a Credit Analyst for Florida Steel. He's lived in Northdale for 20 years and recently retired from Gerdau Ameristeel. All of his children are married and living in Tampa, which is a treat since he can enjoy spending time with his six beautiful grandchildren.

Vice President: David Frame

Dave has lived in Hampton Lakes since 1999 and likes spending time with wife, Karin, and their two teenage daughters (15 & 13). He has a BS in Mathematics and has worked in local government for 18 years. Currently Dave is a Database Administrator at the City of Tampa.

Treasurer: Jeremy Shirey

As a bank manager for seven years and a recent career change to Anti-Money Laundering, Jeremy brings a wealth of experience along with a degree in Finance and an MBA. He is married to wife, Meghan, and they are enjoying raising their two young boys, Harrison and Landon.

Secretary: George Cakouros

George has been a local small business owner and electrician for over 30 years, specializing in residential lighting. He has past board experience at Twin Lakes and enjoys life with his wife Deborah, and son Nick.

Want to Get Involved?

We're looking for members to join the architectural, landscaping, and social committees. The architectural and landscaping committees will approve property requests (such as fences and house colors) and notify homeowners of any deed restriction violations. The social committee will help plan neighborhood events for all ages.

If any of this interest you please email the board at hamptonlakeshomeowners@yahoo.com.

Mailing Address: 3837 Northdale Boulevard, Suite 318
Tampa, FL 33624

Email: hamptonlakeshomeowners@yahoo.com

Website:

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Hampton_Lakes_Tampa

Social Committee Meeting- Calling All

The first Social Committee Meeting will be held on February 21st at 7:30, lasting no more than an hour. If you're interested in attending or learning more about this committee please contact Ron Santiago at 813-264-2539.

Upcoming Area Events

Annual Renaissance Festival

February 23 - April 6, 2008 (weekends)

Fowler Ave & 46th St, next to MOSI

Magicians, fire eaters, armored jousting- all this and more can be found at the Annual Renaissance Festival. The event includes arts and crafts & food such as turkey drumsticks and scotch eggs. Join the fun from 10-6pm each weekend. More details are available at www.renaissancefest.com.

Florida Strawberry Festival

March 3rd- 13th

Plant City, FL

An annual event celebrating all things strawberries, the Florida Strawberry Festival offers loads of fun for all ages. Discount tickets are now available for purchase at Sweetbay. For more information visit: www.FLStrawberryFestival.com

Bern's Annual Winefest

April 8th- 11th

SideBerns

Bern's Steak House, SideBern's and Bern's Fine Wines & Spirits will present their 14th annual event of food and wine over four days. The event consists of a cocktail party, two special winemaker dinners and a Grand Tasting. More details are available at bernswinefest.com.

Services Offered

Babysitters

McKenzie Frame (15) She has completed the Tampa General Hospital Supersitters Course.
813-908-3532

Kaylee Frame (13) She also has completed the TGH Supersitters Course.
813-908-3532

Grace Keen (16)
813-957-5955

Want to be on the list? Please send your info to HamptonLakesNewsletter@gmail.com.

Featured Recipe:

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED STRAWBERRIES

Courtesy of Ina Garten & Foodnetwork.com



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- 12 long-stemmed strawberries

Melt the chocolate and cream together in a bowl set over simmering water until just melted. Stir and remove from the heat. Dip each strawberry in the chocolate and set aside on waxed or parchment paper to dry.

Energy Audit Program

Tampa Electric (AKA TECO) offers several programs to help homeowners save on energy costs. The first program is an energy audit that can be completed in person, online, or over the phone. It helps "identify and evaluate cost-effective energy-saving measures for your home." With each audit you'll also receive a free pack of eight energy-efficient fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).

Another program involves a trained professional coming to your home to seal the leaks in your air conditioning ductwork to help you lower your overall energy consumption. The cost is \$50 and includes the replacement of duct vent if needed (up to 15 feet).

For more information on these and other programs please visit www.tampaelectric.com.

President's Corner

Here I am again as your president (the sequel). I hope you are all well and healthy and have not suffered the consequences of the recession. I know we all agree that we live in the best kept secret in Tampa Bay. The subdivision's location is incredible. We are surrounded by an abundance of shopping, the YMCA, a post office, restaurants, parks, and several schools. I take great pride in living in Hampton Lakes. This unique cluster of homes with a Lake and park common area is geared for family activities.

Please join us to help plan neighborhood events and come together as a community at the social committee meeting on February 21st. Let us become a real neighborhood and enjoy where we live. It is the American dream personified.