



TAMPA PALMS NEWSLETTER

November - December 2024



Tampa Palms Wraps Up 2024 And Readies For End of Year Festivities



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The End of the Year Is A Festive Time For Everyone

The end of the year ushers in many joyful holidays. Beginning with the Hindu festival of lights, the five days of Diwali commencing on Oct 30th, celebrating the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, the holidays continue through January 1st with the arrival of the New Year 2025.

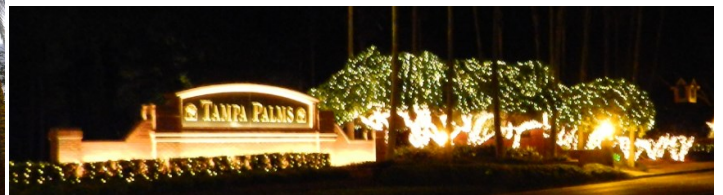


A Series of Merriments Celebrated in Flowers and Lights

The Fall Mums lead the way into the Tampa Palms at both of the main entries through the end of November for the Thanksgiving holiday.

- ◇ The Fall annuals will be immediately followed by red and white Winter flowers at the main entrances and also at the village entrance medians throughout the community.
- ◇ Next, the poinsettias arrive, replacing the mums at the main entries under the trees along Tampa Palms Blvd.
- ◇ Finally, the main entry illumination begins on the weekend after Thanksgiving with the iconic manzanita deer and wreaths on the village monuments, making their debut in the weeks that follow.

Don't forget Deck The Palms. See page 2 for more information,



News From the TPOA

Reminder: Winter Hours & Pool Opening Call Ahead For No Waiting

Winter hours began the first week of November for Hampton Park and the facilities at Compton Park.

Winter Hours

Compton Park
8 AM - 9 PM
Mon - Thurs
8 AM - 10 PM
Fri - Sat
8 AM - 8 PM Sun

Hampton Park
8 AM - 9 PM
Mon - Sat
8 AM - 8 PM Sun

Compton Pool Opening Procedures

1. The pool is covered each night with a heat-saving cover that assures a family-friendly pool experience.
2. The pool will not open until the outside air temperature, measured at Compton Park with an outdoor thermometer, reaches a minimum of 50 degrees.
3. Even if the temperature reaches 50 degrees, the pool cover will not be removed unless residents have indicated that they wish to swim at which time the park attendants will open the pool.
4. If it is raining, stormy or windy, the pool cover will not be removed.



Tampa Palms Holiday Schedules

All Tampa Palms parks will close November 27th at Noon, remain closed Thanksgiving and reopen Friday Nov. 29th.

Although the parks will reopen Friday, Nov 29th, the TPOA business offices will be closed and reopen Monday, Dec 2nd.

The following schedule is in place for the December holidays:

- ◆ All parks close at Noon Tuesday, December 24th and reopen Thursday, Dec 26th.
- ◆ All parks will close at Noon on December 31st and reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Tampa Palms Loves The Holidays

To help recover from hurricane damage and doldrums not to mention a crazy political season, the TPOA is bringing back a tradition from more than twenty years ago.... Deck The Palms. Entry forms available at Compton Park or email TPOAMail@aol.com

Choose your favorite holiday, sign up and light up!

There are prizes but the real prize will be the festive atmosphere created in the villages/

The Tampa Palms

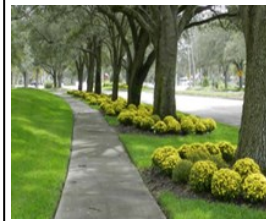


Professional Staff

A Season Of Holiday Traditions Comes Alive In Tampa Palms

The End of the Year Sparkles With Lights & Colorful Plantings

The end of the year brings many holidays. Beginning with the Indian festival of lights, the five days of Diwali on Oct 24th, which celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, and the holidays continue through January 1st with the arrival of the New Year 2025.



◇ Mums gave a pop of color at the entrances, in November and set the tone for Thanksgiving.

◇ Starting the day after Thanksgiving, entries sparkle every night with thousands of tiny lights



◇ Wreaths will appear on each village monument and then the iconic deer, crafted from manzanita branches from the high chaparral country of the American west, return to the main entries.



◇ Poinsettias are replacing the Fall mums in time for the arrival of the chilly December weather. Their fiery red color guides both owners and visitors right into the heart of Tampa Palms





Food Truck Friday Celebrated Veteran's Day



More Than Food For Food Truck Friday



With something for everyone, the food trucks started to roll in by 5 PM and they did not disappoint.

Some folks did a quick "grab and go" while others stayed for the show. Many praised the food and selection on Facebook.



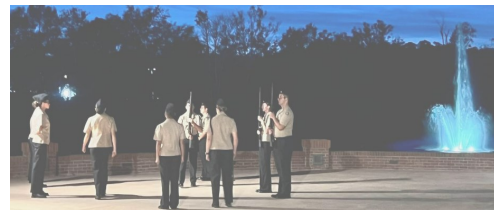
The TPOA proudly displayed the flags from the US Service Academies in the courtyard as part of the salute to the US Military, as well as, the upcoming celebration of Veterans Day.

I bet you can guess in front of which flag the Marine Sergeant and Corporal lined for a photo.



Freedom High Navy ROTC

Joining the active Marines in wowing everyone were the members of Freedom High's Navy ROTC. NROTC plays a vital role in shaping the character and future of high school students by promoting patriotism and responsible citizenship, instilling a deep respect for leadership and authority. But on Food Truck Friday,



they were all about wowing the crowd and they did so with style.



At the same time the Marines made the rounds and new friends.

Semper Fi



A Season of Giving Commences

Tampa Palms Residents Are Always Generous

The *Giving Niche* returns this year providing a place where residents can easily drop off donations to make the holidays merrier for those in need.



The filled boxes will be collected and then delivered to the charities through mid-December.

Residents can just pull up to the front of Compton Park and run in to drop off donations, no parking and no walking involved.

Feeding Tampa Bay says that donations of any of the following are desperately needed and will be gratefully appreciated.



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| Boxed/Bagged Stuffing | Beef stew |
| Canned/Bottled Turkey Gravy | Breakfast (Cereal, Oatmeal, etc) |
| Boxed/Bagged Mashed Potatoes | Instant Rice (White/Brown/Yellow) |
| Unsweet Apple Sauce | Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes |
| Canned Sliced Fruits | Canned Cranberry Peanut butter |
| Canned Vegetables | Mac & Cheese cups |
| Canned Protein (Tuna, Chicken) | |

The United State Marine Corps with their *Toys For Tots* program is another wonderful partner with Tampa Palms.

Toys for Tots gratefully accepts any new, unwrapped toy. They kicked things off at Food Truck Friday with eager donors.



The Marine Corps' stated goal is to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to those less fortunate youngsters".

Women's Club Ends A Successful 2024

The End of the Year Has Been A Thrill A Minutes For the Women's Club

Imagine all of the planning and preparation that goes into a community-wide yard sale, and a hurricane shows up.

With a certain amount of disappointment, they took a deep breath and rescheduled for the Spring of 2025, probably the second week of March.



This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Tampa Palms Women's Club Scholarship Program. For the fourth year, the TPWC is partnering with Hillsborough Community College Foundation to provide two scholarships to female, non-traditionally aged students.



Women's Club Holiday Luncheon
11 AM. December 19th
Tampa Palms Country Club



Welcome To
The TPWC 2025 Officers
Installation January, 2025

President: Stella Hardman
Vice President: Bettye Newman
Secretary: Karen Howell
Treasurer: Judy Alkow
Membership: Pam Fahey and Liz Burns
Activities: Nancy Yetter
Charities: Hoa Daniel



Hurricane Damage Report & Update



Hurricane Helene, Messy and Destructive Hurricane Milton Brought Damaging Winds With Health & Safety Hazards

Milton – A Destructive Storm

The rains were notable; measured at 10-12 inches. The rains filled the wetlands that rim many Tampa Palms villages and though worrisome, Tampa Palms homes did not suffer the catastrophic flooding seen elsewhere.

It was the winds. Clocked by several earth stations at 70-90 MPH with gusts to 105 in Tampa Palms; the winds brought down trees throughout the community.

On Thursday morning as the winds began to calm, ABM personnel found that some of the major spine roads were blocked, and others were not safely passable due to leaning trees or branches about to fall. The teams went about clearing the debris immediately for the health and safety of the residents.



Numerous trees fell on Yardley Way and blocked both the road and the sidewalks.

Even with the road reopened, there was a lot of work left.



Amberly Dr. was blocked in three places.

These were the first priority for road clearing.

The villages and homes did not escape the very violent winds.

Owners rushed to help each other deal with the massive damage.



Community Recovery Underway

Tampa Palms recovery fell into three categories:

1. Immediate Safety Needs -100% Complete
This involved making certain that major roads were open and both emergency vehicles and residents could safely drive on them.

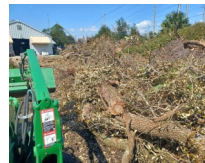
Following that, the sidewalks were cleared and ponds checked for any obstructions that could result in street flooding.

2. Clean Up - 45-50% Complete

There are trees down, trees leaning, branches and stumps that must be removed and debris to be removed.

Damaged trees have to be cut-up and removed from roadsides, land tracts and especially pond banks.

Every day new damage is discovered or reported. A great deal of progress has been made, with the completion estimated in the next three weeks.



3. Renewal and Restoration—Coming Months

Tampa Palms has taken steps to return to the community a sense of normalcy, even as clean up continues.

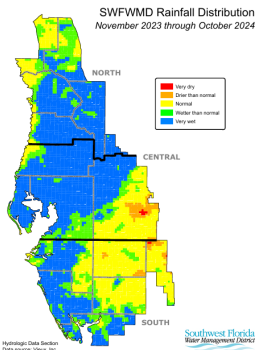


Damage such as playground losses (Compton a major play-set and Amberly just one swing) and a sign with the cracked granite; all will be restored in the coming months.



City of Tampa Watering Restrictions Continue

SWFWMD Announcement Causes Confusion



Despite the rains in the months of September and certainly October, the City's *once a week* irrigation mandate remains in place.

For the twelve months ending Oct 2024, SWFWMD shows most the area as "wet", certainly the Tampa.

That is good news for the regional reservoir which is now full.

The City's action of converting to year round *once per week* irrigation was based on the on-going dwindling water supplies in the face of continued new development and not solely drought-based.

As residents begin to repair property damaged by the mountains of hurricane debris, they will find a lot useful information on how to successfully complete repairs while saving both water and money, online at <https://www.tampa.gov/water/conservation>.



Unseasonably high temperatures greeted the first weeks of November and again the pond levels in Tampa Palms are reducing from their historic highs. (see picture of Area 1 entry pond below).

It is always important but, with pond levels low, it is especially vital now that NOTHING goes into the drains, including leaves and debris.

Everything in the storm drains flows to the ponds and ultimately to the Hillsborough River and eventually into the City's drinking water.



Planning An Event In Tampa Palms?

New To Tampa Palms? Did You Know?

Tampa Palms has many incredible features from its winding roads, village entries, to its ponds and parks but none so unique as the facilities at Compton Park where residents of Tampa Palms can hold a variety of events, from the very formal such as a wedding to less formal parties and club meetings.



The Palms Building is the largest, arranged as a single room it holds 130 guests

The Palms can also be converted into two smaller venues; 60 guests in each room.



The Azalea room, in the main building, can serve parties or events for up to 70 guests.

Both the Palms and Azalea have audio visual equipment and catering kitchens.

Planning Something In The Future?

Please come over to the Compton Park front desk and the park attendants will be happy to show you all of the facilities, match your plans with the rooms and help verify the availability of any dates you may be considering. They will assist in making the reservation for your specified date.

There is no fee for the room use, just a deposit check of \$500 is required for every event reservation. The check must contain the resident's name and the Tampa Palms address, as well as, the date of the event.

Azalea Room and Palms Rooms

Mon-Thurs: 9AM-2PM or 4PM -9PM

Fri-Sat: 10AM-3PM or 5PM-10PM

Sunday

Azalea Room: 9AM-2PM or 3PM-8PM

Palms Room: 1PM-6PM, 2PM-7PM, 3PM-8PM

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Dasch Bergmann, the Tampa Palms Parks Manager, at 813-977-3337



Community Services Guide

Community/Municipal Service	Support Provided By				
	CITY	Hills County	CDD	TPOA	Private Owners
Bike Path / Sidewalk Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Bike Path Maintenance (Public Roads)	√				
Brick Paver Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Brick Paver Repair (Public Roads)	√				
Construction Permitting & Inspection	√				
Curb Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Curb Maintenance (Main Roads)	√				
Curb Maintenance (Village Roads Non-Gated)	√				
Drinking Water	√				
Fire & EMS	√				
Fountains- Ponds on Main Roads			√		
Fountains- Pond/Gated Villages & TPC Club					√
Irrigation For City-Owned Medians, Community-Owned Parks & Landscape Tracts (Non Potable)			√		
Irrigation City-Owned Cul de Sac's (Potable)			√		
Irrigation Wells (3) SWFWMD WUP			√		
Irrigation Pump Stations (2)			√		
Landscape Lighting (Main Roads)			√		
Median Landscape Maintenance - City ROW			√		
Monuments Signs & Lighting (Main Entries)			√		
Monuments Signs & Lighting (Village Entries)			√		
Monument Signs & Lighting (Commercial Bldgs)					√
Monument Signs & Lighting (Community Parks)			√	√	
Mosquito Control		√			
Park Maintenance (Compton & River)				√	
Park Maintenance (Hampton, Oak & Amberly)			√		
Playground Maintenance (Hampton & Amberly Parks)			√		
Playground Maintenance (Compton & River Parks)				√	
Police Protection	√				
Reclaimed Water		None Available			

For Tampa Palms Residents



Community/Municipal Service	Maintenance By				
	City	Hills	CDD	TPOA	Private
Boulevard Landscape Maintenance CDD -Owned			√		
Boulevard Landscape Maintenance City ROW			√		
Sidewalk Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Sidewalk Maintenance (Village Roads Public ROW)	√				
Solid Waste & Recycling Collection		√			
Storm Water Conveyances (Gated Villages- Private ROW) ¹					√
Stormwater Conveyances (Village - Public ROW)	√				
Stormwater Inlets- Curb & Swale (Gated Villages) ¹					√
Stormwater Inlets- Curb & Swale (Main Roads)	√				
Stormwater Inlets- Curb & Swale (Village Roads)	√				
Stormwater Ponds - CDD Owned			√		
Stormwater Ponds - Privately Owned					√
Street Lights Gated Villages					√
Street Lights Main Roads ²	√				
Street Lights Village Roads ²	√				
Street/Pavement Maintenance (Main Roads)	√				
Street/Pavement Maintenance (Village Roads)	√				
Street/Pavement Maintenance (Gated Villages)					√
Street Signs (Decorative) (Village Roads)			√		
Street Signs (Decorative) (Gated Villages)					√
Tennis Court Maintenance & Lights (Compton Pk)				√	
Tennis Court Maintenance & Lights (Hampton Pk)			√		
Traffic Control Signs City ROW Main Roads ²			√		
Traffic Control Signs City ROW Village Roads ²			√		
Traffic Control Signs Gated Villages					√
Tree Trimming- Gated Villages	√				
Tree Trimming- Main Roads ³	√		√		
Tree Trimming- Village Roads	√				
Waste Water (Sewer)	√				

¹. Stormwater in the gated villages of Huntington and Westover is COT maintained

². Streetlights on public ROW are provided by TECO. Streetlights are paid for by the City of Tampa

Did You Know? TPOA & County Payment Due Dates Extended

TPOA Board Extends Due Date

The TPOA assessments for the FY 2024-2025 were approved and billed this September and due by Oct 31st 2024, as is done each year.



Normally, if payment is not received by Nov 1st, a \$25.00 fee is applied for late payment.



This year, due to the confusion, mail delays and general stress associated with first Hurricane Helene and then the much more damaging Hurricane Milton, the TPOA Board took action to extend the payment time and waive late fees for two months.

If payments are received by January 1, 2025, no late fee will apply.

Property Tax Extension

The property tax bills also include the payments for:

- The Tampa Palms CDD
- The City stormwater fee
- The County garbage collections

The bills are normally mailed Nov 1st by Hillsborough County and, if paid by Nov 30th, receive a 4% discount.

In mid-October, through a collaborative effort by County Tax Collector Nancy Millan, Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez, State Senator Jay Collins, and County Commission Chair Ken Hagan, it was announced that due to the effects of Hurricane Milton on Hillsborough County:

- The 2024 tax bills would not be mailed until November 25th (usually mailed 11/1)
- The full 4% early payment discount will be extended through December 31, 2024.

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Tampa Palms Parks

Compton Park 972-0897
 Hampton Park 972-5699

Police & Fire

911

Non-Emergency Police 231-6130
 Non-Emergency Fire 223-4211

Local Schools

Tampa Palms Elementary 975-7390
 Lawton Chiles Elementary 558-5422
 Liberty Middle School 558-1180
 Freedom High School 558-1185

Miscellaneous

Street Repairs 274-3101
 TECO 223-0800
 Garbage & Recycle Collections 248-2820
 Water Department 274-8121
 New Tampa Rec Center 975-2794
 Storm Water (Floods or Dumping) 274-3101

DECEMBER



December 2024



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<p>1 9-12 Private Event 3 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>2 4 Private Event</p>	<p>3 9 Private Event 4 Private Event</p>	<p>4 9 Private Event 4 Private Event</p>	<p>5 10-2 TPWC Monthly Mtg 4 Private Event 4 Private Event</p>	<p>6 5 Private Event 5 Private Event</p>	<p>7 10 Private Event 5 Private Event 5 Private Event</p>
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January 2025

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Tampa Palms CDD Meeting Agenda*

**January 8th at 6:00 p.m.
Compton Park Recreation Building
16101 Compton Drive, Tampa, FL 33647**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Strategic Planning
4. Public Comments
5. Board Member Discussions
6. Project Updates
 - Community Updates
 - Organizing for 2024
 - Park Updates
7. Additional Board Business
8. Public Comments
9. Board Member Discussions
10. Adjourn

* Items may be added to the agendas as needed.

Tampa's Winter Village Opens November 22nd, 2024

Looking for something to do during the winter holidays? For a great time for adults and children alike, visit Tampa's Winter Village. There is lot's to do:

- Hop aboard the Winter Village Express for a holiday trip through Tampa's Downtown from Whiting Station to the historic city of Ybor and back
- Visit the Shops of Winter Village featuring boutiques from local makers.
- Try some ice skating or curling or skating shows.
- Taste the spirit of the holiday season by visiting the Cafe at Winter Village.

Go online to <https://wintervillagetampa.com> for more information.

