

The Neighborhood

Newsletter

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Newsletter information or suggestions?
Contact Kathy Brown at 503-931-2644

Community HOA

McNeil Management Services is the property management company for the neighborhood. They can be reached at 813-571-7100. You can also reach them via email at:

management@mcneilmsi.com.

IN PERSON

HOA ANNUAL AND BUDGET MEETING:

October 20, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Panther Trace II
Recreation Center Clubhouse
11518 Newgate Crest Dr.
Riverview, FL 33579

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YOUR HOA BOARD:

Coy Reavis, President
Alan Brown, Vice-President
Tiffany Lee, Secretary
Phildra Swagger, Treasurer
All board members can be contacted via email at:

EstuaryBOD@gmail.com

NOTICE:

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022 AT:

**PANTHER TRACE II REC CENTER
11518 NEWGATE CREST DR.
RIVERVIEW, FL 33579**

THE QUARTERLY (OCTOBER) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL FOLLOW. WE WILL HAVE ONE ELECTED POSITION TO BE FILLED AND POSSIBLY ONE APPOINTED POSITION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT US AT ESTUARYBOD@GMAIL.COM OR CONTACT MCNEIL MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

INTRODUCING JUST A FEW OF OUR ESTUARY HOME OWNED BUSINESSES



ELIZABETH ALEXIS is a new resident here in the Estuary who owns and operates **SUGAR RAIN CONFECTIONS**. Her love for the confectionery arts started in the early 2000's while working at the James Beard foundation (a culinary organization showcasing celebrity chefs) in NYC. Elizabeth is a chocolatier that specializes in making artisan bonbons and chocolate bars. She began her professional career as a cake designer gravitating into the world of artisan chocolates after a move to the Tampa Bay area. After moving to Lithia, Elizabeth began making her own chocolates as she pursued her education through books and YouTube followed by more professional classes.

You can contact Elizabeth at:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Sugarrainconfections>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/sugarrainconfections?r=nametag>

Email: sugarrainconfections@icloud.com



CRUISE PLANNERS is a concierge travel agency owned by Sherry Leybovich. Sherry specializes in all travel, land and cruise. She was named as one of the Top 25 travel Agents in the US and in 2018 was nominated to the Travel Agent Hall of Fame. Sherry knows how to fit her guests to the right cruise line/destination and she cherishes the relationships she has built with her clients. Contact Sherry and let her expertise and knowledge turn your vacation dreams into a reality. Sherry has also started a travel group for ladies who like to travel but have no one to travel with either because they are widowed, divorced or their significant other does not like to travel. We do several trips a year that are for the GALS only. Info

about this group can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/497247704194660>

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FB- <https://www.facebook.com/planourvacationnow>



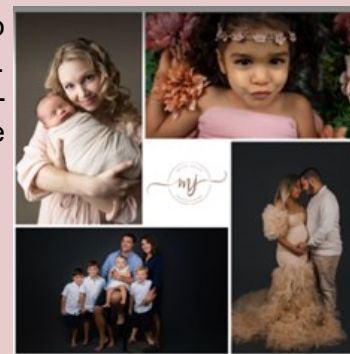
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVE

MISTY JONES PHOTOGRAPHY is a luxury portrait photographer who has been featured in Lensational Magazine and has won many awards. Best of all she is from right here in the Estuary. Her motto is "From Maternity to Boudoir....because you shouldn't have to be a super model to have great portraits." You can contact Misty at:



Phone: 813-701-9085

Email: www.mistyjonesphotography.com



SIGNED AND DELIVERED YARD GREETINGS is owned and operated by Danielle. It is a great way to celebrate a special event and a \$10 discount is available to Estuary home owners. For further information contact Danielle at:

Phone: 813-699-9121

Email: Signedanddelivered813@gmail.com

FB: [Facebook.com/SignedAndDeliveredYG](https://www.facebook.com/SignedAndDeliveredYG)

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

The Spirit Committee is in constant need of volunteers. This committee is responsible for bringing you Dinners at the Park, Garage Sales, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fall Festival and the Christmas Decorating Contest, just to name a few of the things we have come to enjoy. IF WE HAVE NO VOLUNTEERS THESE EVENTS WILL SIMPLY NOT HAPPEN! For more information contact Danielle R at drizzo617@gmail.com or Ashley Huber at ahuber3819@yahoo.com.

It is time to dig through your closets and cupboards and get ready for the Estuary's Fall Garage Sale to be held on:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
FROM 8AM TO 1PM**



CHINCH BUGS! GRRRRRR!!!!

Because we have had such a dry summer there seems to be more opportunity for Chinch bugs to make an appearance even during the wet season. Chinch bugs cause yellowish to brownish patches, usually circular in shape. These areas spread and are always in open warm areas receiving a lot of sunshine, or next to curbs, driveways and foundations, because of the heat emitted from these objects. Lack of water and thatch buildup makes the grass more attractive to the chinch bugs. Thatch is caused by excessive watering or fertilization (usually high nitrogen liquid).

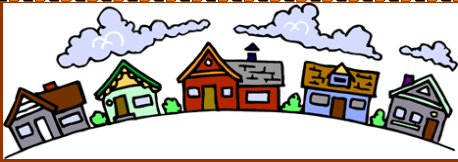
Chinch Bugs have become resistant to most every pesticide used to control them which is why preventative treatments have proven to be unsuccessful. Once a live infestation is identified, the area is sprayed, rechecked 10 – 14 days later and re-sprayed if there are still signs of live chinch bugs. The areas need to be monitored and often sprayed again (1-2 more times). The pesticides do not kill the eggs, only the live bugs.

For more information, pictures and methods of detecting chinch bugs, you may want to check out these sites:

[http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/LH036;](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/LH036)

[http://floridaturf.com/chinch/index.html;](http://floridaturf.com/chinch/index.html)

http://creatures.ifas.ufl.edu/orn/turf/southern_chinch_bug.htm (there are underlines between the words southern, chinch and bug)



WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- Juan & Anlly, 11522 Scarlet Ibis
- Leonardo & Manuela, 11615 Palmetto Pine
- Christopher & Elizabeth, 11417 Estuary Preserve
- Judith, 11730 Albatross
- William & Jessica, 11501 Estuary Preserve
- Stanley & Blondie, 11748 Albatross
- Jeanette, 11419 Blue Crane

The Estuary Spirit Committee tries to welcome every new neighbor. Therefore, if you see new neighbors moving into the Estuary, please message or contact me at kathy@lalanbrown.com so that we can give them an official Estuary welcome!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE NEEDS A CHAIRMAN!

THIS COMMITTEE IS VITAL IN KEEPING US AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING BOTH IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING US. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COMMITTEE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO:

EstuaryBOD@gmail.com.



INFO FROM THE MCNEIL MANAGEMENT TEAM



HOME EXTERIOR PAINTING: Exterior maintenance is essential to protecting both the value and integrity of your property. Over time, the Florida sun and wind driven rains cause the paint on the exterior of your home to fade, breaking down the chemicals in the paint, creating a “chalky” or powdery appearance. This weathered process may also cause your home to have the appearance of thinning paint, streaks, blotches, and faded garage doors. It is recommended that your home be repainted every 5-7 years (or when your home has been weathered by the elements as described above) with quality exterior paint to protect it and enhance its appearance. A list of pre-approved exterior paint schemes for your home is available on the Association’s website. Please submit an Alteration Application to McNeil Management for review. Once you have received approval from your Architectural Committee, and prior to repainting, exterior stains such as algae, mold, or dirt should be removed. Such stains should be regularly cleaned from your property to maintain an attractive appearance. Additionally settling cracks in the stucco should be sealed to prevent moisture and wind-driven rain from seeping into your home. All homes must have uniform color when repainting, with no visible fading or touchups.

The McNeil Management Services, Inc. Team

ESTUARY NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR IDEAS

What is it that you would like to read about in your Estuary Newsletter? Needing your input to keep this relevant and helpful to the needs of the community. Please send your input to kathy@lalanbrown.com or text me at 503-931-2644

WELCOME TO TWO NEW HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AT THE AUGUST HOA BOARD MEETING
TWO RESIDENTS WERE APPOINTED TO
SERVE AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

COY REAVIS WILL BE OUR
NEW PRESIDENT REPLAC-
ING TOM McAVIN.



PHILDRA SWAGGER
WILL BE OUR NEW
TREASURER REPLACING
KEYWANNA MILLER.

THE ESTUARY GROUNDS COMMITTEE, SUSAN MEEHAN, CHAIRMAN



Effective August 1st Lawn Maintenance Professionals took over as service provider for common areas. They are easy to spot when they are out in the community and we look forward to the partnership with them.

Finger Lake has been seeded (twice) with the blessing of the Board of Directors and we are looking forward to the improvements there. Upon the completion of that, finger lake will be cleaned up to minimize growth.

Beginning this month (October) the grounds committee will be recognizing 4 homes each month as a Lawn of the Month. We look forward to recognizing the efforts of our neighbors. Be sure to keep an eye out for the signs.

Although hurricane season is winding down, now would be a great time to double check your trees and trim them up in accordance with community standards.

As always we welcome new committee members and look forward to the progress in the coming year. "Any questions or comments, please contact the

estuarygroundscommittee@gmail.com.

Your Grounds Committee:
Lauren West Smith, Jeremy Crouse
and Susan Meehan

ESTUARY ARCHITECTURAL COVENANTS COMMITTEE COY REAVIS, CHAIRMAN



Your ACC Committee has been hard at work since April accepting 33 applications of which 30 were approved and 3 were denied.

Your ACC Committee:
Coy Reavis, Ron Leybovich,
David Tomberlin and Seth Hutchison

BEWARE OF THE FLORIDA

PUSS CATERPILLAR



While you may not be familiar with the native southern flannel moth, you might have heard of its larvae: the puss caterpillar. At an inch long, the puss caterpillar is one of the most venomous in the country.

The caterpillar is covered in hair-like bristles with an orange streak frequently running down its back. Hidden among its attractive hairs are extremely toxic spines that stick to your skin. Stings can be incredibly painful, radiating throughout the body. It is recommended to get the spines out of your skin as soon as possible with the aid of cellophane tape. Ice packs, oral antihistamine, and hydrocortisone cream are some of the methods that can be used to help with the pain.

Southern flannel moths and their larvae go through boom-and-bust cycles, and population numbers can change substantially based on weather, food availability, and the number of parasites around. The species is found from New Jersey to Florida and west to Arkansas and Texas. **It is common in Florida during the fall and spring on oak and elm trees.**

Mature puss caterpillars begin to spin their cocoons by making a thin framework of silk using their hair covering as support. Cocoons are typically found on small twigs, branches, or within depressions in tree bark. Some more adventurous caterpillars wander away from trees and cocoon on nearby buildings. Larvae pupate around 16 days after completing their cocoon and emerge as moths approximately two weeks later. Adult southern flannel moths have wingspans of around 1-1.5 inches; females are larger than males. Their front wings are yellow with some black coloration on the front edges. Hind wings are a cream yellow color and their thoraxes are predominantly orange. The name "flannel moth" comes from the thick coating of fur like bristles on their bodies.

While these interesting insects and their attractive larvae may catch your eye when exploring wild Florida, it is important to exercise caution around them.

Information Provided By: Kyle Grammatica

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS KIT



- **ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO HAVE ON HAND:** WATER (one gallon per person per day), FOOD (minimum 3-day supply of non-perishable food items), FLASHLIGHT and spare batteries, BATTERY-POWERED RADIO to listen to local updates. know where to go for alerts, WHISTLE for attracting attention, MEDICATION for at least 7 days, BLANKETS AND WATER-PROOF CLOTHING, and a well stocked FIRST AID KIT.

- **ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS TO SECURE PRIOR TO A HURRICANE:** Vital Records including marriage, divorce and birth certificate, Government-Issued IDs like your passport and driver's license, Social Security Card, Tax Returns, Property Deeds and other proof of ownership, Living and Last Will.

Your **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** is particularly important because it represents essential evidence of identity and citizenship. For this reason, it can be used to order copies of nearly all the other documents mentioned above. Although it may seem like a good idea to protect them from storms/extreme weather conditions, you should **never laminate your birth certificate and other important documents**. Official documents are printed on special paper and often present security features like embossed seals that would be lost during the lamination process. A **laminated birth certificate is considered invalid** for most legal purposes.

NEWS FROM YOUR HOA BOARD



TREES, SHRUBS AND LAWNS:

Fall is the time of year to get the lawns and shrubbery in shape. Please note the canopy height of the street trees should be trimmed at 8 feet so walkers can walk without dodging tree limbs. Vehicles, mail delivery trucks, moving trucks, lawn company vehicles, and other service providers should be able to drive under the trees at the curb and not damage the trees or their vehicles.

Grass clippings have been observed in the streets. When you blow your lawn waste into the street it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues. Clogging curb inlets and pipes can cause water to back up and flood within the drainage system or the creek.

PARKING

The Florida Parking Laws Handbook states the following restrictions:

- On the roadway side of another parked vehicle (double parking).
- On crosswalks.
- On sidewalks.
- In front of driveways.
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Within 20 feet of an intersection.
- In such a way that you block or create a hazard for other vehicles. (curve)

USPS regulations state that there must be at least 30 feet clear approach distance for the safety of the mail carrier on a mounted route (parking near mailbox - FL Statute 316, section 1965)

Also, the community standards restrict street parking as well as residents parking across the majority of the driveway blocking the sidewalk. (Community Standards, Page 91-93)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

MCNEIL MANAGEMENT SERVICES.....	813-571-7100
TAMPA ELECTRIC (TECO).....	813-223-0800
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (WATER/SEWER).....	813-272-6680
FRONTIER (CABLE).....	800-921-8101
SPECTRUM (CABLE).....	888-298-8988
HERITAGE PROPANE.....	813-826-9111
COUNTY SHERIFF (NON-EMERGENCY).....	813-247-8200
COUNTY FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY).....	813-272-6600

THE ESTUARY ON THE INTERNET

Estuary Facebook Page.....	Friends of The Estuary
Estuary Website.....	www.friendsoftheestuary.com

INFORMATION

M/I HOMES Office.....	813-523-8400
M/I HOMES Warranty Info.....	813-290-8303
Garbage Services.....	813-248-3802
Mail Complaints.....	813-672-4562

Contact one of our Facebook Administrators listed below to join our Facebook Page. On our Facebook Page you can chat with friends as well as find updates on what is happening in our neighborhood.

ORLANDO HERNANDEZ, ohernandeznyc@gmail.com

COY REAVIS, Creavis56@yahoo.com

LAUREN WEST SMITH, laurenmwsmith@gmail.com

THE ESTUARY



Please check out the Estuary website: www.friendsoftheestuary.com. It is full of information including a link to Architectural Forms, Volunteer Forms, and information about meetings as well as the community standards.

Web design provided by Alan Brown. You can contact Alan at: Estuary@lalanbrown.com or EstuaryBOD@gmail.com