

The Neighborhood

Newsletter

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

Community HOA

As of June 1, 2019 McNeil Management Company 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.

Estuary HOA Meetings:

August 22nd at 6:30PM
Panther Trace II Clubhouse
11518 Newgate Crest Drive
Riverview, FL

Annual Meeting:

October 17, 2019 Place and
Time To Be Announced

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YOUR HOA BOARD:

Alan Brown President
Roger Yokell, Vice-President
Steven Effler, Treasurer

All board members can be contacted via email at:

Estuarybod@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

It has been a challenging time for everyone involved as we now have completed most of the transition to McNeil Management Services. You will notice some changes as each management company has their own business model. It seems that we have a consistency that we did not enjoy before, and that the response home owners are getting has improved. This will all help as we seek to maintain and improve our community.

A working irrigation system along with the rainy season is beginning to provide growth and a better looking lawn. The grounds committee has done a great job and is planning for even more improvements as bids come in. The Architectural Committee is now able to work closely with the management company and we don't foresee the time for processing your changes to be altered. The Covenant Enforcement Committee is preparing to act, but there is good news for many as most of the records of fines the Board of Directors sent to PCC right before the transition were misplaced. McNeil Management has not yet located them in the documents transferred to them from PCC. They were mainly for trees, lawns, and shrubs. So, it appears, at this time, there will be no further action for those particular violations.

We continue to have violations of the Community Standards. Some of these are safety issues and we must take them seriously.

Please read and know the Community Standards. The Community Standards and all forms are on the web site at www.friendsoftheestuary.com. The general mailbox for the Board of Directors is EstuaryBOD@mail.com should you need that contact information.

Alan Brown
President

PATRIOTIC FLAGS ARE AWESOME IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE A FADED OR TORN FLAG IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND REPLACED. THE FADED OR TORN FLAG CAN BE TAKEN TO A LOCAL VFW POST AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY. REVIEW THE FLAG ETTIQUETTE BELOW FOR PROPER USE OF YOUR FLAG.

FLAG ETTIQUETTE FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

By US Flag Code and Etiquette

Independence Day is a prime time for Americans to show their patriotic spirit by displaying the U.S. flag on their porches and in front of their homes. Before you start hanging up the red, white, and blue, it is a good idea to brush up on some flag etiquette and codes.

Here are few basic guidelines to keep in mind based on the U.S. Flag Code: These guidelines apply to the larger flags and not the small ones that are used in our flower beds.

- Always make sure the flag never touches the ground or anything below it.
- Do not display the American flag in inclement weather, unless it's an all-weather flag.
- If you want to fly the flag after sunset, keep it well lit.
- When you hang the flag vertically on a flat surface, make sure the Union (blue section) is on the observer's left.

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS



***TRASH CANS:** Ensure your trash cans are put away and not visible from the outside of your home on the same day as trash pickup.

***SELLING YOUR HOME:** You must use a branded for sale sign. Provided by 360 Signs (see website for info).

***TREES:** The canopy over sidewalk should be lifted to at least 8 feet.

***CRACKED/LIFTING SIDEWALKS:** You can report to Hillsborough County via this website address: <https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/roads-sidewalks/>

management@mcneilmsi.com



SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW ESTUARY NEIGHBORS:

Austin Dawsey & Allison Johnson, Scarlet Ibis Place
Johnathon Tillis & Haley Ware, Palmetto Pine
Matt & Kimberly Stone, Albatross
Charles & Sheryl Hager, Sand Stone Rock Drive

GROUNDS COMMITTEE, Marah Burgundy, Chairman



We recently replaced the (dead) annual flowers with more sustainable shrubs to the front entrance flower bed and island. The next project is to take care of the drainage issue in the park and install bubblers in the ponds. We will be getting quotes together for shade/canopies over our playground equipment and possible fencing around park to be presented at the Oct. HOA meeting. Currently it is Marah Hutcheson and Lauren Smith serving on the committee. We welcome any other residents to join the committee. Just contact Marah Burgundy at: EstuaryGroundsCommittee@gmail.com

SPIRIT COMMITTEE, Sarah Haneline, Chairman



This is a fun committee that is always looking for great ideas to keep our community connected! We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas. If you want to join this awesome group, just email Sarah Haneline at :

skh_aqui@yahoo.com

COVENANTS COMMITTEE, Charmaine Woon, Chairman

This committee is continuously looking for volunteers. With the new management company (McNeil) we will be more active and will definitely need more committee members. Interested? Just call Charmaine Woon at 719-761-1314!

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE, Mike Vigh, Sr., Chairman



Want to volunteer? Just email Mike Vigh at vighper9@aol.com.

Requests for alterations can be located on the website under FORMS. Instructions for submission are detailed at the bottom of the form.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE, Frank Mahoney, Chairman

Summer is vacation time! Thieves look for signs when casing a neighborhood so please remember to put a hold on your mail and stop delivery of your paper. It is also a good idea to put timers on your lights to give the appearance that someone is home. And, let your neighbors know you will be away. That way if they see anyone parked in your driveway they will know to call it in right away.



SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

For more information you can call or text Frank Mahoney at 774-404-4127 or email him at francis.p.mahoney@gmail.com.



THE FARM TO TABLE MARKET WAS APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 11, 2019!

Even though 128 people signed the petition opposing the Farm to Table Market, the Board of County Commissioners approved the markets' request to proceed with building and operating a store at the front of the Estuary on the empty lot that has been for sale for some time. Our biggest concern is and was the entrance and exit onto Estuary Preserve Drive, but there were many other issues brought before the Board such as traffic on Balm Riverview Road, the blind corner on Estuary Preserve Drive, unwanted animals and bugs, security lighting that may affect homes, trash, noise due to trucks coming and going, and the many unwanted cars that may now be roaming through our neighborhood.

It will be imperative now that we all remain vigilant in order to keep our charming community safe. Remember to attend our Neighborhood Watch Meetings to keep you posted on all the safety issues concerning the Estuary.

Garden Tip

Caring for Crape Myrtles

The beginning of June ushers in not only the rainy season, but bloom season for crape myrtles. They come in a variety of colors, are cold-hardy and are easy-care for our area. Below are a few tips for getting the most out of your crape myrtles.

- 1) **Prune in Winter** - Crape myrtles should be pruned in the winter-time, when they don't have any leaves. How much you prune is up to you, there is no need to do a severe prune (sometimes called 'crape murder'), but trimming back overall height if needed and thinning the branches will help the tree flush out well in spring. If you missed the pruning time in the winter, you can always prune later, just wait until after bloom time, otherwise you will cut off all of those beautiful flowers.
- 2) **Water Wisely** - Like any new plant, crapes want plenty of water to get started. However, once established they don't need a lot of extra water to keep them going. One good soaking each week is all they need through the spring, summer and fall and once they are dormant in the winter, they won't need much at all.
- 3) **Watch for Suckers** - No, we aren't on the lookout for a gullible person. All crape myrtles are naturally bushes. Even the pretty single trunk 'trees' are naturally bushes and will sometimes grow shoots from the ground, or lower down on the trunk. These shoots are called suckers. It doesn't mean anything is wrong, just trim them off when you see them to keep the energy of the plant headed up into the canopy.
- 4) **Fertilize for the Best Blooms** - Crapes aren't heavy feeders, but a spring, summer and fall dose of The Kerby's Special fertilizer will keep them in top shape and ready to produce the biggest, brightest clusters of blooms.
- 5) **Go for the Sequel** - If you dead-head crape myrtles and trim off old blooms just as they are finishing you can sometimes get a second, lighter set of blooms to emerge. Tough on really big crapes (since the flowers are so high up), but for your younger or smaller bushes or trees, you can extend your flower enjoyment.

Author: Kerby's Nursery

IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT OUR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 22ND. WE WILL NEED WILLING PEOPLE TO RUN FOR A BOARD POSITION. ALSO, OUR LAST SECRETARY, CARLOS MORALES, HAS MOVED AND WE COULD USE SOMEONE WILLING TO FILL THAT SLOT AS WELL. BUT REMEMBER THAT THE SECRETARY POSITION HAS NO VOTING RIGHTS.

MOST IMPORTANTLY DON'T FORGET THAT WE MUST HAVE A QUORUM OF HOUSEHOLDS (THAT IS AT LEAST 27 REPRESENTED HOMES) IN ORDER TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. THE ANNUAL MEETING MUST BE HELD TO ELECT AT LEAST ONE BOARD MEMBER AND CONDUCT FINANCIAL MATTERS.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND PLAN ON BEING PRESENT ON OCTOBER 22ND!

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION FORM

PRIMARY:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

ALTERNATE

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street: _____

PHONE:

Primary: _____ Alternate _____

EMAIL:

Primary: _____ Alternate _____

I would like to receive all association meeting notices, newsletters and reminders by:

Email OR Postal Service

(Some essential documents must be sent by USPS, which will be the default address.)

Date: _____ Ini-
tials: _____ Initials: _____

**Email form to estuarybod@gmail.com
OR Mail/Drop off at: 11414 Sand Stone Rock Dr.**



ANYONE CAN DO IT!

IT'S EASY: When you see something that needs to be repaired in our common grounds, the park, etc. just email the location and description along with your name, phone number and an email address where you can be reached to Estuarybod@gmail.com.



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 SMITH,**
laurenmwsmith@gmail.com

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

MCNEIL MANAGEMENT COMPANY.....	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
PTR TOWING.....	813-671-8097

THE ESTUARY ON THE INTERNET

Estuary Facebook Page.....	Friends of The Estuary
Estuary Website.....	www.friendsoftheestuary.com
Pilera.....	https://app.pilera.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



THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR YOU, THE ESTUARY RESIDENTS, AND THEREFORE THE INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED IS TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE WHILE LIVING HERE.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE ESTUARY NEWSLETTER? PLEASE FORWARD ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS TO:

**KATHY BROWN AT:
KATHY@LALANBROWN.COM**



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.

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