



# Tarpon Shores Chatter

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## Manager's Corner

*Charla Galbraith, CMCA, AMS PCAM®*

**October 2024**

The rejuvenation of the swimming pool has begun. We can't wait to see the results once it is completed. It will have a fresh new look for everyone to enjoy.

The Board is reviewing the 2025 proposed budget. Once the Board has signed off on the proposed budget it will be mailed out to owners thirty days prior to the budget meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024. At that meeting the Board will formally approve the budget for the next fiscal year.

Soon it will be time for the annual members meeting at which time the election of directors will be held. There will be two positions open. The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025. Approximately sixty days prior to that date, owners will receive the First Notice of the Annual meeting. Included in that mailing will be a Notice of Intent To Be a Candidate form along with instructions on how to complete it and mailing instructions for returning it to the Association.

### **For Sale as of the printing of this edition:**

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**October 14**

The purpose of the Tarpon Shores Chatter Newsletter shall be to promote social, recreational, and park activities for the benefit of our residents. Our goal is to share information and to encourage a quality and active lifestyle as well as spreading goodwill among our residents. The newsletter shall not include editorials or opinion news articles.

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### Fun facts

**Some fun facts about October include:**

- Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas on October 12, 1492.
- The Great Chicago fire happened on October 8, 1871.
- France sent the Statue of Liberty to the U.S. in October 1886.
- More than half of the U.S. population buys a pumpkin in October.

**Why is October considered to be a kind month?**

October is considered a kind month because it marks the transition from the heavy rains of the monsoon season to the pleasant and cool weather of autumn. The environment becomes lush and green due to the rains, and the weather is neither too hot nor too cold, making it a very pleasant time of the year.

**Why do leaves change colors?**

Did you know that fall's vivid colors are actually hidden underneath summer's green? The main reason for the color change is not autumn's chilly weather, but light—or rather, the lack of it. The green color of leaves disappears when photosynthesis (from sunlight) slows down, and the chlorophyll breaks down. Trees with a lot of direct sunlight will produce red leaves, while other trees may turn yellow, orange, or brown.

**Picking the Right Pumpkin**

Before you get to cooking, it's important to pick the right pumpkin for the job.

1. The **"sugar pumpkin"** or the **"pie pumpkin"** is the most popular cooking pumpkin. You'll see these in the grocery store in the fall. They are rounder and smaller than regular carving pumpkins. The flesh is sweeter and less stringy than a decorative carving pumpkin, too.
2. Another pumpkin that's great for cooking is the **Japanese pumpkin** (Kabocha squash), which has a bright orange color. It is sweeter and more flavorful than the sugar pumpkin and has a fluffy texture.

Note that all pumpkins are edible! The Jack-O'-lantern pumpkins tend to be stringier, less sweet, and have a higher moisture content than the smaller sugar (pie) pumpkin, but they can still be cooked and eaten.

**October Birth Flowers**

October's birth flowers are the cosmos and the calendula or marigold. Cosmos is a symbol of joy in life and love and peace. The calendula (aka garden, English, or pot marigold) represents winning grace, grief, or chagrin in the language of flowers. Find out more about October's birth flowers.

**Joke of the Month**

- Q. What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?  
 A. Squash!

**Folklore for the Season**

- When deer are in a gray coat in October, expect a hard winter.
- Much rain in October, much wind in December.
- A warm October means a cold February.
- In October dung your field, and your land its wealth shall yield.
- Good October, a good blast,  
 To blow the hog acorn and mast.  
 [tree fruit upon which wild animals feed]

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Oktoberfest, annual festival in Munich, Germany, is held over a two-week period and ending on the first Sunday in October. The festival originated on October 12, 1810, in celebration of the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria, who later became King Louis I, to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

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Thelma Chance
- 2.....Bonnie Bullard  
Joseph Hercher
- 3.....Geraldine Merrell  
Jeff Schweizer
- 4.....Nicolene Parker  
Larry Reichert  
John Puccio
- 6.....Richard Axtell
- 8.....Andres Garcia
- 9.....Linda Payne  
Dwight Sitaro  
Peter Whitehead
- 11.....Bethany Meyer
- 13.....George Boris
- 18.....Steven Millham
- 19.....Donna McCoy
- 22.....Leo Vallee
- 24.....Bruce Morris
- 28.....Michael Kelemen



## October Anniversaries

- 3.....John & Gail Hitsman
- 5.....Daniel & Kim Drew
- 13.....Sharon & Dale Dearth
- 19.....Robert & Donna Wold
- 20.....Donald & Veda Cooling
- 28.....John & Gena Bogard

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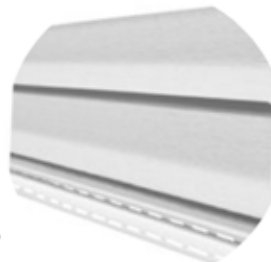
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## Lot Maintenance Questions:

Many residents have wondered how the Association addresses violations such as weeds in beds, items stored in carports, structural issues etc.

For informational purposes, the process works like this: a first letter is sent to an owner along with a picture of the issue and a copy of the section of the Rules and Regulations outlining the requirement. In most instances the letter will give the owner 14 days to resolve the issue or contact the office to advise them of a timeframe in which the specific infraction will be corrected. In most instances the owner will address the infraction upon receipt of the first letter. If the infraction has not been resolved in the specified timeframe and no contact has been made with the office, a second, stronger letter is sent giving the owner 7 days to resolve the infraction or the matter is subject to the assessment of a fine of \$100.00 per day up to ten days (\$1,000.00).

If the infraction is not resolved in the specified time frame, at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board will authorize the fine to be assessed. The matter is then turned over to the Fining Committee for final review. The Committee will review all the pertinent information regarding the violation and will make the final determination whether the fine will stand or if other action needs to be taken. The fine will be charged against the owners account and will remain there until paid.

## Crime Prevention Meeting

**FROM AUGUST 22, 2024**



Code enforcement issues were discussed along with health and safety and city ordinance laws. The procedure for getting issues resolved. If you need to make a phone concern about something, it's better to use 727.937.6151.

As for the hurricane season, be prepared, know your flood zones and use the Alert Pinellas website as it keeps us up-to-date on conditions and routes to use if we need to evacuate. On that issue, use the Pinellas County Emergency Evacuation website to sign up for help for those who need help. As for pets, many emergency housing facilities DO NOT accept them. The only one that does is Palm Harbor High School. Owners need to supply their own pet food.

A couple of communities discussed crime issues such as graffiti and burglary. Make a call promptly to make a report. The graffiti will be cleaned up ASAP.

Sign up for house checks when going away for long periods of time. Look at the TSPD website, follow headings and submit info.

Anyone that lives in Tarpon Shores is encouraged to attend a crime prevention meeting. They are at the Police Department on Huey St. @ 7pm, 3rd Thursday. The reminders will be posted on the T.S. Facebook page.

Remember to lock up your cars and mobiles daily. Keep your valuables out of sight inside your car.

*Judy Demko, Crime Representative*

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**Band - Carl Motyka from 7-10**

**Sign up by Friday October 19th**

**Buy tickets at clubhouse Monday October 21st from 3-4 pm.**

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THANK YOU!



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	<b>OCTOBER 2024</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Euchre	<b>2</b> 12:00 pm Arts and Crafts	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm Bowling	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 am Golf 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Euchre	<b>9</b> 12:00 pm Arts and Crafts	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>11</b> 1:30 pm Bowling	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 am Golf 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Euchre	<b>16</b> 12:00 pm Arts and Crafts	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Board Mtg. 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm Bowling	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 am Golf 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Euchre	<b>23</b> 12:00 pm Arts and Crafts	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>25</b> 1:30 pm Bowling	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Halloween Dance
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 am Golf 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Euchre	<b>30</b> 12:00 pm Arts and Crafts	<b>31</b> 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em		

# City of Tarpon Springs Fall Cleanup and Tire Collections

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 7AM**



This is a free service for City residents who pay for residential curbside garbage service on their City of Tarpon Springs utility bill. If you do not pay City of Tarpon Springs, This event does not apply. Thank You!

Place all items at the curb for pickup no later than 7AM on Sunday, October 27th.

Place the following items at the curb by 7AM:

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Small Household Items, Carpet & Pads (cut and bundle in 4' sections)
- Oven, Washer, Dryer or Microwave



### The following items WILL NOT be picked up:

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**REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

(Please refer to back page for guidelines)

(Homeowner please read and sign page 2 of this form)

Homeowner Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of work: (please attach a clear drawing, sketch or diagram)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Conditions: (Please see page 3) .

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Date Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional information needed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.

All requests to make changes, additions or alterations to or around the outside of your home must be submitted to the office for review.

This form and any accompanying paperwork must be turned into the office no less than 2 weeks prior to the start of work.

Requests must be on the front of this form which asks the following:

1. Written description of exactly what is to be done.
2. Drawing of proposed work needs to be attached.
3. Drawing should show position of home and any existing improvements on lot.
4. Description of materials to be used including style, color, etc.
5. Proposed construction timetable with proposed completion date.
6. Improvements must not infringe, restrict, impede, hinder, obstruct or be in conflict with neighbor's property, common area and set-backs.
7. All improvements must be consistent in color and style of existing dwelling.
8. Homeowner is responsible for locating and marking underground utilities. Contact Sunshine Dig-Safe at phone number 811.
9. Homeowner is responsible for any damage to neighbor's property, common areas, and all underground utilities that have been located/marked or not located/marked.

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The jobsite must be kept clean and orderly. All work materials must be removed immediately following completion of the job.

Homeowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDENDUM FOR REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

### Special conditions:

Use caution digging. Many unmarked utility lines are underground such as potable water, irrigation water, electric lines, cable TV lines, etc. These utility lines/pipes are most likely not buried very deep.

Please prepare the area by delicately digging/trenching and identifying where the lines are located prior to the commencement of the construction work. Move any lines that have to be relocated.

Kindly contact the office prior to digging so we can attempt to give you a general idea where the lines are buried. We do not have plans/blueprints to some of the buried utility lines so the park will not be responsible for accurately identifying these lines.

Contact Sunshine Dig Safe at telephone number 811.

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