



# Tarpon Shores Chatter

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*Happy  
September!*

## **Manager's Corner - September 2025**

Wow, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. This year has gone by fast. We hope everyone has enjoyed this summertime. We're looking forward to a little "cooler" weather here in Florida. By now (weather permitting), the sealcoating of the roadways within the community has been completed. There are some areas that will require more extensive repairs. We will be looking at this for the next budget season. We are in the process of preparing the 2026 proposed budget. Once the worksheet has been completed it will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for review.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The next Board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025. The Special Members meeting/Budget meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. The annual members meeting, election of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

*Charla Galbraith, CMCA, AMS PCAM®*

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## September Holidays

September is a month filled with various national days, weeks, and months of observance. Key events include Labor Day on the first Monday, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Constitution Day.

Weekly observances include National Waffle Week, National Childhood Injury Prevention Week, and National Suicide Prevention Week.

Month-long observances include National Recovery Month, National Suicide Prevention Month, and National Chicken Month.

## PATRIOT DAY - SEPTEMBER 11

Patriot Day is the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on America.

Patriot Day became a day of national observance on Dec. 18, 2001, when President George W. Bush signed a presidential proclamation.

The Patriot Day resolution designates a day to honor those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.



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- **Dress** in loose, light-colored long sleeves and pants.
- **Defend** by using a CDC-approved repellent such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon-eucalyptus.

(Article In Part, from CGS Energy Publication)

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- Make sure support piers are in full contact with the frame
- Replace any straps or ground anchors showing signs of rust or damage
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(Article from City of Tarpon Springs Publication)

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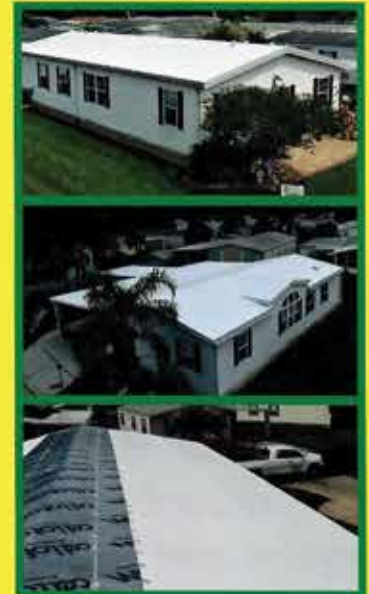
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	Robert Renfro
	John Zulpo
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	Suzanne Martin
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15 .....	Deborah Hill
	Laurie Collins
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17.....	Shirley Gustafson
18.....	Nowranie Jones
19 .....	William Fortier
22.....	Sonja Meinke
23 .....	David Sands
24.....	Nancy DelConte
	Anthony Trotta
27 .....	Mary Bucklin
28.....	Shirley Williams
	Nick Erwin
	Albert Raschiatore
29.....	Dianna Williams
	Rick Carone
30.....	Robert Crawford

*September Anniversaries*



2 .....	Rene & Kate Caskanette
5 .....	Gregory & Susan Lyons
10 .....	Gary & Sandy Trimmell
11.....	John & Michelle Kussin
13 .....	Terry Fairhurst & Heather Harrison
17 .....	Allen & Debra Austin
24.....	Robert & Judith Lesperance
26 .....	Nancy & David Sands
29.....	James Jr. & Tracey Boland

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## Special Needs Evacuation Program Registration

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**Program Overview:** The Pinellas County Special Needs Evacuation Program provides transportation and sheltering assistance to Pinellas County residents with certain medical needs or with challenges accessing emergency shelters. To do this, Pinellas County Emergency Management (PCEM) maintains a list of Pinellas County residents who apply for and are eligible for free transportation assistance and/or special needs sheltering. This list enables us to identify and support individuals who need assistance during an emergency evacuation.

**Program Eligibility:** You must meet at least one of the criteria below to qualify for the special needs program:

- You require transportation assistance to a shelter because you do not have personal transportation or access to other available transportation means.
- You require assistance with, but not limited to, reliance on supplemental oxygen, life-sustaining devices powered by electricity, mobility challenges, medication assistance, dependence on dialysis, or cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's or dementia.

**How to Register:** To register, complete the form on page 2 and mail or fax it to Pinellas County Emergency Management (**mailing address and fax number are on the bottom of page 2**).

For those who are eligible, you will receive a confirmation letter and instructions on what to expect if the program is activated and you may need to evacuate. Annual confirmation letters are sent in May. If you register after May 1<sup>st</sup>, the letters are sent out biweekly through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** If you do not need transportation assistance and do not meet medical requirements for special needs sheltering, your form will not be entered into our Special Needs Evacuation Program. We will send you a message via phone, text and email to inform you that you were not eligible.

**Evacuating with Pets:** If you require a special needs shelter and are evacuating with a pet, you will be transported to a special needs shelter where your pet(s) will be handed over to and cared for by Pinellas County Animal Services. Evacuees with pets, who only need transportation assistance and do not require a special needs shelter or medically managed facility, will be transported to a pet-friendly shelter. In these shelters, evacuees are responsible for caring for their own pets. Registrants who need transportation to a medically managed facility by ambulance will have their pets picked up by a Pinellas County Animal Services representative.

Service animals are welcome in all shelters. Registration is not required for a service animal.

**For more information, please visit [pinellas.gov/special-needs](https://pinellas.gov/special-needs) or call us at (727) 464-3800.**

We strongly encourage you to sign up for **Alert Pinellas** at [pinellas.gov/alert](https://pinellas.gov/alert). Alert Pinellas provides free emergency notifications about severe weather, boil water notices, evacuations, and more.



## Pinellas County Special Needs Evacuation Program Registration Form

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Applicant Information		
First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth [ex. mm/dd/yyyy] ( ) -
Email Address	Phone Number [ex. (###) ###-####]	
Street Address	Primary Language	
Apt / Building / Lot Number	City	Zip Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Single-Family <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Condo		
Home / Residency Type		
Emergency Contact Information		
First Name	Last Name	Phone Number ( ) -
Email Address	Relation to Applicant	
Shelter Needs Assessment		
1a. Will be evacuating alone (excluding pets)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1b. If no, how many people will be evacuating with you?		Person(s) total
2a. Will any pets be evacuating with you?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2b. If yes, how many pets will be evacuating with you?		Pet(s) total
3. Do you require transportation assistance to and/or from a shelter or medically managed facility?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Are you confined to a bed at all times and unable get out of the bed, even with assistance?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Do you require the use of a wheelchair?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Do you require the use of a Hoyer Lift or any medical equipment/machinery to get out of bed?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Do you require the use of a Suction Pump or IV Pump?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Do you require the use of a Ventilator?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Do you require the use of a CPAP/BiPAP, Concentrator, Nebulizer, External Cardiac Monitor?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Have you been clinically diagnosed as a "Danger to Others"/ "Self-Injurious"?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Do you require assistance from a home health aide or medical professional to inject your insulin medication?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. Do you have medication that requires refrigeration?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13. Do you receive dialysis treatment?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Do you require the use of a feeding tube or feeding pump?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes and a caregiver or I can manage it. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes and I require help from shelter staff to manage it. <input type="checkbox"/> No		
15. Do you require assistance from a home health aide or medical professional to help with a catheter, colostomy bag, or ostomy bag?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Do you experience incontinence and require assistance from a home health aide or medical professional?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17. Do you require assistance from a home health aide or medical professional to take your medication?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
18. Have you been diagnosed with dementia or another diagnosis that affects your memory?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; Severe <input type="checkbox"/> No		
19a. Do you require supplemental oxygen?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; less than 4 liters per minute <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; more than 4 liters per minute <input type="checkbox"/> No		
19b. If so, how much?		liters per minute (lpm)    hours per day (hpd)
20. Who is submitting this form to the County?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Home Health Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Medical Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Relative		
21a. Do you currently receive home healthcare?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
21b. If so, what's the name of the agency?		
22. Do you currently weigh more than 350 pounds?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
23. Do you require wound care from a home health aide or a medical professional?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

To Submit Form | via Mail: 10750 Ulmerton Rd, Building 1, Suite 267, Largo, FL 33778 | via Fax: (727) 464-4024. For more information, please visit [pinellas.gov/special-needs](http://pinellas.gov/special-needs) or call us at (727) 464-3800.



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In the late 1800s, factory employees often worked 12-hour days, six or seven days a week, in unsafe and unhealthy environments. Even children as young as five or six were part of the workforce, earning only a fraction of adult wages. Labor unions began to organize strikes and rallies to demand better pay, shorter hours, and safer workplaces. These efforts laid the groundwork for what would become Labor Day.

The first Labor Day celebration took place on September 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union. Thousands of workers took unpaid time off to participate in a parade advocating for labor reforms. The idea caught on quickly, and by 1885, Labor Day was being observed in many states.

The holiday's national recognition came after a period of significant labor unrest. In 1894, the Pullman Strike—a nationwide railroad strike—turned violent, leading to the deaths of workers and intervention by federal troops. In an effort to reconcile with the labor movement, President Grover Cleveland signed legislation making Labor Day a federal holiday on June 28, 1894.

Over time, Labor Day evolved from a purely labor-focused event into a broader celebration marking the end of summer. While parades and speeches are still part of the tradition, many Americans now observe the day with picnics, barbecues, and community events.

Despite its modern associations with leisure, Labor Day remains a tribute to the struggles and victories of American workers. It serves as a reminder that the rights many take for granted—like the eight-hour workday, weekends off, and workplace safety laws—were hard-won through decades of advocacy and sacrifice.

Labor Day stands not only as a marker on the calendar but as a testament to the enduring importance of fairness, dignity, and respect in the workplace.



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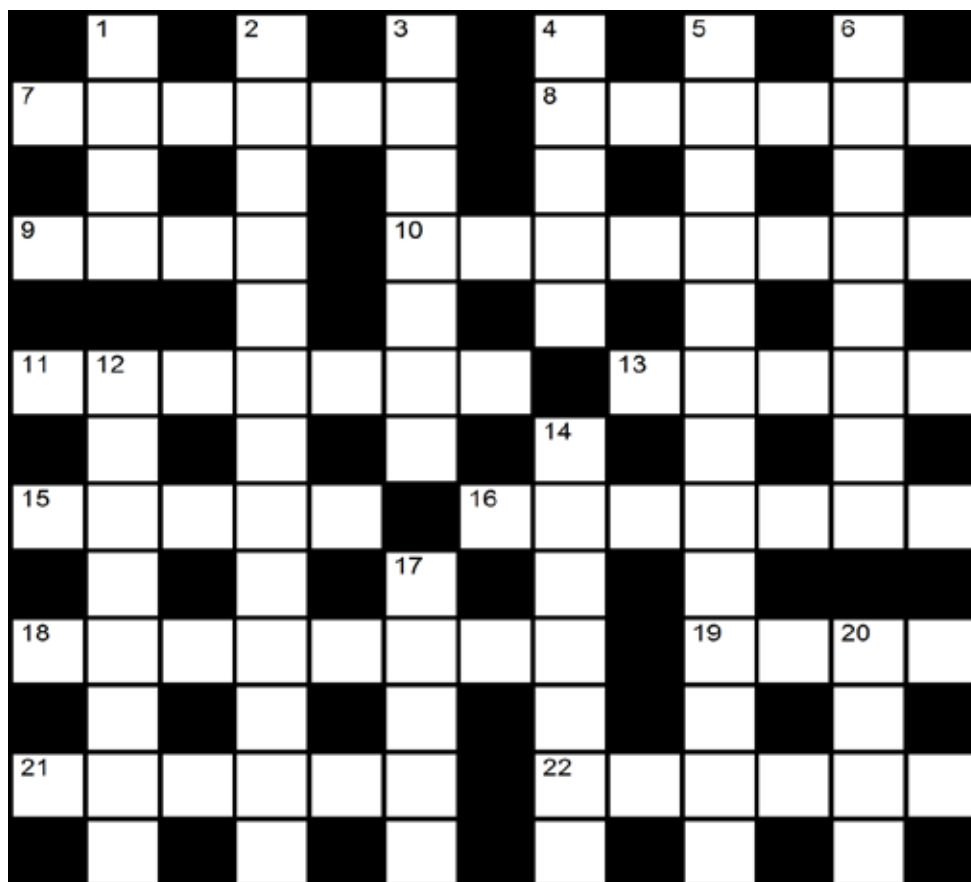
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### Across

- 7 Ornate style
- 8 Avis offering
- 9 Adroit
- 10 Astronaut
- 11 Akin
- 13 Plait
- 15 Bay window
- 16 Protective spec's
- 18 Petitioner
- 19 Tropical root
- 21 Scold
- 22 Current

### Down

- 1 Drill
- 2 Brazilian, e.g. (5,8)
- 3 File
- 4 Zagreb resident
- 5 Asking questions
- 6 Smithsonian
- 12 Enlisted man
- 14 Race
- 17 Be silent, in music
- 20 Horse colouring

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## **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.

These guidelines are not inclusive of homeowner responsibilities regarding maintaining or improving your home. Please refer to the Tarpon Shores Rules and Regulations for detailed information.

Project working hours: Monday – Saturday 8 A.M. to 6 P. M. NO SUNDAYS

Plumbing working hours: Monday – Thursday 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Tarpon Shores is not required to provide City of Tarpon Springs permits. All work that requires a permit (City or County) is the full responsibility of the homeowner and a copy of the permit must be turned into the office.

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

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

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

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**727-485-8117 (fax)**

**E-Mail: tarponshoresro@tsrop.com**

**REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

(Please refer to pages 2 & 3 for guidelines)

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

Homeowner (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### City Help

	<b>(727) 938-3711</b>	<a href="mailto:cityhelp@ctsfl.us">cityhelp@ctsfl.us</a>
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City Clerk & Collector	(727) 942-5614	<a href="mailto:cityclerk1@ctsfl.us">cityclerk1@ctsfl.us</a>
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# **Tarpon Shores RO Association**

## **Park Concerns**

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

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Lawn Service Damage Forms**

Please note going forward, issues with the lawn service should be submitted in writing to the office using the form below. Please complete the form in its entirety and turn it into the office as soon as possible following your particular incident. Thank you.

### **TARPON SHORES – LAWN SERVICE DAMAGE OR COMMENT FORM**

Tarpon Shores  
89 Rachel Drive  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Damage: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT #: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR COMMENTS OR DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



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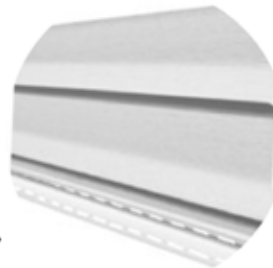
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