

Neighborhood News

RIVERGLEN

Fall 2020

Riverglen and River Watch Owners Associations

Riverglen President's Update Ralph Brown, President

Hello neighbors!

Well, it has certainly been a strange year, to say the least. We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

As you have likely noticed, the park, which was closed for several months, is now re-open in alignment with county guidance.

It is still unlikely that the annual Saturday in the Park event will take place this year. I hope that we can make up for it in 2021.

A big THANKS to Debbie Helmick, who recently stepped down as Ponds Chair. Debbie worked diligently to improve the water quality and appearance of the retention ponds. In addition, she worked with the county Adopt-A-Pond program, and she was tremendously effective as the liaison between the board and the pond maintenance company. Trina Dooley has stepped forward to take over the ponds committee. Welcome Trina!

The Riverglen Board of Directors continues to meet monthly. For now, the meetings are held virtually using Zoom. Meeting notices, including login info, are posted on the entrance signboards and, as always, all Riverglen homeowners are welcome to attend. However, if you have a specific item to discuss or present at the meeting, please contact the property manager in advance to arrange a place on the agenda.

Normally, we schedule our annual Homeowner meeting for early November. As of this writing, the meeting date has not yet been determined, and may be delayed until the beginning of next year. The meeting notice will be mailed out to all homeowners along with proxy cards and a copy of the proposed annual budget. When you receive the mailing, please read the materials, sign and send in those proxy cards. Thanks!

Parks Re-opening

In conjunction with the reopening of Hillsborough County playgrounds, the Riverglen main park reopened on Monday, Aug 31. The operating hours remain the same as before the closure – 9am to sunset.

As always, the parks committee is in need of volunteers to help with opening and closing. If you are interested, please contact the parks committee at parks@riverglenhoa.com.

River Watch President's Update Margaret Cabral, President

On behalf of the River Watch Board of Directors we are hoping that you and your family are faring well during these very unusual and daunting times. We can only hope that a vaccine is found soon that will put an end to these very trying times. Since May the Board of Directors has been meeting virtually through Zoom. All residents are encouraged to attend these meetings which take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate, directions will be posted on the website as well as the message board at the exit of River Watch.

Throughout this past year the Board has been working on a number of changes within River Watch. One of the positive changes is the sidewalk renovation project. This project is progressing in stages and we hope to complete the final phase right after the first part of 2021. The first phase consisted of grinding those sidewalks that were slightly raised and could be brought within county standards. Additionally, the sidewalks that required replacement were replaced within the projected areas. However, if there are sidewalks that you feel require attention please call McNeil Management.

All of the trees within River Watch have been trimmed to meet Hillsborough County standards.

We have a new website. One that is very user friendly! All of the deed restrictions for River Watch are on this site. Also, ACC applications and various other documents are easily accessible. Community news as well as meeting dates, locations and times are found on the website. Please take a look at the website and feel free to offer any suggestions that you think may improve the site.

After 20+ years the gates at the entrance to River Watch have started to look worn. Not so long ago a resident e-mailed that the gates were looking aged. In response, the gates will be removed and rejuvenated!

In this newsletter we are focusing on several issues that are addressed annually. One of these issues is the storm drains. Since we are a private gated community, the storm drains are the property of the HOA. Residents frequently place bags of yard waste on the storm drains. Some residents leave the yard waste on the storm drains several days before the yard waste collection on Tuesday. The waste can be dragged into the storm drains and clog the drains. When this happens, it becomes a costly issue. Please do not place anything on the storm drains or near the storm drains. Remember that your dues are contributing to remedying the issue. It's money that could be spent in more productive ways!

Every resident needs to remember that River Watch is a deed restricted community. You must adhere to the documents. That means that before any alterations are made to your property you must submit an ACC application. This includes roofs, paint, landscaping, etc. If you are in doubt as to whether you need to file an ACC application, please call or e mail McNeil Management and clarify.

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Reporting County Problems

http://
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Landscape update By Larry Barroner.

Two years ago, I provided an article telling you the number of pine trees along Donneymoor Drive will diminish. An arborist from Brightview Landscape Maintenance determined that an infestation of Southern Sculptured Pine Borer had killed many of the pines trees and will eventually move on to other "host" pines trees. Additional pine trees will be removed as they become infested, and based on the recommendation of our landscape team. Large areas or islands where all of the trees were removed have had sod put down to keep the area looking green.



Southern Sculptured Pine Borer

Some other projects we have completed include the enhancements to three of the southern entrances along Donneymoor Drive. Based on the recommendations of our landscape team, we chose some Florida friendly perennials that should last a long time. We also lifted the canopies on our 132 live oaks trees that line Donneymoor Drive, this structure pruning gave us the proper height for large box trucks to come and go without damaging the trees or their vehicles.

Our community landscape is dependent on our irrigation system to keep common areas looking green. Our system is aging and as those 132 live oak trees continue to grow, they cause leaks in the irrigation system. If you ever notice leaks, (e.g. unexplained running water on a dry day in the gutter of Donneymoor Drive), other issues with the irrigation system, (e.g. broken sprinkler heads or spraying on the street) or issues with the landscape, please contact our property manager at Green Acres Properties. jgrass@greenacreproperties.com

We always welcome any suggestions you may have to enhance our community. If you have any suggestions, please let me know at landscape@riverglenhoa.com.

did you know?

If you notice a pothole on your street or a sidewalk that has been raised by a tree causing a tripping hazard in Riverglen, YOU can take action on getting something done.

Just by going to our home site on <http://www.riverglenhoa.com/> and clicking on the "Reporting County problems" link. Our link will take you to <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/i-want-to/report> where you can submit an online work repair with the Public Works Department to identify the pot hole or sidewalk issue.

If we all do our part, we can ensure our community stays as nice as we all want it to be.

Riverglen BOD Meetings, Events and ACC Monthly Meeting Dates:

RGHOA Monthly Directors

meeting held every 3rd
Thursday of each month.
Meeting notification posted on
bulletin board 48 hours prior to
the meeting. The ACC meeting
are listed below.

RGHOA ACC meetings

are normally held every 2nd week
of each month. Meeting
notification posted on bulletin
board 48 hours prior to the
meeting.

**Annual Meeting The
2020 Annual Riverglen
Homeowner meeting is
scheduled for
November 5, 2020
Via Zoom.**

Upcoming Riverglen ACC meetings:

9/14/2020
10/12/2020
11/16/2020
12/14/2020
1/18/2021
2/15/2021
3/15/2021
4/12/2021
5/17/2021
6/14/2021
7/12/2021
8/16/2021
9/13/2021



Please Pick Up After Your Pet

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. Multiple trash receptacles can be found throughout our community common areas.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Timely Assessment Payment Saves Us All Money!

In order to meet its financial obligations, our association depends upon the timely receipt of our quarterly assessments from the owners.

When our community's budget is approved by the Board, it assumes two things: the amount of income must equal the amount of expenses, and, that each homeowner will pay their maintenance assessment in a timely manner. If one or the other fails to happen, we have a cash-flow problem and it usually results in costing all of us more money in the long run.

Our community depends entirely upon the quarterly assessments to pay its bills (insurance, landscapers, electricity, management, etc.). Whenever homeowners are delinquent in paying their assessments it creates a "cash-flow shortage" that may prevent the association from paying its bills in a timely manner. There is no other source of income available to make up for the shortage. If we "borrow" money from the reserves to pay for operating expenses, we are required to pay it back, thus we create even more expenses.

Ultimately, when even a few homeowners fail to pay their assessments on time it ends up costing us all more. That is because since most of our expenses are pre-determined, the only way to make up for a cash-flow problem is to increase the amount of money coming in, or in other words, raise our quarterly assessment amount.

We can all take part in keeping our community's expenses down, and one of the best way is to make sure that your \$85.00 quarterly assessment check is sent on time!

The 2020 annual Riverglen Homeowner meeting is yet to be scheduled. This meeting is typically conducted in person, however, this year's meeting will likely be virtual. The meeting notice will be sent in the mail to all homeowners along with proxy cards and a copy of the proposed annual budget. A zoom link will be available on the Riverglen website at <https://www.riverglenhoa.com> the day of the meeting. Please make time to attend this important community meeting.

Storm Drains

Within the last few months, several storm drains in the community became clogged and caused street flooding. The cost of cleaning out those storm drains was paid by the Riverglen homeowners.

During downpours like those that we often experience throughout the rainy season, any objects that are placed on or in the drains are easily dragged down into the pipes and can sometimes cause a blockage. Besides the flooding problems that can occur, anything that goes down the storm drains generally ends up in one of the community retention ponds. Yard waste, chemicals, trash, paper, cleaning products, plastic bags, plastic ties, etc that are carried into the retention ponds can cause harm or death to the fish, birds and other wildlife that reside in and around those ponds.

Residents and lawn services should also be aware that blowing any yard waste or refuse into the storm drains is also a violation of the deed restrictions.



So any time you (or anyone else) blows yard waste into a drain, or piles debris on the drains, remember that the cost of cleaning out that drain comes from the dues that you pay.

Two (very easy) ways to help keep your community safe

Report malfunctioning streetlights. There is a very simple online form available on the Tampa Electric website: <https://secure.tampaelectric.com/tampaelectricsecure/forms/residential/streetlightout/>

If you notice a streetlight not working, note the number on the pole and submit the online form. Response time is usually very good – lights are usually repaired in a week or two, often within just a few days.

Report potholes. The roads within the Riverglen community (except within River Watch) are maintained by Hillsborough County, NOT the Homeowners' Association. Potholes often develop on Donneymoor Drive and they can get big and deep very quickly. Please report any issues promptly so that repairs can be made before they become a hazard to vehicle traffic. The county website has an online form for reporting road issues: <https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/roads-sidewalks/>

Parking restrictions – trailers, RVs, and Boats

The Riverglen Declaration prohibits overnight parking of trailers, RVs, and boats, unless they are in garages or completely screened from view. The restriction also applies to commercial vehicles over one ton. The restriction applies to the entire community, including streets and driveways.

There is an exception allowed for "...temporary nonrecurrent parking...". To comply, the parking must be both – temporary and nonrecurrent.

"Temporary" is further defined in the paragraph as less than 48 hours. So any time the vehicle (boat, trailer, etc.) is parked for more than 48 hours, it would not be considered temporary, and would be a violation.

Another condition for compliance is that the parking must be "nonrecurrent". So, if a boat or trailer is parked overnight every weekend, that is a recurring event, and is not in compliance with the pertinent Declaration, even if it is there for less than 48 hours at a time.

River Watch President's Update Margaret Cabral, President Continued from page 1

The deed restrictions address the issue of overnight parking. Because River Watch HOA is a gated community, the streets are private (not the responsibility of Hillsborough County). The deed restrictions specifically address no overnight parking. Cars that are left on the streets of River Watch overnight will be subject to towing.

Probably the issue that is truly abused within River Watch is speeding. The most appalling fact is that many of the speeders are parents of young children. The speed limit within River Watch is 25 mph. Please adhere to the speed limit.

There are many residents within River Watch who serve the community tirelessly. Susan Flynn served as a member of the ACC and most recently, she served on the Board of Directors for several years. She left the BOD this year and the BOD would like to thank her for all of her hard work on

the BOD and the ACC. It should also be mentioned that Dawn Callao who has served as the chairperson of the ACC for several years, recently resigned to pursue other interests. The BOD would like to thank Dawn for her all of the time and energy that she gave to River Watch. It should be noted that although she has resigned from the ACC, Dawn and her husband Carlos who are retired members of the military, continue to be responsible for the care and attention of the American Flag that flies at the entrance to River Watch. The BOD and residents are grateful to them. Still more residents to thank are Jenn Defreeze and her husband Rob. Every year they decorate the front entrance for the holidays and before you know it, Jenn and Rob will be decorating! Kara Rutherford has been the chairperson of the welcoming committee for some time and she recently decided to resign that position and take on the chairmanship of the yard sales. Kara is another resident who gives her time to River Watch freely. Last but certainly not least to thank is Becky Clemments. She went door to door for several months gathering signatures to ensure that the amendments would pass. She invested a tremendous amount of time speaking to residents explaining the significance of the amendments. She was the single motivating force in attempting to get the amendments passed. The BOD is deeply grateful to all of these residents.

The BOD encourages all residents to participate in River Watch activities.... your neighborhood. No need to voice concerns on private Face Book sites. Bring those opinions to the Board of Directors Meetings. As always, we need volunteers on several committees. Please come forward and represent yourself and your neighbors.

Please stay safe!

In the throws of hurricane season: Are YOU prepared?

Thanks to warm waters in the Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane Laura intensified in just 24 hours from a Category 1 to a Category 4 storm, packing winds in excess of 140 mph. Hurricane season is something all local residents should prepare for. This year, that need is especially important and may require doing or thinking about things a little differently, as outlined in the following examples:

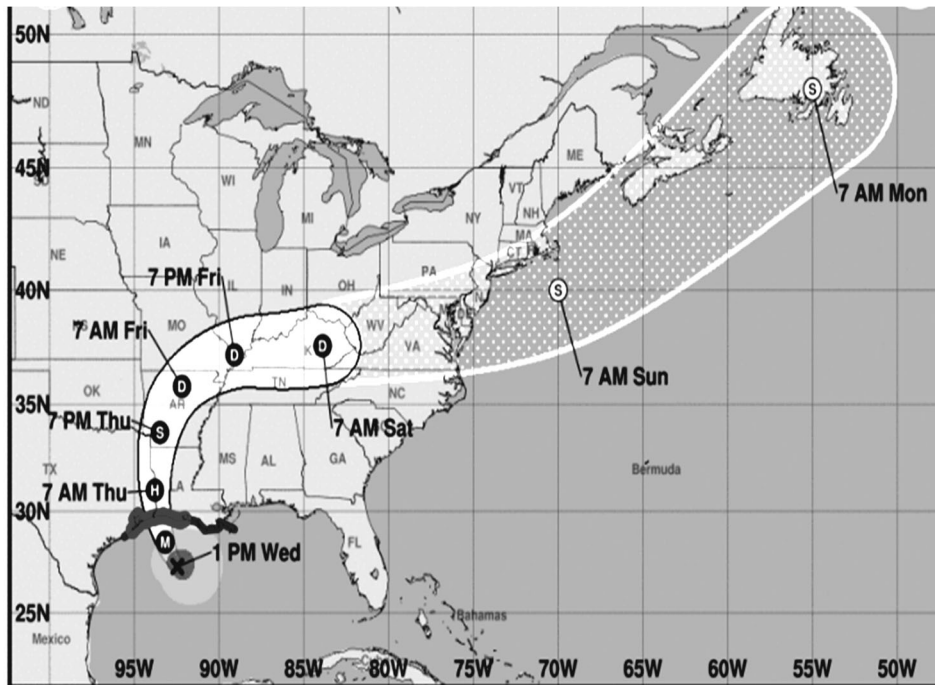
We are seeing recommendations to now have at least 7 days of resources on hand.

The notice to evacuate should always be followed. With the burden already placed on law enforcement, emergency personnel, and other first responders, this becomes even more imperative.

Plan for a place to go and a means of transportation that will provide appropriate protection/isolation from COVID. Make sure you have sufficient masks on hand for the situation.

Visit www.ready.gov for advice on what to do before and during a storm.

- Make sure your family has a disaster supply kit
- Download the Annual Disaster Planning Guide
- Sign up for HCFL Alert
- Know Your Evacuation Zone
- Think about options for your pet
- Register for a special needs shelter
- Protect your property from flooding
- Evacuation notices and special announcements
- Follow flooding safety precautions



Hurricane Laura
Wednesday August 26, 2020

Current information: x
Center location 27.3 N 92.5 W

Forecast positions:
● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post/Potential T

River Watch HOA Upcoming Events

River Watch Annual Meeting:
The Annual Meeting will convene in January 2021. The specific date, time, and location is still under discussion.

Community Yard Sale:
October 3, 2020
8 AM till -1 PM
River Watch Only

River Watch Monthly Meeting:

Monthly Meetings will be via Zoom until further notice. Directions to attend Zoom meetings are posted on the website and on the message board at the exit to River Watch.

September 16@ 7:00 pm -
budget workshop

October 21@ 7:00 pm- budget adoption

November 18@ 7:00pm

No December meeting

Monthly ACC meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays as part of Board of Directors Meetings. The 2021 Schedule will be posted on the www.riverwatchhoa.com.

Your Source of Information and Community News:
www.riverwatchhoa.com

Reporting County Problems:
<http://hillsboroughcounty.org/en/i-want-to/report>

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River Watch Amendments

Written by Becky Clemments

Question: What's the difference between a Proxy and an Absentee Ballot?

Answer: Nothing!

Earlier this year letters with suggested amendments to the River Watch deed restrictions along with proxies went out to all RW homeowners. Very few of them came back, but a dedicated group of volunteers went door knocking to collect the proxies (thank you!) Some residents regarded the proxies as granting "too much power to the HOA". Given that we are all members of the HOA, these proxies were a very good way for our voices to be heard.

The amendments were intended to bring the deed restrictions into compliance with current FL statutes, clarify who is responsible for certain maintenance items, and to save a significant amount of money for our HOA over time.

The good news is that there were enough proxies to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January. The Board of Directors (BOD) was able to conduct business and listen and respond to concerns brought up at the meeting. This also granted an additional 90 days to collect more proxies, but Covid-19 hit and the BOD could not hold another AGM or continue to personally collect proxies.

Given that we were short about 60 votes, the suggested amendments did not pass. As this was a painstaking, very long legal process, I believe it is unlikely the BOD will try again any time soon. For my part, I enjoyed meeting my neighbors as I went collecting, but sometimes disappointed in the lack of response. If the BOD does try to pass amendments in the future, please read the material, vote your proxy and return it. Better yet, join in a Board meeting any month and make suggestions proactively. Suggestions are always welcome, as are helping minds and hands.

In any event, your comments and concerns are always welcome. Feel free to call or email our property manager company [McNeil Management (813) 571-7100; management@mcneilmsi.com] and they will pass them along to the Board

Remember – we are all members of the River Watch HOA, and the BOD is composed of volunteers working hard to keep our neighborhood a lovely place to live in.

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25
MPH**

Safe Driving in River Watch Mike Dunn

One of the reasons that many of us moved here with our families is the issue of safety. A large part of that safety is because this is a family community. Many of us should remember that when driving through River Watch there is a posted speed limit of 25mph. For some reason, many residents seem to have forgotten that there are many children in River Watch and they drive through River Watch at excessive speeds. Most upsetting is that many of the speeders are parents of young children.

Stop signs have been posted at strategic locations within River Watch. The stop signs are there for everyone's safety and all of us need to remember this. Please do your part by observing the speed limit of 25mph and also coming to a full stop at the stop signs. River Watch is trying to be proactive in preventing tragic accidents!

TREE CARE TIP: AVOID “HURRICANE PRUNING”



This is a good time to remove weakened or diseased limbs on trees that could pose a risk during a major storm. Experts warn, however, against the common practice known as ‘hurricane pruning or trimming,’ a practice commonly promoted this time of year.

According to the untrained tree trimmer, hurricane pruning is the cleaning out the interior of a tree’s crown to allow wind to easily pass through the tree and reduce the risk of the tree breaking up or falling over in high winds. According to University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS), hurricane trimming not only fails to live up to these claims but also places the tree in greater jeopardy.

Wind tunnel experiments at the University of Florida confirm the removal of foliage from the interior increases the likelihood of damage from high winds. Property owners who pay for hurricane pruning are at best throwing their money away while increasing the likelihood their tree will become a hazard.

If you want to protect a large tree, have a certified arborist review your tree and review whether any structural trimming is required, the pros and cons of a lightning rod tree protection, and any other recommendations.

Source: “Out on a Limb: Tree Care Tips for the Tampa Bay Region”
by Robert Northrop, Extension Forester, University of Florida IFAS

Last Call

I remember growing up hearing my parents talk about what they were doing and where they were the moment they heard President Kennedy had been shot. I believe our generation’s defining moment occurred when we heard the twin towers had fallen. Many of us watched the horror unfold on our televisions. Our souls wept as we watched families posting pictures of loved ones across New York, hoping beyond hope that they would return.

Waking up in the middle of the night after hearing the rescue mission had been changed to a recovery mission, it felt like someone else was moving his hand across the page.

A neighbor shared his poem with some friends and family shortly thereafter, and they shared it with their friends and family. Before long, the poem had made its way to families of victims who read it at their memorial services, to churches, and to a familiar book publisher. Today, you’ll find the poem published in Chicken Soup for the Soul of America and recorded as a song.

I would like to personally thank Dave Timmons, for allowing us to share his poem of loss and newfound hope with you in this newsletter.

*As smoke and heat diminished from the mangled steel and glass,
The hope of rescue workers faded in and out so fast.
These heroes of our nation working tirelessly to find
A sound, a breath, some proof of life, to keep that hope alive.*

*The victims were so innocent, just doing their life’s work,
In a nation called America, the most free on this Earth.
Suddenly, a worker finds a cell phone flashing red.
He plays the “last call” message, and this is what it said:*

*“Hello, it’s me. I’m calling to tell you I’m all right.
I’ve made it up to heaven; I tried to call last night.
The group that I arrived with is strong and brave and tall,
And proud to be Americans while answering God’s call.*

*“I love you all and know I’ve been in all your thoughts and prayers.
You need to know I felt no pain and safely made it here.
Now let me say a prayer for you of closure and of life,
Move on with courage and with faith that we will reunite.”*

*“I know it’s sad; I’ll age no more, but in this you can trust.
My dreams were put back on the Earth in particles of dust.
That dust is in the air you breathe; I’ve passed it on to you.
So please breathe deeply every day and make my dreams come true.”*



COUNTY NEWS

From the desk of Commissioner
Sandy Murman

Tampa named most pet-friendly city in WalletHub survey; St. Petersburg No. 26 Lots of veterinarians, dog parks and pet-friendly restaurants propelled Tampa to the top among 100 U.S. cities in a new survey by the personal finance website. Being named the most pet friendly has been a huge help in other communities in drawing interest in people moving to the area, businesses relocating and other economic benefits in our growing pet-centric population.



COVID-19 in Hillsborough County and Florida

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 please contact the Florida

Department of Health Office in Hillsborough County at (813) 307-8000.

For general information about the COVID-19 virus, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee at (866) 779-6121.

Current situation in Florida and Hillsborough County can be viewed at the following website:

The latest from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can be obtained at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Evacuation Zones vs. Flood Zones

Though they are often mistaken for each other, Flood Zones and Evacuation Zones are two very different things that measure very different conditions. So what's the difference? And when do you use them? Here is what you need to know:

Evacuation Zones

These are the areas that officials may order evacuated during a hurricane. These zones are mapped by the National Hurricane Center and indicate areas that will be affected by storm surge - storm-driven waves that can inundate a community, and threaten lives. Zones in Hillsborough County are identified from A - E, and there are parts of the county that are not in an evacuation zone.

Evacuation information can be found at : <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/find-evacuation-information>.

Flood Zones

These federally identified zones indicate a property's risk for flooding at any time of the year, including as a result of heavy or steady rain. This zone has nothing to do with hurricanes or other emergencies, and everything to do with your property insurance and building requirements. Nationally, these zones are classified as Zones A (Special Flood Hazard Area), B, C, D, V and X. Every property is in a flood zone. Find Flood zone information at: <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/homeowners-and-neighborhoods/find-my-flood-zone#/>.



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Website: www.keeptampabaybeautiful.org

Sign-up as a Self-Led Volunteer during the Annual Hillsborough River and Coastal Cleanup

While we would traditionally be looking forward to having huge numbers of volunteers gather for the annual Hillsborough River & Coastal Cleanup in September, like everything else, we will be doing things a little differently this year.

Instead of designating one day for our cleanup, we will be devoting the entire month of September to encouraging you to do self-led cleanups either individually, or in small groups while following the CDC social distancing guidelines.

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful will be providing supplies to all which will include, along with all supplies needed to perform a cleanup, masks or buffs as well as Chick-fil-A gift cards as a thank you to our volunteers for their dedication to keeping our community clean!



Back to School Means Back to Acquiring Service Hours

Volunteer Remotely with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful encourages students to continue in their volunteer spirit and host their own self-led cleanup. As you go out for a walk, around the block or down the street, take a bag and remove litter you find by your feet. Remember, safety is our number one priority! Please wear gloves and place trash in garbage bags to dispose of it.

Be sure to take a picture and tag us on Facebook: @KeepTampaBayBeautiful, or Instagram @KeepTBB, and include details from your cleanup. For example, include how many miles you cleaned and how many trash bags collected!

Submit an online cleanup report, and we'll be able to sign off on your volunteer hours needed

Are You Ready for Hurricane Season?

Take the Hillsborough County Storm Prep Survey

HCFLGov.net/HCStormPrep

Text **HCstormprep** to 73224

Text: **HCstormprepanol** al 73224

#StaySafe

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Are you Ready?

Storm season is here. Be prepared. With tropical weather swirling in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico, it's time to review your plan in case a big storm heads this way. We want you and your family to be ready. Now's the time to prepare for hurricane season, before forecasters begin tracking ominous tropical weather moving toward West Central Florida.

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Ads are limited to 1/8 page (business card size), and are priced at \$60.

Advertisements will be accepted from any reputable business; however, we especially encourage local businesses, and those operated by Riverglen and River Watch residents, to submit ads.

Bugged By Mosquitoes?

Hillsborough County monitors complaints about mosquito populations and uses the information to direct mosquito-control efforts, including application of pesticides at street level or from the air. Additionally, they offer free on-site inspections from the Mosquito Control and Aquatic Weed Unit and they suggest ways to control mosquitoes in your neighborhood. Are you bugged by mosquitoes? Simply enter a mosquito control request online at <https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/mosquito/> or call Public Works at (813) 635-5400.



Sheriff's Office needs crossing guards.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is looking to fill crossing guard positions throughout Hillsborough County. Crossing Guards are responsible for the safety of children crossing busy streets and intersections to and from school. It is necessary to maintain a pleasant, courteous, and helpful attitude toward the school children and the general public at all times. Guards work two shifts per day. No weekends or holidays. For information: call CSA Gabino @ 247-8141 or Google Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office - Crossing Guards. Applications available on-line.

School Bus Drivers Needed

Hillsborough County Public Schools is looking to hire more than 100 school bus drivers. Perks of the job include employer sponsored Health/Life Benefits, a state sponsored retirement program, school calendar vacation schedule, and paid federal holidays. Learn more about how you can become an important part of the school transportation team by calling 813-982-5521.

We're Talking Trash

► My garbage was not picked up, who do I call?

Contact Republic Waste, our franchise collector, at (813)265-0292 or you can contact the Hillsborough County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Management Division at (813)272-5680.

► **What about Pick-Ups on Holidays?** There is no garbage, recycling or yard waste collection on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. There are no holiday make-up days for the collection of residential garbage, recycling or yard waste. Services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

► **How much yard waste is acceptable for curbside collection?** You may set out up to twelve (12) 30-gallon containers of yard waste (branches, limbs, grass clippings, shrubbery, etc.) cut to 4-ft. lengths and no more than 6 in. in diameter, neatly stacked, bundled, and/or bagged, for collection. The weight of each container, bundle, bag, or item must not exceed 50 lbs. Place yard waste at the curb away from the garbage cart (i.e. - on the opposite side of the driveway).

► **What kinds of garbage can I put in the garbage cart?** All household garbage items may be placed in the cart. If it's not in the cart, it WILL NOT be picked up! Mattresses, furniture, toilets, old TV's, etc. WILL NOT be picked up. It is recommended that garbage items be bagged and tied first, then placed in the roll cart. This practice will keep your container cleaner and minimize odors. Do not load your container with ashes or coals, recyclable items, household hazardous chemicals or medical waste, tires, paint, or any yard waste such as bagged or loose grass, leaves or small branches.

► **How do I dispose of garbage that will not fit in my 95-gallon roll cart?** Bulky items that do not fit in your cart can be disposed of at any of the County's Community Collection Center located on Linebaugh at no additional charge. Or, you can contact Republic Waste to request a Special Collection Service. There is a fee for this service.

► **What if I am disabled and cannot take my roll cart to the curb?** Disabled customers may apply to the Public Utilities Department for disability backdoor service. Residents who qualify through the application process will receive the backdoor service at no charge.

► **What if the cart needs repair?** Contact Republic Waste, our franchise collector, at (813)265-0292. The Franchise Collector will repair or replace a roll cart within three days from the date of request for repair, or on your next garbage collection day. Having problems? Contact: Solid Waste Management Division at (813)272-5680.

► **What if my cart is stolen, lost, or missing?** Contact Republic Waste, our franchise collector, at (813)265-0292. A Sheriff's report will be filed, and a replacement roll cart will be delivered by the Franchise Collector within three days from the date of notification or on your next garbage collection day.

► **If I move, should I take my carts with me?** No. The roll carts should remain at the address they were delivered.

For more information about solid waste collection services and programs, call (813) 272-5680.