

VALRICO POINTE MASTER ASSOC.

WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER



HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Cara Drake of Abbey Grove

Vice President: Bill Sirine of Park Meadow

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Infanzon of Park Meadow

Board Meetings are 3 - 4 times per year and posted on the website and notice boards at all exits at least 2 days in advance. Board meetings are open to all homeowners and residents!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CARA DRAKE

Hello Neighbors! I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

This past year has gone by really fast! The Board has been working on getting our new management company, McNeil Management Services, up to date on our neighborhood. We found McNeil Management had an efficient way of handling business along with more included services and larger team to dedicate to our neighborhood. Please feel free to contact them with any issues or questions you may have.

We've also contracted out our own website to make it more modern and provide more information to everyone. Visit www.valricopointe.com for all documentation (e.g., Architectural requests, Rules, Guidelines, and Standards, etc.), sign up to receive newsletters by email, and more.

We have also been working hard on keeping the perimeter of the neighborhood looking good.

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**ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 14TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**PLEASE ATTEND TO VOTE FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**

**BLOOMINGDALE LIBRARY
1906 BLOOMINGDALE AVENUE**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES – 911

Hills Cty Sheriff Office - Non-Emergency:
(813) 247-8000

Hillsborough County Fire/Rescue:
(813) 272-6600

Poison Control Hotline:
(800) 222-1222

Hillsborough County Solid Waste/Dump:
(813) 272-5680

9402 S. County Road 39

Hillsborough County Animal Services:
(813) 744-5660

McNeil Management Services:
(813) 571-7100



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *CONTINUED*

Shrubs have just been replaced to fill in gaps where previous plants were dying or stunted in growth. The sidewalks have also been pressure washed recently. We have also been meeting with some vendors to get ideas for updating our entrance signs. It has been well over 5 years since they have been painted and we want to keep the signs looking fresh and up-to-date. Carriage Park and Park Meadow signs need some additional care and cleaning as well. Our goal is to update the look of the verbiage (font), install new images to link all three neighborhoods together, and of course fresh paint. We have also talked about installing new signage in the retention pond area at the corner of Miller and Lumsden indicating that the area is Valrico Pointe.

Another item we've been working on is updating our own efficiencies this past year. Previously, the ARC would have to meet every 30 days to approve any applications. The Board has been working with McNeil to update our documentation to allow the ARC to review and approve routine applications such as painting and fence requests. These two applications are the most frequent requests and allowing the ARC to review without meeting in person allows for quicker processing so you can start your project earlier!

I wish to thank the other BOD and the ARC for working so hard this year to keep our neighborhood looking good and running efficiently! Also, a special thanks to Betty and Steve Bricker, Richard Tirado, and Becky Dufault for working on the entrance holiday decorations!

I hope that everyone enjoys the holiday season and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! - Cara Drake

HELP! - CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Our Annual Meeting is on January 14th where we will be voting for new Board Members. **Please consider joining the Board of Directors (BOD) or Architectural Review Committee (ARC).**

The BOD has three positions: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Declaration of Covenants documents the responsibility of the BOD. Our new management company has been wonderful in working with us and will make sure you are well informed of items to take care of, options/ways the BOD can handle issues, and so much more. Any of the three positions are available and you can nominate yourself or someone else as long as they are in good standing and a home owner. You will need to provide information to McNeil as early as possible before the Annual Meeting so we can get information out to the community!

The ARC is responsible for maintaining the aesthetic and structural integrity of the committee. The Declaration of Covenants, Rules, Guidelines & Standards, Approved Painting Schemes, and Fencing Guidelines assist in what to look for on applications. The ARC has one Chair and can have numerous members and backup members. McNeil ensures that applications are completely filled out before sending them to the ARC. Anyone interested can also contact McNeil and join the ARC at any time.

PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER JOINING & KEEP OUR COMMUNITY GREAT!

THE HOLIDAYS WILL QUICKLY COME AND GO. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAY DECORATIONS NEED TO BE **REMOVED** WITHIN **15 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE HOLIDAYS.**

New Year's is typically celebrated with late night fireworks. As we all enjoy seeing them go off in the sky with family and friends oohing and awwing, please keep these few things in mind:

- Do not light fireworks in retention areas behind homes.
- Make sure fireworks are lit on a flat, hard surface in a wide-open area, such as the street.
- Please make sure to clean up ALL firework debris ensuring that they are no longer hot.
- Please try to be courteous of your neighbors. Fireworks can be nerve racking for some people such as children and Vets with PTSD and of course many pets.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/military-vets-ptsd-4th-fireworks-can-be-nerve-wracking-n602526>

OTHER REMINDERS:

- Remember that vehicles are **not** to be parked on any street overnight or on a regular basis.
- **Please make sure to clean up after pets.**
- Trash and recycle containers and yard waste are allowed curbside from **5 PM the day before and must be put out of sight no later than 9 PM on pick-up day.**
- Please slow down while driving in the neighborhood and make sure to stop at all **STOP** signs.



SAFETY TIPS:



- Ask neighbors if they can pick up packages for you or ask to send to someone who is home all day.
- After the holidays close by, don't display your electronic goods by setting boxes out for collection. Break down the boxes and don't make it easy to see you just got a new 75" QLED TV!
- If you or your guests park vehicles in your driveway or on the road temporarily, make sure to lock it and bring important items in with you every day/night, including garage door openers, if possible.
- Please make sure you and your guests are **NOT BLOCKING TRAFFIC or CAUSING BLIND SPOTS NEAR STOP SIGNS!**
- Don't leave your garage door open if you're not in the garage or front yard.
- Use timers on lights inside and motion activated lights outside.
- Consider purchasing and installing a security system with monitoring and cameras.
- Please report suspicious activity in our community by calling 911, the Sheriff's non-emergency number listed above, and/or posting on the community Facebook page, as appropriate.



2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CELEBRATION TUESDAY ... DECEMBER 24TH ... LIGHTING AT SUNDOWN ... 5:30 PM

This will be a wonderful opportunity to get out, greet your neighbors, extend holiday cheer, gaze at the beautifully decorated homes, take pictures, get the children out to play before Santa arrives, or just take a walk after dinner.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

1. Plain WHITE bags (standard lunch bag size & shape but not brown)
2. Tea lights (burn time around 3-5 hours or battery operated)
3. Sand for weight and safety (suggested 1 ½ cup of sand per bag – share with neighbors)
4. Long handled lighter (if using burning tea lights)



INSTRUCTIONS:

With the wider side of the bag facing the street, place each bag in the front of the gutter near the actual street. Position each luminary bag 3-4 feet apart, placing bags from one side of your property to the other side (driveway optional but preferred for full effect). Fill each bag with sand and tea lights. Begin lighting your tea lights at sundown. Safety is crucial: keep an eye out for ALL bags!

Please try to keep vehicles parked in the driveway and off the street to gain the full effect of continuous luminaries. We hope everyone will come out and join the celebration. If you will not be home, ask a neighbor if they can set up and/or monitor your bags.