

VALRICO POINTE MASTER ASSOC.

WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

I want to thank Bill Sirine for being such a dedicated HOA Board Member and neighbor that has worked hard for our neighborhood for many years. I especially appreciate your knowledge and experience that has helped me the past five years on the board. Thank you so much Bill for everything you have done!

I also want to welcome Dee Ramos as our new Vice President. Please welcome her and see her bio below.

As frequently mentioned, we need volunteers! I am officially stepping down after 5 years in January 2022. We must vote another member in at our next Annual Meeting. If we don't get someone to volunteer, our board will be drastically limited in what they can do and the State would be forced to take over our HOA. WE DO NOT WANT THIS! Please contact McNeil Management (813) 571-7100 for more information.

The ARC also needs a couple of volunteers to assist in reviewing and signing ARC applications. The majority of reviews take place through email and Chris has successfully streamlined the process. Please reach out to vpmaarc@gmail.com for more info.

Other HOA news: We were successful in getting the Park Meadow sign reinforced and fixed. The sign redesign is moving forward and all that is left is scheduling the work. At our budget meeting, we approved to continue to fund our reserves to meet the new reserve study estimates. Other than that, things have been continuing as usual.

I hope that everyone enjoys the holiday season and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and better New Year!

- Cara Drake

HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Cara Drake of Abbey Grove

Vice President: Dee Ramos of Park Meadow

Sec./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!

ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 18TH!

We must have volunteers and participation to get a new Board Member.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES - 911

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

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

Hillsborough County Solid Waste/Dump:
(813) 272-5680
9402 S. County Road 39

Hillsborough County Animal Services:
(813) 744-5660

FOR ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL
McNeil Management Services:
(813) 571-7100

Carriage Park Fountain?

Season’s greetings from your Secretary/Treasurer!

More than one Carriage Park neighbor has approached the HOA to ask if the water feature, once in the wall of the CP entrance island, could be brought back to life. For this reason, I would like to ask for anyone who has any information on what it looked like, how it worked, what exactly it did, to let us know so the HOA officers can decide if it is at all possible to revive it. Please provide any information you may recall on this so we can make an informed decision. We can post this on the community Facebook page or contact us through McNeil Management.

I hope everyone spends the holidays among friends and family in peace and enjoyment.

Your neighbor,
Robert T. Infanzon

Trees Covering Streetlights

Did you know that if trees are covering the majority of a streetlight, Teco may come out to trim the branches away? You can submit the request at the link below and select “Streetlights (located on public roads)” and “Other, please explain”. Make sure to have the pole number.

<https://www.tampaelectric.com//forms/residential/streetlightout//?link=feature&source=hp&q=tampa+electric>

• Problem:

- Globe broken
- Light stays on
- Light stays off
- Light turns on and off
- Other, please explain

Pole identification

• Do you have an identification number that is listed on the pole?

- Yes

Please provide the ID number that is listed on the pole, excluding the dash (“--”). If the pole does not have a number, the light may not be owned/maintained by Tampa Electric.

Welcome Dee Ramos!

Dee Ramos is now our Vice President of the Board of Directors (BOD).

My name is Dietrich Ramos and I’m looking forward to working with other board members and volunteers as well as the management team in an effort to continuously make Valrico Pointe Community a great place to live in.

I relocated to Valrico Pointe Community last year and immediately connected to the community where I am proud to call home. I have three successful adult children and a lovely husband who also was my college sweetheart.

I believe my background as a military spouse and an educator afforded me the opportunity to work with people from all walks of the world. I have also served on Eagle Lake HOA Board previously from 2015 to 2017. Therefore, I know what this job entails and believe I have the necessary experience to do it well. I am also very enthusiastic and give my all to every job that I am given.

Meeting Schedule

Our meetings will continue to be through Zoom, with the exception of the Annual meeting that we have to have in person. Please continue to check our website (<https://valricopointe.com/>) and the Facebook page ([groups/valricopointe](https://www.facebook.com/groups/valricopointe)).

January 18th – 6:30 pm – Annual Meeting
at Bloomingdale Regional Library

April 12th – 4:00 pm – Budget Meeting

July 12th – 4:00 pm – Board Meeting

October 11th – 4:00 pm – Board Meeting

Meeting & location time are subject to change.

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, oohing and awing, 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://healthblog.uofmhealth.org/wellness-prevention/coping-ptsd-during-fireworks-season>

COMMON NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS:

- VEHICLES PARKED ON THE STREET OVERNIGHT OR ON A REGULAR BASIS COULD BE TICKETED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
- CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS.
- Trash and recycle containers can be curbside (NOT IN THE STREET) 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 pass 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 car doors and bring ALL important items in with you every day/night!** Don't forget any garage door openers. We frequently have people checking car doors at night and it's the whole area, not just our neighborhood.
- 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.

Check this out!



4th Annual Holiday Lighting Celebration

December 24th - Lighting at 5:45 pm - Weather Permitting

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 that tend to be brighter and cheaper)

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 (going across the driveway optional). 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!

If possible, have vehicles parked in the driveway and off the street to gain the full effect of continuous luminaries. If you will not be home, ask a neighbor if they can set up and/or monitor your bags.

