



# OAKS NOTES



*The Resident Newsletter for Colony Oaks Townhomes*

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the homeowners for a great work that has been done around the property. The big “clean-up” has made our home look even better! We have to work together to continue a community we can be proud of, thank you to everyone for taking action, community looks great!

## Mosquito Control

Mosquitos are a concern for homeowners this time of year. We are happy to report that the City of Tampa has also been doing aerial spraying at night for mosquitoes. The last time that South Tampa area was sprayed, was about 10 days ago. Below are a couple tips for keeping your place mosquito free:

- Eliminate standing water in low spots, ditches, gutters and similar areas.
- Empty receptacles that collect water (e.g. bird baths and pot plant saucers).
- The Colony Oaks retention pond has been checked for mosquito larvae and we can confirm that there are none are present due to the tiny fish in the pond are eating them.
- Window and door screens should be 16-18 size mesh and fit snugly, without gaps around the edges. Check your screens for holes and repair or replace them as needed.
- Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights. These lights do not repel insects, but mosquitoes and other pests are less likely to find them attractive and invade your yard.
- Use of some other repellent products, such as citronella candles and mosquito coils, may also be effective if used in windless conditions.

## Trash Talk

A quick reminder on proper dumpster etiquette:

- Trash should be in garbage bags and tied up.
- Break down boxes. Fully assembled boxes can fill a dumpster quickly.
- Don't block the dumpster, City of Tampa will only try once to remedy the situation and then move on
- These are residential dumpsters -- No Furniture, No Construction Materials, and No Paint Containers.
- If you need to dispose of those items take it to the City Dump yourself or hire someone to do it for you.
- Use the recycle bins for glass, plastic, and newspapers.
- Do not leave garbage outside the dumpster. If it's not in the dumpster, it doesn't get picked up.
- There is no one to pick-up after anyone, please make sure the garbage gets in the dumpster.

## New Landscaping Vendor

We welcome Florida Landscape Consultants as our new landscaping, irrigation and fertilization vendors. By combining all of the landscaping services, we are hoping to see big improvements on the property, plus save money in the long run. Juan, their horticulturist, was one of the original landscaper architects for our property. He has an amazing memory of what was planted on our property 33 years ago.

To learn more about Florida Landscape Consultants, check out their website: [Floridalandscapiconsultants.com](http://Floridalandscapiconsultants.com)



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## **Do you have unanswered questions?**

Anyone interested in participating in an owner's workshop clarifying Colony Oaks homeowner responsibilities based on the governing documents, should contact Joy Tapper at [secretary@colonyoakshoa.com](mailto:secretary@colonyoakshoa.com).

## **Questions or Concerns?**

Homeowners that have any issues, questions or concerns about the property or their individual unit, should reach out to Ameri-Tech instead of the board directly.

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## **Newsletter Contact Information**

Have something for the Colony Oaks Newsletter?  
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