



TERRACE TALK

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SO LONG SUMMER, FALL FUN AWAITS!

As summer wraps up, we reflect on the wonderful achievements of our community. This year, we've completed several neighborhood beautification projects, hosted engaging social events, and celebrated at our 2nd Annual Summer in the Hamptons Block Party.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to get ready for our biggest fundraiser and event of the year: the Seminole Heights Great Pumpkin Patch! This beloved tradition is not only a fun-filled celebration for all ages but also a crucial opportunity to support our community initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. Together, we make Hampton Terrace a wonderful place to live.

HAMPTON TERRACE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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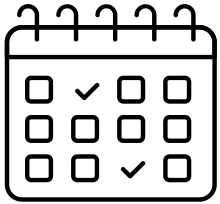
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UPCOMING EVENTS

HTCA COMMUNITY MEETING

WED. SEPT 11TH @ 6:30PM

Location: Hanna Avenue City Center - 2555 E Hanna Ave
Stay in the know about what's going on in the neighborhood. This month, our guest speaker is Ray Nelson, who will review the TECO underground power line project. We will also vote on updates to our by-laws and give out 10% off Pumpkin Patch coupons to all attendees!



KEEP TAMPA BAY BEAUTIFUL CLEANUPS

SAT. SEPT 14TH @ 9:00AM

FRI. NOV 1ST @ 5:30PM

Help us tidy up the neighborhood with our cleanups! Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful provides vests, pickers, and trash bags, the HTCA provides water and donuts, and you just bring yourself! Families welcome. Meet at Lake Roberta.

SEMINOLE HEIGHTS GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH

FRI. OCT 4TH - WED. OCT 30TH

Our annual Pumpkin Patch reopens on Friday October 4th! See pages 4-5 for information on the patch's history, this year's events, and how you can get involved! Set up starts Saturday, September 21st!

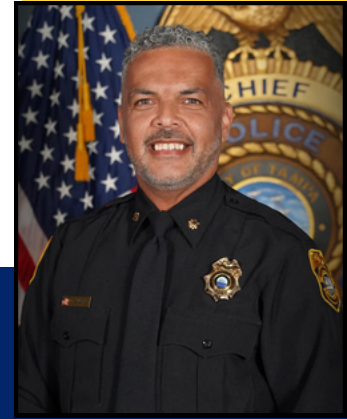


GAME NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

WINTER TOASTIN' THE TERRACE HOLIDAY DRIVES & EVENTS

SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST OR WATCH
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATES



WELCOME OUR NEW TPD DISTRICT 2 MAJOR: LESLIE RICHARDSON

Major Les Richardson II is a devoted public servant in the law enforcement profession, boasting an exceptional career of over two decades. Born and raised on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, he attended Delaware State University on a music scholarship, earning dual bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and sociology.

Prior to joining the Tampa Police Department in 2001, Major Richardson gained valuable experience working in juvenile probation. Major Richardson started his TPD tenure in patrol, but has since worked a range of assignments, including narcotics investigations, gang unit operations, and school resource officer duties.

At each level in his career, Major Richardson has prioritized professional development, community engagement, and relationship-building. He is a graduate of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Leadership in Police Organizations program and the University of Chicago School of Public Policy Policing Leadership Academy. As the profession of law enforcement continues to evolve, Major Richardson is committed to staying at the forefront of best practices and emerging trends to ensure the Tampa Police Department remains a model of excellence in public safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD EFFORTS LEAD TO IMPORTANT VICTORY AGAINST PLAYERS CLUB

A big thank you goes out to our dedicated neighbors, TPD, and Code Enforcement for their relentless efforts in addressing violations at Players Club, which opened earlier this year on Hillsborough Avenue. Players Club was operating as a late night strip club, with loud music, and activities they were not zoned for. After the issues were mentioned on Facebook, Neighborhood Watch leaders Brian D. Frey and Bill Truett coordinated closely with TPD and Code Enforcement to eventually bring this case up for a special hearing.

During the hearing, City of Tampa Code Enforcement officer, Ryan Shepherd, presented evidence of illegal activities at the club, including advertising full nude dancers and private rooms. Our neighbors filled the hearing room, with many getting up to speak against the business. Despite the owner's claims of ignorance and compliance, the magistrate found the business in violation of local codes, giving them until August 21st to correct the issues or face fines.

Thanks to these collective efforts, we can now confirm that the business has ceased operations, and the space is up for lease. This is a significant win for our neighborhood, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed to this outcome.



TAMPA POLICE
NON-EMERGENCY
813-231-6130

REMINDERS:

- If you see something, say something! If you don't have the non-emergency number on hand, call 911 and TPD will handle accordingly.
- Neighbors should not attempt to do the job of the police. Please don't harass, follow, or engage suspicious characters or their activities. Stay safe, allow the police to do their job.

THE SEMINOLE HEIGHTS

WHEN DID THE PATCH START?

The Seminole Heights Great Pumpkin Patch was founded in 2013 when Pastor Matt Horan was approached by SHUMC members Bob & Jean Kilgore about starting a pumpkin patch. The inaugural year featured a lunch/bake sale, live music, a movie night, and a raffle for the perfect pumpkin. It quickly became a cherished local tradition, attracting families from across Tampa.

In 2020, the HTCA joined forces with the church to co-manage the event, leading to a significant expansion of the pumpkin patch through shared resources. Today, it stands as Tampa's largest full-season pumpkin patch, a testament to the commitment of organizers, volunteers, and community involvement. This autumnal attraction continues to bring joy and unity to the community, remaining a cherished highlight of the fall season.



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

At the Seminole Heights Great Pumpkin Patch, every pumpkin purchase is like a high-five to the Seminole Heights United Methodist Church and the Hampton Terrace Community Association (HTCA). By sharing the profits, these organizations can sprinkle some magic back into the community, fueling fun events, charitable missions, and giving a boost to their organizations. It's not just pumpkins - it's a pumpkin party with a purpose!

We know that sometimes it's cheaper to purchase your pumpkins from box stores - but we promise they don't have the variety of pumpkins that we do and they certainly don't have the passion for the community!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Want to dive into the community spirit at the pumpkin patch?
You've got options:

Step up as a Sponsor

Join us as a Vendor

But most importantly, become a Volunteer!

With a whopping 250+ shifts up for grabs in October, we're calling all hands on deck! Volunteering is a blast, soaking up the autumn vibes, mingling with neighbors, and spreading joy in your community. Sign up links are on the next page!
Let's get patchin'!



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GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH



SET-UP DATES
SAT. SEPT 21ST &
28TH

PUMPKIN UNLOADING
WED. OCT 2ND
& THURS. OCT 17TH

OCTOBER PATCH EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8 12-6p 	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 5-8:30p	10 5-8:30p	11 4-8:30p 	12 10a-8p
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PATCH OPERATION SHIFTS
FRI. OCT 4TH-
WED. OCT 30TH



Movie Nights @ 7:30p
Halloween movies played on the lawn. 10/4 - A Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown, 10/11 - Beetlejuice, 10/18 - Hotel Transylvania, 10/25 - Hocus Pocus

1 Mile Fun Run @ 9:30a
Family friendly 1 mile run/walk. Pre registration required. Link coming soon.

Pets at the Patch
Pet Vendors, Costume Contest, & Blessings

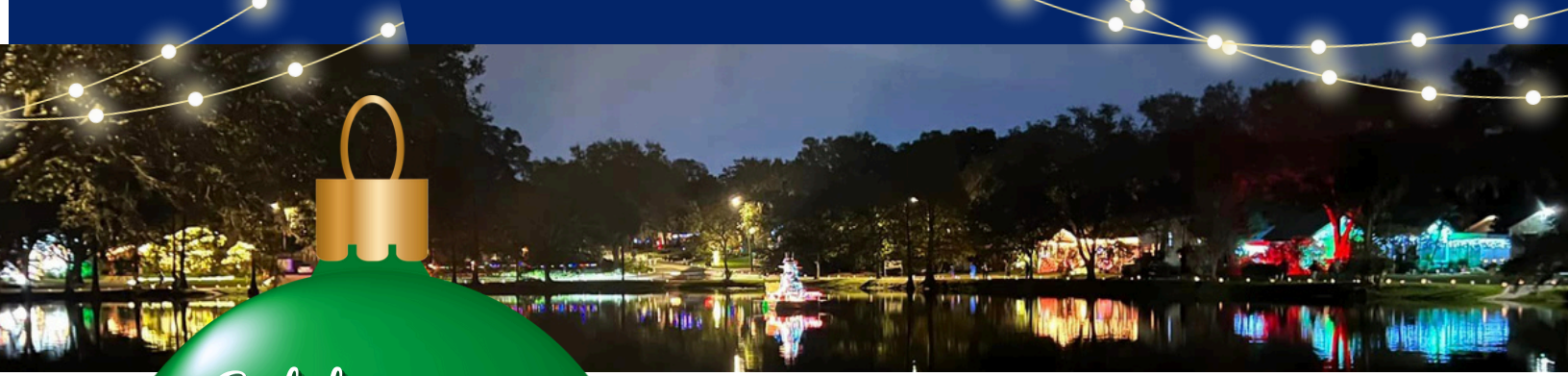
Super Heroes Day
Meet & Greet with Spiderman 2-3p
Come dressed as your favorite super hero!
10% off Pumpkins for First Responders, Healthcare Workers, Teachers & Military All Day.

Princess Storytime
Meet & Greet with Cinderella 2-3p
Come dressed as your favorite princess!

Pumpkins & Pints 6-8p
Adult Pumpkin Painting @ Hampton Station. Pre-registration recommended. Link coming soon

Kids Pumpkin Painting 12-3p
Kids can come paint a pumpkin for \$5!

Halloweenie Day
Pulbix & Boarshead at the patch serving up free hot dogs!



Celebrating Festive Traditions in Hampton Terrace

This year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lakewood Manor, now known as Hampton Terrace. The neighborhood's development began in late 1924, with the creation of Lake Hampton, which was later renamed Lake Roberta after Roberta, the daughter of one of our community's developers, Lillian Probasco.

The holiday spirit in Hampton Terrace has deep roots, beginning in 1935 when the Lakewood Manor Garden Club introduced the first holiday float to Lake Roberta. Despite its initial destruction after Christmas, the float made a triumphant return in 1938. By 1950, the Lakewood Manor Civic Club had perfected the tradition, winning first place in the civic club division of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Brighten Up Contest. The below image from The Tampa Tribune captures the award-winning float.

The 1950s were a golden era for holiday celebrations in Hampton Terrace. The neighborhood became a festive hub, with the famous "Santa Float" and beautifully decorated houses drawing crowds from all over Tampa. The streets were packed every night during the holidays, with cars lined up bumper to bumper as people flocked to see the sights. The Tampa Police Department had to direct traffic from Hillsborough Avenue and Nebraska Avenue to the entrance of Lake Roberta to manage the influx of visitors.

After touring the neighborhood, families would drive up to Holsum Bakery (where Walgreens now stands at Hillsborough Avenue and 22nd Avenue) to see Santa Claus and receive a special gift bag, which usually included a tangerine, candy cane, and pencil.

The mother of current resident, Susan Dining Lane, or as many refer to her "Nana" even won a prize from the Chamber of Commerce for having the first flocked Christmas tree in Tampa.



Though some traditions, like the house decorating contest, have faded, the legacy of the float lives on, thanks to the efforts of our community members and the Hampton Terrace Neighborhood Association.

This spirit of togetherness is also reflected in other beloved holiday traditions, such as our Christmas Eve Luminaries, which began around Lake Roberta and now light up much of the neighborhood, and the HTCA's festive entrance median decorations. These traditions, both old and new, have brought joy to countless people over the years and continue to be a cherished part of our neighborhood's history.



Keep an eye on our social media for opportunities to help with the Christmas Tree Setup & Luminary decorating this season!

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER



Join our board and help shape the future of the Hampton Terrace Community Association! We're seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to become board members for 2025. We are looking for several new executive board members to allow for a fresh take for 2025.

If you have a vision for our community and a desire to make a positive impact, we want to hear from you.

As a board member, you'll play a key role in organizing events, supporting local initiatives, and fostering a vibrant, connected neighborhood. Get involved, share your ideas, and help us continue to make Hampton Terrace a wonderful place to live.

Email info@myhtca.org for more info!

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE HTCA



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OUR EMAIL LIST



IMPORTANT CITY CONTACTS



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TAMPA CODE ENFORCEMENT:	813-274-5545 OR TAMPACONNECT.COM
TAMPA CITY COUNCIL:	813-274-8131
HURRICANE INFORMATION:	833-872-4636 OR TEXT TAMPAREADY TO 888-777
ROADWAY/RIGHT OF WAY EMERGENCY:	813-274-3101
TECO OUTAGE/SAFETY ISSUE:	877-588-1010
WASTEWATER/SEWER EMERGENCY:	813-247-3451
WATER DEPT EMERGENCY:	813-274-8811
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