

TWIN LAKES OF BRANDON

HOMeward BOUND

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*Home is the place where,
when you have to go
there, they have to take
you in. —Robert Frost*

The newsletter for residents of Twin Lakes of Brandon

Welcome

We are delighted to kick off the new year with our first newsletter! We welcome our residents to contribute any photos or ideas they may have to make this a truly special edition. If you have any images of our community, the events taking place, or the beautiful lakes and wildlife in the area, please don't hesitate to share them with us. We look forward to seeing what you have to contribute!

Finishing 2022

While we did see some impact from Hurricane Ian, our community was prepared and all damage was taken care of quickly. While other communities spent a week or more on clean up, we had trees and branches removed and TECO light poles moved off the street in just three days. The two Twin Lakes of Brandon signs were given a makeover, with a clean, fresh paint job and much of the broken and chipped tile repaired. The guard house and gazebos were cleaned, power washed, and the flooring painted.

Our annual Holiday Celebration was a heartwarming way to bring our community together. This year, we added a fun ice cream truck serving hot cocoa to give the event a wintery feel. Newsome High School also provided an evening of singing and music. We ran a little contest on Facebook for people who decorated their homes for the holidays, and the winner of a \$50 gift card will be chosen from the addresses entered into a hat. The HOA board is already hard at work for 2023, planning more great events for our community.

Starting 2023

The HOA board is looking forward to this upcoming year while always keeping in mind the six "Ps": Prior Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance!

Here are some of the goals the HOA board will be tackling this year.

- We are tasking our landscaper with creating a 5-year master plan for the community, which is now over 20 years old. Many of the plants and hedges are in need of replacement in order to remain healthy and attractive. Additionally, some of the cul-de-sacs have never had an irrigation system installed, so they must be brought up to modern standards with the

“The ache for home lives in all of us. The safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned” – Maya Angelou

- This year, we are planning to have a registered arborist assess the health of all the oaks in the park and determine if any need to be removed. Additionally, we have budgeted for the trees to be trimmed which will allow them to remain healthy. This is a necessary step, as these oaks have not been attended to in many years and could fall if left unchecked.
- In response to feedback from our homeowners, we are exploring the possibility of adding several new improvements to the community. These include:
 - Adding Pickle Ball court lines to the Tennis Court
 - Creating a dog park
 - Replacing or restoring the community bulletin board
 - Annual sidewalk power washing changes
 - Fixing the cracks in the pool
 - Restoring the village signs.

Up Coming Events for 2023

March - our annual Basketball Tournament - we are also looking to expand this with another event.

April - our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Additionally, we will have our annual community-wide yard sale and electronic recycling.

May - our annual Mother’s Day Charity Gift Fair, vendors from across the state will participate. We are also looking into having a Mother’s Day Brunch in the park

July - our annual Freedom Fest to celebrate the 4th of July.

October - our annual Haunted Oaks Halloween treat.

December - Holiday Celebration with Santa & Newsome HS choir and orchestra.

The events committee is always looking for homeowners to join. Just send an email to the HOA president to get on the email list.

Thank you from your board of directors:

President: Suzie Baylis

Vice President: Brian Kapsick

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Member-at-Large: Glenn Dowling
