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TREE REMOVAL VS ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL HOUSE BILL 1159

HB 1159 - Private Property Rights, has become a popular bill with many homeowners.

HB 1159 - Liberalizes the permitting requirement with regards to sick trees that indicate removal.

The wording in the law states that homeowners are no longer required to obtain a permit from county government in order to remove a sick tree.

HB 1159 also loosens the requirement of replacing felled sick tree with similar type of vegetation.

HB 1159 appears to be a statute that further defines the relationship between a citizen and his/her government.

The State of Florida typically defines the relationship between a lot-owner that lives in a Community Association through Florida Statute 720 (Homeowners Association) or Florida Statute 718 (Condominium Associations).

HB 1159 - DOES NOT address the Homeowners Associations' requirement compelling residents to seek approval before removing trees from their yards.

- The deed restriction requirement of applying for and obtaining approval for an exterior modification which includes tree removal is still relevant despite HB 1159.
- Please apply for review and approval by your Community Association before commencement of any exterior work, including tree removal.
- You may obtain an application by contacting the manager at ccr@newgaugeproperties.com or calling at 813.922.1339.

Board Items

2018 Financial Audit

- As reported last year, the Board contracted to have an independent financial audit performed. We are pleased to report the final report was presented to us and that it was a very clean report – no material issues! The report will be posted on www.fawnridge.org. It will be a agenda item at our next open meeting.

Open Board positions

- We will be conducting an election to fill the open position left by Chris Dawes moving out of the community. We again ask if there are anyone who is interested in serving, please let us know through the Property Manager office or using Contact us on www.fawnridge.org.

Social Committee

- No one has stepped up to lead the committee, so there is no in-community plans to hold events. We did notice several social media posts suggesting activities like softball games, excellent ideas and it would be nice for the HOA to support those as well as others. We have been contacted by an event planning firm that does community events for corporate sponsor advertising. We had one scheduled for Easter (sponsored by a real estate company) but had to cancel due to COVID-19 concerns.

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Board Items Continued

Common area Maintenance

- The winter and foraging deer has done some damage. We are looking to see what plants rebounds now the warmer weather is here and will work with our contractor, Davey to replace as needed. Also, there are some trees that are diseased that need to be removed. This is a good reminder to those who have mature trees to have them inspected to see if they need to be removed or pruned/treated! The property damage that may occur is way more expensive that the maintenance.

Common Wall repairs/replacement

- The Board is continuing to develop a plan to address this substantial capital expenditure. When we have a recommendation, we will present the options and costs.

Citrus Park Extension

- As we are all painfully aware, this ongoing project is progressing and is a fluid situation. There has been some problems with contractors and we appreciate how the community has responded to them with facts/data and personal initiative noticing County representatives. The Property Manager and Board can help/assist with the contacts we have, but on these spontaneous problems, "the squeaky hinge gets the oil" –the more calls , the better!. We will be posting more specifics updates on www.fawnridge.org as it relates to the open items we have with the County project team.



FAWN RIDGE WEB PORTAL

Fawn Ridge has a web portal informational site! If you are a homeowner and have not accessed or created an account on the web portal go to:
<https://www.fawnridge.org>

- Personal association payments
- Payment history
- Violation information
- Association documents, forms, and other information regarding the community

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Pet Leash Laws



The county ordinance requiring dogs and cats to be under the direct control of their owner(s) is quite clear. No one should feel threatened when walking about minding their own business.

1. Please leash your pet when taking it out for a walk.
2. Keep your pet in your yard or home.
3. Leaving pet waste on your neighbor's yard is not cool. Please pick up after your pet.

Hillsborough County, Florida-Code of Ordinances, Part A Chapter 6 Animals

(Ord. No. 00-26, § 9, 1-1-2001; Ord. No. 03-8, § 2, 1-1-2004)

Sec. 6-28. - Confinement to property; dogs and cats at large; exceptions.

a) In order for a dog or cat to be allowed on a public street, road, park or other public property, excluding public right-of-way on an owner's private property or unless otherwise specifically permitted, the dog or cat shall be under the direct control of the owner or keeper, except while hunting pursuant to permit or during a legitimate obedience demonstration, show, trial, training exercise, competition, show and/or match or educational program, so long as proper precautions are taken by the owner of the dog and/or sponsor of the event to ensure the safety and protection of both the public and other animals.

Sec. 6-20. - Definitions

Direct control shall mean immediate, continuous physical control of an animal at all times, such as by means of a fence, leash, cord or chain of such strength to restrain the animal

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Burning Question: Where Does All Your Trash Go?

Hillsborough County converts curbside garbage to electricity

Ever wondered what happens to your garbage after it leaves the curb? In Hillsborough County, collected trash is delivered to the County's Resource Recovery Facility on Falkenburg Road. This waste-to-energy facility burns residential and commercial trash, and the heat is used to generate electricity - enough renewable energy to power 35,000 homes.

How does waste-to-energy work?

Waste is burned to produce heat (thermal energy).

The heat is used to turn water into high-pressure steam in a boiler.

The rising steam turns the blades of a turbine, converting the thermal energy into mechanical energy.

The turbine powers a generator, producing electricity.

Some of the energy generated is used to power nearby County facilities. The rest of the power is sold to an energy cooperative for commercial use. The facility recycles water from the adjacent wastewater treatment plant during the power generation process. Advanced air pollution equipment and a continuous emissions monitoring system ensure the facility operates in compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act.

The Hillsborough County Resource Recovery Facility has been in operation since 1987 and:

- Burns up to 1,800 tons of trash per day
- Reduces the amount of material that is landfilled by 80 percent
- Saves \$500,000 per year in utility costs by providing electricity to County-owned buildings
- Produces \$450,000 in revenue per year by recovering and recycling metals
- Generates \$16 million per year by selling electricity to the grid

Interesting Viewing: video of the Hillsborough County Recycle Plant

Shredded paper is not accepted in our curbside recycling program or at our drop-off locations as shredded paper causes littering concerns and does not make it through the recycling facility. The paper pieces stick to the bottles/cans and other items in addition to being too small to be captured by the paper processing equipment. Shredded paper that is collected via office paper recycling programs or shredding events is recycled, however shredded paper is not accepted in the single-stream recycling programs where all recycled items are co-mingled together at collection and then sorted and processed at a material recovery facility. Here is a link to a short 2 minute video explaining how our contracted recycling facility operates: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38lyLUtUSV&feature=youtu.be>

Hillsborough Commissioners Seek Applicants for Citizen Boards and Councils



Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking residents to serve on several County citizen advisory boards and councils. Residents interested in seeking appointment must reside in and be registered voters in Hillsborough County. The boards and councils that have openings are:

ANTI-BULLYING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Committee was created to provide advice and recommendations to curb and eliminate all forms of bullying throughout Hillsborough County, Florida.

BUILDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS

This Board confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for building certification in the County, and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Building Code.

CHILD CARE LICENSING HEARING OFFICER

Pursuant to the Hillsborough County Child Care Homes Licensing Ordinance 14-40, and the Hillsborough County Child Care Facilities Ordinance 14-39, an applicant for a license or a current licensee, under these ordinances, may request a hearing whenever an application for a license is denied, or whenever a license has been placed on probation, suspended, revoked, or an administrative fine has been imposed by the Office of Child Care Licensing. These hearings are conducted by a hearing officer who makes findings and recommendations with respect to the matters considered at the hearing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

This Board has jurisdiction to hear violations of all codes and ordinances of Hillsborough County with most cases arising out of violations of the County's housing, building, zoning and sign codes and

COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The purpose of this newly created Commission is to promote public awareness of the existence of human trafficking within Hillsborough County; Establish, through relationship building within the community, educational programming opportunities for the public and key industries to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and learn to report suspected human trafficking; and Advocate strategies, financially and otherwise, to aid rescued victims of human trafficking; and Support local and statewide efforts to identify opportunities for positive impact and improved outcomes for victims and service providers through data collection, sharing, and analysis.

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