

# Northdale

NORTHDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## NCA Deed Restriction Committee Report

**Tom Murray**  
Chairman

We wish we could say that our deed restriction enforcement effort is successful. Sadly, the apathetic attitude of a large number of Northdale's residents, home owners and renters alike, show that people JUST DO NOT CARE! We continue to send out nearly 200 letters a month requesting individuals who are in violation to adhere to the deed restrictions that have been adopted in this community. Have we seen some improvements in certain areas? Yes, absolutely! Unfortunately, we send the same letters to the same violators, over and over...to no avail. As the board struggles to remind and coax people to address their violations, we receive angry communications from neighbors who care for their property-most of whom are paying members of the Northdale Civic Association-and are disgusted that the NCA Board cannot or does not fix the problem. The deed restrictions are in place, as it has been stated multiple times in this newsletter, to maintain Northdale's overall attractive appearance, desirable property values and low crime rate.

One attitude that is especially problematic and frustrating goes something like this: "My neighbor doesn't take care of his/her mildew problems, why should I?" or "My neighbor parks a trailer/camper in their driveway or on their lawn. Why should I put mine behind a fence?" The examples go on and on. It might seem that a violation here or there is no big problem. Perhaps that is true right now. But, as more and more people become lax about these and other deed restrictions, gradually, the neighborhood becomes shoddier, seedier and neglected looking. We do not have to drive very far to find communities that have either no deed restrictions or lapsed/ignored deed restrictions to see the potential impact. (E.g. Heather Glen, sections of Bay-Levitt)

Because of delays in the court system due to COVID 19, our case against a home owner on Honey Vista Circle is still in limbo. The Northdale Civic Association has approximately \$5000 invested in

suing this home owner. This person was offered mediation and never even responded to any of our many communications. His home is a blight to his immediate neighborhood.

The Northdale community needs to understand the level of frustration that the Board is experiencing. Due to these frustrations, we have had several board members resign their positions. These folks, and current members, joined the board because they value their neighborhood and just wanted to be helpful. The VOLUNTEERS who comprise this board have spent many hours in service to their community. Often, they are rewarded with nasty emails, text messages and phone calls. They have been "trashed" in social media for everything from being power hungry to busy bodies with too much time on their hands doling out deed restriction violation letters. The Board, at the same time, is also accused of doing absolutely nothing! This Board's members are truly trying to do right by the community and cannot be all things to all people. Often, the community forgets that this same board (in more normal times) provides social events that cost little or nothing to attend, with Trunk-or-Treat, the Pumpkin Run, the Holiday Tree Lighting, and, particularly, the Family Fun Festival that requires year-round planning (usually by the same small group of people).

The Deed Restriction management journey (battle?) was undertaken because a good number of residents, the majority from among the 700 paid NCA members, requested that the Board expand their efforts in the enforcement of Deed Restrictions. In hiring Merit Management and instigating the process of inspections and letters of notice, the Board answered the appeals of their paying members. Please note: whether you are a paying NCA member or not, *ALL residents are required to take care of the appearance of their property as spelled out in the Deed Restrictions*. The Board has even set up remedies for those residents/owners who may need more time or assistance in addressing deed restriction violations. If a resident has issues with deed restriction notifications, they can contact the representative from their village (found further in this newsletter). They can contact Merit Management also. Finally, ANY Northdale home owner can be a member of the Board and new ideas and perspectives are *always* welcomed.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Northdale Civic Association's **2021 Membership Campaign** begins on **January 1**. Membership dues will remain \$50.00 annual. This small investment in the community (approximately \$4.00 a month) will allow the NCA to continue to have Merit Management perform deed restriction inspections throughout the villages of Northdale and, when necessary, pay for legal advice and services to resolve some of the more difficult enforcement cases. The NCA strives to uphold and elevate Northdale's property values. Well maintained homes are essential to reaching this goal. However, with NCA 2020 membership dollars coming in below budget, the impact of COVID-19, including loss of sponsorship money raised from community events, we found it necessary to adjust the inspection schedule from monthly to every other month. In addition, we put on hold pursuing some violations that had reached a level warranting mediation and/or legal action. If we are to continue this work at the level our community deserves, we simply need more homeowners' support in 2021. A membership form can be found in this issue, or you can pay online at [www.northdale.org](http://www.northdale.org). Thank you in advance.

Don't miss out on a chance to win one of three prizes in this year's **Northdale Holiday Lights Contest**. NCA neighborhood representatives will be making selections for potential winners during the hours of 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. from Monday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** through Friday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep your outside lights on for the **Final Judging** night, Sunday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. The rules are simple: a) Decorate the exterior of your home for the season and b) you must be a current paid member of the NCA to be eligible to win. Good luck!

The NCA Board of Directors welcomed Zachary Sechrist as a new board member at the September board meeting. Zachary recently purchased his Bay Levitt home and was motivated to get involved in the community. He's a Gaither High School alumni and I'm sure he'll be a great addition to the board.

I joined the NCA Board of Directors in 2005. Serving alongside others on the board has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I truly value the dedication, sense of service and love of community these volunteers share in supporting Northdale. It has been an honor to serve as the NCA President for the past 12 years. However, as a senior well into my late 70's, I feel it is time for me to step down as I no longer feel I have the energy and commitment to effectively serve the community. After much consideration I submitted my resignation to the board in October. If needed, I'll be available as an advisor to the board and assist them as needed.

The NCA will resume in person board meetings once the Northdale Park Recreation Center reopens to the public. In the meantime, we will continue to hold online ZOOM meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M. If you'd like to be a participant, please send an email request to Bill Castens, [bcastens@verizon.net](mailto:bcastens@verizon.net) at least two days prior to the meeting date. **LIKE us on Facebook** to keep abreast of what is happening in the community.

Sincerely, *Ann Frisbie*

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Northdale website at [www.northdale.org](http://www.northdale.org)

## Northdale Civic Association Annual Membership

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual dues are \$50.00. Please make your check payable to the Northdale Civic Association. Interested in joining the Northdale OWLS? Find a registration form at [WWW.NORTHDALE.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHDALE.ORG). The \$15 annual OWLS' dues are included with your NCA membership.

Mail Payment to: Northdale Civic Association, 3853 Northdale Blvd. Box 374, Tampa, FL 33624  
Or, you may pay using your credit or debit card online at: [WWW.NORTHDALE.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHDALE.ORG)

**Thank you for your support!**

- I have feedback for the Board. Please contact me.
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## WHAT IS THE NCA?

The Northdale Civic Association is a volunteer organization whose mission is to make Northdale a better place to live and increase property values by enforcing the deed restrictions to which each homeowner is legally subject.

The NCA is also the organized voice of Northdale, and represents residents when issues affecting Northdale are raised by Hillsborough County, the State of Florida and other governing bodies. The NCA issues this Newsletter and organizes the following events and programs: Welcome Wagon, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Garage Sales, Family Fun Festival, Northdale Pumpkin Run, Holiday Decorating Contest, Meet the Candidates, and the Northdale OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lively, Seniors). Board meetings are open to the public and held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month except December.

### HOW TO JOIN THE NCA

Forms are available in each edition of the Northdale Newsletter. There are forms online at [www.northdale.org](http://www.northdale.org).

### HOW TO JOIN THE BOARD

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$50.00. All members are eligible to run for NCA Board positions in elections held each January. Elections for those positions are made by the sitting board at the monthly board meetings. The dates of those meetings are posted in the Community Calendar.

### NCA BOARD OFFICERS

President: Tom Murray – Golf Club Estates I - 781-760-7959  
Vice President: Tom Murray – Gables I - 781-760-7959  
Secretary: Alicia Moreno – Bay Levitt - 813-963-1412  
Treasurer: Bill Castens – The Woodlands - 813-833-0102

### NCA BOARD DIRECTORS

Robert Demeo – Golf Club Estates III - 813-546-0873  
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### DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

The Deed Restriction documents for each of the “villages” that make up Northdale are available on the community website [www.northdale.org](http://www.northdale.org). Select “**Deed Restrictions**” from the left side of the Main Page and click on the picture of the entrance to your “village” (e.g. Bay Levitt, Gables I, etc.) The deed restriction file will be displayed and can be printed off for your records.

The NCA has contracted with Merit Management Association-Perfected (“Merit”) to conduct periodic neighborhood inspections and act on their findings of deed restriction violations. In addition, residents may request an investigation of a possible violation themselves from the Northdale website, [www.northdale.org](http://www.northdale.org). From the left side of the Main Page, click on “**Deed Restrictions**”, page down and Select “**Complaint Form**” and fill it out with all pertinent information. A photo can be attached with the form to help document the problem. Select “**Submit**” to transmit the form directly to Merit at [NCA@MeritFL.com](mailto:NCA@MeritFL.com). Deed Restriction Complaints must be in writing.

When a deed restriction violation is found, Merit will send a letter to the homeowner(s) with a request to correct the problem(s). Merit will then complete a second inspection. Merit will send a second letter if the homeowner has not corrected the violation(s). Merit will then complete a third inspection. If the violation(s) remains after the third letter, legal action will be pursued. The resident will be notified of this step in the fourth letter. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent a homeowner from correcting the violation(s), it is recommended they document the reason by writing to Merit at [NCA@MeritFL.com](mailto:NCA@MeritFL.com).

The NCA will not get involved in conflicts between neighbors, animal complaints or landscaping issues due to drought.

## The Community CALENDAR

### Please Note:

Due to COVID-19 the NCA & NSTD will hold online ZOOM meetings until the Northdale Park Recreation Center reopens to the public.

### November 10

NSTD Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Northdale Park  
BCG Conference Room

### November 17

NCA Board Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Northdale Park  
BCG Conference Room

### December 1

OWLS Monthly Meeting  
Doors open at 9:30 AM  
Masks Required  
Entertainment  
Coffee & Water only  
Northdale Park  
Bill Castens Gymnasium

### December 8

NSTD Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Northdale Park  
BCG Conference Room

### December 15

The NCA Board Does Not Meet in December

### December 14 - 18

Selections made for the Holiday Lights Contest  
6 – 9 PM

### December 20

Final Judging  
6 – 9 PM  
Holiday Lights Contest

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**ARE YOU READY TO HOOT AGAIN?**

**CONSIDER OWLS Holiday Entertainment - December 1, 2020!**

When Hillsborough County closed all Parks & Rec buildings in mid-March, all Owls Club activities were put on hold for 7 months. Recently, a few inside Park senior programs resumed. Pickleball, volleyball, and table games restarted, and more activities are being considered.

We are proud to announce Harvey & Edythe Lyon with friends will present Holiday Music followed by our Door Prize & Centerpiece raffle on Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – gymnasium doors open at 9:30 A.M. Some of our favorite vendors will also be present. To attend, you must register online with Parks & Rec at [www.hcflgov.net/parks](http://www.hcflgov.net/parks) (or for assistance contact Raheem Douglas, 813-450-6502). It is best to register early as room capacity is limited. **DO NOT BRING FOOD**. This event will end at noon. Water and coffee will be provided. Mask is required, temperature will be taken upon entry, and seating with social distancing, but despite all the changes, the Owls “hooting” will begin again!

Not everyone will be comfortable attending, and that is OK as capacity is limited. If you feel ill, please do not come. If you are ready to get out and resume social activities with these safeguards in place, maybe this holiday gathering will be a good fit. Whatever you decide, we encourage you to stay busy, eat healthy and wear PPE when required.



**Still Got Questions?**

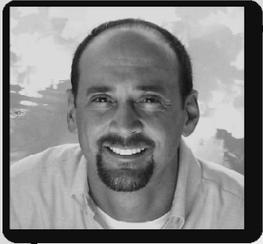
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	Hand & Foot	Fri	Contact: Rose Oursler (813) 909-8082
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Line Dance – Beginner2/Improver	Thursdays	10:30am-12 Noon	\$2/class
Line Dance – Intermediate	Fridays	10:30am-12 Noon	\$2/class
Pickleball Lessons – Beginning Players	Tues/Thurs	9:00am-10:00am	Free!
Sing Along With Owls	Wednesdays	Contact Ed Rodriguez	(813) 810-9733
Strut with Your Mutt	Mon/Thurs	4:30pm-5:30pm	Free!
Table Tennis	Mon/Wed	11:00am-1:00pm	Free!
Tai Chi	Mondays	12pm-1pm	Free!
Ukulele Lessons	Tues	10:30am-12 Noon	Free!
Walking Club	Tues/Thurs	8:00am-9:30am	Free!
YOGA for Seniors	Fridays	11:30am-12:15pm	\$5/class

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**Our Refund Policy...** is to reimburse you for prepaid events if you give prior notification, and if we can resell ticket to another participant, usually day of event.

Checkout the website at [www.NorthdaleOWLS.org](http://www.NorthdaleOWLS.org), or

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**Still Got Questions?** Talk to any member of the OWLS, or contact Bill Castens at (813) 833-0102

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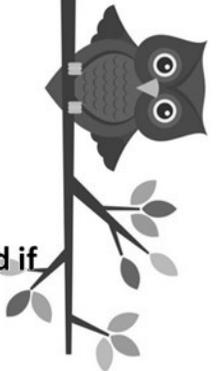
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## *NORTHDALE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT*

Soon the election will be over and we can turn our attention to other things like Thanksgiving and Christmas and to hopefully a much better year in 2021. The Special Taxing District continues to move forward with projects for Northdale.

We are still waiting on the survey report and easements before we can begin work on the wall between Braesgate and Dawnview roads. Hopefully this will be accomplished soon. All other repairs to the walls have been completed.

We will again be putting lights up at the entrance to Northdale at Dale Mabry Boulevard for the Christmas season.



*One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time*

We are still looking for new members. The Board Members known as "Trustees" manage the \$130 tax included with the Property Tax. Because it is too late to elect a Trustee for FY 2021, a new Trustee may be appointed by the current Board members. Anyone interested can contact Rick Pitrowski at [rick@meritfl.com](mailto:rick@meritfl.com). You can also contact one of the current Board members.

Finally, the Tax District Board would like to thank Frank Giordano for his many years of service. Frank has been a Board member for over 20 years and his hard work and devotion to Northdale are noteworthy and will be greatly missed.

Thank you,  
*Earl Albright*  
Vice President,  
Northdale Special Tax District Board



## *NORTHDALE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT*

### **WHAT is the NSTD?**

The Northdale Special Taxing District is a Hillsborough County dependent tax district. The District was originally set-up under a State ordinance, but in 1992 was adopted under County ordinance #92-35. The County collects the taxes for the District and provides the ordinance or regulations that give authority to the District. Funds are derived from the County non-ad valorem tax of \$130 per residential unit. Residents in single family homes, along with apartments and condominiums are assessed \$130. Also, all properties within Northdale boundaries including businesses and other non-profit groups are taxed based on an equitable per residential unit basis.

The District is responsible for maintaining the common areas throughout Northdale. These areas include the main entrances coming into Northdale, landscaping in common areas alongside roadways and medians, neighborhood entrances, the outer surface of the block walls and along the roadside. The District also maintains selected lakes and wetland areas along the main roadways in Northdale.

The District is governed by a Board of nine trustees who are elected by the public or appointed by the Board. Board members must be registered voters and reside in Northdale. The trustees receive no compensation for their work. The board has hired an administrator to complete many of the day-to-day details of the District. The administrator is a sub-contracted (paid) position.

Although the District does maintain the common areas in Northdale, there are many areas that the District does not control. The District does not maintain roads, street lighting, street signs or utility lines. Also, the District does not maintain private property or enforce deed restrictions. Deed restrictions are enforced by the Northdale Civic Association (NCA). The District and the Civic Association are two different and separate bodies. The District is a public governmental body and the Civic Association is a private association of Northdale residents. Only the Civic Association has authority to issue deed restriction warnings.

Although separate, the District and the Northdale Civic Association work to achieve the same goal of making Northdale a great place to live.

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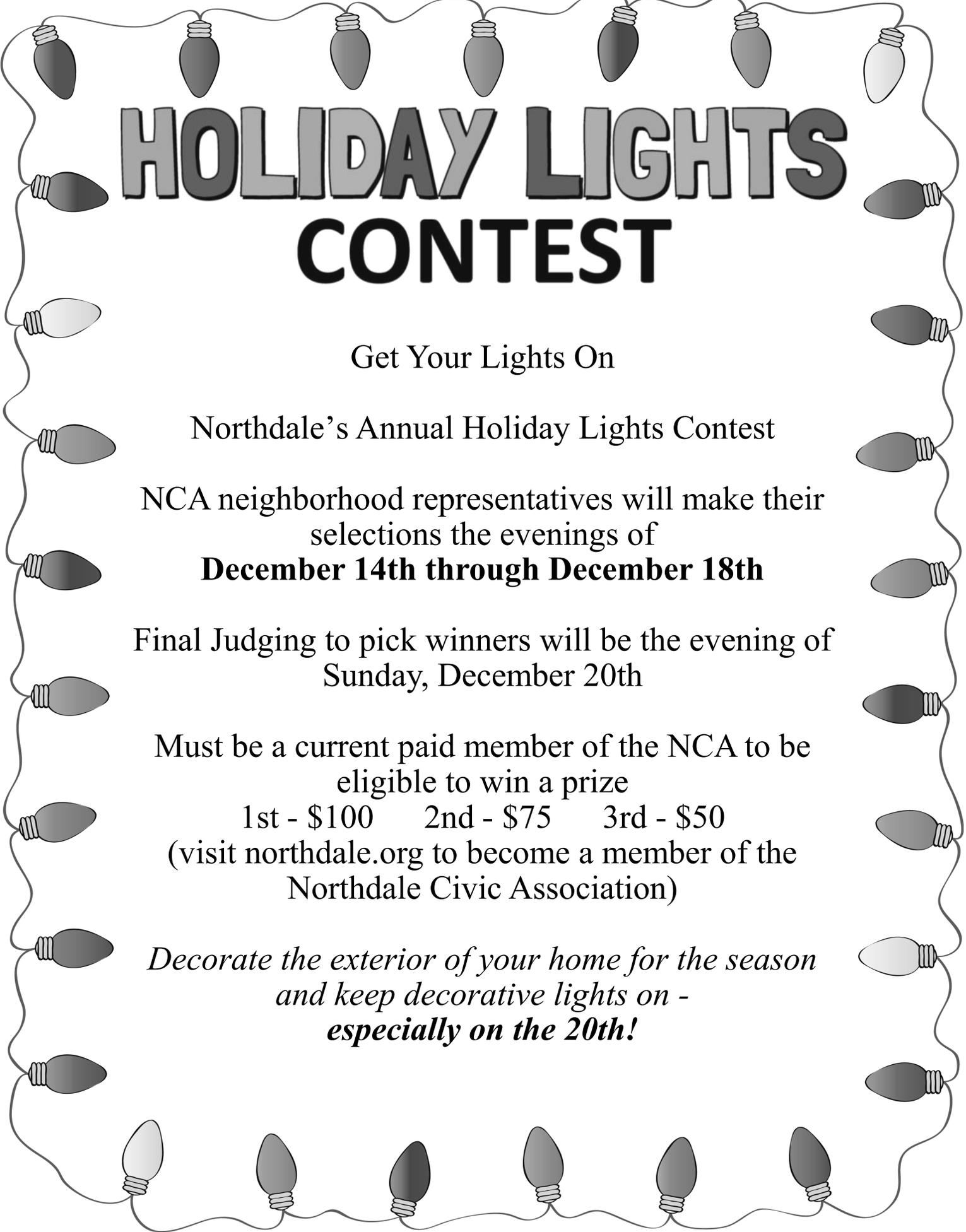
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Tax District Meetings  
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**The next meetings  
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November 10, 2020  
December 8, 2020





# HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Get Your Lights On

Northdale's Annual Holiday Lights Contest

NCA neighborhood representatives will make their selections the evenings of  
**December 14th through December 18th**

Final Judging to pick winners will be the evening of  
Sunday, December 20th

Must be a current paid member of the NCA to be eligible to win a prize

1st - \$100    2nd - \$75    3rd - \$50

(visit [northdale.org](http://northdale.org) to become a member of the Northdale Civic Association)

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**The Northdale Civic Association needs YOU!**

**Do you know all that the NCA is hard at work on to help improve your community?**

- Deed Restrictions Enforcement.
- Northdale Owl's.
- Community events:  
Concerts in the Park, Family Fun Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Garage Sales, Pumpkin Run, Holiday Lighting Contest, and MUCH MUCH MORE!
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- Representation to local government.
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- Support local businesses.
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## REC CENTER INFORMATION



Northdale Recreation Center is excited to continue reopening in stages. Northdale staff have been caring for the children through summer camp and after school. Indoor pickleball came back in October. We are also excited to introduce Adult Volleyball, Toddler PE, Badminton, and Tone and Stretch. There will be additional programs coming as well, call us to find out more. All programs will be socially distant and everyone will be asked to wear a mask when not physically active. The center undergoes frequent disinfecting and hand sanitizer stations are available. Programs have limited capacity and participants are asked to register ahead online at [hcflgov.net/parks](http://hcflgov.net/parks). Thank you to everyone who participated in our Hillsborough Haunted Highway event on October 30. For more information on park programs, please contact Becca Mendoza at 813-210-1831 or [mendozar@hcflgov.net](mailto:mendozar@hcflgov.net). We look forward to seeing you soon.

## DETER AUTO BURGLARY - LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



The overwhelming majority of all auto burglaries reported, over 80%, occur to vehicles left unsecured. An unlocked car makes an easy target for criminals. One inside, a thief can be in and out of your car within seconds, and with whatever you left inside - cash or a checkbook, electronics, a

firearm, your garage door opener or house keys, and in some cases even your car! You can deter auto burglary by following these few simple recommendations:

- Always lock your car; Roll up all the windows and lock all the doors.
- Never leave your car unattended while the engine is still running (it's a violation of State law.)
- Never leave items of value inside your car out in plain sight. Remove them from your car or secure them in the trunk.
- Always activate your car alarm.
- Try to park in well lit, highly visible areas or inside a secured and monitored garage.

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- Secure your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while the engine is running.
- Remove any items of value from your car or lock them in the trunk.
- Activate your car alarm.
- Try to park in a well lit area or within a secured or monitored garage.

**DON'T LET THIEVES TAKE WHAT'S YOURS!**

IMMEDIATELY REPORT CRIME AS IT OCCURS OR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH AT (813) 247-8200. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1.

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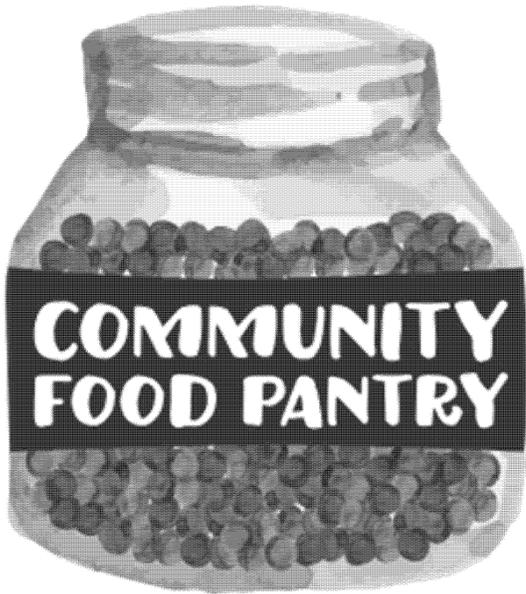
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*Anyone in need is welcome!*

Groceries will be placed in your vehicle by volunteers in the drive-through – No need to leave your car!

## *How Can You Help?*

Donations of non-perishable, unopened and unexpired food items are accepted Monday through Thursday 9am - 3pm.

*For Monetary donations* or to register to *Volunteer* (students welcome to earn required Bright Future hours), visit the Take Action page of our website at:  
**[thecommunityfoodpantry.com](http://thecommunityfoodpantry.com)**.

Our location: 13115 South Village Drive • Tampa, FL 33618

Information line: (813) 963-2772

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