

Park Trace Estates

Neighborhood Newsletter

January 2024-Quarterly



Happy New Year 2024!

This year we look forward to a great year for Park Trace. Argus Management, Our property management company, was acquired by RealManage this past year. We are working with RealManage, with offices located in Osprey, to provide consistent management. Annual dues invoices have been mailed out to each homeowner. Please pay them by the end of January 2024.

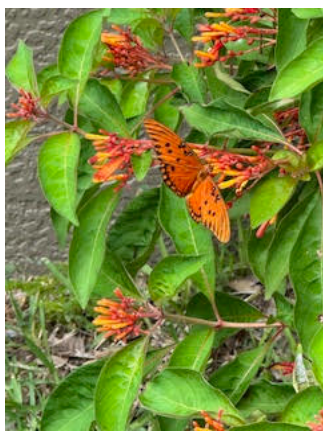
From the desk of Elli Freihofer, pond management liaison:

If you are thinking about adding to your landscape, please consider buying native plants and trees. They support our native birds, insects and other species. Two native plant nurseries are:

Sweet Bay Nursery <https://sweetbaynursery.com>; and **Florida Native Plants** <https://www.floridanativeplants.com>. Check their websites for hours.

Non-native plantings do not support local wildlife, which tragically is decreasing in our area. They require more resources, such as water and fertilizer. Fertilizer seeps into our ponds and watersheds, eventually washing out into the bay and gulf, contributing to harmful algal blooms known as Red Tide.

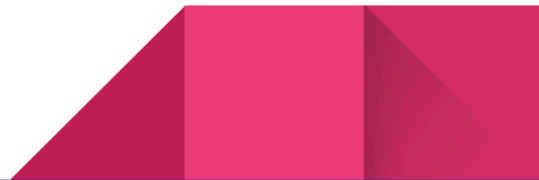
Although they look tropical, most Florida palm trees are NOT native. Many have been imported from places like South America and Asia. Some palms are even toxic to dogs.



Firebush with a local
Gulf Fritillary



Bahama Cassia with a
Yellow Sulphur Caterpillar



Other Notes:

The Board approved the 2024 Annual Budget in their Budget Meeting that was held on Monday, January 8, 2024. The Park Trace Annual Meeting will be held the first week of March 2024. Look for coming details.

Reminders:

The best time for lawn irrigation is in the early morning hours around 5 a.m. Watering during the day wastes water to excessive evaporation. In addition, watering in the late afternoon or late morning may be detrimental if it extends the time the lawn is naturally wet from dew. This extended “dew period” can accelerate disease occurrence. Please check the county watering schedule for the days you are allowed to water your landscape and lawn.

- Monday-addresses ending in 0 or 1
- Tuesday-addresses ending in 2 or 3
- Wednesday-addresses ending in 4 or 5
- Thursday-addresses ending in 6 or 7
 - Friday-addresses ending in 8 or 9
- Saturday-addresses ending with no number or in a letter.
 - Sunday-no watering.

Hurricane shutters are not to be left on your windows year round. They are only to be up during the time of a storm. If you have questions regarding changes in landscape, fencing, roofing, or other architectural concerns, please first check the governing documents for deed restrictions for our homeowner's association. For information or copies of the governing documents, visit www.parktrace.com

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