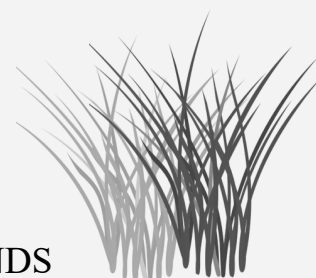




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THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF EAST LAKE WOODLANDS

## ELWCA Updates and Information

**Monica D'Ambrosio, ELWCA Community Association Manager**

### Controlled Access

The Board has been consistently reviewing all aspects of controlled access, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the security and convenience of our community. Recently, an ad hoc committee was established to specifically focus on reviewing opportunities to enhance and refine the system. The committee is ensuring all proposed solutions will work within the framework outlined in the 1989 Gate Agreement.

### Drainage

The spring drainage inspection (conducted in May) helped to identify areas in need of attention. A series of projects, repairs, and routine maintenance tasks were identified and are scheduled to be addressed this August.

In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, the storm drains along Sunflower Drive and South Woodlands Drive have been thoroughly cleared—ensuring that rainwater can flow freely and our community remains protected during heavy storms.

Additionally, storm inlet covers along ELWCA roadways have been repaired, helping to preserve the integrity of our drainage system and maintain the beauty and safety of our neighborhood.

### Landscaping

This past spring, the Landscape Committee embarked on a series of beautification and enhancement projects designed to elevate the visual appeal of our community. We're pleased to share that many of these efforts have now been completed:

- New sod was planted at the Woodlands Parkway entrance, creating a fresh and welcoming first impression.
- The median at the intersection of Woodlands Parkway and East Lake Woodlands Parkway underwent a full transformation. Outdated plantings and

aging trees were carefully removed, making way for a vibrant new landscape featuring seven elegant Crape Myrtles, rich ground cover, fresh sod, and a generous layer of mulch to tie it all together.

In addition, several unsightly tree stumps along ELWCA roadways were removed, further contributing to a cleaner and more polished streetscape.

The aging planters flanking the Tampa Road entrance wall have also been removed. In their place, thoughtfully designed new landscaping will soon be installed to refresh this prominent entry point.

The annual tree trimming, an essential component of maintaining our community's canopy, was successfully completed in July.

The Landscape Committee remains dedicated to enhancing the natural beauty of our neighborhood and continues to explore new opportunities to further enrich the environment we all share.

### Roads & Sidewalks

The Committee has completed repairs to the most severe trip hazards along the backside of East Lake Woodlands Parkway, enhancing pedestrian safety. While this marks a significant step forward, additional work remains and is tentatively scheduled for 2027.

In addition, several potholes along ELWCA roadways have been identified and repaired. The Committee is also in the process of assessing curbing throughout the community to determine areas in need of future repair.

### Monument Signs at Tampa Road and East Lake Road

At the time of this writing, both Tampa Road monuments are expected to be completed by the end of August.

The East Lake Road sign will require a bit more time, with completion anticipated in September or October.

**General Repair and Maintenance Projects**  
Tampa Road Perimeter Wall - The Board has requested bids to repair the perimeter wall.

The project scope includes the removal of all existing wood panels, to be replaced with durable concrete blocks, along with detailed stucco repairs and a fresh coat of paint designed to harmonize beautifully with the newly completed monument signs at Tampa Road and East Lake Road.

Barring unforeseen delays, the Board anticipates that this transformative work will begin no later than September.

The following enhancement projects are slated for completion in August, each contributing to the refreshed and vibrant appearance of our community:

- A fresh coat of paint will be applied to the East Lake Road perimeter wall and guardhouse, revitalizing these prominent features with renewed color and protection.
- The entrance walls and guardhouse at Tampa Road will also be beautifully repainted, ensuring a welcoming and polished first impression.
- The Woodlands Parkway entrance walls will receive a similarly elegant paint refresh, further enhancing the neighborhood's curb appeal.
- A brand-new post-split rail fence will be installed along Sunflower Drive, adding rustic charm and a touch of classic character to the landscape.
- Repairs will be made to the existing split rail fence along Woodlands Drive near the shopping center, restoring both its function and aesthetic appeal.

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Watch for signs to announce the CNCN 2025-2026 informational and political forms.

You are welcome to attend ELWCA meetings. Please join us to learn more about your ELWCA community. Meeting dates and meeting times are posted on the message boards and in the calendar on our website [elw-fl.com](http://elw-fl.com) or [eastlakewoodlands.com](http://eastlakewoodlands.com)

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### Fall in Turtle Creek: Back to School & Seasonal Reminders

While Florida's fall may not bring a dramatic change in color, the shift in season is still felt through slightly cooler mornings, busier school zones, and the return of community routines. As students head back to class, it's a great time to reconnect as neighbors, refresh our safety habits, and prepare our homes and yards for the months ahead.

#### **Back-to-School Season is Here!**

Please remember that mornings and afternoons will be busier around neighborhood intersections and sidewalks. Drive with extra caution, obey speed limits, and keep a watchful eye for children walking or biking to school. Let's work together to keep our streets safe for our students!

#### **Sidewalk Safety Reminder**

A friendly reminder to all residents: **Please do not park vehicles over sidewalks.** Sidewalks are meant to be a safe path for walkers, joggers, children, and those using strollers or wheelchairs. Blocking sidewalks forces pedestrians into the street, which can be dangerous—especially during the busy school year.

#### **Stay Connected by signing up on the Harbeck website ([www.hhrmgt.com](http://www.hhrmgt.com))**

Thank you for continuing to make Turtle Creek a safe, welcoming, and beautiful place to call home. Here's to a season full of crisp air, warm drinks, and community spirit!

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Important Notice from Ardea Country Club

We have seen a noticeable increase in residents using the cart paths and golf course for activities that are not related to golf and are not permitted. These activities are a concern for the Club and its members.

Residents continue to use the cart paths and golf course as a community park. The golf cart paths and greens are private property. Residents are not permitted to walk, run, or bike on the cart path. Residents are not permitted on the courses unless they are members and are using the facility during business hours and should not be used as an open park for people, dogs or unauthorized motorized vehicles.

Effective immediately, Ardea will begin issuing trespass notices to anyone found on the course without authorization.

### Notice: Unauthorized Use of Golf Course and Cart Paths

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**Effective immediately**, Ardea will begin issuing **trespass notices** to any individuals found on the course or cart paths without proper authorization.

We appreciate your cooperation in respecting Club property.

ELWCA schedules nine community patrols per month with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to enforce traffic laws and help ensure the safety of residents.

In response to recent vehicle break-ins throughout northern Pinellas County, patrols over the past several months have been scheduled during late evening, overnight, and early morning hours to maximize visibility and deterrence. PCSO patrols the main roads, ungated member communities, and side streets. ELWCA has also requested that deputies use their cruise lights for increased visibility and brief siren chirps when driving through wooded areas to provide an audible deterrent.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws and discouraging criminal activity, PCSO deputies respond to resident calls for assistance, investigate suspicious activity, and alert residents to potential safety concerns. Over the past two months, PCSO has responded to six calls for service, including noise complaints, three open garage doors, two suspicious vehicles, and one open vehicle door.



### Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Summary of Citations and Warnings

MAY 2025			
<i>Requested Patrols</i>	9	<i>Filled:</i>	9
<i>CITATIONS</i>	<i>WARNINGS</i>	<i>VIOLATION</i>	<i>Not Filled: 0</i>
	2	Stop sign	
	1	Equipment	
	4	Illegally Parked	
JUNE 2025			
<i>Requested Patrols</i>	9	<i>Filled:</i>	9
<i>CITATIONS</i>	<i>WARNINGS</i>	<i>VIOLATION</i>	<i>Not Filled: 0</i>
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## **Keeping East Lake Woodlands Students Safe**



As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember — and share with your children — some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

#### **Transportation Safety Tips**

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

##### **Walkers »**

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing traffic
- Before you cross the street, stop and

look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing, and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
- Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

##### **Bike Riders »**

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
- Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

##### **Bus Riders »**

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child

and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

- Get the facts on bus safety from Injury Facts

##### **School Safety Tips**

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school.

##### **Backpacks »**

Choose a backpack for your child carefully; it should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.

- Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders
- Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 5% to 10% of your child's body weight
- Rolling backpacks should be used cautiously since they can create a trip hazard in crowded school hallways

##### **Playgrounds and Sports »**

- To reduce strangulation hazards on playgrounds, have your child leave necklaces and jackets with drawstrings at home
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# EAST LAKE WOODLANDS MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



2025 | January 1, 2025 - JULY 14, 2025

East Lake Woodlands

## MARKET TRENDS

92

ACTIVE LISTINGS

\$355K

MEDIAN SALES PRICE

101

HOMES SOLD

76

AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET



### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Thanks to all who participated in the Electronics Recycling Day. East Lake Woodlands residents recycled over 500# of electronics, including lawn equipment, monitors, computers, telephones, batteries, and even a toaster! Stay tuned for the next event and in the meantime, drop off your electronics at OCM Electronics Recycling - 201 Tower Dr, Oldsmar, FL 34677 Phone: (813) 855-2233 CALL CYNDI FOR MORE INFO. 727.203.4967

The market in East Lake Woodlands is seeing some movement. Of the 92 active listings, 43 are condos, 18 villas, 6 townhouses and 25 single-family homes. Currently 23 pending sales, with the majority single-family homes. We have had 33 cancellations this year - that is 1/3 of the homes sold. Expired listings are up to 15 this year - indicating that homes are very price-sensitive right now. Listen to the market (or your agent) when pricing homes for sale. Call me for a free Real Estate Review for your community.

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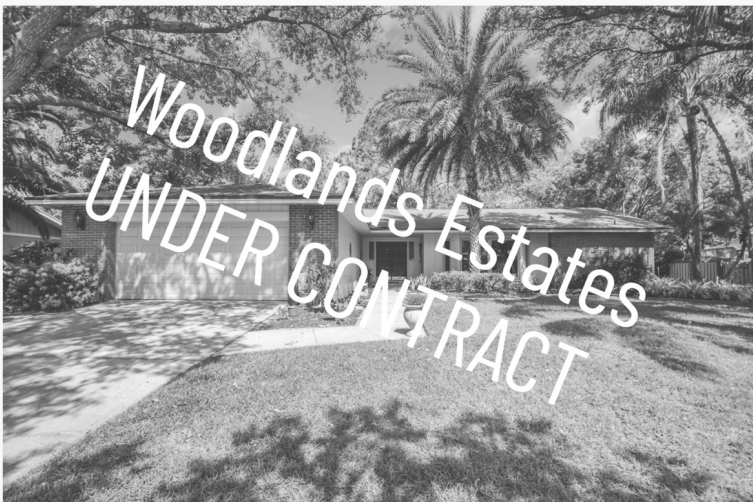


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## WHY 3/4 OF HOME SELLERS DON'T GET THE PRICE THEY WANT FOR THEIR HOMES

East Lake Woodlands - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money. This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market. As this report uncovers, most home sellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders

have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar". To order a FREE Special Report, visit [www.ELWHomes.com/mistakes](http://www.ELWHomes.com/mistakes) or to hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call toll-free 1-866-945-9308 and enter 1000. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to find out how you can get the most money for your home.



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A barred owl was rescued in East Lake Woodlands on May 20<sup>th</sup> and was released on June 27<sup>th</sup> after a stint in rehab. Kathleen Blackwell rescued the barred owl near Aberdeen after the owl had flown into the side of a car. Unfortunately, this happens to a lot of owls with collision trauma and rodenticide being the top causes of mortality in that species. Barred owls are numerous in our area with lots of woods, ponds, and swampy places to inhabit. Many people enjoy watching and listening to them in East Lake Woodlands and a pair in John Chestnut Park are also very popular. Barred owls eat rodents, snakes, crustaceans, squirrels, and even screech owls. Due to their liking of ponds, they sometimes become entangled in fishing line.

The barred owl had ruptured air sacs and was thin. In rehab she was placed with a baby from Zephyrhills, kept on antibiotics and well fed. After that they went together to a flight cage for reconditioning. Upon release we rewarded her by giving her a free kid! If you are out on your patio at night and you hear the barred owl, you can call back at them and they will respond. I fondly remember rescuing and releasing many barred owls from East Lake Woodlands.

And now for a quick update on ospreys in the East Lake area in general. Several nests failed because mates and kids were hit by cars. Next year during nesting season maybe we can ask the county to add “Low flying ospreys” to the electronic sign messages. No matter the reason for mortality, ospreys are extremely important to watch and monitor. They are one of only three global raptors. They eat exclusively fish and control the population of fish on planet earth. Recently, an article out of the Center for Conservation Biology in Virginia stated that the osprey colony on the eastern shores has collapsed. Experts said that it is the early sign of a complete collapse of the species. Ospreys have been on planet earth for 13 – 15 million years depending on continent.

Please remember you can visit Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue at Moccasin Lake Nature Park in Clearwater. We are open Tuesday – Sunday from 10-5. There is a trail and a children’s playground. Birds and reptiles are on exhibit daily. If you need rescue please call us at 727-798-2385.



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There are several organizations that ask private citizens to help the National Weather Service by providing local weather observations where they happen to live.

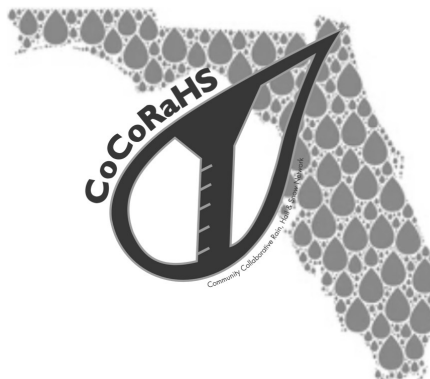
One of these organizations is the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). Their primary mission is to report accumulations of precipitation to their local National Weather Service forecast office. Website: <http://www.cocorahs.org/>

Another organization is Skywarn. Their mission is to provide reports on all types of severe weather that may affect lives or property. Participants in this program must be trained. Free

training is offered by local National Weather Service forecast offices around the country. Participants in Skywarn are not storm chasers. They simply report severe weather when they observe it as long as it

is safe to do so. Website: <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>

Another organization is the Citizen Weather Observer Program. Their goals are to collect weather data and make it available to local forecast offices as well as a variety of other organizations with an interest in environmental data. The information they provide also helps to verify the quality of weather information being shared around the country. Website: <http://wxqa.com/>



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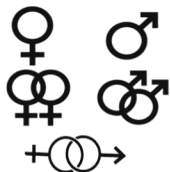
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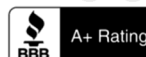


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**Water Rescue Training at YMCA Promotes Safety and Collaboration-** Under the leadership of East Lake Fire Rescue EMS Chief Lane and Firefighter Hudak, a full-scale water rescue training exercise was held at the YMCA, providing a valuable opportunity for hands-on learning and interagency collaboration with the YMCA, Sunstar, and Palm Harbor Fire Rescue. Approximately 115 children participated in the event, where ELFR and YMCA staff shared essential water safety lessons. Topics included the importance of adult supervision while swimming, selecting and wearing proper life jackets, safe diving practices, and how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. Chief Lane and Firefighter Hudak did an outstanding job organizing the training, with strong support from Chief Wilson and the on-duty District Chiefs. All participants—from agencies to support staff—did an outstanding job, and the event showcased seamless teamwork that contributed to its overall success. Community partners—including the YMCA, Sunstar, Safety Kids, the Florida Department of Health, and a local ER physician—shared positive feedback on the training's impact, further highlighting ELFR's role as a trusted partner in keeping our community informed and safe.



**Back to School & Community Preparedness Reminders-** As we enter the late summer months and prepare for the upcoming school year, East Lake Fire Rescue would like to share a few important safety reminders to help keep our community safe and prepared.

**Back to School Safety-** With students heading back to class, we ask all drivers to slow down and stay alert in school zones, near bus stops, and in neighborhoods. Talk to your children about fire drills at school, the importance of not blocking exits, and how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. For older students who walk or bike to school, please review safety tips such as using crosswalks, avoiding distractions like head-phones, and texting. Make sure bikes are in good working condition, reflectors are intact, and helmets are properly fitted. Motorists—please give cyclists plenty of space and always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

**Hurricane & Power Outage Preparedness-** Now is the time to review your family's hurricane safety plan. Ensure your emergency kits are stocked with essentials, including flashlights, batteries, water, non-perishable food, medications, and copies of important documents. Updated hurricane preparedness guides are available at your local fire station.

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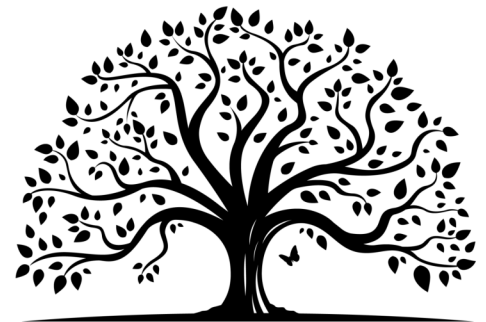
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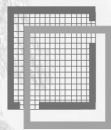
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### Youth Advisory Board Open House

Sat, August 9th | 1pm-3pm

Summer may be over, but the fun doesn't have to end! Join us in the Teen Room to learn how you can be a part of the Middle School Advisory Board (MSAB) or Teen Advisory Board (TAB). These groups give you a chance to share ideas, plan events, and make a difference in the library community.

Walk-ins are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend!

### ELCL Dementia Caregiver Education and Support Group

Wed, August 13th | 1pm-3pm

Join us for a support group with a trained facilitator to exchange information, talk through issues, and learn about community resources.

Alzheimer's Association and dementia-related support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for you to:

Develop a support system. Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions. Talk through issues and

ways of coping. Share feelings, needs and concerns. Learn about community resources.

### Beginning DNA with Denise Manning of Pinellas Genealogy Society

Wed, August 13th | 6pm-7pm

You've taken a DNA test, now what?!

Learn to unlock the many clues that are waiting to help you grow your family tree. Denise Manning from the Pinellas Genealogy Society will lead us through ancestral origins and relative matching, the basics. If you've tested with Ancestry, Family Tree DNA, 23 & Me, My Heritage, or Living DNA, this presentation is for you. Plus learn about other types of DNA used for genealogy.

### The Imagine Museum Presents: The History of Glass and Contemporary Glass Art

Wed, August 20th | 6pm-7:30pm

Join David Flatt, Executive Director of Imagine Museum and notable archaeologist, for a captivating journey through time as he discusses the history of glass and glass art!

### Bracer Builders: A Cosplay Workshop

Sat, September 6th | 1:30pm-3:30pm

Welcome to the East Lake Community Foamery! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to craft foam armor pieces—starting with bracers, perfect for cosplay, Halloween costumes, comic cons, and more.

### Exploring Your Child's Potential

Mon, September 8th | 6pm-7pm

This presentation is perfect for parents of students with disabilities. Presented by Anthony Cassisi, a vocational rehabilitation counselor (VRC) from the Florida Department of Education, learn more about accessing the world of work for your child and how the division can help you explore a child's potential for employment. What's more? Discover more about what VRCs do and what to expect from their help.

### Tween Book Club

Tue, September 9th | 6pm-7pm

Love books? Join the Tween Book Club! We read a new book every month, play games, make crafts, and chat about everything from fantasy to graphic novels. Open to students in grades 6–8. Whether you're a big reader or just getting started, all are welcome!

### Chess Club (Grades 1-6)

Sat, September 13th | 10am-12pm

Seeking a quiet space for your child to play chess and practice with other young players?

All skill levels are welcome. Student sets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to share, or you may choose to bring your own set.

Please note that this is intended for school-aged children in 1st grade and above who

can be quiet and respectful, in keeping with the spirit of the game.

### Vet Life: From Classroom to Clinic

Tue, September 16th | 6pm-7pm

Step into the world of veterinary medicine with a certified veterinarian and educator who brings science to life! Learn what it takes to become a vet—from years of schooling and personal challenges to the everyday joys and tough realities of caring for animals. This inspiring talk blends personal storytelling, career insights, and real-life examples to encourage students to explore pathways in science, medicine, and compassionate care.

### Macroalgae Art Workshop

Thu, September 18th | 12pm-1:30pm

Looking for a way to get creative using nature as the inspiration? Join TBEP and East Lake Community Library for a workshop that combines marine botany and art! Macroalgae, also known as seaweed, is a plant-like organism found in Tampa Bay. During this workshop, we will use dried macroalgae samples taken from Tampa Bay to make beautiful marine-inspired artwork. These colorful clumps range in color from brown to green to red!

### Live Drawing with Marvel Artist Jerry DeCaire!

Sat, September 20th | 1pm-2:30pm

Join us for an action-packed evening with Jerry DeCaire, the Marvel Comics artist behind iconic characters like Deadpool, Wolverine, Thor, and other world-famous superheroes!

Jerry will present his signature live-drawing performance, showing how a comic book is created—from concept to final panel. Watch comic book art come to life in real-time!

And the best part? All demo drawings are given away for FREE!

Registration is required!

### Genealogy Research in Quebec and Maritime Provinces with Joan Baptist from Suncoast Genealogy

Wed, September 24th | 6pm-7pm

Do you want to research your ancestors who lived in Quebec and the Maritime provinces but are unsure of how to navigate the language difference? Using genealogy records, would you like to take a journey through the rich history of the colonization of New France and learn how your ancestors of this area lived and adapted to the many social and political changes? “Lâche pas la patate!” is Québécois slang for “Don't give up!” Despite the records for these Canadian provinces being primarily in the French language, translating and understanding their content is so much easier than you think.

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For over 25 years, East Lake Community Library has been more than just a place for books—it has been a vital hub for learning, creativity, and connection. Despite being one of the smallest libraries in Pinellas County, spanning just 8,900 square feet, ELCL serves nearly 80,000 residents annually. With its diverse programs attracting over 1,000 attendees each month, the library has become an indispensable resource in the community.

Setting itself apart from other local libraries, ELCL is one of the few facilities offering Passport Acceptance services and the **only** library with a 24/7 outdoor materials locker and fingerprinting services for background checks and employment. However, its limited space is no longer sufficient to meet the evolving needs of patrons. The building lacks critical features, including a fire-

suppression system, ADA compliance, accessibility accommodations, study rooms, casual seating, and adequate parking—all essential components for a modern public library.

Recognizing these challenges, the Pinellas County Commissioners allocated **\$4.5 million** in 2020 under the Penny for Pinellas initiative to fund an expansion project. Planning and design are set to begin in the next fiscal year, followed by two years of construction and renovations to transform ELCL into a dynamic, future-ready facility.

To further support this growth, the **East Lake Community Library Foundation** has launched the "Spreading Our Wings" capital campaign, ensuring the vision for expansion becomes a reality. This initiative will help create additional space for educational programs, community events, and an expanded collection of books and technology. Plans also include expanding parking areas to improve accessibility for all visitors.

But this project is about more than just square footage—it's about **enriching** the community. With a larger, upgraded facility,

ELCL will be able to:

- Accommodate growing collections of books and digital resources
- Offer additional seating for visitors to relax and engage
- Establish quiet study areas for students and professionals
- Host larger events and provide enhanced services for all ages

By supporting the **"Spreading Our Wings"** campaign, community members can play a crucial role in shaping the future of East Lake Community Library. Your contribution fosters lifelong learning, strengthens local connections, and helps ensure ELCL remains a vibrant cornerstone for generations to come.

To learn more about the expansion and how you can help, visit **East Lake Community Library** at 4125 East Lake Road or explore the library's website at [eastlakelibrary.org](http://eastlakelibrary.org). For details on donor opportunities and naming rights, visit the foundation's website at [elclfoundation.org](http://elclfoundation.org).

For inquiries, contact **Library Director Lois Eannel** at [lois-e@eastlakelibrary.org](mailto:lois-e@eastlakelibrary.org) or call (727) 773-2665.

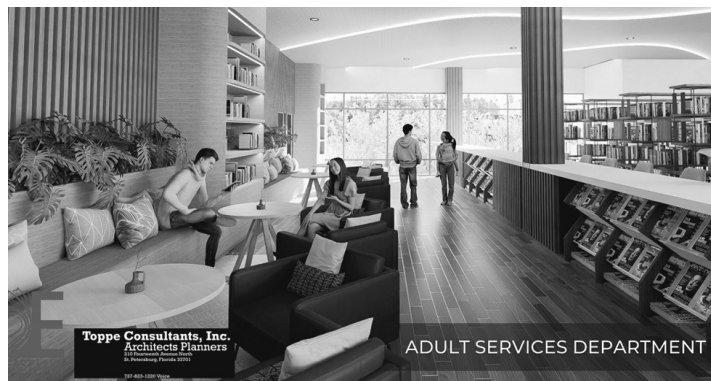
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### East Lake Woodlands Sales - Past 60 Days

#	MLS ID	Status	Subdivision	Address	DOM	SF	List Price	Sold Date	Sold Price	ClosCosts	SP/SFt	Built	BE	FB	HB	Gar	Pool	WtrVw	Acres
1	<a href="#">TB8372974</a>	SLD	CREEKSIDE	1623 BAYHILL DR	5	1,906	\$534,800	05/23/2025	\$552,000	0	\$289.61	1995	3	3	0	2	None	No	0.20
2	<a href="#">TB8368844</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	380 PALMDALE DR	11	2,331	\$615,000	05/30/2025	\$610,000	0	\$261.69	1985	3	2	0	2	Private	Yes	0.30
3	<a href="#">TB8376445</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	30 WATER OAK WAY	9	2,302	\$695,000	06/02/2025	\$690,000	0	\$299.74	1985	3	3	0	2	Private, Community	No	0.22
4	<a href="#">TB8371814</a>	SLD	DEERPATH UNIT ONE	70 DEERPATH CT	22	3,296	\$900,000	06/02/2025	\$875,000	43,750	\$265.47	1986	5	3	0	2	Private, Community	No	1.20
5	<a href="#">TB8384239</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	430 HICKORY NUT	14	3,700	\$1,275,000	06/03/2025	\$1,250,000	0	\$337.84	1988	4	3	1	2	Private	No	0.30
6	<a href="#">TB8369700</a>	SLD	DEERPATH UNIT ONE	20 WILLOWWOOD LN	16	3,867	\$975,000	06/11/2025	\$965,000	0	\$249.55	1990	4	3	1	3	Private	No	0.58
7	<a href="#">TB8381109</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	40 PINE LAKE DR	10	2,187	\$629,000	06/13/2025	\$610,000	0	\$278.92	1976	3	2	1	2	Private, Community	Yes	0.24
8	<a href="#">TB8372251</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	50 PINE LAKE DR	1	1,921	\$640,000	06/16/2025	\$635,000	0	\$330.56	1980	3	2	0	2	Private, Community	No	0.24
9	<a href="#">TB8379857</a>	SLD	PARCEL B - THE PINNACLE	5132 PINNACLE DR	2	2,210	\$725,000	06/17/2025	\$712,000	0	\$322.17	1994	3	2	0	2	Private	Yes	0.22
10	<a href="#">TB8355499</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	375 HOLLY HILL RD	68	2,049	\$609,900	06/23/2025	\$605,000	0	\$295.27	1977	3	3	0	2	Private	No	0.31
11	<a href="#">TB8386730</a>	SLD	CROSS POINTE	5027 CROSS POINTE DR	11	2,263	\$865,000	06/27/2025	\$820,000	0	\$362.35	1993	3	2	0	2	Private	No	0.34
12	<a href="#">TB8381392</a>	SLD	SILVERTHORNE	4872 SILVERTHORNE CT	46	3,806	\$1,490,000	07/01/2025	\$1,350,000	13,000	\$354.70	1991	5	3	1	3	Private, Community	Yes	0.86
13	<a href="#">TB8399042</a>	SLD	EAST LAKE WOODLANDS	455 HICKORYNUT AVE	0	1,943	\$500,000	07/07/2025	\$415,000	0	\$213.59	1981	3	2	0	2	Private	No	0.33

For a full report of East Lake Woodlands sales activity for the past 60 days for active, pending and sold listings, along with a link to view all listing photos and details, Scan QR Code to right or go to: [ev-uppertampabay.com/blog](http://ev-uppertampabay.com/blog).



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