



# THE ORACLE

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## NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 15

Our next meeting is a Steak Night at the Rec & Parks admin office patio on Monday October 15, grill time 6:30pm. We have a lot to discuss that night: preparations for Youth Appreciation, Tree Lot, Christmas Parade, Steppin' Stone social and even the Oratorical Contest. Please plan to attend and bring a plate and steak and an extra one for your new member candidate!

## YOUTH APPRECIATION IS SOON!

Mark your calendar for Monday, November 5 for Youth Appreciation. We will start promptly at 6:30pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room. Chairman Mike Williamson ([michaellwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:michaellwilliamson@gmail.com) or 813-757-6570) is working on a great event. Give him a call to help out! More details in the next Oracle, but we expect a big crowd to recognize these outstanding youths!

## WITH NOVEMBER COMES TREE LOT SET-UP

Final plans are underway for the Tree Lot. The order is confirmed and we will have trees on site in mid November. All hands are needed to assemble the framework on Saturday, November 17 and to unload trees on Sunday, November 18. The lot will open that week and that means everyone needs to sign up for a work shift (or two or three) at the lot. More details next time, but start clearing some dates on your calendar to assist with the set-up, unloading and manning of the lot. Help our Tree Lot Chairman Dave Robbins ([drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:d Robbins11@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-754-2257) by volunteering. It's our biggest fundraiser and it will go smoothly with your help!

## SANTA'S FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE IS AT THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Last year, we had a blast with the float in the Christmas Parade and we plan to repeat the fun. This year, the parade is on Friday, December 7 and will follow the old route, starting on Collins Street south of Alsobrook Street, proceeding north to Reynolds Street and then turning east to the courthouse. Parade Chairmen Darcy and Pat Stottlemeyer ([darcystottlemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:darcystottlemeyer@hotmail.com) or 813-759-1019) are already getting float supplies and they will need some help with the float decorating that day. Also, the pizza social was a hit and we will need some assistance in coordinating that portion of the day. Pitch in and give some time to this fun event!

## DON'T FORGET THE STEPPIN' STONE FAMILY EVENT!

As usual we will visit the young ladies at Steppin' Stone Farm for an evening of food, fun and fellowship in mid December. Steppin' Stone Event Chairman Walt Arnold ([walt34@gmail.com](mailto:walt34@gmail.com) or 813-752-1602) will get us more details as they are developed, but write it in your calendar now, look for the gift list at the tree lot and plan to bring the whole family and some great food!

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- √ Monday, October 15 - Steak Night Meeting, 6:30p, Rec & Parks Patio. Agenda: Youth Ap, Tree Lot, Parade
- √ Monday, November 5 - Youth Appreciation Banquet, 6:30p, Rec & Parks Admin Office Conference Room
- √ Saturday, November 17 - Tree Lot set-up, Plant City High School, time to be announced
- √ Sunday, November 18 - Unload trees, Plant City High School, 2:00pm
- √ Monday, November 19 - Meeting at the Tree Lot, 6:30pm. Agenda: parade, Steppin Stone, Oratorical
- √ Monday, December 3 - Meeting at the Tree Lot, 6:30pm. Agenda: Steppin' Stone, lot tear down, Oratorical

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**PUNT-PASS-KICK WAS A LOT OF FUN!**

Over 50 youths participated in the PPK event on Saturday, September 29. Thanks are due to members John K, Doug H, Mike P, Cal C, Walt A, Jim S, Jeff A and Jack H for their help with the event!

