



# THE ORACLE

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## NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 3

Welcome to our guests from the last meeting: **Dale Chambers, Chad Jackson, Deanna Jackson** and **Lt Gov Larry Powell**. We hope you come back and join us in our efforts to help the youth of our area. Our next meeting is **Youth Appreciation Night — Monday, November 3, 7:00pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room**. Details are below. We will have a quick business meeting after Youth Appreciation to prepare for the next meeting and tree lot details.

## YOUTH APPRECIATION EVENT IS THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3!

Youth Appreciation Event Chairman **Mike Williamson** (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-757-6570) reports that plans are complete for our annual Youth Appreciation Banquet to be held on **Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room**. Currently, we have nearly 60 attendees, so get there early for a good seat! Catering is by First Choice BBQ. Bring your \$5 per person to give to Sec/Treas **Paul W** at the door. Guest Speaker **David Steele** (former PCHS Principle and now School District of Hillsborough County Assistant Superintendent) is confirmed. We will also present our support contribution to Plant City High School for the Senior Awards Night event. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RESERVED YOUR SPOT, CONTACT PREZ JEB (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 SO WE HAVE A GOOD HED COUNT FOR FOOD AND TABLE SET-UP!**

## IT'S TREE LOT TIME!

Tree Lot Chairman **Dave Robbins** (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) says now it's time to mark your calendars! Tree Lot **set-up is Saturday, November 22nd at 8:00am**. Trees arrive to be **unloaded on Sunday, November 23rd at 1:00pm**. Tree Lot **opens Monday, November 24th**. Please start planning your personal schedule to allow you to work at least one weeknight shift and at least three weekend shifts. Needed shifts are 5-9pm weeknights and 9am-1pm, 1-5pm and 5-9pm weekends. A Tree Lot calendar is attached. We will start taking sign-ups soon, so compare calendars and reserve some dates on your personal calendar for working the Lot!

## PLAN TO BE A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY

Parade Event Coordinator **Alaina Edgemon** (aedgemon@gmail.com or 813-650-4393) is planning our Christmas Parade entry and member social. The parade is set for **Friday evening, December 5th**. We will meet at the Tree Lot before the parade for a member family pizza social and to put the float together. Plan to help out and be a part of the fun!

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

**Prez Jeb** (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) will help pick the Citizen Of The Year in February. Nominations are required in January. Please review the attached Citizen Of The Year file and contact Jeb with your thoughts.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, November 3**—Youth Appreciation Banquet, 7:00pm, Rec & Parks admin office conference room. \$5 per person (honorees and two family members each are free).
- ✓ **Monday, November 17**—Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio. Agenda: Tree Lot, Christmas Parade event, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year.
- ✓ **Saturday, November 22**—Tree Lot set-up, 8:00am, bring your gloves and 6 foot ladders!
- ✓ **Sunday, November 23**—Trees arrive for unloading, 1:00pm, bring your gloves and long sleeve shirts!
- ✓ **Monday, November 24**—Tree lot opens—sign up for one weeknight shift and three weekend shifts!
- ✓ **Monday, December 1**—Regular Meeting, 6:30pm at the Tree Lot. Agenda: Tree Lot, Christmas Parade event, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year.
- ✓ **Friday, December 5**—Christmas Parade, meet at Tree Lot, time and agenda to be announced.
- ✓ **Monday, December 15 (revised date)**—Steppin' Stone Family Christmas event, details to be announced.

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