

Welcome to the new  
**Wellswood Nugget Newsletter**

## 2018 Spring News



Here is the winning new Wellswood community logo from our last community meeting!

**Thank you Tina Rice!**

Here are the latest happenings and upcoming events in the community.



Upcoming Event  
**What's happening:**



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### Wellswood Paint Night Out

**Description:** Grab your pals and pinot and join us for a fun night out of painting. Meet new neighbors and grab some laughs with old friends

**Date:** Thursday May 10th

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Wellswood Civic center

**Sign up here:** [PNO sign up](#)

**Cost:** \$35 for WCA members

**\$40 for non-members**

\*\*RSVP by May 3rd.

### Wellswood Eats

**Description:** Too busy to cook dinner? Order ahead and stop in to pick it up on your way home!

Proceeds go toward the Wellswood Civic center building improvements.

**Date:** Friday May 11th

**Time:** 5 - 7 pm

**Location:** Order ahead and pick up at the Wellswood Civic center

**See details here:** [Wellswood Eats](#)



### President's Message:

Hello Friends & Neighbors,

It is such a pleasure to be able to communicate and share our community news with our neighbors via our Wellswood Nugget Newsletter, which the majority of us will now be receiving electronically through our e-mail tree. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to receive yours.

I am very honored to be holding the position of President for our Association. As a longtime Wellswood resident, I have always had such great love and appreciation for this neighborhood. I've always believed that this Association along with the committed residents is what has helped make Wellswood the safe and enjoyable community that it is today. I look forward to the opportunity to assist in helping this continue and create an even stronger community.

I would like to extend an invitation out to all of our neighbors to join our association and to help us plan as well as attend our events. We need you on this journey, it is through your support, critics and encouragements that we, together can make Wellswood one of the finest neighborhoods of Tampa.

Sincerely,  
Dominick Perrone  
President

### Wellswood Civic Association general meeting: Monday May 14th 7pm

*We will be discussing slowing down neighborhood speeders and Keep Tampa Bay beautiful events. Come! Meet your neighbors. Be informed!*

*Next Meeting will be after summer on **September 10, 2018**.*



### Spring Clean-up in your yard

April is the month to put effort into pruning your plants. Pruning is one of the best things you can do for your plants. Pruning isn't difficult," says *This Old House* landscape contractor Roger Cook. "And what you get in return is thicker foliage, more flowers, and healthier plants." **SHRUBS:** A good rule of thumb is to remove no more than 1/3 of the plant. As a shrub develops, thin out old, weak, rubbing, or wayward branches where they merge with another branch. This opens up the middle of the plant to more sunlight, which keeps interior branches healthy, stimulates growth, and increases flowering. For crotons, hibiscus, copper plants, when removing sections damaged by the freeze remove the dead part down to the first green node. Always make a clean cut at a 45 degree angle. When pruning to shape, take the tallest stem down lower than the desired

## Hello neighbor nice to meet you...

We are hoping to have the newsletter published quarterly. We have a number of amazing neighbors who have agreed to write quarterly articles for the newsletter. If you have some interesting news or history, please submit your article [here](#).

I moved to Wellwood in May 2014 as a renter and purchased a home in December 2016. I have a daughter, a dog and a cat. I enjoy yoga, bike riding with my daughter and I just started a vegetable garden this summer.

**Lindsay Kelly-Schools & Education Contributor**

I have been a Wellwood resident since 2009. I initially lived on N. Darby Ave and now live on W Erna Drive with my husband of 4 years, Wayne, our 12 year old grandson, Nicolaus, and our black lab mix, Minni.

I retired in June from allstate insurance and intend to spend my time gardening, cooking, reading, taking pictures, traveling in our RV, watching the blue jays in our yard, and playing with my dog.

**Sharon Tagle - Business Contributor**

Hi, I'm **Kitty Wallace**, and I will share some **gardening tips** in our new and improved Wellwood Nugget. After retiring from my career as a special education teacher in Hillsborough County Public Schools, I was free to devote more time to my interest in gardening. As Garden Coordinator of the Tampa Heights Community Garden, I have learned so much about growing vegetables. I have enjoyed eating my own broccoli, swiss chard, peas, beans, beets, brussels sprouts and carrots.

I've lived in Wellwood since 1998. I'm married with two children. I produced the printed version of the Wellwood Nugget from 2001 to 2004. After that I set up the Wellwood Neighbors page on Facebook. I've never been on the WCA board because I'm usually too busy volunteering with the PTA, school fundraisers, or the scouts. But I love the neighborhood and I help when I can.

**Tina Rice - Arts Education Contributor**

I have lived in Wellwood since December 2010. I fell in love with the neighborhood while I was house hunting and the rest is history. I have 2 dogs, Mila a Shepherd mix and Ben a long haired German Shepherd and a cat. I am a crazy dog mom. I was born and raised in St. Petersburg, FL but moved to Tampa after law school. If you see me out walking my dogs please say hi.

**Michelle Lambo - Wellwood Nugget Editor**

height. Remember, the new growth will come from that cut and it will need to have room to grow. Roses do best if pruned in Jan/Feb...but if you didn't get to it then, do it now. Prune azaleas after they have finished blooming. Do not cut straight across the top of your shrub; you will wind up with a lot new growth along the top of the plant, blocking sunlight and ventilation to the lower limbs thereby creating a "leggy" bush.

**TREES:** remove no more than 1/4 of the green growth. What to prune from a small flowering tree (after their first or two) such as a crape myrtle, red bud, bottle brush, dogwood, tabebuia:

- A. Suckers that grow from the roots or base of the trunk
- B. Limbs that sag or grow close to the ground
- C. Branches that form an acute angle with the trunk
- D. Watersprouts that shoot up from main "scaffold" branches
- E. Limbs that are dead, diseased, or broken
- F. Branches that grow parallel to and too close to another
- G. Branches that cross or rub against other; crape myrtle limbs thinner than a pencil (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep399>)
- H. Limbs that compete with the tree's central leader

For more information go to the IFAS (Institute of Food & Agricultural Science – U of F) website: [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_tree\\_pruning](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning).

Kitty Wallace



**WELLSWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS @**

**7:00PM**  
May 14, 2018  
September 10, 2018  
November 12, 2018

**NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH MEETINGS @**

**7:00PM**  
October 8, 2018  
December 10, 2018

**Accomplishments of the 2018 Board so far  
this year:**

1. USF stamped of service in January to beautify the civic center
2. Added wifi at the civic center
3. Successful spring flea market
4. Worked with TECO for an energy audit to improve the Civic Center
5. Re-wrote our 1988 by laws to define our current association
6. Planned more events for the community this year.
7. Renewal of the Wellswood Nugget Newsletter
8. Repaired track lighting in main hall
9. Created a new email address and social media pages
10. Worked with City of Tampa Parks Department on the Wellswood park future community center

**Now seeking more committee members!**

**Click here for information on renting the Civic Center**

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**Wellswood Civic Association Membership form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (email address will NOT be shared)

**MISSION:**

It is the mission of the Wellswood Civic Association to preserve and protect the integrity of this historic community and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

**ANNUAL DUES ARE ONLY \$20 PER FAMILY**

*Please make your check payable to the Wellswood Civic Association Mail to [4806 Wishart Blvd. 33603](#), or drop into the mail slot on the door of the Civic Center. Dues have remained the same for over 40+ years and are due in January. Feel free to make an additional donation.*

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**Thank you to our community partners who make this newsletter possible!**

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