Tracy's Point COMMUNITY CLUB on Lake Panasoffkee, Florida

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2026 Board of Directors

President: Curt Lindsey
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Director: Debra Arcus
Alternate: Patricia Schott

Quick Reference Numbers

Sheriff Dispatch: 352-569-1600
Code Compliance: 352-689-4460
Report Illegal Burning: 352-569-1011
Animal Control: 352-689-4400
SECO: 352-793-3801
LP Water Assn.: 352-793-4236

Board of Director's Meetings

2026
November 17th, December 15th
2027
January 19th, February16th, March16th, April 20th, May 18th
No meeting June, July, and August
September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December21st
Meetings are held 7:00 p.m. at
Lake Panasoffkee Recreation Center
West Wing
1589 C.R. 459
Lake Panasoffkee. Fl 33538



Tracy's Point Community Club

Welcomes new owners:

Jason & Marcee Andrews
Donnette Bowden
David Colson
Josh & Gracyn Elkins
Matthew & Tara Ellison
Emilie Foit
Allison Gill
Nicholas Hooper
Scott Miller
Tammy Padgett
Lars Welch

we hope you enjoy living here.



Tracy's Point Community Club will have three open Board positions in 2027, and we're looking for community members interested in getting involved.

Serving on the TPCC Board is an opportunity to represent your neighbors, share ideas, help plan community activities, and have a voice in the future of Tracy's Point.

You don't need special experience—just an interest in our neighborhood and a willingness to participate.

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

Contact Tracy's Point Community Club:

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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Supporting businesses helps keep our community growing and gives residents more places to **shop, eat and do business close to home.**

Deep Valley ACE Hardware

Lake Panasoffkee has a new place to turn for home repairs, weekend projects and those times when you just need the right part to finish the job.

The new neighborhood hardware store offers hardware and home-improvement supplies, tools, paint and other products for homeowners and do-it-yourself projects.

A hardware store right here in Lake Panasoffkee means residents can purchase many of the supplies needed for projects around the house without making a trip out of town.

Deep Valley Ace Hardware
2057 County Road 470
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538
Phone: 352-793-8336

Piccolo's Pizza

Piccolo's Pizza, serves traditional hand-tossed and crispy thin-crust pizzas made with **homemade dough and sauce** along with a variety of specialty pizzas and wings.

Pizza choices include the classics as well as specialty combinations such as **All Meat, Veggie, Philly Cheese Steak and Smoky Mountain BBQ**.

Stop by, give Piccolo's Pizza a try, and support a Lake Panasoffkee business!

PICCOLO'S PIZZA
2006 N CR 470
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538
Phone: 352-444-2799
https://piccolospizzafl.com/



Learn About the Candidates & Florida Ballot Measures

With the **November 3, 2026 General Election** approaching, now is a good time to learn more about the candidates and issues that will appear on your ballot.

The Ballot Brief

https://theballotbrief.com/local-candidates?address=33538

This website provides a convenient, nonpartisan starting point for researching your ballot. Residents can use the site to learn about candidates for **Federal, State and local offices**, as well as the **Florida constitutional amendments and ballot measures** that voters will be asked to consider.

Candidate pages provide information that can help you compare the people seeking office, while the Florida section includes information about statewide races and ballot measures. The ballot-measure guides also explain what a **YES** or **NO** vote would mean.

The Ballot Brief states that its candidate rosters begin with certified state and county election-office lists and that it does **not endorse candidates**.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES

Learn who is running.
Read about the issues.
Review the ballot measures.

HEART OF FLORIDA LANDFILL

What's Going On — and What's the Latest on the Injection Well?

If you haven't been following the issues surrounding the **Heart of Florida Landfill**, you may be wondering what all the discussion is about.

Over the past two years, residents in and around Lake Panasoffkee have raised concerns about **landfill odors, air quality, groundwater monitoring and the landfill's proposal to eventually dispose of treated landfill leachate through a deep injection well.**

THE ODOR PROBLEM

Beginning in 2025, residents reported objectionable odors extending beyond the landfill property.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and City of Bushnell subsequently took compliance and enforcement actions. The landfill implemented corrective measures, including discontinuing a leachate evaporator that had been identified as a significant odor source. Although a consultant for the City reported that corrective actions had addressed the violations identified by the City, complaints about odors continued.

GROUNDWATER IS ALSO BEING MONITORED

Groundwater monitoring at the landfill has identified exceedances that resulted in additional review by FDEP.

More recently, FDEP required the landfill to conduct formal **Evaluation Monitoring**. This process is intended to gather additional information and determine the nature and extent of groundwater conditions around the landfill.

This groundwater issue is separate from the proposed injection well.

WHAT IS THE INJECTION WELL?

Landfills produce a contaminated liquid called **leachate** when water passes through waste.
The Heart of Florida Landfill currently has a **Class V exploratory injection well** intended to investigate whether deep underground formations could potentially be used for disposal.
The exploratory well has now been drilled to **3,747 feet**, and drilling has been completed, they are currently drilling a monitoring well 150 feet from the exploratory well for testing and conversion to monitor ground water.
But there is an important distinction:

THE WELL HAS BEEN DRILLED — LEACHATE DISPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED.

The existing exploratory-well authorization does **not** give the landfill permission to begin disposing of landfill leachate underground.
To do that, the landfill would have to pursue additional authorization from FDEP to convert as a **Class I injection well** for leachate disposal. That would involve testing and involve another regulatory process a meeting for public participation.

WHY ARE PEOPLE CONCERNED?

Residents and regional officials have questioned what effect a leachate injection well could have on underground water resources.
The **Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA)** has formally opposed the proposed leachate injection well because of potential environmental impacts and has discussed taking additional action as the permitting process moves forward.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

There are now several separate issues to watch:

• **Injection Well:** Watch for an application or other FDEP action seeking authorization for Class I leachate disposal.

• **Groundwater:** FDEP's required Evaluation Monitoring should provide additional information about groundwater conditions.

• **Odors:** Additional landfill-gas collection and odor-control improvements are planned.

• **County Action:** Sumter County has also been pursuing legal action concerning continuing nuisance conditions at the landfill.

For Lake Panasoffkee residents, the important point is that **drilling the exploratory well is not the same thing as receiving permission to inject landfill leachate.**

STAY INFORMED

The landfill is an issue that could affect our community for many years. Residents should continue following **FDEP, Sumter County, the City of Bushnell and WRWSA** as additional information and regulatory decisions become available.

The following petitions oppose the use of the injection well for the disposal of **leachate.**

To: FDEP –
www.sierraclub.org/florida/nogarbagejuice

To: Governor -
www.change.org/PortectOurAquifer
(case sensitive)

Report every time there is an odor to Sumter County Sheriff's non-emergency number 352-793-2621

Residents are urged to attend the Sumter County **Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)** Meetings to learn more.
The next meeting is October 27, at 6 PM in
Gloria Hayward Center
215 Gloria Hayward Drive
Sumterville, FL 33585