



# *The Ballantrae Communicator*

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Worker ensures a consistent application of acrylic color resurfacing material after repairing our basketball court. See "Our Top Stories" on page 4.

# Ballantrae benefits from nearby state-of-the-art ER ...



## A look inside the new emergency room

Clockwise from top photo above: a look at one of the 24 single-occupancy patient rooms, then a view of a resuscitation room for patients admitted suffering distress, staff demonstrates chemical decontamination process at separate “decon” entrance, the CT scan unit, the x-ray room and the lab center that allows on-site processing of blood and other fluids and tissue.

Lab and imaging services are for emergency room patients and are not available for outpatient tests.



# ... 24 beds available 24/7, serving growing area population

More than 600 people turned out for a Sunday, Jan. 28, open house to tour Florida Hospital ER Central Pasco. The new emergency room opened the next day less than a mile west of Ballantrae on SR 54, just east of the Suncoast Parkway across from North Pointe Village.

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel cited the on-going population boom in Pasco County in expanding its health care services to reach the fast-growing number of residents moving into the area. Thousands of new homes, for example, are already planned or under construction within a six-mile radius from the new medical facility.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FLORIDA HOSPITAL WESLEY CHAPEL

**New emergency room opened Jan. 29 along SR 54, about a mile west of Ballantrae.**

Construction began after an April 6 groundbreaking for the 18,000 square-foot facility that features a year-round full-service emergency department with 24 beds and state of the art on-site imaging such as x-ray, ultrasound, CT scans and laboratory services.

The ER staff includes more than 50 high-skilled jobs, including board-certified emergency medicine physicians, critical care nurses, stroke specialists and heart attack experts. One lab technician, who resides nearby in Concord Station, said she had a bachelor's degree and a decade's experience in lab services.

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel will also offer ambulance services for patients who come to the ER and need to be admitted to the hospital. The paramedics and EMT's on board will be Florida Hospital team members who will be able to provide comprehensive, continuous care to patients as they are transferred.

"As the community grows, we are committed to add new health care services and facilities to better meet the needs of the community," said Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel President & CEO Denyse Bales-Chubb.

"Our new Central Pasco Emergency Room, located separately from Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel, offers the same level of critical care found at our hospital and it's in a convenient location for residents of central Pasco and northwestern Hillsborough County," said Bales-Chubb.

At the groundbreaking last year, Pasco Board of County

Commissioners Chairman Mike Moore said the location of the facility allows quality medical care to be within better reach of residents. At the same time, he added, the new facility gives first responders another avenue of help for patients requiring emergency care.

Bill Cronin, president/CEO of the Pasco Economic Development Council, emphasized at the groundbreaking the need for the facility. He promised expedited permitting for the construction project, which contributed to the ER opening earlier than expected.

Mr. Moore added, "It seems like yesterday that we were just breaking ground at the expansion of the Wesley Chapel Florida hospital facility. Here we grow again."

Officials noted the ER occupies about one-third of the six acre site owned by the hospital. While the new ER was not built for expansion, more ER beds or other medical office space can be located on the undeveloped acreage.

The emergency room is part of the full-service Florida Hospital in Wesley Chapel, which opened in 2012 with 83 private patient rooms. The hospital is located on Bruce B. Downs Blvd. north of SR 56.

The hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient health services, including surgery, imaging and rehabilitation services and emergency services for adults and children.

A recent expansion involved 111, 993 square feet of new construction and 10,834 square feet of renovation. In the expansion, the number of private patient rooms rose to 145. The number of emergency rooms and surgical suites was also increased. A second Heart Catheterization Lab was added, as were recovery/observation rooms. Space was also reserved for future growth.

Part of the Adventist Health System, Florida Hospital is a not-for-profit health network comprised of 26 hospitals throughout the state. For more information, visit [www.FHWesleyChapel.org](http://www.FHWesleyChapel.org).

## How to contact the clubhouse

The CDD's maintenance staff works every day. But their duties often take them away from the clubhouse.

You should make an appointment to see them rather than taking "pot luck" at finding them there.

The clubhouse email address is [ballantrae2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ballantrae2@tampabay.rr.com). The phone number is 345-8565. The "snail mail" address is 17611 Mentmore Blvd. in Land O' Lakes FL 34638. 📍

You're invited to attend!  
Please join us to be heard!

## CDD Board plans meetings

The CDD Board of Supervisors will hold most of its regular monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse on the first Mondays of the month for the new fiscal year that began on Oct. 1.

Remaining meeting dates this fiscal year are:

- March 5, first Monday
- April 2, first Monday
- May 14, second Monday
- June 4, first Monday
- July 9, second Monday
- Aug. 6, first Monday
- Sept. 10, second Monday

Residents are always invited to comment on agenda items at the start of the meeting. Any CDD non-agenda items can be brought up after all agenda items have been discussed.

The evening meetings are designed to maximize the number of people who can attend and participate in the Board's meetings.

Besides being published here, CDD meeting dates are posted online at the CDD's website at [ballantraecdd.org](http://ballantraecdd.org), on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and in all six village entrance bulletin boards.

All meeting agendas and minutes are also posted to the website. 

## Ballantrae HOA Board meets monthly

The Ballantrae HOA Board of Directors will meet in 2018 on these second Tuesdays of the month starting at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse:

- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August (no meeting)
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

HOA members are always invited to attend and participate.

For HOA updates or to contact the HOA Board, visit it at [ballantraehoa.com](http://ballantraehoa.com) or on its "Ballantrae HOA" Facebook page. 

## Straiton HOA sets quarterly meeting

The Straiton HOA Board of Directors' quarterly meetings for the balance of this calendar year will be held on the following fourth Wednesdays of the month beginning at 7 p.m.:

- April 25
- July 25
- October 24

All members are invited to attend and participate.

You can reach the Straiton HOA Board via email at [straitonhoa@gmail.com](mailto:straitonhoa@gmail.com) or [straitontownhomes.com](http://straitontownhomes.com). 

## The Ballantrae Communicator

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Members of all organizations are welcome to suggest story ideas. Email them to the editor at [jfplateau@ballantraecdd.org](mailto:jfplateau@ballantraecdd.org).

Send all email to *The Communicator* to [jfplateau@ballantraecdd.org](mailto:jfplateau@ballantraecdd.org) or via "snail mail" to the CDD Chair at the clubhouse: 17611 Mentmore Blvd. in Land O' Lakes, FL 34638.

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## Our top stories

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Florida Courts Inc. repaired our basketball court. Another photo: **Page 5.**

# Board continues to assess damages caused by Irma

The CDD Board continues to identify damage caused by hurricane Irma and which repair costs can be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

District manager DPGF is collecting those costs and will submit for reimbursement well within the application period that extends for at least a year after the Sept. 11 event.

In the interim, the CDD will front-end any needed repairs from its Emergency Reserve established to

pay for unexpected damage to CDD property that cannot be covered by insurance. The reserve totals about \$226,000.

Storm damage already identified includes:

- \$800 to replace the motor that runs an aerator in the central pond in Straiton. (See story on page 16.)

- \$5,625 in tree damage on community grounds. That repair work has been completed.

- \$7-\$8,000 in storm damage to plants in the six village entrances and the main entrance at SR 54.

In doing this year's budget, the Board included \$26,500 to replace aging and dying plants at those locations. That cost assessment was made pre-Irma.

A post-Irma inspection showed even more plant damage caused by Irma. The Board is

expected to consider paying that increased amount at its March 5 meeting.

- Costs are as yet unknown for repairs to a damaged stormwater collection unit at the southeast corner of the intersection of Ayrshire Blvd. and Cunningham Ct. in Ayrshire.

The unit is designed to collect stormwater from neighboring fields to prevent the flooding of homes and streets along those two streets.

A large pipe carries water from the unit, under Ayrshire Blvd. and into the large east entrance pond along Ballantrae Blvd.

Stormwater is supposed to enter the east side of the containment structure over a concrete apron. Instead, the wall beneath the apron was scoured by high winds and driving stormwaters. That could destabilize the containment wall.

The floor of the concrete unit was disrupted in several locations that could destabilize the entire structure.

District engineers are determining the exact cause and extent of damage and the cost of "best practice" repairs.

They are expected to report their findings at the Board's March 5 meeting. 🏠



This article lists some, but not necessarily all, of the real estate transactions completed in Ballantrae during November. There were none in December. This list is designed to give readers an idea of the number and location of sales plus the range of sale prices in our community.

### Ayrshire

- None.

### Castleway

- 3718 Duke Firth St. 2,231 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms/3 baths/3 garage bays. Sold on 11/20/17 for \$296,000.
- 3811 Duke Firth St. 3,616 sq. ft. 5/3/3. Sold on 11/30/17 for \$366,000.

### Braemar

- 17901 Glenapp Dr. 2,366 sq. ft. 4/2/3. Sold on 11/13/17 for \$261,000.

### Cunningham

- 3740 Olde Lanark Dr. 2,001 sq. ft. 4/2/2. Sold on 11/1/17 for \$240,000.
- 3753 Olde Lanark Dr. 1,825 sq. ft. 4/2/2. Sold on 11/9/17 for \$220,000.

### Lintower

- 3400 Tarbolton Way. 2,262 sq. ft. 3/2/2. Sold on 11/28/17 for \$240,000.
- 17445 Queensland St. 2,652 sq. ft. 4/2/2. Sold on 11/13/17 for \$269,900.

### Straiton

- 2937 Girvan Dr. 1,842 sq. ft. 3/2/1. Sold on 11/30/17 for \$179,000. 🏠

Data provided by Team Solkin



**Basketball court resurfaced**

Basketball court resurfacing shown on page 1 is finished here. The work was performed by Florida Courts Inc. under a \$6,800 contract with the CDD. It included pressure washing to clean the deck, filling in all cracks more than 1/8-inch deep, covering repairs with a fiberglass mesh, resurfacing with Sports Master™, two coats of acrylic resurfacing, four color coats and then restriping of white lines.

# Ballantrae Park shading among top CDD agenda items

It may only be early spring, but the CDD Board continues to plan the best ways to protect park users from the sun's rays that bake Florida every summer.

The Board's intention is to have its solutions in place by the onset of summer heat. The two issues:

- What types of smaller shade structures can be installed around areas of the pool deck to protect those using the chairs and tables pool side? (See photos below right)

The Board last summer approved \$10,000 for this new initiative sought by several residents. The Board is currently accepting and reviewing bids.

- Whether to repair, replace or remove the damaged shade cover over the children's play area, The CDD spent a total of \$3,900 for repairs to the shade cover in 2015 and 2016.

High wind damage, especially those from hurricane Irma, have had their effect on the structure above the children's play area.

The fabric cover has been torn and cut in several areas. Some of the support poles, originally erected at 90 degrees, are beginning to lean.

Those conditions released the fabric cover from some of its secure tie downs and to flap in the wind. It was removed before it could be completely released and fall and injure someone.

The shifting of the poles has raised questions about their long-term stability.

Initial vendor bids put the cost of all repairs to restore the structure in the \$10,000-plus range.

The CDD Board is looking to see if another shade configuration would work as well and be cheaper than the

old configuration.

It is also having the district engineer examine the poles to determine what would be the best way to address their leaning and stabilize them.

The Board heard from one resident at its January meeting and another in February who spoke in favor of keeping the shade structure.

They said the cover was important to protect children using the play area, just like the shades over play areas across Ballantrae Blvd. at the day care center.

They said as long as the Board could identify a safe and cost-effective way to proceed, they felt maintenance of the structure for the benefit of the community's children was as important as some other initiatives the Board has funded over the years. 🏠



The CDD budget for this fiscal year includes \$10,000 for umbrellas on the pool deck behind the clubhouse. Photo above shows a model costing about \$3,000. Note it is larger and sturdier than the home-style portable umbrellas below, brought to the pool deck by residents. No final decision has been made on the style and number of umbrellas.

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## CDD Board to place more benches

The CDD Board has selected six sites for the additional park-style benches that were approved with a \$3,000 appropriation last year under the 2017-18 budget.

Benches are expected to be installed by this summer. Each will be placed facing a pond at these locations:

- Pond 3 at the south end of Girvan Drive in Straiton.
- Pond 9 on the north side of Mentmore Blvd. just west of the clubhouse.
- Pond 13 at the northeast corner of Ballantrae Blvd. at Tower Road.
- Pond 24 on the north side of Mentmore Blvd. just east of the day care.
- Pond 25 on the south side of Mentmore Blvd. east of Ayrshire.
- Pond 33 (the main entrance east pond) just south of the Ayrshire gazebo. 🏠

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## Communicator welcomes ideas

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# Our 2018 primary, general election voting at the clubhouse

The CDD Board has approved a request from the Pasco **Supervisor of Elections** to conduct 2018 primary and general election day voting for Precinct 31 at the clubhouse.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 28. Voters must be registered by July 30 to vote in that election.

General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Voters must be registered by Oct. 9 to vote.

While it is not yet known what offices will have primary contests, there are a host of electoral contests expected to be decided on election day.

For Ballantrae voters, they include:

- Federal offices: a U.S. Senator and a U.S. Representative.
- State offices: Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Agriculture, Public Defender, State Attorney, state Senator, state Representative and Circuit Judge.
- Local offices: County Commissioners, School Board members, County Court Judges, Mosquito Control District and three Supervisors on the Ballantrae CDD Board.

Residents are reminded that candidates for the CDD Board must be registered Pasco voters, and can be renters or landowners – a distinction from HOA Boards, where only landowners can vote or hold elective offices.

Voters began casting ballots at the Ballantrae clubhouse in 2016. Prior to that, they voted at Rasmussen College on SR54 at Sunlake Blvd. and, earlier, at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Leonard Road off U.S. 41.

Voters residing in Suncoast Meadows and Suncoast Pointe, which don't have clubhouses, also vote at the Ballantrae clubhouse as part of Precinct 31. They do not, however, cast ballots for Ballantrae CDD seats.

The clubhouse can easily accommodate Precinct 31's 3,339 voters because of alternative voting options.

Of the 2,512 Precinct 31 voters who cast ballots in 2016,

1,164 did so on election day at the clubhouse while 809 voted at early voting sites elsewhere and 539 voted by mail.

Promoting voting in Ballantrae contributed to just over 75 percent of Precinct 31 voters casting ballots, compared to just under 73 percent of all Pasco voters.

The CDD Board waives the \$50 fee it normally assesses government entities for use of the clubhouse. The Board also waives its receipt of the \$200 paid by the county to those allowing elections to be conducted on their property. 🏠

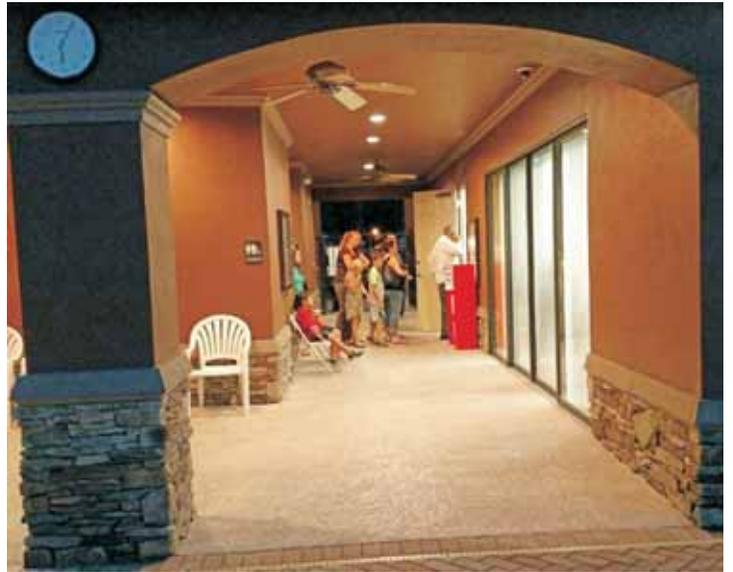


PHOTO COURTESY OF TROOPER JESSE LOPEZ

Voters first cast General Election ballots at the clubhouse in 2016.

## Here's who can register to vote

To be eligible to **register to vote** you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America;
- Be a legal resident of Florida;
- Be a legal resident of the county in which you seek to be registered;
- Be at least 16 years old to preregister or at least 18 years old to register and vote;
- Not be a person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state without having the right to vote restored; and,
- Not be a person convicted of a felony without your civil rights being restored.

You can update your registration record at any time. But since Florida is a closed primary election state, a party change for a primary election must be made by the registration deadline for that election. If the deadline has passed, you can submit an online application to be processed for future elections. 🏠

## Facts you can use



## Easements benefit all residents

CDD easements between homes provide access from the street to our ponds for maintenance work and to prevent flooding.

The two landowners above observed the 10-foot easement on each property line to create 20 feet of access to a pond. That also provides maintenance access to the underground pipe carrying storm water runoff from the street to the pond.

It is illegal to block an easement. Anyone who does so faces potential action by the state, county and/or the Ballantrae HOA.



## Information that's worth repeating ...

The Communicator repeats the items on this page in most editions for the benefit of new residents and those who missed them before. They provide information on some state laws and county ordinances, while supplying some HOA and CDD information as well. We hope you find these items useful!



## Avoid fines by irrigating right day, hours

Residents are reminded that **Pasco mandates** that lawns only be watered on one assigned day each week, and then only during allowed hours.

By confining your residential irrigation to your proscribed days and pre-set hours, you can avoid fines of \$100-\$500 that can be imposed by the county for residential irrigation outside of approved hours and days.

Routine residential lawn watering using sprinklers is restricted in Pasco County to midnight to 8 a.m. or from 6 p.m. to midnight – but not both – on your assigned watering day.

Those assigned days are:

- Addresses with house numbers ending in 0 or 1 irrigate on Monday.
- Those ending in 2 or 3, Tuesday.
- Those ending in 4 or 5, Wednesday.
- Those ending in 6 or 7, Thursday.
- Those ending in 8 or 9, Friday.
- No weekend watering is allowed.

The CDD Board has a variance that allows different parts of our community property to be irrigated on Mondays through Saturdays.

The **variance is posted** on the CDD website at [ballantraecdd.org](http://ballantraecdd.org) at the Other Documents tab at # 5. 📄



## Contain your recyclables

Recyclables will only be picked up, on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month in Ballantrae, if loose in a properly-stickered container.

You can obtain stickers from your trash hauler or from the county. **Pasco's recycling office** can be reached at (727) 856-4539.

You can use a bin, cart, or can; all of which can be found at area hardware retailers. Or you can use your own container. Sticker your container and put it on the curb the night before recycling pickup.

Pasco accepts aluminum cans, metal food cans, plastic bottles, jars and small containers coded 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 (not 6), glass bottles & jars (clear, green, and brown), plus newspaper, paper and cardboard. Put all of them loosely in the same container. 📄

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## Help to keep Ballantrae's streets bright

Ballantrae residents can call the clubhouse maintenance staff to report street light outages.

Or, residents can report street light outages directly to Duke Energy by phone or online.

It takes only a few minutes to report outages in your neighborhood to Duke, and to find out when they will be repaired.

You will need to report the pole number on the street side of the pole (and the address or intersection nearest to the pole, especially for poles without numbers on Ballantrae and Mentmore blvds.)

You can report outages to Duke Energy by calling (800) 228-8485.

Or go to the CDD website at [ballantraecdd.org](http://ballantraecdd.org) to the Other Documents tab # 25. **Fill out the form** you will find there and send it. The process takes just a minute. You will receive a confirming email from Duke in response. Normal repairs usually take just 2-3 days. 📄



## Wi-Fi at the pools

You can connect your wireless device to the CDD's free WiFi network at the pools in Ballantrae Park and in Straiton.

In the park, search for connections and select the "Ballantrae" SSID.

At the Straiton pool, the SSID is "Straiton".

The password for both is "cypress1". The password is all lower case. 📄

## Follow leash, scoop laws

Residents can be fined by the county each time they fail to "scoop the poop" their dog's deposits on someone else's property.

Owners can also be fined if dogs are unleashed outside of an enclosed area – even if its on the owner's property.

Please report all violators to Pasco **Animal Services** at (813) 929-1212. 📄



# CDD seeks your budget input; Pasco explores underpass

By Jim Flateau  
Newsletter Editor

We know.

It sounds too early to talk about next year's budget.

But the CDD Board is very interested in gathering budget ideas from residents as soon as possible for the 2019 fiscal year that begins this Oct. 1.

For reference, the current budget appears on pages 10-11 of this issue.

The Board wants to consider your ideas for inclusion in time for the preliminary budget it will review at its May 14 meeting.

That means hearing from you with your ideas at the meetings on March 5 and April 2.

Then, at the June 4 meeting, the Board expects to adopt its preliminary budget for the coming year.

In the July-August edition of the *Communicator*, we will share the entire preliminary budget with residents.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the budget plan at its Aug. 6 meeting before adopting a final budget.

We will certainly listen to your suggestions at all of our Board meetings. But the earlier ideas are submitted, the more time the Board has to cost them out, prioritize and consider them.

That process has served Ballantrae well.

Current CDD assessment rates were first set in the 2008-09 budget. They haven't risen in the nine budgets enacted since then.

That's in part due to the Board requiring that even the preliminary budget begins as a zero-based document.

That means when the Board considers new spending – say, \$10,000 worth – it must be shown how it can responsibility cut that amount – \$10,000 – elsewhere.

By comparison, we've seen other levels of government simply enact tax rate increases to fund new projects without making cuts in current spending to pay for them.

As the Board moves toward adopting a final budget, Board members and the general public will share in an open discussion as we review all of the spending options that have been submitted.

All residents are invited to attend and monitor what others propose to do with our money.

## Underpass studied at U.S. 41/SR 54

The Pasco Board of County Commissioners expects April delivery of a report evaluating whether it can help alleviate traffic congestion via underpasses at the U.S. 41/SR 54 and the Little Road/SR 54 intersections.

Commissioners are quick to point out they are not endorsing underpasses. They explain they want to know if they are feasible and cost-effective so they can rule them in or out as part of the solution to SR 54 traffic congestion.

You can express your opinion on this or any other county issue by contacting our Commissioner, Mike Wells. He can be reached at [mwells@pascocountyfl.net](mailto:mwells@pascocountyfl.net).

Studies have shown today's 100,000 vehicles per day passing through U.S. 41/SR 54 will exceed 208,000 daily over the next 25 years.

The county is looking at a mix of options to accommodate that increase.

They include at-grade improvements, building elevated lanes above key intersections like these, and a network of frontage roads known as a "parallel flow intersection."

Taxpayers will pay \$15,000 for the underpass study. But the potential public relations reaction it could generate for Commissioners may cost the county more in opposition if they decides to pursue such a plan.

Readers will remember the public uproar a few years ago when the county entertained a private company's proposal to finance and build an elevated highway over SR 54 from Bruce B. Downs Blvd. west to Route 19.

The public debate never really got to whether or not the elevated roadway would have a major positive impact on reducing traffic congestion in our growing county.

It stalled due to substantial opposition that called the proposal, in a word, unsightly. Other residents did not want the highway's profile in front of their neighborhoods.

The final nail was driven into the plan's coffin when the vendor conceded the elevated highway could not be built without public funds or a usage toll.

The underpass idea, if carried forward, may find many residents thinking of one word, one that briefly focused national if not worldwide media on Land O' Lakes last year.

Sinkholes.

Residents are already asking how safe an underpass can be in the epicenter of "Sinkhole Alley," often defined loosely as Hernando, Pasco and Hillsborough counties.

Skeptics may wonder about safety in Pasco, where 336 instances of sinkhole activity were reported from 2003, when the county first started keeping such records, to 2017.

Finally, to be very parochial, some may question an underpass at the U.S. 41/SR 54 intersection. It is only a few miles from the Lake Padgett residential area where news cameras captured a sinkhole – 230 feet wide and 50 feet deep – that opened up last July.

Transportation officials told the *Tampa Bay Times* they are unaware of an underpass at any similar-sized intersection in Florida, but "it doesn't mean it can't be done." Officials did not endorse or oppose the idea.

Experts also point out that undeveloped land allows stormwater to spread, slowly entering the aquifer over a wide area. As land is developed in Land O' Lakes, more retention ponds are being built to hold runoff. They focus collected water and its weight on concentrated areas. That can contribute to even more local sinkhole activity.

History shows that sinkholes often give no warning as to where and when they will occur.

Commissioners should evaluate that concern as well if they mull building underpasses in "Sinkhole Alley." 

**BALLANTRAE CDD  
FY 2017-18 ADOPTED BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND (O&M)**

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ACTUAL	FY 2017 ADOPTED	FY 2017 - 5 MO. 10/01-02/28/2017	FY 2018 ADOPTED	VARIANCE 2017-2018
<b>O&amp;M REVENUES:</b>							
LANDOWNER ASSESSMENTS	\$ 914,879	\$ 912,049	\$ 1,031,399	\$ 1,024,660	\$ 982,649	\$ 1,024,660	\$ -
EXCESS FEES CARRY FORWARD PREVIOUS YEARS	-	-	2,791	-	-	2,791	2,791
CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEARS (FUND BALANCE FORWARD)	-	-	-	-	-	79,516	79,516
OTHER INCOME	7,912	7,411	9,272	-	4,935	-	-
<b>O&amp;M TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>922,791</b>	<b>919,460</b>	<b>1,043,462</b>	<b>1,024,660</b>	<b>987,584</b>	<b>1,106,967</b>	<b>82,307</b>
<b>O&amp;M ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES:</b>							
<b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b>							
SUPERVISOR STIPENDS	10,675	11,600	15,000	14,000	4,800	14,000	-
PAYROLL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEWSLETTER - BIMONTHLY PRINT & MAILING	965	1,291	1,612	2,000	650	10,000	8,000
WEBSITE SERVER & NAME	-	-	168	160	206	880	720
PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY INSURANCE	5,369	2,500	2,658	2,925	2,500	3,300	375
<b>MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>							
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	5,000	5,000	2,938	-	-	-	-
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT	30,000	30,000	34,908	38,200	15,916	53,200	15,000
FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES	5,000	5,000	10,121	-	-	-	-
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	15,000	15,000	5,439	-	-	-	-
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; LEGAL SERVICES</b>							
DISTRICT ENGINEER	29,985	11,637	15,949	17,000	8,098	18,000	1,000
DISTRICT COUNSEL	16,220	15,745	37,433	17,300	6,388	17,300	-
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE: OTHER</b>							
ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT	3,200	3,400	3,600	8,000	-	3,600	(4,400)
DISCLOSURE REPORT	1,100	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
TRUSTEES FEES	3,771	2,200	3,771	3,775	-	3,775	-
PROPERTY APPRAISER FEE	150	150	150	150	-	150	-
LEGAL ADVERTISING	1,133	953	2,033	750	274	750	-
ARBITRAGE REBATE CALCULATION	650	650	650	650	-	650	-
DUES, LICENSSES AND FEES	1,088	1,057	225	1,200	397	1,200	-
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINGENCY	-	-	685	20,000	-	5,000	(15,000)
<b>O&amp;M ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:</b>	<b>129,306</b>	<b>107,183</b>	<b>137,340</b>	<b>127,110</b>	<b>39,229</b>	<b>132,805</b>	<b>5,695</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>							
<b>INSURANCE</b>							
GERNERAL LIABILITY	6,856	5,724	5,000	5,500	10,449	3,025	(2,475)
PROPERTY CASUALTY	4,188	5,354	3,519	3,871	-	5,077	1,206
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>11,044</b>	<b>11,078</b>	<b>8,519</b>	<b>9,371</b>	<b>10,449</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>(1,269)</b>
<b>UTILITY SERVICES</b>							
ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICES	20,920	20,221	20,651	20,500	6,684	21,000	500
ELECTRIC UTILITY - RECREATION FACILITIES	14,543	14,591	12,302	16,000	3,775	15,500	(500)
ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTING	102,180	102,449	100,576	103,500	34,431	103,500	-
UTILITY - WATER - CLUBHOUSE & POOLS	7,484	8,610	13,527	9,500	5,031	10,500	1,000
STORMWATER ASSESSMENT	911	866	1,105	1,105	1,129	2,200	1,095
<b>UTILITY SERVICES SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>146,038</b>	<b>146,737</b>	<b>148,161</b>	<b>150,605</b>	<b>51,050</b>	<b>152,700</b>	<b>2,095</b>
<b>LAKES/PONDS &amp; LANDSCAPE</b>							
<b>LAKES/PONDS: CONTRACTS</b>							
AQUATIC CONTRACT	22,800	22,800	22,800	22,800	9,500	22,800	-
<b>LAKES/PONDS: OTHER</b>							
FOUNTAIN REPAIRS & MAINTNANCE	-	7,591	905	1,500	-	1,500	-
MITIGATION AREAS: MONITOR & MAINTAIN	1,570	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
LAKE/POND REPAIRS	8,850	2,400	15,150	5,000	-	10,000	5,000
INSTALL/REPLACE AQUATIC PLANTS	-	-	4,750	5,000	-	5,000	-
<b>LANDSCAPING: CONTRACTS</b>							
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	247,385	174,507	154,246	144,231	48,077	144,240	9
LANDSCAPE OVERSIGHT/MANAGEMENT	6,000	6,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>LANDSCAPING: OTHER</b>							
IRRIGATION REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	9,313	12,897	9,493	5,000	4,084	12,000	7,000
REPLACE PLANTS, MULCH & TREES	15,395	25,946	24,567	51,212	16,754	77,712	26,500
SOD & SEED REPLACEMENT	-	400	1,259	10,000	-	10,000	-
LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT	-	-	12,305	28,660	-	10,000	(18,660)
EXTRA MOWINGS DURING RAINY SEASON	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
RUST PREVENTION FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM	9,600	10,400	10,185	10,380	3,460	10,380	-
FIELD MISCELLANEOUS (INCLUSIVE OF TRAPPER)	-	-	2,441	-	4,799	13,000	13,000
<b>LAKES/PONDS &amp; LANDSCAPE TOTAL</b>	<b>320,913</b>	<b>262,941</b>	<b>258,101</b>	<b>290,283</b>	<b>86,674</b>	<b>323,132</b>	<b>32,849</b>
<b>STREETS, SIDEWALKS, MAINTENANCE &amp; OPERATIONS</b>							
<b>STREETS &amp; SIDEWALKS</b>							
ENTRY & WALLS MAINTENANCE	-	350	-	2,000	1,625	2,000	-
STREET/DECORATIVE LIGHT MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
SIDEWALK REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	2,600	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
<b>MAINTENANCE STAFF</b>							
EMPLOYEE - SALARIES	55,555	70,289	73,503	76,000	29,654	79,480.00	3,480
EMPLOYEE - P/R TAXES	4,437	5,938	8,698	5,814	2,484	6,083	269
EMPLOYEE - WORKERS COMP	3,612	3,243	3,300	3,960	3,537	3,960	-
PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	-	-	820	1,365	769	1,900.00	535
EMPLOYEE- HEALTH & PHONE STIPENDS	4,800	10,000	7,200	9,600	1,600	9,600	-
MILEAGE	1,267	847	580	1,100	107	1,100	-
<b>STREETS, SIDEWALKS, MAINTENANCE &amp; OPERATIONS</b>	<b>72,271</b>	<b>90,667</b>	<b>94,101</b>	<b>102,339</b>	<b>39,776</b>	<b>106,623</b>	<b>4,284</b>
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**BALLANTRAE CDD  
FY 2017-18 ADOPTED BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND (O&M)**

	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ACTUAL	FY 2017 ADOPTED	FY 2017 - 5 MO. 10/01-02/28/2017	FY 2018 ADOPTED	VARIANCE 2017-2018
<b>83 CLUBHOUSE &amp; SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>							
<b>84 CLUBHOUSE &amp; MISCELLANEOUS</b>							
85 PARK/FIELD REPAIRS	-	2,094	3,365	2,000	-	2,000	-
86 CLUBHOUSE FACILITY MAINTENANCE	9,598	6,969	2,256	9,000	2,300	9,000	-
87 CLUBHOUSE TELEPHONE/INTERNET/FAX	3,816	3,933	4,028	4,200	1,676	4,200	-
88 MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES (INCLUSIVE OF DEBIT CARD)	3,419	2,153	1,031	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
89 POOL/FOUNTAIN/SPALSH PAD MAINTENANCE	10,067	10,169	8,163	7,200	9,444	7,200	-
90 POOL PERMITS	-	-	705	-	-	750	750
91 SEASONAL LIGHTING	8,000	9,000	26,200	15,000	10,700	10,000	(5,000)
92 PEST CONTROL	-	-	755	-	160	520	520
93 CLUBHOUSE MISCELLANEOUS	6,877	10,712	7,297	10,000	2,251	17,500	7,500
<b>94 SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>							
95 PART-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	38,590	35,760	41,960	50,000	8,600	50,000	-
96 SALARY FOR SUMMER MONITOR AT BOTH POOLS	14,978	13,420	16,911	23,500	259	23,500	-
97 EMPLOYEE P/R TAXES	1,215	1,128	1,388	2,000	-	2,000	-
98 EMPLOYEE WORKER'S COMP	1,226	1,030	1,111	1,300	-	1,300	-
99 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE	95	-	185	-	-	-	-
100 SECURITY - OTHER (GATE SERVICE)	-	-	3,974	-	105	1,000	1,000
<b>101 CLUBHOUSE &amp; SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>	<b>97,881</b>	<b>96,368</b>	<b>119,329</b>	<b>127,700</b>	<b>38,995</b>	<b>132,470</b>	<b>4,770</b>
<b>102 O&amp;M CONTINGENCY &amp; CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>							
103 O&M Contingency	25,318	6,618	13,997	27,102	34,257	34,257	7,155
<b>105 TOTAL O&amp;M CONTINGENCY &amp; CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>25,318</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>13,997</b>	<b>27,102</b>	<b>34,257</b>	<b>34,257</b>	<b>7,155</b>
<b>106 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>802,771</b>	<b>721,592</b>	<b>779,548</b>	<b>834,510</b>	<b>300,430</b>	<b>890,089</b>	<b>55,579</b>
<b>108 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPEND.</b>	<b>120,020</b>	<b>197,868</b>	<b>263,914</b>	<b>190,150</b>	<b>687,154</b>	<b>216,878</b>	<b>26,728</b>
<b>111 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)</b>							
<b>109 RESERVES TRANSFERS OUT-OTHER FINANCING USES</b>							
110 EMERGENCY RESERVE	100,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
111 ASSET RESERVE	69,458	50,000	-	50,000	-	41,878	(8,122)
112 BILL PAYMENT RESERVE	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
113 PARK DEVELOPMENT RESERVE	110,150	110,150	175,000	140,150	-	175,000	34,850
<b>114 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)</b>	<b>379,608</b>	<b>185,150</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>190,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216,878</b>	<b>26,728</b>
<b>115 O&amp;M TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,959,832</b>	<b>906,742</b>	<b>954,548</b>	<b>1,024,660</b>	<b>300,430</b>	<b>1,106,967</b>	<b>82,307</b>

## Ballantrae CDD's dedicated reserves continue to grow

CDD assessments were last raised in August 2008. That's when landowners supported the Board's plan to raise assessments to establish reserves promoting the goals and financial interests of our landowners.

The reserves also benefit home property values. Buyers, realtors and lending institutions look favorably when writing mortgages in communities that fund and grow such reserves. That's because reserves reduce the need for constant annual increases in assessments and avoid unexpected, mid-year special assessments to cover unanticipated costs.

Reserves described below are in part funded through the Board's 2015 refinance of debt that then totaled \$8 million. After the CDD received an "A" rating for its financial health, the bond interest rate was reduced from 6 percent down to 3.529 percent. That saved landowners about \$125,000 a year in interest payments that was applied to O&M spending. That savings will reduce interest payments on the bonds by a total of \$2.5 million over the next 20 years. The Board and developer M/I Homes also agreed that the developer would accept a 2015 payment of \$200,000 in full satisfaction of the \$1 million M/I was owed over 20 years for money the developer put into Ballantrae beyond bond revenue.

Descriptions of the four reserves, their purposes and projected balances are:

### Park Development Reserve

It is designed to eventually pay to build a new community clubhouse and to convert the existing one into a community fitness center.

Current Balance:	\$608,784
2017-18 Budget	\$175,000
Projected total:	\$783,784

### Emergency Reserve

Unexpected natural disasters and unanticipated emergencies do occur. This reserve helps us be prepared to respond to them.

Current Balance:	\$226,399
2017-18 Budget:	\$0
Projected total:	\$226,399

### Asset Reserve

There are capital projects that need to be done periodically, like re-roofing the clubhouse, relining the pools, etc. This reserve schedules that work.

Current Balance:	\$353,949
2017-18 Budget	\$41,878
Projected total:	\$395,827

### Bill Payment Reserve

The fiscal year begins Oct. 1 but the CDD Board does not receive assessments until late November. This reserve helps pay early bills.

Current Balance:	\$150,369
2017-18 Budget:	\$0
Projected total:	\$150,369

# Rules for obtaining a Ballantrae CDD photo ID “swipe card”

***Please read both pages before applying for card(s):***

Only photo ID “swipe cards” issued by the CDD Board of Supervisors will open gated facilities within Ballantrae. The card controls gate access [1] in Ballantrae Park to the clubhouse and pool plus the basketball and tennis courts, as well as [2] to the CDD-owned pool in Straiton. Everyone seeking an individual photo ID swipe card must be at least 13 years of age, show proof of age and CDD membership as described below.

The CDD Board adopted the photo ID swipe card system in 2011 to address two main objectives sought by many of our CDD members:

- To reduce crowding by limiting use to the paying members of our CDD and approved guests.
- To foster peaceful enjoyment by allowing the CDD Board to suspend the privileges of anyone who disrupts usage of the facilities, misbehaves and/or refuses to follow posted rules.

Swipe cards are only available at the clubhouse. The resident homeowner/renter must be present when any household member requests a photo ID card. The resident landowner/renter accepts responsibility for actions by home card holders. The process of filling out an application and getting a card takes only a few minutes:

- Call the clubhouse (345-8565) to set an appointment or to ask questions about getting a card.
- Come to the clubhouse between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. any day of the week and take “pot luck” if maintenance staff is available to process your card(s).
- Applications can be obtained online at the CDD website at [ballantraecdd.org](http://ballantraecdd.org) at the Clubhouse & Amenities tab at the end of the third paragraph.

The following categories of photo ID cards are issued:

- Adult residents (18 and older) who document home ownership or rental in Ballantrae.
- Adults that those owners/renters document reside with them (such as adult children),
- Adults that those owners/renters identify as caregivers to their minor child(ren) as described in the Caregiver form available at the clubhouse and online at the CDD website at [ballantraecdd.org](http://ballantraecdd.org) at the Clubhouse & Amenities tab at the end of the third paragraph.
- Adult non-residents who wish to pay to become CDD members. The annual non-resident user fee is \$1,800, non-refundable, for the period of Oct. 1-Sept. 30. A pro-rated fee of \$150/month shall be charged for those that wish to purchase during the fiscal year and shall be calculated to reflect the number of months remaining in the fiscal year (number of months remaining multiplied by \$150).
- Minors between the ages of 13-17, for whom adult landowner/renter members document custody and request swipe cards.

The first two photo ID cards per member household resident are issued for free. Additional cards require pre-payment of a \$5 fee. No “family” swipe cards are issued. Each resident age 13 and older must have their own, individual swipe card bearing their photo, name and address. Adults receive cards with a green box around their photo. A red box surrounds the photo on cards issued to minors (age 13-17). Nonresident adult caregiver card photos are enclosed in a blue box.

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## **Residency and age documentation required when applying for a photo ID card:**

### **1. PROOF OF RESIDENCY:**

- Home ownership: Ownership is automatically confirmed if a Ballantrae residence is owner-occupied and the name(s) of owner(s) appear on county tax records. If not, resident ownership can be proven with a copy of the property's tax bill, or any other legal document confirming resident's ownership.
- Rental status: Renter(s) must produce that part of their lease bearing their name(s) and the Ballantrae residence address, dates of tenancy and the name and signature of the property owner or manager.
- For other adults residing with resident homeowners or renters: they can prove co-residency with a driver's license showing that Ballantrae address, or USPS mail delivered in their name to that Ballantrae address.
- For caregivers and nonresident CDD members: produce a driver's license showing their current address or USPS mail delivered in their name to their current address.

### **2. PROOF OF AGE:**

- For adults: a valid driver's license, other government-issued photo ID or birth certificate.
- For minors: A parent or legal guardian must accompany all minors seeking cards. The parent or guardian must show the minor's birth certificate, state-issued photo ID or some other official document confirming [1] the adult's custodial status and [2] the minor's date of birth or age.

### **In applying for and then in using a swipe ID card, applicants acknowledge that:**

- Cardholders will follow all posted rules as well as direction given by any member of the Board of Supervisors, its staff and/or law enforcement.
- Cardholders will use only their own ID card and will show it to staff upon request.
- Cardholders will not allow anyone else to use their card.
- Cardholders will observe the daily opening/closing hours for use of CDD facilities.
- Cardholders 18 years of age and older may bring in up to four "guests" (nonresidents or residents not in possession of their own ID card). Cardholder must remain on premises and supervise "guests" as long as any are on-site.
- Cardholders between 13-17 years of age are not allowed any "guests" at any time.
- Caregivers are limited to bringing in as "guests" only the child(ren) they supervise.
- Children under age 13 must at all times be accompanied and supervised by an adult cardholder, who must take all children with them when they leave.

**Refusal to comply with these rules may result in confiscation of photo ID "swipe card," suspension of access privileges and/or the filing of trespassing charges at the discretion of the Ballantrae CDD Board of Supervisors, its representatives or law enforcement.**

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# Here's how to contact our elected representatives

## In Washington

### The President

**Donald J. Trump**  
Four-year term expiring in 01/2021

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Phone: (202) 456-1414  
Fax: None listed on website  
Email: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

### The Senate

**Bill Nelson**  
Six-year term expiring 01/2019

Main Office	District Office
716 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510	801 N. Florida Ave. – 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: (202) 224-5274	(813) 225-7040
Fax: (202) 228-2183	(813) 225-7050
Email: email thru website: <a href="mailto:billnelson.senate.gov">billnelson.senate.gov</a>	

### Marco Rubio

Six-year term expiring 01/2023  
284 Russell Senate Office Bldg.      Gibbons Courthouse Rm 1130  
801 N. Florida Ave.  
Washington, D.C.20510      Tampa, FL 33602  
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### The House

#### Gus Bilirakis

12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Two-year term expiring 01/2019  
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Washington, D.C. 20515      New Port Richey, FL 34654  
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## In Tallahassee

### The Governor

**Rick Scott**  
Four-year term expiring in 01/2019

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Phone: (850) 488-7146  
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### State Senate

#### Wilton Simpson

10<sup>th</sup> District  
Four-year term expiring 01/2019

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## In Pasco

### Board of County Commissioners

#### Mike Wells

4<sup>th</sup> District  
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### School District

#### Kurt Browning

District Superintendent  
Four-year term expiring 11/2020

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District School Board of Pasco County  
Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

Phone: (813) 794-2651  
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Email: [ksbsos@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ksbsos@pasco.k12.fl.us)

#### Alison Crumbley

4<sup>th</sup> District, Member  
Four-year term expiring 11/2020

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District School Board of Pasco County  
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Land O' Lakes, FL 34638



## Aerator (again) helps clean pond

The CDD spent \$800 to buy and install a new motor (left) to pump water through hoses (at right) to a bubbler (below) to aerate the central pond in Straiton 24/7. The shallow pond presents a constant challenge to keep it free of algae and other growth, including plant life.

CDD vendor American Ecosystems sometimes resorts to using a boat (above) to keep Pond # 4 clear and healthy by spreading chemicals or to cut and remove plants.

Residents are reminded any cleaning fluids, oils or other liquids dumped in the street wind up in the pond. 🏠

