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**Subject:** MILLIONS MORE WILL SOON BE HERE

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**Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:**

**The Planning to Stay element of our Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan recognizes that successful communities are central to a resilient neighborhood...one that is sustainable! It also states that " Redevelopment and infill must be compatible with and support the viability of the existing neighborhoods". Policy 1.17.2 of the Comprehensive Plan states that : "Pinellas County will.....make decisions...that do not detract from the established community identity".**

Destruction of the Tides GC Recreational Open Space which is the center piece of our Neighborhood cuts at the very heart of our Beloved Community! **IT SIGNIFIES ALL THAT IS GOOD AND SPECIAL ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY!**

*In 2014, Florida voters overwhelmingly passed an amendment to use a slice of existing real estate taxes to preserve environmentally sensitive land and water resources. Few likely voted for it as a way to keep us globally competitive. Even so, it could help do just that. A decade from now, another 5 million people could be living here, according to some forecasts. That's more than the entire state of Alabama. By 2030, the population could exceed 26 million, more*

~~than everyone who currently lives in Australia.~~

We all saw what Hurricane Charlie did to the Panhandle of Florida, especially the Mexico Beach area! The Tides GC Recreational Open Space is our buffer during stormy times from the millions of gallons of flood waters that flow down from our Community. It presents us ~~our~~ escape through recreation that helps secure our Special Quality of Life in our Neighborhood!

The owner of the Tides Golf Course is just putting his finishing touches on his fencing around the Tides Golf Course! This is the look we are getting now instead of our TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE that so many thousands of people want and miss!

Dear Commissioners and Members of our LPA Board and County Engineers, we are asking you to Protect Our UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY from this terrible destruction. Instead of this:

We want to PRESERVE THIS:

Dear Members of Our Pinellas County Governing Bodies, when a REDEVELOPMENT PLAN comes before you to destroy our BELOVED TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE we are asking you to:

**VOTE NO TO ANY REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY LAND DESIGNATION CHANGE FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGES TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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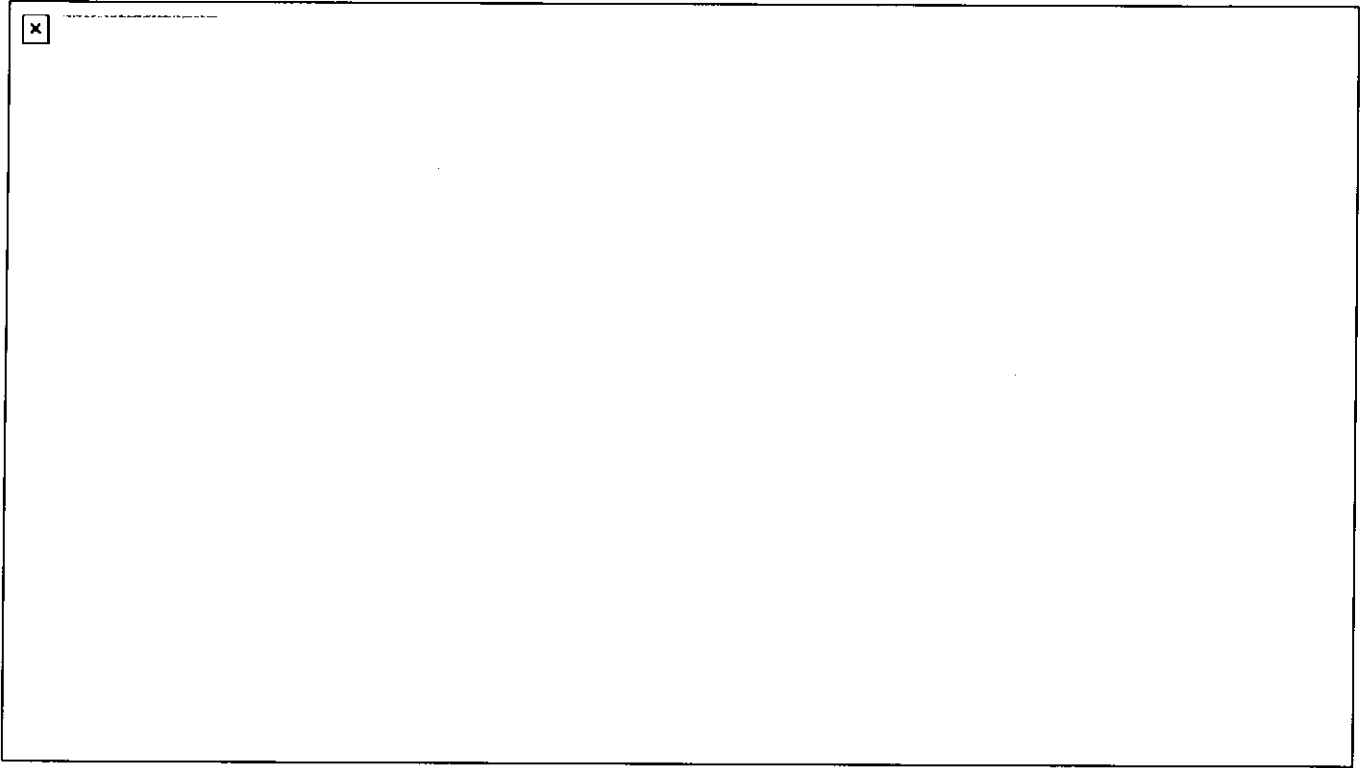
**Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineering Group:**

**A Community's Right to Peaceful Enjoyment of Their Property!**

**What a beautiful Statement.** It has been so true for our Community for over 45 + years. Living on the Tides Golf Course was peaceful and serene. 39 other homes had the same blessing of being on land that offered so many natural advantages.

Beautiful Sun Sets!

Hundreds of different types of birds paying you visits as the wood storks like these did to my house below!



This year we have also been treated with the return of our Eagles.



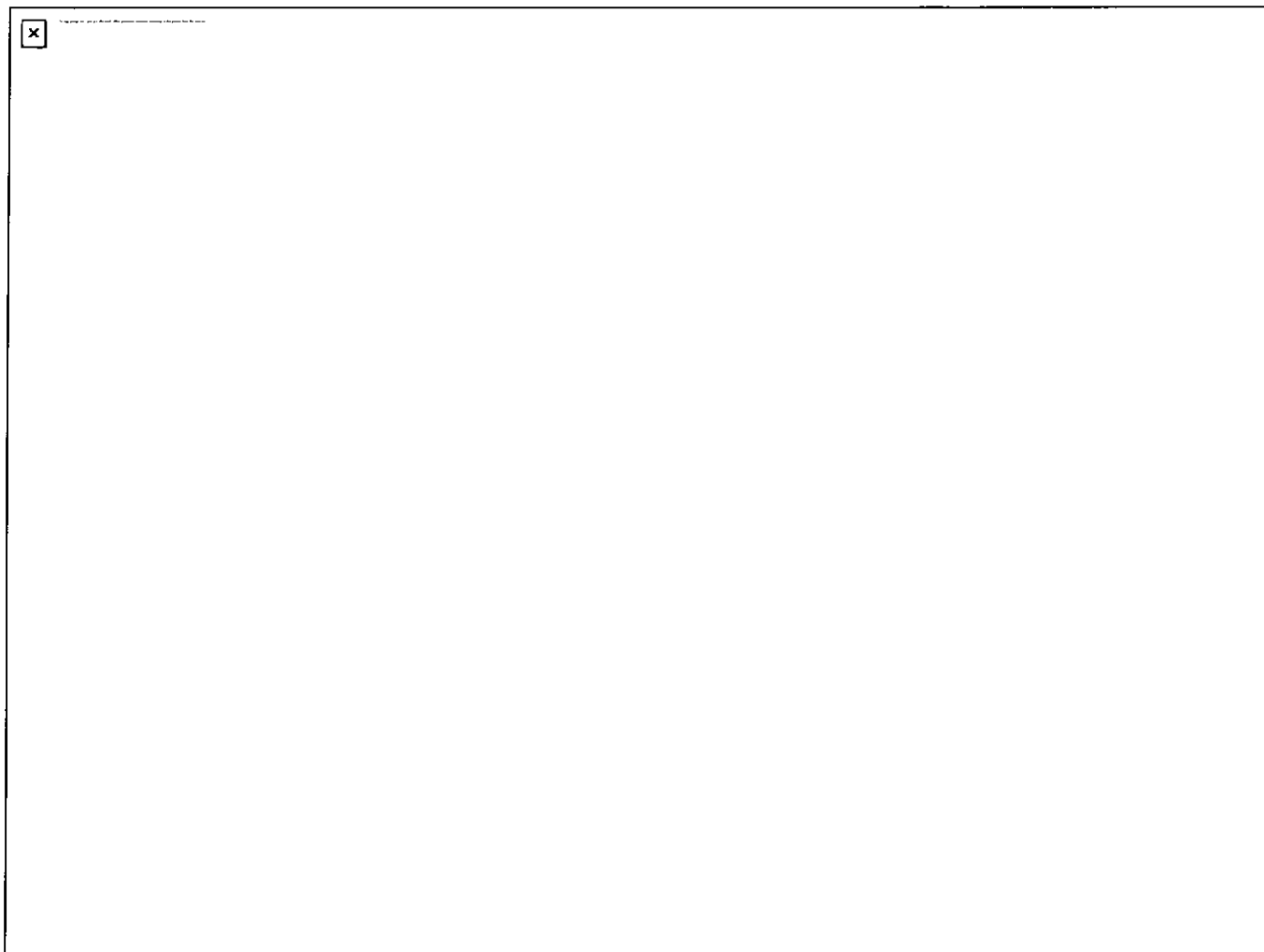
Every year for at least the past 15 years a pair of Eagles come to the Tides. They sit in a tree like this One is then swoop down and get their prey. We have yet to find their nest, but we know it is on the Tides or very near!

**This year five Eagles came to the Tides. Two adults and three youngsters!**

We feel the Tides has become their home away from home and their breeding

grounds for their young!

This is the beauty of the Tides...it abounds with all types of wildlife including an occasional alligator!



One of the most precious moments was when I saw this picture of the Baby Owls nesting in a tree on the Tides!



**Our Comprehensive Plan talks about a "COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT OF OUR PROPERTY"! Living on the Tides with all of it's Wildlife, her beautiful surroundings, the vast openness of it's land! Commissioners, this is truly a WONDEROUS PLACE to be part of.**

**Objective 1.4 of the Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element of our Comprehensive plan requires our Pinellas County to: "protect it's open spaces and scenic vistas for their contribution to quality of life". Policy 1.4.3 states that "Pinellas County will encourage and incentivize the retention and reestablishment of open vistas, where appropriate, with particular emphasis on coastal areas and lands surrounding parks and environmental lands".**

Our Community has enjoyed for over 45+ years the visual access to this open space/scenic vista called the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space! The rolling grasses of the Tides, it's manicured fairways, the beautiful sloping elevations that meander down to our Boca Ciega Bay! Dear Commissioners this is a **VERY UNIQUE RESOURCE OF OUR COMMUNITY WE DARE NOT LOSE IT! AS YOU**

**KNOW..... IT COULD NEVER BE DUPLICATED AGAIN!**

This Developer realizes he **has almost stolen a GEM** of a property to as his lawyer has said to REDEVELOP! **WE MUST STOP HIM!**

**Dear Commissioners when this development plan comes before you in the near future, and it will, please:**

**VOTE NO TO ANY REDEVELOPMENT TO THE TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY REZONING OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**Respectfully,**

**Ron Stephens**

**SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

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SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com>  
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County Commissioners Listen To The Voices of Their COMMUNITY

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**Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,  
Members of our LPA Board, and Ladies and  
Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineers:**

**I would like you to read below what happens when a Community Feels strongly about an injustice being perpetrated on them! What happens when their County Commissioners Listened To Their Voices and protected their Community and make a righteous ruling!**

**Also, what types of excuses that the Developer tried to use to secure his path to the Development Plan being accepted! Many of these same excuses you will hear from Mr. Hills why he feels he is just in his quest to REDEVELOP our Beloved Tides Golf Course! The person that investigated this case and is now commenting on it, knows our Beloved Tides Golf Course quite well. Please listen closely to what he has to say.**

**In 2014, a community in East Orlando (Eastwood Community Association) took on a developer trying to destroy their Eastwood golf course and their way of life. They organized, fought back, and WON, saving the golf course they all dearly loved with the motto "Keep The Course". That same golf course today is thriving and has recently installed new greens. The**

residents have also finalized paperwork which protects their properties, the area, and the land for 30 years.

Many of the excuses given to them in 2014, by the developers attorney, are the same excuses WE were given in June of 2018, and most likely will hear over and over again during the zoning application. These are the same lies that are used by developers all over to make you believe that golf is just not a “viable” business anymore. If you hear it enough, you may just start to believe it. Ask yourself, why does a “Tampa land developer” or any developer buy a golf course when they have NO background in golf operations. The answer is simple – **greed to develop the land, not run a golf course.**

Therefore, as a business, everything must be done to destroy the success of said business, in our case, failure to maintain the course properly and raise the fees to drive away the numbers, it's really simple. Developers and their representatives love to site national statistics compiled mostly by the same people who shut these courses down and raise rates making participation numbers go down. Funny how it works! Also funny is the fact that NO DUE DILIGENCE was done WITH the residents, visitors, or this golfing community BEFORE closing down. Why not have “charrettes” BEFORE closing so that this community could have helped this “golf course owner” keep the business “VIABLE”? And, why hide your identity behind an LLC?

WE, as a community, have many questions for TTGC, LLC, most likely for lawyer Joel Tew because we have never and probably

will never get to meet Jeff Hills or Ron Carpenter. They, along with Pinellas County Commissioners and Staff, will have the chance to see how much WE want this developer out of our backyard and our beloved Tides Golf Course returned to a community that has invested in it for DECADES, NOT FOR ONLY 18 MONTHS! By the way, if the developer thinks by closing the Tides Golf Course down that he would get rid of the golfers' support, only to fight the homeowners near the course, guess again! He should have gotten to know his community, members, regulars, and guests a little bit better!

Get your questions ready and if you would like to see a community in action during a "CHARRETTE" process, check out the video link below.

"There are three types of lies -- lies, damn lies, and statistics."

*(copy and paste link if it will not open)*

**Eastwood Golf Course Redevelopment Community Hearing**

**11/12/2014**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goNNoNzHokY>

**Hundreds of residents show up to save community golf course**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GYMKPVAPsA>

**Dear COMMISSIONERS.....SAVE THE TIDES GC RECREATIONAL  
OPEN SPACE!**

**LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens


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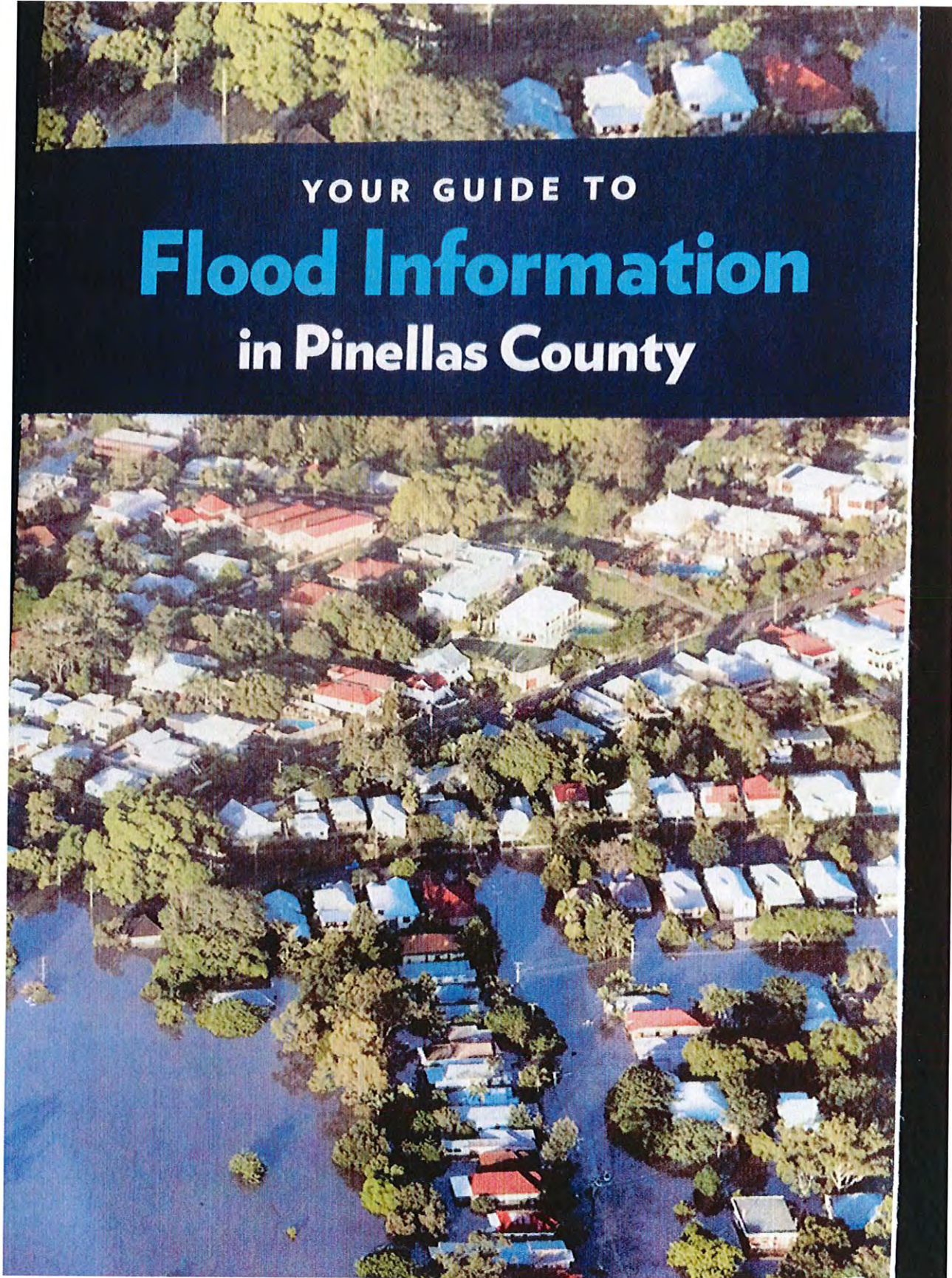
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**Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of  
our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our  
County Engineers:**

In our Pinellas County Guide to FLOOD INFORMATION,



YOUR GUIDE TO  
**Flood Information**  
in Pinellas County

in their Did YOU Know portion, Our County states:  
**Natural Flood Plains provide storage for Flood waters and buffer the coastal areas from Storm Surges. They also improve water quality, recharge aquifers, improve wildlife habitat and provide recreational opportunities!**

**The above words describe our BELOVED TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE to a TEE!**

The Tides (OUR NATURAL FLOOD PLAIN) is surrounded by our Community of 1,000 homes! It keeps our Community from flooding by allowing the Neighborhood flood waters to flow across the Tides providing all of the PLUS POINTS that the Pinellas Flood Guide spells out.

In an article in the Tampa Bay Times entitled **Pay Again and Again...**

**Pay again and again**

Hurricane Michael reminds us it's past time to get smarter about where we build ashore far away from any big city. Even so, early estimates put its damage tally at up to \$4.5 billion, not including losses covered by the National Flood Insurance Program and damage to uninsured property.

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**GRAHAM BRINK**  
*On Business*

It's no surprise, then, that even when adjusted for inflation, nine of the 10 costliest U.S. storms have struck in the past 15 years. The exception is Hurricane Andrew, a Category 5 brute that slammed into South Florida in 1992.

Three of the top five — Harvey, Maria and Irma — hit last year. They caused a whopping \$265 billion in damage.

Just how much is that? It's the cost of a dozen Hurricane Charleys, the buzz saw that devastated Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte in 2004. It's 14 Hurricanes Hugos, the legendary Category 4 storm that gutted South Carolina in 1989. It's 25 Hurricane Camilles, the second-most powerful storm ever, which rolled ashore on Mississippi's coast in 1969 packing 175 mph winds and a stunning 24 feet of storm surge. And, yes, all those rates are adjusted for inflation.

Comparing storm damage comes with caveats. No two hurricanes hit the same place packing the same level of misery. We also have more tools for estimating overall costs.

Still, when Glenn McGillivray, managing director at the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, speaks with insurance company executives, they often tell him: "Oh yeah. We are paying a lot more for these types of events. No question about it."

McGillivray worries that the costs will escalate and that taxpayers will get the bill.

"What we build, how we build and where we build are the three big drivers of loss," he said. "We still build too much way too close to known dangers."

Updated building codes have helped. In Florida, new homes require shatter-proof windows and straps that tie the roof to walls. Particle board is prohibited for structural uses. Inspections are tougher and more consistent, too.

In flood zones, new homes are built higher, sometimes on stilts. On a bigger scale, there's talk of dikes, levees and other

**Costliest U.S. hurricanes**

1. Katrina (2005) \$160 million
2. Harvey (2017) \$125 million
3. Maria (2017) \$90 million
4. Sandy (2012) \$70.2 million
5. Irma (2017) \$50 million

\*Adjusted for inflation into 2017 dollars. Includes Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.  
 Source: National Hurricane Center

require tough, iron-willed, innovative policies. Expect strong local economies at least temporarily, nothing ensures financial pain.

We're already this folly. Florida's highest home price rates in the national flood program needs a major taxpayer moratorium. The Federal Emergency Management Agency billions in aid and local government construction of a considerable property.

And it's going worse. The way like rocket fuel. Expect strong ones more likely amounts of Harvey dropped last year. To steal all we've experienced change on train.

"It's a matter of pay even more," vray said. "Or, do, pay again and again."

Contact Graham Brink at [gbrink@tampabay.com](mailto:gbrink@tampabay.com) or [@GrahamBrink](https://twitter.com/GrahamBrink)

It Stated that the reason storms are becoming so expensive cost wise is because

**we are constructing in Flood Plains and then rebuilding in the same areas** once these structures are destroyed! Plus the structures are more costly because of their size and modern standards.

Hurricane Michael rumbled ashore far from any big city, yet it's damage tally as of October, 2018 was \$4.5 Billion in losses! "The three big drivers of such losses is **WHAT WE BUILD, HOW WE BUILD AND WHERE WE BUILD!**" "We still build too much way to close to known dangers".

Let's face it **CLIMATE is CHANGING and SEAS are RISING!**

**IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO BUILD IN A 500 YEAR FLOOD ZONE WHICH IS WHAT THE TIDES GOLF COURSE IS!**

***Remember in the past decade we have had more than 26 of these 500 YEAR FLOOD ZONE STORMS !***

***We need to get smarter and stop building in areas that are flood zones....and destroying our natural Flood Plains that protect us from flooding!***

***Dear County Commissioners, when it comes before you, and it will, do not let a builder push you into destroying a beautiful Gem in our Community that we call the Tides GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!***

***Vote not to any designation change to the Tides Golf Course!***

***Vote No to any zoning change to the Tides Golf Course!***

***Vote No to any development of the Tides Golf Course!***

***Respectfully,***

***Ron Stephens***

***Save The Tides GC Recreational Open Space***



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**Dear County Commissioners, Members of Our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:**

**Congratulations is in order for our Pinellas County Commissioners...they fought for the People of Pinellas County against a developer and won! Thank You Commissioners for staying the Course!**

## Supreme Court halts Pinellas' pricey battle with developer

JANELLE IRWIN TAYLOR 15 hours ago

Pinellas County taxpayers are officially off the hook for a \$16.5 million claim from a developer who says it was wrongfully denied rezoning permits to build a 246-unit luxury apartment in Safety Harbor.

***The Florida Supreme Court has ruled in favor of Our Pinellas County Commissioners! They listened to the Residents of Safety Harbor and helped them win their case.***

That means commissioners can finally put to bed the issue that has resulted in a giant bill threatening the government's budget for years. It could also set precedent for future zoning disputes as the county's alleged disregard over charter in favor of resident concerns has now been upheld by the state's highest court.

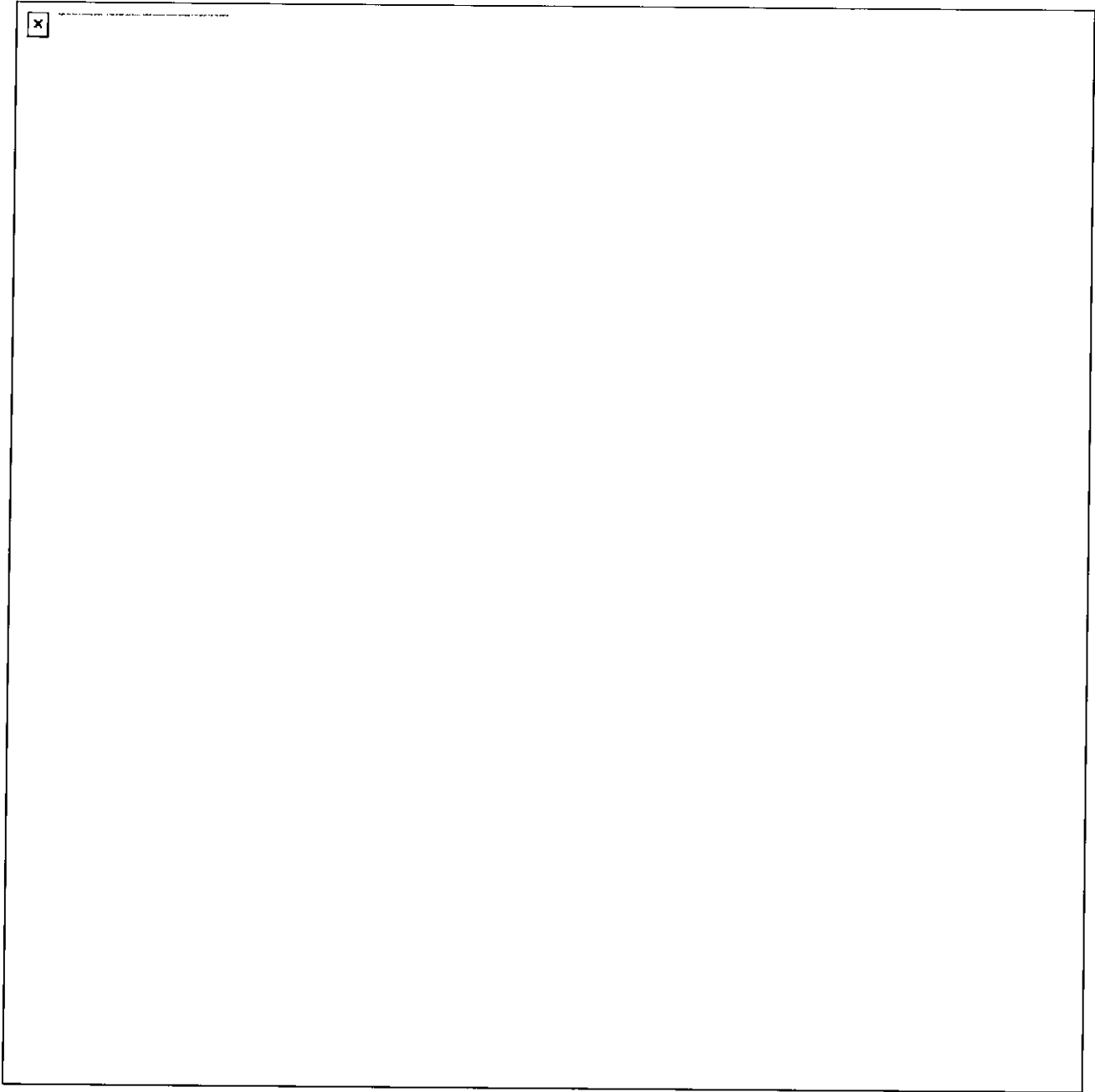
This brings us into our battle with Mr. Jeffery Hills...current Tides owner!

This battle will be one for the Citizens of our Community, but also for All of Pinellas County plus the destruction of a habitat that holds thousands of animal, mammal and bird residents!

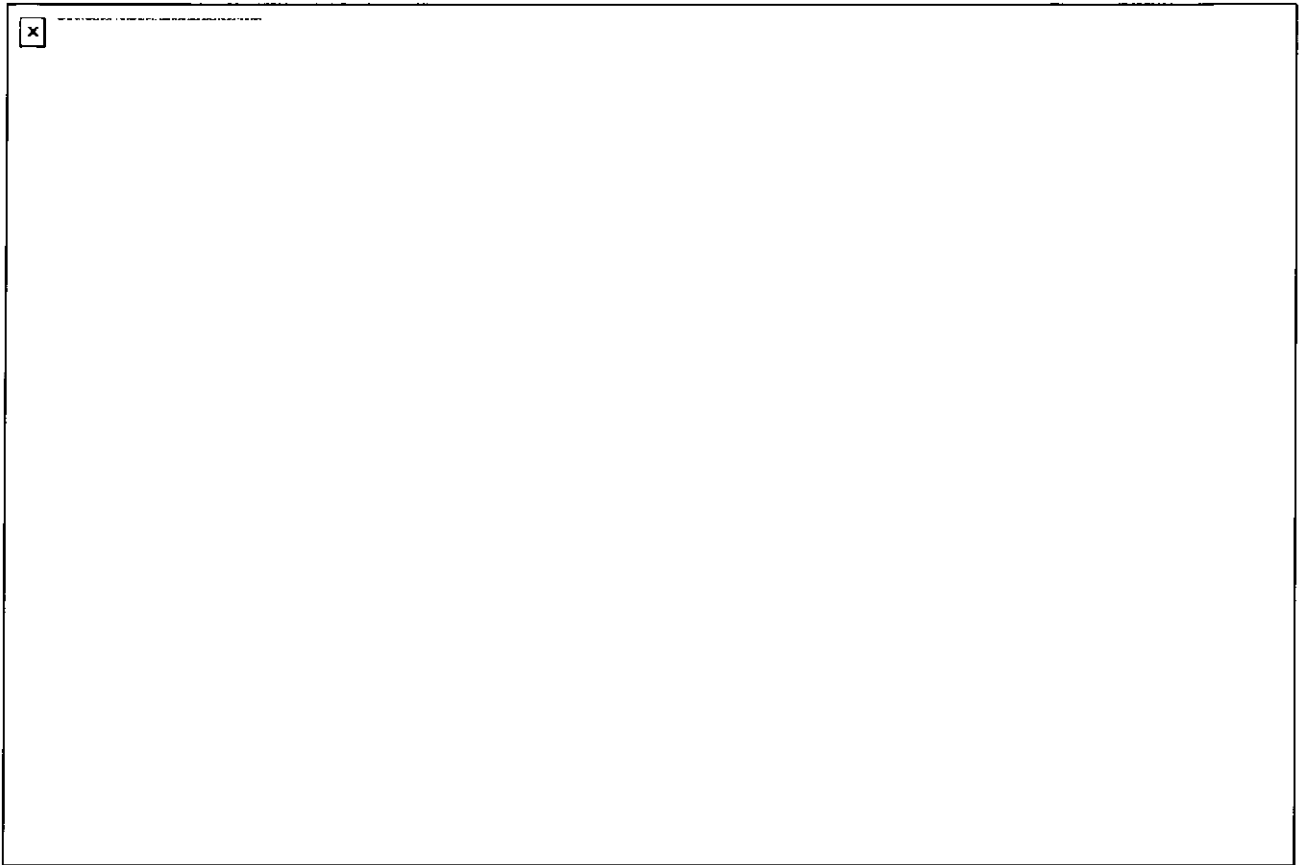
The other day Colleen, who lives on the North Side of the Tides Golf Course, posted the following with pictures for all to see on our Web Site:

**From Colleen Nolan-Dannemiller: "There are two adult bald eagles and 3 juveniles. They can be seen everyday in the pine trees or on the power posts on the Tides Golf Course. "**

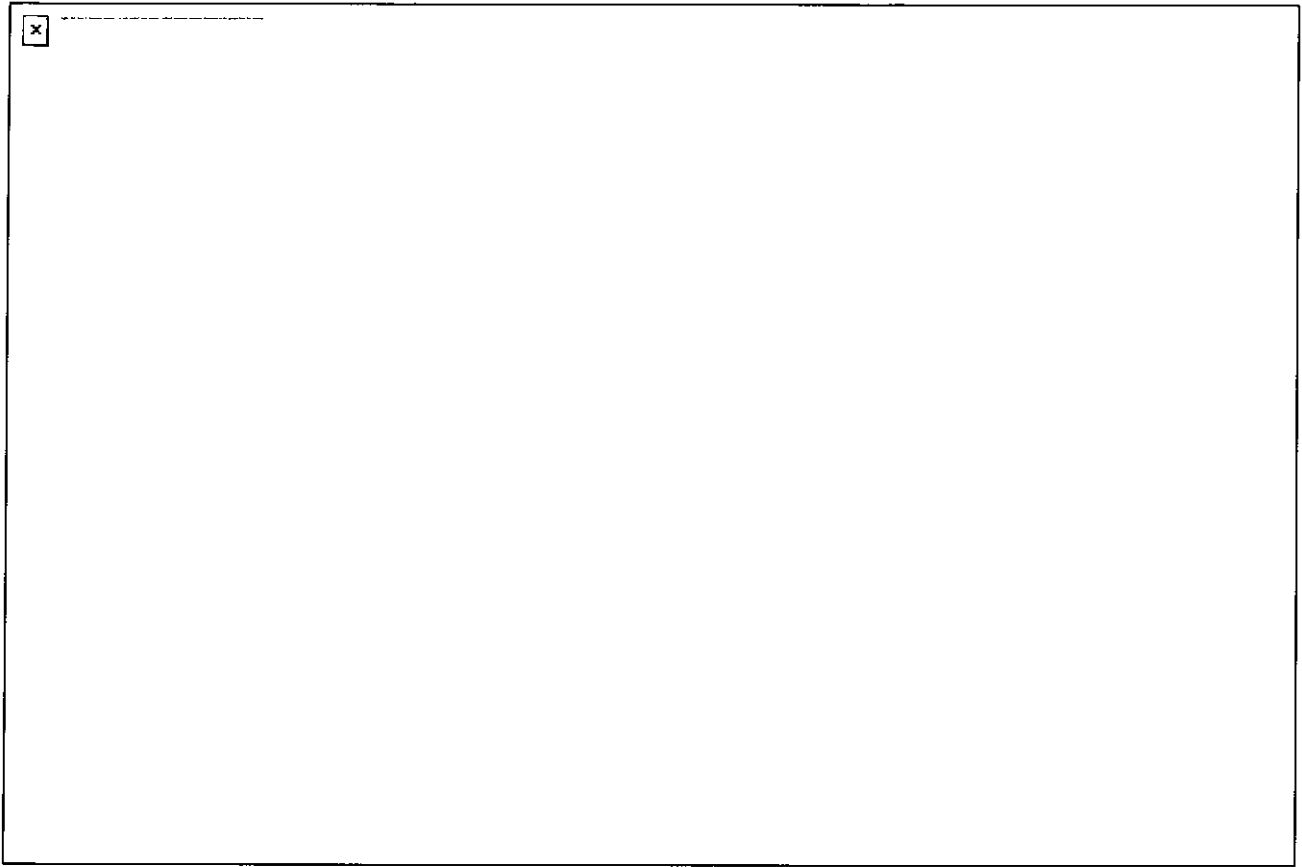
For years now, maybe 18 or more, a pair of Eagles have been coming to the Tides Golf Course! We have never found their nest, but we know it is the reason they are here. Now Five(5) Eagles appear, three being juveniles!



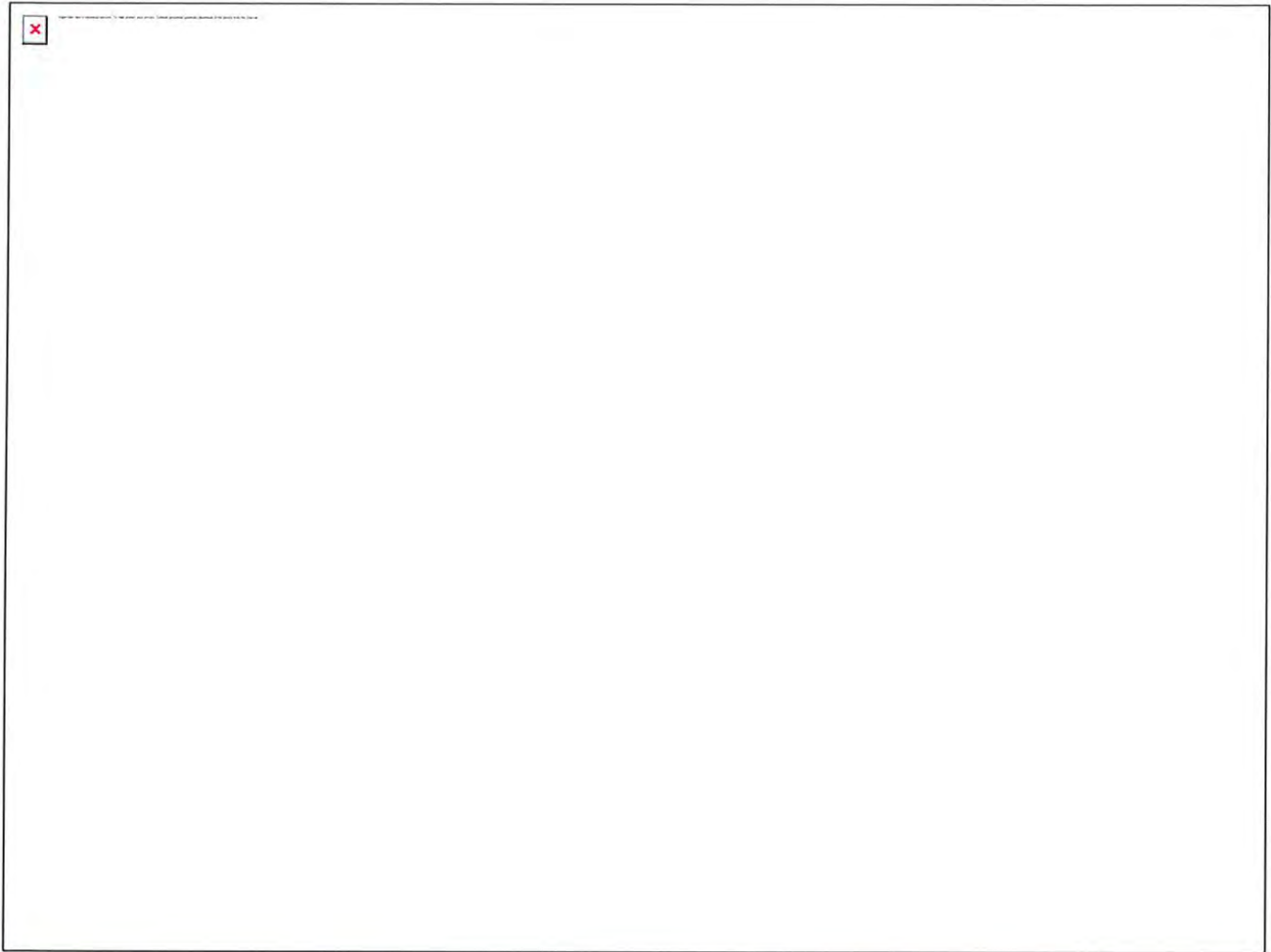
Residents of the Tides have photographed them in the trees:



Photographed them in flight:



Photographed them on light posts:



**This is what our Tides GC Recreational Open Space is all about.** It has been the Play Ground for hundreds of Thousands of Golfers over the years while being the play ground and hunting ground for all kinds of Mother Nature's Species....One of the Most Majestic being our Beloved Eagle!

*Dear Commissioners, our Community is United and Strong in their Message...**WE WANT TO SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE from being destroyed and REDEVELOPED! It just does not make any sense to see this BEAUTIFUL RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE DESTROYED !!!The Many Species of Birds and Animals that Live and hunt here need OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS support!***

*The residents and visitors to the Tides know the loss of this Beautiful Recreational Open Space will be a great loss to our County and NEVER,NEVER AGAIN BE DUPLICATED!*

**Dear COMMISSIONERS, WE NEED YOU TO FIGHT FOR US LIKE YOU FOUGHT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SAFETY HARBOR!**

Dear Commissioners...When this development plan comes before you and it will... stay strong as you did with the SAFETY HARBOR Community!

**VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY REZONING OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

Respectfully,

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## **Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineers:**

In 2017, our Pinellas County Commissioners picked as their Slogan:  
**DOING THINGS FOR YOU!**



**This is exactly what we will need for our UNINCORPORATED SEMINOLE COMMUNITY ( DOING THINGS FOR US) as the owner of the Tides Golf Course tries to develop OUR precious gem of an open space!**

Our County is currently, as we all know, the SECOND SMALLEST COUNTY in the State of Florida. NOW, Population wise, we are not just the MOST

**DENSELY POPULATED COUNTY, BUT TWICE THE DENSITY POPULATION WISE OF ANY COUNTY IN FLORIDA!**

Our 2017 census, put our **population at 970,637**. Our area that we populate is **608 square miles**. That equates to **389,120 acres of land**.

The significance of these statistics is that recreation wise for those of us that want to play golf...**we have 5017 acres of golf courses on the books**. With Airco, Baypoint gone and the Tides possibly destroyed...**we now have 343 less acres to play on or a loss of 6.7% of Recreational Open Space**.

Add to that **1901 acres of golf course land that is private** (only their members can play there) that **eliminates 37.9% more of the golf courses available for VISITORS TO OUR PINELLAS COUNTY!**

**We cannot afford to lose these precious RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES!**

Once this starts, you will see a progression of spaces like these lands be destroyed to increase the profit structure of some greedy developer! **I say greed!** because they are only concerned about themselves, and not what their actions have consequent wise for our COMMUNITY! **This does not have to happen!**

**There is no reason to see our PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES be given to developers to fill with homes, concrete and asphalt!**

In our Comprehensive plan, we recognize in **Our Planning to Stay Segment** that the sensitive structure of a Community must be safe guarded if we expect future generations to populate here.

"Studies throughout the United States have consistently shown that businesses and residents place a high value on quality of life when choosing a place to live or work, including the quality of the community's parks and preserves, trails, arts and cultural facilities, historic resources, schools and other elements of the public realm. The desire to provide quality facilities and recreational experiences was a driving force behind the creation and adoption of the Pinellas County Recreation, Open Space and Culture System Master Plan. "

**Dear County Commissioners, we must protect our very vulnerable RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES FROM THE DEVELOPERS DESTRUCTION!**

**When the Time Comes, we are looking to our COMMISSIONERS for  
"DOING THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY" ...SAVING US FROM THE  
DESTRUCTIVE FORCES THAT WANT REDEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN  
BEAUTY AND RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE TO THE TIDES GC RECREATIONAL  
OPEN SPACE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGES IN ZONING FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!**

**Respectfully,**

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## Dear County Commissioners, LPA Board Members, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:

Florida has 116 species that are either endangered, threatened or of special concern(SSC)! The Tides GC Recreational Open Space houses the following of these species:

Rosette Spoonbill (SSC), White IBIS(SSC), Sand Hill Cranes(Threatened) Woodstork(ENDANGERED), Redtailed Hawks(SSC), Red Headed Cockaded Wood Pecker(ENDANGERED), Eagles(ENDANGERED) Come here 6 months or more out of the year..pairs of them, Manatee(ENDANGERED) use the Tides in the Winter to keep warm!

Besides all of these we have possums, Coyotes, Armadillos, Turtles, River Otters, Nesting Great Horn Owls, alligators (Surprise the Golfers once in awhile) plus a Rake Greater Scoup that was found on the Tides June, 2014.

Below are Wood Storks that prosper on the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!



Plus we have our friends the Racoons that make the entire golf course their home plus our Fruit Trees!

The point I am making is the Tides as a Recreational open Space for our Community means so many different things to us. It is a:

1. Playground, nesting place and home of all the above mentioned species
2. It is our Adult, Adolescent and child amusement center and Precious Gem of our Community
3. It is our savior during the flooding season keeping our Community flood free
4. It is the land which cleanses and captures our flood waters, and makes them productive for our Community and our Aquifer
5. It is the Major Green Way for our Community

**Our COMPREHENSIVE PLAN talks about our County Government having a long history of Environmental leadership! Can our County continue to be an environmental leader in a rapidly changing and redeveloping county? How the County responds to developers looking at our last vestiges of OPEN SPACE (GOLF COURSES SUCH AS THE TIDES) will determine whether we are a SUSTAINABLE community for our FUTURE GENERATIONS!**

Dear Commissioners, we have 40 homes that surround the Tides Golf Course. In the past three years **15 of those homes** have changed hands to **NEW MEMBERS of OUR COMMUNITY** that loved the Beauty of our Tides Golf Course! They chose, bought and settled here because of the BEAUTY AND SERENITY that the Tides Golf Course presented to them!

When Mr. Hill's presents his development plan for the Tides Golf Course that will destroy all that we love and we know it is coming soon, please:

VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE

VOTE NO TO ANY REZONING CHANGE TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE

Respectfully,  
Ron Stephens

SAVE THE TIDESGC RECREATION OPEN SPACE

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## Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:

Our Beloved Tides Recreational Open Space below



is being turned into a HEALTH HAZARD because of the owners wish to destroy our Beloved Open Space!

The grass in the picture below is over 24" high! The ruler is 12" and you can see the grass exceeds that.

*look quite*

*attractive, to both the private developer and the public developer, when there are a myriad of competing*

*wants and needs....in the case of the Tides Golf Course Recreational open Space. Our Comprehensive Plan also states:*

**Objective 1.5** of the **Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element** is particularly significant to this review and states that *"in recognition of the limited amount of available open spaces remaining within the County, Pinellas County shall prohibit the conversion of dedicated recreation/open space land uses, and encourage the retention of non-dedicated recreation/open space lands."*

Dear County Commissioners, LPA Board Members and Engineers:

Do Not Let This Most Precious Green Space go to development....it is badly needed in our Community as Recreational Open Space!

**THE TIDES DEFINES OUR COMMUNITY!**

**IT IS THE VERY REASON SO MANY HAVE MOVED INTO OUR COMMUNITY!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN THE PROPERTY DESIGNATION OF RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

**VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN THE ZONING**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

6242 Evergreen Avenue

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## Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, and Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineering Department:

Our County is in a massive development boom right now!



This above Apartment complex is going to have a hundred or more apartments just south of Home Depot on 70th Avenue! It's just one of many being constructed right now.



The above picture is of One, a new Condo Building holding 41 floors of 5 condos per floor, plus the 42nd floor is one massive Penthouse! This should be completed by the end of this year. **Each Condo sells for \$800,000 each.**



**The Top Penthouse is selling for \$10 Million.**

I Uber all over our County three days a week. I have been North, South, East and West of our County....everywhere there is new development going on.

We are literally in hundreds of millions of dollars or more of brand new building! Condos, Apartments, Houses, town homes, new office buildings, new manufacturing plants!

**The tax revenue our County is about to receive is going to be enormous!**

We are now not the most densely populated County in Florida, we are now **twice the density of the next highest County in Florida!**

**The destruction of the Tides Recreational Open Space so Developer Jeffery Hills can fatten his Bank Account must be STOPPED!**

**We cannot let an outsider, who cares nothing of our Sacred Recreational Open Space, take a Gem of an Open Space Like The Tides, and make it into Homes, concrete and asphalt!**

Please Folks! When Jeffery Hills presents his Development Plan for the Destruction of the Tides Recreational Open Space you must:

TRULY BE OUR PROTECTORS HERE!

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE TO THE TIDES LAND DESIGNATION!

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN THE TIDES ZONING!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES RRECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

Respectfully,  
Ron Stephens  
Save Our Tides Recreational Open Space

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SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com>  
Thursday, September 27, 2018 8:54 PM  
Swinton, Tammy M  
GOLF COURSE DISCUSSION-COMMISSIONER SEEL

*Duplicate name*

## **Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, LPA Board Members, Ladies/Gentlemen Engineers of our County:**

Dan Hott, Former Operations Manager of the Tides Golf Course, had an interesting e-mail that he sent to our Pinellas County Commissioner Karen Seel. Dan had a bit of a rebuttal about Golf Courses and their popularity in our Southern Region.

Dan Hott wrote:

**Commissioner Seel – Sorry but I have to disagree with you, I DO and WE must blame developers! Especially when they buy a piece of property that is currently protected by zoning and land use codes. They (the developers) feel “money” and “politics” will buy them what they want with NO REGARDS TO OUR COMMUNITY or any community and what the place means to so many people (as Commissioner Long stated). Are not these developers intelligent enough to do their homework on a piece of property before purchasing? Why not ask questions around the community instead of staying so confidential and not wanting people to know who you are? If they did homework at The Tides, they would have no doubt seen an INCREASE in play! Wonder why rounds went down after new owner took over? Hint: #rates**

**Also, please be very careful citing “National Stats” in regards to golf play, as you will see evident in the 2014 picture below. (SEE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION). Because the number of rounds go down in some part of the**

country – MANY due to weather, jobs, and economy (which is one reason I moved to Pinellas) – DOES NOT mean that the average rounds in FLORIDA go down as you will see in the attachment! The number ONE reason rounds go down in FLORIDA is due to OPERATORS OVERPRICING! They make the rates so high, because they can, some folks don't want to pay that much money to play. #OnPurpose #GREED #ExchangeRate (

Developers like to cite “lack of National interest” to get developmental approvals and zoning/land use changes! If you raise the rates on a golf course, rounds will go down – HOW EASY IS THAT?

Lastly, please see the Instagram link below before it is taken down, which is what was done with the current Tides business social media accounts so you could not see the photos. I recommend you look at the “DATES” of a few of these photos! Although the course was not in the greatest shape, it sure doesn't look like one that is completely unplayable from a HURRICANE! #rates

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1015527008/the-tides-golf-club/>

Dear Commissioners, Our Community is asking you to:

**VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN DESIGNATION FOR THE TIDES  
RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

**VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN ZONING**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE  
RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

## SAVE THE TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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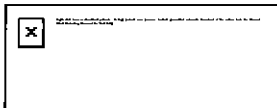
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RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, September 22, 2018 2:08 PM

To:

Swinton, Tammy M

Subject:

JOEL TEWS - HOW HE EXPECTS TO TREAT OUR TIDES COMMUNITY

*Duplicate name*

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board,  
and Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineers:

Mr. Joel Tews is now the Lawyer and official representative for Mr. Hills the owner of the Tides Golf Course. Mr. Tews sent an e-mail to our County expressing how he intended to handle the development of the Tides Golf Course.

In his e-mail Mr. Tews described the development procedure that he would follow, and how he was going to address the County and our Community through a word he called "Charettes"!

Mr. Tews said:

I am aware this is a controversial issue with surrounding residents, but as we know, that always is the case with any infill re-development (which of course will be the mainstay of future Pinellas County growth/re-development). Notwithstanding the prior angst and vitriol I have been shown, it is our sincere desire to work on this concept plan in a collaborative fashion, starting with community and staff **planning charrettes**, so that the owner's plan hopefully can address the concerns and goals of as many constituent interests as practical, although of course we all know we cannot and will not make everyone happy at any time.

Charrettes by definition according to the Director of the National Charrette Institute:

The director of the National Charrette Institute says the **charrette process** is a **specialized tool best used for projects that represent "transformative" community change. Charrette is a method used by so-called developers to get their way by posturing themselves as the good guys and exposing anyone opposing their plans**

as, well, opposing progress.

The COMPREHENSIVE PLAN tells us that there are developers that will see our Golf Courses like our Beloved Tides as perfect places for their development. **Our County through the Comprehensive Plan has said: Special interest facilities such as golf courses and marinas.....contribute to the quality of life that makes Pinellas County unique among many Florida counties and need to be recognized, valued and preserved!**

**COMMISSIONERS, we are asking you to:**

**VOTE NOT TO ANY CHANGE IN THE TIDES LAND DESIGNATION**

**VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN ZONING**

**VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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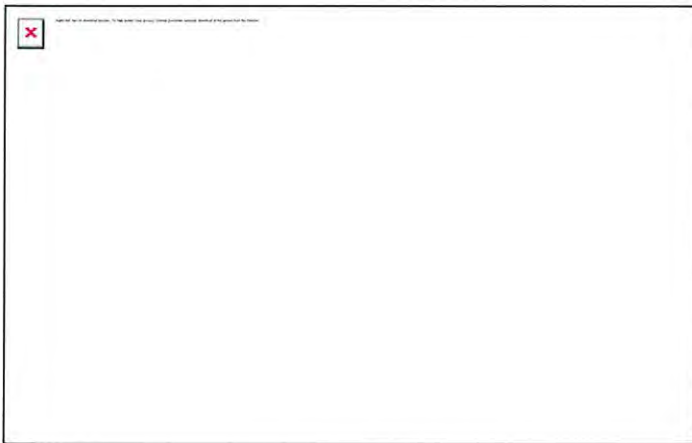
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**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** Flooding - Hurricanes

*duplicate name*

Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, and  
Ladies, Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineers:



This is a photo of an inland area completely flooded by Category 1  
Hurricane Florence!

This Could easily be the Tides Golf Course Area that I am sure the  
owner Jeffery Hills will soon try and see if you will let him develop it!

The Tides area is a 100 Year Flood Plain! **FEMA does not want us to  
put housing in a 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN!**

When Hurricane Elena, a **Category 2 Hurricane**, came up our Coast  
in 1985, she stood over 150 miles off shore for two days, and **flooded  
more than 75% of the Tides Golf Course!** The FLOOD waters came  
right up to my back door!



Think of the devastation that would occur if the Tides were built on,  
and Elena had came ashore!

We are not suppose to build on a 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN!

Dear Commissioners,LPA Board and County Engineers, we cannot  
allow the destruction of the Tides Recreational Open Space by an  
Outside Developer!

**Please VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN OUR RECREATIONAL  
OPEN SPACE!**

**Please VOTE NOT TO ANY CHANGE IN THE ZONING OF THE  
TIDES!**

**Please VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF  
COURSE!**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

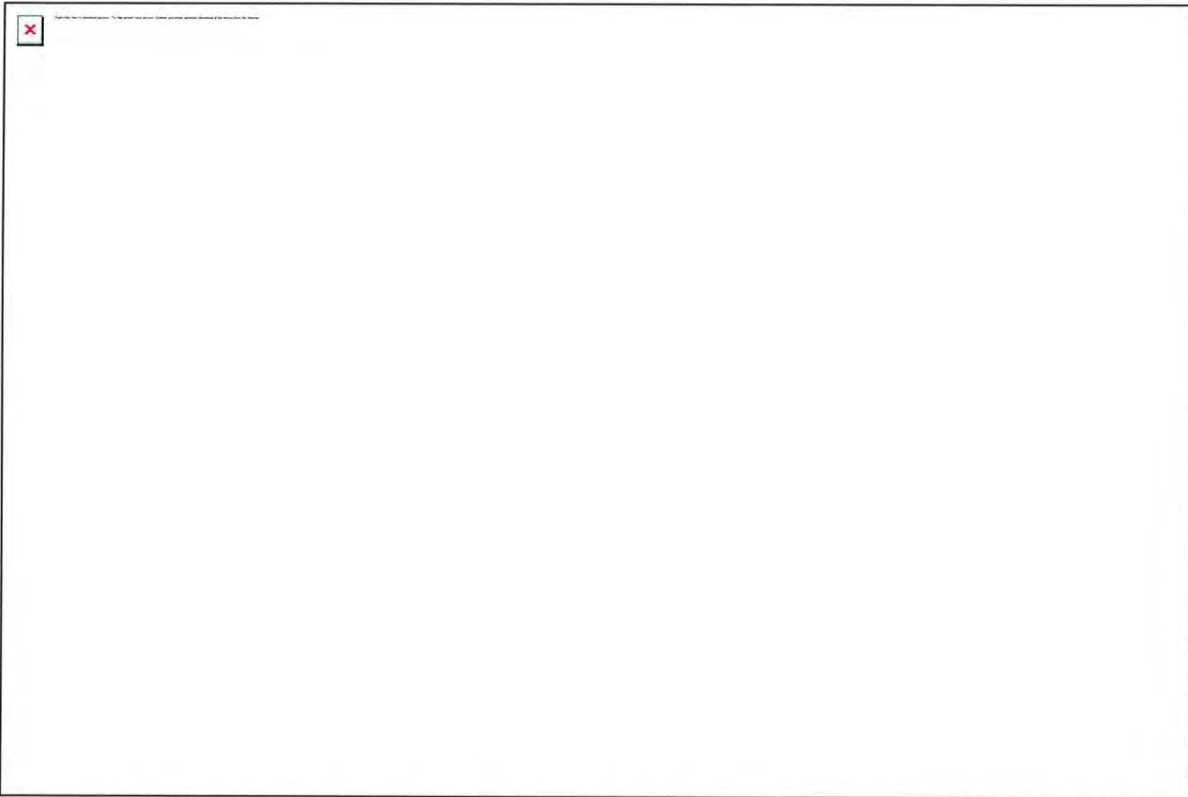
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**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** Tides Recreational Open Space-Lou's Vision

*Duplicate name*

**To Our County Commissioners, Members of our  
LPA Board and Ladies and Gentlemen of our  
County Engineers:**



We are all very saddened by the passing of Lou Devos this month  
(AUGUST 1, 2018), twenty-eight days before his 66TH Birthday!

**Lou Loved his Tides Golf Course. His Heart and Soul were here!**

Lou was a big part of what made the Tides Golf Course so great.

His Father, knowing back in 1972 that Mr. Charles Alberding was going to build a golf course on a certain property, bought land and built a house adjacent to what would become the Tides 18 th Fairway.

Mr. Alberding made Lou's Dad the first Manager of the New Tides Golf Course. During his Tenure, he was club champion for many years in a row, and knowledgeable of what makes an interesting and Fun Course.

Lou followed in his Dad's footsteps as Manager of the Tides and kept the tradition of Great Golf going at the Tides.

***Lou once told me that he hoped our Commissioners would think like the Iroquois Indians did when it came to big decisions. The Iroquois Tribesmen would make decisions based on how it would effect the tribe for the NEXT( 7 ) SEVEN GENERATIONS!***

***That is how we must treat any possible loss of green space in our County!***

***Once our Green Space is lost....it can never again be replicated!***

**Our Comprehensive Plan tells us we must protect and preserve our green spaces, especially our Recreational Open Space Golf Courses from developers taking them away from us!**

**Dear Members of our Pinellas County Elected Officials and our County Engineers:**

**Vote No To Any Change to our Land Designation of the Tides Golf Course**

**Vote No to any change in the Zoning of the Tides**

**Vote No to any type of Development on our Tides Recreational Open Space**

**Respectfully,**

**Ron Stephens**

**Save Our Tides Recreational Open Space**

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**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** District#6 County Commissioners Forum

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## **To Our County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board and Ladies and Gentlemen of our Pinellas County Engineering Department:**

**This past week, our Save The Tides Recreational Open Space Group held a Forum for the Candidates for the Future Representative for Pinellas County Commissioner for District#6. We wanted our District#6 to hear from the People Running for District#6 County Commissioner!!**

**Please see the results of our meeting below...it was standing room only in the Faith Church in Seminole! It was not nearly 300 people...it was over 300 hundred people by the time the event got started.**

### **NEWS RELEASE - Tom Beckwith, Save The Tides**

Amazing, magical event!!! Nearly 300 people attended our Save The Tides Town Hall Meeting Tuesday night!!!

And, YES, The Tides Golf Club was more than a golf course!

**In the 1950's, the legend began at the venerable Tides Hotel and Bath Club, a luxury spa on a pristine beach like no other. Graced with a steady**

**stream of celebrities, it was a favorite destination for the likes of Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe.**

<https://www.facebook.com/Tides-Hotel-Bath-Club-176266722448213/>

Right after we moved here to Oakhurst Shores in 1973, we took our first born son Joshua, and then his brother Sean, to learn how to swim at the famous George's Water Babies at the Tides Hotel and Bath Club. George was an icon in the community, and was frequently covered by the St Pete Times. Only God knows how many lives he saved by teaching little babies how to swim!!!

The Tides Golf Club was spawned in 1973 by the owner of this historic Tides Hotel & Bath Club to increase the allure of his hotel by providing a place where his guests could play golf. Amy Kedron, who spoke and answered questions Tuesday night at our Town Hall Meeting, rightly observed this historic site must be protected. Let's make it happen!

We are in the presence of Pinellas County history here folks. This is what made it great!

What a great team we have become!!!!

**Thomas R. Beckwith, B.S.E.E., M.B.A.**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Beckwith Electric Co., Inc.**

[6190 - 118th Ave. N.](#)

[Largo, FL 33773](#)

**TEL: (727) 544-2326 X7625**

**CELL: (727) 798-9975**

*We had a very successful event because of so many people showing up from our Community and showing that we care! God Bless You All.*

*In the future, this is the kind of attention we need to give to every important event that involves the SAVING OF THE TIDES RECREATYIONAL OPEN SPACE!*

*Whether we SAVE A GOLF COURSE or a PARK, we need to show our COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that our RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR WAY OF LIFE.... **AND WE DO NOT WANT IT DESTROYED BY A GREEDY DEVELOPER!***

**Respectfully,**

**Ron Stephens**

**Save The Tides Recreational Open Space**

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**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** TOWN HALL MEETING - AUGUST 14TH COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES FOR 6TH DISTRICT

## TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

SAVE THE TIDES INC. members have organized a Town Meeting to discuss different topics pertinent to our District # 6. Each of these Candidates for County Commissioner would love to have our vote and will hopefully come forth with some insight how they might help us SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE.

COME DRESSED IN YOUR SAVE THE TIDES TEE SHIRT IF YOU HAVE ONE!

WE NEED A GREAT SHOWING FOR OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE DEDICATED TO FIGHTING OFF THIS DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

**SO KEEP August 14, 2018 open from 6:30PM to 8:00PM....PLEASE SHOW UP.....OUR GREAT NUMBERS WILL SHOW WE ALL CARE!**

**Below please find the details of our TOWN HALL MEETING:**

***SAVE THE TIDES, INC.***

*presents:*



**Pinellas County Commissioner Candidate  
TOWN HALL**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**11501 WALKER AVE**

**SEMINOLE, FL 33772**

Join us for an evening with District 6 Pinellas County Commissioner Candidates Larry Ahern, Barb Haselden, Amy Kedron, and Kathleen Peters. Discussion will be on Green Space, the County Comprehensive Plan, Manageable Growth, and other relative topics.

Bring your neighbors and friends that are not on our Group List so we can inform as many as possible in our COMMUNITY!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

**SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

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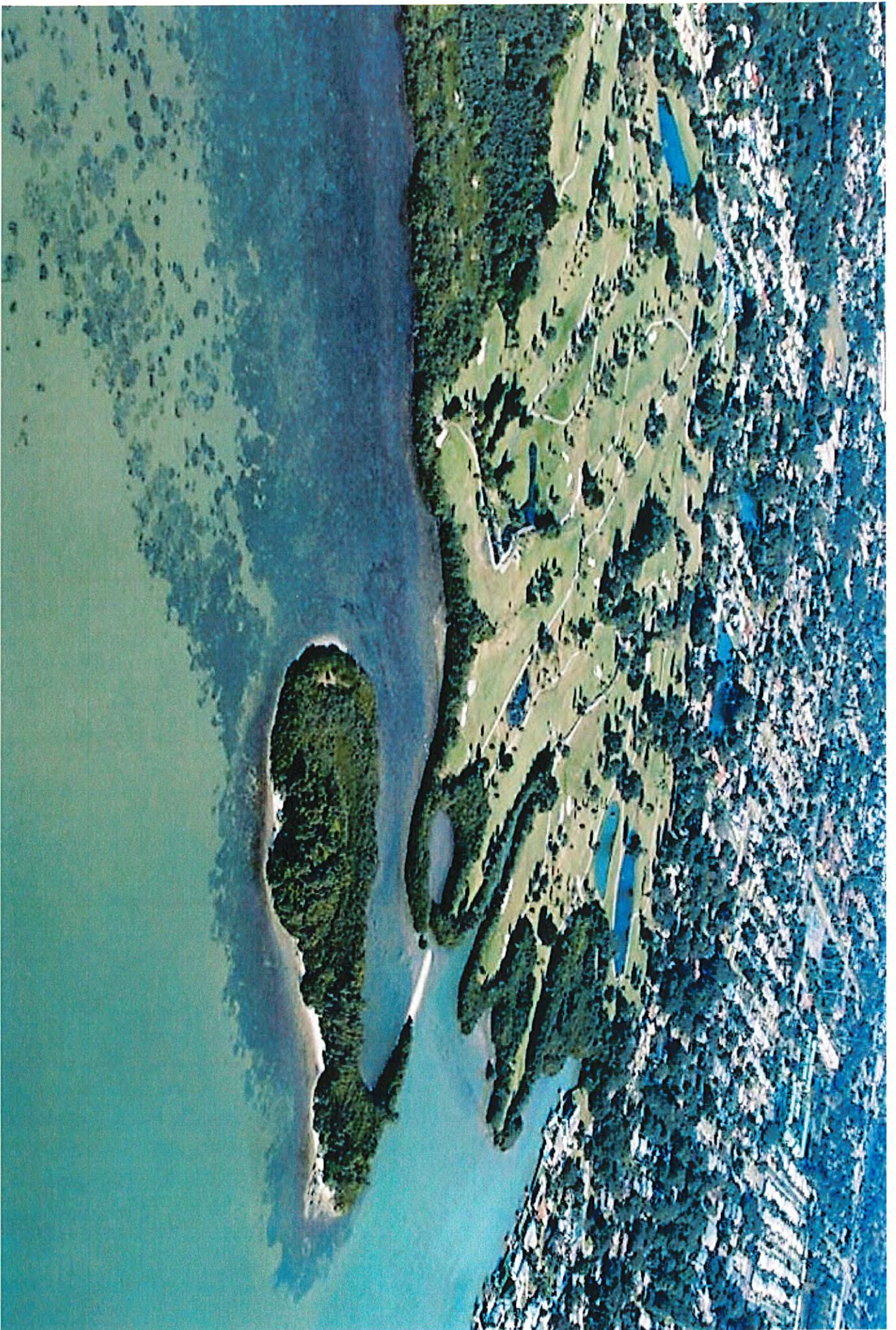
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**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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## **Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board and Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engineering Staff:**

Our Community had sad news this morning, Lou Devos, retired Manager of the Tides Golf Course died last night of a heart attack. Lou was a very special person to all that knew him! His love for his fellow man, his belief in God and his love for the Tides Golf Course structured his very being!

Lou grew up on the Tides Golf Course. His Father, bought property and built a house on the property that would eventually become the Tides Golf Course! Charles Alberding, the original owner and builder of the Tides hired Lou's Dad and made him the very first Manager of the Tides Golf Course.



Lou loved the Tides. He wanted the Tides to be preserved for Generations to Come....so they could enjoy what he cherished growing up!

Lou Devos... You were a great human being to all that knew you. We will sadly miss you!

Dear Commissioners,

**OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN says: WE MUST CONSIDER BOTH VISUAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON**

**THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE SHOULD PRIVATE GOLF COURSES GRADUALLY BE REPLACED BY DEVELOPMENT! THE IMPACT WOULD BE DRAMATIC!!!**

Lou Devos, just like his Father before him, felt that our COMMUNITY was defined by the Tides Golf Course!

**Lou was right!**

We have over 1000 homes that surround the Tides Golf Course and the Boca Ciega Millenium Park. These two pieces of property are the CROWN JEWELS of our COMMUNITY. They define our COMMUNITY and make it UNIQUE IN OUR COUNTY. There is not another piece of land like this in the whole STATE OF FLORIDA!

***OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN talks about how we sustain our Communities!***

You do not SUSTAIN COMMUNITY LIFE

by destroying one of the CROWN JEWELS OF OUR COMMUNITY, Namely the TIDES GOLF COURSE!

**Our Comprehensive Plan states that "The key to success of a SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY is the ongoing support by our ELECTED OFFICIALS!, and a renewed sense of collaboration and commitment among all of our COUNTY DEPARTMENTS!"**

**"Sustainable communities are...those that people want to live there, they will have a place to play, to reflect on nature, and to seek respite from the busy world around them. The air and water will be clean; a diversity of plant and wild life will abound!"**

**All of the above our COMMUNITY CURRENTLY has, but Jeffrey Hills, the Tides Current owner, is trying to destroy our PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE TO GROW HIS OWN PERSONAL WEALTH AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR COMMUNITY!**

**We cannot let that happen.**

Dear County Commissioners, LPA Members and County Engineers we are asking you to PROTECT US as we need you to do as UNINCORPORATED MEMBERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY!

**VOTE NO TO ANY LAND DESIGNATION CHANGES TO THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGES!**

**VOTE NO TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GEM THAT KEEPS OUR COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE, NAMELY: THE TIDES  
GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!**

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

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**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 12:00 PM  
**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** FIGHT TO GUARANTEE OUR RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

Duplicate name

## Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board and County Engineers:

As you know probably by now, that Jeffery Hills, the owner of the Tides Golf Course, has closed the course! We knew he would not run it long as a golf course once he purchased it!

**Jeffery Hills is a Developer, he does not run golf courses...HE DESTROYS THEM!**

**Our Unincorporated Seminole Community surrounds the Tides Golf Course, and it is considered a signature property along with the Boca Ciega Millenium Park! These two properties define our COMMUNITY and make us a strong and vital neighborhood!**

**In 1985, then County Commissioner, Mr. Charles Rainey, initiated the rezoning of the Tides Golf Course property in his words "To ensure that those people who had bought and built in that area would have the open space and the assurance of a recreational area. "**

**Mr. Rainey further states: "As time goes on and land becomes scarcer, you will see more attempts to utilize open space, such as golf courses, for commercial or development projects. If it is allowed once, no one who has been told there would be open**

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**To:** Swinton, Tammy M  
**Subject:** TIDES IS A FLOOD PLAIN

*Duplicate name*

## **To Our Count Commissioners, LPA Board Members and Our County Engineers:**

Recently, Janet Long, Our County Commissioner and Susan Glickman wrote a special article for the Tampa Bay Times entitled: COLUMN: A TAMPA BAY APPROACH TO MAKE REGION MORE RESILIENT AGAINST FLOODS,STORMS.

The Article discussed the importance of protecting our Communities and our Natural Resources against Threats like storm surge, flooding and strong hurricane type winds!

**The reason I bring up this article is that is exactly what we, as UNINCORPORATED CITIZENS OF SEMINOLE, are trying to do in protecting our TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE FROM BEING DESTROYED!**

Over the years, The Tides Golf Course has been the salvation of our Community when it comes to FLOOD DAMAGE! During heavy rains and torrential down pores in Hurricane situations, the Tides Golf Course has become the place where all our Community waters flow.

The County has improved the flow of waters rushing from our Community and has channeled it and allowed those waters to flow unimpeded down, across and through the Tides Golf Course!



It allows some of these waters to be trapped by the Golf Course allowing the waters to slowly seep down into our aquifer!

**The Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space is and has been for a number of decades now, the reason our Community does not flood. Sewer improvements made by the County over the years allowed more of the potential flood waters to flow onto the Tides!**

Dear Commissioners, members of our LPA Board and our County Engineers, we cannot let this Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space be destroyed! HOMES, CONCRETE, ASPHALT do not help with flooding conditions, they help to increase them!

**VOTE NO TO ANY DESIGNATION CHANGES TO OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL AREA!**

**VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGES !**

**VOTE NO TO ANY TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!**

Respectfully,

**Ron Stephens**

**SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE**

**Subject:**

FW: returned letters

**From:** Ron Stephens [<mailto:ronvstephens@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, July 20, 2018 12:37 PM

**To:** Lowack, Brian <[blowack@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:blowack@co.pinellas.fl.us)>

**Cc:** Terri Ohlms <[greenspaceproblem@gmail.com](mailto:greenspaceproblem@gmail.com)>; Bailey, Glenn <[gbailey@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:gbailey@co.pinellas.fl.us)>

**Subject:** Re: returned letters

*Duplicate name*

Terri, here is your answer for what address to send your letters and cards.

Brian, thank you for getting back to us so quickly. We do appreciate the way you always respond to our Community.

Thank you for your kind and quick responses.

Respectfully,

**Ron Stephens**

**Save OUR Tides Recreational Open Space**

On Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 8:22 AM, Lowack, Brian <[blowack@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:blowack@co.pinellas.fl.us)> wrote:

Ron,

They should be sent to the below address:

Pinellas County Planning

Attn: Glenn Bailey

310 Court St

Clearwater, FL 33756

**Brian Lowack**

Intergovernmental Liaison

Office of the Pinellas County Administrator

[315 Court St, Clearwater, FL 33756](https://www.pinellascounty.org)

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 5:12 PM

**To:** Terri Ohlms <[greenspaceproblem@gmail.com](mailto:greenspaceproblem@gmail.com)>; Lowack, Brian <[blowack@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:blowack@co.pinellas.fl.us)>

**Subject:** Re: returned letters

Hi Brian!

Terri Ohlms sent some letters to each of the Commissioners, they all were returned unopened! Is the address correct for their letters or should we be using some other address...can you help us please?

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

**Save OUR Tides Recreational Open Space**

On Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 11:46 AM, Terri Ohlms <[greenspaceproblem@gmail.com](mailto:greenspaceproblem@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Ron, et al.

FYI:

I had mailed individual letters to each of the members of the LPA.

**They were all returned unopened today**

I used the address on their website:

Pinellas County Court

[315 Court street](#)

[Clearwater, Fl 33756](#)