

I am David Pearson. I live in Tarpon Woods.

I am concerned about county efforts that threaten my neighborhood, county process that leads to unnecessary crises and neighborhood concerns, lack of communication between the county and the neighborhood, long-term issues that get worse rather than better are not adequately dealt with including state and federal partners, are subservient to developer interests, and vision for a better future not adequately developed and implemented.

I believe that the neighborhood has a key role to play in resolving these concerns. We are the tax payers, voters, beneficiaries and victims of our actions or inactions. We know our needs, issues, and preferences. We have been too passive or reactive. We must become proactive. The **Tarpon Woods and Brooker Creek Neighborhoods Association** was formed 5 weeks ago with these thoughts and goals in mind. Today it has 83 members.

Two immediate critical concerns are: the Tarpon Woods Golf Course destruction and the Ridgemoor Bridge replacement. The county DRC is permitting the destruction of the Tarpon Woods Golf Course without adequate communication with the neighborhoods. It is to be replaced by a private, fenced, unmanned, locked, no neighborhood or public use, manmade wet land/swamp. It is a 2-year highly controversial project proposed by an unknown owner with lawyers and shell LLCs. The publicly announced plan was to start January 2025. It will fill existing lakes, excavate the fairways with 10 ft deep ditches and haul away the contaminated soil to be dumped somewhere. We became aware of this through the grapevine about 2 years late and remain in the dark about the future. We are monitoring the SWFWMD permitting of this and they are posting our complaints and questions on their portal. **We are looking for ways to communicate with the county. Currently the PCC is banned from talking to us. We want to establish two-way communication with elements of the county that are part of the DRC permitting process. We have safety concerns and this project impacts flooding, storm management, fire safety, parks and recreation, wildlife, clean air, water etc. We are part of and support the SaveTarponWoods.com effort.**

The Ridgemoor Bridge replacement is an active county and state project of 2-year duration scheduled to begin in June 2026. **We support community concerns and petition. The bridge is adjacent to the Golf Course and is in major conflict with the Golf Course project. The two projects should not be done at the same time!** The bridge diverts traffic to Tarpon Woods Blvd and the Golf Course project produces massive dump truck loads of dirt needing to be transported on public roads.

Success stories: Circa 2012 the county planned to buy the golf course and use deep ditches in the fairways to mitigate flooding. This came as a surprise and shock to our neighborhood which mobilized and convinced the county to abandon that plan and adopt another that mitigated flooding and saved the golf course. We consider the **East Lake Tarpon Community Overlay** a great accomplishment of the **CNCN, John Miolla, Don Ewing** and the **BCC** and **must be followed as it is law.** Don Ewing was my neighbor, friend, colleague and mentor. I miss him. May we all be inspired by his vision and carry on his good work.

Kudos to the Point, Click, Fix Program

***FYI the County Tax Assessor site lists the golf course as Par 3. It is not. It is PGA level Par 3/4/5.**

ENDORSEMENT OF STATEMENT BY RANDY BURR

TO: Pinellas County Commissioner David Eggers
Pinellas County Commissioner Chris Scherer
Pinellas County Commissioner Vince Nowicki
Pinellas County Commissioner Chris Latvala
Pinellas County Commissioner Kathleen Peters
Pinellas County Commissioner René Flowers
Pinellas County Commissioner Brian Scott
Pinellas County Administrator Barry Burton

I am a resident of one of the subdivisions within the Ridgemoor and Tarpon Woods communities that will be impacted by the current Ridgemoor Blvd Brooker Creek Bridge Replacement Project. I have read a transcript of the 4-page statement that Randy Burr will present before the Board of County Commissioners on October 21, 2025. I agree with everything^{*} noted by Mr. Burr in his statement, and request that you do everything possible to reduce the risk I believe we needlessly face as a result of some of the aspects of the bridge replacement plan, as outlined by Mr. Burr.^{**}

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**** HE DID NOT MENTION THE MAJOR CONFLICT BETWEEN THE RIDGEMOOR BRIDGE AND THE TARPON WOODS GOLF COURSE PROJECTS. THE LATTER IS A HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT BEFORE PL DRC THAT INVOLVES EXCAVATING 10 FEET DEEP HOLES IN PLACE OF THE FAIRWAYS AND HAULING THE CONTAMINATED SOIL**

x except the statement on page 3 in paragraph 3 "the remaining lane will handle twice the volume of traffic it currently handles." This will not be true because many Ridgemoor residents will use Tarpon Woods boulevard to avoid long delays from queues that form at the one lane bridge. This traffic shift will severely accentuate the existing problem of high speed Ridgemoor commut using the 30 mph 2 lane residential Tarpon Wood Boulevard with it school bus stops, kids and adults on bikes and roller blades, pedestrians walking their dogs. The two lane road is often blocked in one lane by lawn service, delivery vehicles. It has blind areas, deer, turkeys. It is prone to flooding during rain and becomes non navigable for most vehicles when Brooker Creek floods. It and Ridgemoor provide the only routes out for most of the neighborhood.