From: Sent: To: Subject: SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com> Sunday, June 30, 2019 5:04 PM Swinton, Tammy M

A PEOPLE PRESERVE

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

Development Land in Pinellas County is at a PREMIEM! Developers realize



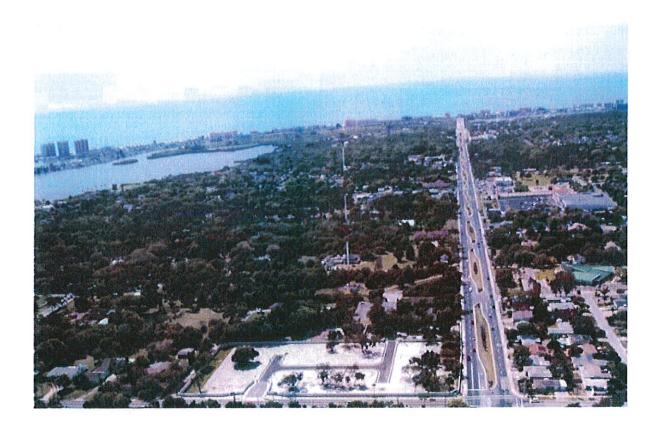
that.

Kotchman was a builder himself....for some reason he decided not to build on the attached property that is a little over 5 acres of land. He decided to sell it instead for a nice tidy little profit. The Land description:

Ten 1/2 acre residential lots MOL completely developed with electricity, water/sewer, reclaim water, cable, telephone, natural gas, streets and a

6 ft wall surrounds the property. Elevation is from 40 - 60 feet and no requirements for flood insurance.

The property is located in the city of Seminole, and Pinellas County. 1 mile from the Gulf of Mexico and 1 block to Boca Ciega Coastal Waterway. Property is surrounded by walking and biking trails, and Tides Golf Course and Country Club. Property is located in the Seminole School District and minutes to St Petersburg College.



Kotchman wanted a few million for the land, but it was worth it!

My point of this is..... Vacant land to buy is very expensive in

Pinellas County. When you see land for sale it is usually 5/8 acre, 1

1/2 acres, 3 acres, never 150 Acres of land...why? Because that

amount of vacant land today is only available in our

RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES like the Tides Golf Course and Bardmore Golf Course and Bay Pointe to name a few that builders want to destroy and build on.

With Pinellas County being the second smallest County in Florida, with Union County being the smallest...our County has a density of 3427 people/acre as of 2017. Broward County had 1541 people per acre. Miami/Dade county had only 1404 people per acre.

Just look at the density difference between our County and theirs!

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Hill saw his opportunity to steal a beautiful piece of property called the Tides Golf Course for development. He made it look like he was going to run it as a golf course so he could buy it(At a fraction of the cost he would have to pay if he said he wanted to buy it for development!) Now he is going to tell you a fabrication that he tried to make a go of it as a golf course, but the Tides was no longer a viable golf course! He certainly was not telling the truth!!!! We cannot let this developer deprive our Community and our County of the Tides Recreational Open Space!

We have preserves in our County, like Weedon Island, to preserve the wildlife that it contains! We need the Tides Recreational Open Space to be a preserve for our Community and County, to preserve the QUALITY OF LIFE our Community and people in our County are

accustomed to.

We need the TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE TO BE OUR PRESERVE FOR PEOPLE!

Our Comprehensive Plan talks about our Golf Courses being targets that developers want to hit, but we must recognize that threat, protect our Recreational OPen Spaces from destruction of development. That is paraphrasing that a little. The broad vision of the Quality Communities part of the Comprehensive Plan wants to maintain a sustainable Community,"Community of Communities" that meets the needs of the present community without compromising the future of it!

Dear Commissioners, destruction of the Tides Golf Course

Recreational Open Space does not sustain a community....it helps
divide and destroy it!

When the development plan for Mr. Hill to destroy the Tides comes before our County at the end of July, 2019, we are asking our County to:

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

VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGE TO THE TIDES!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL

OPEN SPACE!

Respectfully, Ron Stephens

Save our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space

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From:

John Doran <johndoranlaw@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, June 24, 2019 5:19 PM

To:

Subject:

Zoning Fw: DO NOT ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TIDES CLUB HOUSE

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Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019, 10:50:57 AM EDT

Subject: Fw: DO NOT ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TIDES CLUB HOUSE

Have a great day!!

From: SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE < ronvstephens@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2019 1:25 PM

To: drdoug 3@hotmail.com

Subject: DO NOT ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TIDES CLUB HOUSE

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

This developer is pushing hard to drive his ideas and agenda through our County with **FLASH LIGHTNING SPEED**, to pull his end sweep and get his goal accomplished: **DESTRUCTION OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE** so he can generate millions in profits for himself!

Roger Wilson has lived in our community for many, many years. He has served in

Tallahassee in the Legislature as a State Representative from 1968 till 1976. He has earned the title, while serving as a State Representative, "Father of Total Aquatic Management Services Act"! He was instrumental in getting our **Pinellas** County Boca Ciega Bay area a "CONSERVATION AREA". An "AQUATIC PRESERVE"!

Recently, Mr. Wilson wrote to our **Chair Commissioner Karen Seel**, why our County would even consider a permit to destroy property on a Recreational Open Space that the owner does not even have the zoning or property designation changed! I would like you all to see what he had to say:

From: rogerseminole@tampabay.rr.com

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:18 AM

To: kseel@pinellascounty.org

Subject: Tides Golf Course Club House

Karen, how could the county approval be given to destroy the Tides clubhouse before a redevelopment plan is submitted to the county for examination and approval or disapproval?? This action was at best premature!

The pending approval in a effect lessons the value of the current recreation zoning designation for the property. This also creates a step in the direction of the county approving a change for the current zoning since a major value of the recreational zoning has been destroyed. Is this an indication of what the county officials intend to do??

This clubhouse destruction approval now needs to be either reversed or at least held in abeyance until the developer submits their redevelopment plan for approval or disapproval. How can the county ignore 18,000 petitioners as well as an energetic ongoing opposition to changing the recreation zoning?? Your response will be appreciated and if you would like to call me feel free to do so...........392-5031.

Dear Commissioners, this owner of the Tides Golf Course is following his plan to make millions off the destruction of **our BEAUTIFUL RECREATION OPEN**

SPACE! We just cannot let this happen. He is trying to move swiftly before people realize what is happening here. We need to stop this, and have us all take a DEEP BREATH - PUT A HOLD ON THIS DESTRUCTIVE BUILDING PERMIT....REALIZING THE GREAT LOSS OUR COUNTY AND OUR COMMUNITY WILL INCURR if we let this TRAGEDY PROCEED!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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From:

John Doran <johndoranlaw@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Sunday, June 16, 2019 2:40 PM

To:

Zoning

Subject:

Fw: Demolition of Tides Golf Course Clubhouse

---- Forwarded Message -----

From: Ron Stephens To: Allen/Karen McCoy <karenmccoy44@aol.com>

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<pamkernboa@hotmail.com>; Glenn Bailey Zoning Mgr. <gbailey@pinellascounty.org>

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2019, 2:18:54 PM EDT

Subject: Re: Demolition of Tides Golf Course Clubhouse

Dear Members of The Review Board:

By now you have seen many responses why we think it is not the right time for this developer, Mr. Hills to be able to destroy a piece of History just because he wants to destroy all that resembles the Tides Golf Course! I know you have the ability to deny this permit based on a number of reasons...I am hoping that the push back of our Community will be your reason. This developer from day one wanted the Tides to be destroyed so he could develop it and make a lot of money. He did not care about the Quality of Life that he was destroying in our Community. He did not care about all of the wildlife habitat that would be hurt because he was taking their refuge away from them. He did not care that hundreds maybe thousands of trees would be destroyed so he could clear the land for development.

He cannot develop the land without c hanging the land use of RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE and the zoning that holds that in place!

Deny the owners permit until his case is settle to see if indeed he can actually build on the Tides Golf Course! I feel and our Community is counting on the fact that MR> HILL CANNOT BUILD ON THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

Our Community is asking you to deny his permit until after this case is closed for future development of the Tides Golf Course!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

Save OUR Tides Recreational Open Space

My Address is: 6242 Evergreen Avenue, Seminole, Fl. 33772-6501

On Sat, Jun 15, 2019 at 7:11 PM < karenmccoy44@aol.com > wrote:

Dear County Appeal Board Members,

I am writing to advise you that I am adamantly against the destruction of the Tides Golf Course Club House. I am imploring you to STOP the implementation of Demolition Permit CB 19-02578.

Please do not allow the owner of the Tides to destroy the club house. There is absolutely no logical reason for this destruction except to further aggravate the members of Save the Tides. The owner is definitely in violation of Pinellas County Code as the property has not been maintained. It has become a health hazard to those of us who live adjacent to the Tides.

All this developer wants is to add to his already overflowing coffers. He does not care about the loss of precious green space and the effect it will have on our environment.

Sincerely,

Karen McCoy

From: Sent:

SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
Sunday, June 09, 2019 1:47 PM
Swinton Tammy M

To: Subject: Swinton, Tammy M

WE CANNOT LET MR. HILL COMPLETE THIS DESTRUCTION

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

This is a short e-mail from someone that holds our Tides Golf Course very close to his heart. He wrote this to me in hopes that everyone could see the destruction, of what was once a very beautiful Golf Course, because of the Greed of a Developer who sees \$Dollar signs in our RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES! Our Comprehensive Plan says we cannot allow this!

Please read Mr. Gerino's e-mail that he wrote to me and watch his video of the Tides Golf Course below!

https://www.dropbox.com/s/1anye87hxewu70k/Short%20Version%20.m4v?dl=0

This is Mr. Gerino's e-mail below:

- I feel that this needs to be sent to every breathing county employee that
- > has ANYTHING to do with this dereliction of property. County code
- > enforcement tells me that all they can do is to continue to fine the
- > property owners, all the while I can't go in my back yard (I'm the guy
- > behind the fence holding the NO REZONING sign) without getting eaten
- > alive by the infestation that has been allowed to occur. And it is truly
- > an infestation as I spoke with 2 mosquito inspectors from the county that

- > were surveying and collecting samples from the Tides
 property the other
 > day. I was told that the property used to have 4-5
 mosquito hot spots, with
 > a single type of mosquito and was very easy to control.
 The gentlemen told
 > me that now the entire property is considered a hot
- > me that now the entire property is considered a hot zone, 100 % infested,
- > and that there are now 7 types of mosquitoes on the property. Because of

★ the lack of ground maintenance, the whole property is holding water...it is

literally a swamp. You can see standing water in the sand traps as well...

it is completely out of control!>

- Please let me know that you received this, and your thoughts about how to
- proceed with this type of very definitive photographic
 evidence of what I
- consider a public health hazard and nuisance. My right to quiet enjoyment
- of my property, along with every other bordering property owner is being
- violated and something has to be done..
- > I look forward to hearing from you,

> Ron Gerino

Dear County Commissioners, Mr. Gerino's quality of life has dramatically changed since Mr. Hill our New Owner of the Tides Golf Course decided he wanted to destroy a beautiful piece of property so he could make a fortune on our loss! Mr. Gerino use to look out of his back yard and see this:

Now he sees this:

In our Comprehensive Plan, Under the Provision of Recreation and Open Space, 1.4 Objective states that "Pinellas County will protect it's open spaces and scenic vistas for their contributions to quality of life."

Dear County Commissioners, when Mr. Hill brings his development plan before our County, We are asking our LPA Board, Our Engineers and Our County Commissioners to:

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

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

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

Respectfully,
Ron Stephens
SAVE OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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From: Sent:

SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com>
Friday, June 07, 2019 3:51 PM
Swinton, Tammy M
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To: Subject:

GENERATIONS TO COME---NEED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY ON THE TIDES

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

I would like to thank our County Commissioners and Mr. Burton for the opportunity to speak at your meeting this week in reference to SAVING OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE! I apologize if I did not come across very well...I was quite nervous!

The point I was trying to make was that there is a great deal of history and many generations of our Community have enjoyed playing golf on our Tides Golf Course! As I said, my family alone has had 4 Generations that have played on the Tides. Mr. Scott Stevens and his wife Clemma, have 5 generations of his family that have played on our Tides Golf Course! Scott's Grandfather, William Wheeler, was a frequent player on the Tides from the very beginning of the Tides Golf Course inception!

We just cannot allow such History to be destroyed because of someone else's GREED!

When you look at the Tides and the beauty of this magnificent piece of property, there is no way we as a Community and The Commissioners as guardians of our Community can possibly let Mr. Hills, the current

owner, <u>destroy it!</u>

x

My children, grandchildren all loved the Tides. My Father and I were blessed to have played the Tides together!

We want the Tides to be here for this young man above! And be there for His children and his children's children!

Our Comprehensive Plan, The Plan approved by our County Commissioners and ratified by the State of Florida is our law concerning all land use matters in our County!

In our Comprehensive Plan, Policy 1.4.5, 1.5 Objective: "In recognition of the limited amount of available open space remaining within our County, Pinellas County shall prohibit the conversion of dedicated recreation/open space land uses, and encourage the retention of non-dedicated recreation/open space land uses."

Dear County Commissioners, when Mr. Hill presents his plan to develop our Beloved Tides Golf, we are asking you to:

VOTE NO TO ANY LAND 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 OUR BELOVED TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

From: Sent: To:

Subject:

SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE <ronvstephens@gmail.com> Sunday, May 26, 2019 8:02 PM

Swinton, Tammy M

Scientists SAY "2100 BRINGS 8.5 FEET OF SEA LEVEL RISE"



Our County is not only the most densely populated County in the State of Florida, but it is also BUILT Out!

"Buil<u>d</u>-out"

is the population needed to fill all



Pinellas County Engineering Department:

the housing already approved for construction but not yet built. Build-out increases as even more approvals are granted.

"Built-out" means less than 5% of land designated for housing remains undeveloped.

Map colors show how much more housing is allowed at build-out

up to 25% more

26-50% more

51-100% more

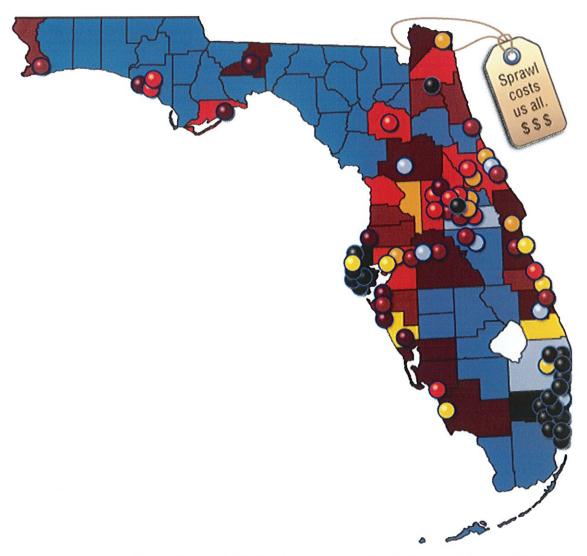
101-200 % more

over 200% more

BUILT-OUT

There are no large pieces of land for developers to work on...They all know that. There are smaller plots that may enable a Developer to build monsterous high rises....evidenced by the growth you see in downtown St. Petersburg. *One St. Petersburg* is a 42 stories high building in down town St. Petersburg housing condos and a penthouse. It is now the tallest building in downtown St. Petersburg.

Below, you will see what our County looks like in reference to **BUILT OUT!**The Black Dots indicate that area is completely built out.



There is one yellow dot that indicates something else can be built, but BUILT OUT means there is less than 5% left for that purpose!

Our Mr. Hill who bought the Tides Realized he needed to buy a golf course if he ever thought of finding a lot of acres to build on.

He also realized there was a real bargain on the market called the Tides Golf Course. He would buy it, run it into the ground, and then conveniently Hurricane Irma came along.....caused a little bit of tree damage....but because of that he stated the Tides was no longer a viable golf course!

Mr. Hill (current Tides Owner) I am sure also realizes the Tides Golf Course is <u>designated a RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE and ZONED</u>

ACCORDINGLY which would not allow the property to be developed!

Our Scientists are telling us by the year 2100 we are going to have an additional 8.5 feet of sea-level rise!

Our Tides Golf course is no place to build a development of housing.

It is a 100 Year flood plain for the majority of the course, plus a 500 year flood plain in the rest of the course!

Would you believe in the last decade we have already

had 26..... 500 year floods hit our State!

The Tides Golf Course has been here since Feb. 1973. THIS IS REAL HISTORY IN OUR COMMUNITY! WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS MOST PRECIOUS GEM OF OUR COMMUNITY!

This land has been Open Space for all of it's animals, birds and mammals for hundreds, maybe thousands of years!

We cannot let this *OUTSIDE Developer from Another County* come in and destroy OUR MOST PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

Our Comprehensive Plan, in It's Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element in Objective 1.5 states: "In recognition of the limited amount of available open spaces remaining in the County, Pinellas County shall

prohibit the conversion of dedicated recreation/open space land uses"

Dear County Commissions, Mr. Hills objective from day one when he bought the Tides Golf Course was to develop it!

His elaborate plan was to run it into the ground, make the course less than people wanted to play and then conveniently Mother Nature's hurricane Irma came along so he could claim there was vast devastation of the Tides golf course!

WE SEE THROUGH YOUR LITTLE SHAM MR. HILL!!!

ALL OF THAT WAS A PLAN TO MAKE THE TIDES UNDESIREABLE!

MR. HILL NEVER WANTED A GOLF COURSE....HE WANTED A

DEVELOPMENT!

SORRY MR. HILL YOUR SHAM WAS SEEN COMING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING....YOU WEREN'T FOOLING ANYONE!

DEAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, please:

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

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

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

SAVE OUR TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

From:

Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 3:11 PM Swinton, Tammy M

To: Subject:

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BUILT OUT

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

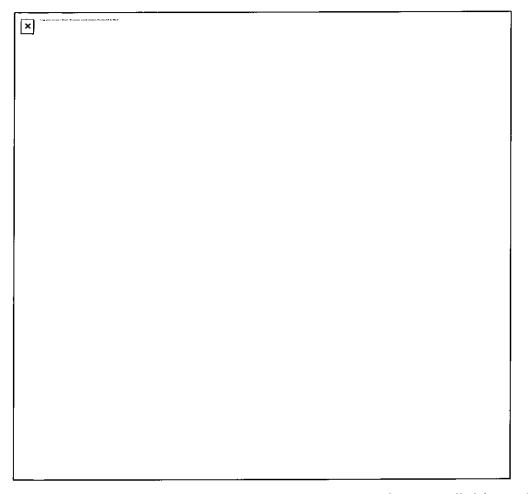
How many times have we heard, "PINELLAS COUNTY IS BUILT OUT"?

According to a recent web site called priceofsprawl.com Pinellas County is

100% Built Out! Our drinking water is projected to run out by 2030 for the current existing population. Yet, we have developers like the ones that want to develop Our Beloved Tides Golf Course, now Bardmoor as well as Bay Pointe.... trying to destroy the very Recreational Open Spaces that our County has dedicated itself to protect!

Just look at one of the most important things that developers need:

1. Water for their Development



This is a color coded map showing the status of our available water supply for our Current residents. *This does not include of course the massive amount of living units that these developers will want to add.*

Pinellas County is running low on it's needed drinking water supply according to this map with it's current population!

We need to remember, Our Tides Golf Course was not just a golf course. <u>It</u> is a water shed, allowing millions of gallons of water to sweep over it's green grasses, trapping impurities, collecting water for our aquifer and being the safe refuge for storm water cascading down from our local community.

Dear Commissioners, County Engineers and Members of our LPA Board, we cannot afford to lose this precious green space to homes, concrete and asphalt!

Our Comprehensive Plan states in Objective 1.5 of the Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element which is particular significant to any one trying to develop the Tides Golf Course that, "in recognition of the limited amount of available open spaces remaining within our County, Pinellas County shall prohibit the conversion of dedicated recreation/open space land uses".

Please vote no to any change in the Tides Recreational Open Space Designation!

Vote No to any Zoning change!

Vote No to any development of the Tides Golf Course!

Respectfully,
Ron Stephens
SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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From: Sent:

SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIIONAL OPEN SPACE < ronvstephens@gmail.com>

Sunday, April 28, 2019 6:07 PM

Swinton, Tammy M

To: Subject: TIDES LAND-LIKE NO OTHER Duple caterano

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

There is a Famous song by Joni Mitchell called the "BIG YELLOW TAXI **SONG".** The song perfectly describes what can happen to the Tides GC Recreational Open Space if we do not stop it.

The song plays:

"They paved paradise, put up a parking lot, with a pink hotel, a boutique and a swinging hot spot!

"They took all the trees and put them in a Tree museum"

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til its gone?

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot!"

The Tides Recreational Open Space without our action is going to be replaced by many home units, who knows how many parking lots and maybe even a few pink homes!

SADLY, we will never get it back if that happens! It Will Be Gone Forever!

,	What use to be this:
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Will probably be replaced by this:

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Think of the <u>hundreds of trees that will be destroyed</u> so **Mr.Hill (The Developer)** can build acres of homes, paved roads and concrete driveways. **Trees gone that** *once :*

- 1. Cleaned our air
- 2. Were Home to species that resided underthem
- 3.Cleaned our soil
- 4. Produced the precious oxygen we so desperately need
- 5. Slowed our storm water run off
- 6. Created an environment of peace and tranquility

Our Comprehensive Plan states that "A large open space like our Tides GC Recreational Open Space can look quite attractive to developers" Objective 1.4 of the RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURE ELEMENT requires Pinellas County to "protect it's open

spaces and scenic vistas for their contributions to quality of life"

So many that live in our Community today, came here because they saw this as the centerpiece of our Community:

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This breathes life into us. This kept many of us strong and active members of our Community. This promoted our County to thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world. This is what <u>enables us to sustain our Community life</u> and will do so for the many generations that come after us!

Dear County Commissioners, LPA Board Members and County
Engineers...do not let this outsider that was always a developer in
sheeps clothing....pull the wool over your eyes! Mr. Hill will claim the
Tides was no longer VIABLE. That is not true. It was a VIABLE and
growing golf course that supported our total County as well as our

Community(AND WE INTEND TO MAKE SURE IT IS VIABLE AND PART OF OUR COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN!).

Mr. Hill tried to portray it differently so he could destroy and build on it. We need to recognize this wolf in sheeps clothing and deal with him accordingly!

We need to tell Mr. Hill....that is NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN!

When this Tides Development plan comes before you, we over 18,000 strong in petitions alone are asking you to:

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF 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 OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

From: Sent: Ron Stephens <ronvstephens@gmail.com> Sunday, April 21, 2019 4:50 PM

Swinton, Tammy M

To: Subject:

EVERYONE COME OUT-SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY

Duplicate name

Good Evening Everyone!

It's OUR BIG RALLY!

JUST WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE AGAIN!!!

We are Rallying with Bardmoor, The Bayou Club and Bay Pointe Golf Courses to send a message to our County Commissioners, Our LPA Board and Our County Engineers that we want our GREEN SPACE SAVED!

- 1. Bring your Signs...make them up if you do not have one.
- 2. EVERYONE...PLEASE Wear your SAVE THE TIDES GREEN SHIRTS.

Those that do not have them....I have them in stock. Tell me your size and how many and I will get them for you.

From: Sent: To:

Subject:

SAVE OUR TIDES RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE < ronvstephens@gmail.com > Saturday, March 23, 2019 2:29 PM Swinton, Tammy M

Swinton, Tammy M

We Cannot Afford To Lose our Recreational Open Space

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

Back in 2014, a member of Pinellas County shared some statistics with me. Pinellas County is 179,200 acres of land 39% of it is comprised of Unincorporated Communities like the Tides Golf Course and our Surrounding Neighborhood.

The County had at that time approximately 8,124 Acres of Vacant developable acreage County Wide. There were approximately 3571 acres in Unincorporated areas.

He also shared with me that in the Unincorporated areas there are 5898 acres of RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE, that is just 3.2% of open space left in areas like our Community surrounding the Tides GC Recreational Open Space! Most of this 3.2% open space left are Golf Courses!

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Our Comprehensive Plan has a very important element in it called: our Planning to Stay Element.

A key guiding concept for growth management – "Planning to Stay" - was identified at a Board of County Commissioners Workshop in 1997:

"Pinellas County should be the kind of place where families and businesses will want to stay, and where children will want to remain or return once they become adults. This idea of people and businesses planning to stay in Pinellas County because they desire to live and work nowhere else is foundational to an overall vision for the future of Pinellas County".

Mr. Graham Brink, Business Columnist for the Tampa Bay Times, in January 1,

2019, wrote "Florida is in a relentless competition to attract and retain high end businesses, and talent that supports them.

Luring and nourishing businesses....quality of life matters...it means outdoor places to play...glad that these places won't be covered in concrete!"

Mr. Brink also stated that "voters wanted the State to use \$300 Million a year to buy up land....to protect it!" We the people understand how important our Recreational Open Space is and it must be conserved"

Today, there is a war going on with this PLANING TO STAY element in our Communities... coming from outside sources called *DEVELOPERS!* They are looking to *get rich quick* by purchasing our Recreational Open Spaces like the Tides Golf Course, The Bardmoor Golf Course, and The Bay Pointe Golf Course and maybe even the Bayou Club....thus developing them with major living units....destroying our <u>most PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES!</u>

These Four Golf Courses represent 560 acres of the 5017 total acres of golf courses in Pinellas County. An 11% loss in Recreational Open Space!

We are basically a **BUILT OUT County**! <u>TWICE THE DESITY POPULATION of any</u>
<u>Community in the State of Florida!</u>

Yet we are the second smallest County in Florida!

We are fighting to save our Recreational Open Spaces from GREEDY

DEVELOPERS from outside our County that care only about the almighty

\$Dollar......They care less about the fact that they are destroying RECREATIONAL

OPEN SPACES that we can never again ever get back!

This greatly affects the Planning To Stay element of our Community! People are already leaving our local Community because of the fear that the Tides GC Recreational Open Space may be DEVELOPED!

Dear County Commissioners, LPA Board Members and Ladies and Gentlemen of our Development Group Engineers, (OnlyYou have the power to help our Community twart this process) when this Development Plan comes before you from Mr. Hills and Mr. Carpenter:

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN LAND DESIGNATION FOR 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, Ron Stephens Save Our Tides Recreational Open Space

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Florida Golf - Started in 1886



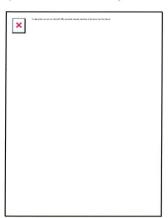
Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our **Pinellas County Engineers:**

The History of Golf in Florida dates back before 1900! John Gillespie, a Scottish immigrant, established his homestead in Sarasota, Florida in 1886. When he arrived, his passion for the Game of Golf arrived with him, causing him to construct a two hole golf "course" which became the origin of golfing in Florida and one of the first recorded in the Nation!

Henry Flagler, recognized the importance of this recreational game and built golf courses along with his resort hotels on the East Coast line for his railway. Henry Plant did like wise for his rail system when he built his famous Belleview Biltmore hotel along with it's famous golf course...the Belleview Biltmore Country Club.

The Florida Department of Historical Resources acknowledges that Florida welcomes golfers from all over the world to come and enjoy it's more than 1100 courses in more than 500 of it's golf communities! The Florida Historical Resources Depart of Florida states, "In the 21st Century, golf in Florida is more than just an enjoyable pastime...it is a key industry contributing to the vitality of local

communities and the state economy!" The importance of our golfing heritage is published in a magazine developed by Florida's Department of Historical Resources called: Florida Historic Golf Trail. (SEE BELOW)



Our Comprehensive Plan emphasizes in Objecyive1.4 of the Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element that our County is required to:

"protect it's open spaces and scenic vistas for the contributions to our quality of life...Pinellas County will incentivize and encourage the retention and reestablishment of open vistas, with particular emphasis on coastal areas and lands surrounding parks and environmental lands."

When the County Engineers were reviewing Taylor Morrison's plan to develop the Tides GC, they emphasized the fact that "our Community has enjoyed the visual access to the Tides open space/scenic vista for over 40 years. They have enjoyed the wildlife, and the sloping grass elevations of the expanse down to the Boca Ciega Bay. This Golf Course is unique in being nestled

among a regional resource-based park, and a residential subdivision"

Dear members of our Pinellas County elected officials and working Engineers, Our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space is too valuable to lose and should be SAVED AT ALL COSTS!

When Mr. Hills Development Plan comes before the County, Citizens of Pinellas County are asking you to:

VOTE NO TO ANY REDESIGNATION OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE!

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE OF ZONING ON THAT PROPERTY!

VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

Respectfully,

Ron Stephens

Save Our Tides GOLF COURSE Recreational Open Space

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A PLAN TO DESTROY ... A PLAN TO SAVE!

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

A PLAN TO DESTROY!

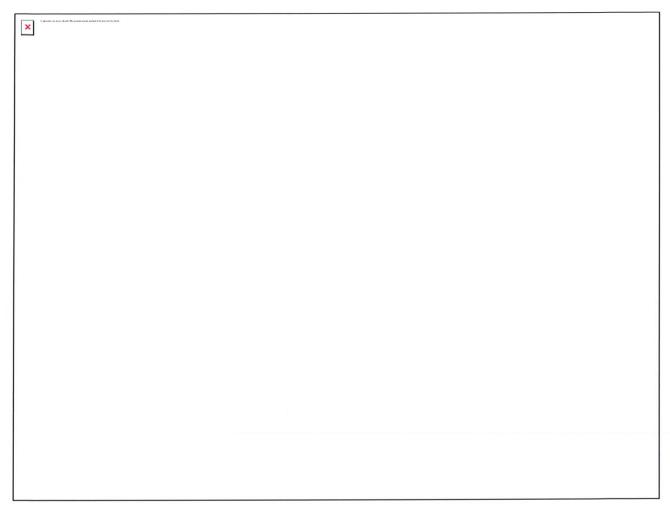
How do you create and carryout such a plan?

First you buy a golf course(The Tides Golf Course), don't let anyone know who is buying it of course. Let the current owner (Wells Fargo Bank), think you are going to run it as a golf course. Stay invisible to your employees except a chosen few, keep the Community in the dark with what you intend on doing with the course.

Run the course without putting any real money into it, don't maintain the course to keep it beautiful, raise the price of golf so the common guy like you and me doesn't want to pay it....then let the course slowly deteriate!!!

Stick by your plan for 18 months then come out with a false truth like: I tried to run the Tides as a golf course but it is no longer a VIABLE GOLF COURSE!

The result is this:



A fenced in golf course with black cloth to hide the unkept property from the majority of eyes. Behind the fence, the purposeful destruction of a beautiful gem of a Golf Course that we all loved called the Tides GC Recreational Open Space! Why destroy the TIDES? So he can develop it of course...HIS ORGINIAL GOAL...A PLAN TO DESTROY!

This developer thinks what we do does not really matter...in his eyes and the eyes of his lawyer...no matter what we do, or what any one else does including the (County Engineers, LPA Board or the Commissioners) ultimately he will win!

But, We have A PLAN TO SAVE!

How do you make A PLAN TO SAVE!

First you inform your Community. They get involved. We all read a lot and realize that the **County's Comprehensive Plan** is a **pretty impressive document.**..and it's written for our County to preserve it's ability to have it's people **Continue to**Stay and prosper!

We then <u>voice our outrage</u> to our Commissioners, LPA Board and County Engineers telling them they cannot let this developer destroy our most precious open space called the Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space!

We write letters, cards and lots of e-mails letting everyone know this is a grave injustice to our Community perpetrated by a Developer that wants to destroy our PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE to make \$Millions in profits on OUR LOSS!

We attend meetings, sign paper petitions, speak our peace at Open Meetings informing our Commissioners that what this Developer is doing is wrong and against the most basic principles of our COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN and the wishes of our COMMUNITY. He is destroying our reasons for people PLANNING TO STAY!

Finally at the LPA Board Meeting and the County Commissioners meeting, our Community gathers 500 or more strong.... showing our GREEN that our Community is united and solid in the belief that We MUST SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE so future generations can enjoy what God has so generously given to us!

A PLAN TO SAVE!

This is what we want: We want to keep our NEEDED and MOST PRECIOUS RECEATIONAL OPEN SPACE! Dear County Commissioners, when this development plan comes before you, **OUR COMMUNITY** is asking you to: VOTE NO TO ANY LAND DESIGNATION FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE! VOTE NO TO ANY ZONING CHANGE FOR THE TIDES GOLF COURSE! VOTE NO TO ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE! Respectfully,

Ron Stephens SAVE OUR TIDES GC RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE

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Our Future Generations Require Green Space Too

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

When our Community banded together to Save Our Tides Golf Course Recreational Open Space from being developed by Taylor Morrison in 2013, we launched a massive campaign to gather petition signatures. Our Petition asked people to sign our petition to help us Save Our Recreational Open Space at the time. Taylor Morrison wanted to redevelop the Tides into 177 single family homes.

Everyone came together to meet this challenge.

Even My grandsons below, took time to sit on four green chairs behind our house by the golf course asking golfers to sign our petition and help save our Tides Golf course from destruction! They said Their reasons for helping...."Grandpa someday

we want to play golf on the Tides Golf Course with You!"					
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Back in 2013, when our County Engineers wrote their 74 page report why the Taylor Morrison development plan for the Tides should not go forward. The Engineers pulled this information from our Comprehensive Plan for the report: They said, The Recreation, Open Space and Culture Element of the Comprehensive Plan, (p.16-3) acknowledges the following..."the County is at a critical time. A large open space can look quite attractive to both the public and private developer....But there is one fundamental point that must be interjected into the scramble to find enough land for everybody-once open spaces and natural areas begin to get nibbled away, they will inevitably be lost, plain and simple, and they will not be coming back!"

My grandchildren may not have **Our Beloved Tides** so we can go and play golf together. That will be a Tragedy!

For that matter our County may not have Bardmoor, maybe not have the Bayou Club nor Bay Pointe because developers want to destroy them as well!

We also have the **issue of the abundance of wild life that call the Tides Golf Course their home.** Below is a picture of a turtle (who is one of many) that traverse from ponds across the street to the Tides Golf Course!

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As you can see, The fence put around the Tides Golf Course has hurt the wild life already. This turtle can no longer transverse to the other ponds on the Tides. **This** barrier stopping him is the **NEW FENCE PUT UP BY THE TIDES OWNER!** It could be..... he has been now separated from his family of turtles *maybe FOREVER!*

If you could just walk the Tides...it is teeming with all sorts of wild life.

In the Report the Engineers wrote in 2013 for the Taylor Morrison Development

Plan, they noted in the Comprehensive plan, Policy 2.1.3 of the Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element "requires that the type, intensity and location of development be correlated inversely with important ecosystems and native wildlife species existing on each site (meaning the Tides and Boca Ciega Park).

Policy 3.1.2 further requires that Pinellas County consider the impact of land use and zoning decisions...on environmental lands and resource based parks...so they do not conflict with approved management plans or best management practices."

If the wildlife on the Tides could say their piece to you our Commissioners, I believe this is what you might hear:

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Respectfully,
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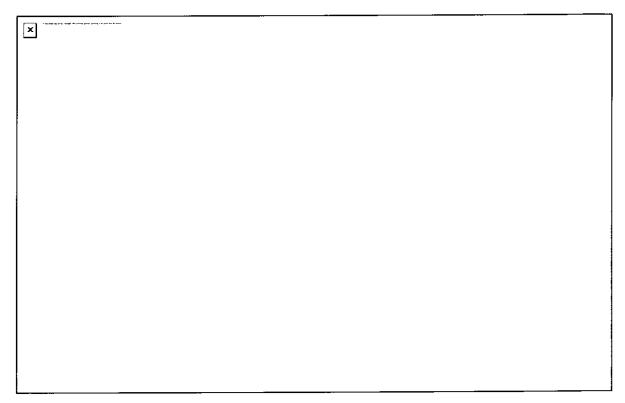
Swinton, Tammy M

OUR COMMUNITY IS SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE CLOSING OF THE TIDES

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

Our Comprehensive Plan States in Objective 1.5 of the RECREATION, OPEN SPACE and CULTURE ELEMENT when speaking about our Recreation/Open Space land (Such as our Tides Golf Course) "It is particularly significant that in recognition of the limited amount of available open space remaining in our 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".

Please Read The below History of our Beloved Gem of a Recreational Open Space we call the Tides Golf Course. Listen to the story, and why Charles Alberding was so proud of his Golf Course Creation!



Charles Alberding was the owner of The Tides Bath Club that originally opened New Years Eve, 1936. The Bath Club was the prince of the Beach. It use to be called the rec room for Pinellas County's High Society.

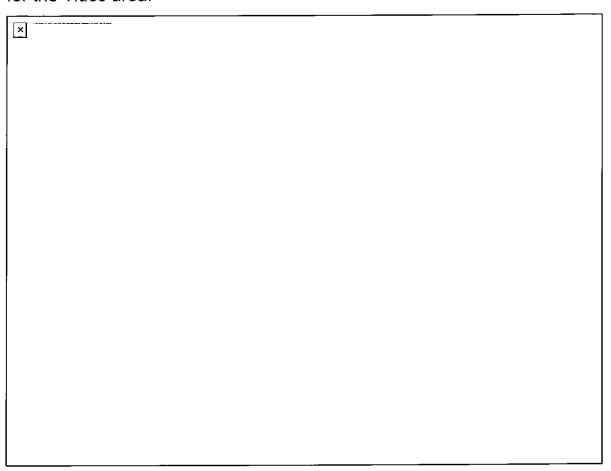
Throughout it's history, the rich and famous made the Tides Bath Club their play ground. Alfred Hitchcock stayed there. Jonathon Winters loved it's beaches. Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio used the Tides in 1961 for a casual get together. More than 5,000 members called the Tides their get away.

But Mr. Alberding came under attack by his Bath members calling for a place to play golf. His visitors loved the beach atmosphere, the excellent food and all the other amenities available....but they lacked a golf course! Mr. Alberding ignored his visitors requests until they became a roar of "We Need A Golf Course"!

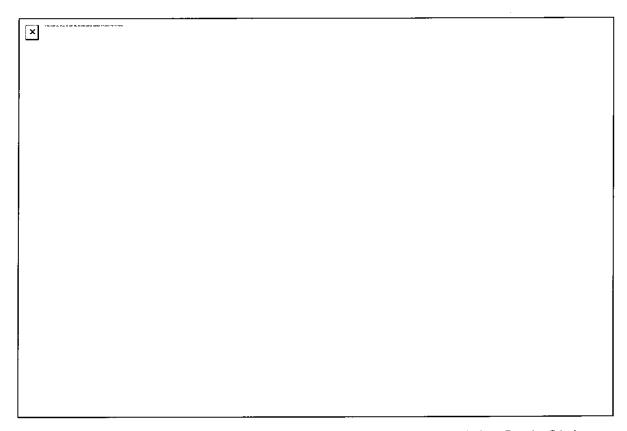
In the late 1960's and early 70's, Mr. Alberding sougth out a place close to

his Bath Club that his members could enjoy. He eventually found the area now called the Tides Golf Course located at 11832 66Th Ave. North, Seminole, Florida 33772.

This area was zoned for over 250 homes. Below was the original mapping for the Tides area.



Mr. Alberding got the Pinellas County Commissioners in the early 1970's to get this area vacated of housing, and set up so he could build his golf course there. Mr. Alberding called upon Arthur Gil, ASGCA, as the preferred designer of his Tides Golf Club. Mr. Alberding then built the Tides Golf Course, and In February 1973, the Tides Golf Course open it's doors to an instant success.



The opening of The Tides Golf Course actually increased the Bath Club visitor traffic from then on. At the Time of the Tides Golf Course being built, Mr. Alberding also owned The Vinoy Hotel and the Sunset Golf and Country Club.

Prior to the completion of the Tides Golf Course, Mr. Alberding became acquainted with a home owner that just built his home on the grounds before the Tides was built. This home owner's name was Mr. Devos. Mr. Devos purposely built his home there realizing that this land was to become a golf course.

Charles Alberding hired Mr. Devos to manage his Golf Course, thus making him the first Manager of the Tides Golf Course, plus he also, in time, would became the Club Champion. His son, Lou Devos would eventually follow in his father's foot steps. Lou become the Manager of the Tides as well, and would retire eventually from the Tides.

The Tides Golf Course, a par 72 Daily Fee Golf course, was a 6329 yard Semi-Private club that was perfect for the members of Mr. Alberding's Tides Bath Club. It featured 3 sets of tees allowing many types of golfers to enjoy the Tides with different skill sets. The greens were made of Tifd Warf grass, the faiways of Bermuda. These types of grass were well suited for a course built right next to an intra coastal salt water waterway.

The Tides was Mr. Alberding's crowning glory...he was proud of what he built from nothing! Mr. Alberding died in 1989.

A testament to what Mr. Alberding built comes from a golfer in 2011. He said: "If you like to play golf and look at the water then the Tides is for you. Somehow they managed to save miles of water front land just for us to play golf. The place is 38 years old and has the feel of the good old days. Nice breakfeast, nice lunch from the grill, and a full service bar with a breathtaking view of the course, and the bay and it is only a mile from the beach. Everyone was so friendly. Its open to the public, but after 9 holes you feel like a life long member."

Since Mr. Alberding's death the Tides has been sold a number of times:

July 02, 1992

Alberding's decendants sold the Tides for \$3,268,900 to National Fairways Limited

July 28, 1998

National Fairways sold to Kollstar Tides Golf Club LLC for \$9,400,000

November 01, 2000

Kollstar sold to North West Bank-Minnesota Lennar Properties Inc. for \$8,091,700

December 07, 2005

Northwest Bank- Lennar Partners Inc. sold to CT-Tides LLC 201 E. Kennedy, Suite 950, Tampa, Florida for \$5,400,000

November 17, 2016 Redus Florida Properties (Wells Fargo) sold to TTGC LLC (Current Owner Jeffry Hills) for \$3,850,000

Tides Golf Course closed as a Golf Course June 30, 2018

We read below a <u>statement in our Comprehensive plan</u> that is actually trying to take place right now with GREEDY DEVELOPERS looking at Bay Point Golf Course, Tides Golf Course, Bardmoor Golf Course and possibly the Private Bayou Club:

We are at a critical time now.A large open space looks awfully attractive, both to private and public developers.....but in the scramble to find land to develop...there is one fundamental point that must be interjected.....

ONCE YOU BEGIN TO NIBBLE AWAY YOUR OPEN SPACE
AND YOUR NATURAL AREAS, IT WILL NOT TAKE LONG FOR
THEM TO BE GONE....AND WE WILL NOT GET THEM BACK!

Dear Commissioners...you cannot let this happen!

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN LAND DESIGNATION FOR THE TIDES

GOLF COURSE!

VOTE NO TO ANY CHANGE IN ZONING FOR THE TIDES GOLF

COURSE!

VOTE NO TO ANY REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TIDES GOLF COURSE!

Respectfully,

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Dear County Commissioners, Members of our LPA Board, Ladies and Gentlemen of our County Engine

By now you may know that the Owners of the Tides Golf Course had a meeting t past Tuesday inviting our Community to attend. Sixteen to twenty people showed The reason for the meeting was to:

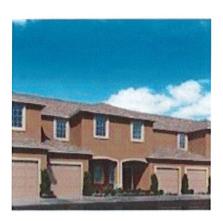
- 1. Tells us they will WIN this battle no matter what the final decision of the County be.
- 2. Golf courses are a dying recreation.

No matter how the owner feels, we are relying on the outcome of our Count protect it's citizens.

We want our Community to continue to have the TIDES as our center piece.



We do not want to see the Tides look like this picture below:

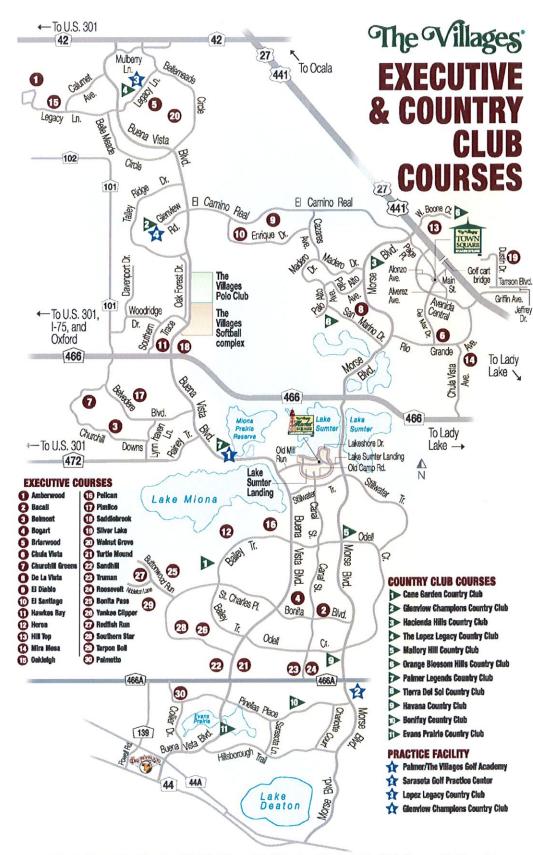


We do not need this beautiful Recreational Open Space destroyed and repla with concrete, asphalt and Homes!

People are being told by Mr. Tew, The Lawyer of the Owner of the Tides, that go dying game. Millennials do not play the game. Golf courses need to be redevelor make way for future generations so the developers can make \$Millions destroying RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES!

While in Reality, Golf and Tennis are the glue that keep areas VIABLE, encouraç growth and longevity!

Below is a map of the Villages located by Ocala in the Upper Center of our State!



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Here are some interesting facts about the Villages:

Population in July, 2017 was 125165 They are Rated the #10 In Population Growth in our Country They have 34 Square miles of Land Their Population is expected to grow by 58 % to 197761 They have 48 Regular Size Golf Courses To Play on They have 38 Executive Style Golf Courses to play on They have 12 Country Club courses as well. They have 100 Tennis Courts

Folks, as you can see Golf and Tennis are very popular sports today in our State will remain that way for generations unless we decide to DESTROY THEM like so wealthy rogue developers want to do!

These developers are trying to make a case for why they want to destroy our RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACES... We must band together and FIGHT THEM ALONG THE ENTIRE JOURNEY NO MATTER WHERE IT TAKES US! WE CA LOSE THIS PRECIOUS RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE CALLED THE TIDES COURSE!

Dear Commissioners, LPA Board Members, Ladies and Gentlemen of our Engine Group, Our Community are standing strong with you to keep our County GREAT cannot afford to lose our precious Recreational Open Spaces. We have just hear the owner of Bardmoor, a large public fee golf course, is now going to try and det that course as well and develop it.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY.....WE JUST CANNOT LET THESE GREEDY PEOPLE DESTROY OUR COUNTY BECAUSE THEY WANT TO MAKE A LOT **MONEY PERSONALLY!**

I am encouraging all of our citizens to reach out to you and do the following below to let you know how important this matter is to our COMMUNITIES:

PLEASE, E-Mail your Commissioners(send this e-mail to them with a few of your comments), send them post cards, and letters telling them we do not want our Beloved TIDES destroyed! Nor the DESTRUCTION OF THE BARDMOOR COURSE!

Respectfully, Ron Stephens Save The Tides Golf Course

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