



***Our Mission*** is to create a growing network of co-ed seniors, to provide social activities, local events, **travel**, entertainment and educational seminars in common interest groups as ways to safely enjoy our lives.

***WE WERE READY TO HOOT AGAIN...***

**THANKS TO COMMISSIONER HAGAN & STAFF**  
**WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!**

When Hillsborough County closed all Parks & Rec buildings in mid-March, 2020, all Owls Club activities were put on hold. We tried to restart meetings in December 2020, but due to increasing positivity rates of Covid-19 and concerns associated with large group indoor gatherings, the Owls continued to suspend all but small group activities.

The suspension of large group indoor gatherings at the county park will continue until the positivity rate drops to an acceptable level. The answer is to get vaccinated, but that has been a *frustrating process for most seniors!* Our pleas to Ken Hagan, District 2 County Commissioner, who always supports our club, were recently answered. Hillsborough County Emergency Management on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> deployed a mobile unit to provide 520 vaccine dosages to inoculate Owls & 65+ seniors. What a blessing!

If you are ready to get out and resume some social activities now with safeguards in place, you may want to register for some of the small group programs at the Northdale Park. Contact Park Program Supervisor, Raheem Douglas (813) 450-6502 to get the latest details.

Time will tell, but we *hope to have one heck of a July 6<sup>th</sup> large group gathering at the restart of monthly meetings of the Owls at Northdale Park.* If we do meet, wear your Red, Blue & White and celebrate the U.S.A. Most of us have many blessings!

Whatever you decide, we encourage you to stay busy, eat healthy and wear PPE when required.... And go out of your way to thank Commissioner Hagan ([HaganK@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:HaganK@hillsboroughcounty.org)) for helping us get our life back on track.

***Still Got Questions?***

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