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A Quarterly Newsletter Published for Members and Friends of Wingfield Reserve

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Brown, WRHA Board President

Greetings fellow Wingfield Reserve Residents! As we approach the hot summer we bring you this newsletter with articles that you might find useful. As I always mention, feel free to contact any of your board members, or Dorothy at Sentry Management if you have any questions, needs and/or suggestions.

Speaking of Sentry Management, I am sometimes asked why we have long engaged the services of a management company. Sentry Management is our support company and they also assist a number of other associations in the area. The space for this article is too short to tell the whole story, but the following are among the services they provide:

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- Communications with residents

- Property Visits
- Bidding, Negotiating and overseeing association contract compliance
- Managing situations regarding foreclosed/vacant properties
- Overseeing ponds and appropriate contracts related to ponds

Recently the board met and approved some capital improvements (landscape items) for our entrances. They also directed some tree trimming to be done. Details are proceeding for the installation of entrance cameras which will be completed soon. We are most grateful to Staci Farley for her assisting us with the landscaping improvements. A minor item, but you may have seen that many of the street light poles have mold and lichens on them. The board approved having them power-washed, as needed, over the next few months..... Some of you may recall when our residents M/M Doug Ronning (and other board members at the time) were so helpful in causing the upgrade to the style of lights we now have in our neighborhood.

As I write this article I am reminded that while the economy is improving, many of our residents are still concerned about real estate values and home valuations. The best way to "ride out" these concerns is to keep our homes and lots in the best shape we can!

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER
AND SEE YOU OUTSIDE!**

VACANT HOUSE WATCH

Are you going on a vacation or business trip? If you are, please take advantage of this wonderful FREE program. A few days before you are scheduled to leave, call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6650 and ask to set up a House Watch. The operator will take important information from you, such as: When are you leaving? When are you expected back? Is anyone allowed on your property while you are gone? This information will be sent to the Deputy patrolling our community, who will then make periodic checks of your home while you are gone. If anything goes wrong, they'll know who to contact.

**PUT "SET UP A HOUSE WATCH" ON YOUR
TO-DO LIST BEFORE LEAVING!**

SAFETY AND COURTESY FOR WALKING, BIKING & JOGGING

Summer weather is here and many Wingfield Reserve residents are out enjoying bicycle rides, walks and jogs. This makes it a good time to remind you and your family members to share these outdoor spaces in ways that are safe and courteous for all participants.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKERS

WALK FACING TRAFFIC – if there is no sidewalk and walkers must use the side of the road, choose the side facing oncoming traffic. This gives the best chance to observe approaching traffic and allows evasive action when needed.

CROSS SAFELY – your Mom was right: look both ways before crossing streets. At controlled intersections, cross only as indicated by the pedestrian crossing light. Make eye contact with drivers who may be turning to be sure they see you.

WALK SINGLE FILE – walk in single file unless on a sidewalk separated from the road or on a wide bike lane. This is especially important on roads with curves, where drivers have only a split second to see pedestrians.

STAY AWARE OF BIKERS AND JOGGERS – share the road or path with bikers and runners. Bike riders should alert when approaching from behind with a bike bell or a “passing on the left/right”. Listen for others, and move to walk single file, allowing them to pass safely. Biker-walker collisions can result in broken bones or head injury for either. Runners should also call out before passing.

BE VISIBLE – wear bright colors when walking in

daytime. Wear light-colored and reflective clothing or a reflective vest when walking at night. Drivers often are not looking for walkers out after dark.

KEEP THE VOLUME DOWN – don’t block out the environment with your iPod. Keep volume at a level that permits hearing of bike bells and warnings from other walkers or runners.

HANG UP AND WALK – chatting on a cell phone while walking is as dangerous as making calls while driving. Talkers are distracted and less aware of their environment, also less likely to see traffic or tripping hazards. Potential criminals see cell phone talkers as distracted, easy targets.

WALK DOGS ON SHORT LEASHES – many traffic and tripping accidents and dog fights occur when pets are walked on long leashes. A short leash avoids incidents with other walkers or runners and keeps your pet safe.

SAFETY & COURTESY FOR BIKERS

SIDEWALK RIDING – under Florida law, bicycle riders on sidewalks have the same rights and duties as pedestrians. A bicycle rider on sidewalks or in crosswalks must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and must give an audible signal before passing others. Signal methods might include a handlebars-mounted bell or verbal “passing on your left” to avoid surprising or colliding with walkers. Parents should reinforce this rule with younger family members.

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2011-2012 SEMINOLE COUNTY STUDENT ATTENDANCE CALENDAR

August 9-12	Teacher Workdays
August 15	First Day of Student Attendance <i>Start of 1st Semester/1st Quarter</i>
September 5	School System Closed – Holiday
September 29	Schools Closed
October 14	<i>End of 1st Quarter</i>
October 17	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday
October 18	<i>Start of 2nd Quarter</i>
November 23	Schools Closed
November 24-25	School System Closed
December 19-21	Early Release Days for Students
December 21	End of 2nd Quarter
December 22-23	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workdays
Dec. 26-Jan. 3	School System Closed Winter Break
January 4	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #3 (if needed)
January 5	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #2 (if needed)
January 6	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #1 (if needed)
January 9	Classes Resume <i>Start of 3rd Quarter</i>
January 16	School System Closed
February 20	School System Closed
March 15	<i>End of 3rd Quarter</i>
March 16	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday Make-Up Day #1 (if needed)
March 19-23	School System Closed Spring Break
March 26	Classes Resume
April 6	Schools Closed
May 25, 29 & 30	Early Release Days for Students
May 28	School System Closed
May 30	Last Day of Student Attendance
May 31, June 1	Post-Planning for Teachers

PETS & WINGFIELD RESERVE

Wingfield Reserve has over 183 custom homes. As thirty-nine percent of U.S. households own at least one dog and thirty-three percent of U.S. households own at least one cat, our community has its fair share of pets.

One of the joys of home ownership for many people is the freedom and space to accommodate pet ownership. While pets can provide rewarding and fulfilling companionship, there are responsibilities within a community that accompany pet ownership. The fact that we have lots of dog and cat owners within our community may not be a surprise to anyone but you might not know that the number one complaint your homeowner's association receives is about pets.

Almost all complaints are related to the following:

- Excessive barking and noise
- Pet waste
- Unleashed pets

Just as some people are dog lovers, some cat lovers and others want nothing to do with any animal, pet etiquette also varies. In a recent study, when dog owners were asked, "Do you pick up after your pet?" 62% said they always cleaned up after the dog, 23% sometimes, and 15% never. 44% of the dog walkers who do not pick up indicated they would still refuse to pick up their animal's waste even if confronted by complaints from neighbors, threatened with fines, and/or provided with more sanitary and convenient options for retrieving and disposing of dog waste.

What many people don't know is that scientific studies have concluded that 95 percent of the fecal coliform found in urban storm water was from animal waste and that nearly 20% of the bacteria isolates that could be matched with host animals were matched with dogs. This bacteria can pose health risks to humans and other animals, and results in the spread of disease. It has been estimated that for watersheds districts (Wingfield Reserve is located in the Wekiva River basin) two to three days of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria and nutrients to temporarily close a bay to swimming and shell fishing (US EPA, 1993).

So if you own a pet, please be considerate of your neighbors and do the following:

- Pick up after your pet.
- Don't leave your dog outside barking.
- Leash your dog when you walk it.
- Use an electronic fence or some other method to keep your pet on your property.

SAFETY AND COURTESY FOR WALKING, BIKING & JOGGING

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ON ROADWAYS – bike riders have the same responsibilities and rights as operators of other vehicles, and must obey the same traffic laws. These include stopping for stop signs and red lights, riding with the flow of traffic, using lights at night and yielding the right-of-way when entering a roadway. Motorists and bicycle riders should treat each other with care and respect.

SIGNALING TURNS – intention to turn must be indicated at least 100 feet before turning. If both hands are required for control, the signal does not have to be given continuously. A right-turn signal can be given by extending the left hand and arm upward or by extending the right hand and arm to the right horizontally.

passing, going around slower runners and not cutting other runners off.

KEEP IT DOWN – chatting helps pass the miles, but not everyone wants to eavesdrop. Other annoyances: too-loud iPods, jangling keys or beeping heart-rate monitors.

DRESS AS IF IT'S 10 DEGREES WARMER THAN IT IS – think how warm you'll feel at mid-run, when your body is heated up. Choose the right apparel; on warm days, wear a hat and lightweight performance fabric which disperses sweat through evaporation.

LEASH YOUR BEST FRIEND – bringing your pooch on a run is OK, but tighten up the leash, so your pet doesn't trip or interfere with others.

OTHER FLORIDA BIKE RULES & REMINDERS

- A bicyclist may not wear a headset, headphone or other listening device when riding since important audio clues are needed to sense other traffic. Hearing aids are acceptable.
- At least one hand must be kept on the handlebars while riding.
- Bikers must use a fixed, regular seat for riding; no bicycle may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed.
- Every bicycle must be equipped with brakes which allow the rider to stop within 25 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour on dry, level pavement.
- Parents and guardians must not knowingly allow a child or minor ward to violate any provisions of Florida law.

SAFETY & COURTESY FOR JOGGERS

THE LEFT-SIDE-OF-THE-ROAD RULE – run facing traffic to keep safe. It's better to watch the traffic approaching than to have it come up behind you. The Exception: the right side of the road is safer when running into leftward curves where there's limited visibility and a narrow shoulder.

WATCH YOUR STEP – injuries and falls can occur in areas of uneven or broken pavement, slippery surfaces or accumulations of leaves, sand or other debris. Show courtesy to other runners by signaling

We're all becoming more aware of the benefits offered by outdoor exercise: stress and weight reduction, improved physical and mental condition, and the enjoyment of seeing the plants and wildlife that share our community.

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Street Light Repair	Progress Energy	(800) 700-8744
Power Outage	Progress Energy	(800) 228-8485

COUNTY SERVICES

Sidewalks Need Repair (Seminole County)	(407) 665-5609
Street Repair (Seminole County)	(407) 665-5687
Power Outage (Seminole County)	(407) 665-5687
Garbage/Trash (Solid Waste Management)	(407) 665-8200
Special Garbage Pickup (Waste Mngmt. Orlando)	(800) 829-7370

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Domestic Animal Complaints (Animal Control)	(407) 665-5201

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS

Joseph & Kimberly Abel
2215 Earleaf Court

Edward & Andrea St Onge
1804 Wingfield Drive

WE NEED RESIDENTS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

One of the most important responsibilities of your homeowners association (HOA) and our management company is to communicate with homeowners about what is going on in Wingfield Reserve. That is the reason we have continued to publish this newsletter on a quarterly basis and mail that newsletter to all Wingfield Reserve residents.

Just as printed newspapers are no longer the only way people get their news, your HOA would also like to use more modern methods of communication. For example, earlier this year we enhanced our web site, making it easier to use and providing more information. Residents can now go to www.wingfieldreserve.org and get forms for requesting approval of architectural improvements, copies of the Association bylaws, dates and times for upcoming HOA Board meetings and contact information for all Board members and Sentry Management.

Unfortunately, while residents can contact HOA representatives, we can't contact you (at least in a way that is more timely and efficient than this newsletter). So we are asking that all residents provide us e-mail addresses and tell us what they want, and don't want, to hear about. You can do this by:

- Going to our www.wingfieldreserve.org web site.
- Clicking on the link updating contact information.
- Filling out the on-line form, which include asking what areas (security, wildlife, social events etc.) you are interested in receiving e-mails about.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Casino night in January was a large success, but next year we intend to hold it in March or April to avoid the colder weather. The Social Committee is looking for more volunteers. This does not take much time and the success and number of social opportunities is dependent on your help. Please e-mail the committee at pamcoffman1@yahoo.com or at WRHA@mail.com. to ask what you can do.

Pam Coffman, *Social Committee Chairperson*

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS

As the hot summer approaches, the importance of working sprinklers is of paramount importance. There have been some irrigation issues in the common areas, especially at the north entrance. IF anyone observes a sprinkler malfunctioning, please call Dorothy at Sentry management (407) 788-6700, ext 314) or myself (407) 862-6640) so we can correct this problem before it is too late and plants/grass die off.

NEWS FLASH!! We are sprucing up the neighborhood! There will be some significant changes to the landscape at both entrances soon. Some old plant material will be pulled and new plants and trees installed. I hope everyone will enjoy the new landscape as you enter our neighborhood and take pride that you live in one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Seminole county!

Staci Farley, *Landscape Committee Chairperson*

WRHA SECURITY

A few update on Wingfield security:

1. Watch for security cameras at both entrances. This will be available to the Seminole County Sheriff's Department (SCSD) if they need to review vehicle activity following a reported crime.
2. Our Seminole County Sheriff's Deputies continue to monitor our neighborhood every day(a minimum of three hours). We have gone several months without any security issues in our neighborhood.
3. If you see anything that you want to report to the SCSD you can call (407) 665-6650 or 9-1-1.
4. If you are planning a trip please remember to call (407) 665-6650 and let the Sheriff's Department know you are away. They will schedule two deputy visits to your home each day in addition to our Wingfield Security Team who will also use this report to check you residence daily.

Mike Bledsoe, *Security Committee Chairperson*

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WHAT MAJOR ELEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR PLANT GROWTH AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

The performance of your plants is directly related to the fertility of your soil. Like humans, plants require certain elements to grow well and to remain healthy. The sixteen elements essential for plant growth are: carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, boron, chlorine, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum and zinc.

The most important three nutrients are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Nitrogen promotes strong, vigorous growth, good leaf color, and photosynthesis. Plants that are almost all leaf (such as lawn grasses) need plenty of nitrogen, so the first number in fertilizers for lawns is especially high because grass must continuously renew itself after mowing. The higher the number, the more nitrogen the fertilizer provides.

Phosphorous promotes root development which helps strengthen plants. It also increases blooms on flowers and the ripening of seeds and fruit. Lots of phosphorous is great for bulbs, perennials, as well as newly planted trees and shrubs. They depend on strong roots, so fertilizers meant for these plants often have high middle numbers.

Potassium improves the overall health of plants. It helps them withstand very hot or cold weather and defend against diseases. Potassium enables fruit formation, photosynthesis, and the uptake of other nutrients from the soil. Potassium works along with nitrogen so if you add nitrogen to the soil, it is important to add potassium at the same time. Most soils already have some potassium, so the third number in the fertilizer analysis is usually smaller than the other two. Fertilizers for some tropical plants, especially palms, contain extra potassium because of these plants' special needs.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BROADLEAF AND GRASSY WEEDS?

Grassy weeds are simply what they imply: grass. The difference is that they are unwanted grasses growing in a lawn of a different kind. Most grassy weeds are annual weeds and therefore tend to reappear every year. The most common of these unwanted grassy weeds is annual crabgrass. To minimize the growth of grassy weeds try to use long, deep soakings instead of regular short sprays when watering. Also, try to fertilize your lawn for maximum growth, especially prior to prime

grass growing seasons. Adding too much fertilizer to your lawn during its non-prime growing season could actually aid the weed's battle against your lawn though, so make sure you're aware of the best time to fertilize!

Broadleaf weeds are the most commonly found weeds, and take a non-grassy like appearance. They derive their name from the broad leaves that, in most cases, clearly differentiate them in appearance from your grass. To minimize broadleaf weed development, bag clippings when weeds are present (especially during summer months) and water in intervals to allow the top of the soil to dry slightly between waterings. Hand-pull existing weeds, including roots, prior to and/or after the weed's establishment in the lawn.

CONTACTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

To report suspicious activity, please call the Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6650 or in an emergency dial 911. The deputies that patrol Wingfield Reserve are:

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