



# THE RESERVE

*A Quarterly Newsletter Published for Members and Friends of Wingfield Reserve*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by **Mark Brown, WRHA Board President**

As we proceed into 2010, we are most fortunate to have completed a very strong year for the Wingfield Reserve Neighborhood Association. Many physical upgrades, which are important to keep up with in a developed area like Wingfield Reserve, have been made in our neighborhood.

At our recent elections, John Schaffer was elected as a new board member. John and his wife Debbie have been residents of Wingfield Reserve for approximately 15 years, have raised their family here and are great neighbors. We appreciate John's willingness to serve the WHRA association. His "daytime job" is Chief Financial Officer for AAA National. John's financial background will benefit our Association. Welcome aboard John!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Fred Sperry for all of his dedicated service to our board. Fred opted not to run for reelection, but indicated that he'll remain available to help when asked. I personally have always appreciated Fred's extensive knowledge and willingness to serve. He also hosted many board meetings and many summer Wingfield Reserve picnics in his beautiful backyard! Thanks Fred!

I also want to thank Louis Joachim for his leadership as President the last few years. Louis will remain active on the Board and we all appreciate his steady hand and willingness to remain committed. We thank Louis and his wife for hosting our Winter Casino events at their lovely home the past few years and for hosting most of our board meetings.

In our ongoing efforts to better serve the community, we recently combined our seven board committees into four. At our March 25th board meeting we approved this change and assigned board members to each group as liaisons. Our new committee structure and the board liaisons are as follows:

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:**

Mark Brown (Joel Cutler, neighborhood leadership support)

**COMMON GROUNDS/PONDS/SWALES:**

Jim Agnello (Staci Farley, neighborhood leadership support)

**SECURITY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/  
SOCIAL:**

Mike Bledsoe (Louis Joachim to assist Mike with some elements of Social and Neighborhood Watch)

**WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER/DIRECTORY:**

John Schaffer

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## **Notice Something Different About This Newsletter?**

We have returned to sending residents a paper version of the quarterly newsletter. Of course you will only have noticed this change if we have your correct email address and you have received past issues. One of the reasons we have returned to paper for this issue is because we know that we are missing the current email addresses for many Wingfield residents.

So we ask that you go sit down at your computer and do the following:

- Send an email to [WHRA@mail.com](mailto:WHRA@mail.com);
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  - The email address (or addresses) you would like this newsletter to be emailed to;
  - Your street address (matching street and email addresses will allow the homeowners association to see which residents we have or don't have email addresses for);
  - Tell us if you prefer to receive ALL email updates (about once a week) on security, police reports, social events, bear sightings and other Wingfield news items or just the quarterly newsletter.

Our goal is to improve our communications with homeowners while allowing you to choose what you do or don't want to receive.

Any questions? Just send an email to [WHRA@mail.com](mailto:WHRA@mail.com).

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The board recently approved our December 31, 2010 audited financials. We are pleased to report that we did not incur a dues increase in 2010 for the second year in a row and that we further improved the association's retained earnings in 2009. In the current economic environment, we often hear about the financial challenges faced by many neighborhood associations. We are pleased to report that the Wingfield Reserve homeowners association is in excellent financial shape. This is a credit to previous board administrations and the excellent work done by our management company (Sentry Management) and our coordinator, Dorothy Dodson.

While we have a few properties in Wingfield Reserve that are in various stages of ownership change, the board is taking all necessary actions within our power to ensure that these properties are reviewed for association dues payment and minimal appearance management. The good news is that we are seeing action on a number of properties and have welcomed a number of new owners the past six months.

Lastly, we can't stress enough our passion and desire to help Wingfield Reserve stay as safe and secure as possible. This is an area where our Neighborhood Watch Program is invaluable. I remind residents that we all need to keep our eyes and ears open and report via #911 anything we see that looks suspicious in Wingfield Reserve. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office invites these calls and is a true partner with us in protecting our great neighborhood!

It is a delight to serve you as WHRA's President. On behalf of all Wingfield Reserve board members, we invite your participation and appreciate your feedback and suggestions.

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# 20010-2011 SEMINOLE COUNTY STUDENT ATTENDANCE CALENDAR

August 10-13	Teacher Workdays
August 16	First Day of Student Attendance <i>Start of 1st Semester/1st Quarter</i>
September 6	School System Closed – Holiday
September 9	Schools Closed
October 15	<i>End of 1st Quarter</i>
October 18	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #4 (if needed)
October 19	<i>Start of 2nd Quarter</i>
November 24	Schools Closed
November 25-26	School System Closed
December 20-22	Early Release Days for Students
December 22	End of 2nd Quarter
December 23	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday
Dec. 24-Jan. 3	School System Closed for Winter Break
January 4	Schools Closed
January 5	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #3 (if needed)
January 6	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #2 (if needed)
January 7	Schools Closed Make-Up Day #1 (if needed)
January 10	Classes Resume <i>Start of 3rd Quarter</i>
January 17	School System Closed
February 21	School System Closed
March 17	<i>End of 3rd Quarter</i>
March 18	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday
March 21-25	School System Closed for Spring Break
March 28	Classes Resume
April 22	Schools Closed
May 27, 31 & June 1	Early Release Days for Students
May 30	School System Closed
June 1	Last Day of Student Attendance
June 2-3	Post-Planning for Teachers

## How SECURE Is Your HOME? Residential Security Assessments

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office offers very informative free Residential Security Assessments. Seminole County residents can schedule having a Crime Prevention practitioner, a trained professional in all areas of residential and commercial security, come to their residence and identify vulnerabilities that may make their home a target for criminal activities. The evaluation takes about forty-five minutes to complete and is scheduled at the homeowner's convenience. When the assessment is completed, the resident is given a written checklist of items that need to be addressed along with recommendations.

The purpose of the assessment is not to make your home "Burglar Proof", but more "Burglar Resistant". Remember, security measures are never convenient. It's your decision as to what recommended measures you wish to implement. There are numerous layers of security available. Obviously, the more layers of protection implemented, the more secure your property will be. In the end, you will have to decide what measures are most appropriate for your situation and lifestyle.

Taking a walk around the perimeter and interior of your home, during both daytime and evening hours, is one of the best ways to prepare for a home security assessment. Try to view your home through the eyes of a burglar and ask yourself the following questions:

- Can you identify areas around your home that the burglar may choose as an entry point?
- Are there broken locks on your doors or windows?
- Can a passerby view the activity occurring inside your home at night?
- Are there any places around the property's perimeter that may be an ambush point or hiding place for an intruder?

To set up an appointment or to obtain more information about residential security assessments please call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6983 or (407) 665-6480.

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## ARE YOU GOING ON A SUMMER VACATION?

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!**

## JAZZ JAMS UPTOWN PRESENTS ITS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

WLOQ Smooth Jazz 103.1 and the City of Altamonte Springs bring their jazz concert series back for its fifth year. Performances will take place on Saturday June 19th and Saturday, July 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Uptown Altamonte's Eddie Rose Amphitheater.

On Saturday, June 19th, enjoy saxophonist Paul Shilts who has been playing saxophone since his early teens. His career has spanned all forms of jazz, soul and pop music, and he has toured all over the world and recorded with a host of international artists. He is currently the band leader and front-man of British urban jazz funk export "Down To The Bone" which has released seven albums of which Paul Shilts is heavily featured, both as a player and as a writer.

On Saturday July 17th, Cindy Bradley will be performing. Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, she has enjoyed a varied career in music starting from a very young age. Her first instrument of choice was the piano, which she began playing at the age of 6. When she chose to play the trumpet in her 4th grade elementary school band program, little did she know it would someday put her on a collision course with Trippin 'n' Rhythm Records and her opportunity to record "Bloom", her major label debut.

For more concert specifics, please visit Uptown Altamonte's website at [www.uptownaltamonte.com/events.php](http://www.uptownaltamonte.com/events.php).

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# SUMMER CLEAN UP TIME IS HERE

Although we are coming out of an extremely cold winter, Wingfield Reserve is warming up, “greening-up” and getting back to the way we enjoy life in Central Florida. The community’s location, appearance and quality of life remain attractive and competitive. The homeowners association works hard in spring and early summer to get the neighborhood back to “looking good”. Now is a great time for homeowners to look at their properties and take care of needed maintenance... before the summer heat and humidity really arrive.

## WEED CONTROL

This has been an especially “weedy” spring for our area due to turf damage. “Rocket weeds”, dollar weed, sedge and invasive grasses are popping up in lawns everywhere. Now is the time to check your yard and either spread weed & feed, liquid controls or re-calibrate your lawn-care specialist if you have one. Weed control will only get tougher as the plants mature, spread seeds and the rain begins.

## TURF MAINTENANCE

Dead areas should be resodded and turf affected by crabgrass or insects should be treated and fertilized. Grassy easements between sidewalks and streets require special attention because they tend to dry out and are an important part of a home’s appearance. Run your irrigation system through a complete cycle while inspecting it, and make adjustments or repairs to save water and support your lawn.

## TREES AND SHRUBS

Most flowering plants have been “nipped” by winter cold spells. Pruning of trees and shrubs, and replacement of deteriorated plant materials will improve your property. Many trees in the neighborhood are being attacked by clusters of mistletoe. Tree trimming and mistletoe removal are good for plant health and hurricane season preparation.

## EXTERIOR ROOFING, PAINT AND TRIM

Many residents have reroofed, rescreened or repainted in the past few years. If you haven’t, now is the time to inspect and take preventive action. Are you missing shingles or experiencing moldy trim, faded paint or rusting metalwork? Now is the time to pressure wash, make repairs or get quotes from a reputable contractor.

## SCREENING FROM VIEW

Heat pumps, pool filters and propane tanks must be screened from view with low-profile fencing sections or shrubs. Dead plants or deteriorated screening sections should be replaced.

## MAILBOX STRUCTURES

Are your mailbox and cover in good condition, or do they need a touch of spray paint? Is your mailbox structure solid, standing straight, and with address numerals visible and in good condition?

## DRIVEWAYS AND WALKWAYS

Pressure cleaning can make a great improvement in safety and appearance. Driveways should be free of trash cans, gardening materials or tools, and are not appropriate for long-term storage of temporary play structures.

Remember that all exterior painting, remodeling, additions and repairs need prior Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval. Please allow 30 days for approval.

**THANKS to all Wingfield Reserve neighbors who have already started this year’s cleanup!**

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# WINGFIELD RESERVE SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Committee is gearing up for plans on the upcoming "Wing Ding". The committee will be choosing the date in October. Once the date has been determined, post cards will be sent out to all homeowner with the date, time, and location of our next grand "Wing Ding"!!!

The Social Committee's goal is to unite this neighborhood and help everyone create new and everlasting friendships – bringing old and new neighbors together and creating a family bond here in Wingfield Reserve. With that being said, we look forward to hearing from you and meeting you for a fabulous time at the upcoming "Wing Ding". For the new friends in the neighborhood this is a picnic setting with food, fun, games, D.J., and a time to meet and greet for the whole family! **Let's have a "Wing Ding"!**

**Pam Coffman,**  
*Social Committee Chairperson*

## WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT

The St. Johns River Water Management District still has the following restrictions in place:

**WATERING IS LIMITED TO TWO DAYS PER WEEK**

**Odd Numbered Addresses:**

Water on Wednesday & Saturday Only

**Even Numbered Addresses:**

Water on Thursday & Sunday Only

**NO WATERING IS ALLOWED BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.**

Please check your sprinkler timer(s)/systems to ensure that they are set for the correct days and times.

## SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SUMMER READING INITIATIVE

**WHAT WILL YOUR KIDS DO DURING SUMMER BREAK THIS YEAR?** Wouldn't it be a smart idea to incorporate reading into their summer activities? Students who read books during the summer months can help avoid learning losses when they return to school.

To further the goal of more students pursuing summer reading, the Seminole County Public School system is providing books, prizes and special events to encourage reading across the district in partnership with Scholastic, The Foundation for Seminole County Schools, Title I, Sprint and the Altamonte Mall Barnes and Noble.

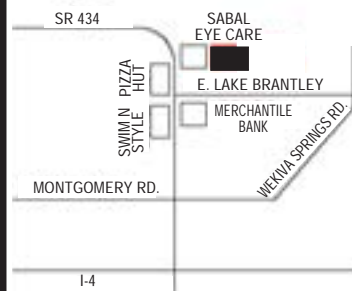
Students can sign up for the "Scholastic Read for the World Record". In addition to logging minutes for the Scholastic World Record, the Scholastic Summer Challenge site provides fun activities that center around books and reading for kids including: book-themed polls, games, puzzles, message boards and sweepstakes. For more information about the Summer Reading Initiative program, please visit the Scholastic Reading website at <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/index.htm>.



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## LANDSCAPING CORNER



### HOW CAN I REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF OUTDOOR WATER I USE THIS SUMMER ?

Homes with automated irrigation systems are much more likely to overuse outdoor water (i.e., wasted water running down the sidewalk and/or watering the sidewalk or streets). Beside being a waste of money and a precious resource, over-irrigation can damage plants and make them unhealthy. Overly watered plants are more susceptible to disease and pest infestation.

The following tips will cut down the amount of outdoor water used for irrigating:

- **MULCH** – Mulch holds moisture in the soil and prevents evaporation from the soil's surface. Fine-textured mulches such as pine straw, mini nuggets and shredded hardwood are more effective in conserving moisture than coarse-textured mulches. Apply mulch to as large an area under the plant as possible.
- **WATER ROOTS, NOT LEAVES** – Wetting the foliage encourages diseases and results in water loss through evaporation.
- **HAND WATER NEWLY PLANTED TREES, SHRUBS, AND THIRSTIER PLANTS** – Again, deep watering is the best way to encourage a strong root system and drought tolerance.
- **PRACTICE DEEP WATERING** – Shallow frequent watering encourages a weak root system and reduces plant tolerance of drought. Deep watering is done for a longer period of time per zone, but not as frequently.
- **USE A DRIP, TRICKLE OR SOAKER HOSE** – Drip irrigation uses 50% less water than conventional sprinkler irrigation and applies water slowly and directly to the root system.
- **USE THE TIMER AND INSTALL A RAIN SENSOR ON IRRIGATION SYSTEM** – Rain sensors are inexpensive extras that usually pay for themselves (in water savings) within two years.
- **ADJUST IRRIGATION CONTROLLER** – Depend on rainfall as your main outdoor water source when possible and make adjustments according to the change in seasons and rainfall.

Outdoor water use can account for up to 50% of total water use for a home during the summer months.

**Water is a precious and costly commodity. We need to use it wisely, effectively and efficiently.**

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## WINGFIELD RESERVE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS

The past few months the Landscape Committee has been busy sprucing up the entrances to the neighborhood. The trees have been trimmed at both the north and south entrances and several dead trees removed from the north entrance. The grounds have been cleared of debris and sprinklers have been checked to ensure widespread irrigation.

The next task is to increase the lighting at the entrances. Most of the lights are original and need to be updated. Some additional lights will be installed at various places to enhance the look of the entrances to Wingfield Reserve. Special **THANKS** is extended to Jim Agnello. He did all of the leg work obtaining the estimates, bidding, etc.

As the summer approaches, remember to trim all dead branches, do not cut your grass too short and water your lawn no more than twice a week. The Landscape Committee welcomes all suggestions.

**Staci Farley,**  
*Landscape Committee Chairperson*

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