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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Brown, WRHA Board President

One of my favorite times in Central Florida is the period from November 1st through April 30th! Of course it's the holiday season, but it's also a time that we reflect on other family members and friends up north "shoveling" what naturally runs off here. Having moved my family from the Midwest to Wingfield Reserve fourteen years ago has been a wonderful experience. We've lived many places across the country and when people ask me for my favorite... the answer is easy – Right Where I Am!

So what's new? Occasionally people write or call me about items that they observe in our neighborhood. As board members, we appreciate these touch points because they help us do our job in staying focused with regard to residents' needs as they apply to our common areas and the neighborhood's interests.

Someone asked me about "security" the other day. Board member Mike Bledsoe and our team of Seminole County Sheriff officers (which we contract with for random off-duty surveillance) have done a great job of helping us assure Wingfield Reserve is a safe community. We have had very minimal crime activity the past few months. However, as residents we all need to remain vigilant, reporting all incidents

that seem suspect to the Sheriff's Office. We are only as safe as we are proactive in helping each other. Towards this end, the Board continues to evaluate the potential of adding cameras to the two entrances to enhance our security.

Someone asked me about the ponds being low on water. Yes, they are! Although we treat them chemically, these ponds are fed predominantly by runoff water which has been sparse during the past twelve months. Low water levels affect the quality of the water, its appearance and the functioning of the fountains. The pond at the North entrance is particularly dependent on rain to look "right". We have no choice to bear with the low water levels until the summer rains return.

Someone asked me about empty homes and foreclosures in Wingfield Reserve. The good news is that we have "turned" some of these homes and have wonderful new residents. We still have about five Wingfield Reserve residents which require us to collect dues and minimally perform yard cutting. As the economy and real estate market improves, these remaining homes will likely be sold.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting which will be held on February 28, 2011 at the Sheriff's Community Center. On behalf of the Wingfield Board of Directors and Sentry Management

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BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

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## 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!**

# ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

## The Importance Of Your Proxy

The Wingfield Reserve Homeowners Association's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office located at 805 Primera Boulevard in Lake Mary. At the meeting, the members will elect two new Directors to the Board. State law requires that 30% (fifty-five) of the owners be represented in person or by proxy to hold the Annual Meeting. It is very important that you return your completed proxy if you are not able to attend the meeting so that a quorum can be obtained to hold the Annual Meeting. Please do not put the proxy in the green ballot envelope and mail it with the ballot. Ballots are not opened until the night of the Annual Meeting when the vote is taken. Therefore your proxy would not count toward the quorum of fifty five required to hold the meeting. Please remember to sign the back of the "green" ballot envelope prior to mailing. There are two lines on the flap of the envelope for "Owner(s)" signature(s).

### PROXY INSTRUCTIONS

1. On the first line of the proxy you may either fill in the name of someone you are certain will attend the meeting or leave the line blank and the secretary of the association will get your proxy.
2. Be sure to enter your address, print your name clearly and sign the form in the spaces provided.
3. Do not fill in the Substitution of Proxy section. The person you are naming as your proxy (or the secretary) will complete that section, if needed.
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# CRIME STOPPING SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is fast approaching and it's a busy time of year for residents... and for criminals. We all are often distracted by holiday details, carrying extra cash for shopping, and traveling from store-to-store with armloads of packages. Unfortunately, criminals are also out watching for tempting targets and easy money. Now is the time to "keep up your guard" against burglaries, robberies, car thefts, and crimes at ATMs.

According to the FBI, criminal events escalate during the holiday season. Keep the following safety measures in mind, not only for the coming days but all year long. Crooks are always around and on the lookout.

## HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS AT HOME:

- Keep the outside of your residence well lit, with doors locked and curtains closed.
- Don't display packages under Christmas trees or in other locations which can be seen through windows or sliding glass doors.
- Use timers on lights, radios or TVs to keep your home looking "lived in" while you're out.
- Use the Sheriff's Office "Vacation Watch" service if you are going to be traveling away from home.
- After the holidays, avoid "advertising" expensive gifts by putting boxes out for trash collection.
- Cut-up or destroy and tie-up packaging and put bundles out for recycling.

## HOLIDAY PARKING LOT SECURITY:

- Shop early and plan departures to avoid evening darkness.
- Avoid parking next to vehicles with dark-tinted windows.
- Take your cell phone and keep it in a pocket or secure location in case you need it.
- Park in high-visibility and well-lit areas in case you leave later than planned.
- Store accumulated purchases in the locked trunk of your vehicle before arriving at the next shopping location.

- Shop with a group or friend and leave the store together, not alone.
- Walk briskly and directly through the parking lot with your keys ready for use. Be prepared to press the "Panic Button" on your car's remote.
- Watch for anyone who appears to be following you, either inside stores or as you leave. Avoid people handing out fliers or asking questions in the parking area.
- Ask Security for immediate assistance if you see suspicious activity or feel uncomfortable while shopping.
- Lock doors immediately when you enter your vehicle and drive off. Wait until later to update plans or check shopping lists.

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING:

- Shop with friends or companions because there is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying or displaying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with credit or debit cards or personal checks.
- Do not carry wallets in back pockets or backpacks. Place in a front pocket or other safe location.
- If possible, carry only a driver's license, and the checks or credit cards needed for shopping. This can reduce loss of your personal information to pickpockets.
- If you carry a purse, do not wrap straps around your arm or shoulder, which can lead to serious injury in the event of a purse-snatching. Use a fanny-pack or clutch purse held tightly under your arm, against your body.
- Know that crooks look at shopping bags highlighting "high-value purchases" from jewelers or designer stores. Slip these bags inside other, less attractive shopping bags.
- Monitor your packages carefully after purchases, in locations such as rest rooms, fitting rooms, food courts or other areas where bags can be grabbed or switched.

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# WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT

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

**WATERING IS LIMITED TO ONE DAY PER WEEK**

**Odd Numbered Addresses:**

Water on Saturday Only

**Even Numbered Addresses:**

Water on Sunday Only

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

Regulations stipulate to water no more than one hour per zone. Please check your sprinkler timer(s)/systems to ensure that they are set for the correct day and time. These restrictions apply to everyone in Seminole County who uses water for lawn and landscape irrigation, regardless of whether the water comes from a private well, surface water, or a water supply utility.

Irrigation is permitted any time with a hand-held garden hose provided it is fitted with an automatic shutoff nozzle. Newly planted landscaping may be irrigated any day between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. for the first 30 days following installation. Personal vehicle washing must be done using a hand-held hose fitted with an automatic shutoff nozzle.

Seminole County code enforcement officers report observations of watering violations to the Water Conservation Coordinator. Violators receive a letter with a notification of a warning or a fine. Please call (407) 665-2121 with any water conservation questions that you may have. To report a watering violation, please note the address, date and time of day the violation was observed and call (407) 665-2121.

Please visit the St. Johns River Water Management District website at [floridaswater.com/wateringrestrictions](http://floridaswater.com/wateringrestrictions) for more information.

## WINGFIELD RESERVE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS

The winter is upon us and plants and turf become dormant. Be sure to adjust your irrigation to once a week or risk a fine from the "water police."

Irrigation has been repaired at both entrances and some grass installed. The entrances have been "prepped" for the holidays, (pressure cleaned and mulched) and decorated.

Recently, the Wingfield Reserve Landscape Committee reviewed the common grounds and came to the conclusion that some changes will be forthcoming in the Spring. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**Staci Farley,**

*Landscape Committee Chairperson*

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# CRIME STOPPING SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOLIDAYS

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- Avoid overloading yourself or family members with too many packages. If necessary, return early purchases to your car and lock them securely in the trunk.
- Re-educate your children on what to do if they become lost, and re-emphasize what they should do to avoid "Stranger-Danger".
- Do not shop until stores close. This can create a predictable opportunity for criminals when it is dark and there are few other shoppers around.

It's probably a good idea to review this list of Crime Stopping Tips with other family members now, and again as you complete your before- or after-holiday shopping.

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# HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval is valid for twelve months. Construction must start within this period. Violations of these requirements constitute a violation of the Association documents.

- All approved construction activities are to be completed within twelve months from start.
- Construction vehicles, equipment, materials and dumpsters are not to be left in the street during overnight hours.
- Measures are to be taken to prevent all damage to adjacent properties.
- Activities that produce noise that can be heard inside adjacent properties are to be minimized and restricted to the period from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Outside loud music by contractors is not allowed.
- The street pavement must be kept clean and free of debris.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to promptly report street pavement and curb damage to Seminole County Public Works.
- Homeowner/Contractor is to make a best effort to minimize damage to the property's landscaping and to restore same before completion of the work.
- Construction vehicles are to be parked on the same side of the street and in front of the construction property without obstructing driveways.

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## CONTACTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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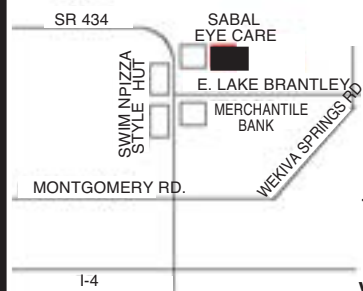
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# LANDSCAPING CORNER



## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY LANDSCAPING SURVIVE THE COLDEST WINTER WEATHER?

Cold weather is one of the most common causes of plant damage in Central Florida, and there are two different types of “frost” that contribute. **Radiation Frost** damage occurs during windless, clear nights when heat escapes and

ice forms on exposed plants, often when temperatures are in low to mid thirties. **Advection Frost** is commonly called a “hard freeze” and is caused by very cold air, i.e. below freezing. Both types of damage can be minimized by:

- **WATERING** – One of the best ways to reduce damage is to ensure the soil is adequately irrigated ahead of time. Water generously a few days before a cold event. When cold air arrives, the moisture evaporates from the soil, releasing warmth. Properly watered plants also suffer less “wind burn” on windy nights because fully hydrated plants allow water to “transpire” or vaporize through foliage, offering improved cold weather protection.

**NOTE:** Experts say that it’s best to not water DURING cold weather so that foliage remains dry. Automatic irrigation systems should be turned off. While professional growers often water throughout extreme cold periods to protect a particular type of plant, this is not recommended for homeowners with many different types of plant materials.

- **COVERING** – Densely planted or covered plants are better protected by their canopy of foliage or blanketing materials. The cover moderates heat loss and holds in moisture. A three inch layer of mulch is also helpful in holding moisture and protecting root systems.

**NOTE:** Tropical plants in pots will suffer the most, even with temperatures well above freezing. This is due to the root balls of potted plants experiencing rapid temperature drops. Tropical plants should be relocated indoors or protected

with covers and additional heat from exterior lighting.

- **PLANT PROTECTION CHECKLIST**

1. Monitor for cold weather events.
2. Ensure adequate mulch levels.
3. Thoroughly irrigate or water a few days prior to the cold spell.
4. Bypass automatic irrigation system cycles for the duration of the cold.
4. Cover any tender plantings just prior to the beginning of the event.
5. Move any potted plants to a protected location such as garage, or heavily cover plants and the pots themselves.
6. Turn on any landscape lighting or holiday lights during the coldest hours of the event. It is estimated that heat from lighting can provide an additional two to four degrees of temperature protection.
7. Remove coverings as soon as the cold event is over.
8. Return potted plantings to their appropriate location as soon as the cold has passed.
9. Leave any damaged plant foliage intact until mid-March for additional protection.
10. Monitor and be ready for the next cold spell.

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