



The Reserve at Tusawilla

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IMPORTANT UPDATE

Bright House made an unannounced move of Channel 98 (the view to the entrance of our neighborhoods). IF you are a DIGITAL cable customer, you can now view the Front Gate on channel 701. Non-Digital customers remain the same, with the Front Gate on Channel 98.

BASIC REMINDERS

Dogs in the neighborhood MUST be on a leash and owners must pick up after their dogs. We get a complaint or two a week from residents upset about someone's dog going to the bathroom on their lawn and the dog's owner not picking it up or just letting their dogs run loose, unmonitored. Now that kids are out of school and will be out, playing in the yards more, be more dutiful about picking up your dog's doody!!

Street Parking is NOT allowed by the City of Winter Springs within Tusawilla and also by The Reserve's covenants within The Reserve. Parking in the street overnight could lead to a Winter Springs ticket or towing at the owner's expense. Please park all vehicles in your driveway, or better yet, in your garage!!

Speaking of garages, please remember to keep your garage door DOWN. We don't want to invite burglars in to our neighborhood because they think we're an easy mark. You also don't want a stray armadillo to take up residence in your garage!!

Hurricane season is upon us. Be sure, for your safety, as well as that of your neighbors, that dead branches are trimmed and trash cans are secure (and out of sight). A good wind and a dead branch becomes a projectile -- same with those trash cans. Remember to put your trash cans and recycle bins away as soon as possible on trash/recycle days.

Winter Springs Police Department **Citizen Advisory Meeting**

The April WSPD Citizen Advisory Meeting featured a demonstration and information on tasers. The WSPD currently has 16 tasers assigned to more experienced officers. The newer tasers are equipped with video so there will be a visual record of what happened. In addition to the taser demonstration, the Winter Springs Fire Department representative asked all present to relay to all homeowners the following life-saving information.

In the event of a heart attack or a stroke, call 911. DO NOT ATTEMPT to drive yourself to the hospital. In both a heart attack and stroke, the chances for a successful recovery increase if the person can receive medical intervention within 90 minutes.

If you think you are having a stroke or heart attack, call 911. The WSPD has portable equipment to ascertain if you are actually having one of them. They can electronically send your vital statistics to the hospital, and the WSPD can drive you there or, if time is of the essence, arrange to helicopter you there. When you arrive, you will by-pass the Emergency Room and go immediately for medical intervention as required for the condition.

In addition, the WSPD Community Affairs Department handed out Medical Emergency Data Identification (My Med-ID, for short) which interested residents can fill out and place on your refrigerator. This information packet will have emergency contacts, medical insurance info, advance directives (living will, surrogates, DNRs), info on doctors, conditions, medications and allergies. All first responders are now trained to look at the refrigerator to see if this info is available. We are attaching this form to this newsletter. You will need to make copies so that each person within a household has their own form. By having one, if you are unable to speak or are confused when the first responders come they will still have the information that they need to help you safely.

Finally, all residents are urged to place ICE in their cell phone directory. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. Under it, you can put the contact numbers for whoever you wish to be notified in case of an emergency. The police recently had someone running on the trail with no identification but was carrying a cell phone, who suffered a heat-related injury. By using his cell phone ICE they were able to not only start medical treatment but also reach his family before he became coherent

ARB Report

Lots to talk about from the ARB. Let me first say the word "CRAPES!" Many of you may have noticed the trimming of the Crape Myrtles on Tuscora this past Spring. Not something that is done anymore and I am a huge proponent of the rule of leaving them alone or trim only what is smaller than a pencil. The Richart Co. does not advocate trimming Crapes at all, but somehow the foreman and a new crew miscommunicated. You should know that when I saw what was being done, after totally losing it, I called Jeff Evenson, the owner, who drove over immediately. He was livid and heads rolled. They are growing back, but what came of it will benefit all of The Reserve. As an honorable person and, a good business man, he made it worth our while. We have gotten free mulch which I had already had ordered for all of Tuscora. THAT was a savings of nearly \$5,000.00. We have gotten our palms trimmed and cleaned at their cost, a \$400.00 annual savings and, replacement of over 100 new plantings and shrubs to replace the ones failing at our entryways. Jeff also went to bat with TruGreen to get all of our sod with crab grass replaced at TruGreen's cost. He has worked into the contract with them that anytime the grass in any spot fails, they will have to replace the sod at their cost. So, where as the Crapes have been trimmed, we have none-the-less gained in our budget.

For those of you who did not attend the annual meeting, a proposal to look into enhancing and improving our entryways was discussed with the use of paver bricks. Many of the upscale communities have them and now even lesser valued communities as well. I have saved my monies from the budget for landscape from last year and now with the added help of Richart's aid to my budget, I will have extra this year for improvements. The board has looked into adding pavers to our entryways and I have met with several contractors and the city to move this forward.

The "Old Chicago" style bricks are no longer available at an affordable cost, but I am working hard at trying to match our existing walls. Only one side of the gate will be done at a time so that traffic still will flow from one side for entering and exiting. If anyone has seen how fast the pavers are laid, no one will be inconvenienced for long. Excavation and laying will be done at the same time. Sealing will be the final step and will protect the pavers from oil drips permeating and fading from the sun. I think this will be impressive when completed and will only help increase the appeal of The Reserve community.

More information about this project will be available in coming months and it will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in September. If you have any questions, email me directly.

Denise Ritchey
ARB Board Chairperson

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Board would like to thank Bill Cownie for serving as Director until now and we'd like to thank Diane Nikles for taking the reins from Bill. Our neighborhood is made better by the volunteers that serve on the Board. In September, at the Annual Meeting, elections will be held to elect a NEW board. Won't you consider running???

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

If you are interested in playing with the neighborhood women's Bunco group once a month on Wednesday evenings, email Sarita Forbes at sforbes@atlantic.net for details.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held at Denise Ritchey's home at 155 Cherry Creek Circle on Thursday, July 17th at 7:00pm. Look for reminders and any change notice on the Message Boards as you exit your neighborhood.

2008 Graduates

Kelsey Dlugokinski from Winter Springs HS.
She will be attending UCF in the fall.

Andrew Hutton from Winter Springs HS.
He will be attending UCF this summer with a major in Computer Science.

Jennifer Keeler from Winter Springs HS.
She will be attending the University of Florida.

Sam Staudt from Winter Springs HS.
He will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University on a soccer scholarship.

Ryan Walker from Winter Springs HS.
He will be attending the University of Florida.

Ryan Vickers from the University of Florida with a major in Finance. He has moved to Houston, TX to start his first rotation in a two year, fast track, finance leadership development program with Siemens.

Natalie Wilmers from Rollins College with a degree in International Business. This past year, she interned in New York City at Sony BMG Music Entertainment and studied abroad in Asia. Natalie is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Upon graduation, she will pursue an MBA degree

Congrats to ALL our graduates - may the future hold nothing but wonderful things for you!!!

CLASSIFIEDS

Erin and Meghan O'Shea are both available for babysitting AND pet sitting.407-359-6274

Have a safe summer. Watch for children as you drive through The Reserve!!

Becki Long
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