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A Quarterly Newsletter Published for Members and Friends of Wingfield Reserve

FLORIDA'S WATER CRISIS AND YOU

We all see television and newspaper coverage of Florida's growing "water crisis". The Sunshine State is not unique; the USA's West, Southwest and major cities on the East Coast are experiencing similar problems: increasing demand for drinking water with costly and diminishing supplies. The more Florida families understand what's driving this problem, the better we will be able to respond through our personal choices, lifestyles and political voice.

Florida's water crisis is being created by trends including: (1) increasing demand, (2) decreasing supply and (3) worrisome groundwater pollution.

1. DEMAND FOR WATER

Florida's population has exploded during the past 30 years, nearly doubling since 1980. This rapid growth has significantly increased all forms of water consumption.

Florida's population	–	2011	=	19,000,000
		2000	=	16,000,000
		1990	=	13,000,000
		1980	=	9,800,000

More water is used in our state every year, and consumption is predicted to reach 9.3 BILLION gallons per day by the year 2020. Farms use about 45% of Central Florida's water; industrial, power generation and recreation use another 22%; businesses and families use the remaining 33%.

Family Water Use – according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the average American family of four consumes at least 400 gallons per day, with approximately 70% of this for indoor use. Typical household consumption includes: toilet flushing (27%); Laundry (22%); baths/showers (17%); household faucets (16%); and other uses/leaks (18%). Many Central Florida homes also have swimming pools and irrigation systems which can add another 360 gallons per day to demand, creating a monthly usage of 20,000 gallons or more. *How many gallons did your family use and pay for last month?*

Water-Consuming Activities – typical consumption for common activities:

- Clothes Washer = 40 to 50 gallons per load
- Shower = 40 gallons per 10 minutes
- Toilet Flushing = 25 gallons per day per person
- Dish Washer = 10 to 14 gallons per cycle
- Teeth Brushing = 3 gallons per minute with water running
- Car Washing = 100 to 150 gallons with hose running (at 10 to 15 gallons per minute)
- Hosing Off Driveway or Pool Deck = 130 gallons for 15 minutes.

Irrigation Systems – tragically, a lot of drinking water is unnecessarily wasted by improperly operated or poorly maintained landscape irrigation systems.

- A typical irrigation head uses 5 gallons per minute when operating properly.
- A broken-off irrigation head can waste over 10 gallons per minute, or 600 gallons per hour until repaired.
- Running your sprinklers twice a week, in violation of local cool weather irrigation rules, doubles your irrigation water consumption. *Are your sprinklers set for once a week when required?*

2. WATER SUPPLY

There is wide agreement that we no longer have enough clean groundwater to meet our state's needs. Underground water supplies are dwindling for a variety of natural and man-made reasons:

- A pattern of droughts has caused Florida to experience rainfall shortages for the past several years. The rain deficit (or surplus) is published daily in the Orlando Sentinel with the weather forecast. *Do you know what our rain deficit is for 2013 right now?*
- The addition of homes, malls, roads and related construction has reduced the land surface areas available for rainwater absorption. The result is that water is more quickly evaporated or removed to the oceans through surface drainage systems, streams and rivers. More surface removal means that less rainwater is allowed to

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Staci Farley, *WRHA Board President*

...Hope everyone is having a great summer. I can't believe how fast the year is flying by. Before you know it, we will be celebrating the holidays!

Our Wingfield Reserve Committees have been very busy these past months. Since February, we have outlined some goals that are slowly being met. 1) A social committee has been developed (yay) and we had our first ice cream social in June. It was held at the tennis court and was a huge success despite the rain. It was fun to meet new neighbors and the children were able to meet their possible future classmates! A good time enjoyed by all. A big Thank You to the our new Social Committee: Dale James, Becca Geeslin and Holly Coffee. I think another event is in the works soon!!

I would like to welcome Pat Kehler to the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Pat has lived in Wingfield Reserve for years and used to have her own property management company. She will be assisted by Keith Jacobson, a new resident to Wingfield. I know Joel Cutler will appreciate the help since he has been on the ARB for years. Also, another new member, Herb Houston, will be assisting on the Landscape Committee. Welcome and Thank You for donating your time to our community.

Another news item is that we are in the process of developing and redesigning a new Wingfield Reserve website – one that is more up to date and truly represents

who we are as a community. All information regarding Wingfield such as bylaws, documents, and minutes of the meetings will be included in addition to other pertinent information. This will make it easier to communicate directly with each other. A message board maybe? Suggestions welcome!!!

As most of you have noticed, the economy has improved and homes are selling again! We have new neighbors and I want to encourage everyone to introduce yourselves. Start with a knock on a door. When new neighbors take up residence, introduce yourselves. Cliched as it is, a plate of cookies sweetens the conversation. With current neighbors, make an overdue move to touch base. Don't let the lines of communication close once opened. Offer to watch your neighbors' property when they leave town, and ask them to reciprocate. Keep your neighbors in the loop about community news with a visit, phone or email. It's a sad reality, but we've got satellite dishes and our movies are ordered online and delivered to our mailboxes, although we rarely communicate with the folks down the block! Let's make an effort to change that! What starts next door can change the momentum outward!

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and be safe! As always, if anyone has suggestions and/or comments, please contact a Wingfield Reserve Board member.

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“percolate” through soils, purify and gradually replenish underground aquifers. *Did you know that during the past 50 years underground water levels have dropped over 10 feet in Orlando and many parts of Orange and Seminole Counties ?*

3. WATER POLLUTION

Not only are the underground freshwater levels dropping, but the alarming intrusion of water-pollutants and contaminants continues. Some key contributors are: residential septic tank outflows, lawn fertilizers and pesticides; motor vehicle oily waste and tire wear residues on roadways; farm chemicals, manure and waste, waste dump runoff; industrial waste and spillage, leaking underground gasoline/fuel storage tanks; and saltwater intrusion into freshwater supplies near coastal areas.

INDIVIDUAL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

- 1) Check your irrigation timer to be sure you can and do adjust operation twice a year, as required by the St. John's River Water Management District:
 - Once-a-Week during *Eastern Standard Time* (First Sunday in November until second Sunday in March; even numbered addresses water on Thursdays, odd numbered homes water on Saturdays.
 - Twice-a-Week during *Daylight Saving Time* (Second Sunday in March until First Sunday in November); even numbered addresses on Thursdays and Sundays, odd numbered addresses on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
 - Water only when needed and NOT between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; restrictions apply to private wells and pumps and public water supplies.
- 2) Inspect your irrigation system's operation at least monthly; check for and replace defective or broken sprinklers and adjust heads to water landscape areas, not streets or paved areas.
- 3) If you **observe a watering violation**, please note the address, date, time of day, and any other important information and call Seminole County Environmental Services at (407)-665-2121.

HOUSEHOLD WATER USE

- 1) Information – visit the resource links listed below, or search for water saving tips to give you some ideas on how to help address Florida's growing water crisis.

- 2) Data – review your previous months' water bills to see how much you are using and what it costs. Consider a goal of saving 10% next month.
- 3) Education – review this article with family members. Ask what they think could be done to reduce consumption and get agreement to begin new practices right away.
- 4) Updating – consider installing spray nozzles on garden hoses and water-saving replacements for shower heads, faucet aerators and irrigation timers.

Here's hoping that you and your family can find new ways to conserve water, save money and **help preserve Florida's precious and threatened fresh water resources!**

Water Conservation Resources:

- Seminole County – Water Conservation Links
<http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/envsrvs/watercon/index.aspx>
- St. John's River Water Management District – Home Water Use Survey
http://www.sjrwmd.com/publications/pdfs/as_homewaterusesurvey.pdf
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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD COMMITTEE NEWS

Wingfield Reserve is one of the most desirable communities to live in Seminole County. In the current housing market, our property values must compete with surrounding neighborhoods which are all well groomed and maintained. The appearance of each home and our common grounds is used to assess the value of our homes in relationship to other communities

Compliance with our community's covenants is critical to ensure property values of the community are maintained at an optimum level. In order to maintain our property values for ourselves and our neighbors, it is more necessary than ever to have an active ARB committee.

In our recent inspection of the community, we were impressed by the curb appeal many of our neighborhood homes present. Your pride of ownership shows and helps make Wingfield Reserve a community we are all proud to call our home!

Some noteworthy maintenance item trends that were observed that need attention by some homeowners to spruce up their curb appeal include:

- **General maintenance items** – things that may already be on your “To Do” list. Actions such as trimming hedges, replacing dead shrubs or sod, pressure cleaning structures.
- **Mailbox upkeep** – Repairing cracks, cleaning or freshening up paint, replacing missing numbers or other damaged features.
- **Attending to maintenance that our Wingfield**

Reserve covenants require but that may have been overlooked over time – These items include such things screening air conditioning units and pool equipment from visibility from the street.

- **The condition of driveways** – This could be as simple as power washing to clean the driveway. In some instances it means repairing cracks or perhaps replacing the driveway. In the near future we will be notifying individual homeowners regarding specific driveway issues.

More information about home maintenance and the property standards of our community covenants can be found on the wingfieldreserve.org website.

THANK YOU for maintaining your home and keeping our neighborhood beautiful. Our property values depend on everyone taking good care of their homes!

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Please contact Duke Energy at 1-800-228-8485 if you notice street lamps in the Wingfield Reserve community that are out or working improperly. You can also send your request electronically by visiting www.progress-energy.com/app/outageentry/default.aspx?location=florida. They'll send a technician out to remedy the problem as soon as possible.



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August 6-9	Teacher Workdays
August 12	First Day of Student Attendance <i>Start of 1st Semester/1st Quarter</i>
September 2	School System Closed
September 5	Schools Closed
October 11	<i>End of 1st Quarter</i>
October 14	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday Make-Up Day #4 (if needed)
October 15	<i>Start of 2nd Quarter</i>
November 27	Schools Closed
November 28-29	School System Closed
December 17-19	Early Release Days for Students
December 19	End of 2nd Quarter
December 20	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday Make-Up Day #2 (if needed)
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	School System Closed – Winter Break
January 6	Schools Closed for Students Make-Up Day #1 (if needed)
January 7	Classes Resume <i>Start of 3rd Quarter</i>
January 20	School System Closed
February 17	School System Closed
March 13	<i>End of 3rd Quarter</i>
March 14	Schools Closed for Students Teacher Workday Make-Up Day #3 (if needed)
March 17-21	School System Closed – Spring Break
March 24	Classes Resume
April 18	Schools Closed
May 23, 27 & 28	Early Release Days for Students
May 26	School System Closed
May 28	Last Day of Student Attendance <i>End of 4th Quarter</i>
May 29-30	Post-Planning Workdays for Teachers

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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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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS



Thanks to everyone who came out for the family ice cream social! It was a great chance to escape the summer heat and get to know neighbors, while making our own sundaes at the ice cream truck!

The Social Committee is planning some more neighborhood events, with the hope of fostering a sense of community and greater support in our neighborhood. We encourage you to come out and see who your neighbors are! Get to know each other, find new classmates and friends, re-establish contacts and meet our newer families.

Upcoming events: We are planning to have a family picnic in the fall, and a hayride/trick-or-treating event for Halloween. Watch your mail/email for details!

Any suggestions or questions can be addressed to:

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Becca Geeslin (407) 453-2353

There are lots of new families in our neighborhood. If you are not receiving emails regarding security updates and other messages, please be sure to visit our website www.wingfieldreserve.org and submit your email address!

Dale James,
Social Committee Chairperson

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS



New plant material was installed in the North entrance at the exit side. Azaleas, aztecs, and jasmine was added to further enhance the landscape. This makes the entrance look

longer and more complete.

New annuals were installed in the North and South entrances for the summer. Coleus is the perfect choice for Florida's hot summers. We noticed empty spaces and realized someone has been digging up our annuals. This has happened over the years but it has become a problem lately. Please, if you notice something strange, say something. Call me or the property manager.

Hurricane season is here and now is a good time to contact experienced tree service providers about trimming trees. Professional reduction of upper tree growth is great preparation for hurricane season because it reduces wind resistance and lets through more sunlight for healthy lawns. Have a safe summer!

Staci Farley,
Landscape Committee Chairperson



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WHY IS MULCHING IMPORTANT AND WHAT KIND OF MULCHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE?

Mulches are an increasingly important part of the Florida urban landscape. A mulched garden has better water and soil conservation. Mulches are also known to buffer soil temperature and prevent water loss from evaporation. Mulching also helps with weed control both by inhibiting weed germination as well as suppressing weed growth. These advantages and the increasing interest in mulching have resulted in a wide array of mulches available for the gardener and landscaper.

Mulches have variable origins and compositions. The best way to know about specific mulch characteristics is by asking the mulch manufacturer questions: Where was the mulch harvested? Is it a waste or recycled product? What species does it contain? Is it free of weed seed? Has it been dyed?

About 60% of Florida's landscape mulch sold at home and garden centers is cypress and 20% is pine-bark mulch. Pine-straw, Eucalyptus, and Melaleuca mulches each make up about 1% of the sales with the remaining 17% called "red mulch" composed of either mixed hardwoods or recycled wood waste (and often dyed a red color).

CYPRESS

Cypress mulch is produced from two species of cypress trees – the baldcypress and the pondcypress. Cypress mulch is composed of both wood and bark. These trees grow in the 3.6 million acres of oak-gum-cypress wetlands in Florida. Cypress trees are also harvested for lumber used in fencing, siding, flooring, paneling, furniture and several other products. Mulch is often produced from the waste wood in the production of these products. Cypress mulch may also be produced from whole trees.

PINE-BARK

Pine-bark is produced as a by-product or waste product of the forest industry. When producing paper or lumber, the bark of pine trees must be peeled from the wood. This bark (including a small amount of wood) is then chopped into nuggets of various sizes or grades and may be sold in bags or bulk to the landscaper.

PINE-STRAW

Pines are often grown in plantations for the production of wood products or paper. If weeds are controlled, pine needles on the forest floor of these plantations may be raked, baled and sold as pine straw to gardening centers and landscapers.

RED MULCH

Mixed hardwood mulch is produced from scraps or tree stems that are too small to be harvested for paper or wood production and from mixed hardwood forests which are harvested specifically for mulch. The bark and wood are then ground or shredded, sometimes dyed, and bagged for mulch.

RECYCLED WOOD WASTE

Several companies recycle waste wood that would otherwise go to landfills. Most of the wood is pine, fir, spruce or another softwood; it must be untreated with chemical preservatives. The wood products are ground or shredded into mulch, and metal such as nails is removed. Sometimes the mulch is dyed to attractive colors such as reds, blacks and browns.

ARE YOU GOING ON A TRIP SOON?

If you are, please take advantage of this wonderful FREE program. Please note that the procedure for setting up a House Watch has changed. A form must be filled out and given to the Sheriff's Office prior to your departure. For more information about this program and how to sign up, please visit the Sheriff's Office website at The form is available on their website <http://www.seminolesheriff.org/external/InfoSitepage.aspx?pageID=228>.

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