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ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY GOOD DRIVERS

A lot of readers should consider their answer to this question. While many may quickly respond “Yes”, we all need to think about how safely we drive. One curious characteristic of human nature is that it is often easier to see problems with other people’s behaviors than it is to recognize opportunities for improving our own.

Clearly, there are a lot of bad drivers. There are more than 15.6 million licensed drivers in Florida. In 2014, there were 344,170 traffic crashes and more than 3.6 million traffic tickets were issued in the state and troopers gave out 361,164 warnings. 35,900 people were killed in accidents and many more injured. Alarmingly, there were 38,975 teen drive crashes, resulting in 71 teen driver fatalities and 38 teen passenger fatalities.

Here are several ways to think about motor vehicle accidents and see how to prevent a similar misfortune from affecting your family.

TOP CAUSES OF VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

1. Distracted Driving – attention diverted from the road for drinking or eating, cell phone calls, texting or GPS unit monitoring
2. Speeding – driving 10, 20 or 30 miles-per-hour over posted limits
3. Driving Under The Influence – operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol, drugs or other substances
4. Reckless Driving – including tailgating, careless lane changing, turning in front of other vehicles
5. Rain – rainwater creates slick and dangerous surfaces, especially at first rainfall when there is oil and dust on roadways
6. Running Red Lights – due to excessive speed or not watching traffic signals
7. Running Stop Signs – for the same reasons
8. Teenage Driving – lack of experience and judgment leading to speeding, tailgating, distractions and underestimating stopping or turning distances

9. Night Driving – when visual distances are reduced and hazards are harder to see
10. Unsafe Lane Changes – failure to check “blind spots”, use turn signals to warn other drivers, or creating an unsafe driving distance from other vehicles

GOOD DRIVING – QUICK TEST

Consider each of the following questions.

“Do you ever:”

- Operate a motor vehicle after consuming several alcoholic beverages?
- Drive faster to try to “get back on schedule” or “catch up for lost time”?
- Step on the gas & accelerate to “make it through” a traffic signal or turn arrow?
- Change lanes or turn without using your turn-signal?
- Take your eyes off the road to look at the car stereo, your cell phone or GPS device, mail or passengers or pets in the car?
- Drive in rain without turning on your wipers and headlights, and reducing speed?
- Exceed posted speed limits by more than 5 miles-per-hour?
- Get angry with another driver and speed up to gesture, block their progress or get in front of them?

If you answered “YES” to any of the above, then you have a real opportunity to become a better, safer driver this year.

TIPS TO PREVENT DRIVING ACCIDENTS

A. Before Driving

- √ Make a safety check of the tires, lights, turn

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dale James, *WRHA Board President*

We are off to a good start for the new year, and we welcome all of our newcomers to the neighborhood! Be sure to send your updated email address to wingfieldhoa@gmail.com so we can make sure you receive our community information and updates. Residents can join the private neighborhood Facebook group: Wingfield Reserve Residents, which is a good forum for communication with other neighbors. We also encourage you to visit our website, Wingfieldreserve.org for additional information including forms, documents and our password-protected member directory.

Congratulations to Wingfield Reserve for adopting the bear-wise policy and leading one of the first community-wide supported efforts to reduce human-bear conflicts! Bear-proof garbage cans were delivered to residents on January 2nd and we are ahead of the curve in compliance with the upcoming Seminole County bear ordinance (which can be viewed at <http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/environmental-services/solid-waste-management/bear-aware-seminole/>). Wingfield's bear policy is posted on our website, Wingfieldreserve.org.

The Wingfield Reserve Board of Directors is currently looking at sign options to replace our aging message boards at each entrance to the subdivision. The current boards have been in place since the development was established, and have suffered increasing deterioration

and moisture issues. In addition to the ongoing maintenance expense, each time a message is changed, each letter must be applied manually, and the area containing the message is very small and difficult to read. We are considering replacing them with more updated, LED boards that can be easily operated to post messages electronically for our community. We are currently working with a sign company to propose a cost-effective electronic sign that will maintain the classic, high quality character our neighborhood.

Watch your email for more information, and for upcoming Wingfield social events! We want to get to know you, and we encourage your participation and feedback. We are looking forward to an awesome year ahead!

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 <https://secure.progress-energy.com/sid/custservice/fla/selfservice/electric/streetlight>. They'll send a technician out to remedy the problem as soon as possible.

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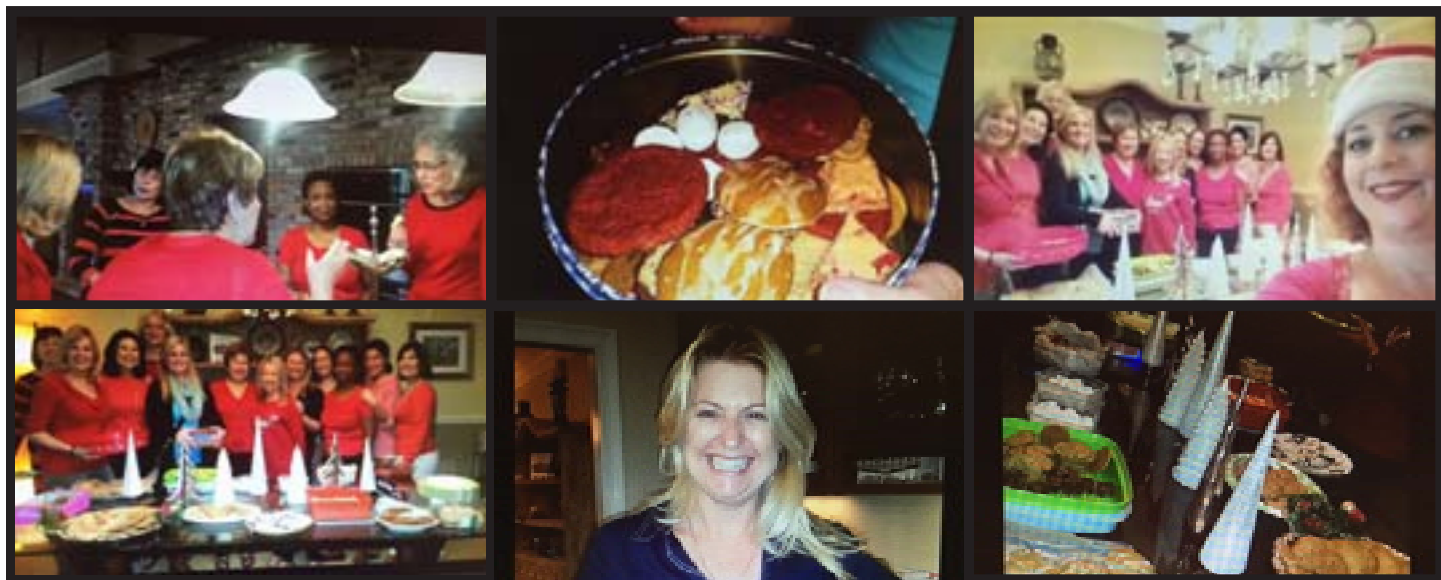
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WINGFIELD RESERVE SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Happy New Year! We had a great turnout for the December coffee and cookie exchange hosted by Becca Geeslin. It was great to see so many of our neighbors and the delicious cookies were amazing! Thank you to all who were able to attend and we hope to see more of you at the next coffee!



The Social committee is busy planning events. We are hoping to hold Casino night in March and will have our Annual “Kick off to Summer Ice Cream social” in May. Look for more information through email, and like us on Facebook.

NEW: Kids wildlife meeting. We are going to kick off a new event for kids in our neighborhood to learn about the wildlife in our area. We are partnering with Florida Fish and Wildlife and it should be a fun event for kids ages 5-14. Look for more information in the next few weeks.

If you need more information about the Wingfield Reserve Moms group, let us know and we can get you in touch!

Also, if you are not receiving emails, you need to let us know so we can get you on the list. If you would like to be part of the social committee you can contact us anytime! We are always looking for people to get involved and new ideas!

Your social committee,

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WINGFIELD RESERVE SECURITY UPDATE

There has been an increase in aggressive and reckless driving as of late in our community. This has escalated past the normal 10-15 miles per hour we saw during the speed audit last year. The sheriff's office is requesting we call each and every time we experience an aggressive,

negligent speeder tearing through our community. They are requesting a vehicle description and the time of day. The non emergency phone number for Seminole County Sheriff's Department is (407) 665-6650.

Mike Bledsoe, *Security Chairperson*

A VERY HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST WINGFIELD RESERVE RESIDENTS

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WINGFIELD RESERVE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS



Happy 2016! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday decorations at our community entrances this year. Extra lights were added to the display which made it even more spectacular. The neighborhood was pressure cleaned and mulched in November. Remember, if you have a sidewalk in front of your house (Wingfield Drive) it is the homeowners responsibility to maintain a clean sidewalk. Sometimes they do get moldy and slippery. If your sidewalk is uneven or tilting, Seminole County will assess and repair/grind down the affected sidewalk so it is safer to walk along. Contact Marlo, our property manager, if a repair is needed.

Some trees were trimmed at the South entrance. The fountain light at the North entrance was repaired. If you notice a light out, or any sprinkler malfunction, please report it to our property manager, Marlo at Sentry Management (407-788-6700, ext. 51111) or myself. There are some malfunctioning street lights and they can be reported to Duke Energy. Just call and give them the street address and they usually are here within 24 hours. The annuals at the entrances will be changed out next month.

If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact me! Thanks,

Staci Farley,
Landscape Committee Chairperson

ARE YOU GOING ON A TRIP SOON?

If you are, please take advantage of this wonderful FREE program. 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 <http://www.seminolesheriff.org/external/InfoSitepage.aspx?pageID=228>.

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

WATERING RESTRICTIONS WILL CHANGE IN MARCH

The St. Johns River Water Management District currently restricts residential watering to one day per week with odd numbered addresses permitted to water on Saturday only and even numbered addresses permitted to water on Sunday only.

Beginning March 12, 2016 through November 6, 2016 residential watering restrictions will be changed to allow for residential watering twice per week. Odd numbered addresses will be permitted to water on Wednesday and Saturday only and even numbered addresses permitted to water on Thursday and 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. For more information about water restrictions, please visit floridaswater.com/wateringrestrictions/.

BEAR-RESISTANT TRASH CANS AND BEAR ACTIVITY



We are working to resolve a few remaining issues, but by now virtually everyone in Wingfield Reserve should have a bear-resistant trash can. As mentioned in previous communications, we do not expect that our use of these cans will stop all interactions with bears – I am sure we will continue to see them in the neighborhood from time to time.

I would like to collect information on the kinds of experiences that we have with bears going forward. Please let me know when you observe bears, and the nature of the observations. I would like to know if they have accessed human sources of food, are simply moving through the neighborhood, are feeding on landscape plants, etc. I will share this information with the Fish and Wildlife Commission to help create specific guidelines for dealing with bears that may move through our neighborhoods even after we are all using bear-resistant trash cans.

So, if you observe bears, please send me a note and let me know the circumstances. My e-mail address is Jay.H.Exum@gmail.com, or call me at (321) 229-5653. Thank you for your help.

Jay Exum, Director

WINGFIELD RESERVE 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 can not be left in the street overnight.
- 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.
- Construction vehicles are to be parked on the same side of the street and in front of the construction property without obstructing driveways.
- 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.

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signals and window cleanliness.

- ✓ Verify that there is enough fuel in the vehicle.
- ✓ Adjust your seat, mirrors and headrest; put on your seat belt.
- ✓ Only allow as many people in the vehicle as there are seat belts.
- ✓ Secure pets in the vehicle; do not drive with the distraction of a pet in your lap.
- ✓ Plan your travel and allow an extra 10 minutes so that speeding is not necessary.

B. During Driving

- ✓ Observe and obey all posted speed limits and caution signs, i.e. pedestrian and railroad crossings, bicycle paths, school zones, etc.
- ✓ Drive with your lights on; cars with running lights are visible for 4X more distance.
- ✓ Keep your eyes on the road and moving around to identify walkers, joggers, cars entering the roadway and other potential hazards.
- ✓ Allow adequate distance (4 to 5 seconds of drive time) between your vehicle and the one in front; check the rear view mirror every 6 to 8 seconds for vehicles behind you.
- ✓ Use your turn signals and be respectful of other/oncoming drivers.
- ✓ Expect other drivers to drive poorly and make mistakes.

C. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- ✓ If your family includes teenage drivers, have them review this article and then discuss its contents. Consider jointly developing a “Teen Driving Contract”; an example and other teen driving information is available at www.teendriving.com.
- ✓ At STOP signs and when traffic lights turn green – look left for approaching vehicles, then right, and then left again before proceeding.
- ✓ If approached by an emergency vehicle (fire, police, medical emergency) put on your turn signal, pull over to the right side and stop.
- ✓ Avoid tailgating and the “No-See Zone” on large

trucks and busses.

- ✓ Disregard “Aggressive Drivers” by allowing them to pass, by not honking or reacting to their poor behavior, and by not taking their actions personally.
- ✓ If you do become angry or tired, pull off the road to a safe location and take a break or a nap until you can focus clearly again on your own safe driving.

ACTIONS YOUR FAMILY CAN TAKE TO IMPROVE

With a New Year in progress, now is a great time to renew your personal commitment to driving safely and setting a positive example for other family members. Ask your family drivers to review this article and take the test. Then sit down and discuss their feelings and their results. Encourage each family member to set a goal to do one or two things differently when they drive during 2016 and we will all enjoy a safer Central Florida and Wingfield Reserve Community.

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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.
5. Cover any tender plantings just prior to the beginning of the event.
6. Move any potted plants to a protected location such as garage, or heavily cover plants and the pots themselves.
7. 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.
8. Remove coverings as soon as the cold event is over.
9. Return potted plantings to their appropriate location as soon as the cold has passed.
10. Leave any damaged plant foliage intact until mid-March for additional protection.
11. Monitor and be ready for the next cold spell.

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