



WINDOVER FARMS OF MELBOURNE

Homeowners Association, Inc.

Message from the President
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September has arrived with some pretty unrelenting heat. Summer is just about over and our children have returned to school. For many of us, we are still working on getting the mornings down into a manageable routine getting them to school and us to work on time. For those of you with little ones, it does get easier just be consistent and patient.... even when you feel like pulling your hair out.

My first order of business this month is to clarify an issue that seems to be a hot topic amongst residents. I do apologize as I wrote some incorrect information in my last message in regards to our common areas. After discussion with other Board Members the basketball and racquetball courts remain open to residents after dark. However, the tennis courts, dock and pavilion (except by permit) are closed at dusk. This simply means that if you are planning a night time function and would like to use the pavilion, stop in the office to fill out the appropriate form and receive a permit for a specific date and time. If no permit is applied for or received then you are trespassing.

Do you know the function of the Board? Each member of the Board of Directors is a resident that ran in our January election and serves for a term of 2 years. We were voted in by the community to uphold the covenants and deed restrictions of Windover Farms of Melbourne as stated on Page 6 Article II—Purpose. “ *The purposes and objectives of the corporation shall be to administer the operation and management of the common areas of Windover Farms of Melbourne*”....please feel free to visit our website and continue to read on if you no longer have the copy that you received upon moving in to the community. This may not be the most politically correct way to say it but here it goes....We are not here to be lawyers, deal with civil issues between neighbors or even to be the community police with regards to speeding, dog issues, or people trespassing on your property. These are all personal homeowner/property owner issues and are handled by the sheriff's department and animal control. Please call the appropriate enforcement office to report these issues. Once that is done then feel free to call the office and let management know what is happening. Do not expect the office or the Board to solve these problems as that is not our function.

There are weekly and sometimes daily calls to the office regarding speeding within the neighborhood. There have been past suggestions of speed humps and a more recent one by one of our younger residents to add gates to the entrances of Windover. To my knowledge this was never intended to be a gated community when it was being developed. I discussed it with other Board members and they brought certain facts to my attention. There are 741 properties, 11 miles of road and 22 miles of swales within our community. . The roads and swales are owned and managed by Brevard County Road and Bridge. Could you imagine what would

happen to our yearly dues if each homeowner had to start paying for their up-keep and maintenance? Some residents complain about the yearly dues now, which are only \$265 for the year. Most communities with an HOA pay that and more *monthly*.

At first the idea of gates crossed my mind as well, but when you think about the issue you will also realize that most of the speeding done along our roads is done by residents. I witness speeding up Big Pine Road on a daily basis. I also witness vehicles pull onto Post Road via Turtle Mound and Windover Way then do speeds of 50 or 60 mph when it is zoned for 35 mph. Even though it is not your front yard, it is someone else's. Speeding is not a new problem nor can it be solved unless everyone makes a conscientious effort to slow down. One thing I do is to start my morning off is getting up at the alarm and not hitting the snooze button. It gives me that 10 extra minutes that I need to prevent me from having to rush around in the morning in order to arrive to work on time. On the way home I use my commute to unwind and decompress from the work days stressful events.

The new security camera system is paying for itself with very clear video of saddening and costly events. Please look carefully at the front page of this month's newsletter. There are 4 males of varying ages, and 1 appears to be the "Dad". They are wanted by Windover Farms and the Brevard County Sherriff's Department for vandalism and breaking into the racquetball court. The video shows them breaking in, then playing racquetball. Upon leaving they take the keycard lock system with them. A copy of the crystal clear video has already been given to the Sherriff and a report has been filed. There is enough evidence for an arrest, and all we need is the identity, or names of any or all of the culprits, as they are believed to be residents. Please call the office if you know their names even if you wish to remain anonymous.

Another shout out for assistance. We have video from a couple months ago of a bunch of high school boys that had an egg fight in the pavilion. Luckily, it was noticed by our handyman before any permanent damage could be done, although he spent a few hours cleaning up the mess which took him away from his other duties. The vehicle at the "gatekeepers" house was not so fortunate, and the egg did damage to the vehicles paint job totaling over \$1000.00. Anyone with a copy of the 2016 Eau Gallie High School year book is asked to drop it off in the office so personnel can look in the ROTC photo for identities. (As a few of the teens had on ROTC shirts). Again, we believe most of the teens are residents within Windover as they walked into the parking lot and did not drive. All parents are encouraged to call the office if you wish to review the video (even if it's just to ensure that it wasn't your child that was involved) Kids will be kids, but when damage is done the entire community should not have to suffer and pay for the actions of the few.

Just a reminder....Board meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of every month, with the exception of the January meeting. Every resident is welcome and encouraged to attend to see exactly what issues within the community that your elected board members are dealing with.