



WINDOVER FARMS OF MELBOURNE

Homeowners Association, Inc.

Message from the President

Susan Lynch

It's March and Spring is upon us. The warmer weather will be bringing residents and their families outdoors more often walking, biking and enjoying the common areas. As everyone should be aware, Residents are allowed to "Reserve the Pavilion" for parties and personal functions. A refundable deposit is required along with your pavilion reservation request. Although this does give you and your guests usage of the Pavilion, Kitchen, tables, chairs and bathrooms for a specific day and time, it does not give "solo access" to the rest of the Common areas. Residents may still use the tennis courts, racquet ball courts, swing set and jungle gym as well as the bathrooms and basketball courts at the same time that the "Pavilion is Reserved".

When my children were younger they never had anything but great things to say whenever a function was going on. More often than not, if they were playing on the swing sets they would get invited to join other kids playing in the bounce houses or given a cup cake with other party-goers. Sometimes they came home soaked after being invited to play on the water slide. At first I would always ask them if they said "thank you to the hosts?" One day they walked in the door looking like drowned rats and told me all about the party and how cool it was they got invited to join in. Even before being asked they said, "We made sure we said thank you, Mom." I've tried to raise them to "think before doing" as there are consequences for their actions, and to be polite and respectful to adults and to treat others as they want to be treated themselves. (Sound familiar? As I believe many of us have those same values.) Please ensure guests are aware that they should be respectful to other residents whether adults or children that may be using other common areas while your function is in progress.

I feel very comfortable walking through the neighborhood, as well as allowing my kids the freedoms that come with age and maturity. They skate to friends' houses, bike to Wendy's and occasionally use the community Basketball hoop without being accompanied by "the parents". Although I feel our community is fairly safe, we have had some recent community thefts. A few months ago there were plants stolen after being planted along the entrance to Windover Way. Within the past few weeks lights were stolen at the entrance by Turtle Mound and now the Irrigation Pump has been stolen along with wires and timer being damaged. Thefts within the community affect us all. It may not be your personal property that was stolen or vandalized, but the community pays for the maintenance and usage of these items through their yearly dues. We are asking anyone with information regarding the theft of the equipment to call the Office.

There are a few projects in the works for the community. The tennis courts are still on the schedule to be re-surfaced (pending contractor availability) We are in the process of upgrading the security cameras, which can help the Sheriff's Department make arrests and prosecute future crimes. There have been requests and interest in forming A Neighborhood Watch Program. So far a couple of residents have given their names to the office to participate. And another resident that is forming a "Friends of the Nature Trail" Group, to help keep the Trails clear for walking. These are both very worthwhile endeavors and I welcome you to get involved.