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This month's cover photo

[American Bald Eagle](#) nesting on Arrowhead Way

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Freedom is
nothing else but a
chance to be better.”
Albert Camus

WC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Older, more established HOA

boards can sometimes run on autopilot, but our board, having transitioned from the builder just a little over a year ago, still requires a LOT of hands-on attention. Working to ensure accurate accounting, maintaining a viable budget, and attaining adequate reserve funding are all monumental tasks. At the same time, we are involved in almost every aspect of managing our HOA community, with our input required to ensure our management company successfully manages our restaurant effectively, maintains our common areas, keeps residents compliant, limits access to those who should be here, provides activities, and a laundry list of other tasks.

So, it's not surprising that our board meetings tend to generate a number of comments from the audience. According to [Jurassic Parliament](#), a company who strives to make following Robert's

Rules of Order simpler, "The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to inform the body of their views. This is an important function, and it is critical for the elected officials to listen with care to the public, and to consider what they hear in their deliberations."

Aside from Robert's Rules, our bylaws include the right to speak with reference to any matter placed on the board of directors' meeting agenda, and they allow the board to adopt special rules governing member statements. Towards those ends, "[WC HOA Meetings: Rights of Members \(Owners to Speak\)](#)" was approved by the board at the June 23, 2023 meeting. We hope the application of these new rules will ensure efficient and effective HOA meetings, conducted in an inclusive and respectful manner.

Winding Cypress Board of Directors

**THERE IS SOMETHING ... MORE IMPORTANT
IN LIFE THAN PUNCTUALITY, AND THAT IS
DECORUM.**

- SAMUEL BECKETT -

WC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Directors can't change our governing docs by themselves. **WE** have the power to approve changes! It's in our hands...so be sure and VOTE!

***Voting ends
August 14th***



Make it a point.

VOTE TODAY.

Click the link below to access your proxy and ballot today!



www.windingcypress.org or online @
<https://winding-cypress.myhoast.com/logon>

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The next CDD Meeting will be held on July 11 at 1:00 PM in the Event Room.

WC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shady Palm

will now be open

Saturdays until 8 PM

starting July 8th!



THE WINDING CYPRESS HOA
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY, JULY 4TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF THE
HOLIDAY.



WC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder to keep an eye out for our local bear community.

They've been active lately.

Please consider putting your trash out in the AM.



Please do not discard trash in the HOA dumpster (located in the Amenity Center parking lot.) This receptacle is for HOA use only.



Thank you!

WC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Start channeling your inner werewolf & prepare to shake your bones at this year's WC Halloween Fest! It is sure to be a HOWL!!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Architectural Review Committee

Jayne Shedd, Chair

Did you know that several changes to our Architectural Review Guidelines were board approved and updated in May? Below is a synopsis of the changes. Please visit www.windingcypress.org for specific details.

Air Conditioning

- Window and wall air conditioning units are prohibited.
- House air conditioning units must be screened from view from the streets, common areas and other homes with hedge plantings.
- Homeowner is responsible for maintaining and trimming all landscape materials approved by the ARC.

Design Changes

- The exterior of the home with the proposed modifications must conform exactly to the design options that were offered for the specific model of home by the builder at the time of construction.

Exterior Garage & Landscape Lighting

- Exterior lights on the garage should be between 18" and 28" in length.
- Up-lights must be placed so they shine directly up into the palms or trees and may not be placed so they shine toward any neighboring properties or common areas.
- Landscape lighting must be low voltage (12 - 15 volts) with bulb wattage not to exceed 30 watts or 5-watt LED.

Flags

NOTE: Our Architectural Review Guidelines will be updated to reflect the following changes in effect regarding flags as per HB 437. Under the new bill, a homeowner may display up to two of:

- The United States flag
- The official flag of the State of Florida
- A flag that represents the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard
- A POW-MIA flag
- A first responder flag that may incorporate the design of any other allowed flag to form a combined flag

Front Entry Doors

- Front entry door glass must be clear or frosted, i.e., no colored glass or inlay is allowed, and must comply with hurricane/wind codes.

Garage Doors

- The design of the builder-installed garage doors may not be changed or altered.
- Décor or enhancements of garage door design is not allowed, including but not limited to faux hinges, handles, or screen inserts.

Gutters and Downspouts

- Gutters and downspouts must remain original bronze.

Hurricane and Storm Shutters

- Kevlar-style/fabric-style storm screens **on the lanai** (e.g., as provided by Storm Smart) may be closed on a regular basis.

Temporary Shutters Provided by Builder

- Temporary (builder-supplied) hurricane shutters may be installed seventy-two (72) hours in advance of a hurricane and removed within seventy-two (72) hours after the hurricane has passed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Landscaping

- Dead plants may be replaced with identical plants without ARC approval.
- Landscaping additions, deletions, and revisions require ARC approval.
- Border edging may consist of brown aluminum edging and/or rock: Brookstone or Mexican Beach Pebbles.
- Mulch color must be Cocoa Brown.

Patios

- Patios are allowed in the rear of the home only.

Pavers

• All paver installations must be within property lines and must allow room for required plant screening of outdoor pool equipment, filters, generators, air conditioning units.

Screens - Front Entry, Garage Door Screening and Other Screens

- Retractable screen door installed in the frame of a front door must be a color to match the door trim.
- Screen enclosure at entrance to the front alcove/portico must be bronze aluminum framing with charcoal screening.
- Garage Door screening must be bronze aluminum framing with charcoal screening.

Recreational Equipment, Outdoor Furniture, Bar-b-Ques, Chargers for Electric Vehicles, and Other Materials

- Chargers for electric vehicles may not be mounted on the exterior of the home and must be installed inside the garage.
- Surplus pavers, roof tiles, and other building materials and landscaping supplies and materials must be stored in the garage.

Building & Grounds Committee

Mike Merola and Vince D'Andrea, Co-chairs

Tennis court 1 drainage work is scheduled to be done in July.

The community now has power to the refill well (Ph.III) and is waiting for Hoover Pumps to perform the final step in the process. The well refills the back lake. We've been told by the engineer that raising the level should cause the other lake levels to go up. Our sprinkler system is fed by the lakes. However, the volume of water we can use is controlled by the Water District.

Compliance Committee

No report this month.

NOTE: If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the HOA office! We need a few volunteers to join our efforts.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance Committee

Jim Sullivan, Chair

Committee Member Changes

We are pleased to announce that Marco Arilli is a new member to the Finance Committee. Marco has 25+ years management experience at all levels in the food & beverage industry, having worked with several major companies. He has extensive knowledge of Point of Sale (POS) systems, kitchen operations, and overall restaurant management. Marco has been working closely for several weeks with Marcus (our Shady Palm Manager), Seacrest Management, and the Board in reviewing Shady Palm operations, information systems, and financial controls. In a short time, they have implemented several positive changes which are, or will be, visible at the Café soon. More improvements to come in the near future, especially in the area of cost control, reporting, and operations. We welcome Marco to the committee.

Unfortunately, Lisa McNeal resigned from the committee for personal reasons. We'll miss her contributions to the committee. As you know, Steve Shedd was a co-chairman and with his election to the Board he is now the board liaison to the committee. The remaining members of the Finance Committee are Tony Carpentieri, Randy Hill, and Jim Sullivan, Chairman.

2022 Audit Report Completed

The Audit Report for 2022 has been received by the Board. Gerstle, Rosen & Goldenberg, our auditing firm, issued an unqualified opinion. The Audit Report stated, "In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole." This means the report indicates that the auditors are satisfied with the company's financial reporting. The auditors believe that the company's operations are in compliance with governance principles and applicable laws. Per our bylaws, a copy of the report is available upon request.

HOA Turnover Engineering and Audit Reports Completed

The reports were prepared by Delta Engineering and by Gerstle, Rosen & Goldenberg CPAs, and are the HOAs review of the developer's engineering and turn-over audit reports, which were provided when the control of the HOA was transferred to the owner's board of directors in January 2022. They must be completed and signed by an architect or engineer, and the financial audit must be prepared by an independent certified public accountant. The inspection report must consist of a detailed list of required maintenance, useful life, and replacement costs for the roof, structures, fire protection systems, elevators, heating/cooling systems, electrical, plumbing, pool, pavement, drainage, irrigation, and other major items. For the financial report, the developer's accountant must complete and submit a detailed audit to determine whether expenditures were for association purposes; and if the billings, cash receipts, and related records reflect whether the developer was charged, and paid for, the proper amount of assessments, and paid all annual deficits. The board will compare our documentation with what the developer provided, and if the board determines there is a significant shortfall, they can request any deficiencies be corrected or funds due be remitted. The Board is currently reviewing to determine if deficiencies exist, and the appropriate course of action moving forward, if any.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Safety & Access Control Committee

Michelle Apgar, Chair

We are lucky to live in Winding Cypress, but we have an issue with unauthorized persons entering our community and frequently using our amenities – for free! How is this possible, given that we’re a gated community? The issue is mainly 4-fold. First, there are many people who have WC barcodes on their vehicles, who are not entitled to them. Second, the software the gate guard references to determine if a vehicle without a barcode should be allowed in, includes people who shouldn’t be allowed. Third, there are people who have fobs who are not entitled to use our amenities. Fourth, unauthorized vehicles piggyback residents entering the property at the back gate.

In an effort to curtail this AND save our member’s money, we are transitioning to a new access control provider, Ramco. This transition requires effort on YOUR part. First, you must complete [this form](#) (150 households have yet to do so). Once your form has been submitted, you will receive an email from Ramco informing you that your GateAccess.net subscription has been activated. You then need to access that system, and enter your guests and vendors (otherwise, the guard must call you to allow your guest entrance). When you are notified, you will take your vehicle(s), required documentation (including vehicle registration to prove resident ownership), and any payment (for fobs/barcodes needed in addition to the free ones) to the amenity center to have management apply your barcodes and issue your fobs. At a date TBD, all old barcodes and fobs will be deactivated. Those who do not obtain their new barcodes and fobs before deactivation will need to visit the management office – no fobs or barcodes will be mailed. Our back gate entrance, while being a convenient amenity for residents, has presented us a recurring issue. Namely, the white gate arms will be damaged if more than one vehicle attempts to enter or exit at a time. Again, this requires effort on YOUR part. After you pass under the arms, please stop, and wait for the arms to lower before you proceed. This procedure should be followed at the main entrance/exit as well. A monitor has been installed for back gate activity in hopes of allowing us to hold violators accountable.

Access Ramco Form [HERE](#).

Communications Committee

Kellie Harris, Chair

The committee made cost-saving adjustments to HOA expenses and subscriptions related to communication, including website hosting and Constant Contact email management software, for an ongoing savings of \$950/yr. The committee has created approximately 100 informational emails, largely on behalf of the BOD, which are received by 1,100 WC registered recipients. The committee also manages the WC HOA Facebook group, where we uploaded 51 informational posts over the past year. The website (www.windingcypress.org), which is continuously updated with pertinent information on governance, activities and events, ARC, clubs, safety and wildlife, past newsletters, CDD information, budgeting, and so forth, continues to garner excellent results. The site, in fact, has received approximately 1,358 visits to date. Additionally, we see upwards of 81% of newsletter recipients opening the publication, which has netted just under \$1,000 in ad sales—used, in part, to purchase meeting hardware. Ongoing monies will be used for ongoing HOA expenses, as needed.

PROFILE: JACQUES DIEUJUSTE



From the large commune of Gonaive—located in the northwest of Haiti on a body of water known as the Baie des Gonaives—to Collier County, Florida—culinary artist Jacques Dieujuste has

learned a thing or two about food. That much is evident, with one bite of any of his delectable Shady Palm fare!

It all started with a course of culinary studies at a local school in Gonaives. Searching “for a better life,” as Jacques explains, he left Haiti in 1994 at the age of 28. Flashing his trademark smile, he continues. “I studied English in school, then attended cooking classes. My brother lives in Immokalee, so I decided to join him there to look for work. For my first job, I went to work as a field worker picking oranges.” Yet with training in the culinary arts and a yearning to cook, Jacques began to feel the wanderlust. He headed to Key West a year later to try his hand in the Florida restaurant business.

Jacques’s first stint in a food establishment was in a Shoney’s Restaurant. Dedication and hard work paid off, and he worked his way up through various positions to restaurant cook. While working as a cook was interesting, it didn’t satisfy his yearning to create creative dishes. In search of a challenge, Jacques applied for, and landed, a job as sous chef in the Hilton’s Reach Resort Key West. There he excelled under the guidance of their executive chef, adding to his growing restaurant knowledge. He continued to hone his skills in the kitchen, polishing his inherent talent

for blending flavors and spices to creatively offset any dish.

Eventually tiring of life in the Keys, Jacques returned to Immokalee. He attended Edison Community College (now Florida Southwestern State College) to continue his studies, after which he secured a position as sous chef at Windstar on Naples Bay Country Club. Over the next few years Jacques worked through other sous chef positions in the area, including as sous chef at Cedar Hammock Country Club where he met former Winding Cypress chef Jordon.

Similar to other professions, the culinary community of Southwest Florida is a tight knit group, with hospitality employees often making, and maintaining, close relationships. That’s why when Jordon left Cedar Hammock to become chef at the Vineyards, he asked Jacques to come along. “I worked with him at both communities as his sous chef,” Jacques explained, nodding slowly. “When Jordon left to come to Winding Cypress, he asked me to join him again. I did in 2018, and I have been here ever since.” In fact, the Winding Cypress cook, Maxo, was also a co-worker of Jacques’s at previous establishments. “He quit his former job to come here at my request. He is an excellent cook, and we work well together.” You may have seen Jacques’s sister as well—she is working as the dishwasher here at Winding Cypress!

So, what is it about Winding Cypress specifically, and cooking in general, that inspire Jacques? “I love it here. I love the people who come to the café and the people I work with.” He smiles broadly, sits back, and continues quietly. “What I do in the kitchen, it’s about creating, not just cooking. It’s an art really. I like to blend spices and work with upscale foods.” And we think he performs his magic quite well, judging from Shady Palm’s past culinary delights such as fresh-caught pompano with his house-made tangy

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ginger sauce, to tender veal Osso Bucco cooked to perfection, to his signature slab of BBQ ribs.

Outside of Winding Cypress, Jacques has a full life with his wife and four children (three boys ages 16, 7, 5, and a 2-year-old daughter). He

enjoys playing with them at the park or taking them on fishing expeditions. When he's not participating in activities with his children, he loves to work in the yard tending to his many plants and fruits including mango, avocado, coconut palm, soursop, lemon, and lime trees.



HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Occasionally you may see the [Eastern Lubber grasshopper](#) in WC. It is a large, colorful, flightless critter whose bright colors are, in nature's very ingenious way, a warning to predators that these grasshoppers contain toxins that can be deadly. They secrete a foamy spray that is, at a minimum, an irritant. If the insects are ingested, they are quite poisonous to birds and small mammals. The only known predator is the [Loggerhead Shrike](#), a formidable creature in its own right! Loggerhead Shrikes sit on low, exposed perches and scan for rodents, lizards, birds, and insects (like our friend the Eastern Lubber). They eat smaller prey right away but are famous for impaling larger items on thorns or barbed wire to be eaten later. The species often hovers, and when flying, it uses bursts of very rapid wingbeats. The photos (right, and below) were seen on a WC resident's outdoor ring camera, showing a Loggerhead Shrike attacking what was presumably an unsuspecting insect or anole!

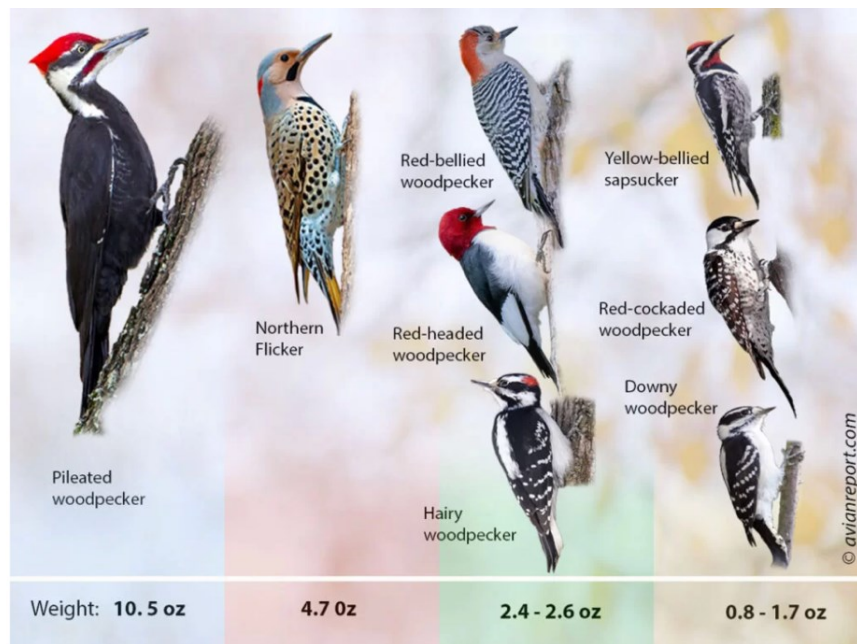


WILDLIFE FOCUS: WOODPECKERS

A pleasure to watch, woodpeckers can be heard long before they're seen. According to resident and experienced birder, Dick Murray, the best way to see woodpeckers in Winding Cypress is to take a quiet stroll on the boardwalk into the preserve (which gets you into the woodpeckers' domain).

Species you might see are downy, hairy, red-cockaded, red-bellied, red-headed, pileated, and northern flicker. The red-bellied is the most common woodpecker found in Florida¹. According to Dick, the red-bellied are active, noisy, and can be found in the preserve and around our homes (see phot to the right.)

Pileated (the model for Woody Woodpecker—see photo on next page) are the largest species found here, with a very loud call they are most likely seen in the preserve areas as they tend to prefer large dead trees. The downy is the small, cute species that is quieter than its cousins. The northern flickers and yellow-bellied sapsuckers can be observed in WC but are somewhat irregular in their visits. The hairy woodpecker is unlikely to be seen in WC, but the red-headed and red-cockaded can often be found in Serenity Walk Park, a couple of miles north, on Collier Blvd.



In **Florida**, most **woodpeckers** have a combination of black, white, and red feathers. Males and females are distinguished by patches of red on the backs of their heads. Males have red patches, which are missing in the females.

The handsome red-headed woodpecker is an exception. It has a bright crimson head, and males and females are indistinguishable.

WILDLIFE FOCUS: WOODPECKERS

Year round, woodpeckers thrive on wood-boring insects such as termites and carpenter ants but will also eat flying insects, berries, and seeds. Using their strong bill, they chisel tree trunks extracting their food. The drilling sound is sporadic so as not to scare their insect food away. Soft sporadic drilling sounds can also be heard when a woodpecker is using its bill to excavate a nest cavity. Shapes and sizes of the cavity can help determine which woodpecker species is in your yard. Tapping rapidly in a unique pattern (known as “drumming”) is not the sound of a woodpecker obtaining food. Drumming is sending a signal that their territory is occupied, or that they are searching for a mate.

Woodpeckers are advantageous in urban areas as they eat destructive insects such as termites, but sometimes a pesky woodpecker will come knocking, choosing a house wall, siding, or decorative foam molding. If your house has attracted a woodpecker, it is time to see what can be modified to prevent it returning but not harm the woodpecker. If, however, the birds are looking for insects, (the holes they make will be small and irregular) you may have to call an exterminator to get rid of the underlying insect problem.

Common long-term deterrents have been tested to see how well each prevented woodpecker damage. The methods tested included life-sized plastic owls with paper wings, reflective streamers, plastic eyes on fishing line, roost boxes, suet feeders, and a sound system which broadcasted woodpecker distress calls followed by the call of a hawk. Only the streamers worked as a deterrent with any consistency: the shiny coating and movement in the wind kept the woodpeckers at bay and eliminated damage at half of the test sites. Plastics owls and distress calls may work at first, but after a while the woodpeckers get used to them and go back to their old habitat. Bottom line, unfortunately: nothing works all the time².

Worth mentioning, standing dead trees, such as palm trunks, also make a great habitat to attract a woodpecker in our community. Although we leave these dead trees in our preserves, you should report a dead palm tree in any common area to management, or one in your yard to BrightView.



¹<https://avianreport.com/woodpeckers-florida/#:~:text=The%20red%2Dbellied%20woodpecker%20is,their%20cavities%20in%20dead%20wood.>

²<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/can-woodpecker-deterrents-safeguard-my-house/>

WC CDD NEWS



We Floridians love the nature that surrounds us every day, and the crown jewel is our Everglades. It has an interesting history of disaster, neglect, misuse, but finally appreciation and commitment to returning it to what it once was.

In 1947, after years of drought, the state was deluged by rainfall averaging one hundred inches along the lower east coast, almost twice the norm. Much of the ground was saturated when two hurricanes hit the state late in the year, and flooding throughout the region was devastating. Florida asked the federal government for a master plan to tame nature's excesses.

In 1948, the U.S. Congress adopted legislation creating the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project, the largest civil works project ever undertaken in the US. Construction began the next year and continued over 20 years as the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers built the massive flood control plumbing system stretching from just south of Orlando to Florida Bay.

Then in 1949 the Florida Legislature created what would become the SFWMD, the South Florida Water Management District, whose key initiative was restoration of the Everglades, itself the largest environmental restoration project in the nation's history.

The Everglades once covered almost 11,000 square miles of South Florida. It may never again reach that size, but we are determined to treasure what is still there, and overseeing those efforts is the SFWMD.

And every drop of water in Winding Cypress eventually either leaves or somehow becomes part of the greater overall water system that

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encompasses the Everglades, and therefore is under the control and supervision of the SFWMD.

Which is why from the very beginning when our Paradise was just a dream in a developer's eye, approvals and permits had to be secured from SFWMD before the first shovel could turn the first clump of dirt to begin construction, and why that diligent care and concern continues. When you next have a few minutes to spare, google <http://www.sfwmd.gov>. Be prepared to enjoy a very interesting and enlightening tour of where we call home.

So ... Our lakes [aka retention ponds].

Lake Facts

Winding Cypress contains 946 acres, of which approximately 231 acres are lake surfaces, and we have thirty lakes, grouped in "basins," and when discussing the water management system, the community is divided into five zones, referred to as basins, each of which has about four or five lakes within its boundary. For example, the lake pictured accompanying this article is officially Lake 11-5, meaning lake number 5 in basin number 11, and it is bounded by Blackberry Drive, Geranium Way, and Winding Cypress Blvd.

We've all heard it said, "words have meanings," so this is a good place to pause and make a correction. There are not thirty lakes in Winding Cypress. In fact, there are no lakes in Winding Cypress. What do have are areas designed for one purpose, and one purpose only, regardless of their aesthetic value, and these thirty areas are officially "dry retention areas" very carefully and scientifically designed using computer-modeled storm data from ten year, 25-year, and 100-year projected storm events. So, someone has gone to a lot of trouble designing stormwater retention areas trying to make sure our homes don't get flooded.

But "lakes" is a lot easier to say, so let's agree with a wink and a nod that we will call them that.

Lake View or Preserve View?

There are 760 homes in Winding Cypress and 452, or 59%, are on a lake. The breakdown is:

PHASE I - 60 homes on a lake.

- Lily Way - 13
- Live Oak - 38
- Winding Cypress Drive - 9

PHASE II - 288 homes on a lake.

- Wiregrass Court - 7
- Clamshell Lane - 15
- Winding Cypress Drive - 114
- Mockingbird - 23
- Chenille Court - 0
- Blackberry Drive - 45
- Geranium Way - 15 Arrowhead - 15
- Jacaranda - 54

PHASE III - 104 homes on a lake.

- Cocoplum - 22
- Greenbriar - 11
- Pennyroyal - 19
- Bromeliad - 8
- Winding Cypress Blvd. - 44

Hierarchy of Control and Oversight of Lakes and Lake Banks

1. US Department of the Interior (Because we live in a Federal Wildlife Sanctuary)
2. US Army Corps of Engineers (Because they are the builders of the water and flood control systems in South Florida)
3. State of Florida
4. SFWMD (Because they were created specifically to oversee all things "water" in South Florida)
5. Collier County
6. Winding Cypress Community Development District (CDD), for two reasons:

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- a. because Winding Cypress lies within the legal jurisdiction of the CDD, as stated in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Winding Cypress, published by the Collier County Clerk of Courts on 11.20.14.
- b. because the SFWMD assigned “ownership,” for lack of a better term, and oversight responsibility to the CDD because it is what is referred to as a “special district” of government and has legal status not held by the HOA.

Summary

So, there we are ...

Our lakes, dependent upon Mother Nature for replenishment, via rainfall, are actually sitting at Square 1 in terms of the big picture of the life and health of the Everglades. From here the water flows through an intricate maze of canals and waterways, but it all begins here, and every day when we pass these very important parts of our community, we should have an increased appreciation for what is entrusted to our care.

*Alex Petrovsky Supervisor
Winding Cypress CDD*

7. Winding Cypress HOA



Everglades Facts: The Everglades (National Park) is...

1. One of the largest wetlands in the world - but used to be much larger.
2. The largest remaining subtropical wilderness left in north America.
3. Composed of the largest contiguous stand of protected mangroves in the Northern Hemisphere.
4. Home to unique, rare, and endangered species.
5. The only place in the world where American alligators and American crocodiles coexist in the wild.
6. Invaded by Burmese pythons.
7. Filled with dozens of species of mosquitoes (but they don't all snack on humans...)
8. Responsible for supplying drinking water for more than 8 million people.

* <https://blog.nwf.org/2019/12/8-facts-you-didnt-know-about-americas-everglades-and-why-we-must-restore-this-incredible-place/>

WC SAFETY

Our community **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)** have been installed! See below.



4th of July Safety Tips, Courtesy of the **American Red Cross**

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public firework show put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet away from the show. Leave any area immediately where untrained amateurs are using fireworks. If you are setting fireworks off at home, follow these safety steps:

1. Never give fireworks to small children. Never throw or point fireworks toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials. Always follow packaging instructions.
2. Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
3. Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.
4. Light only 1 firework at a time; never attempt to relight "a dud."
5. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children & pets.

And remember to be cognizant of, and respect, the very real fear—*from both humans and pets*—of firework noise. NOTE: The City of Naples has canceled all fireworks displays this year. However, Collier County has announced that you can see them at Paradise Park (featured in last month's newsletter)! Check out the details [HERE!](#) Or see them from Marco Island [HERE.](#)



WC ACTIVITIES

Sign up
here!

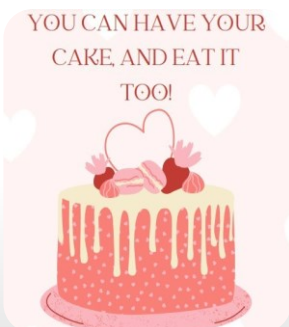
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4th of July BBQ

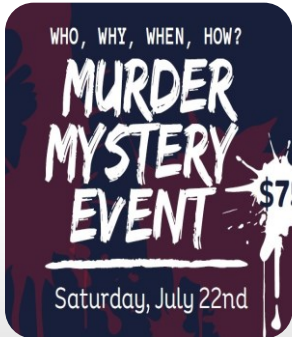


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