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Happy Holidays from WC!

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BOARD MESSAGE

This month's board message comes from Board VP BC Bell, the Communications Committee liaison. He would like to share a message that was given at the November 29th board meeting by Board Secretary Mike Boriss. The below is transcribed and reprinted with Dr. Boriss's permission.

**"I said come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now."**

The Youngbloods, Get Together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAB3fyCIHpc>



Presentation from Mike Boriss

November 29, 2023

Everybody can take a deep breath. This is not about the P word and the T word, pickleball and tennis. I've had enough of that already. But I think this is a very important topic that I wanted to talk about today. It's something that has been increasingly problematic over the last few weeks to months.

I love living here. I think Southwest Florida is wonderful. I think Winding Cypress is wonderful. There are wonderful people here. When my wife and I were stuck up in Jersey for eight months we missed it immensely, and we actually came back here early—they wanted us to stay until December—but we came back early because we felt it was important to come back here for obvious reasons. I think that we have a wonderful staff. I think we have finally gotten the right people in the right places. Most people, I think, will agree with that. I think our staff both here and at the Shady Palm and in Activities are wonderful. We have great amenities. I think the activities are unbelievable. Since I've been here, we have so many activities, there are almost too many.

But we have a problem here, and I'm going to list the issues and I think you'll understand where I'm going.

It's a problem if the staff that we all love doesn't feel safe, feels bullied, and feels harassed.

It's a problem if the Shady Palm bartender and staff have to intercede to prevent a verbal dispute getting into a physical dispute.

It's a problem if a verbal dispute actually turns into a physical dispute.

It's a problem when the sheriff of Collier County is on our property 4-5 times within a two-week period.

It's a problem when the staff asks the sheriff of Collier County, who is here investigating one of the prior incidents, to stick around in the parking lot because she's not sure what's going to happen at the board meeting as far as behavior.

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It's a problem when people feel they can just scream out obscenities at the Shady Palm—or driving down the street scream them out at another resident—or a resident has to call the sheriff because his neighbor has had an obscenity-filled argument and domestic violence-type episodes on their lanai, preventing them from being able to enjoy their dinner outside.

It's a problem when we have vandalism on our property. We have no idea who perpetrated it, but it was certainly someone who lives on this property.

These are not problems that this board can address. Residents have to go home, do some introspection, and decide, are they part of the problem or are they part of the solution? We can hand out letters, which we have. And we can slap hands and we can fine people. But we don't really want to do that. Sometimes I'll be talking to people about this, and they say, "I feel like I'm in a high school drama here." And I feel the same way. I thought we were all mature adults and we would behave accordingly. Anybody can have disagreements and disputes and arguments and whatnot, but I think you can keep it civil. There are multiple avenues to pursue issues with the board, and Jade, and the other members here. There is no reason for these types of behaviors to occur.

People talk about security, and these events are all occurring within this community, and they are our residents.

People talk about property values. Well, when the sheriff comes in here five times, I'm sure they're talking about it back in the sheriff's department. And I'm sure that gets out into the community. And I'm sure that's not going to help the property values of Winding Cypress if we get a reputation for having dysfunctional residents, and people who can't control themselves or act like adults.

I'm hoping that these words will fall on ears and will promote thought and consideration. I truly think that we have a wonderful, wonderful community here but it's been kind of spiraling in this internecine war or battle. Nobody wins fights like this. All it's doing is corrupting the community and creating hard feelings between people. It is totally unnecessary.

The support and love that my wife and I received from this community was unbelievable, and it's one of the reasons why we like this place, and why we came back here. That's the community I want to see. I want to see the community where I walk down the street and everyone waves at each other. The type of community I saw in the Shady Palm last week when the Shady Boyz were playing and the place was crowded, packed, and everyone was having a great time—that's the community that I'd like to see here.

The last thing that I'd like to mention that, to me, is kind of related is social media. I'm an old guy, so I think social media is the scourge of the country, but you talk about what's happening to kids and the effect it's having on kids. Well, I wish that people, before they push send or post on Facebook, they would make sure that what they're posting is truthful. Not conspiracy theory, not rumor being propagated. If you simply want to stir the pot, so be it. That's going to happen. But I think that part of this angst within the community is perpetuated by these Facebook posts. By and large, in my experience when it concerns the board, they are not truthful, they are incomplete. People have not pursued information. If you're going to

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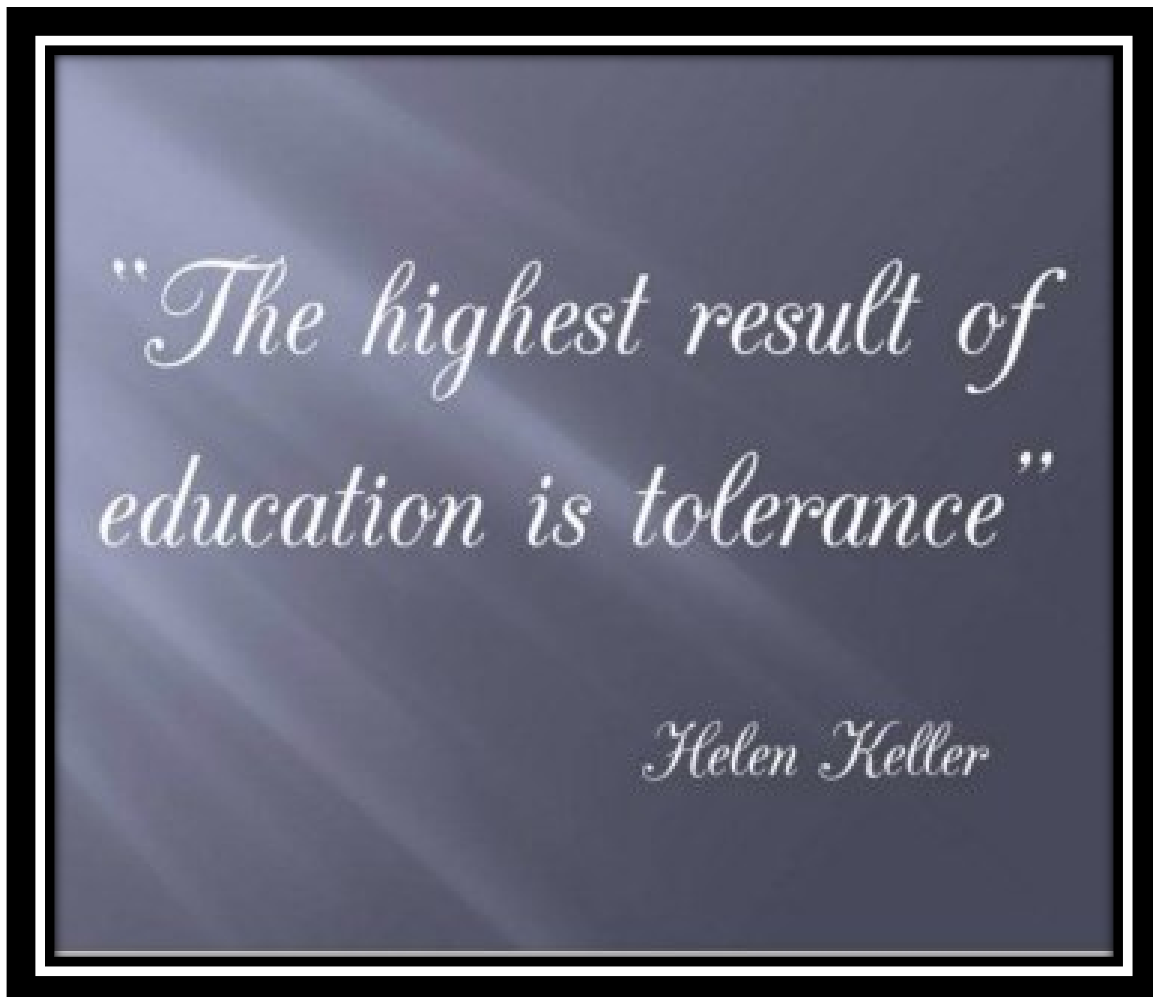
post something on there, please make sure, to the best of your ability, it's true. A lot of times it's not. Often people want the board to comment on Facebook, and I admit that occasionally I do. But the problem is that the board is not going to do that, and all it does is get into a back-and-forth dispute on Facebook and accomplishes nothing.

We have a website, and we have an email address. If there are issues that you'd like answered by the board or commented upon, by all means, contact us. Talk to us. We're all around. We're residents here, we're not Pulte. You can approach us, or you can approach Jade with questions. There are multiple ways, if you have a concern or question, to get the truth and the full truth, not conspiracy theory or rumor. There is plenty of opportunity.

I just felt that the way things were going with sheriffs coming on our property, that I had to say something. I could not sit back and have that. And I hope maybe my words will have some effect.

Thanks for listening.

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BOARD MESSAGE



Areas of Board Accomplishments In 2023



WC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Upcoming Meetings

Dec 4th @ 6 PM Board of Directors [Town Hall](#)

Dec 7th @ 1 pm ARC meeting

All meetings are held in the Amenity Center event room. Activities in the Internet Cafe are suspended during those times.



Learn About the Proposed Changes to the Governing Documents

Due to changes in law, and the exit of the developer, our original documents (written in 2014) require updating. Our HOA attorney, Richard D. DeBoest will present the proposed changes and answer questions at a Town Hall Meeting Dec 4th, 6:00 P.M., in the amenity center. Can't attend in person? Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85963111984?pwd=po4ng3EPX340RzLYclNOZRafZ9rma.1>

Meeting ID: 859 6311 1984. Passcode: 968859.

See the proposed changes to the [Declaration](#), the [Articles](#), and the [Bylaws](#).



Holiday vs Everyday Decorating

Did you know that our HOA Rules & Regs differ between year-round décor, holiday decorations, and Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa?

SEASONAL LIGHTING in celebration of Christmas, Hannukah, and Kwanzaa

- Seasonal lighting may be installed only from the day after Thanksgiving to January 10.
- Seasonal lighting may not be installed on any tree, palm, or shrub in common areas.
- At the applicant's sole risk, if lighting placed on trees, palms, shrubs or in those areas which are maintained by the Association (yards) are damage by maintenance personnel, the Association and its maintenance vendors will accept no liability for any such damage.
- Bulbs may not exceed 30 watts.
- Lights to be turned off no later than 10 PM.

SEASONAL DECORATIONS in celebration of Christmas and Hannukah, and Kwanzaa

- Seasonal decorations may be installed only from the day after Thanksgiving to January 10.
- Items not to exceed 72" in height.
- The total number of items in a yard is limited to six (6).
- Music is not allowed.
- Decorations may not be installed on roofs.
- Items must be placed more than 12 inches from the end of the sod line.

As always, we thank you for following our WC Rules & Regs, and ensuring the community is safe, consistent, and beautiful!

WC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 vs 2024 Dues

2023	Estate Series	Classic Series	Villa Series
Annual Dues	\$5169	\$5013	\$4527
Sidewalk cleaning	\$85	\$85	\$85
Total	\$5254	\$5098	\$4612
Food & Beverage Min	\$660	\$660	\$660

2024	Estate Series	Classic Series	Villa Series
Annual Dues	\$6252	\$6090	\$5588
Food & Beverage Min	\$400	\$400	\$400

Estate Series dues increase \$998/year
 Classic Series dues increase \$992/year
 Villa Series dues increase \$976/year

CDD assessment varies depending on parcel, and appears on your Collier County tax bill under the heading, "Non-Ad Valorem District."



Traveling to or from Naples?			
Florida City	Airport Code	Distance to WC (in miles)	Travel Time at 8 AM
Fort Myers	RSW	37	37 min
Punta Gorda	PGD	68	1 hr 2 min
Miami	MIA	99	1 hr 55 min
Ft Lauderdale	FLL	105	1 hr 31 min
Sarasota	SRQ	126	1 hr 55 min
West Palm Beach	PBI	145	2 hr 11 min
St Pete	PIE	166	2 hr 24 min
Tampa	TPA	174	2 hr 29 min

You've made a list and checked it twice. Did you include these two things?

1. Winding Cypress owners are generous all year long. This time of year, we can spread some **holiday cheer to our staff members** who diligently work to provide excellent service to our community. Consider showing your appreciation with a monetary or other gift for your favorite staff member(s).
2. The **deadline** to use your **food and beverage assessment** is Dec 31st. *NOTE:* you may use your assessment to purchase alcohol. However, please keep in mind that unopened bottles may not be removed from the café per our liquor license.



OUT & ABOUT



There is so much to do in Collier County in December, we didn't know where to start! So, to save you some time, we've pasted a few links to get you all the information you'll need to stay jolly, festive, and in-the-know this December! ❄️❄️❄️

Naples Daily News Holiday Events

<https://www.naplesnews.com/story/entertainment/2023/11/30/things-to-do-in-december-in-naples-holiday-events-concerts-and-more/71715815007/>

Collier County Event Calendar

<https://www.collierparks.com/event-calendars/>

Naples Kidz

<https://napleskidz.com/eventpage/>

Collier County Museums

<https://colliermuseums.com/events>



COMMITTEE NEWS

Architectural Review Committee

Jayne Shedd, Chair ~ Board Liaison Kay Ballard

The Architectural Review Committee reviewed 22 new applications for exterior projects during the month of November. ARC meets the first and third Mondays of each month unless stated otherwise. To help expedite the committee's decision on your proposed changes, please submit applications and all accompanying materials by Thursday before the meeting at 4:00 pm. Remember that when filling out your ARC application for any exterior project, be sure to follow the checklist and provide as much information as possible. Unfortunately, the Committee must return some applications due to insufficient information. This can delay projects by another 2-3 weeks.

Please note...

- Collier County requires a permit for all mini split AC installations.
- ARC application is required
- Full information is included in the ARC guidelines

If you are planning to re-design your landscaping, please do not remove your plants/shrubs, etc., until you submit an ARC application and receive written approval by the HOA.

The Winding Cypress Architectural Review committee is looking to invite new members to join our committee. If you feel this is your area of expertise and would like to volunteer, please submit your name, address, mobile number, email address, and full/part-time resident status. Please provide a brief description of any prior volunteer experience and professional experience to the HOA office by December 10th.

Visit <https://www.windingcypress.org/restricted-architectural-review> for more information on the ARC Guidelines and to access a new application to join our committee. Note: *Committee positions open to homeowners only.*

Building & Grounds Committee

Mike Merola & Vince D'Andrea, Co-Chairs ~ Board Liaison Mike Boriss

- Brightview has completed laying new mulch throughout the community.
- The timer for the Clubhouse parking lot lights has been replaced.
- The county has been contacted about stains in the street that have been caused by their trash and recycling trucks. Please [click here](#) and [here](#) for status on this clean-up process.

The Building & Grounds Committee would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a happy, healthy New Year!!!

Finance Committee

Jim Sullivan, Chair ~ Board Liaison Steve Shedd

The Board of Directors approved the 2024 budget at the November 29th board meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, the [proposed budget](#) was mailed/emailed/posted for owners to review. Once the committee receives/reviews the year-end financial statements, we will prepare the year-end audit (the draft is due at the end of the 1st quarter 2024). In the meantime, we'll continue to work with Seacrest to improve accounting procedures and financial analysis.

Compliance Committee

Marcia Palmer, Chair ~ Board Liaison Kay Ballard

The committee is grateful to Jane Margulies for serving as the chair, and now welcomes Marcia Palmer as the new chairwoman. With Marcia's leadership, the compliance committee will be focusing on supporting our HOA covenants and rules that are intended to be beneficial to our community by protecting and enhancing home values and preserving the aesthetics and beauty of our community.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Safety & Access Committee

Michelle Apgar, Chair ~ Board Liaison BC Bell

- If you haven't already, make sure you are utilizing [GateAccess.net](https://www.gateaccess.net) to manage your guests' access into the community. The guards are very busy with guest entry; therefore, we highly encourage everyone to add visitors including contractors, who should only be entered for the duration of the work. To receive notification of your guest's arrival, make sure you have input a valid email address.
- The Guardhouse now has a cell phone (239)412-5944 in addition to the land line (239)732-7745.
- The QR Code scanner on the virtual guard kiosk has been repaired. You will have to re-add your guests and re-issue a new QR code in order for them to work at the kiosk properly.
- Please remember that the "Virtual Guard" button on the kiosk must be pushed in order to reach the virtual guard. RAMCO's emergency number has been placed on the virtual guard kiosk to be used if the virtual guard is not working during the virtual guard hours of 10:45 pm to 7:00 am.
- During the month of November, 100 new fobs and barcodes were distributed. If you have not received yours, the management office will be happy to assist you. Click [HERE](#) to complete the required application form.
- If you need help with Gate Access, or you are having issues with your new fobs and barcodes, please reach out to Bonnie at adminwc@swpropmgt.com. For any and all information regarding our new security systems, please [click here](#).
- Two "No Trespassing" signs have been installed at the front and back entrances.

Tennis Committee

Marco Arilli, Chair ~ Board Liaison Mike Boriss

Tennis committee is looking into new heavy-duty locks to prevent any further vandalism to tennis courts irrigation system. Also, Ramco is looking into installing cameras in the area.

We are looking for a 5th tennis committee person to join our team. If interested please give your information to Maribeth our Activities Director and we will contact you. A big thank you to Jim Vieira who is leaving WC, he was a big influence in our tennis committee and will be missed.

Be sure to see Guy Moore's interview in this issue, as we build a tennis program at Winding Cypress.

Communications Committee

Kellie Harris, Chair ~ Board Liaison BC Bell

We hope any of you who had the chance to attend a recent board meeting, whether in person or virtually via Zoom, have noticed the enhanced audio and visuals! We worked with management to secure a solution that best meets our needs, and it works great! Just a reminder if you DO use Zoom – please remember to turn off your cameras and keep your mute button on. We know electronics can be frustrating at best, and downright confusing at worst! but please do not "Share Screen" or otherwise take over the camera.

Reminders:

- Check out the website at windingcypress.org for news, information, links, phone numbers, and so forth! It's your one-stop-shop for all things Winding Cypress. Don't see something? Want more information? Feel free to email us at windingcypresscomm@gmail.com
- Winding Cypress HOA no longer manages a Facebook page. Any social media that carries the Winding Cypress name is resident run, and not managed or administered by Winding Cypress management, the Communications Committee, or the Board of Directors.
- Our final note as we close out the year is a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who reads the newsletter, provides pictures and suggestions, and who truly embodies all that is great about Winding Cypress. We look forward to continuing this "relationship" with you into 2024.

PROFILE: GUY MOORE

Did You Know We Have a Pro?

Our new racquets pro, Guy Moore grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and was a top-ranked junior in the Southeast. In fact, he was ranked in the top 5 tennis players in the 18 and Under Boys division in Alabama. It's probably no surprise, considering both his parents were tennis coaches! Guy went on to play varsity tennis at the University of Alabama and was a Doubles All American and captain of the team. Guy competed on the international stage and was ranked #5 in Men's Open Singles out of 15,000 professionals by the USPTA.

As a [USPTA Elite Professional](#), Guy brings to Winding Cypress significant experience as a tennis pro, coach, and instructor, having worked as director at several clubs, including twenty-two years at the prestigious Plainfield Country Club in New Jersey. Most recently, Guy was the Director of Racquets at the Player's Club & Spa in Lely, coordinating forty-three men's and women's tennis and pickleball inter-and intra-club teams. "A good racquet program is part of any active community," he notes. "I've spent years instructing, and at this point, my goal is to help build a healthy racquet community here in Winding Cypress."

Seeking a more personal experience with his students in a smaller community, Guy has agreed to work exclusively with Winding Cypress. He will be running clinics and social events (some at no charge) and is available for private and semi-private self-pay lessons. In addition to his tennis cred, Guy is a certified coach by the Professional Pickleball Registry. In fact, he's conducting a pickleball camp next May with Colin and Ben Johns!

To say Guy is passionate about racquet sports is an understatement. "I've been playing racquet sports my entire life, and I believe having a more structured racquet program will add overall value to Winding Cypress. I'm excited to share that with Winding Cypress and to help your racquet

program grow into the experience Winding Cypress deserves."

Guy lives locally with his wife, as well as a teenage son and daughter. For fun, Guy enjoys golf and boating and water skiing in Narragansett, RI where he resides in the summers. Fun facts – his mother was a professional water skier; his uncle was Hal Moore (check out the movie "[We Were Soldiers](#)" – Mel Gibson played his Uncle Hal); and Guy's dad coached the #1 wheelchair tennis player in the world, which led to an Olympic Gold in 1992!

Whether you've never played tennis, are a bit rusty, or are looking for a way to meet other players, Guy is excited to help. "I'd really like to work with Winding Cypress to make a really great program here. It's Naples—I'd love to see the residents, their families, and their friends enjoy the sport as it should be!"

Got questions, or want to book a lesson? Contact Guy:

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WILDLIFE UPDATE

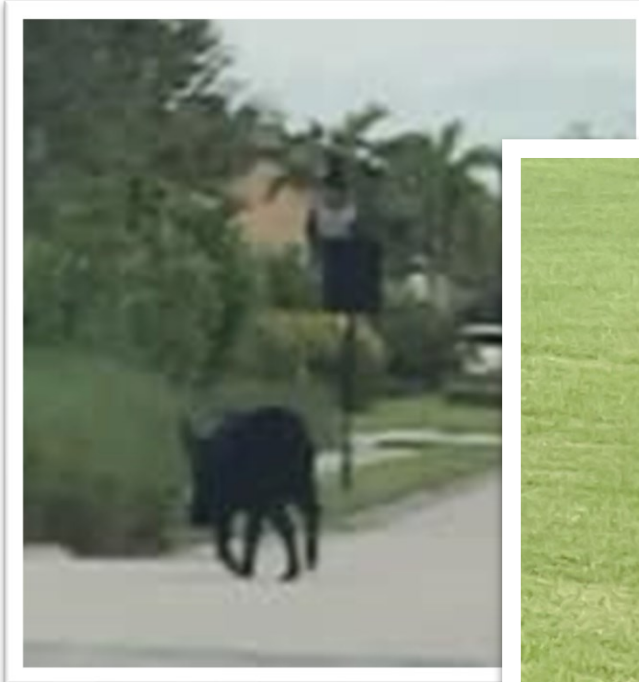
We have lots of wildlife to profile here in Southwest Florida!

Yet we're giving the topic a rest this month and providing a couple of fun pictures and a link to our Winding Cypress website wildlife page (found under WC Safety) where you'll find a recap of all our monthly wildlife profiles, as well as some resident-supplied videos of critters in action.

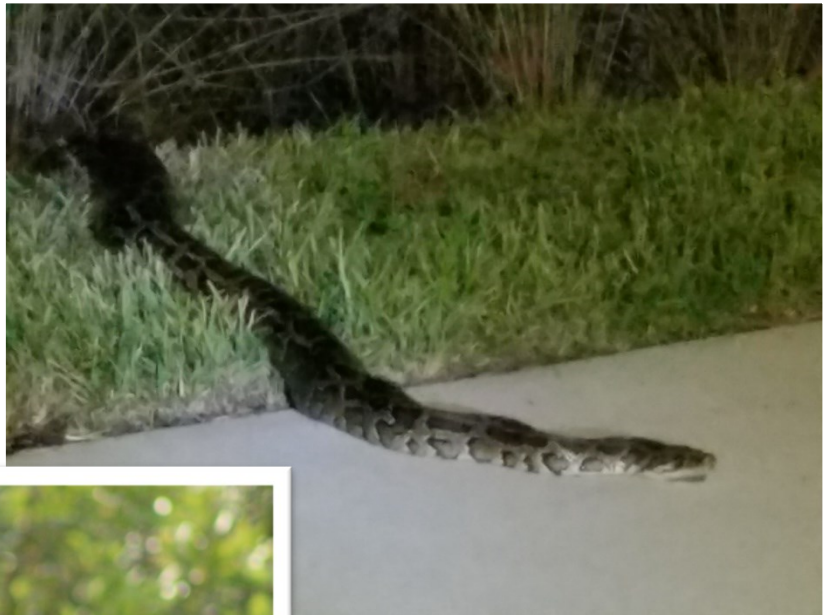
<https://www.windingcypress.org/localwildlifeinformation>

So as we close out 2023, we'd like to say **stay safe** and remember – these critters live here too! So, whether we learn how to avoid them, learn how to remediate them, or learn how to approach them—we DO need to learn how to live in harmony with all of our glorious wildlife here in Winding Cypress and surroundings!

Cheers to all!



WILDLIFE UPDATE



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COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

As wonderful as the holiday season typically is, it's also often fraught with stress, and for our "particular" population, grief can also enter into the picture. Discovering ways to cope can start with talking to a friend, a therapist, and even searching the internet. We hope you don't need them, but here are a few tips we've found that you might find helpful.

From the American Psychiatric Association: ["Seven Ways to Cope With Holiday Stress"](#)

- Practice Mindfulness and Meditation.
- Prevent burnout – it's ok to say "no."
- Take a break.
- Get some fresh air and sunlight.
- If you're in therapy, stay in therapy.
- If you're grieving, honor and celebrate them.
- Avoid financial stress by avoiding overspending.



From Eddins Counseling Group::

["Coping Skills for Family, Food, and Stress During the Holidays"](#) - Six coping skills for dealing with family

- Anticipate, but don't expect miracles.
- Limit your alcohol intake.
- Take breaks and establish boundaries.
- Don't raise contentious issues.
- If you step on someone else's toes, apologize.
- Leave the situation if necessary.



WC ACTIVITIES

<https://www.windingcypress.org/current-events-activities>

Sign up



Don't miss these upcoming events!

- **Mistletoe Market is Sunday, December 3rd from 1pm to 4pm.**
- **Winding Cypress Toy Drive is accepting donations now through Thursday, December 21st.**
- **Golf Cart Christmas Parade is on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm.**
- **Everything You Need to Know About Bears on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm.**
- **Hanukkah Party at Shady Palm on Thursday, December 7th at 6pm.**
- **Poolside Karaoke Party at Shady Palm on Friday, December 8th from 6pm to 8pm.**
- ***All That Glitters New Year's Eve Gala* has sold out already! For more information and to be added to the Wait List [click here!](#)**
- **For a full list of events and sign up, [CLICK HERE](#) and stay tuned for E-Blasts from Constant Contact for updates on many great events to come!**

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