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This month's cover photo

[Plumeria](#) in bloom, also known as Frangipani

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Courtesy of the Romans, April likely takes its name from the Latin word “aperire” meaning “to open,” like buds in spring, or possibly “apricus” meaning sunny. The Romans called the month Aprilis.

See page [13](#) for observations, notes, and trivia about the month!

BOARD BRIEFS

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all Winding Cypress residents for their participation in the election process!

We also extend a very heartfelt thanks to our former board members for their time and effort in transitioning our community from a Pulte Community to our current Winding Cypress HOA.

As you may have heard, Winding Cypress also has an additional board position open with the resignation on April 1 of our current treasurer – Steve Shedd.

The Board is currently reviewing candidates to serve in an interim capacity until next year’s regularly scheduled election to fill this seat. The selection of a new board member will be made during the next two weeks at a board meeting with the community. An election for officer positions will be held right after the meeting concludes.

We hope you are enjoying our lovely Southwest Florida weather and look forward to seeing you at our next board meeting!

“

Hello April

Always keep moving forward,
Pushing your limits, and
Remember, each obstacle
Is a chance to grow, to
Learn from the past and thrive.

UNKNOWN

GOVERNANCE

You will note on our Pieces of April article on page [13](#) that April 20th is **Volunteer Recognition Day**. Thank you to all of our fantastic WC volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Winding Cypress benefits from the many talents of the owners. This is especially evident in the HOA advisory committees. If you're unaware of their many contributions, check them out on our [website](#), attend a board meeting to hear the committee reports, or read committee reports in every monthly Cy-Press newsletter. Additionally, you are welcome to attend the ARC meetings which are noticed to all owners via email and website posting.

Perhaps the most important information related to committees is found in our governing [documents](#). A quick search of The Declaration and Bylaws will result in 6 different "articles" referencing committees. Arguably, the most relevant item is found in article 4.14 of the Bylaws:

***Committees.** The Board of Directors may appoint from time to time such standing or temporary committees as the Board of Directors deem necessary and convenient for the efficient and effective operation of the Association. Any such committee shall have the powers and duties assigned to it in the resolution creating the committee. If required by law, committee meetings shall be open to attendance by any Member, and notice of committee meetings shall be posted in the same manner as required in Section 4.7 above for Board of Directors meetings, except for such committee meetings between the committee and its attorney with respect to proposed or pending litigation where the contents of the discussion would otherwise be governed by the attorney-client privilege or a meeting to discuss a personnel matter.*

Note: One definition of an HOA resolution is a formal decision made by the HOA board to address specific topics or to clarify the governing documents.

Interestingly, the only committee REQUIRED by statute is an "appeals" committee. Our bylaws address this too in Bylaws 8D.

The creation of an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is a bit different. Although extremely important for any community hoping to maintain a cohesive look, according to article 5.2 of The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, if the Board of Directors chooses to take on that role, its existence is not required in Winding Cypress:

***Architectural Review.** The architectural review and control functions of the Association shall be administered and performed by the Architectural Reviewer. The Association shall be the Architectural Reviewer, whether through the Board of Directors or an Architectural Review Committee.*

And speaking of the Board of Directors:

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association; he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Members and Directors, shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees ... (article 5.2 of the Bylaws)

We hope this information helps you to be aware of the rules and regulations surrounding committees in Winding Cypress.

NEWS & INFORMATION

Upcoming Meetings

ARC: April 15th (Monday) @ 9 AM

CDD: April 18th (Thursday) @ 1 PM

As a friendly reminder, per our Rules and Regulations: Vehicles within Winding Cypress share the roads with walkers, joggers, bicyclists, golf carts, and must give them the right of way by slowing down or stopping to create a safe environment.

Remember to stop for all pedestrians crossing the road, and for all stop signs.

Golf carts are required to be insured and registered with the HOA office.



Our **Building & Grounds Committee** has identified several boards on our **boardwalk** that are in need of **repair**. They are diligently working on a solution for the repairs needed. In the meantime, please be cautious and wear appropriate footwear when walking on the boardwalk.



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CLUB NEWS

Garden Club



Ann Cuhaj and Monica Hibbs

Nothing to report



Pickleball Club

Claudia Pisa

On March 24th, the Winding Cypress Pickleball Club (WCPC) welcomed new and continuing members to a bagel/donut breakfast. We are now a club of **191** members and counting! Great weather, great crowd, and FOOD to boot! Also, our second tournament of 2024 will be held on April 12th. There will be two events, the first (2.5-3.0 players) beginning at 4:00 and the second (3.0-3.5) at 6:00. Please come and support your friends and neighbors and **share in a pizza celebration following each tournament**. Not a member yet? We'd love to have you! Sign up by April 10th to join the fun.



Tennis Club



Howie Fox

March has been a busy month on the courts at Winding Cypress with lots of action going on. Looking for a game? Be sure to register on Team Reach app where you can post messages looking for a game, or if you have a need for a player. It's helpful if you include your level with your name when registering (If you don't know how to register, reach out to Maribeth).

I've been receiving great feedback from our residents regarding the lessons and clinics they've had with our racquet pro, Guy. He is doing great things to improve the level of interest and play in our tennis community, even many of our pickleball friends have benefitted from Guy's instruction.

Please join us on Thursday April 4 from 9 – 11 am for a free, casual, organized Round Robin for all ability levels. Guy will pair you up with a different partner each round. Join us for the fun! Snacks will be served.

Finally, we've had several retirements from the tennis committee and would like to thank our departing members for their service and dedication. With that, we are looking for some new blood to join the committee. Please reach out to me if you're interested in helping to grow and support the tennis family at Winding Cypress. HCFox13@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS

Bocce Club



Ron Chalker and Sal Tuminello
Nothing to report.

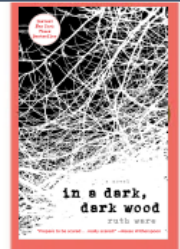
Book Club



Joanne Walker
Join the book club in the library
every second Monday of the
month, starting at 2 PM.

In A Dark, Dark Wood

By: Ruth Ware
April 2024



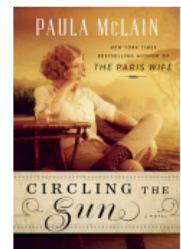
Lady Clementine

By: Marie Benedict
May 2024



Circling The Sun

By: Paula McLain
June 2024



FMI on our clubs: <https://www.windingcypress.org/clubs-amenities>

OUT & ABOUT

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Approximate Driving Times



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TAMPA: 2 HR 45 MIN (VIA I-75 N)

PENSACOLA: 9 HR 15 MIN (VIA I-75 N AND I-10 W)

ST. AUGUSTINE: 5 HR 45 MIN (VIA HWY 17N)

JACKSONVILLE: 5 HR 45 MIN ((VIA I-75 N)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Review Committee

Jayne Shedd, Chair

The Architectural Review Committee is an all-volunteer group of residents in Winding Cypress. Our mission is to maintain the ARC Guidelines so that our community continues to be attractive, well maintained and property values remain high. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month to review applications for exterior modification requests. All residents are welcome to attend.

2024 continues to be busy for the committee. Year-to-date, 60 applications have been approved. ARC applications are required for any exterior modification to your home. That's a lot of projects!

Our committee is sometimes asked to approve projects that are outside of the current ARC Guidelines. The homeowners are sincere in their requests because they have seen similar changes made to other homes in the community. Unfortunately, the projects cannot be approved only on the basis of similar modifications having been installed on other homes in the community. The basis for the non-compliant modifications may be one of the following reasons:

1. In the final days of buildout, the oversight and approval process was sometimes done in haste and not in compliance with the current ARC Guidelines.
2. In other cases, homeowners did not go through the ARC application process and made the changes without approval.
3. In 2022 the HOA Board of Directors approved a document where exterior modifications completed prior to June 2022 have been "grandfathered" with some exceptions. However, all projects after that date must follow the ARC guidelines.

Remember . . . all modifications to the exterior of a home require approval of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to beginning any work. **ARC FIRST!** Thank you!

Building & Grounds Committee

Mike Merola & Vince D'Andrea, Co-Chairs

1. The committee has made a recommendation to the board for the installation of the fountain lights and hot water heater installations for the Shady Palm and the pool baths.
2. The office will be accepting bids for a new pool heater and replacing floorboards of the boardwalk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety & Access Committee

Michelle Apgar, Chair

- Collier County Sheriff Office (CCSO) Corporal Jim Spartz provided a very informative presentation on March 20th; it included tips to keep our homes, automobiles and personal items safe. He also explained several financial fraud schemes. If you are interested, the CCSO will provide a free security review of your home. Corporal Spartz recommended we visit the Collier County Sheriff Office's website at <http://www.colliersheriff.org>. Thanks to Ray Leshinger and Mary Beth for organizing this event.
- A No Parking sign has been installed under the canopy of the driveway at the entrance of the Amenity Center. Parked vehicles may be towed.
- Quantum Fiber is being installed at the guard house. It should help support Ramco's equipment in a better and more cost-effective manner.
- After reviewing proposals, a company has been selected to repaint the street and parking lot lines as well as repair leaning signs and crumbling asphalt. We anticipate the work will begin in April or May.
- A new member joined our committee during March..

Compliance Committee

Marcia Palmer, Chair

Thank you to all who have complied and continue to comply with the Winding Cypress rules and regulations in support of the beautification and harmony of our community!

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the volunteers on the Compliance Team who take time from their own busy schedules and work hard to ensure we continue to maintain high property values and a consistent community image.

This month the Compliance Team will focus on:

Decorations and Yard Ornaments (exterior): Flowerpots, bird baths, statues, benches, and wall hangings are allowed provided all the following guidelines are followed:

- Items not to exceed 36" in height.
- The total number of items in a front yard to include alcove, driveway, and entryway is limited to six (6).
- Wall hangings are only allowed in entryways and alcoves.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to the management office at adminwc@swpropmgt.com or (239)732-7171.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee

Kellie Harris, Chair

Communications continues to work toward streamlining our website (www.windingcypress.org), and providing noteworthy news and informative articles via the Cy-Press newsletter. Look for a survey in the coming weeks regarding the Cy-Press - we want to be sure our monthly publication is meeting your needs!

We continue to monitor these and our other forms of communication (including our email generator, Constant Contact) for updates, regulatory changes, security enhancements, and cost savings. If you have suggestions, questions, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to windingcypresscomm@gmail.com

Finance Committee

Jim Sullivan, Chair

The committee anticipates receiving the year-end audit from our auditing firm Gerstle, Rosen & Goldenberg P.A. this month. The audit will be reviewed and used to prepare the annual Association Audit Report. Additionally, we are awaiting the March financials from Seacrest.



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PROFILE: TEAMWORK & CHOICES

Teamwork That Reverberates



“It’s hahd sayin’, not knowin’,” is a common phrase attributed to folks from Maine. Although it may sound quaint, funny, even ignorant to some, when it comes to true Mainers, I’ve found there’s an awful lot of truth in that one phrase.

My dad is a “real Mainah.”

Born and raised there, he embodies the spirit of the great state known for pinecones, chickadees, lobster, grand coasts, wicked winters, and modesty to a fault. And modest he is. Just how much, I found out while attending the 8th grade.

My science teacher had given us an assignment: write a paper on anything you want, as long as it relates to science. Now, I’m definitely more of a pacifist, so why I picked the topic I did is still a mystery. Yet, ever the nerd, I guess I went for something more obscure than, say, the cannibalism of ant colonies or how and why water freezes. I chose the [Polaris missile](#). For those who are not weaponry buffs, the *Polaris* was the first Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) deployed by the U.S. Navy. With inherent immunity to pre-emptive strikes, SLBMs are one of the most important assets of the U.S. nuclear armed forces.

As the dutiful student, I carted an armful of books home from the school library. That evening, I cracked open the first one on top of the stack, and started reading. Within minutes my dad came in and, peering over my shoulder, started to laugh. I was confused; trust me when I say, nothing about the missile is funny. “Hey, is that a picture of Joe and Frank from Vitro? I know these folks!” As it turns out, my quiet, patient, unassuming dad, who after college and service in the Navy worked in the family oil business, had also worked for a private company called Vitro Labs where he was selected,

and worked as, part of the *Polaris* missile electrical engineering team! I was floored.

So cool, right? I could go on and on about his accomplishments before and after that period, his uncanny ability to hold a listener’s attention with hysterical tales, his easy friendliness and willingness to lend a hand, and his ability to see the bigger picture in all things. But what really hit me that evening was this: right then and there I saw a depth and a complexity in a person *I thought I knew*, a part of him that I’d never known existed.



So outside of this being a little story about someone’s dad, I have gleaned two key messages from it:

1. **Teamwork:** Together, ordinary people can achieve extraordinary results. A team of engineers and scientists worked together, combining and melding individual talents, to create a viable, enduring end result.
2. **Choices:** In life, every person needs to be mindful of our choices, and remember that they will translate into results somewhere down the road. It’s incumbent upon us to ensure our end results become something we all can learn from, grow with, and be proud of!

Sidenote: Incidentally, many management professionals credit the *Polaris* missile project’s coordination of multiple teams—all responsible for various planning, strategic execution, and responsibility of tasks—with the eventual development of what we call Project Management today.

WILDLIFE: NEW GUINEA FLATWORM

Well, we've profiled a few native and non-native critters that live here in Florida... perhaps it's time to talk about another invasive species: The New Guinea Flatworm, or *platydemus manokwari*. No, it's not something from Sci Fi Friday—but it's definitely a creepy crawler!

According to an article in Wink News in February, they're heeere! "The new guinea flatwork is one of the 100 worst invasive species in the world," says Florida Gulf Coast University biologist Christina Anaya. Native to Southeast and East Asia, they are now also found in France, the Caribbean, Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, and more. Growing to between 1.5–5 inches, they feed on the invasive snails in SWFL, plus other land-based mollusks and earthworms.

According to Anaya, the worms excrete a toxin that can cause an allergic reaction—or even a skin burn—to humans. Worse, they also carry rat lungworm and can spread meningitis. They are very flat, tapered at both ends, and colored black olive on the back with a clear central stripe, and pale white belly. These worms are very mobile, with prominent black eyes and its mouth in the middle of its belly.

Thought to have been transported here via vegetation, soils, or exotic plants, they typically crawl out of the wet grass in the mornings. You may see them on sidewalks, or within your garden and vegetation areas. Unfortunately, they're hard to eliminate. There are no commercial sprays available to kill them, and they will regenerate if cut in half. Therefore, if you can't step on them and crush them (please, not barefoot!), you can kill them by pouring boiling water over them. Better yet, it's best to avoid them altogether.

A few tips for living with the New Guinea flatworm include:

- Don't go outside barefoot
- Wear gloves when gardening
- If you grow vegetables, make sure to wash them well before eating
- Keep pets away from them!
- They may live under tiles, in sand-filled plastic bags, in soil, and in wooden boards

If you begin to see them, you can take photos and either call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-483-4681, or report their location using the app, IveGot1.org.



(NOT) SAFETY: PIECES OF APRIL

In every issue of the Cy-Press, we try to profile something that is key to that month. April is no exception! Known for lots of great observances, trivia, and facts, April is also considered the beginning of spring weather. So, while this isn't technically *SAFETY* this month, we thought you might enjoy some *pieces of April!*

April Key Dates to Remember

- 1st: April Fools' Day (& sweet potato day!)
- 2nd: World Autism Awareness Day (also National PB & J Day, & Nature Day)
- 3rd: Find a Rainbow Day
- 7th: National Beer Day
- 8th: **Total Solar Eclipse**
- 9th: Eid-Al-Fitr, end of Ramadan, and National Library Workers Day
- 10th: Gopher Tortoise Day in Florida, and Golfer's Day
- 11th: National Pet Day
- 18th: National Exercise Day
- 20th: Volunteer Recognition
- 22nd: Passover begins, Earth Day
- 23rd: Shakespeare Day (to be or not to be...)
- 26th: Administrative Professionals' Day and Arbor Day
- 30th: Passover ends, and International Jazz Day

April AWARENESS

- Alcohol
- Autism Acceptance
- Black Women's History
- Community Spirit
- Couple Appreciation
- Defeat Diabetes
- Distracted Driving Awareness

April Astronomy: The Pink Moon

April's full Pink Moon will rise on Tuesday, April 23 and reach peak illumination at 7:49 PM Eastern Time.

April BIRTHSTONE & FLOWERS

This month, remember your loved ones' birthdays with diamonds, daisies and sweet peas!

April is also known for "spring cleaning!"

- [Make Your Own Cleaners](#)
- [Homemade Cleaners for Carpet, Floor, Glass, Drains](#)

April MUSIC

For a bit of nostalgia, check out Three Dog Night's [Pieces of April](#)

April TRIVIA

Which event did NOT happen in April? Answer on back page...

1. "Shot heard 'round the world," or the Battles of Lexington and Concord
2. The Mutiny on the HMS "Bounty"
3. The First transcontinental railroad completed at Promontory Summit in Utah Territory
4. The flight of Apollo 13



ACTIVITIES

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Don't miss these upcoming events!

- Charity Recipient's Reception – Thursday, April 11th
- April Wine Tasting (it's white or rose this month!) – Monday, April 22nd

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—Abraham Lincoln

Trivia Answer

**3. The first transcontinental
RR was actually on May 10,
1869**

For 1, 2, and 4:

- The “shot heard” was
April 19, 1775
- The mutiny was
April 28, 1789
- The Apollo 13 flight was
April 11-17, 1970