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### WC CONTACT INFORMATION

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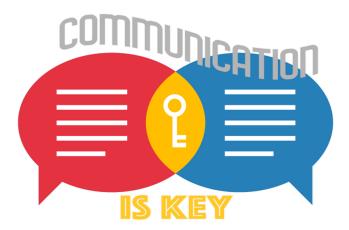
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### WC BOARD UPDATE

### Creation of the HOA and CDD

Nearly 9 years ago, DiVosta began selling the first homes in Winding Cypress (WC) and created the WC Homeowners Association (HOA). Having included the use of a community development district (CDD) in the HOA governing documents, DiVosta then petitioned the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County to establish the Winding Cypress CDD. Read the Declaration of Covenants Conditions and Restrictions <u>HERE</u>.

Understandably, there is a lot of confusion surrounding the HOA and the CDD. Lending to the confusion is the fact that both are led by a board – the HOA by a board of *directors*, and the CDD by a board of *supervisors*. Both 5 member boards are made up of WC owners, with the CDD board requiring a member to be a Florida resident. Both boards are elected – the HOA board in a HOA election with one vote per owner household, and the CDD in a Collier County election by WC owners who are Florida residents.

Meetings for each organization are held separately in the WC event room. The CDD posts meeting announcements in the Naples Daily News, but the HOA posts fliers and sends email announcements. Both boards also announce their meetings on their respective websites: windingcypress.org

windingcypresscdd.org

### How the CDD is Different

Admittedly oversimplified, aside from being the payment source for the original infrastructure bonds (see more below), the CDD has control over the WC stormwater management and control facilities, in particular the stormwater retention areas, aka, ponds. As one of the CDD board of supervisors recently stated, "we are really only about dirt and water." On the surface (no pun intended), this seems like small potatoes, but the individual costs to homeowners is not particularly small.

### **CDD Fees**

CDD fees are included in your annual property tax bill and paid through the Collier County Tax Collector . This is separate from your HOA assessments (aka dues) that are sent to Seacrest Southwest. Currently, the CDD fees fall into two categories: a debt service assessment that is your payment towards the bonds that were issued to finance the construction of WC's infrastructure (stormwater retention ponds, utilities, roadways, and so forth), and an operations and maintenance assessment. Note that the WC CDD recently sent letters to all homeowners regarding an upcoming increase to the CDD operations and maintenance assessment.

There is much more to learn about the CDD. For specifics, including their meeting minutes, visit their website (noted above) and/or attend a meeting. Their next meetings are August 15th and September 5th.

Winding Cypress Board of Directors

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are currently voting whether to change the number of votes required, aka the *threshold*, to make future changes to the governing documents. Read the official (original) voting information <u>HERE</u>. The <u>Special</u> <u>Members' Meeting</u> to finalize the outcome of the vote will be held August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M., in the event room. Have questions? *Email the board of directors <u>here</u>* or *the property manager <u>here</u>.* 



WINDING CYPRESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# The next CDD Meeting will be held on August 15 at 1:00 PM in the Event Room.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Live music by the Shady Boys!

More info to come!

# **Community Reminders**

If you have not registered your vehicle for the new Ramco gate access software, please click the link to do so <u>here</u>.

Please refrain from dumping personal trash in the HOA dumpsters. It is costly to WC and attracts rats and other unwelcome critters! Please advise your guests and renters as well ~ Thank you!

#### Architectural Review Committee

#### Jayne Shedd, Chair

If you are planning to make modifications to the exterior of your home (including tree removal), here are some tips for quick ARC approvals:

• Check the ARC's latest guidelines including the approved list of plants/trees and paint colors as necessary prior to submitting your application. These can be found on

windingcypresss.org.

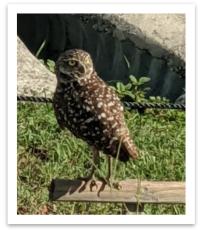
- Submit a completed application with the owner of record's name that matches official county records. ARC checks county records to verify the name of the property owner.
- Be sure that your contractor(s) license and insurance information is current and valid for at least 6 months out.
- Submit your security deposit check with a completed application. Note that the check will be deposited.
- Provide a survey lot plan, schematics, and landscape design as applicable.

Please remember that if you want to remove a hardwood tree, you must replace it with another hardwood. Check the list of hardwoods on the approved plant list on windingcypress.org.

#### Building & Grounds Committee

#### Mike Merola and Vince D'Andrea, Co-chairs

- An additional assistant manager has been hired by BrightView to help oversee and be more proactive in maintaining the grounds.
- There will be a 5-man crew for weeding.
- Monthly meetings will be set up soon to allow residents to meet with Brightview.
- We are looking into gates for the boardwalk entrances.
- We are looking into having the streetlight pole bases painted due to fading, and the street signs straightened that are leaning.





Burrowing Owl Marco Island Photo credit: Eric Ortman

#### **Finance Committee**

#### Jim Sullivan, Chair

Marcus Stone has hit the ground running with his accomplishments at the Shady Palm. His completed tasks include:

- Moved liquor mixers to new vendor cutting costs by \$7000 annually
- Changed keg system to larger kegs cutting costs by 50%
- Implemented portion controls for pouring of wine and offering residents now 6 oz pours and 9 oz pours at lower retails
- Changed house wines and branded wines to provide residents with better value
- Extended hours Saturday evenings until 8 pm
- Reduced liquor inventory to add new bourbons, scotch, and cordials
- Reduced pricing to liquor and wine items through vendor negotiations
- Changed assortment of draft beers to be in line with top selling beers in our area. New line up of drafts include: High Five IPA, Yuengling, Blue Moon, Sam Adams Seasonal, Coors Lite, and Miller Lite.

Marcus has many future plans that residents can look forward to: Tuesday openings during season, changes to quality of food, new healthy menu selections and reduced pricing, entertainment inside the Shady Palm during season bi-weekly, addition of a pizza oven, and resurrection of wine pairing dinner events.

The efforts of Marcus Stone have resulted in a 29% sales increase over last year.

Please visit the Shady Palm and ask Marcus about his plans to make it a better venue for residents!

Submitted by Marco Arilli, Shady Palm Representative

#### **Compliance Committee**

#### Jane Margulies, Chair

The Committee is looking for a few new members. Please reach out to Jade in the office for an application.

A few summer reminders:

#### Pool, Shady Palm, and Amenity Center Etiquette

- Food & drink are prohibited in the pool or within 4 feet of the pool deck. Do not bring your beverages into the pool or set your containers within 4 feet of the edge of the pool.
- Please close your umbrella when you leave the pool.
- Shady Palm requires a shirt and shoes. Please do not wear wet bathing suits into Shady Palm.
- Proper attire and shoes are required in the Amenity Center. Please do not wear wet bathing suits into the Amenity Center.

#### Golf Carts

• All golf carts must be registered with the management office and display the green Winding Cypress decal.



• Please do not park golf carts on the lawn anywhere in Winding Cypress. Golf carts can be parked in paved parking spots at the Amenity Center, the dog park, community garden, etc. Parking on the grass destroys the grass and the sprinkler system.

#### Storm Shutters & Shades:

- Exterior accordion or roll-down shutters may only be closed during a storm event\* or when a storm event is imminent.
- Kevlar-style/fabric-style storm screens on the lanai (e.g., as provided by Storm Smart) may be closed on a regular basis as they protect against wind and rain in a storm event, as well as provide sun protection as needed.
- Temporary (builder-supplied) hurricane shutters may be installed up to seventy-two (72) hours in advance of a hurricane and removed within seventy-two (72) hours after the hurricane has passed.
- \*A "storm event" is defined as a meteorological event in which winds in excess of 40 mph and rainfall has occurred, or is expected to occur, within 5 days.

#### Safety & Access Control Committee

#### Michelle Apgar, Chair

After hours gate access: The Virtual Guard/pedestal is now in place for guest entrance between 10:45 pm and 7:00 am. The pedestal is beyond the silver keypad on the left side of the visitor entrance lane. During those hours anyone driving a vehicle without a barcode should press the GUARD button. A guard will answer (be patient; there may be a delay), verify the guest's identity, and make sure the guest is on the resident's guest list. Residents should ensure their guests are entered into the RAMCO GateAccess.net program to avoid any delays. NOTE: residents entering in vehicles without barcodes (Uber, for example), will need to show the Virtual Guard their I.D.

**Pedestrian gate:** The installation of a gate to control sidewalk access at the front gate is in the works. Once the gate is installed, sidewalk access in both directions will require a fob.

**New fobs and barcodes:** Watch your email for information from the management company regarding how and when to obtain your new fobs and barcodes.

Access Ramco Form <u>HERE.</u> RAMCO FAQs RAMCO User Manual

**New stop signs:** Three additional stop signs have been approved by Collier County, however Collier County advised us a permit must be submitted for their installation. Our management company is in the process of applying for the stop sign permit.

#### **Communications Committee**

#### Kellie Harris, Chair

The Communications Committee would like to begin by thanking Heather Kaufman for her past work with our committee. Her contributions were invaluable and spanned a breadth of responsibilities including social media, writing and editing, and advisory. She will be missed, but we wholly support her desire to focus her energies on other endeavors. Thank you, Heather!

In other news, the team is busy meeting with our Board liaison and management as we help to streamline and facilitate communications within the community. We also continue to produce our monthly newsletter (thanks to all who continue to provide feedback, suggestions, and photos), and maintain the WC website (check it out for board and CDD minutes, approved financials, current Shady Palm specials, activities and a room reservation calendar, community news, wildlife profiles, and more!) Active communication is integral to keeping our community advised, up-to-date, and in the know. Please keep your suggestions coming! windingcypresscomm@gmail.com

#### **REMINDERS:**

Save the Date: WC Halloween Party, scheduled in the Event Room for October 28th with The Shady Boys! It's sure to be hauntingly fun...

Save the Date: WC New Years Eve promises to be the best yet! (You know the date, so get ready to get your dancing shoes shined and your glittery glam on!)



Female Yellow Rumped Warbler Photo credit - Cy-Press Staff



Dolphins off the coast of Goodland Photo credit - Evelyn Groch

### PROFILE: JADE MCKIM, ASSISTANT MANAGER



If you've submitted an ARC application or gone up to the HOA office for any reason, chances are you've met Jade McKim, the Winding Cypress Assistant Property Manager. Her charming personality, positive approach, and willingness to go the extra mile are hard to miss!

Jade started her career at Winding Cypress on October 31, 2022, as the assistant to the property manager, and immediately began studying for her Community Assistant Property Manager, or CAM, license (which she earned in less than one month!) Since then, Jade has worked tirelessly in her support of WC including facilitating architectural review applications and approvals, reducing the wait time from months to sometimes just a couple of days. Her focus on detail, her understanding of HOAs, and her ability to work with homeowners comes from a healthy mix of down-home common sense, an unfailing positive outlook, and lots of experience.

After high school, and originally believing her calling was in nursing (not surprising given her empathetic nature), Jade worked as a nursing assistant for several years while attending

college. Yet deep down she knew there was something else out there for her. She secured a position in a property management company, coordinating apartment rentals. "I really enjoyed it," Jade nods. "The company believed in relocating people to different areas for experience, and I told them I'd move with them if they sent me somewhere warm. They sent me to Naples, and I fell in love with the area!" Jade was the leasing manager for River Reach Apartments, a community offering more than five-hundred rental units, and enjoyed the management of the facility, the varied amenities, and the continual interaction with tenants. In fact, she eventually rented an apartment to one gentleman, Brian McKim, who--as fate would have it--was her future husband!

Once married, Jade earned her real estate license, and was immediately hired as a seasonal property manager. "Again, I loved it. The interaction, the work with property owners and renters, the management of the facilities. I've learned that everyone is a person who deserves to be treated well, and I work to be a good example of that. Being in property management, I try to make a difference in peoples' lives, try to make the processes a little easier." After a few years Brian and Jade moved to St. Simons Island, Georgia to be closer to Brian's family. That's where the light of their lives, their son Heath, was born. Yet the Naples community, lifestyle, and beauty called to them, so after just three years they packed up Heath, their Cavapoo dog Charley, and all their belongings and returned to Naples.

Shortly after returning, Jade was hired by Southwest Property Management (now Seacrest Southwest) originally as a customer service

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representative. She excelled in her position yet was interested in a position with more responsibility. When the position of assistant property manager opened up at Winding Cypress. Seacrest's vice president Bryan Fowler offered Jade the position. She accepted without hesitation. "I love working here, it's such a great community!" Jade smiles, tilts her head, and continues. "You know, I think it's important to always have a positive attitude. I try to be the light in a dark situation. I really enjoy getting to know the people here in Winding Cypress, and I feel rather protective of this community. I feel like your homes are my homes, and I want to treat you, and your community, the way I would want my family and my community treated."

And if you've met Jade, you know that is exactly how she approaches her job. Whether she's coming in early or working late, reaching out to work with committee or board members off hours, checking in with café staff, or just giving each and every issue or project her undivided attention, Jade is all in. So, what does she do when she's not in Winding Cypress? "We love to fish!" Jade exclaims happily. "We try to keep our very active 3-year old busy, so Brian and I often take our boat out in the Gulf and fish. Even Heath loves it!" When she's not fishing or working out in her spare time, Jade and Brian also enjoy spending quality time with family in St. Simons and taking Heath to local kidfriendly spots like the zoo, their community pool, and local museums.





**Did you know:** the Naples Zoo is free to all Collier County residents on the first Saturday of every month? You can enter any time starting at 9 a.m., all day long, up until 3:30 p.m. with no coupon required - just proof of residency for all adults. Visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. The zoo closes at 4:30 p.m.

**For grandparents:** there are special memberships to save you and your little ones a bundle. Check out the resident deals <u>HERE.</u>

**Orangutan news:** the Naples Zoo will soon have new residents! Four orangutans are scheduled to be moved from ZooTampa to Naples sometime in August, once their veterinarian checks are complete. You can stay updated on their <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>TikTok</u> sites.

## WILDLIFE PROFILE: IGUANAS

### Jurassic Park? No, Winding Cypress.

We've seen lots of wildlife here in Winding Cypress. but perhaps none quite so prehistoric-looking as those funny reptiles running along Henderson Creek as you enter Winding Cypress. In fact, Rick Timko of Iguana Removal and Control Services of Naples has trapped sixteen iguanas in Winding Cypress alone! Just ask WC resident Len Boscia. "I contacted a trapper because there were a number of large iguanas-greater than four feet in length-coming into my garden and eating the blossoms and leaves of my favorite hibiscus and bougainvillea shrubs. The heaviest iguanas would actually climb onto a branch so that the limb would fold down, so it could reach more of the plant to eat." Florida is home to several non-native iguana species, including the green, the black spiny tail, and the Mexican spiny tail iguanas. Running on all four legs, these dinosaur doppelgangers are quick-in fact, some, like the black iguana, can run along at speeds of up to twenty-one miles per hour!

So where will you find these pesky reptiles? Look for them on the ground, in shrubs, or in trees. They are quick climbers and excellent swimmers, tolerating both salt and freshwater, and can submerge themselves for up to four hours at a time. They've also been known to dig burrows that erode and collapse sidewalks, foundations, seawalls, berms, and canal banks. In fact, according to Timko, Winding Cypress is home to lots of these burrows. "These 'reptilian rats' as I call them are incredibly adaptable," he explains. "They sleep up in trees but dig burrows to lay their eggs. They've also figured out that they can go into the burrows in cold weather, then emerge when it's warmer. Because of this, we're seeing them migrate north toward Tampa and Orlando."

These beasties are not native to Florida and are considered an invasive species due to their impacts to native wildlife. Like all non-native reptile species, iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anticruelty law and can be humanely killed on private property with landowner permission. Rick Timko goes



one step further, advising that state law requires that any captured iguana be euthanized. "When I catch them I'm required to put them down," he says. "Yet in parts of Central and South America, people actually consume iguana meat. When I catch the really big ones–5 or 6 feet in length–I turn them over to folks who will euthanize them for food." On 32 public lands in south Florida, these species can be captured and humanely killed year-round and without a permit or hunting license.

#### Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder

Of the three, green iguanas are the largest invasive species in Florida. They are typically green, though they can sometimes be brown or almost black in color. Some adults can take on an orange or pink coloration during certain times of the year. Hatchling and young green iguanas usually have bright green coloration and can live up to 10 years in the wild and 19 years in captivity. They are easily identifiable by their row of spikes down the center of the neck, back, and upper portion of the tail, as well as dark black rings on the tail.

Mature male green iguanas can exceed five feet in length, weighing in at up to 17 pounds. They typically develop heavy jowls and a throat fan (or dewlap) that are much larger than those of female iguanas. Larger throat fans can help regulate body temperature, as well as make male iguanas appear bigger, repel rivals, warn predators, and make them more attractive to females. And those pretty orange ones? "Those are the large dominant males trying to be sexy and attract a mate," laughs Timko.

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Female green iguanas can also reach five feet in length but usually do not exceed seven pounds. They typically reach reproductive maturity at two to four years of age, mating in October--November close to home. They'll create nests along riverbanks, beaches, and other sandy areas, digging egg chambers that may contain nearly 80 feet of interconnected tunnels and multiple entrances. Once complete, they will lay "clutches" of between 14-80 eggs.

#### Dining in or out?

Green iguanas feed on a wide variety of vegetation, including, firebush, jasmine, orchids, roses, hibiscuses, garden greens, squashes, and melons. Their tendency to eat ornamental plants can make them a nuisance. Just ask Len. "They have very sharp claws for climbing and digging. I'm concerned they might tear the lanai screen to eat some of my many orchids." Timko goes one step further. "The large, aggressive males will eat anything they come acrosslike turtle eggs. But primarily, they're mostly interested in eating our favorite ornamental shrubs and flowers." Juvenile green iguanas feed on vegetation, insects, and (rarely) tree snails. Iguanas also can be destructive to our properties, causing damage not only to vegetation but also to cage screens. And they're messy, too, leaving droppings where they may--including inside accessible swimming pools! "They've even been known to inhabit vacant properties, getting into walls and causing the property to be condemned," states Timko.

#### **Permanent Residency**

While the native range of green iguanas extends from Central America to the tropical parts of South America and some eastern Caribbean islands, they were first reported in Florida along Miami-Dade County's southeastern coast. Green iguana populations now stretch along the Atlantic Coast in Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties and along the Gulf Coast in Collier and Lee Counties. And as noted above, they've begun migrating further north in Florida.

#### Once Bitten, Twice Shy

The iguanas in Southwest Florida are generally not aggressive and will not intentionally harm humans or pets unless they are frightened or provoked. However, according to Timko, very large males have been

known to exert their dominance by standing their ground, even as humans venture to within five feet. Iguana teeth are serrated and can cause serious, deep bite wounds, and as is the case with other reptiles, they can transmit Salmonella to humans through contact with water or surfaces contaminated by their feces.



#### In Summary

What would Rick Timko

like the reader to take away from their brief education on the invasive iguana? "Despite the fact that the occasional bobcat, raccoon, or bird of prey may eat a small iguana, these critters are on the rise. They are magnificent, but far out of their natural element. They are extremely destructive to infrastructure and plant life, and cannot be bought or sold according to law. Basically, the west coast will be as overrun with iguanas as the east coast within the next three years. We just need to remain vigilant."

If you find iguanas on your property, feel free to call or text Rick at Iguana Removal and Control for quick and safe removal: 239-238-4988, and check him out on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1000654 56620863

### **OUT & ABOUT: ESPIRITU**



Located in the Naples Towne Center South plaza at 3861 Tamiami Trail East, Espiritu Nuevo Peruvian is one of Naples' newest--and we think one of the more exciting--ethnic restaurants to open in recent years. Open since July 1, Espiritu took over the former La Cuisine space in the plaza (don't be confused by the signage, which still says La Cuisine). The location is in an almosthidden corner in the main plaza, yet easy to get to, and offering ample parking. Adding to the mystique, Espiritu is owned by renowned local restauranteur John Colón, owner of other ethnic restaurants in Southwest Florida including el Basque Vin & Pintxo Bar in Bonita Springs, Cocina Sol, and Bodega Ole (which he recently sold). Colón's hospitality background includes upscale kitchen experience, having worked both the front and back-of-the-house at Four Seasons resorts in New York City and Beverly Hills.

Always up for an adventure, our party of six made reservations for a recent Friday evening at 7 pm. We arrived early yet were seated immediately. The restaurant itself is small and comfortable, accommodating approximately 35 diners (with a few small tables outside). Within minutes, our wait-staff arrived to advise us that "today happens to be Peruvian Independence Day, and all beer and wine is \$4." That was certainly an auspicious start!

Almost immediately we were treated to the aromas wafting from the kitchen. Rich spices, comingled with delicate notes of land and sea fare, teased our palates for what was to come--and we were not disappointed.

The menu listed a unique offering of both meat and seafood appetizers, salads, and entrees. Our party ordered a smattering of starters including a salad dressed with an amazingly rich and slightly spicy green "salsa criolla," a well-prepared and aromatic ceviche dish, and crispy tequenos (friend cheese wontons with Huankaina sauce). The flavors were rich, fresh, and exotic to the tongue, and only whetted the appetite for more. As entrees we were treated to the special of Anticucho de Pulpo, or skewered octopus marinated with potatoes, a variety of spices, and olive oil; as well as menu staples of Lomo Saltado (a mouth-watering stir fry of tender chicken or steak, tomatoes, peppers, and onions, served with delectably crisp but surprisingly light french fries, and the most fluffy and aromatic steamed Jasmine rice this writer has ever experienced); and a pork chop dish served over beans, rice, and topped with a cooked egg that mixed a variety of tastes and textures in a delightful presentation.

Toward the end of the meal, John came by the table to ensure everything was perfect. It was. "Espiritu Nuevo Peruvian is something I really wanted to do," he explains with a charming smile and a twinkle in his eye. "I wanted a different vibe from my other restaurants. Of course, the preparation and presentation of the food is always important, and we will continue to pursue that excellence here as well." And it shows. Not

### **OUT & ABOUT: ESPIRITU**

only does John own and manage Espiritu, he also provides his chef expertise behind the scenes, creating recipes and cooking alongside his other staff members.

When asked what he has planned for Espiritu's menu going forward, he beamed with pride. "I'll keep a lot of what La Cuisine offered and enhance it - I add to it where I think it's appropriate. Good food is really important to me, and I want my diners to walk away satisfied." As we left, John extended an invitation to all residents of Winding Cypress to check out Espiritu. This writer would recommend it wholeheartedly. All in all, every one of us had a thoroughly enjoyable, relaxing, and gastronomically good time at Espiritu. We suggest anyone seeking authentic, fusion-style Peruvian fare might want to check it out. As we left, Colon smiled, shook our hands, and predicted, "By season, we're going to be a hit!" That's the spirit--or, rather, el espiritu!

Check them out-- and don't forget to mention you're from Winding Cypress!

#### Hours of Operation:

#### <u>Dinner</u>

Tuesday - Thursday: 4pm - 8:30pm Fri & Sat: 4pm - 9pm Sunday: 4pm - 8pm

#### <u>Lunch</u>

Fri, Sat, Sun: 12pm - 4pm

Phone: 239-285-3924



### Did you know?

Despite the hot and muggy weather, Florida has lots of activities to explore for those who are year-round or just visiting. From Disney, to festivals, to cultural, to foodie extravaganzas--there's always something for everyone here in the Sunshine State!

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### WC SAFETY



The first day of the 2023-2024 school year for students in Collier County is August  $10^{th}$ 

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), its division of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), and safety partners throughout the state will be working to educate and engage Florida's parents, caregivers, and motorists on the importance of safe driving with and around children through FLHSMV's **Child Safety Awareness Month** campaign.

As noted by Andrea Messina, CEO of Florida School Boards Association, "With the increase in traffic on our roads during back-to-school season in communities across Florida, drivers should be extra vigilant for school buses, and children at bus stops, walking or biking to schools. Conscious driving is everyone's responsibility. With everyone working together to prioritize the safety of Florida's school children, accidents can be prevented."

Drive safely!

## WC ACTIVITIES



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