

# WINDOVER WHISPERS

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## 9th Annual Welcome Neighbor Social

The date is set! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2 to 5.

Our first Welcome Neighbor Social was started in 1997 as a neighborly welcoming for new residents into our community. The social is for all residents whether you have lived here for one day or many years. This wonderful event has continued to grow and is anticipated by many who have enjoyed the festivities in the past. Come to the pavilion and mix and mingle with old friends. There will be fun and games for the entire family. As usual we will have plenty of delicious food, juice, soda and wine. Many delicious smells will be wafting through the air, as chickens and pork loins are cooked on site, by Mel Broome Catering. Twinkles the Clown will provide train rides. And of course we can always count on Della Cox to provide pony rides on Princess. Our get together would not be the same without Princess the pony.

As you might guess, it takes many volunteers to help coordinate some of the events for this outing. We offer "free" training and can promise a lot of

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## Master Gardener

*Michael Hobbs – 253-9402*

Great gardens start from the ground up! You gotta get the soil right! Soil is much more than a place for your plants to drop anchor. Along with sunlight and water, it's the key to good gardening. It's usually pretty easy to tell if your soil isn't so hot. Just look at your garden, your plants will tell you in a heartbeat.

Our soil is mostly sand, which is not too delectable for plants. But water and nutrients just wash through sand, right past the roots. This ailment can be cured! The cure-all tonic is organic matter – compost, dried manure, peat moss, pine bark, rotting leaves, or other mulch. Why is organic matter good? It adds valuable plant nutrients to poor soils; it also helps sandy soils hold water and nutrients.

Another critical quality of your soil is its acidity or alkalinity, often referred to as PH. Neutral soil has a PH of 7, acid soil usually ranges from a PH of 4 up to 7, alkaline soil usually ranges from a PH above 7 up to 8. The only way to determine your soil's PH is to have it tested. Kits are available at garden centers or you can send a sample of your soil to the University of Florida – Brevard County Extension Services for soil-testing at our laboratory for a small fee. Whether you analyze the soil yourself or have it sent to a university or private soil-testing service, here's how to take a soil sample properly.

First, make sure the sample is taken from the area where you want to grow plants. If any portion of your garden looks a different color or texture – test that area separately. Using a clean trowel, dig straight down into the soil about 6 or 8 inches;

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fun for those that agree to lend a hand. Contact Pat at 259-2216 to get your name on the list.

Don't forget to RSVP! See the flyer on our web site and also mailed out with the Presidents message.

## 94.1 FM ANNEXATION SERIES CONCLUDES—AUDIO CD AVAILABLE

Since February Windover Farms Radio—**94.1 fm**— has been airing a series of reports on the subject of Annexation. These three of five-minute reports discussed methods; the benefits and impacts to cities, county and residents; cost to homeowners; possible changes to the process; annexation activity in areas near Windover Farms; and the future outlook of annexations.

Featured in the reports were comments from Cindy Dittmer, Director of Planning for the City of Melbourne and Sue Carlson, our District County Commissioner.

**If you missed some of the series, 94.1 fm has made an Audio CD of the series which may be borrowed from the Homeowners Office. Call Pat at 259-2216.**



## Community Garage Sale

The Community Garage sale will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rain date is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Think Two... What you need to know about lawn watering

### How often should I water my lawn?

The amount of rainfall your area receives should dictate how often you water your lawn and how much water you apply. In the springtime, or dry season, lawns only need water up to two times a week, less if it rains. You should water your lawn when it shows signs of stress from lack of water, such as the lawn turning a bluish-gray color, lingering footprints or leaf blades folded in half.

### How much water should I apply?

Apply up to three quarters of an inch of water, up to two times a week to maintain a healthy lawn. By saturating the root zone and then letting the soil dry, you encourage healthy, deep root growth.

### What happens if I over water my lawn?

Over watering your lawn results in shallow root systems, which means your lawn is less drought and stress resistant. Over watering also promotes weed growth, fungus and disease.

### What time of day should I water?

Water lawns before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. when temperature, wind speed and evaporation are lowest. This allows more water to saturate the roots.

### How do I measure the amount I'm watering?

The simplest way is to use the "can method." Place five to seven flat bottom cans (the size of an average tuna can) around your yard and note how much time it takes to collect three-quarters of an inch of water.

### What if I've always watered more?

Gradually cut back until you're only watering up to two times a week. Lawns that have been over watered do not tolerate stress effectively. Therefore, it's important to retrain the lawn. By gradually cutting back until you are only watering up to two times a week, you'll develop a strong root system.

- Think Two. Water lawns up to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", up to two times a week, less if it rains and less in the fall and winter. For more information, visit [www.floridaswater.com](http://www.floridaswater.com).
- District rules allow watering only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

## Welcome To Windover Farms

Lot 145 – Daniel Cohen / Randi Meberg  
Lot 716 – Felton Woods II  
Lot 758 – Jake & Hope Wise

The Board of Directors of Windover Farms wishes to take this opportunity to welcome you as a new property owner to the community of Windover Farms.

Information about Windover Farms, current events, clubs, permit applications and a quick reference of the Deed Restrictions is available on this web site. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Pat, our association manager, at 259-2216 or stop by the office located adjacent to the pavilion on Windover Way. Office is open Monday to Friday 9 to 2.

## Board Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. All of the Board Members were present except Leslie McElhinney.

The following are items of business that resulted in specific decisions made during the meeting and actions to be taken.

1. The Board agreed to install Carriage Lights at the front entrance sign.
2. The Board approved the purchase of a finisher for the new copy machine so the newsletter can be mailed out to all homeowners.

Approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board. Board meetings are generally scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month and the exact date is posted on the Special Events Notice board 48 hours prior to each meeting.

then take a ½ inch-thick slice of your first cut. Remove any stones or plant material, place the sliver in a clean bucket. Repeat the procedure approximately 10 times, taking samples from all different parts of the garden. Mix the samples together, and then scoop a pint into a clean milk carton or other unbreakable container. Be sure that you include any information, such as what plants you want to grow, in order for the lab to make specific recommendations.

Not all plants like the same conditions. Azaleas, for example, prefer acid soil; others, such as cabbage, prefer slightly alkaline soil. Slightly acid soil is best for most plants. Lime makes acid soils less acid; the amount you use depends on the type of soil and what you choose to grow. As a general rule, adding 40 pounds of lime per 1,000 square feet of sandy soil will raise the PH by one point! Work the lime in thoroughly to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. This process is slow – it takes several months of lime to affect your soil's PH. Granular sulfur makes soils more acidic. Adding 8 pounds of sulfur per 1,000 square feet of sandy soil can lower the PH one point. Work it in a foot deep. Sphagnum peat moss has the same acidifying effect as sulfur, and it improves the texture of sandy soils. Use 4 cubic feet per 1,000 square feet.

All this soil doctoring sounds like a lot of hard work. It is! But considering the time, effort, and money you'll spend on your garden, think of it as an investment that will pay you back for years and years. How will you be able to tell? Oh, plants have ways of letting you know – lush foliage, beautiful flowers, fabulous fruit, jealous neighbors, and a more beautiful Windover Farms!

## Compliance Chit Chat in Need of Mentioning...

With 2006 Hurricane season soon to begin, a lot of people are investing in Hurricane Shutters to protect their home. Living in Florida, this is a good investment. Please note, window coverings should not be left in place when owners leave for vacations or the summer. They're a giveaway that a home is unoccupied.

Shutters can be applied to your home when a Hurricane Watch or Warning is predicted for our area. They should be removed after the storm passes. Fire officials discourage leaving window coverings in place because they make it difficult or impossible for occupants to get out if there is a fire.

## Who's who in Windover Farms?

### Board of Directors

#### **President**

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#### **Landscape**

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## Classifieds:

### **Retired Elementary School Teacher!**

Need help with Home Schooling 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in our home...to finish this school year. Please call Olga at (321) 242-8825.

**Mom (newly relocated to Melbourne)** of a preschooler looking to start a strolling/walking group with other moms in Windover! Please call Anne at 757-9550.

Need a Babysitter? ...Tutor?  
Call Kimmi at 751-0577 -Loves Kids!!-  
CPR & Safe-Sitter Certified. 5 Years Experience Babysitting.

**FOR SALE:** 10 speed mountain bike, no seat, \$50.00. Call 794-8303

### **Property for Sale:**

Beautiful 4 bedroom, dining room, living room, 2 1/2 bath, laundry room, 3 car garage home for sale. Pineda crossing subdivision, phase 4. Built in 2002 by LifeStyle homes. Sanibel model, 10' ceilings throughout. Many extras. Backs up against nature preserve. Desirable neighborhood and schools! \$419k.

Beautiful New 3 bedroom plus study, dining room, living room, laundry room, 2 1/2 bath, 3 car garage home for sale. Built by LifeStyle homes in 2006. Sanibel model, 10' ceilings throughout. On 80'x 125' lot in Bayside lakes area. Many extras. Approximately 2 miles to New Bayside High school and Elementary school. Close to new shopping and golf course. Desirable and developing area! \$319k.

Call Ken at (321)259-4125

## Important Numbers:

Brevard Contractor Licensing 633-2058  
Florida Wildlife Hospital: 254-8843  
Storm Water Utility Dept: 633-2014  
[www.brevstorm.org](http://www.brevstorm.org)

Non-emergency Sheriff: 952-6371  
Animal Control: 633-2024  
Sheriff's Litter Hot line: 537-6801  
City of Melbourne 953-6216  
Utilities Division  
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