



Howell Creek Reserve/Eagles Watch Homeowner's Association Newsletter

January 2009

President's Message

Visit Our Webpage
<http://www.adsbeus.com/howellcreek.htm>

Happy New Year Everyone,

We have a few small projects to accomplish this year. We are fortunate to have our large projects behind us with no special assessment, adequate funds in reserves and no dues increase for 2009. Very few gated homeowner associations can accomplish large projects and still have reserves in the bank. Our strong financial position continues to make our gated community a very desirable place to live. When we have closed the books for 2008 and review the financial statements, I will be able to provide a summary, most likely in the next newsletter. For now I can tell you that I believe we ended 2008 on a positive financial basis.

For 2009 we will focus on:

- Improving the landscaping at the entrances
- Improving the lawn conditions at Eagle's Watch and common areas
- Repair the crack in the community pool
- Possible replacement of the HCR gates that are deteriorating
- Replace the gate monitors that are outdated and problematic
- General maintenance and landscaping issues


I know that times are economically tough for many people but please remember that we need each assessment paid on time in order to pay our vendors. Remember that we charge a \$50 penalty if your quarterly dues are not paid by the 15th of the month in which they are due. We are not in the business of making money from past due accounts and would like to avoid having to charge penalties and interest. If you have difficulty paying your dues on time, please call me to discuss. The Board and I will keep the information confidential.

I want to thank the following people for their contributions to our HOA who act on a volunteer basis and who take their responsibilities very seriously:

- The Board of Directors for their continued daily work managing our HOA.
- The Architectural Review Board for their support.
- Janice Blachstein who puts this newsletter together. She does a great job!
- Sarah Faughnan who manages the ads for the newsletter.
- Wayne Nelson our local resident web master.
- Nancy Cox and Janet Altenhoff who decorated our entrances during the holiday season.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Lee Jensen
407-977-2231



EAGLES WATCH LANDSCAPING

For Eagles Watch residents, please note that your dues include front yard landscape maintenance that includes mowing, edging, weed eating, blowing, weeding of beds and trimming of trees and plants and fertilizing. Two crews from Southern Turf will be in each week, one for detail work and one for basic lawn services. Redtail and Golden Crest will be detailed (trimming, shaping, etc.) one week and Gos-hawk and Peregrine the other week. Please note that full shaping will be done at each detailed visit. This is commercial landscape services, not a Gardner service, therefore full shaping is done at each detail time. There are 110 homes that need to be serviced each week.

Also, please note that your landscaping is more than 10 years old and in Florida certain plants have a life of 10 years or so. It is your responsibility to replace any plants that die unless it is a negligent act by the landscape contractor. Some of you have already re-landscaped and we appreciate that. Other residents, please note that some of your plants might need to be replaced in the upcoming months.

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On-Street Parking Regulation

Please note that resident on-street parking is regulated by the City of Winter Springs. We all must adhere to the following:

- The City of Winter Springs does not allow for resident on-street parking at all.
- We know that this is not always possible and there are times when **limited** parking on the street may be necessary, such as deliveries, lawn mowing, etc.
- **There is no overnight on-street parking permitted in the community.**
- When having a party, guests must park on the same side of the street (opposite side of the fire hydrants). This will allow emergency vehicles to pass through.

Winter Springs Police will enforce parking ordinance by issuing warnings and/or tickets.



Winter Springs Police Department Update - Speed Limit Change Along SR 434

From: Winter Springs Police Department – Update

By now, many of you may have noticed the recent reduction of the speed limit along SR 434 between Central Winds Dr. and just east of Tuskawilla Rd. to **45 MPH** versus the previous limit of 50 MPH approximately three weeks ago. Undoubtedly, some of you will find this is the first time you've heard of it.

We are sending this information out to all of you so you will be aware of this recent change and will react accordingly when commuting on SR 434 in this area. For the next 30 days, the police department will be issuing warnings instead of citations, with the exception of excessive or clearly dangerous examples, in an effort to create awareness and cooperative efforts with our community to achieve voluntary compliance with the new speed limit. Please spread this to your neighbors and friends in the area to keep everyone safe and compliant with the new laws at the same time. As always, contact us if we can be of further help.





COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SAFETY FACTS

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD..... If you have not received a Welcome Packet, please contact Vista Community Association Management at 407-682-3443 and ask for Diana McCreight.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING.....If you are interested in advertising in the newsletter, please contact Sarah Faughnan (407-359-3145).

FENCE MAINTENANCE.....For those of you who have fences, please keep them in a neat and clean appearance by cleaning or repainting when necessary. If you repaint your fence, you must use the approved color which is Color Wheel Paint, Birch Grey, #Q8-38T. This paint can be purchased from the Color Wheel Paint Store located at 180 N. Highway 17-92 in Longwood, 407-695-5887.

EXIT GATES..... Just a reminder to everyone regarding how the gates close at both HCR and EW. There is a sensor in the ground just beyond the exit gate and if you are too far forward and waiting to turn onto Vistawilla you may actually be off of the sensor, therefore the system will start the timing process and will eventually close the gates. For Eagle's Watch, if the front of your car is beyond the stop sign, you are most likely off of the sensor. For Howell Creek Reserve, if you are the **second** car waiting to turn onto Vistawilla, you may be off of the sensor as well.

STOP SIGNS.....For the safety of all residents, please follow the law and "STOP" at all stop signs. The Winter Springs Police department has been patrolling frequently and have been issuing violations. Also, remember that the speed limit is 20 mph. Please be careful when driving through the neighborhood.

BLOCKING OF SIDEWALKS.....To ensure the safety of residents who are walking, especially with young children, please do not park on the driveway so that the sidewalk is blocked. This will prohibit parents and their young children from going into the street.

NO SWIMMING OR BOATING IN PONDS.....For the safety of all residents, no swimming or boating is allowed in any of the ponds and creek behind the HCR homes. Also, do not cut through any resident yard to get to the pond or creek. Please do not stand on any of the drainage structures. Parents, please make sure that your children are aware of this.

GARAGE DOORS.....For your safety the Winter Springs Police have recommended keeping your garage door down when you or your family are not in your yard and make sure that you have closed your door at night. Many times when the Police patrol late at night or in the early morning hours, they will knock on your front door if they see that you have left your garage door open. Also, paragraph 6.20 in the Covenants states that "Each Residence shall have a garage large enough to accommodate at least two (2) cars. Garage doors shall remain in operating condition and shall remain down at all times except when moving automobiles or transporting items to and from the Residence through the garage."

GARBAGE CANS.....Please note that garbage cans must be stored inside your garage or behind a screened area. They are not to be visible on the outside of your home. Do not leave garbage cans on your driveways on non-garbage pickup days.





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PLEASE PUT NEWSLETTER IN CAPS IN SUBJECT LINE

Eagles Watch Landscaping:

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EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR HOME

You are reminded; Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval is required **PRIOR** to starting a project. Please keep in mind that it is better to obtain the ruling from the ARB prior to commencing work than to have to remove the modification (at your expense) if it does not conform to the ARB guidelines. All residents are strongly encouraged to read the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR) of Howell Creek Reserve / Eagles Watch.

By following and enforcing the guidelines provided in the community covenants your association officers are trying to ensure that the home you spent your hard earned money on keeps its', and hopefully increases, value over the years.

The ARB is an important function of our communities. By maintaining the standards of our by-laws we will maintain the value of our respective homes and communities. Please use the approved ARB form **BEFORE** any work has begun and allow 30 days for approval after form is received by ARB chairperson. Failure to do so could result in the removal of the alteration. The ARB form and documents can be downloaded from our website at

<http://www.adsbeus.com/howellcreek.htm>

If you do not have computer access or have any questions, please contact Diana McCreight at Vista Community Association Management 407-682-3443, Ext. 231.

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HCR/EW Pool Party Reservation Form
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The pool is for the use of *all residents*. In order to accommodate *all residents* and maintain a clean and safe pool area, the following guidelines must be adopted. Please complete the following information and deliver to:
Bill Maish, 144 Nanndina Terrace, (407) 977-4406 billsplash@bellsouth.net

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Date/Time of Party: _____/____/07 from ____:____ to ____:____ Maximum 3 hours
Date of Request: _____
Number of Guests: _____

- **Parties greater than eight (8) must be scheduled to avoid conflicts**
- **First come (to turn in form and deposit), first served when scheduling**
- **If not scheduled, you may be asked to leave**
- **Parties limited to three (3) hours**
- **Use of only ½ of the Cabana (bringing your own tables is recommended)**
- **Please be respectful of other residents using the pool**
- **Clean up after the party (take trash with you). The pool has no garbage service.**
- **\$50.00 deposit required to reserve (checks acceptable)**
- **Turn in top copy of this form for reservation**



Keep This Portion For Your Files
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GATE INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

Please note that parking immediately inside or outside of the entrance gates is prohibited and in violation of the law. If you are waiting for someone or picking up/dropping off your children from the school bus, please park in the neighborhood away from the gates.

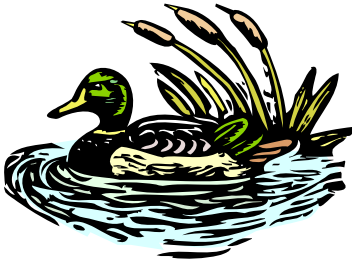
One other request, please note that the pedestrian gates should be closed at all times. Please close the gates when you walk out of the neighborhood.

Thanks!





Conservation Area Regulations



We are very fortunate to have Conservation areas surrounding Eagle's Watch and Howell Creek Reserve. These areas provide a sanctuary for wildlife while also beautifying our community with natural Florida landscape.

The Homeowner's Association (HOA) holds the deed to the conservation areas adjacent to the HOA property. The HOA currently contracts with a mitigation consultant who is responsible for reporting to the St. John's Water Management District regarding compliance with conservation property rules. No resident is allowed to remove vegetation, plant additional vegetation, or build or place any physical structures within any of the conservation areas. In other words, it must remain untouched by all residents. Failure to comply will result in substantial penalties assessed to the HOA and individual homeowner by St. John's Water Management District. We would also be in jeopardy of losing our deed to the property.

Please note that if you believe that a tree is dead or infected and could potentially fall within your own property, you can make a request for the tree to be cut down. Prior to cutting any tree down, the HOA property manager must receive approval from our representative at St. John's Water Management District. Also, if approval is received, the tree will be cut down to fall within the conservation area where it will remain. This process is meant to mirror the natural life progression of trees within an uninhabited area. Therefore, the fallen tree would not be removed from the conservation property.

If you have any questions regarding the Conservation property, please contact our property manager, Diana McCreight at Vista Community Association Management, 407-682-3443, Ext. 231.



Landscape Irrigation Restrictions


Current watering restrictions prohibit watering lawns and shrubs between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Watering is allowed as follows:

Even numbered addresses: Sundays and Thursdays

Odd numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Please note that the City of Winter Springs will have the irrigation water turned off on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. They will also have the system turned off from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the days we are allowed to water.

Please adhere to the schedule above in order to avoid any fines from the City of Winter Springs.





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Howell Creek Reserve Homeowners

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