

WINDOVER WHISPERS

AUGUST 2023

OFFICE HOURS:

M-T, 10:00am to 3:00pm
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HOA MEETING:

August's Meeting will be
08/07/2023 @ 6:30pm.
(Check for changes)

ARC

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of
each month.
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SPECIAL EVENTS & UPDATES



Board Discussion on Tennis Court Refurbishment and Pickleball.

During the August HOA Board meeting, the Board of Directors will be reviewing plans/bids for refurbishing the tennis courts, along with a possible pickleball addition.

Some residents have suggested converting one of the existing tennis courts to accommodate two pickleball courts, while others have proposed retaining both tennis courts, and constructing an entirely new dedicated court.

The Tennis Court Refurbishment is a planned activity that has already been budgeted previously through the reserve process within the Annual Dues. However, new construction for any new amenities would likely require a special assessment.

The Board of Directors wants to hear from the entire community on these topics.

Please plan to attend both the August and September meetings to voice your support or opposition to this upcoming decision. The Board intends to vote on the go forward plan during the monthly Board meeting in September.

Come one Come All.

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The Invasive Brazilian Pepper Tree: Removing the Threat from Your Yard

The Brazilian pepper tree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) is a highly invasive plant species that poses a significant threat to the biodiversity and ecological balance of Florida. Although it may seem appealing with its attractive appearance, and ability to provide privacy screening, this plant has earned a notorious reputation for its tendency to dominate landscapes, outcompeting native species, and causing ecological harm. If you have Brazilian pepper trees in your yard, it is crucial to understand the importance of removing them to safeguard against the spread. Understanding the Brazilian Pepper Tree, The Brazilian pepper tree, also known as the Florida holly or Christmas berry, is native to South America but has become a problematic invasive species in many parts of the world, including the United States, particularly in Florida and California. It was introduced to Florida in the 19th century as an ornamental plant but quickly escaped cultivation and spread rapidly, displacing native vegetation. Identification and Characteristics Identifying the Brazilian pepper tree is relatively straightforward. It is a medium-sized tree that can reach heights of up to **40 feet** (12 meters) and has a dense, evergreen canopy. The leaves are pinnately compound, resembling fern fronds, with five to nine leaflets arranged opposite each other. When crushed, the leaves emit a strong, peppery scent, which contributes to its name.

One of the distinguishing features of this invasive species is its berry-like fruit, which changes color as it matures. Initially green, the fruit turns yellow, then orange, and finally red when fully ripe. These berries contain seeds that birds readily consume and disperse, aiding the plant's rapid spread.

Ecological Impacts

The Brazilian pepper tree poses a significant threat to ecosystems due to its aggressive growth and ability to form dense thickets, crowding out native plants. This invasive species alters the structure and composition of native plant communities, reducing biodiversity and negatively impacting wildlife habitats.

The tree's dense canopy inhibits sunlight penetration, preventing the growth of understory vegetation. This lack of vegetation reduces food sources, nesting sites, and protective cover for native animals, leading to a decline in local wildlife populations.

Additionally, the tree's leaves, berries, and bark contain chemical compounds that inhibit the growth of surrounding plants, further exacerbating its impact on native species.

Removing Brazilian Pepper Trees

If you have Brazilian pepper trees in your yard, it is essential to take action to remove them, and prevent their spread to natural areas. Here are some key steps to consider:

1. **Identification:** Familiarize yourself with the characteristics of the Brazilian pepper tree to ensure accurate identification. Seek guidance from local experts or extension offices if needed.
2. **Safety precautions:** Wear protective clothing, including gloves, long sleeves, and eye protection, as the tree's sap may cause skin irritation.
3. **Cut and treat:** (Note that you do not need permission from the HOA to remove these trees.) Cut down the tree as low to the ground as possible, leaving only a stump. Within 60 seconds, apply a concentrated herbicide, such as Glyphosate (Round-up), or even diesel fuel to the freshly cut surface of the stump. Follow the herbicide instructions carefully, and avoid direct contact.
4. **Seed control:** Remove any existing berries and dispose of them properly to prevent further spread. Be cautious while handling berries and ensure they are not ingested by humans or animals.
5. **Monitoring and maintenance:** Regularly monitor your yard for any regrowth or seedlings. Promptly remove any new growth to prevent reestablishment.
6. **Native plant restoration:** Consider replacing the Brazilian pepper tree with other fast-growing Florida friendly species that are great for screening, such as the fishtail palm, areca palm, or wax myrtle. Native plants promote biodiversity, attract local wildlife, and contribute to a healthier ecosystem.

The Brazilian pepper tree may provide great screening, but its invasive nature threatens the delicate balance of our local ecosystem, and will eventually dominate your property. By removing these trees from our yards and preventing their spread, we can allow our native Florida plants to thrive into the future.

Windover Farms Trash and Refuse Guidelines

Please consider the following guidelines for trash and refuse to help keep the neighborhood attractive, as well as keeping within the HOA regulations concerning unsightly objects and trash/debris container storage.

Garbage Day – Tuesdays and Fridays

Recycling Day – Fridays

- Please leave containers at the end of your driveway *no earlier* than 5pm on the night before pickup (Mondays and Thursdays).
- Please retrieve containers *no later* than 9am, on the morning *after* your pickup (Wednesdays and Saturdays).



Large objects (non-organic items that won't fit in your trash can) – Mondays

- Homeowners must call Waste Management at **321-723-4455** by the end of business Friday to schedule a pickup. There is no charge for most items.
- If you have trouble reaching a representative at Waste Management on the phone, you can also use their live chat at WM.com.
- Please *do not* leave large items at the end of your driveway more than 24 hours in advance.

Yard Waste and Trimmings - Mondays

- Please place yard-waste in containers no larger than 35-gallons, and no heavier than 50 pounds. Small branches can be cut to 4-foot lengths, and placed in a small pile.
- Please deposit your refuse *no earlier* than 24 hours in advance of pickup (Sunday).
- Please retrieve your containers by 9am of the morning *after* pickup day (Tuesday).
- If you have a pile larger than 3 yards (the size of 3 washing machines), please continue reading.

Large Yard Waste Piles (greater than 3 yards)

- Please call Waste Management at **321-723-4455** to schedule a claw-truck pickup.
 - **Items will not be retrieved unless you call.**
- If you call on or before Friday, the debris will be retrieved within the next week (5 business days).
- Please deposit your items **in front of your own lot** *no earlier* than Saturday.
- There is no charge for this service.

*Please note that any hired landscaping, land clearing, or tree trimming services **MUST** remove any material that they generate.

*On non-trash pickup days - trash, recycling, or yard-waste containers must not be visible from adjoining lots or public areas. If outside, please store them in a walled area.

*If your Waste Management trash bin is damaged, please call Waste Management and order your replacement at **321-723-4455**.

*Please do not leave trash containers at the end of your driveway if you are unable to retrieve them within the time-frames specified above.

*The Windover Farms HOA cannot call Waste Management on behalf of homeowners.



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CHANGES, UPDATES & REMINDERS

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR AC IN GOOD CONDITION DURING THE SUMMER

Summer has arrived, and the atmosphere is getting warmer every day. To save us from the scorching heat, air conditioners are becoming household necessities and almost every house has one. It helps to keep the room at a comfortable cool temperature. Take care of your air conditioner if you want it to function properly for a long time. Summer has a harsh effect on air conditioners because the hotter the weather, the harder your AC must work. Overworking your AC can damage its performance and lifespan. Consider the following tips to make sure your air conditioner stays in a good condition

Clean The Filters

The air filters in the air conditioner will get dirty after long use. It can get clogged with dust and dirt which may cause several problems.

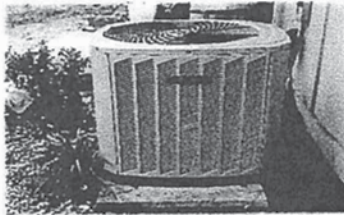
Your air conditioner will make loud noises and will not release the right amount of air. To prevent this from happening, clean your filters every 3 months. You can do it yourself or call-in professionals from for routine maintenance.

If you use disposable filters, change your filters each year for peak performance

Keep The Room Tightly Closed

Keeping the room tightly closed will prevent the cool air from leaking outside. If the cool air leaks, your air conditioner will work hard to release more air into the room. This becomes a cycle and will continue till you stop the leak.

If your air conditioner works too much to release cool air, it might overheat and get damaged. Apply caulking, weather-stripping, and proper insulation to tightly seal the room and prevent loss of cool air. Check your doors and windows



Set a Temperature When You Are Not Home

It is better to keep your air conditioner set to a higher temperature when you are not in the home. Some people like to keep their AC on just to keep the house chilly when they get back. This is not an ideal solution instead; it makes your AC overwork.

Shade the Room

Shut the windows and pull up the curtains so that sunlight does not enter the room. Sunlight carries UV rays, and these UV rays can heat up the room significantly, especially in summer.

And if they enter the room, your air conditioner will need to pump a large amount of cool air, which in turn will heat the air conditioner. So, pull up the curtains when the air conditioner is turned on. This is some best practice if you do not have energy efficient "Low-E" windows.

Using Ceiling Fans

Using ceiling fans together with air conditioners is an effective way to save energy and keep your room cool. If you turn on your ceiling fan and the AC, the fan will circulate the air and spread it across the room.

This cools down the air faster, and your air conditioner does not need to exert too much power, and this helps to extend your AC's lifespan.

Use a Smart Thermostat

A programmable smart thermostat can reduce your electricity bills. A smart thermostat can understand the right temperature needed for your room and adjust the air conditioner accordingly.

This way, the air conditioner does not have to pump out extra cold air and exert itself. If your AC is not automatically programmable, then set the temperature of the thermostat between 24 and 26 degrees Celsius, which is usually the normal room temperature.

Clean Your Vents

The AC releases cold air through these vents. So, if there is dirt and dust in these vents, not only will the airflow be hampered, but the dirt particles will be released in your room. Accidentally, inhaling them can cause an allergic reaction and other health problems.

This is especially a worrying factor for children and the elderly. So, whether you or a professional can do it, clean the vents every 12 months so that dust does not accumulate inside the vent.

Make Sure the Outdoor Unit is Clean

The outdoor unit of your air conditioner is just as important as the indoor one. If the outdoor unit is somehow damaged, the indoor unit will not work efficiently. Sometimes it may not even turn on.

To ensure this does not happen, always keep the outdoor unit clean. Keep objects like plants and vines away from the outdoor unit because they can block the fan and damage the coils on the unit.

Even after following all the steps listed above, there will be times when your air conditioner malfunctions or shows signs of damage.

Flush the Lines

What has been a life-saver for most peoples AC units on Florida is pouring a quarter-cup to a half-cup of white distilled vinegar down the condensate line once a month to help keep algae from clogging up the pipe. This is most likely the number one reason why your AC unit might stop working, If your AC unit does stop best practice is to turn off the unit. Go to the outside system and look for the pipe that is always dripping water. Take a shop-vac and put it on the edge of that pipe to help clear the line. Once you think you have gotten most of the water out of the line then turn the unit back on. If the AC system is still not working, then call a HVAC professional. Believe it or not the vinegar trick does work if you stay on it every month.



Routine Maintenance

In that case, you need to repair these damages as soon as possible to make your air conditioner last longer. Even if there are no signs of damage, you should do a maintenance check every 6 months to see the overall condition of the air conditioner. Many of your local HVAC companies offer a maintenance plan and most of the time its relatively inexpensive.



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Submission deadline for the "Windover Whispers" newsletter should be presented to the Homeowners Association Manager by the 15th of the month. When the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, the submission is due by the end of the next regular workday. Our newsletter welcomes all newsletter related comments, ideas and submissions.

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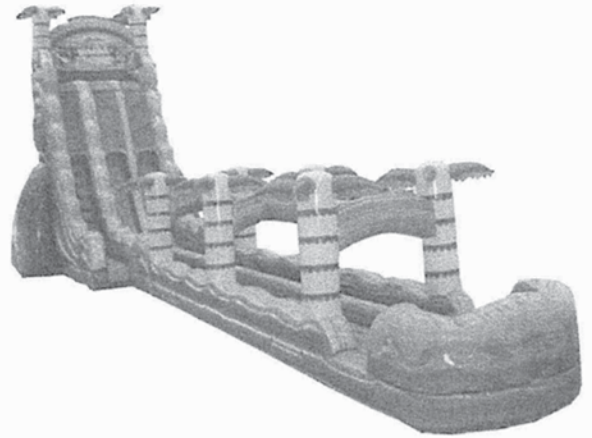
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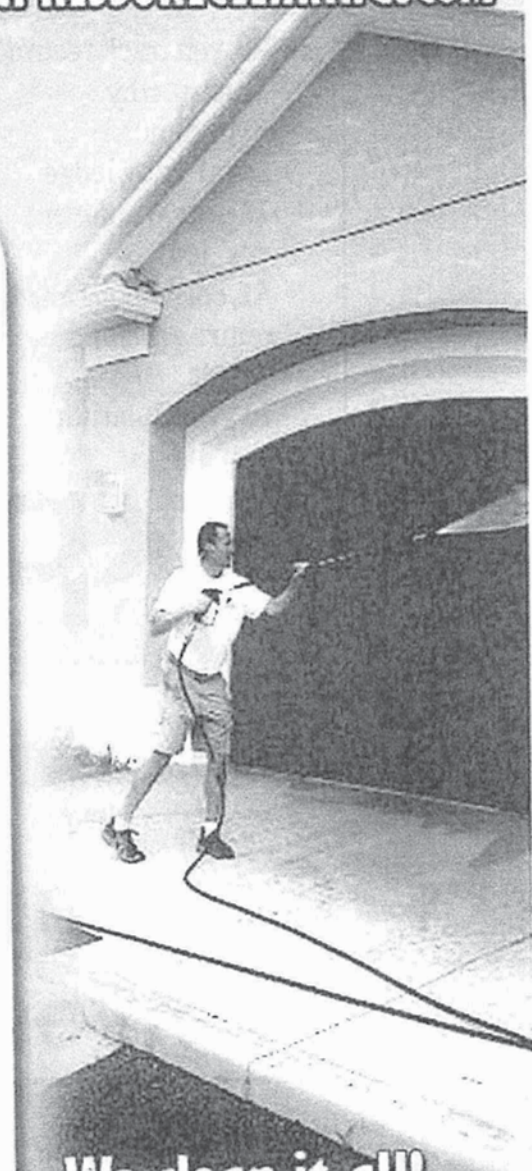
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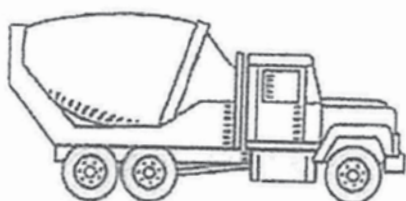
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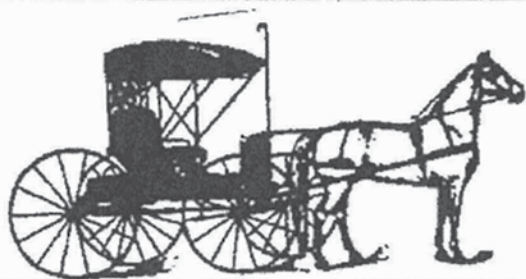
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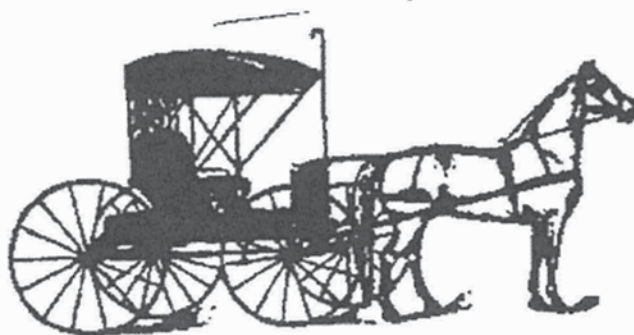
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