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## • Board of Directors

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday of each  
month.  
(check for changes)

## ARC

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
of each month.  
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## *fire, fire, fire*

By now many of you have received and read the notice from Brevard County announcing the proposed Fire Services Special Assessment for 2021. This request amounts to a thirty-five percent (35%) increase over last year's assessment. While our increases over the last several years have been anywhere from 6 percent (6%) in 2018 to the most recent of one point eight (1.8%) for 2020, this new Special Assessment is significantly higher.

Additionally, this new assessment includes an annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or three percent (3%) whichever is less, and will remain in place until such time that further action is considered by the Board of County Commissioners. That basically says forever.

Normally increases are reviewed and voted on annually by the Board of Commissioners for inclusion into the annual budget forecast. Whether this approach of "no end" in sight is a good way to approach a tax increase for the Fire Service, that should be determined by the voters.

While significant, this increase may be justified by the facts, but the open-ended approach with no end in sight (Sunset Clause) is not normally the way our taxes are implemented,

As stated in the notice of intent, voters will have the opportunity to address this item at a Public Hearing to be held by the Board of County Commissioners on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 at 9:00 a.m.. The hearing will be held in the Commission Board Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera Florida 32940.

Additionally, you and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board of County Commissioners at the above address within twenty (20) days of having received your notice.

Your attendance at the Public Hearing and or your written comments will be your only opportunity to make your concerns known. If you have any questions regarding this new proposal of the Fire Service Special Assessment, contact your County Commissioner Curt Smith at 321-633-2044 or by email at [d4commissioner@brevardfl.gov](mailto:d4commissioner@brevardfl.gov)

In closing, this letter is NOT against pay increases for Fire Service Personnel. It is against the process of not allowing property owners the yearly opportunity to have a say in the taxing process, it also is against the significantly higher thirty-five percent (35%) proposed Fire Services Special Assessment increase to the 2021 budget.

## **CLASSIFIED**

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Sharon Savastio      John Genuise, Jr.  
Tom Brandon      Trent Denny

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Volunteer needed

### **Important Numbers**

**Animal Control: 633-2024**

**Hospital Florida Wildlife:**  
254-8843

**Sheriff - Non-emergency: 633-2123**

**Storm Water Utility: 633-2014**

**Utilities - City of Melbourne:**  
953-6216

**Waste Management 723-4455**

**Solid Waste Management**  
264-5048

**Road and Bridge – 255-4354**

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## **Changes to Compliance Notice Process**

In order to address resident complaints in a timely manner, the Board of Directors has approved the following change to the Windover Farms violation notice period. Upon notification of a violation subject to fine, the homeowner will be allowed (7) days to remedy the situation instead of the prior (14) days. This change is effective immediately.

### **HOA Dues**

As a member of Windover Farm of Melbourne Homeowner Association, one of the duties is to pay HOA Dues.

HOA dues are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. After January 10, a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the unpaid dues, a 18% per annum (1.5% per month). Any interest for any unpaid balance will be added to the owner's account each month. Unpaid dues as of April 1 are **\$329.02**. A filing fee and attorney fees will be added to the unpaid balance should HOA need to file Notice of Intent to Record a Claim of Lien on the property.

In an effort to keep your personal expenses down and the fees for the filing and follow up, please pay your Annual Dues in a timely manner.

### **Windover Farms Annual Garage Sale**

**April 24 from 8-12**

**If you would like to  
participate, please contact  
the office to receive your  
flag and be marked on the  
map. The cost is \$5**



### **Reminder**

**If you would like to use the pavilion for a party or event, please fill out a  
Pavilion Rental form with the office.**

[www.windoverfarms.com/ARC](http://www.windoverfarms.com/ARC) Forms select Pavilion Reservation



## ARC FAQs

**1. I want to start a new project:** Before you start **ANY** work to the exterior of your home, go to our website, [www.windoverfarms.com](http://www.windoverfarms.com) and look through the forms to make sure you have everything completed and approved **BEFORE** you start your projects. If you have any questions about your project, please contact the office at 321-259-2216 or [windoverfarms@cfl.rr.com](mailto:windoverfarms@cfl.rr.com). Read your applications carefully to make sure you have all the information you need to move forward with your intended project.

**2. When are ARC meetings held?:** ARC meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at the Windover office at 7:30pm. Homeowners are encouraged to attend the meeting to answer questions the ARC may have. After the meeting, the office will contact the homeowner via phone and mail with the ARC's decision.

**3. When do I submit my application and what if I have to make a change?:** All forms have the application submission date listed on the first page. This is anywhere from 5-10 days **BEFORE** the monthly meeting. Applications received

after the stated day will be reviewed at the **following months meeting**. If you need to make changes to your project after submitting your form to the office, please go to the office during business hours to amend it. If you need to make a change **AFTER** the ARC approval, you need to go to or contact the office before making the change. Depending on the change, this may be reviewed if ARC members are available or you may have to wait until the following meeting.

**4. Does my project require a deposit?:** All forms must be filled out in full and submitted with the refundable deposit check. The fees for your specific project will be listed on the first page of the application.

**5. How do I get my deposit back?:** Once you have completed your project, contact the office to let them know. Once an ARC member has inspected your project and verified that you have completed it as stated on your application, your deposit will be refunded to you. Please remember, ARC members are volunteers. They try very hard to do follow up inspections as timely as possible.

## **ARC applications**

If you plan to do **ANYTHING** to the exterior of your home or landscaping, check with the office to be sure that you are complying with the appropriate application. Even though you may have had your contractor do this for you, it should be understood that you, the homeowner, are ultimately responsible for compliance.

ARC Application forms can be downloaded at [www.windoverfarms.com](http://www.windoverfarms.com) under ARC Forms



Please remember there are many type of wildlife in our neighborhood. Some of these animals can be dangerous to pets and children, especially near our waterways. Please be aware of what is around you and your family.

Please keep your pets leashed as per Brevard County law. The maximum legal leash length is 6 feet.

# Mailbox Compliance



Windover Farms Article of Incorporation, under Exhibit B, Architectural Planning Criteria, No. 21 MAILBOXES

'Mailboxes shall be of **standard** size, painted black with the address in white paint. The box shall be supported by a 4 x 4 post, Materials for the posts shall be rough-cut cedar, stained dark brown. The boxes shall be located at height above ground and distance from road pavement acceptable to postal authorities. The ARC may from time to time change the design and/or provide detailed drawings.

In order to maintain our community quality of lifestyle, the Compliance Office will inspect mailboxes on the **3<sup>rd</sup> week of April** (before the Annual Garage Sale). It is the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain their mailbox. Numbers to affix to your mailbox can be found at stores such as Home Depot and Lowes. The paint for the post is available in the office for FREE.

The documents explaining the mailbox standards can be found on our website, [www.windoverfarms.com](http://www.windoverfarms.com) and selecting the tab "Deed Restrictions".

## Swales

Raining season is coming.

If you have an issue with standing water in your swale please call Brevard Road and Bridge at 321-255-4310.

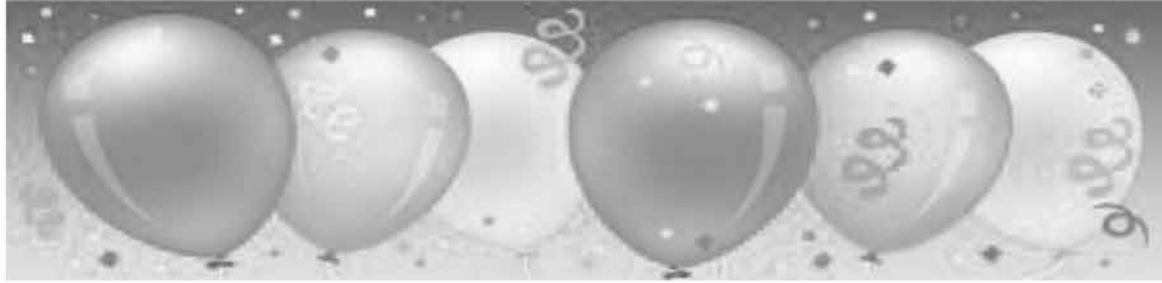
Please understand that cleans your Swales are one of the most commonly used storm water practices. It is slow down the rapid flow of storm water runoff from highways and residential streets by ponding the water between its sloping sides. By letting the water pond and soak into the ground, it also treats the water before it goes to the lagoon. Swales have been created throughout the County.

The following are ways to maintain swales to maximize their effectiveness:

- Let water pond. Runoff should temporarily pond in the swale for up to 72 hours.
- Mow the swale but not too short.
- Remove leaves and grass clippings from swales.
- Minimize use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides.
- Do not pile garbage, trash, leaves, tree limbs, or garden debris in swales, as this adds pollutants, which can wash into downstream waters.
- Do not pave the swale as this will reduce the filtration & infiltration of runoff.

Due to an excess amount of rain our ground is very saturated and swales will drain slower.





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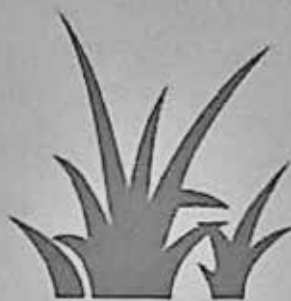
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I am a distinguished Veteran of the U.S. Army. I volunteered as an enlisted soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion from 1983 to 1987. I later earned my officers commission through the California Army National Guard.

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4 Easter	5	6	7 BOD Meeting at 7pm	8	9	10 Lot #366 Pavilion Reserved
11	12	13	14 Lot #430 Pavilion Reserved	15	16	17 Lot # 429 Pavilion Reserved
18 Lot # 198 Pavilion Reserved	19	20 ARC Meeting at 7:30pm	21	22	23 Lot # 346 Pavilion Reserved	24
25 Lot # 446 Pavilion Reserved	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3					