



La Ventana

at Willow Pond

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A Newsletter By and For the
HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS of
La Ventana at Willow Pond
Homeowners' Association
www.laventanaatwillowpond.com

Please direct all concerns to the management company. For ARB requests, please go to the Association's website. Click on "Resident Services" then "On-line Forms." Fill out and submit the form prior to making any exterior modifications to your home.

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From Our Management Company

*Submitted by
Carey Webb,
DWD Professional Management*

Speeding on Oakshire Blvd.

The issue of speeding on Oakshire Boulevard has been brought to our attention. The speed limit is 30mph. In order to resolve the issue we have contracted an Orange County Deputy to patrol the area. He will be issuing speeding tickets. Please let's all drive safely.

Parking Regulations

The Board would like to make all residents aware of the parking regulations for our community. According to the Association's documents in Article VI, Section 8, "No motor vehicle shall be parked in the Subject Property except on a paved or concrete driveway or in a garage. Parking on lawns or landscaped areas is prohibited. Parking of any motor vehicle of any kind on streets overnight is prohibited." The Board requests that all residents follow these regulations for the safety and well being of our neigh-

borhood. When several cars park in the street, it is difficult for emergency vehicles and waste removal trucks to get through. The Board requests your cooperation by parking in your garage or driveway. Thank you for your assistance in this important safety matter.

Suspicious Activity

With the onset of warmer weather, there may be an increase in activity around Central Florida concerning people entering empty homes to find shelter. Therefore, if your neighbor is a seasonal resident, or the property next to your home is empty due to foreclosure, please be on the lookout for any suspicious activity. Also, if you see people walking through the neighborhood looking into vehicles, looking into the windows of a home, trying to force open a door, or any other suspicious or illegal activities, please call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (407) 836-4357. The Sheriff's Department is the only organization charged with the protection of your property, and they are the only organization with the authority to approach and stop these people and their activities. Thank you.

**IF YOU SEE
SAY**



Please Do Not Fish in the Ponds

It has been observed that some of the residents are fishing in the ponds surrounding the community. This is strictly prohibited. Eating the fish from these ponds is not healthy for several reasons. First, most of the fish in the drainage ponds around Central Florida are genetically modified carp. They have been bred so that they are sterile and cannot breed if they escape the pond and enter other waterways around the area. Another reason you should never eat the fish from these ponds is that these ponds are designed for the drainage of water off of the roads in the area. These waters are polluted with motor oil, radiator fluid, transmission fluid, brake fluid and any other fluid that may leak from a vehicle. Finally, even if you plan to "catch and release" the fish, you are on private property and do not have the Association's or the County's permission to fish on the property. The insurance policy for our community does not cover any accidents that may occur from these types of activities.

Finally, these ponds may contain dangerous wildlife such as poisonous snakes or alligators. Therefore, for your safety, please obey the "No Fishing" signs and refrain from fishing in the community's or the County's ponds. Thank you.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day began as a memorial for Civil War veterans. It has become both a National Decoration Day of family graves, and the holiday that opens the summer season. It is celebrated with backyard barbecues, outdoor picnics, and parades. Waterloo, New York was recognized by

President Lyndon Johnson and both houses of Congress, as the birthplace of Memorial Day because the town decorated the graves of Civil War veterans as early as May 5, 1866. The claim is contested by Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, which claims to have begun the practice of decorating soldier's graves two years earlier than Waterloo. Another source claims that two years after the Civil War, it was southern women in Columbus, Mississippi who decorated the graves of both Confederate and Union men. Nevertheless, sources agree that it was General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic who designated May 30, 1868, "as a day for strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, or hamlet churchyard in the land...It is the purpose of the commander-in-chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of the departed."

No survivor of that war remains, but the memories of it grow longer. As do our memories of the parades with floats; civic organizations and drum majorettes twirling their batons; lines and lines of young veterans from The Gulf War and shorter lines of older men who saw service in the Second World War. As long as there are wars, there will be veterans and casualties. We will still decorate the graves of those men whose bodies came home and remember those that don't.

The custom of placing flowers upon graves is an old one and exists in many countries. The Greeks had rites called zoai, which were performed over each new grave. If the flowers took root and blossomed on the graves, it meant the souls were sending back the message that they had found happiness. The Roman festival, called Parentalia, or Day of the Fathers, lasted for eight days in Febru-

ary—violets and roses were the special flowers. Whatever the flower, wherever the grave, this placing of flowers upon graves has always seemed the natural thing to do.

Today, most states officially recognize the May Memorial Day as a legal holiday, but it is not celebrated on May 30th in every state. Over time the holiday has expanded to encompass our other national wars. Although Veteran's Day is celebrated as well, Memorial Day has become the most important day of recognition of our armed forces.

DOG WASTE

LEASH CURB AND
CLEAN UP
AFTER YOUR
DOG



IT'S REQUIRED BY LAW!

**ORDINANCE #95-32
FINE \$500**

**To report any animal
violation, call:
407-836-3111**

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LA VENTANA AT WILLOW POND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

APPLICATION TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE. This form is to be completed by the homeowner and submitted to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for approval PRIOR to commencement of any work. **Mail Application to: La Ventana c/o DWD Professional Management, LLC, 1101 Miranda Lane, Suite 112, Kissimmee, FL 34741.** For additional information please call Direct Line: (407) 251-2200 or Fax/Long Distance: (800)759-1820.

(Please Print Legibly)

Owner Name _____ Date _____
Property Address _____
Mailing Address (if different) _____ Orlando, FL 32824
Agent (if Applicable) _____
Phone Home _____ Work _____ Fax _____

MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. DESCRIBE ADDITION, CHANGE OR INSTALLATION (i.e. fence, screen enclosure, pool, exterior paint, etc.): _____
2. Attach copy of property survey (indicating where the addition or installation will be located)
3. SPECIFICATIONS: (attach copies of plans, estimates or pictures) _____
4. Dimensions: _____
5. Material(s): _____
6. House Paint Color(s): Body _____ Trim _____ Door _____
(attach 1 original color chip per color)
7. Fence Style (Posts Must Face Inward) _____
8. Other info: _____

Request and alterations must conform to all local zoning and building regulations.
You are to obtain required permits if your request is approved.
If your request is denied, you may appeal to the Board of Directors for review.

For Use By Architectural Review Committee

Mgmt. Rec'd ___/___/___ Sent to ARC on ___/___/___ Mailed to Owner ___/___/___

ARC Comments _____

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	_____	Date	___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	_____	Date	___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	_____	Date	___/___/___

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Address Service Requested

May & June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Trash Pickup	3 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	4 National Day of Prayer	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6
7	8	9 Trash Pickup	10 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup Full Moon	11	12	13
14 Happy Mother's Day	15	16 Trash Pickup	17 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	18	19	20 America's Birthday
21	22	23 Trash Pickup	24 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30 Trash Pickup	31 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	1 June	2	3
4	5	6 D-Day Trash Pickup	7 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	8	9 Full Moon	10
11	12	13 Trash Pickup	14 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup Pledge 6:00	15	16	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19	20 Trash Pickup	21 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	22	23	24
25	26	27 Trash Pickup	28 Recyclables & Yard Waste Pickup	29	30	