

La Ventana

At Willow Pond

April 2024 Newsletter

Quarterly Assessment Reminder

La Ventana at Willow Pond HOA quarterly assessment for 2024 is \$210.00. Your 2nd quarter assessment was due on Monday, April 1st.

Payments received after the 31st of January, April, July, and October are assessed a \$10.00 late fee. Also, any account with a balance will accrue interest on the last day of every month (Jan. - Dec.).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your account balance, please contact the management office.



Pool Area Closed

We regret to inform you of a recent act of vandalism that was discovered on March 12, 2024, targeting the cabana area in our community. A pipe was tampered with, resulting in a water leak. Although repairs were initiated on March 13, further damage was discovered, and the area remains closed for assessment.

While the responsible parties remain unknown, we urge all homeowners to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to protect our shared spaces. Please report suspicious activity, to prevent future incidents.

Let's work together to preserve the integrity of our community and ensure a safe environment for all.



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

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Abandoned Shopping Carts in the Community

As we strive to keep our community clean and welcoming, it's important to address a recurring issue: abandoned shopping carts. While we understand that not everyone may be responsible for leaving them behind, it's crucial that we all play a part in preventing their accumulation in our streets and public spaces.

We kindly ask everyone to please refrain from leaving shopping carts in our community. By taking a moment to return carts to their designated areas after use, we can collectively maintain the beauty and functionality of our surroundings.

Let's work together to:

Respect Public Spaces: Keep sidewalks, streets, and common areas clear of abandoned shopping carts to ensure safe and accessible pathways for everyone.

Lead by Example: Set a positive example for others by always returning shopping carts to their rightful places after use. Your actions can inspire others to do the same.

By being mindful of our surroundings and respecting shared spaces, we can create a more enjoyable living environment for everyone in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our neighborhood beautiful.



Tax Information

The accounting firm, Cole & Associates, recently completed the Association's taxes for 2023, and a copy is available for your review. The Statement of Cash Flow for 2023 is also available at this time. If you would like to review these documents, please contact our management office by phone at 407-251-2200 or by email at info@dwdpm.com.

Reminder to Remove Holiday Lights/Decorations

Happy New Year! Sadly, the holiday season is now over, and it is time to remove all holiday lights and decorations.

We ask that you please remove your holiday lights and decorations if you have not done so already. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Recent Criminal Activity in the Community

We want to bring to your attention recent incidents that occurred in our community involving car break-ins. It is crucial for all of us to prioritize the security of our vehicles and take necessary steps to protect our belongings.

Lock Your Vehicle: Always remember to lock your car doors, even for short periods. This can discourage potential thieves.

Remove Valuables: Do not leave valuable items in your car.

Report Incidents: If your vehicle is broken into or tampered with, report the incident immediately to the Orange County Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency Number (407) 836-4357. Prompt reporting helps with investigations and increases the chances of catching those responsible.

Stay Vigilant: Be observant of your surroundings and report any suspicious activities or individuals to the authorities promptly. Your watchfulness can make a significant difference in preventing further incidents.



Broken Garbage Containers

Please be aware that if your garbage cans are broken and you need a replacement, you need to contact the Orange County Solid Waste Department. You may reach them by email at Solid.Waste@ocfl.net or by phone at 407-836-6601.

Off-Duty Sheriff's Deputy Patrols and Suspicious Activity

Your community is patrolled each week by an off-duty Orange County Sheriff's Deputy. The deputy is on patrol to spot suspicious activity, to help enforce traffic laws, and to help the people in our community and the surrounding areas. If you see the deputy on patrol, and if you have noticed any suspicious activity, please stop the deputy, and talk with him regarding your concerns. You should also call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (407) 836-4357 to report suspicious or criminal activities. **Please be advised that 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.**

Finally, please be aware that the deputy is only able to enforce state law and county ordinances. If you see a community violation (i.e., parking on the grass), please call DWD Professional

Management to address these concerns. Thank you.



2024 Budget Information: Assessment Increase

During the meeting conducted on November 1 at 6 PM, the Board of Directors carefully considered the financial needs of the community, including the raise in insurance costs and labor. After much discussion and thoughtful consideration, the Board has voted to adjust the assessment amount for the year 2024.

The quarterly assessment amount was increased to \$210 for 2024 period. This decision was not made lightly, and we understand that any increase in assessments can have an impact on our homeowners. However, it is essential to maintain the quality of the community and cover necessary costs. If you have any questions, please contact the management company.

Parking Study - PLEASE REVIEW

Orange County Traffic Engineering Division, in collaboration with the Orange

County Fire Rescue Department, has successfully installed signs implementing the anticipated parking plan in La Ventana.

Effective immediately, Orange County will enforce the new regulations, restricting parking to one side of the street throughout the subdivision. Residents and visitors are urged to comply with these guidelines for a safer and more organized parking environment.

For reference, detailed parking plans are available, outlining the specific areas affected by the restrictions. Any questions or concerns can be addressed by contacting the Orange County Traffic Engineering Division at (407) 836-7890.



Community Alligator Awareness: Know How to Stay Safe

We have received reports of alligator sightings within our community, and we want to ensure that everyone is aware of how to stay safe when encountering these reptiles.

Alligators are a common sight in many parts of Florida, including

our community. They are a natural part of our environment and play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystem. However, to ensure the safety of our residents, it is important to know a few basic facts about these impressive creatures: Alligators can vary in size, but adult alligators can reach lengths of up to 13-15 feet. The size of the alligator can influence their behavior and potential threat. Alligators inhabit freshwater bodies like ponds, lakes, and canals.

Safety Tips:

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when encountering alligators within our community:

Maintain a Safe Distance: Never approach or attempt to feed an alligator. Keep a safe distance of at least 30 feet to avoid provoking them.

Leash Your Pets: Keep your pets on a leash when walking them near water bodies. Alligators may see pets as potential prey.

Secure Trash: Ensure that trash cans are tightly sealed to avoid attracting alligators with potential food sources.

Be Cautious at Dusk and Dawn: Alligators are more active during these times, so exercise extra caution during early morning and evening walks.

Reporting Alligator Sightings: If you come across an alligator in our community that poses a potential threat, please report it

immediately to Florida Fish and Wildlife at 866-392-4286. They will handle the situation and take appropriate actions to ensure everyone's safety.

For more information on alligator safety and the local wildlife, please visit [Florida Fish and Wildlife – Alligator Program](#).

Access Platform - Enumerate Portal

We are pleased to announce that the owner online platform has been upgraded and we will be sending you a new registration email to the email address on file with our office by the end of next week. This new platform will replace the previous online portal and will provide you with additional features and information. With your Internet-enabled device, you will be able to view your current account balance, check your payment history, view your open records (violations, work orders, and service requests), view announcements and alerts for the community, link multiple properties under the same login, and more!

To ensure your privacy, only homeowners whose email address is on file have received a registration email. If you have not received the registration email, please send your information to info@dwdpm.com and include your community's name and property address within the community. Once your email address has been opted into the

system, you will receive an email to register. For security purposes, a return email will be sent to confirm you are the owner of that email account. The link to the new portal is as follows:

[Portal - Login \(goenumerate.com\)](#)

Please check your SPAM folder as it may be filtered automatically. After you click the link in the confirmation email you can create your password and your account will be registered. You will then be able to log into your account using your email address and the password you created when you registered. Please make sure to use Google Chrome which is the preferred web browser for the platform. We encourage everyone to utilize the new on-line access platform in order to review your property account and obtain community information.



Pool Guidelines - Parties & Pets

Our shared facilities, such as the cabana and pool area, are essential amenities that add to the appeal of our community. To ensure everyone's safety and comfort, we kindly request your cooperation in adhering to the following rules regarding pool parties and pets.

Pool Parties:

While we encourage you to enjoy the cabana and pool area with your family and friends, we must emphasize that large gatherings or pool parties are not permitted. The cabana area is a shared space, and its primary purpose is to provide a relaxing retreat for all residents to enjoy. Excessive noise and overcrowding can disrupt the tranquility of the area and inconvenience others. To maintain a pleasant atmosphere, we kindly request that you limit group gatherings to a reasonable number of guests, ensuring that everyone can enjoy the facilities comfortably.

Pets Policy:

As pet lovers ourselves, we understand the joy and companionship our furry friends bring to our lives. However, to ensure the safety and cleanliness of our community, we must enforce a strict pets policy. Pets are not allowed within the cabana and pool area, even if they are leashed or contained in carriers.

We kindly ask all homeowners to respect this policy and refrain from bringing pets into the restricted areas. This rule not only ensures the comfort and safety of all residents, including those with allergies or fear of animals, but it also helps maintain the cleanliness of our facilities.

Please remember that dogs should always be leashed and accompanied by their owners when walking within the community. Additionally, we encourage you to clean up after your pets promptly. Responsible

pet ownership is essential to fostering a considerate and caring community for all.

Property Maintenance

One of the essential aspects of preserving the charm and attractiveness of our community is ensuring that each home is well-maintained. Proper maintenance not only enhances the visual appeal of your home but also plays a crucial role in safeguarding its structure and longevity.

Exterior Painting:

A fresh coat of paint can breathe new life into your home's appearance. Regularly inspect your home's exterior for any signs of peeling or fading paint. If you're planning on giving your home a new skin, please review the approved colors for your community at [Architectural Change Request](#), and don't forget to submit your ARB Application!

Roof Inspection:

Your roof protects your home from the weather, so it is crucial to keep it in good condition. Inspect your roof for any damaged or missing shingles and address any issues promptly. Regular inspections can prevent costly repairs in the future.

Landscaping and Lawn Care:

A well-manicured lawn and maintained landscaping add to the overall appeal of our community. Please keep your front yards tidy, mow the lawn regularly, and trim any overgrown vegetation. Be mindful of

maintaining trees and shrubs, which can enhance privacy and the overall aesthetics of your property.

Gutters and Drains:

Ensure that gutters and drains are clear of debris and leaves. Clogged gutters can lead to water damage and may compromise the integrity of your home's foundation.

Regular Inspections:

Perform regular inspections of your property to identify and address maintenance needs promptly. Early detection and timely repairs can save you from costly issues down the road.

Remember that the La Ventana at Willow Pond HOA has established guidelines to maintain a harmonious living experience for all residents. We kindly ask that you adhere to these guidelines and local regulations when undertaking any home maintenance projects.

If you have any questions or need further guidance on home maintenance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Parking on the Street

Please note that the roads in the community belong to Orange County. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Orange County non-emergency number (407-836-4357) to voice your concerns. In order to help with the parking situation on the streets within the community, the Board of Directors encourages everyone

to park your vehicles in your garage and driveway. If you need to park in the street, please ensure that you are not parking across from another vehicle on the opposite of the street. When this occurs, other vehicles cannot easily pass through the roads within the community and emergency vehicles may be blocked. Please keep the roads open so that vehicles can easily pass on both sides of the street. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Pool Rules

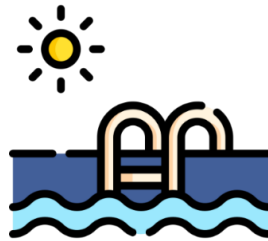
Please be advised that the pool closes at sundown every day.

No unauthorized people may enter the pool after this time. This is considered trespassing even if you are a resident of the community. This is the law for the State of Florida, and it will be enforced for the protection of our community assets and the safety of our residents. In addition, the Association will pursue recuperating any costs associated with damage to the pool caused by the inappropriate use of the facilities.

Many people ask why the Association has chosen to close the pool at sundown. The answer is simple. **We did NOT choose this time.** The State of Florida decided this for us! **Since there is not enough light per State guidelines, we must close the pool when the sun goes down.**

Next, there is a list of pool rules located in the pool area. Please take a minute and review these

rules. One of the most important rules is the age limit for use. If you are under the age limit, **you may NOT use the pool without a parent or guardian being present.** This rule will be strictly enforced when maintenance personnel are present in order to ensure the safety of the children in our community. Accidental drowning in a swimming pool is a leading cause of death in Florida for children. Please be advised there are no lifeguards at the pool, and the maintenance personnel are **not** trained in CPR or pool safety. Failure to comply with the Pool Rules may also result in you being asked to leave the area. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any additional concerns or questions regarding this issue, please contact the management office.



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Garbage Cans / Curbside Collection

Please be aware that if your garbage cans are broken and you need a replacement, you need to contact the Orange County Solid Waste Department. You may reach them by email at Solid.Waste@ocfl.net or by phone at 407-836-6601.

Under the Orange County Curbside Collection program, garbage, recycling, yard waste, and bulk items are each picked up **only one time per week.** The schedule for your community is as follows:

Garbage collection – Tuesday

Yard Waste, Recycling, and Bulk Items – Wednesday

Per the documents of your community, we are asking that you please do not place your items outside your home in view from the street on days when you do not have a scheduled pick-up. Please keep them inside your garage, behind your fence, or behind your home.

The Board asks that all residents place their garbage containers out on the **road no earlier than 6 PM the night before collection, and they must be returned to their proper storage areas by 6 PM the day of collection.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.



Reporting Street Light Outages

If you notice a street light out on your street, please call Duke Energy at 407-629-1010 to report the street name or section where the light is located. You may also visit the following website to report the outage:

<https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair>.



Pool Keys

If you need to obtain a pool key for the community pool, please contact the management office at info@dwdpm.com or 407-251-2200. The management office will arrange a time for you to pick up your key at their office located at 9419 Tradeport Drive, Orlando, Florida 32827. Pool keys cost \$20.00 each. Accepted methods of payment are check or money order made payable to La Ventana at Willow Pond HOA.

Please bring the following with you to the management office in

order to receive your pool key fob:

Owners: You must bring a photo ID.

Renters: You must bring a photo ID and a copy of your current lease agreement.

Monthly Property Inspections and Notifications

The community management company is tasked by the Board of Directors each month to complete an inspection of all properties within the community. Below is a partial list of some of the violations that they will be on the look-out for during these inspections:

- 1) Lawns that need maintenance or full replacement (weeds, dead spots, irrigation issues, etc.)
- 2) Houses that may need pressure washing or painting. Please be aware if the paint looks faded over 50% of the visible structure, if the concrete blocks are showing through the paint over 10% of the visible structure, or if there are settling cracks throughout the home that require caulking, then we will ask for the homeowner to repaint the house
- 3) Roofs that need pressure washing
- 4) Fences in need of cleaning and/or repair
- 5) Driveways that may need repairs or pressure washing

- 6) Weeds and grass in flower beds and missing mulch or stones in flower bed area
- 7) Garbage cans visible from the streets
- 8) Roofs with mold or broken/missing shingles
- 9) Parking on the grass
- 10) Commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or trailers in driveways

The community management company's staff members will inspect each property from the road in a vehicle, and they will take pictures of any violations. They will not go onto your property to complete their inspection. Please be kind to the inspectors when they are completing their monthly inspections. The staff members will always identify themselves when approached if you have questions. However, please do not approach them in a hostile or negative manner. They are there to complete a job as directed by the Board of Directors and to help the community. If the inspectors find any problems with the exterior of your home, the management company will send you a letter notifying you of the violation. If you receive a violation letter, please feel free to contact the management company via email or by phone if you have any questions or if you need more time to correct the area of concern. The management company will work with you to make the needed improvements. **Communication is very important so we can work together to maintain and**

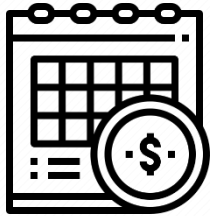
improve our property values.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding these matters.

Payment Plan Options

If you are experiencing financial difficulties or job loss, please contact our office to set-up a payment plan. **It is very important that you contact us to discuss this matter. We cannot set-up a payment plan if we are not aware of your financial situation.**

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding your account balance, please feel free to contact the management office at 407-251-2200 or at info@dwdpm.com.

***Architectural Changes
(Exterior
Modifications)***

It has come to our attention that some homeowners are not familiar with the steps of the Architectural Review process. That is quite understandable. We would like to take this opportunity to help anyone in our community better understand this process. If you are going to make any changes to the front of your property, including landscaping changes, or if you intend to make any structural changes to your property (i.e., room additions, pools, screen enclosures), then you will need to

fill out the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) application.

These applications will always be available on your community's website and they are included in the monthly newsletter (please see the form below). Please follow the instructions on the form and submit all of the required documents for your requested change. When you are submitting an application to the ARC, remember to include the following:

1. Two (2) copies of the property survey that show the location of the proposed change, alteration, renovation or addition.
 2. Two (2) drawings of your plan(s).
 3. Two (2) copies of color samples, if applicable.
- Please note that applications submitted by fax or without two (2) copies of the survey, drawing, or color sample will be considered incomplete. If an application is incomplete, it will not be processed and will be returned to you.

If you have any questions, please call us at 407-251-2200, and we will be happy to assist you. Also note that management does NOT approve or deny any of these requests. We collect the applications and then submit them to the community's Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC is a group of volunteer homeowners who review the applications and approve or deny the applications based on your community's written criteria (the architectural

guidelines). Per Florida Statutes, this process may take up to 30 days.

As soon as the Committee makes a decision, we will mail you the letter of approval or denial. Please make sure you do not proceed with any improvements until you have heard from the Committee. I hope this helps everyone understand the Architectural Review process a little better. If this still leaves you with any questions, please feel free to contact our management office.

***Architectural
Guidelines***

Please be aware that the Board has established the following architectural guidelines for your community:

Approved Paint Color Schemes and Shingle Colors:

The La Ventana at Willow Pond community has several approved color schemes for painting your homes and several approved shingle colors for replacing your roofs available for your review on the community website. Please use the following link to view these options:

<http://laventanaatwillowpondhoa.weebly.com/architectural-change-request.html>

Approved Driveway Color:

The community has one approved color for driveways – Mindful Gray (Sherwin Williams

SW 7016).

Approved Fencing:

The community has three approved types of fencing – white vinyl fencing, wooden fencing (painted white or dewdrop), and black aluminum fencing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process for making exterior modifications to your home, please feel free to contact the management office for further instructions and assistance.



Speeding in the Community/Off Road Vehicles

Please be aware of the speed limit, and reduce your speed accordingly. Also, do not utilize off-road vehicles on the community's streets.

Speeding endangers the safety of yourself, your passengers, and others within your community (especially children who may be playing or riding their bikes in the neighborhood). Therefore, the Association installed "Children at Play" signs to help remind residents to watch their speed and to keep an eye out for children playing within the community. We ask all residents to help keep children and all

pedestrians safe by not speeding. Thank you for your cooperation with this safety concern.



Community Services Phone Numbers

Emergency

Fire, Police, Medical Emergency	911
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Law Enforcement

Orange County Sheriff's Dept. (Non-Emergency)	407-836-4357
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Utilities

Orange County Utilities	407-836-5515
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Chamber of Commerce

Orlando Chamber of Commerce	407-425-1234
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Miscellaneous

Orange County Public Schools	407-317-3200
Orange County Office of Emergency Management	407-836-9140
Orange County Health Department	407-858-1400
Florida Poison Information Center	800-222-1222
Orange County Public Library	407-836-7390
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
Orange County Voters' Registration Office	407-836-2070

LA VENTANA AT WILLOW POND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

MAIL OR EMAIL FORM TO: 9419 Tradeport Drive, Orlando, FL 32827

PHONE: 407-251-2200 FAX: 800-759-1820 EMAIL: info@dwdpm.com

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) APPLICATION

Owner Name: _____ Tenant Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone(s) Home: _____ Work _____ Email: _____

In Accordance with the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and the Association's Rule and Regulations, installation must conform to this approval and the Association's guidelines.

I hereby request consent to make the following changes, alteration, renovations and /or additions to my property.

() Fence () Swimming Pool () Lawn Ornament () Screen Enclosure () Landscaping

() Patio () Exterior Color () Lawn Replacement () Other _____

Description: _____

Attach two (2) copies of the property survey that shows the locations of the proposed change, alteration, renovation or addition.

Attach two (2) drawings of your plan(s). Attach two (2) color samples, if applicable.

NOTE: Applications submitted by fax or without two (2) copies of the survey, drawing, or color sample will be considered incomplete. If an application is incomplete, it will not be processed and will be returned to you. I hereby understand and agree to the following conditions.

- 1. No work will begin until written approval is received from the Association. You have 60 days from the approval date to complete the work. If not, then you must reapply for ARB approval.
2. All work will be done expeditiously once commenced and will be done in a professional manner by a licensed contractor or myself.
3. All work will be performed timely and in a manner that will minimize interference and inconvenience to other residents.
4. I assume all liability and will be responsible for any and all damages to other lots and/or common area, which may result from performance of this work.
5. I will be responsible for the conduct of all persons, agents, contractors, subcontractors and employees who are connected with this work.
6. I am responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations and requirements in connection with this work. I will obtain any necessary governmental permits and approval for the work.
7. Upon receipt DWD Professional Management, LLC will forward the ARB Application to the Association. A decision by the Association may take up to 30 days. I will be notified in writing when the application is either approved or denied.

ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE ASSOCIATION WHEN MAKING ANY EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS.

Signature of Owner(s): _____ Date: _____

DO Not Write Below This Line



This Application is hereby: () Approved () Denied

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date Received _____ Mailed to Assoc. _____ Mailed to Owner _____

April and May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April	1 Quarterly Assessment Due	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Trash Pick-Up	10 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	11	12	13
14	15	16 Trash Pick-Up	17 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	18	19	20
21	22 	23 Trash Pick-Up	24 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	25	26 	27
28	29	30 Trash Pick-Up Grace Period for Assessment Ends				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May			1 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	2	3	4
5 	6	7 Trash Pick-Up	8 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	9	10	11
12 	13	14 Trash Pick-Up	15 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	16	17	18 
19	20	21 Trash Pick-Up	22 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	23	24	25
26	27 DWD Office Close 	28 Trash Pick-Up	29 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	30	31	