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Providence Security Keeping our Neighborhood Safe

Do you have questions or concerns about your neighborhood? If so, contact our NEW Association Manager

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As most of our homeowners are aware, our neighborhood experienced a home invasion during the week of January 10. At our January 17 Board meeting we hosted Corporal Marcus Camacho from the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Crime Prevention Unit. Corporal Camacho fielded homeowner's questions and supplied valuable information about the Neighborhood Watch program as well as how to schedule a free home security analysis of your house.

Securing our Neighborhood

The Board is currently evaluating several security camera vendors. The initial scope included the pool and tot lot. However, with the recent crime activity in Providence and the development along Ficquette, the scope has expanded to include both neighborhood entrances as well. We are fortun-

nate to have Board members with security camera expertise willing to take the time to head up this important neighborhood project.

What Can I Do?

In addition to taking these steps, all homeowners can take an active role to help project our neighborhood. The addition of a Neighborhood Watch here in Providence would do just that. A Neighborhood Watch is simply an organized system of watching out for each other.

Starting a Neighborhood Watch

The OCSO will give us the tools to help us get started. In order to take advantage of this program, we just need to have 40% of the occupied homes sign up and become involved. We need to have "block captains" who will volun-

teer to e-mail or call 10 of their neighbors to alert them of the emergency situation.

The recent incident during the week of January 10 was a prime example of how a Neighborhood Watch program should work. Once a security alert is issued, all homeowners can be on the lookout for suspicious activity, and report it immediately to the OCSO at 407.836.4357.

If you are interested in becoming involved with securing our neighborhood and want more information on being part of the Neighborhood Watch, contact Jill Jorgensen by phone at 407.656.1081 or by e-mail at JillJ.swpm@yahoo.com.

**Stay Alert
Stay Safe!**

E-Mail Information Alerts!

In order to assist with the dissemination of important information, the Board has authorized Jill to compile an e-mail list of our residents. This list will be used to immediately notify homeowners when there is a "security alert" here in Providence. If you are interested in getting e-mail alerts or other informational messages, contact Jill Jorgensen by phone at 407.656.1081 or by e-mail at JillJ.swpm@yahoo.com.

Be aware that your e-mail address is completely confidential and will not be shared.

Sign up and be in the know!

Future Access to The Windermere Country Club

Due to the rise in crime, the community surrounding the Windermere Country Club has tightened its security practices. In the future, if the gate to the community is closed, follow these steps to gain access:

- Press **610** on the keypad.
- When voice recording starts, press **221** to call the Grille.
- When answered, say **"I am here for the Providence meeting."**

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Jorgensen, by phone 407.656.1081 or by e-mail at JillJ.swpm@yahoo.com.

REMINDER . . . Community Yard Sale

We would like to remind our homeowners that Providence supports two community yard sales per year. If you are interested in participating in the Spring 2011 community yard sale, please mark your calendar:



Saturday, April 9, 2011

Get all your treasurers ready and plan to take part in this community event.



Next BOD Meeting

Date: February 23, 2011

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Windermere Country Club

Need directions? Access their Web site <http://www.windermeregolf.com> click **Contact Us** and select **Maps & Directions**.

[If the gate is locked, press the temporary code, # then 0223 to open.]

*Did you know that you can obtain a copy of the **Providence Homeowner's Documents** from our new Web site? Just open the Southwest site, www.southwestpropertymanagement.com, find Providence in the drop-down list and click **Go!** Click the link for **Covenants & Rules**. Or if you do not have access, you can contact **Jill Jorgensen** by phone at 407.656.1081 or by e-mail at JillJ.swpm@yahoo.com.*



Thinking of Getting a Pet?

By adopting a homeless animal from the shelter, you can choose a great pet and share your home with a deserving animal.

For more information call
Animal Services
(407) 254-9140

New Form Available: Requesting Additional Exterior Paint Colors



As we announced in the January issue of this publication, the Board has established a process and approved a new form for residents to request additional exterior paint colors. To request an additional paint color for the body of the house, the trim, as well as the front door and shutters, homeowners must submit one form for each new color.

Please allow at least 60 days for the Board to review the new color submission and subsequently notify the requesting homeowner. The process and form are available on the Providence Web site.

You can access the information by using the following steps:

1. Open your browser software.
2. In the address bar type www.southwestpropertymanagement.com and press **Enter**.
3. At the Southwest Home Page, click the down arrow under **Find Your Neighborhood**.
4. Click **Providence**.
5. Click **Go!**
6. Click **Forms**.
7. Download, fill out and mail the **New Exterior Color Request** form (following the instructions on the form).

Keeping Children Safe Hidden Danger: Furniture Tip-Overs



Whether you have a baby learning to stand, an unsteady toddler, or a fearless preschooler who still doesn't quite understand balance, furniture tip-overs are a real danger for kids. Regardless of your child's abilities and limitations, top heavy furniture, TVs and appliances can tip over and seriously injure young children.

There are many easy to install devices that anchor furniture to the wall making furniture more stable and tip-over resistant. These devices are designed for dressers, wall units and anything your little explorer might try to climb.

Top Safety Tips to Prevent Tip Overs

- If a piece of furniture is unstable or top heavy, secure it to a stud in the wall using brackets,

braces, anchors or wall straps. Large items such as TVs, microwaves, fish tanks, bookcases, heavy furniture and appliances can topple off stands and fall on children.

- If you have a newer flat screen TV, make sure it is properly anchored to the wall.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for tips or warnings regarding placement of your TV or furniture.
- Keep heavier items on lower shelves or in lower drawers.
- Don't keep remotes, candy, toys or other items that attract children on top of furniture where your child might be tempted to reach for them.
- Supervise young children at all times.

Welcome New Neighbors

Once again, the Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Providence to welcome our new neighbors. We hope that each resident will take a few minutes to introduce themselves and make new neighbors welcome.

Since this is a **deed-restricted** community, it is very important that all new residents obtain a copy of the Providence Homeowner's Documents. If you don't have a copy, please contact Jill Jorgensen, by phone 407.656.1081 or by e-mail at JillJ.swpm@yahoo.com.

You Can Now Recycle More . . .

Residents of Orange County can now recycle more materials curbside! You can recycle **Junk Mail** and **Office Paper**.

The following is a complete list of items accepted in your orange bin:

- pasteboard** (i.e., cereal & shoe boxes)
- corrugated cardboard** (flattened 3' x 3')
- phone books**
- magazines & catalogs**
- brown paper bags**
- newspapers**
- junk mail**
- office paper**



New ARB Form: Just for Basketball Hoops

In order to comply with the Providence Documents, the Providence Board has always required an Architectural Review Board (ARB) form submission from all homeowners that wish to erect a portable basketball hoop in their driveway. We now have an ARB form available specifically for portable basketball hoops on the Forms page of our Web site.

As it states on the form, all portable basketball hoops:

- . . . must have a white nylon net (no chain link nets allowed).
- . . . must have an undamaged backboard made of Plexiglas.
- . . . must be stored in an enclosed garage during weather storms.
- . . . must be located at the front driveway (closest to the home). Basketball hoops may not be placed at the end of the driveway near the street. Playing basketball in the street is prohibited.
- . . . must be **upright** and in the location stated above unless stored during weather storms as indicated above.

