

The Wedgefield News

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Community Yard Sale

Get a jump start on spring cleaning

The WHOA neighborhood yard sale will be held March 16th 2002 from 8:00am till 4:00pm at the Community park. A 10'x 10' spot costs you just 10 bucks. The concession stand will be open for food and drinks plus FIREWISE will have firetrucks, helicopters and maybe Smokey the Bear will show up. Don't delay another minute, start gathering all that stuff you can finally live without and meet us at the park for a fun filled day. Call **John McLean at 407-568-8310** to reserve your spot. now!!

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We Have A Voice And It Should Be Yours!!

The Wedgefield News is exactly what its name suggests, a publication containing news relative to and having any impact on our community. And as such, we would invite and encourage all the residents of Wedgefield, the City, Estates, Reserves and Villas, to participate in and take advantage of this publication.

It has been brought to our attention that commitments as to the timely publication of articles, commercial ads and personal classifieds have not been met, resulting in some negative feedback as to the effectiveness or value of a neighborhood publication. We therefore have found it necessary to implement new procedures which we feel will benefit both the residents of Wedgefield and the advertisers that support it and will ensure a timely and accurate publication.

Perhaps many of you do not realize that residents may submit for publication any items of community interest, e.g., items for sale, garage sales, services offered, services needed, etc. At this time, the charges are as follows:

FOR MEMBERS – Personal classified ads will be free to members for the initial three lines with a charge of \$1.00 per line thereafter. Total ten lines maximum.

NON-MEMBERS – Personal classified ads will be charged for non-members at a fee \$3.00 per line for the initial three lines and \$2.00 per line thereafter. A total of ten lines maximum.

Please call **DIANNE MCLEAN at (407) 568-7638** for business advertising rates. Residents will receive a ten (10%) percent discount an all business ads.

PLEASE NOTE – all submissions must be in no later than the Sunday after the membership meeting.

What is Firewise ?

An update on the Firewise Committee Meeting held on Dec. 18 2001.

- A national Firewise Committee meeting will be held in San Diego, Ca. On 3/26–3/29. Representatives from our community have been asked to attend and a presentation should be made.
- Prescribed burns in the Wedgefield area are planned to begin after Jan.1, 2002. Winter burns are planned for the Hal Scott Preserve, with St. Johns Water Management and DOF overseeing the burns

- Workshop tentatively scheduled for 9:00 am on Feb. 16, 2002 at the Wedgefield Golf Club. The workshop is intended to instruct Firewise leaders so that other agencies and real estate owners can be educated about the program. Attendance should be made up of members from Orange County Fire and Rescue, Department of Forestry, Orange County Government, adjacent property owners, SJRWM, Homeowner Association Boards, Ranger Drainage District, Orange County Arborists and Wedgefield homeowners

Codes And Cove-

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have worked with me in support of Code and Enforcement during the 2001 year. Our goals were met. The program could not have been a success without your help. You know who you are. I respect and commend you for your never – ending cooperation. *Thank You.*

Don't complain! Get involved. I take many telephone complaints regarding resident noncompliance for the Codes and Covenants. For those of you complaining, remember the organization does not pay a management company to enforce the Codes and Covenants. The work is being done by your neighbor volunteers (people who donate their time) because they respect the Wedgefield community. Get involved and have a voice in Code enforcement.

Committee meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month (except July) @ the home of Director/ Committee Chair Bobbi Leader – 2438 Bancroft Blvd, time: 7PM sharp. Interested WHOA members are encouraged to join this committee. Come prepared to work. Interested Estate residents are also encouraged to join WHOA and become a voice on the Code and Covenant committee.

Wedgefield Garden

The beginning of the year 2002 saw a great start to the Garden Club. We elected new officers and had a wonderful speaker with a terrific presentation.

First, our new officers are: Candy Murray, President; Blanche Caesar, Vice President; Margo Cook, Secretary and Ann Breazzano, Treasurer.

The presentation was Butterfly Gardening given by Jennifer Rulker of Univ. of Florida's Cooperation Extension Service. We learned the names of various butterflies and the kinds of plants to put in our gardens to attract them.

Most enjoyable!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 21, 7 PM and the topic will be Container Gardening. Come find out more about Florida gardening. You don't have to be a member to meet with us. Always at Ranger Drainage on 3rd Thursday of the month, except July and August when we take a rest and December when we have a party. Come and bring a friend.

Where And When?

Orange County has implemented a new program which slightly changes our garbage and recycling days. Please mark your calendar as follows:

- **Garbage Tuesday and Friday**
- **Recycling Friday**
- **Yard Waste Friday**

And for those of us who have a bit of difficulty remembering the color coding:

- **Orange Bin** Newspaper, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs and cardboard if cut into sections no larger than 3' x 3'.
- **Green Bin** All glass bottles and jars, metal cans, juice boxes and plastic bottles with a 1 or 2 on the bottom of them.

And for your records, REPUBLIC SERVICES INC. will be our new service provider. Their number, should you have any additional questions, is 407-293-8000

Wedgefields Best Kept Secret

Did you know that the Wedgefield Golf Club has a bar and restaurant open to all residents? That's right folks, it is not a private club and everyone is welcome.



Hours of operation are 6:00 am till 6:00 pm (call for restaurant serving times during the week). Breakfast and lunch are served daily and every Friday night they serve up a delicious dinner from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm. Following are a list of events for the coming month. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

- .. **Friday Night Dinners Call 407-568-2116 ext 13 for menu**
- .. **Super Bowl Sunday Take up sides starting at 6:00 pm Lots of good food, happy hour prices, raffles and more – \$ 5.00 admission – Call for reservations**
- .. **Valentines Day Your choice of the following: Stuffed Cornish Game Hen, Delmonico Steak or Scallops Confeme and the ladies get a free glass of champagne with dinner \$11.95**

Be sure to call for reservations at 407-568-2116– ext. 16

Wedgefield Goes Online

Go check out our new website at www.WedgefieldOnline.com or WedgefieldOnline.com to find out what is going on in the community. This information resource provides a community directory, the weather, social events, sports activities, school information, church activities and much more. WedgefieldOnline.com is a member of CommunityGuide.com a new medium designed to satisfy the information needs of the growing East Orange County, Florida. Please support this website and use it to share information to help maintain this wonderful community that we live in. Tell your neighbors that you have “Wedgefield Pride” and that we are finally online.

Play Group Needed

Are you interested in participating in a play group for your children ages 18 to 24 months? It will be one day a week for about one hour. Please call Sarah Bowers at 407-568-2352

Items For

- **Dining Room Table & 4 chairs (extea leaf) \$150.00**
- **Futon** black frame overstuffed green mattress \$100.00
- **Chest Of Drawers** Almond with wood trim \$50.00

Call 407-568-7638

The Community Park

As you know , the WHOA has been talking with Orange County about the county taking over the community park. We have been assured by the county that a Parks and Recreation representative will be on hand this month to answer any questions you may have concerning the park and Orange County. We encourage all residents to attend this important meeting. Your input is needed. A vote will be taken after the question and answer time as to what we will be doing. Although all parties will be heard from concerning this issue, the park is owned by Southeast Community Properties, WHOA and its paid members, Therefore, only paid up members of the WHOA will have voting power on this important issue. Membership application will be available prior to the meeting should you want your vote to count.

What's All That Smoke?

If you see smoke over the next few weeks don't be alarmed. The Department Of Forestry will be conducting controlled burns In the St. Johns River Management District on the west side of Dallas Blvd.

Postal Patron
Rural Routes 28, 45 and 52
Wedgefield
Orlando Florida 32833

Need Some Help?

Board Of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2002 7:00 pm
Ranger Drainage Building

General membership Meeting
February 13, 2002 7:30 pm
Wedgefield Golf Club

We know that many of our residents are experts in various fields, and without doubt many of our residents could use some of that expertise. Why not hire someone close to home?

In future publications we plan to include a " Service Directory " listing the services that are offered by many of our residents. Just send me a business card or a brief description of the services offered. – it's free – and we will include it in our directory. Let's keep our own economy growing right here in Wedgefield.

The Presidents Pen

Wedgefield Water

For several months we have been hearing about a rate increase for the water company. There have been rumors as to what the increase would amount to. There have been statements made about the condition of the water system, valves and odor in the water. I received a telephone call from Tallahassee and was informed that the Water Company wanted to come to a compromise. The following is their compromise:

1. No rate increase, rates will stay at the present interim rate.
2. Per the State of Florida the Utility would start a Water Conservation Program, basically the more water you use, the more you pay.
3. All costs, approx. \$145,000 will not be passed on to the residents of Wedgefield.
4. The utility would not ask for a rate increase for at least (3) three years. This would be for water only.

The Public Advocate asked if there was anything that we, as residents of Wedgefield ,would like to see happen in Wedgefield

- (1) it would be good to see a maintenance schedule on all components of the water system,
- (2) have a community group made up of residents and water company people to oversee the yearly maintenance.

The Public Advocate said the PSC members would be in agreement with all aspects of the foregoing statement. Should any resident not feel comfortable with this compromise, please contact the Public Service Commission in Tallahassee.
