

Whispering Stories



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Important Dates

March 8

St Patrick's Parade
10 AM

Starts at St Francis Field

March 9

Daylight Saving Time



March 17

St Patrick's Day



March 17 - 21

St John's County
Spring Break

April 19

Easter Parade
9 AM

Starts at Old Jail



April 20

Easter

May 11



May 26

Memorial Day



May 30

Last Day of School

Save the Dates!

- **April 5: Neighborhood Cleanup 8 AM**

- To all residents of WOHA, young and old, please volunteer to beautify this great neighborhood. Bring any yard/garden tools that may be useful, and prepare to work hard and enjoy the results! Coffee and donuts will be provided!

- **May 28: Annual Cookout** (Rain date: May 29)

- If you're interested in joining the Cookout planning committee, please get in touch via our website.

Welcome Katie & Rich to Whispering Oaks!



We are pleased to introduce our new neighbors on Big Magnolia Ct, Rich and Katie Molinaro! They are thrilled to finally be part of the Whispering Oaks community. They want to extend a big thank you to all their new neighbors for their patience throughout the long building process.

Originally from Connecticut, Katie and Rich spent the last 20 years there raising their two children. Their daughter, Holly (29), is completing her PhD at Arizona State University, while their son, Luke (27), graduated from UConn and now lives and works in San Diego. Before their time in Connecticut, they lived in St. Augustine (on the mainland) for five years, making this return feel like a homecoming.

Now settling into retirement (or pre-retirement), Katie is a retired middle school social worker, while Rich is finishing the last few years of his career in Healthcare/Medical/Pharma. They are especially excited to escape the cold weather, as both love being active and spending time outdoors. Katie enjoys reading, hiking, and gardening and hopes to become a Florida Master Gardener. Rich shares her love for hiking and enjoys a variety of sports. They are looking forward to spending more time at the beach and learning to kayak.

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Cont'd: Katie and Rich already feel at home in Whispering Oaks and love seeing the neighborhood's children playing outside. They have enjoyed meeting so many friendly neighbors—and their dogs! They are even considering adding a dog (or maybe two!) to their family soon (to be soon featured in a future Pet Report!). They are incredibly grateful for the warm welcome and look forward to getting to know everyone even better!

Pet Report

Hi, I'm Benny, and I'm two going on two and a half. I grew up in WOHA after my parents, Madeline and Warren, brought me home when I was a puppy. Now I'm pretty darn big, but I'm very gentle. I love saying hi and getting a pat on the head. I'm also pretty protective of my family, so it might me a few meet-and-greets before I let my guard down. Then you get big hello hugs!



I love WOHA because, first, it sounds like WHOA! Which is a funny word that I hear a lot when I spot squirrels. I'm always patrolling for squirrels. When I'm not on the look-out for squirrels, I like to play with my pals Farley, Bosco, Apollo and Danny. My special talents are: Dribbling a soccer ball with a squeaky ball in my mouth (not as easy as it sounds), eating frozen yogurt pups, and Christmas Caroling. I'm a baritone, so I really jazz up the songs, and I have a special collar made of holly that makes people jolly. Hey! I'm also a poet! Ha! I'm also exceptional at sniffing out pepperoni and Cheetos. If you have some in your pocket, we're going to be fast friends. Hint, hint, hint

In loving memory of Konrad McIrney and Gia Price who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Celebrate Blueberry Season in Florida with U-Pick Adventures!

In Florida, blueberry season offers delightful opportunities for fresh fruit enthusiasts, especially in the Jacksonville and St. Augustine areas. Blueberry season in Florida generally runs from March through early May. Several farms in the Jacksonville and St. Augustine areas offer U-pick blueberry opportunities:



- **Blu By U Blueberry Farm:** A family-owned farm in Jacksonville offering U-pick blueberries by reservation. casadehernandez.com
- **Braddock Blueberry Farm:** Located in Jacksonville, this farm provides U-pick blueberries during the season. fun4auggiekids.com
- **The Blueberry Ranch:** Situated in Yulee, just north of Jacksonville, this ranch offers U-pick blueberries in late spring and early summer.
- **HNH Blueberry Farm:** Located in Bostwick, FL (also home of the annual Blueberry Festival - April 26, 2025) offers u-pick Blueberries Updates on operating hours are found on their Facebook page.