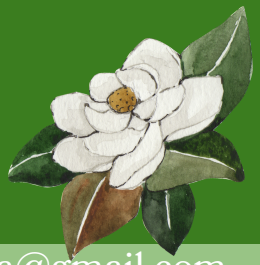




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Important Dates.....

March 9th

Daylight Sayings
Set your clocks forward!



March 16 - 20th

St. John County School
Spring Break

March 14th

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Downtown
10 AM - 11:30 AM

March 17th

*St. Patrick's
Day*

April 4th

Easter Parade
Downtown
9 AM - 11 AM

April 20th

Easter

May 11th

Mother's Day

May 26th

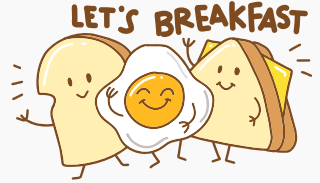
Memorial Day

May 29th

Last Day of School

ROMEO Meeting

The upcoming gathering for Whispering Oak's ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will take place on **Friday, March 6th, at 9:00 AM** at Oasis Restaurant.



During this meeting, we will select the location for our next breakfast. Everyone who is "Retired" is encouraged to join us! We will also establish the parameters for the new year. For any inquiries, feel free to call Bob Parker at 904-921-8333.

Pet Report

Hi neighbors, I'm Remi, and I'll be **FOURTEEN** in June! I sure am lucky to have such a long, good life so far. I lived in a rescue in Orlando until my human parents, Tim and Marti Norberg adopted me when I was 6 months old. My mom was a Type 1 diabetic, so I got to work right away to help her. Every week for 10 months, a trainer taught me how to alert my mom when her blood sugar was below 100 and above 200. I even learned how to call 911! So if anyone needs help with that, I'm your girl.



I went everywhere with my mom. Grocery shopping, Dr. appointments, and yoga (turns out I'm a natural at downward dog). We also went on a bunch of plane rides and 3 cruises! We were together all day, and boy, did we have fun. I never dreamed that a little black rescue dog like me could have such an important job.

My mom is now waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge. I'm slowing down now; I don't take the long daily beach walks with my dad that I used to. I sure do still like to see my friends Apollo and Bosco, though, and I really like meeting new people, especially kids (belly rubs are always welcome).

I want to say thanks to everyone who's been so kind to my parents and me. I sure know what it means to care for and about somebody, and it makes me feel special that I'm loved, too.





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Be Patient with Your Plants Affected by the Freeze

Our resident gardener, Lana Bandy, shares helpful advice on how to care for plants affected by February's freeze.

It's not just Florida residents who hate cold weather – so do our tropical plants! The February cold snap brought temperatures in the 20s, high winds, and a freeze to Whispering Oaks. You may think your droopy plants are goners, but that is not necessarily the case.

While they may not look their prettiest right now, it's important that you hold off on pruning – or doing anything drastic – until the spring. That's when we'll know whether they're survivors. If you see any signs of new growth by April or so, you can prune the dead. If you don't see any new growth, you may need to replace those plants. (One place to purchase new plants is at the Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale, April 17-18, at the St. Johns County Extension Office. There's a great variety of plants and excellent prices, and the proceeds go to a good cause.)

For now, you can continue caring for your plants as usual. Make sure you water them when they feel dry. Surround the bottom of your plants with mulch, as it acts like insulation and helps protect the root systems. But hold off on fertilizing until the spring. We don't want to encourage any new growth until we're sure the cold weather will not return.

Attention WOHA Kids! The Great Whispering Oaks Codebreaker Challenge!

Do you know Whispering Oaks like the back of your hand? Put your detective skills to the test! Solve each clue below. Each answer is a street name in our neighborhood. Follow the letter instructions carefully — they will reveal a 4-letter mystery code. The first resident to email the correct code to whisperingstoriessta@gmail.com wins a prize!



Clue #1

I whisper through branches, soft and slow,
Encircling homes in a leafy flow.
Follow my path and you'll return,
A perfect loop at every turn.

Take the seventh letter of the first word.



Clue #3

Strong and steady, wide of limb,
A classic tree both tall and trim.
Paired with a court, proud and true
This Spanish name belongs to you.

Take the third letter of the first word.



Clue #2

A Southern bloom both bold and grand,
My name is rooted in this land.
Tall and timeless, proud and free,
You'll find this court beneath the tree.

Take the fifth letter of the second word.



Clue #4

Across the ocean my name is known,
A lively capital with cobblestone.
Though Spain is far, you need not roam,
You'll find this street much closer to home.

Take the first letter of the first word.