

The Cove Homeowners Association of Seminole County

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As we move along into the new year, we need to remind everyone to be vigilant about our security. Just because we are a gated community does not mean that we are immune to crime.

During the final few months of 2018, there were a few instances where the Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to The Cove.

- A house on Reagan Trail was broken into in late November.
- In early December, SCSO chased four individuals out of Egret's Landing, across Old Lake Mary Road, and through our subdivision. Several homeowners on Night Breeze Lane found evidence of these teens in their yards and on their video surveillance cameras.
- In late December, there were reports of suspicious vehicles following delivery trucks into the community.

While we can never stop all crime, we can make our homes and our community safer:

- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are home.
- If you park your vehicles in your driveway or on the streets, do not leave your keys in the car and make sure to lock your doors.
- On garbage days, make sure to bring your garbage cans and recycle bins inside after collection. Leaving them on the sidewalk for an extra day or two can signal to burglars that you are not home. Besides, it's against HOA bylaws to leave them out.
- Similarly, newspapers and packages left in the driveway or on your stoop can signal that no one is home.
- Do not share your gate code with anyone you do not know, especially people that do not live here.
- If you see something, say something. Find someone in the neighborhood that you've never seen here before? Ask them if you can help. If they're soliciting or simply do not live here, simply call 911. Be safe; you don't need to confront them.

SCSO has additional tips, including their House Watch program, on their website: www.seminolesheriff.org/page.aspx?id=36.

NEXT HOA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m., at the SCSO Community Center, 805 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD: If you're planning on doing any work on the exterior of your house, please fill out an Architecture Review Board application prior to beginning your work. The application can be found here: <http://www.thecovehoa.info/downloads/>
If you're going to be painting your house, putting on a new roof, or changing landscaping, you need to submit an application.

ANIMAL CONTROL: We love our pets in this community, but we need to be mindful of our neighbors who might not be as pet-friendly. As a reminder, all pets in the community must be leashed when outside. Also, in accordance with state and local laws, you must clean up after your dogs. There is an increasing amount of dog waste on lawns throughout the community. It is becoming a major issue. Be responsible. Additionally, please do not feed or interact with the sand cranes. These magnificent birds are a part of our community, and have no fear of humans or our vehicles. Same with all other creatures.

FRONT GATE CODES

Recently, several homeowners have experienced issues with their codes to access the front gate. For security, we had to eliminate one gate code, and at least a half dozen people were affected. Should you have trouble with your code, or need to create your own code, please email yvette@cmsorando.com for an application.

HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

As a gentle reminder, the HOA quarterly assessment is due Jan, 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1. The quarterly assessment is now \$209, and can be paid online (<https://bit.ly/2VtGXiL>) or via mail. If you have your bank auto pay the assessment, please modify your account for the correct amount.

HELP US HELP YOU

If you have received a violation from the HOA, and have remedied the situation, please let us know. It will help us stay on top of the violations in the community.

Simply email kristin@cmsorando.com with your name, address, and a brief description of the violation and your resolution.

HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THE COVE BETTER?

The HOA Board is always looking for feedback from the community. Last year, the ARB expanded the color palate for homes, in direct response to homeowners' comments. Just last week, a homeowner asked about potentially expanding the acceptable options for fences. If you have a suggestion that you think will improve our community, let someone know what's on your mind. We're open to all thoughts and suggestions.

VIOLATION REPORT

In the month of December, 25 violations were sent to homeowners. Three of those have made their way to the attorney's office.
Thanks to everyone who has help reduce the number of violations!

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

As your mind slowly turns to spring, and the eventual spring cleaning, the community-wide yard sale is coming up soon, scheduled for March 8-9. From 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day, you can put all of your unwanted stuff up for sale as we invite the general public in to shop, shop, shop!

2019 HOA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 31	April 25	July 25	October 24
February 28	May 30	August 29	November 21
March 28	June 27	September 26	December 19

All meetings, except for the Annual Meeting in May, are held at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, 805 Primera Blvd.