



WINTER NEWSLETTER

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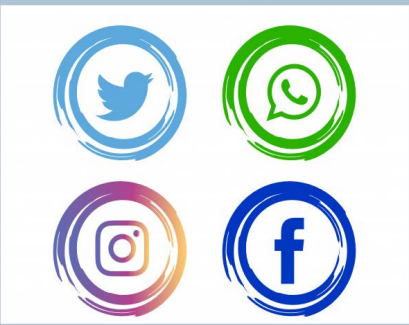
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Lake of the Woods



Grace Lake

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPRING HAMMOCK WORKDAY

Saturday, January 26th, 2019, 9 am - 11 am: Join the Seminole County SERV and Natural Lands Programs in a fun event to protect our natural areas! We will be removing invasive plants from Spring Hammock Preserve. This FREE event is for volunteers of all ages. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and long pants (long sleeves also recommended). Sign-up online, or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Saturday, January 12th, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm: The Office of Emergency Management will host Touch-a-Truck as a kick-off for Severe Weather Awareness Week. The event will take place on the Sanford Riverwalk. This FREE event is children and family friendly, with fire trucks, police cars, buses, helicopters, ambulances, public works trucks, and much much more!



WEED WRANGLE

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019: Save the date! The Florida Invasive Species Partnership is organizing a Florida Weed Wrangle™, an exciting statewide invasive plant removal event. There will be multiple participating sites in Seminole County, details TBA!

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



ADOPT-A-ROAD / RIVER

Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-Road and River Programs. Adopt your own section of road or river in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (roads: minimum 4/year, river: 2/year). Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.

ADOPT-A-PARK

The Adopt-A-Park Program facilitates the monitoring, clean-up and enhancement of parks, natural lands, trails, and trailheads maintained in Seminole County. For more information and to join this great program, contact Seminole County Leisure Services at 407-665-2001.



ADOPT-A-SHELTER

This Program is an opportunity for any non-profit, faith-based, or private organization to demonstrate community involvement and support for the County's emergency shelters and citizens in a disaster. The American Red Cross and the Office of Emergency Management will provide free training for all volunteers wanting to assist in a shelter. For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact 407-665-5102.



WINTER FEATURE



FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

Does your Home Owners Association or Community Association spend a lot of time and money maintaining their landscape? Do you wish you could have a more beautiful and sustainable landscape that would save your community money and increase property values?

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) means using low-maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices to create beautiful landscapes that can save you time, energy and money while protecting our future. On average, Florida Friendly Landscaping practices can reduce maintenance, chemical and irrigation costs significantly, while increasing the aesthetic beauty of a landscape.

We would like to come to your neighborhood or board meeting to inform your membership about how FFL can benefit your community and your bottom line! Contact k.mcintyre@ufl.edu to schedule a talk at your next monthly board or annual membership meeting. You can also provide us with the contact information of the President of your association or the Community Association Manager. Please also check out the great FFL event listings on Eventbrite!



INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS

LEE PATRIZZI & KATHY CORBETT

SERV HISTORY

Lee (on left above) and Kathy (on right) have teamed up to participate in the Seminole County Adopt-A-Road Program since 2011.

THEIR STORY

Kathy & Lee volunteer to do litter clean-ups "because it's exercise for us, it's time spent with a dear friend & we LOVE the results. We hope that people who see us will take note & think twice before they litter." Lee notes that "we both live in Chuluota and decided we needed to keep that area of Snow Hill Rd clean, so it will in turn help keep the Econ River clean. We take turns cleaning Snow Hill & walking the river and cleaning it. Many people camp out in the woods and leave all of their trash."

BACKGROUND

Lee was born in NJ, and has lived in FL since 1972; Kathy was born in Long Island, and has been in FL since 1991. They both enjoy gardening and hiking, and Kathy has also volunteered with Seminole County Natural Lands for 13 years. "We are both very concerned about the world we are leaving future generations."