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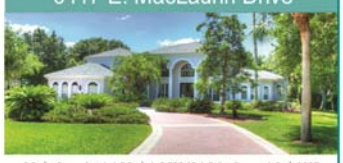

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5016 Givendale Lane

4 Bed + Office + Exercise Rm + Bonus Rm | 4.5 Bath | 5,773 SF
3 Car Garage | Built 2002| Custom Hannah Bartoletta, Wine Refrigerator,
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Outdoor Fireplace | Offered for **$1,275,000**

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Built 1992 | Pool/Heated Spa Package | New Roof June 2014 |
Upgrades Throughout Conservation/Pond Views |
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18143 Regents Square Drive

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Maple Cabinetry, Hardwood Floors | Pool
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16320 Burniston Drive

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Garage | Built 2002 | Pool/Spa |Conservation
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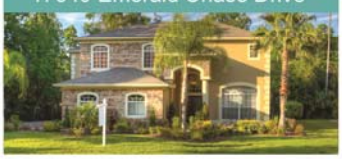

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Bartoletta | Large Lot | Gated Village | Pool/Spa Package
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17207 Keely Drive

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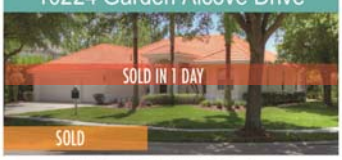

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Gated Community | Cul-de-sac
Offered for **$309,000**

17715 Ridgeway Point

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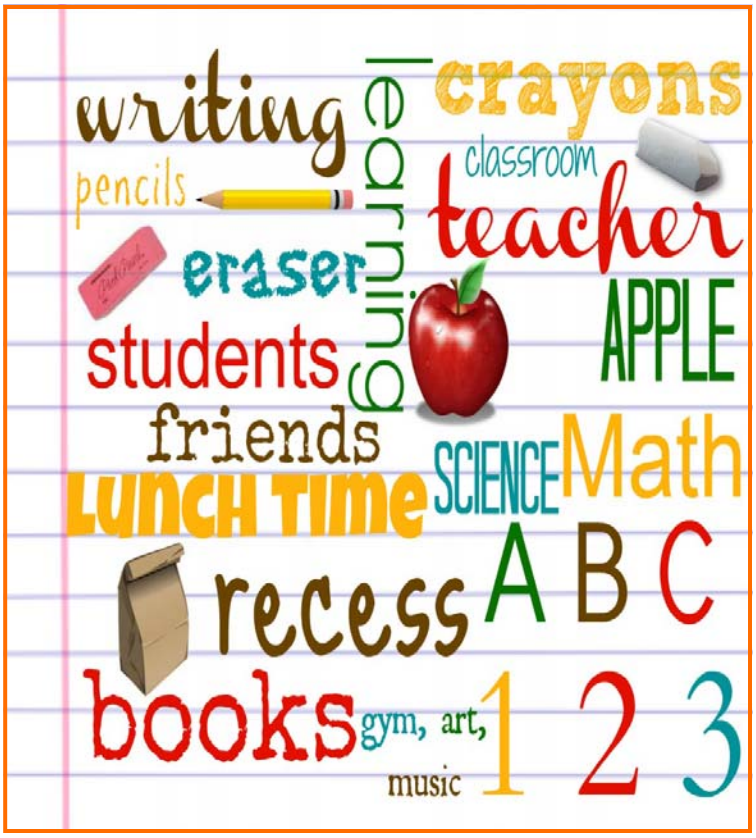

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ASHINGTON RESERVE

On July 10, 2014, The Ashington Reserve Homeowners Association Board held the quarterly community meeting. Once again, it was great to see the large turnout, thank you all for attending.

The Board would like to welcome Ms. Tesa Leal as our new Property Manager. Last month we welcomed Ms. Patty Stewart, but due to internal moves within Associa, Ms. Tesa Leal is our Property Manager for the foreseeable future.

Neighborhood News:

- Entryway Gates: As many of you may have noticed, the entryway gates were malfunctioning over the July 4th weekend. In fact, due to power interruptions, the entrance gates were stuck closed three separate times preventing all inbound traffic. Because our gates are approximately 13 years old, the Board agreed to contract quarterly maintenance inspections to prevent this from happening in the future.

- Tree Trimming: With the spring growth, our Oak Trees have begun encroaching on our sidewalks and streets. I'd like to remind everyone to keep their Oak Trees trimmed to a height of 8 feet over the sidewalks and 12 feet over the streets. This is a homeowner responsibility and courtesy to neighbors who walk our sidewalks and emergency / postal / waste management vehicles that use our roads.

- Neighborhood Covenants: At the risk of nagging, only brown pine bark nuggets are approved for mulch. Shredded mulch or red/black mulch are unapproved and should be replaced. Also, the Board would like to ask all homeowners to park all vehicles in the garage or driveway without blocking the sidewalk. This keeps the neighborhood free of vehicle obstacles for pedestrians and other traffic.

The next Ashington Reserve homeowner's meeting is Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Tampa Palms Clubhouse.

All homeowners are welcome.

WINDSOR

First, welcome to the new families who moved into Windsor in the last few months! We're happy that you chose to live in our special enclave!

Second, best wishes for a terrific school year for those students starting Kindergarten or heading off to college and students continuing their studies in our area schools. And many thanks to the hard-working teachers who get back to work in the coming weeks.

Happy August everyone!

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Wednesday, August 6, 2014 • 10:00am - 11:00am
Kids Club Presents My Gym
Wiregrass Ranchers Kids Club - My Gym Children's Fitness Center. Time to monkey around! My Gym has an extraordinary children's fitness program that is devised to help children 6 weeks thru 13 years of age develop physically, cognitvely and emotionally. Join us for activities and watch your children grow!

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 • 10:00am - 11:00am
Kids Club Presents Mr. Tommy
Wiregrass Ranchers Kids Club - Mr. Tommy. Your Children will dance and sing as they enjoy sing-a-long songs brought to life by the masterful children's entertainer, Mr. Tommy! Also be sure to check out Mr. Tommy's Mobile Music Bus on select dates!

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 • 10:00am - 11:00am
Kids Club Presents Drum Magic
Wiregrass Ranchers Kids Club - Drum Magic Grab a drum and join us for rhythm and beats as Christina leads this Drum Circle special for kids! Badabaday!

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 • 10:00am - 11:00am
Wiregrass Ranchers Kids Club Puppet Theatre
Wiregrass Ranchers Kids Club - Bits N' Piece Puppet Theatre is here to entertain your children with fun puppet stories and gives your children their very own take-home craft to build their own puppet.

WHY ARE YOU PAYING MORE AT THE PUMP?

Have you ever stood at the pump wondering why you're paying so much to fill up your vehicle? The answer is ...complicated. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), many factors contribute to the cost of a gallon of gasoline, including the price of crude oil (which accounts for the majority of the cost), refining costs and profits, taxes, and distribution and marketing expenses. The price of crude oil is dependent on global supply levels relative to demand, and can be influenced by political events in major oil-producing countries, supply disruptions (which often result from hurricanes and storms in supply zones), and market speculation.

Supply and demand is also one of the reasons that U.S. gas prices tend to fluctuate seasonally, with prices generally rising in the spring and remaining higher in early summer. But refining costs also play a role. Prices tend to rise as refineries shift from winter to summer
gasoline blends in order to meet federal and state environmental guidelines. Gasoline must be blended with other ingredients to reduce emissions, and costlier ingredients are used in the summer blend.

How much you pay for gasoline also depends on where the pump is located and who owns it. For example, prices are generally highest on the West Coast due to higher state taxes and transportation costs from distant refineries. But no matter where you live, you know that prices also vary locally from one station to the next. Why? Generally it's because the cost of doing business for an individual station owner varies. The price the station pays for gasoline, the station's location and volume of business, and whether it must match or beat prices from local competitors all contribute to how much you pay
for a gallon of gas.

What's the outlook for the future? The EIA expects the average price of gasoline to fall in 2015 to $3.39 per gallon. Despite the increasing demand from emerging economies, U.S. crude oil reserves and production are expected to increase, and U.S. demand is expected to decrease as vehicles become more fuel efficient.

Sources: "Factors Affecting Gasoline Prices" and "Short-Term Energy Outlook", May 6, 2014, www.eia.gov

Chart: Ten-Year History of U.S. Average Gas Prices

Gas prices fluctuated widely in 2008, peaking at a high of $4.11 during the second week of July, then plummeting to $1.81 by the first week of December. Since 2008, gasoline prices have generally been on an upswing, but have leveled off during the past three years, as this chart shows. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), average gasoline prices
are even expected to decline slightly in 2015, although projections are far from certain.

Sources: Short-Term Energy Outlook, May 6, 2014, U.S. Energy Information Administration, www.eia.gov; Chart data is from the EIA's Weekly U.S. Regular Conventional Retail Gasoline Prices (chart shows average dollars per gallon as of the second week of May of each year).

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Tips For A Successful School Year...

- Student attendance is one of the most important factors to improve learning. Attendance on the first day and you are on your way to perfect attendance. Any student who has 98% or higher student attendance for the entire year should do well.
- Be on time, being tardy cuts into learning time. Employers expect their employees to be on time, so do teachers.
- Be ready to learn- this means have a good night's sleep - at least 8 hours. This includes teenagers. Have a good breakfast which is the most important meal of the day.
- Dinner is also an important meal when the family eats together. This is a great time to talk about what is going on at school. Students should be ready for the question "What did you learn or do in school?" Parents should not be satisfied with "Nothing".
- Homework is important for student success and most nights there will be homework. Each family has to find a time, place and way to ensure homework is done well. Doing homework while watching TV just does not work.
- Reading is the most important skill for success in school and life. Each family should set aside some time for children to read. Visiting the library together is a great family activity. Research documents that every student should read at least 25 books every year, besides textbooks. Reading 25 books a year helps students increase their vocabulary and to be able to be successful on the next grade level.
- Know the rules of the school and each classroom and follow them. This is part of being a good student. Parents should support these rules with their children. Students, who do not behave or follow the rules, will have some disciplinary action which may involve losing a privilege, punishment, or receiving detention. This is as much a part of learning as book studies. Support the teachers and principals.
- Communicate with teachers. Do not let questions or problems fester. Teachers are on your side, they need to know what your concerns are so they can help you.
- ·Eventually, nearly all issues have to be resolved by the teacher, counselor, or coach. Start there and then talk with a principal if needed.
- Learning is fun! Celebrate your student's every success and attend school activities to express your support while enjoying the observation of your child's achievements.

Start The School Year Off - By Staying Involved!

It's that time again! How could it be that summer has passed so quickly and school is already in sight? Students moan and groan; parents rejoice. As we will start to see the yellow buses back on the streets and the flocks of students laden down with enormous schoolbags migrating to schools, it is prudent to take into account what we—students, parents, teachers—separately, and collectively, can do to make the beginning of another school year a success. Problems that arise in December or March many times are present because a proper foundation was not laid in the summer and early school year.

Before we get to what we should do as the school year begins, it would help to take a look back for a minute. Even though the summer is passing fast, we still have an important opportunity to reflect on what we did and didn't do, so let's take stock.

Are your kids having fun this summer? Really, did they get the chance to relax, hang out with friends, and do the things they normally can't or don't do during the school year? Summer is a special time in a young person's life. The memories created will last a lifetime, providing many fond reminiscences throughout life. So I hope they are making the most of sleeping in, of playing in the neighborhood, and of those beautiful long summer nights. But are you preparing for school?

Once school is back in full swing, homework will once again be a part of their, and your, life. Homework takes discipline. Turning off the TV or the video game is hard to do. Preparing yourself will make it easier. To prepare for homework, have them read a book without any distractions.

Parents: I hope you are enjoying not having to deal with all that goes into rushing your children off to school: waking up grumpy kids, making sure they're dressed, fed, and equipped with everything they need for the day. I hope you are enjoying the absence of report cards, homework, and calls from teachers. But on the other hand, I hope the discipline and routine of the school year didn't completely die. Maybe your children went to camp or perhaps worked. You never get a vacation from raising children, and that's a good thing. Getting your children involved in some type of structured summer activity—camp, work, etc.—will help keep a routine in their life.

Now that summer is here and passing, we must look to what we can do to transition well and get the year off to a good start. The transition from carefree summer to stressful September and beyond leaves a lot of frazzled people. Keeping that in mind, what can we do to keep our sanity? Get and stay involved. While your children may be excited to get to see friends in school that they haven't all summer, more likely than not they would rather have the freedom of summer than the prison of school. Imagine that. When you pack off your kids that first day of school, please refrain from jumping for joy and celebrating the fact that your children are now the teachers' problem. When your children come home that first day, find out what happened that day in school—and find out every day after that. The following are not acceptable answer to your questions of what happened in school, whether or not there is homework, or whether there is something that needs to be shown to you: "Nothing"; "I don't know"; "I left it at school"; "We had a substitute" (especially on the first day!); and "I'll do it (homework) in homeroom."

In the first few weeks of school, your children's school will have a Back To School Night. Go! Introduce yourself to all your children's teachers. Write down their contact information and give yours to them. Find out what your children will be learning in each class. What books will they be reading? (Reading a book at the same time as your children helps in many ways: family bonding and helping your children with any difficulties they may have with the book, which ties into the former). Also find out what supplies will be needed. Then let your children know you are armed with this information. They will be less likely to slack off and act up if they know you know what is going on in their day. Many, too many, of my students have failed, either a marking period or the whole year, because no one was involved at home. This is evident when I call, e-mail, and send notes home to a parent, and I hear nothing back.

The temptation to slack off as the year goes on will not only strike your children. It will get you too. For the sake of your children's success in school, and for your own personal sanity, stick to the routine you've established. Many future headaches and heartaches can be avoided if you do just that

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Frequently asked questions about public schools.

Do I have to apply to my attendance area school? Families do **not** need to complete a Hillsborough Choice application for their child to attend their attendance area school. Please contact the school directly for registration information.

Is there any advantage to applying early in the application period for a magnet program? No. Applications are not processed on a first-come first-served basis. All elementary and middle school magnet applications received during the application period are entered into the computer lottery. All magnet high school applications are entered into a database for each program. Parents or guardians may submit an application at any time during open application periods.

Is there any advantage to applying early in the application period for a School Choice or Career & Technical Education program? No. Applications are not processed on a first-come first-served basis. All Career & Technical Education applications and School Choice applications received during the application period are entered into thecomputer lottery. Parents or guardians may submit an application at any time during open application periods.

If my child is at his current school on a Magnet or School Choice placement and I want him to continue attending this school, do we have to reapply? No. Families do not have to reapply for a Magnet or School Choice placement each year. Students currently attending a Magnet school will be asked to complete an Intent to Return form provided by the school.

What is the difference between Hillsborough Choice and School Choice?Hillsborough Choice includes all choice options. School Choice provides parents and legal guardians with children entering grades K-11 the opportunity to choose three nonmagnet schools or Career & Technical Education programs. Parents may choose from a list of schools with space available.

Can my child automatically attend the elementary or middle magnet school in my neighborhood? No. All incoming students must apply using a paper application.

What age does my child have to be to enter kindergarten? Children who are five years of age on or before September 1, 2014, may apply for kindergarten School Choice. These students must complete a paper application.

If my child is in Headstart and will be attending kindergarten next year, can I apply for a School Choice online? No. Families must complete and submit a paper application for students entering kindergarten.

Can families apply to both a magnet program and School Choice? Yes, however, once a student accepts a seat at a school, all other options become invalid.

Can I apply to a school that is out of the region in which I live? Yes. Hillsborough Choice Options will allow families the flexibility to choose schools throughout the district with space available. However, transportation **is not** provided to schools outside of one's region.

Who can apply for a Magnet School for 2014-2015?* Families living in Hillsborough County * All students entering kindergarten through ninth grade * Current 9th, 10th & 11th grade students may apply for some magnet high school programs.

Can I apply to a school that is overcrowded? Yes. You can apply to an overcrowded school through a Choice Hardship. However, you must provide documentation of a hardship. Transportation is not provided.

Can incoming 12th graders apply for School Choice? No. Incoming seniors must apply through Choice Hardship.

Can families apply for a magnet program, School Choice, and Choice Hardship? No. If School Choice and magnet selections are made, a Choice Hardship will not be reviewed.

How do I apply for a magnet program or School Choice? Students currently enrolled in a Hillsborough County Public School may apply online. Students not currently enrolled in a Hillsborough County Public School must complete and submit a paper application. Click herefor specific application period dates.

How does the writing sample work in order to apply to high school magnet programs? The Hillsborough Writes Essay administered in the 8th grade language arts class in November, is the official writing sample for students currently enrolled in a Hillsborough County Public School. Students who are enrolled in a charter school, private school, home school, or not a Hillsborough County Public School must attend one of the writing sessions. Students must attend only ONE writing session in order to apply to any or all high school programs.

How do I apply to a Career & Technical Education Program? Complete the Career & Technical portion of the All-in-One application.

How are magnet students selected? Selection for elementary or middle magnet schools is done via computer. High school magnet programs require criteria specific to each school and include writing scores, grades, test scores, and/or auditions.

How will I be notified of my child's assignment? You will be notified via U.S. Mail. Results from the first elementary application period will be mailed in March. Results from the second middle and high application period will be mailed mid-May. Notification will be mailed to the address specified on the application. If you are offered a seat at one of your choices, you will have the opportunity to accept or decline the offer.

Do I have to confirm my magnet or School Choice offer? Yes. Failure to accept the offer will result in losing the seat offered.

How can I accept or decline my magnet or School Choice offer? You can accept or decline by returning the letter you receive via U.S. Mail or by responding online.

Can ESE students participate in Hillsborough Choice options? Yes. ESE students can participate in Hillsborough Choice Options during each lottery.

What are my transportation options for School Choice? Transportation will be provided to students within an identified area. This may involve hubs at specific school sites within a designated area.

Is transportation provided to magnet schools? Transportation is provided to all magnet themes, with the following exceptions:

- Kindergarten students must be accompanied by an older sibling, who lives at the same address and attends the same school, to be eligible for magnet transportation
- Transportation is not provided to Rampello Downtown Partnership k-8 School
- Transportation is not provided if the student lives within two miles of the school
- In some cases, transportation may be limited

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