Lake Doe Cove

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We will be starting Neighborhood Watch

The current American system of neighborhood watches began developing in the late 1960s as a response to the rape and murder of Kitty Genovese in Queens, New York. People became outraged after reports that a dozen witnesses did nothing to save Genovese or to apprehend her killer.[1] Some locals formed groups to watch over their neighborhoods and to look out for any suspicious activity in their areas. Shortly thereafter, the National



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Sheriffs' Association began a concerted effort in 1972 to revitalize the "watch group" effort nationwide.

The neighborhood watch system gained intense media attention after the February, 2012, fatal shooting of

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teenager Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch captain.[3] Zimmerman, who wasn't acting in his neighborhood watch role at the time of the shooting, claimed self-defense and has been charged with second-degree murder in the case.[4] His actions on the night of the shooting generated controversy as he left his vehicle to pursue Martin and was carrying a gun, both of which go against neighborhood watch recommendations.[5][6] He has also been accused by prosecutors of profiling Martin, [4] and he is being investigated by the U.S. Justice Department for

possibly committing a racial hate crime.[7] Martin was black and

We are wanting an active editor to take over this Newsletter and create more contact, local, events and neighborhood news.

If interested, email me: philosx@earthlink.net

Zimmerman is a mixed-race <u>Hispanic</u>.[3]

Look for further information as Lake Doe Cove starts our Neighborhood Watch program.

A Neighborhood Watch is an organized group of citizens devoted to crime and vandalism prevention within a neighborhood. In the United States it builds on the concept of a town watch from Colonial America.



Yard Care

In Florida yard care starts in Late February or early March. Some tips on getting your yard in shape. Here is some help!

When you understand your lawn's environmental needs and tailor your lawn care practices to suit local conditions, you get a healthy, environmentally friendly lawn. Design your yard so it thrives on rainwater alone, without additional irrigation.



For a complete guide to designing a Florida yard, check out <u>Florida Yards</u> and <u>Neighborhoods</u>.

Tips to Get You Started

Mulch your garden and landscape beds.

Mulch helps keep the soil moist and reduces erosion and weeds. Avoid piling mulch against plant stems and tree trunks to prevent rot. For more info, go to our Web page on Mulches. Unsure how much mulch is needed? Check here to find out.

Water at the right time.

Watering in the early morning or late evening when temperatures and wind speeds are the lowest will reduce water loss through evaporation.

Check with your local Water Management District office or Cooperative Extension Service office to find out how often to water. Tighter watering restrictions may be in order for different counties ranging from one day per week to two days per week and as restrictive as from

Selected Homes with Great Yards (Feb 2013)



These were picked as I walked my dog, Thanks for really working on your landscaping and adding beauty to our neighborhood! editor

8:00 am to 6:00 pm for no watering.

No Watering 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Set your timers:



To keep your yard healthy with just enough water, it is important to

set your timer with a watering schedule that suits your area considering the amount of rainfall you usually get. For example, in central Florida, a suggested watering schedule is two days a week (such as Monday and Thursday) with an irrigation run time that varies by month, as described in the table at the right.

MONTH	TIME (MIN)
January	12
February	10
March	17
April	40
May	64
June	50
July	49
August	60
September	48
October	43
November	32
December	16