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# THE POINTE

NEWSLETTER FOR OBSERVATION POINTE RESIDENTS

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## Now that Hurricane Ian is behind us . . .

**It may be a good time to evaluate trees and shrubbery in or near your home.**

When Tallahassee was recently in the projected path of Hurricane Ian, did you worry about trees in or near your home that might pose a threat to your house or fence? Thankfully, Hurricane Ian bypassed us, but the potential for future storms is always there. While that concern is still fresh in your mind, perhaps now might be a good time to consider trimming back or removing threatening trees.

If the tree is in your yard, you may cut it back or remove it entirely. When the developer built your home, he most likely planted a tree in the center of your front yard, without consideration of how large and quickly that tree would grow. Over the years, the root system has taken over the yard and the branches extend over the roof. Many of our homeowners have opted to take them out altogether.

If a tall, threatening tree is on the *other* side of your fence, you will have to seek permission from its owner to reduce its size or remove it. Several of our neighbors along the northern and western fence line of our community have done just that to safeguard their homes and fences. That can be a bit pricey, but it will be less than the cost, time and hassle of repairing your home and fence if they are damaged.

While you are evaluating the tree situation in your yard, how are your bushes? Are they neglected, overgrown and wild-looking? Have they grown up the side of your house and over the gutters? If so, the fall and winter are a good time to trim them back to a neat and orderly size you enjoyed years ago. Your yard will have a new, refreshed curb-appeal in the spring.

If you haven't already noticed, the resale price of homes in Observation Pointe has continued to rise year after year. Observation Point homes don't stay on the market very long and are in demand by homebuyers. That is in large part due to the good job our homeowners do in maintaining the appearance of their yards – keeping trees and bushes trimmed, yards mowed, and sidewalks and curbs and driveways neatly edged.

So now that the storm has passed, I encourage you to take an honest look at your house. Is there anything you can do now to protect your home from future storms? Is there anything you can do to improve the appearance of your yard to get maximum resale value? If so, now is the time to do it!

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## Everything you need to know about life in Observation Pointe can be viewed on our website!

Contact the property manager, read the Covenants & Restrictions, meet the Board Members and Architectural Committee Members, download an ACC Request Form (Exterior Alteration Application), view Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, and Financial Statements, and read Frequently Asked Questions

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