



# *La Ventana at Willow Pond*

## *April 2020 Newsletter*

### *Corona Virus (COVID-19) Update*

The stay-at-home order issued by Governor Ron DeSantis will end this evening, Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM. However, per the governor's announcement yesterday regarding the first phase of re-opening the state, our office will make the following changes to our operations beginning on **Monday, May 4, 2020**.

**1) Office Visits – By Appointment Only:** We will re-open our office on Monday, however, we ask that you limit visits to our office and that you conduct business online when possible. **If you must stop by our office, you will be required to make an appointment first so we can ensure proper social distancing.** We also ask that you wear a mask or covering over

your nose and mouth while visiting our office. Please contact us at 407-251-2200 to make an appointment if needed.

**2) Board Meetings:** The Board will continue to conduct all business via telephone or video-conference until further notice. If a meeting is called by the Board of Directors, we will provide notice to the homeowners so they also may attend via phone or video-conference.

**3) Common Areas:** The pool and playground area will remain closed until further notice. We will await further guidance from local, state, and federal authorities regarding when it is safe to open these types of facilities. Please understand that this measure is being taken for the safety and protection of all residents and vendors of the community.

Please direct all concerns to the management company. For ARB requests, please go to the Association's website, [www.laventanaatwillowpond.com](http://www.laventanaatwillowpond.com). Click on "Resident Services" then "Online Forms." Fill out and submit the form prior to making any exterior modifications to your home.

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**Director:** Magaly Quinones  
**Director:** Dawn Walton

We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates to you as needed. We encourage all of our residents to follow the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health regarding COVID-19 in order to limit the spread of the disease and to keep your family and neighbors safe.

Please use the following links to the websites for the CDC and the Florida Department of Health.

**Center for Disease Control:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

**Florida Department of Health:**

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/> or call the COVID-19 Hotline if you have questions at 866-779-6121.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office by phone at 407-251-2200 or by email at [info@dwdpm.com](mailto:info@dwdpm.com).

We wish all of our residents well during this difficult time. Take care, and stay safe.

## *2nd Quarter Assessment Reminder and Payment Options*

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**Please remember that your second quarter assessment of \$175.00 is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Due to the financial crisis surrounding COVID-19, the Board has agreed to waive late fees and interest for the month of April. If you need to make alternative payment arrangements due to financial difficulties, please contact our office to set-up a payment plan. It is very important that you contact us to discuss this matter. We cannot set-up a payment plan if we are not aware of your financial situation.

We have had a few owners request that the assessment is waived completely. Please be aware that this is not possible. The Association is a not-for-profit organization and is not eligible to receive funds from government assistance programs. Therefore, the Association must still pay all insurance, maintenance, and common area expenses. While the assessments cannot be waived, the Board of Directors and management company will work with owners who have experienced job loss due to COVID-19. We will make payment arrangements with these owners in order to ease the financial impact as much as possible.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding your account balance, please feel free to contact the management office at 407-251-2200 or at [info@dwdpm.com](mailto:info@dwdpm.com).

## *New Owner Access Platform*

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We are thrilled to announce our new online owner access feature where you can login to manage your account and access community documents. With your Internet-enabled device, you will now be able to view your current account balance, check your payment history, view your open records and more!

To ensure your privacy, only homeowners whose email address is on file will receive a registration email. **If you have not already provided your email, please email your information to [info@dwdpm.com](mailto:info@dwdpm.com)** and include your community name, address within the community, and the email address you want on file. This extra step is designed for the safety of your personal information because it allows us to verify each homeowner.

Once your email address has been opted into the system, you will receive an email to register. For security purposes, a return email will be sent to confirm you are the owner of that email account.

Please check your SPAM folder as it may be filtered automatically. After you click the link in the confirmation email, your account will be registered. You will then be able to log into your account using your email address and the password you created when you registered.

Please be on the lookout for your invitation via email. You should receive it within the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the management office.

## *Future 417 Widening Projects*

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On pages 8-9 of this newsletter, please find an announcement from the Central Florida Expressway Authority regarding their plans to widen the 417 from International Drive to Narcoossee Road beginning later this year.

## *2020 Budget Requests*

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If you are interested in obtaining the 2020 Budget for your community, please feel free to review the document on the community website using the following link: <http://www.laventanaatwillowpond.com/budget.html>. You may also contact the management office to obtain a copy via email or regular mail.

## *Architectural Guidelines*

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Please be aware that the Board has established the following architectural guidelines for your community:

### **Approved Paint Color Schemes and Shingle Colors:**

The La Ventana at Willow Pond community has several approved color schemes for painting your homes and several approved shingle colors for replacing your roofs available for your review on the community website. Please use the following link to view these options: <http://www.laventanaatwillowpond.com/architectural-change-request.html>.

### **Approved Driveway Color:**

The community has one approved color for driveways – Mindful Gray (Sherwin Williams SW 7016).

### **Approved Fencing:**

The community has three approved types of fencing – white vinyl fencing, wooden fencing (painted white), and black aluminum fencing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process for making exterior modifications to your home, please feel free to contact the management office for further instructions and assistance.

## *Association Payments Via the Payment Portal with Center State and Payment Reminders*

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If you have set-up automatic payments through the on-line payment system with Center State Bank, please be aware that DWD Professional Management does not have access to that system and any updates needed must be made directly by you. If you have made any errors in terms of the amount of your payment or the frequency of your payment, please login into the portal to make any necessary revisions. Go to schedule payments, cancel the current request, and start a new request with the correct payment amount and/or frequency.

Please keep in mind that the system is automatically selected for monthly payments, so please indicate the correct frequency for your association payments and change as needed. The assessment payments for La Ventana at Willow Pond are quarterly and are due on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Please also be aware that all on-line payments take 2 to 3 business days for processing before they are applied to your account.

In addition, the on-line payment system is a payment portal only. This system is not connected to the account system with the management company. The payment portal does not have any information regarding your current account balance. If you need your account balance or a full detailed payment history report, you must contact the management company directly.

Finally, please be aware that DWD Professional Management does not send payment reminders by text or email. If you are receiving payment reminders through text or email, this is because you have signed up for it through the online payment portal. If you have signed up for the reminders in error, please login into the portal. Go to notifications and cancel/edit the request and make any changes needed or set-up a new request.

If you have any questions or concerns about the on-line payment portal, please contact the management office for assistance.

## *Please Do Not Fish in the Ponds*

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It has been observed that there are individuals fishing in the ponds surrounding the community. This is strictly prohibited. Eating the fish from these ponds is not healthy for several reasons. First, most of the fish in the drainage ponds around Central Florida are genetically modified carp. They have been bred so that they are sterile and cannot breed if they escape the pond and enter other waterways around the area. Another reason you should never eat the fish from these ponds is that these ponds are designed for the drainage of water off of the roads in the area. These waters are polluted with motor oil, radiator fluid, transmission fluid, brake fluid and any other fluid that may leak from a vehicle.

Finally, even if you plan to "catch and release" the fish, you are on private property and do not have the Association's or the County's permission to fish on the property. The insurance policy for our community does not cover any accidents that may occur from these types of activities.

Finally, these ponds may contain dangerous wildlife such as poisonous snakes or alligators. Therefore, for your safety, please obey the "No Fishing" signs and refrain from fishing in the community's or the County's ponds. If you see anyone fishing in the pond, please contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department on their non-emergency line at 407-836-4357.

## *Please Pick-Up After Your Pets and Dispose of Waste Properly*

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We understand that many of the residents in our community are pet owners. Owning a pet is a wonderful experience for the “parent” and it brings many joys to you as well. However, having a 4-legged addition to your family also brings many responsibilities.

If your new bundle of joy happens to be a dog, then one of the responsibilities is picking up after your pet. When you live in a community you cannot just let your dog out and then close the door. **Your pet must be on a leash at all times, and any pet waste MUST be picked up and disposed in a waste receptacle.** This is not only a community rule; it is an Orange County ordinance as well.

The Board recently found that residents are disposing of dog waste bags in the storm drains of the community instead of using the doggie stations placed in the community. Dog waste is a hazardous substance and spreads illnesses to others. Placing dog waste in the storm drain is unsanitary and is not permitted. Please refrain from this practice and dispose of waste properly. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## *Suggested Security Measure*

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The Board would like to remind residents to turn on front/back patio lights and garage lights as an added security measure each evening. Burglars do not like to be seen, therefore, leaving these lights on at night helps prevent these types of crimes.



## *Reporting Street Light Outages*

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If you notice a street light out on your street, please call Duke Energy at 407-629-1010 to report the street name or section where the light is located. You may also visit the following website to report the outage: <https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair>.

Please contact the management office if you need assistance or if you have any questions.

## *Architectural Changes (Exterior Modifications)*

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It has come to our attention that some homeowners are not familiar with the steps of the Architectural Review process. That is quite understandable. We would like to take this opportunity to help anyone in our community better understand this process. If you are going to make any changes to the front of your property, including landscaping changes, or if you intend to make any structural changes to your property (i.e., room additions, pools, screen enclosures), then you will need to fill out the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) application.

These applications will always be available on your community’s website and they are included in the monthly newsletter (please see the form below). Please follow the instructions on the form and submit all of the required

documents for your requested change. When you are submitting an application to the ARC, remember to include the following:

1. Two (2) copies of the property survey that show the location of the proposed changed, alteration, renovation or addition.
2. Two (2) drawings of your plan(s).
3. Two (2) copies of color samples, if applicable.

Please note that applications submitted by fax or without two (2) copies of the survey, drawing, or color sample will be considered incomplete. If an application is incomplete, it will not be processed and will be returned to you.

If you have any questions, please call us at 407-251-2200, and we will be happy to assist you. Also note that management does NOT approve or deny any of these requests. We collect the applications and then submit them to the community's Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC is a group of volunteer homeowners who review the applications and approve or deny the applications based on your community's written criteria (the architectural guidelines). Per Florida Statutes, this process may take up to 30 days.

As soon as the Committee makes a decision, we will mail you the letter of approval or denial. Please make sure you do not proceed with any improvements until you have heard from the Committee. I hope this helps everyone understand the Architectural Review process a little better. If this still leaves you with any questions, please feel free to contact our management office.

## *Parking Regulations*

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The Board would like to remind all residents regarding the parking regulations for our community. According to the Association's documents in Article VI, Section 8, "No motor vehicle shall be parked in the Subject Property except on a paved or concrete driveway or in a garage. **Parking on lawns or landscaped areas is prohibited.** Parking of any motor vehicle of any kind on streets overnight is prohibited." The Board requests that all residents follow these regulations for the safety and well being of our neighborhood. When several cars park in the street, it is difficult for emergency vehicles and waste removal trucks to get through.

The Board requests your cooperation by parking in your garage or driveway. In addition, please remember that **you may not block the sidewalk with your vehicle.** Residents must have the ability to use the sidewalks without any impediment from parked cars. Finally, please remember that the roads in our community belong to Orange County, and any violations to the County's parking rules must be referred to the County for enforcement. Thank you for your assistance in this important safety matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the management office.

## *Off-Duty Sheriff's Deputy Patrols and Suspicious Activity*

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Your community is patrolled several days per month by an off-duty Orange County Sheriff's Deputy. The deputy is on patrol to spot suspicious activity, to help enforce traffic laws, and to help the people in communities we manage in Meadow Woods. If you see the deputy on patrol, and if you have noticed any suspicious activity, please stop the deputy and talk with him regarding your concerns. You should also call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (407) 836-4357 to report suspicious or criminal activities. **The Sheriff's Department is the only organization charged with the protection of your property, and they are the only organization with the authority to approach and stop these people and their activities.** Please be aware that the deputy is only able to enforce state law and county ordinances. If you see a community violation (i.e., parking on the grass), please call DWD Professional Management to address these concerns. Thank you.

# SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms\* can include

FEVER



COUGH



\*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH



Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



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[cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms](https://cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms)



Starting in late 2020, the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) will begin work to widen SR 417 (Central Florida GreeneWay) from International Drive to SR 528 (Martin B. Andersen Beachline). This work is being done to meet the demands of population growth and improve traffic flow on one of CFX's busiest expressways. Work will be broken into five phases to minimize impact to motorists.

Central Florida is growing rapidly and so is the traffic on our roadways. In just the past five years, the number of vehicles on CFX roads has more than doubled. Traffic is expected to grow as more than 1,500 people move to Central Florida each week. A recent study by the Orlando Economic Partnership advises Osceola and Orange counties will be the fastest growing in Florida, with nearly a 30-percent rise in population.

According to CFX's 2018 numbers, the average daily traffic count on SR 417 between International Drive and SR 528 ranges from more to 68,000 to nearly 95,000 depending on the location. Orange County officials report the average person spends 46 hours a year in traffic! To reduce that commute time, CFX will widen SR 417 between International Drive and State Road 528 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction (six lanes total). The widenings consist of five separate projects:

- SR 417 from International Drive to John Young Parkway
- SR 417 from John Young Parkway to Landstar Boulevard
- SR 417 from Landstar Boulevard to Boggy Creek Road
- SR 417 from Boggy Creek Road to Narcoossee Road
- SR 417 from Narcoossee Road to SR 528



### The widening projects include:

- Additional Prepaid Toll Lanes (dedicated E-PASS lanes) in each direction at the John Young Main Plaza and the Boggy Creek Main Plaza;
- Sound walls along several locations of the expressway; and wider "incident management" shoulders.

Construction on the first segment will start in late 2020 and will take approximately four years before all five projects are complete.

### For more information:



407-383-5817



Construction@CFXway.com



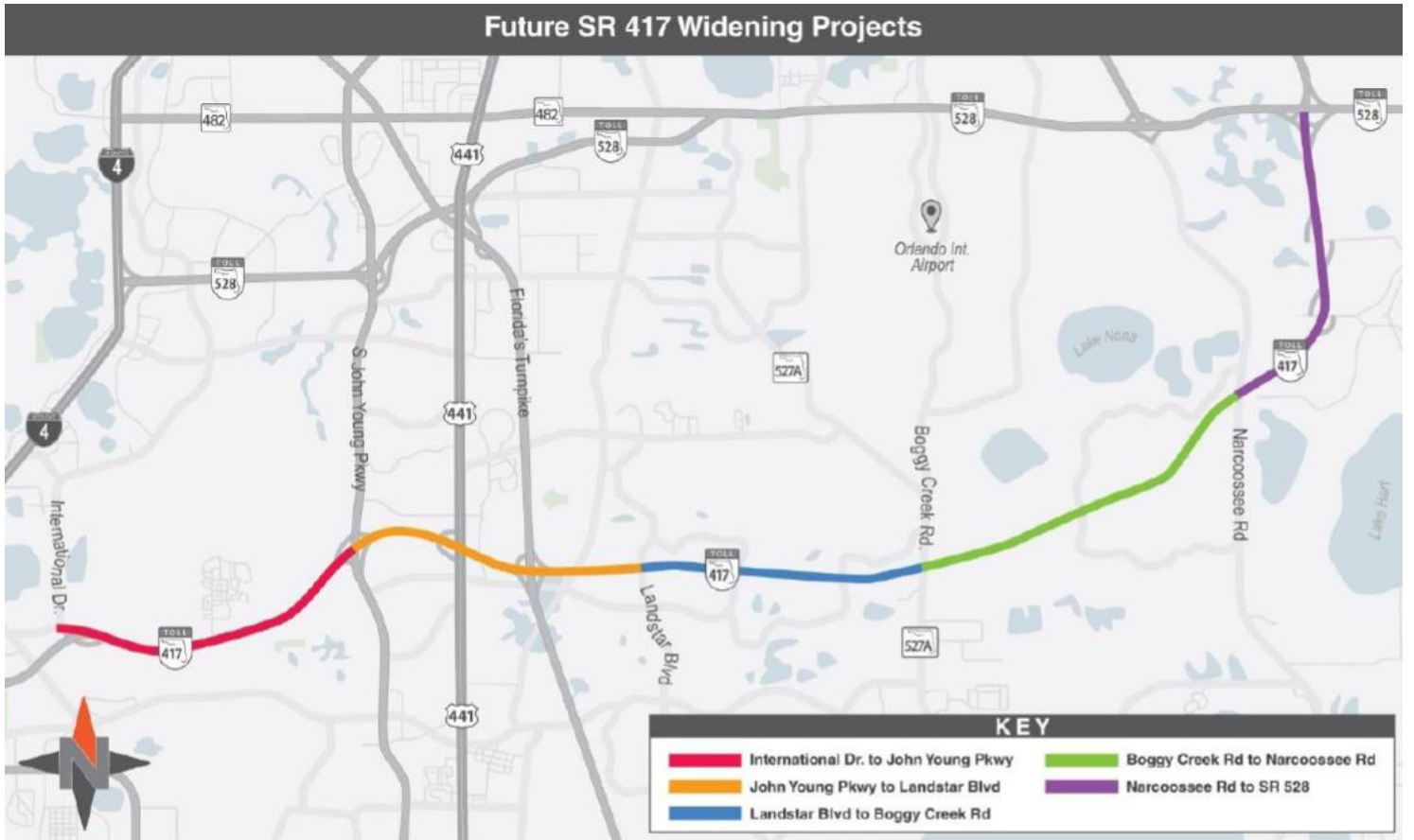
www.CFXway.com



Follow us on Twitter @DriveEPASS for current project information

See back page for projects map.





## Community Services Phone Numbers

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### Emergency:

Fire, Police, Medical Emergency:	911
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### Law Enforcement:

Orange County Sheriff's Dept. (Non-Emergency):	407-836-4357
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### Utilities:

Orange County Utilities:	407-836-5515
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### Chamber of Commerce:

Orlando Chamber of Commerce:	407-425-1234
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### Miscellaneous:

Orange County Public Schools:	407-317-3200
Orange County Office of Emergency Management:	407-836-9140
Orange County Health Department:	407-858-1400
Florida Poison Information Center:	800-222-1222
Orange County Public Library:	407-836-7390
Social Security Administration:	800-772-1213
Orange County Voters' Registration Office:	407-836-2070
Orange County Animal Services:	407-836-3111

LA VENTANA AT WILLOW POND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

MAIL OR EMAIL FORM TO: 9419 Tradeport Drive, Orlando, FL 32827

PHONE: 407-251-2200 FAX: 800-759-1820 EMAIL: info@dwdpm.com

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) APPLICATION

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tenant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Accordance with the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and the Association's Rule and Regulations, installation must conform to this approval and the Association's guidelines.

I hereby request consent to make the following changes, alteration, renovations and /or additions to my property.

( ) Fence ( ) Swimming Pool ( ) Lawn Ornament ( ) Screen Enclosure ( ) Landscaping

( ) Patio ( ) Exterior Color ( ) Lawn Replacement ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach two (2) copies of the property survey that shows the locations of the proposed change, alteration, renovation or addition.

Attach two (2) drawings of your plan(s). Attach two (2) color samples, if applicable.

NOTE: Applications submitted by fax or without two (2) copies of the survey, drawing, or color sample will be considered incomplete. If an application is incomplete, it will not be processed and will be returned to you. I hereby understand and agree to the following conditions.

- 1. No work will begin until written approval is received from the Association. You have 60 days from the approval date to complete the work. If not, then you must reapply for ARB approval.
2. All work will be done expeditiously once commenced and will be done in a professional manner by a licensed contractor or myself.
3. All work will be performed timely and in a manner that will minimize interference and inconvenience to other residents.
4. I assume all liability and will be responsible for any and all damages to other lots and/or common area, which may result from performance of this work.
5. I will be responsible for the conduct of all persons, agents, contractors, subcontractors and employees who are connected with this work.
6. I am responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations and requirements in connection with this work. I will obtain any necessary governmental permits and approval for the work.
7. Upon receipt DWD Professional Management, LLC will forward the ARB Application to the Association. A decision by the Association may take up to 30 days. I will be notified in writing when the application is either approved or denied.

ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE ASSOCIATION WHEN MAKING ANY EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS.

Signature of Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DO Not Write Below This Line

This Application is hereby: ( ) Approved ( ) Denied

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Mailed to Assoc. \_\_\_\_\_ Mailed to Owner \_\_\_\_\_

# April and May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>April</i>			1 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up April Fools Day Quarterly Assess. Due	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 Trash Pick-Up	8 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up Passover Begins	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14 Trash Pick-Up	15 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	16	17	18
19	20 Patriots Day	21 Trash Pick-Up	22 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up Earth Day	23	24 Ramadan Begins	25
26	27	28 Trash Pick-Up	29 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	30 Grace Period Ends for Quarterly Assessments		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May</i>					1 May Day	2
3	4	5 Trash Pick-Up Cinco de Mayo	6 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 Trash Pick-Up	13 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	14	15	16
17	18	19 Trash Pick-Up	20 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Trash Pick-Up	27 Recyclables/ Yard Waste/Bulk Items Pick-Up	28	29	30
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