



The Board is pleased to announce continuing negotiations with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, to provide contract patrol services to all of Woodwind Lakes.

We believe this is a great improvement over the current situation, where Constable patrols are only in sections 1, 2, & 3. Currently, the existing section 4 Constable coverage, provided by Windfern Forest Utility District, is shared with the entire district and does not provide a comparable level of service.

Under the Sheriff's contract, section 4 will be patrolled on the same basis as the other sections. Laws will be equally enforced throughout our community. However, it must be noted, violation of private traffic restrictions does not break Harris County law and private restrictions will not be enforced.

The existing section 4 coverage with the Harris County Constable, provided by Windfern Forest Utility District, will continue unchanged. We are confident with the addition of the Sheriff, section 4 will notice a considerably higher level of service. The extra services that are provided to section 4 are paid for by the Windfern Forest Utility District. Those costs are not paid by assessments on sections 1, 2, & 3.

As with the Constables, the Sheriff will patrol in marked cars. In section 4, Sheriff patrol car EZ tags will be added to our database, allowing for expedited access for the Sheriff through both gates.

Our service will improve because the board, in cooperation with the Sheriff, will be setting our patrolling priorities instead of Rolling Fork setting their priorities. Patrol visibility in Woodwind Lakes will become more significant, rather than a secondary component of the Rolling Fork contract. The Woodwind Lakes' contract includes resident interaction. The Sheriff will routinely speak with residents, during the course of their daily patrols, to learn our community. The number of patrol hours per week will increase. There will also be a greater presence at our meetings.

We had hoped to be able to announce the final contract by now, however, negotiating with the Harris County bureaucracy is proceeding more slowly than we had anticipated. There will be a short break in service when the Constable contract expires on October 1. Please be assured both the Constable and Sheriff will continue to perform their law enforcement duties here in Woodwind Lakes, as they are paid to do throughout the county, by all taxpayers.

The Board will strive to minimize the broken service and will notify the community when the new contract comes into force. We will continue to keep our residents informed on this important issue via updates to the HOA Facebook page, email admin blasts and the Woodwind Lakes HOA website.

Thank you,

Woodwind Lakes HOA Board