

WINTER WOODS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S KORNER—Felicia Paredes

Happy New Year Neighbors! We hope the holiday season was a joyous one for you and your families. As the incoming HOA President, I am excited for great things in 2018 here in our little neck of the woods. Glenn and I moved into the neighborhood in 2014 and we know we made the right choice. In just a few short years we have seen a lot of new faces and lots of home improvements throughout our community. We have a wonderful neighborhood here and I hope we can all continue to work together and become a close-knit group.

The introduction of Nextdoor has been a huge contributor this past year, especially during the hurricane when neighbors joined together to help each other in so many ways. I encourage you to sign up if you haven't already done so. This is also a great platform to make recommendations on services and contractors...and from being in the business for several years, I know good contractors are hard to come by, so share those 5-star experiences.

As a voluntary HOA, please know our abilities are limited, yet we will do our best to keep you informed and our neighbor growing in a positive direction. We also reach out to all of you to assist...we are fortunate to be within Seminole County as they are a very active and responsive county. If you see a pothole or broken street light, please take a minute to go online and report it. We also encourage you to be good neighbors...be your street's eyes and ears...an active and aware neighborhood is traditionally a safer one...check on folks, bring in trash cans for people at work and keep those dogs on leashes (Fido may be friendly, yet your neighbor walking with their children may not know that, and it is the law).

Please join us throughout the year for the Annual Community Yard Sale in April, National Night Out in October and the Holiday Light Contest in December. I ask that you take a moment to complete your 2018 membership form...for only \$15 you help keep the newsletters coming, support neighborhood events and keep our landscaping looking good all year. Also, feel free to join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month...we'd love to meet you!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful 2018!

Felicia

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'RE HAVING A CONTEST!

That's right – a contest. **Those Winter Woods families who pay their 2018 dues BEFORE MARCH 15th will be entered into a drawing to receive one of two \$25 gift certificates to Boardwalk Pizza!** Anyone who has been a Yard of the Month winner over the last 5+/- years knows just how awesome the pizzas at Boardwalk are so **DON'T WAIT – PAY YOUR DUES NOW** so you have a chance to win. Just mail your check today to: Winter Woods Homeowners Association, PO Box 342, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0342.

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your Board of Directors is exploring payment options to make it easier for you to pay your annual membership dues. Let us know what you think – **would you be interested in paying your dues via PayPal? Email Nell at necolbert@usa.net.**

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE—Neil Colbert

The 2018 annual Winter Woods Homeowner's Association Membership Drive is now underway and we have TWENTY-THREE families who have already joined for 2018. A big thank you to the families who took advantage of the opportunity to save an envelope and some postage by paying their 2017 and 2018 dues in one check.

While memberships are accepted throughout the year, our membership year runs from January to December so even if you paid your 2017 dues mid-year or even as late as last month, your dues for 2018 are now due. Your Board of Directors will soon be making plans for the 2018 garage sale along with other improvements to our neighborhood. But we need your dues to make things happen!

Please remember, our association is a **voluntary** one and we have one of the lowest dues rates in the metro Orlando area. But also keep in mind that for the tiny amount of \$15 per year, your association has been able to run the advertising for our community garage sale, and print our monthly newsletter along with keeping the grass cut and the islands maintained throughout our neighborhood. We also provided light snacks for the October National Night Out event for residents who came out to get to know their neighbors. Your membership dues also pays for the upkeep on the signs at all the entrances to our great neighborhood along with the signs we use to identify the Yard of the Month and, of course, those really cute signs that our "Three Wise Gals" put out to recognize our decorating contest winners. That's quite a great value for a small amount of money. And please remember – membership in our homeowners association is not limited only to homeowners. **We welcome and encourage all those who rent homes in our community to join our association as well.**

Attached to this newsletter is a self-addressed envelope that you can use to send in your dues payment. Inside the envelope is a remittance slip – please be sure to complete **all** of the information on the slip, including your **phone number and email address** so that your membership dues payment can be properly recorded. We especially need your **email address** if you have one so that we can update our membership database. We use this database to send important notifications as needed. AND – if we have your email address, you'll receive the neighborhood newsletter via email, often before our volunteer newsletter carriers can get it to your door!

Please take a minute right now while you're thinking about it – grab your checkbook and write out your check for \$15.00 payable to WWHA, fill out the remittance slip, drop them both in the envelope, slap on a stamp and drop the envelope in the mailbox. If you'd prefer to save the stamp, as always, you're welcome to drop off your dues envelope at my home at 1958 Poinciana Road. **PLEASE REMEMBER, IF YOU USE YOUR BANKS BILL PAY SYSTEM, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE REMITTANCE ADDRESS FOR YOUR DUES PAYMENT! All payments should be coming to our Post Office Box342, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0342.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 321.303.7445 or send me an email to: necolbert@usa.net

Thank you to everyone who was a 2017 member of our Homeowners Association. We finished the year with 131 members or 46% of our homes as of December 20th. The following residents paid 2017 dues after the December newsletter was published:

Cindy Sentman	2005 Japonica Road
Rich and Tara Baril	2212 Winter Woods Blvd.

If you couldn't support your Association in 2017, please consider making an investment in your neighborhood for 2018 and send in your dues now. We'll be listing everyone who has already paid for 2018 as well as those who pay their dues before 1/20/18 in the February newsletter.

Our membership thermometer will be in place soon at the end of Japonica on Poinciana. Please take a moment while this is fresh in your mind to write out your check and drop it in the mail so you can sit back and watch the thermometer to see how our membership drive is progressing, knowing that YOU have supported YOUR neighborhood!

Wishing everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year!



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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST—Debra Stephey

The evening of December 17 was warm and bright with many holiday decorations as the Winter Woods Decorations committee started their search to find the best-decorated homes in Winter Woods. We are happy to report that the spirit of holiday decorating was very much alive in Winter Woods with over 100 homes participating!

We found numerous homes qualifying for award consideration. After much discussion, the final results from the collection of top displaying homes yielded this year's winners. The **Fricke residence, 1943 Nottingham**, was the choice of committee members for the "**Over-the-Top Award**" and the **Hucko/Kimmel household at 2229 King Richards** won the "**Santa's Choice Award**". The presentation at the **Stojic residence, 2132 N. Hampton**, won the "**Committee's Award**". The **Brevard household at 2209 King Charles** was the winner of the "**President's Award**". Winners were presented with a sign for display on their front lawns during the remainder of the holiday season. Your household had to be a 2017 paid member of the Winter Woods Homeowners Association in order to be considered for the four top awards. Cash prizes are no longer given to the award winners.

Many houses showed off the outstanding decorating efforts of the residents and received **Honorable Mention**, and the following is a list of those homes. The houses at 2233, 2238, 2250, and 2251 **Coventry** looked great. The three **Hampton Circles** had many nice decorations, and we were appreciative of the displays at 2051, 2119, 2143, and 2149 **North Hampton** as well as 1941, 2027, 2028, 2052, and 2146 **East Hampton** and at 2007, 2009, 2012, 2018, and 2117 **West Hampton**. On **Japonica**, the displays at 1928, 1935, 1942, 1949, 1956, 2012, 2019, and 2026 were all delightful. **King Alpines** was represented by house numbers 2214, 2225, 2226, and 2232. We found nicely decorated homes at 1946, 1952, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1964, and 1968 **King Arthurs**. **King Charles** had wonderful displays at 2215, 2221, 2227, and 2228. **King Edwards** addresses that were represented included 2247, 2254, 2263, 2266, and 2275. **King Henrys** had beautiful displays at 2246, 2251, 2257, 2264, 2272, and 2276. **King James** had houses at 2244, 2250, 2256, and 2265 shining brightly. The homes on **King Johns** at 2241 and 2252 were lit up as well. The houses at 2211, 2218, and 2223 **King Richards** made honorable mention. In addition, those displays at 1463, 1534, 1535, 1551, 1565, 1621, 1723, 1739, 1825, 1928, 2013, 2029, and 2131 **Nottingham** were all noticed. **Poinciana** looked good with decorations of note at 1810, 1843, 1853, 1887, 1955, 1958, 1965, 2080, 2092, 2097, 2118, 2122, 2245, 2246, 2251, and 2316. **Sussex** was well represented with homes at 2025, 2032, 2033, 2036, 2037, 2041, 2087, 2090, 2095, 2096, 2158, 2165, and 2177 all deserving mention, as well as 2255 **Tamerine**. Displays worthy of Honorable Mention on **Winter Woods Blvd.** were 2207, 2212, 2213, 2218, and 2224. *Pictures of some of our best dressed homes are included in the emailed version of the newsletter but not in the printed version due to printing costs.*

If your house was decorated but not noted, it could be because we were unable to locate a house number! We encourage all residents to make sure your address numbers are visible from the street at all times so that your home can be quickly identified by emergency responders! This is a safety issue far more important than holiday decorations.

We applaud the efforts of all homeowners who took the time to decorate for the holiday season and brighten up our neighborhood. In addition, sincere appreciation goes out to Cheryl Smith for storing the award signs year around, as well as to those residents who served on the Decorations committee. Thank you everyone!

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So that you can be added to our database.

YARD-OF-THE-MONTH AWARD (Tom Manor)

Bob and Nell Colbert

1958 Poinciana Road

December



Congratulations!

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EVENTS

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Here are some pictures of our well dressed homes this holiday season.

Congratulations to all our winners!



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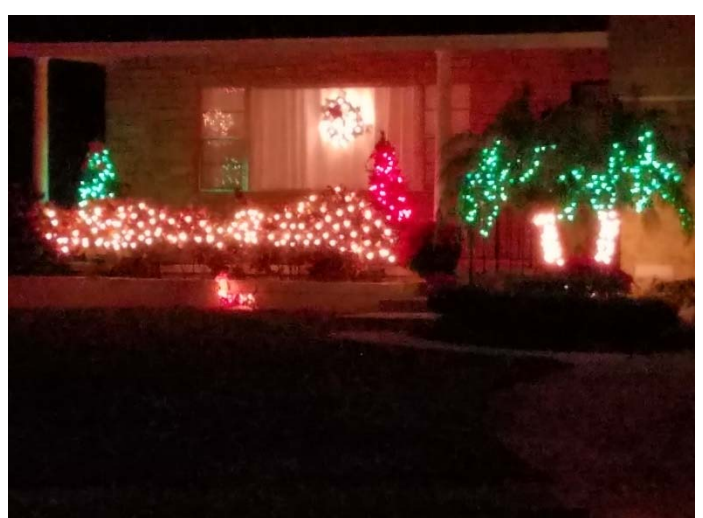


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