

# WINTER WOODS NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S KORNER—Felicia Paredes

Hello Neighbors! Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms out there!

Your board has been busy implementing new ways to keep in touch. If you haven't already done so, please send Nell your email address to receive the newsletter electronically. To keep you informed between newsletters and in the summertime, we are starting a private Facebook group for our residents. If you are on Facebook, you can request to join: Winter Woods HOA News; see the article later in this newsletter. Thanks to Carol for setting up our new group page. We are also looking at doing a website, more on that from Nell.

There have been some concerns raised about coyotes in the neighborhood. I have taken steps to reach out to both the golf course and the city. Their responses and additional details are provided within the newsletter. Please use good judgement and safeguards with small pets. They offered insight on the animals and their behavior as well as steps to take should you need further assistance.

Thank you for being good neighbors and see you next month!  
Felicia



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Christmas Decorations	Debra Stephey	407-657-7309	dastephey@yahoo.com

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE—Neil Colbert

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Since our last newsletter deadline, five new memberships were received, giving us a total of 124 homes or 44% of our neighborhood. If you don't remember whether or not you've paid, please don't hesitate to give me a call and I'll look at our records. It's not too late to support your Homeowners Association. Please help us keep Winter Woods a fantastic place to call "home."

**And for all our RENTERS** – you are also encouraged to join your Homeowners Association. You, too, are part of our Winter Woods family!

Please check your records and if you have not yet paid your dues for 2018, please run your \$15.00 check payable to WWHA by my home at 1958 Poinciana Road, pay using the PayPal link above, or mail it to:

WWHA  
PO Box 342  
Goldenrod, FL 32733-0342

The following residents have joined our Association since the April newsletter was published:

**Coventry Drive**

2251 Troy and Andrea Falk

**East Hampton Circle**

1918 Ryan and Stacie McGovern

**King Henry's Court**

2269 Al and Kathy Baker

**North Hampton Circle**

2149 William R. Derrick

**Nottingham Drive**

1928 Joseph and Rebecca Black

Payments received after April 18<sup>th</sup> will be shown in the June newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has already paid dues for 2018. Let's see if we can all hit at least 50% on every street for next month. Many of our streets only need a few more members each to hit the mark. It's not too late to pay your 2018 dues so let's make our thermometer climb to the top! Thank you in advance for supporting the positive work being accomplished by your Homeowners Association.



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**APRIL**

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2077 Poinciana Road

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carol.monaco1@gmail.com  
for your Welcome packet.

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## 2018 Winter Woods Membership Summary

STREET	# OF HOUSES	# PAID TO DATE	% PAID TO DATE
Coventry	12	5	42%
East Hampton Circle	19	8	42%
Japonica	19	13	68%
King Alpine's	11	5	45%
King Arthur's	9	4	44%
King Charles	9	5	56%
King Edward's	8	5	63%
King Henry's	11	6	55%
King James	11	7	64%
King John's	11	3	27%
King Richard's	9	4	44%
North Hampton Circle	12	3	25%
Nottingham Drive	41	12	29%
Poinciana Road	34	15	44%
Sussex	44	17	39%
Tamerine	3	0	0%
West Hampton Circle	9	4	44%
Winter Woods Blvd.	10	8	80%
TOTALS	282	124	44%



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## Neighborhood Watch –Larry Stephey

None have been reported in Winter Woods, but area reports show that vehicle burglaries are on the rise. A number of arrests have been made, though. Typically, they are a crime of opportunity with items taken from unlocked cars. If, in the wee hours of the morning, or broad daylight even, you see people walking up to and trying vehicle door handles, that is a suspicious event; particularly if they move from driveway to driveway. It may not be a crime in progress, so unless you are sure, don't call 9-1-1. But a call to the non-emergency number of 407-665-6650 is very appropriate. Give the best descriptions you can and wait unobtrusively by the window. Normally you will be impressed on how quickly a deputy will respond. We are lucky to be in Seminole County because our deputy response times are among the shortest in the State.

If you become aware of any crime in Winter Woods, please remember to notify Neighborhood Watch. If you are a victim of a crime, call the Sheriff Department first and then contact Neighborhood Watch.

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## Coyote Spotting



Our Board has received a number of reports of coyote sightings in and around our neighborhood. We have contacted both the Interlachen Golf Course and the City of Winter Park about the sightings. While we have not heard back from the golf course, the City did refer us to a very interesting piece produced by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The entire piece will be posted to the files section of our new Facebook Group page and you can read the information by following the link below:

<https://cityofwinterpark.org/docs/quick-info/a-guide-to-living-with-urban-coyotes.pdf>

Coyotes live in every state in the US except Hawaii. Coyotes are curious but are also timid and will run away if challenged. These animals resemble a small German Shepherd dog and weigh between 15 and 30 pounds. The coyote diet consists of just about anything they can find including pet food, fruits, nuts, seeds, dead animals, and rodents, as well as domestic cats and small dogs. Coyotes will also eat garbage if they can get to it. Please make sure that your garbage cans are securely closed when you put them out for collection and that you are not leaving dishes of pet food outside.

Most coyote attacks on animals occur overnight, at dawn, or at dusk. If you can avoid walking your dogs at these times, it is best to do so. If you must walk your dog during these peak attack times, please be sure to keep your dog on a short leash. And please keep your cats indoors over night. To protect your animals when you walk them, you might consider carrying a large squirt gun, walking stick, golf club or air horn with you.

## HELP WANTED

**Winter Woods is in need of a web designer to create and maintain a website for our neighborhood.**

If you have experience with web design and would be willing to volunteer your time to develop a website for our neighborhood and maintain it as needed, please contact our President, Felicia Paredes by email at [felicianagy@yahoo.com](mailto:felicianagy@yahoo.com)

## Winter Woods is now on Facebook

If you have a Facebook account, please join our Facebook Group. This is a closed group so only those who are residents of Winter Woods will be able to join and see the information posted.

Just click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser.

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## Co-existing with coyotes

Coyotes can be curious but are also timid and generally run away if challenged. Just remember that any wild animal will protect itself or its young. Never initiate a close encounter with a coyote.

If a coyote approaches too closely, immediately act aggressively toward the coyote. Wave your arms, throw things like stones and shout at the coyote. If necessary, make yourself appear larger by standing up or stepping onto a rock, stump or stair. Convince the coyote you are a potential danger to be avoided.

Where coyote encounters occur regularly, walk pets at other times besides nighttime hours, dusk and dawn. Carry something that will make noise or scare the animal, such as a small air horn, big water pistol, solid walking stick, golf club or paintball gun. These things may deter the coyote at close range. Make a "coyote shaker" by putting a few washers, pebbles or pennies into an empty soft drink can. Wrap the can in foil and tape closed. Continue "hazing" the coyote until the animal leaves; otherwise the coyote will learn to wait to leave until the activity stops.



Coyote tracks (left) are narrower and more elongated than dog tracks (right). F: Front track / H: Hind track

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## Living with coyotes

Coyotes are found throughout Florida. This adaptable animal belongs to the dog family and resembles a small German shepherd. In Florida, coyotes typically weigh between 15-30 pounds. They have pointed ears, a narrow muzzle and a bushy tail. Males tend to be larger than females. Coyote fur is usually grayish-brown but occasionally is black. When running, the coyote usually holds its tail at "half mast" or straight out behind it, unlike most domestic dogs.

The scientific name of the coyote, *Canis latrans*, literally means "barking dog." Coyotes use a variety of vocalizations such as barking like dogs, but most often they are heard making shrill yips and howls. Howling is often a group effort that begins as a simple howl, but quickly increases into a series of group howls and high-pitched barks.

Coyotes typically are shy and elusive, but they

## Myths about coyotes

Coyotes are extremely dangerous: FALSE! There have been very few reported cases of Eastern coyotes biting people. The coyote's innate fear of humans tends to keep them from getting too close.

Coyotes are a new problem: FALSE! Coyotes have been in Florida for many years and will continue to make their homes around the state. This medium-sized predator is extremely adaptable, thriving in urban, suburban and rural areas.

Coyotes need our help to survive: FALSE! People like to feed animals. However, by providing a "free lunch" for coyotes, you eliminate their natural fear of humans and increase their populations. Remember ... a fed coyote causes problems. Keep 'em wild!

Coyotes can be totally eliminated: FALSE! Removing coyotes is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations. They compensate by increasing litter size and new coyotes move into areas where others have been removed. Populations can quickly return to original size.

If you are experiencing coyote problems, please contact FWC's Wildlife Alert at 888-404-3922 or your nearest FWC regional office:

Lakeland: 863-648-3200  
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Lake City: 386-758-0525  
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occasionally can be spotted either alone, in pairs or in small groups where food is readily available. Coyotes remain active year round. Coyotes do play an important role in the ecosystem by helping to keep rodent populations under control.

## Keep your pets safe

Coyotes can and do prey on domestic cats and small dogs. To protect your pets, don't allow them to roam freely. Most coyote attacks on pets occur either at night or at dusk or dawn. During these times especially, be careful if you're

walking your pet in wooded areas or in heavily foliated areas where coyotes could hide. Keep your dog close, on a short leash. Keep cats indoors. When cats wander freely, there's an increased risk of them being attacked by coyotes. Coyotes are also attracted by garbage. Problems can be significantly reduced if residents remove attractants and secure trash.

## Preventing problems

**NEVER feed coyotes!** Don't place food outdoors that will attract wild animals. Clean up pet food, fallen fruit, and seed around bird feeders. Secure garbage cans and compost in animal-proof containers. Don't try to pet a coyote and teach children not to approach any unfamiliar animal.

Don't let coyotes intimidate you. Frighten away coyotes by making loud noises and acting aggressively, such as waving your arms in the air, throwing sticks at it or spraying it with a hose. Don't attempt to hurt it because injured

# A guide to living with Urban Coyotes



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## Coyote fast facts

- Coyotes live throughout Florida and in every state but Hawaii.
- They weigh 15-30 pounds. The males are slightly larger than the females.
- Coyotes eat whatever is available, including fruits, nuts, seeds, dead animals, rodents, garbage, pet food, domestic cats and small dogs.
- They breed every year with 2 to 12 pups per litter. Pups are raised in a den.
- Removing coyotes from one area can result in other coyotes moving in from surrounding areas and producing more pups per litter.

animals are more likely to attack.

Be aware of unusual coyote behavior. Examples of unusual coyote behavior include coyotes approaching people, stalking pets, chasing joggers or bikers or attacking leashed pets.

Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds. Coyotes and other animals use such areas for resting and raising young.

Teach children to recognize and not to run from coyotes. If children are approached, have them move slowly into a house or climb up on a swing, tree or deck and yell.

Educate your neighbors. Ask them to follow these same steps.



Coyote pup

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Samantha is a beautiful 3 year old female. She came to the shelter as a stray and would love a new home to call her own. Samantha is a super shy girl and would do well with an owner that can show her the world isn't such a scary place. She weighs 7 pounds, gets along well with other cats, and she is already spayed so she can go to her forever home the same day she is adopted!

**Pet ID: A340143**

**Siamese Mix • Adult • Female • Medium**



## MEET JADE!

Jade is a fun 4 year old female. She is a friendly, easy-going girl who is treat motivated, takes treats gently and walks nice on a leash. She doesn't like to be picked up so she will need a home with no small children, but she does love to give kisses. Jade came to the shelter as a stray, she weighs 19 pounds and she is already spayed so she can go to her forever home the same day she is adopted!

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