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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

There was a miscommunication at the church where we now meet, and we had our November Board meeting standing in the parking lot of that church because the doors were locked. Some current business management books suggest a stand-up meeting helps to focus attention and expedites the timeline. An interesting experiment and it did seem to work for us. Our meeting speed picked up even further after it started to sprinkle a bit. Fortunately, there were some umbrellas available.

In spite of the hardship, we elected a revised slate of Board officers and had standing committee heads appointed. We are off and running now for a new year.

One of our more interesting activities is Holiday Light judging. The date and the rules should be noted in a separate article in this issue of Winter Woods News.

While we did have two visitors stand with us at our last meeting, the Board is in need of new members. Our By-Laws call for a minimum of ten and we are now at ten. And because there are some husband and wife members on our Board, there are really only six households represented out of a neighborhood of 282 homes. That is about two percent. Personally, I think there is something wrong with that number.

The Board meets on the second Thursday of the month at the South Seminole Church of Christ. We (usually) meet indoors at 7:30 in the evening and the meeting lasts about an hour. We discuss items such as neighborhood appearance and crime and items that could affect neighborhood safety. When required, we act to remedy situations which could cause harm.

Neglect of any of these issues could have a negative effect on the value of your home. Please don't assume that someone else will do the job. You need to participate, too.

The next meeting of the WW HOA will be, Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the South Seminole Church of Christ. I hope we will see you there.

Larry Stephey, President

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so that you can be
added to our resident
database.

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Yard of the Month

November, 2019
The Steiger Family
1957 King Arthurs Court



Congratulations!

Holiday Decorations Judging—Debra Stephey

The holiday season is almost here! And what is one of the best things about the holidays? Decorating your house and yard and having your residence selected by the Winter Woods Decorations Committee for having the best decorations in the neighborhood!

This year, the decorations committee will be choosing 4 of the “Best Decorated” homes in Winter Woods. You and your home could be a winner in one of the following categories: “The President’s Award”, “The Committee’s Award”, “Santa’s Choice Award” and “Over-The-Top Award”. Award winners in 2018 would need to make substantial improvements to their displays in order to be considered for an award in 2019.

So, decorate your home, and **make certain that your house number can be visualized from the street. Far more important than the decorations contest is the ability of first responders to quickly identify the number of your residence.**

Make sure your holiday lights are on by 6:30 pm on the evening of DECEMBER 22nd (SUNDAY), when the judges will be making their rounds. You must be a member of the Winter Woods Homeowners' Association to be named an award winner! Signs will be placed to recognize the award-winning homes, so if a group of smiling people ring your doorbell that evening, don’t run and hide! Please note that the Winter Woods Homeowners' Association no longer awards cash prizes to the winning homes. Have fun, and Happy Holidays to all!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

To help prepare for the writing of this article, I did an Internet search for “holiday crimes” and was surprised by the number of postings that reminded us that the Holiday Season is the most dangerous time of the year for criminal activity. They show that increased alcohol consumption, more people out shopping, and family gatherings all contribute to a spike in crime rates.

Of course, the usual suggestions for safety are offered such as not leaving packages exposed in cars, keeping a tight grip on purses and wallets and, of course, phones. They also recommend a heightened sense of situational awareness. When out after dark, know exactly where you parked your car and don't fumble with your keys once you are there.

Driving home now after work and it is dark, I am amazed at the number of vehicles that are moving without head or tail lights. We old timers remember when the dash board lights would not come on until the running lights were lit. Now, that indicator is gone and running lights can be on all the time. Don't take for granted that your vehicle lights are on. Also, have a buddy check those brake lights for you, too. Those bulbs don't last forever.

So, between having more hours of darkness and increased exposures to crime, the holidays can be a dangerous time. Don't let a moment's lapse of awareness spoil the holidays for you and your family. These are hurried times. Slow it down a bit and help everybody stay safe.

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- 1/2 page - \$ 25.00 (7 3/4"w x 4 3/4"l or 3 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)
- Full page - \$ 40.00 (7 3/4"w x 9 3/4"l)

Copy MUST be emailed to the editor as a jpg, PDF, or Publisher file and payment MUST be mailed to the HOA's PO Box. NOTE—some due dates may change due to holiday print schedules.

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- Jan issue—10December
- Feb issue—15January
- Mar issue—15February
- April issue—15March
- May issue—15April
- June issue—15May
- July-August—NO NEWSLETTERS
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- November issue—15October
- December issue—15November

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MEMBERSHIP—Nell Colbert

Welcome to Winter Woods, Tracey Neville and family at 2241 King James Court, who joined our Homeowners Association over the last month. Thanks for supporting your neighborhood.

The “Three Wise Guys and Gals” are coming soon to judge our holiday decorations and you must be a WWHA member in order to be named one of Winter Woods’ “best dressed” homes holiday season. While we do not give out any cash prizes for the award winners of the contest, you will get to have a very attractive winners sign placed in your yard through the holiday season. If we can get another 10 members for 2019 before the end of the year, we will break 50% membership for this year! Please help us reach our goal.

I would like to encourage those who have not yet joined for 2019 to send in your check for \$25 today so that your beautiful decorations can be included in the contest. And, if you want to get a jump on 2020, make that check out for \$50 to cover 2019 and 2020. You can even pay using your credit or debit card or your PayPal account if you prefer. Dues are \$25 if paid by check or \$26.50 if paid by credit or debit card or PayPal; the extra \$1.50 is to cover the PayPal/Credit Card processing fee.

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As we mention periodically, very few neighborhoods in the area have annual dues as low as ours and it’s a small price to pay for all the benefits we receive like the monthly newsletter, maintenance of our common areas, our Neighborhood Night Out event in October, and our holiday home decorating contest. Your Homeowners Association also goes to bat for our neighborhood. Have you ever noticed pot holes being filled in, sidewalks and street lights being repaired? That’s your Homeowners Association looking out for our neighborhood! Your Association monitors our streets and lighting needs and makes the calls necessary to get needed repairs done. Please support your Association by sending in your dues.

If you haven’t joined the WWHA yet, please consider the benefits you receive and send in your check today. ***It’s never too late to support YOUR neighborhood Homeowners Association!***

Please make your \$25.00 check payable to WWHA and mail it to:
Winter Woods Homeowners Association
PO Box 342
Goldenrod, FL 32733-0342

WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2019 MEMBERSHIP

Please complete the information below so that our membership records will be complete.

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Name _____

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Name as you would like it shown in the newsletter _____

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Any payments received after November 20th will be shown in the January newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has already paid dues for this year and huge thanks to those who have already paid for next year and beyond. It's not too late to pay your dues for this year so your home can be considered for the best dressed holiday homes contest! Please remember – we need the support of every homeowner **and renter** to be able to meet the financial needs of your association.

Our membership drive for 2020 will officially begin in January. **Please be sure to include your phone number and email address on the remittance slip so that we can update our membership database.** Winter Woods HOA membership runs the calendar year from January through December and not year to year based on when your dues are paid; dues become due for 2020 as of January 1st for everyone.

STREET	# OF HOUSES	# PAID TO DATE	% PAID TO DATE
Coventry	12	6	50%
East Hampton Circle	19	9	47%
Japonica	19	10	53%
King Alpine's	11	5	45%
King Arthur's	9	5	56%
King Charles	9	4	44%
King Edward's	8	5	63%
King Henry's	11	5	45%
King James	11	7	64%
King John's	11	2	18%
King Richard's	9	5	56%
North Hampton Circle	12	7	58%
Nottingham Drive	41	12	29%
Poinciana Road	34	20	59%
Sussex	44	17	39%
Tamerine	3	2	67%
West Hampton Circle	9	5	56%
Winter Woods Blvd.	10	7	70%
TOTALS	282	133	47.16%



Merry Christmas

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HELP WANTED

We need your help!

We would like to increase the number of paid advertisers that appear in our newsletter as this will help us offset the printing costs of the newsletter.

Do you have some free time? Would you feel comfortable approaching local businesses to secure advertising for our newsletter?

This is an UNPAID volunteer position and anyone is welcome to support our advertising project.

You DO NOT have to become a member of the Board to help with this project. However, you would be welcome to join the board if you want.

If you would be willing to help out with our advertising project, please contact our Newsletter Editor, Nell, at 321.303.7445 or email winterwoodshoa@gmail.com.

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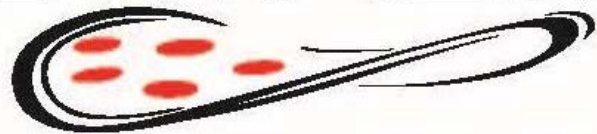
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