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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

A new year and a new membership drive. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a cut out slip for your yearly membership and more than one way to pay. Our expenses last year were a bit lower because of our inability to gather. I trust we should be able to have more events in the coming year.

Our biggest expense is the newsletter that we pass out to the entire neighborhood. We are one of the few associations that do this, and it goes a long way to making us a neighborhood of neighbors and not just residents.

Additionally, when our membership numbers are up, it gives the association the credibility to speak for the neighborhood when we have power or crime or infrastructure issues. Your membership is important. Please join.

We are still meeting electronically and expect to into the Spring. The meetings are still open, though. Nell Colbert is hosting the Zoom sessions. Please let her know, or any Board member, if you would like to be included in our session. They happen on the second Thursday of the month and begin at 7:30 p.m. The meetings typically last an hour or so.

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Welcome To



Are YOU a new homeowner or renter in Winter Woods?

Please contact Felicia Paredes at 407-712-4051 or felicianagy@yahoo.com for your Welcome Packet.



Happy New Year

Did you receive this newsletter via email?

If not, please send an email to Nell at necolbert@usa.net so that you can be added to our resident database.

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Yard of the Month



December, 2020
The Lowe Family
2233 Coventry Drive

Congratulations!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

Due to the virus, we have been unable to travel as much this past year, so I have spent some time at home during the day using some “use or lose” vacation time. I have been amazed at the number of phone calls we get asking for money or wanting us to purchase items. There have also been some “scam” calls which, if we accommodated, would cause us to become the victim of a crime.

No government agency or public utility will ever call and ask you to pay with a gift card. No legitimate contest winning will ask you to pay a service fee, first. If your grandchild calls and tells you of some incident and needs money, say you will have to call back. Before following any instructions, check with a known phone number (a parent or sibling) first and verify the possibility of such a need.

After SO many years, it would seem that none of these scams would still work, but they do. Many of these calls do not even originate in North America. The Internet and other technological advances make international calling almost as cheap as a local call. So, the possibility of retrieving your funds after you realize that you have been had, is almost nil.

If you become aware of a crime here in Winter Woods, please let Neighborhood Watch know. If necessary, we will pass around the details to help others avoid becoming a victim.

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Happy New Year

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Happy
New
Year
2021



Wishing you a
happy, healthy and
prosperous New Year.



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- Clean-ups



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ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Would your business like to advertise in our newsletter? This newsletter, with distribution to over 300 homes and advertisers, is now accepting advertising for our monthly newsletters.

Advertising rates per issue are as follows:

- Business card size - \$ 10.00 (3 3/4"w x 2 1/4"l)
- 1/4 page - \$ 15.00 (3 3/4"w x 4 3/4"l)
- 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.

COPY DEADLINES:

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

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MEMBERSHIP—Nell Colbert IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

WE'RE HAVING A CONTEST!

That's right – a contest. Those Winter Woods families who pay their 2021 dues **BEFORE MARCH 15th** will be entered into a drawing to receive one of two \$25 gift certificates to Boardwalk Pizza. **DON'T WAIT – PAY YOUR DUES NOW** so you have a chance to win! You can even pay your dues with your credit/debit card or using your PayPal account, or you can mail your check to:

Winter Woods Homeowners Association
PO Box 342
Goldenrod, FL 32733-0342

To pay your dues by credit/debit card or via PayPal, follow the link below:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=M26R4E6KYQUKC

AND NOW FOR OUR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

The 2021 annual Winter Woods Homeowner's Association Membership Drive is now underway. Please remember that our dues are now \$25 per year. If you have bill pay set up through your bank, please be sure that you update your payment information so the amount is correct.

While memberships are accepted throughout the year, our membership year runs from January to December. Even if you paid your 2020 dues mid-year or even as late as last month, your dues for 2021 are now due. Your Board of Directors will soon be making plans for the 2021 garage sale along with other improvements to our neighborhood. We need your dues to make things happen!

Our association is a **voluntary** one and we have one of the lowest dues rates in the metro Orlando area. Keep in mind that for the small amount of \$25 per year, your association has been able to promote our community garage sale, print our monthly newsletter along with keeping islands maintained inside our neighborhood. We also provide light snacks for the October National Night Out event for residents who come 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 Guys and Gals" put out to recognize our Best Dressed Homes holiday decorating contest winners. There are no cash awards for Yard of the Month or the holiday decorating contest, so the yard signs are the only recognition these residents receive. That's quite a value for a small amount of money. Please consider making an investment in your neighborhood for 2021 and send in your dues now. We have already had quite a few people pay dues for 2021 – thank you! We will be listing everyone who pays their 2021 dues before 1/20/18 in the February newsletter.

If you're anything like me, you're looking for bargains and membership in YOUR Homeowners Association is one of the best bargains around! 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.**

Below is the remittance slip – please cut it out of the newsletter and be sure to complete **all** 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

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WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2021 MEMBERSHIP

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

Please make your **\$25.00** check payable to **WWHA** and mail with this form to WWHA, PO Box 342, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0342. You may also drop off your form and check at my home (1958 Poinciana Road) if you prefer.

Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Name as you would like it shown in the newsletter _____

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membership database. In the past, we've notified our residents about crime incidents and other important information you need quickly by using the email database. 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! PLUS, the emailed version is in color!

Please take a minute right now while you are thinking about it – grab your checkbook and write out your check for \$25.00 payable to WWHA, fill out the remittance slip, drop them both in an 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. And again, if you would rather pay by credit/debit card or your PayPal account, you can do that, too. 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 2020 member of our Homeowners Association. We finished the year with 116 members or 41.13% of our homes as of December 20th. The following residents paid 2020 dues after the December newsletter was published:

Julianne Foyil	2019 King Charles Court
Robert Thollander	2227 King Charles Court
Robert Thollander	1401 Nottingham
Richard Glass & Marcia Calder	1739 Nottingham

2020 Final Tally

STREET	# OF HOUSES	# PAID TO DATE	% PAID TO DATE
Coventry	12	4	33%
East Hampton Circle	19	6	32%
Japonica	19	6	32%
King Alpine's	11	6	55%
King Arthur's	9	4	44%
King Charles	9	2	22%
King Edward's	8	5	63%
King Henry's	11	7	64%
King James	11	7	64%
King John's	11	2	18%
King Richard's	9	3	33%
North Hampton Circle	12	4	33%
Nottingham Drive	41	17	41%
Poinciana Road	34	13	38%
Sussex	44	17	39%
Tamerine	3	1	33%
West Hampton Circle	9	6	67%
Winter Woods Blvd.	10	6	60%
TOTALS	282	116	41.13%

Our membership thermometer at the end of Japonica on Poinciana will be updated for 2021 after January 1st. 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!

Nell



2020's Best Dressed Homes—Deb Stephey

The evening of December 20 was bright with many holiday decorations and lights as the Winter Woods Decorations committee members 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 many homes participating!

We found numerous homes qualifying for award consideration. After much discussion, the results from the collection of top displaying homes yielded this year's winners. We were pleased to be able to award the top awards to the following residences: The **Bobby Thollander residence at 1401 Nottingham** was the choice of committee members for the “**Over-the-Top Award**” and the **Douglas Baker residence at 2032 Sussex** won the “**Santa's Choice Award**”. The presentation at the **Matthew and Jennifer DeBauche home at 2155 Nottingham**, won the “**Committee's Award**”. The display at the **Cheryl Hardy residence at 2244 King James**, 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. The household had to be a 2020 paid member of the Winter Woods Homeowners Association to be considered for the four top awards. Cash prizes are no longer given to the award winners. In the event of a tie, judges give the award to homes which have not previously received a top award.

Many houses showed off the outstanding decorating efforts of the residents and received **Honorable Mention**, and the following is a list of those homes as nominated by fellow neighbors and the committee members. The houses at 2239 and 2251 **Coventry** looked great! The **Hampton Circles** had many nice decorations, and we were especially appreciative of the displays at 2132 and 2149 **North Hampton**. On **Japonica**, the displays at 1928 and 2019 were delightful. **King Alpines** was well represented by the homes at 2201 and 2225. We found nicely decorated homes at 1957, 1960, and 1964 **King Arthurs**. **King Charles** had wonderful displays at 2209 and 2210. **King Edwards** was represented by the home at 2263. **King Henrys** had a beautiful display at 2276. The home at 2256 **King James** was shining brightly. The house at 2252 **King Johns** was lit up as well. In addition, the display at 1739 **Nottingham** was quite noteworthy. **Poinciana** looked good with decorations of note at 1810, 1843, 1887, 1958, 2080, 2089, 2118, 2122, and 2251. **Sussex** was represented with homes at 2017 and 2232 deserving mention, as well as 2255 **Tamerine**. Worthy of honorable mention on **Winter Woods Blvd.** was the residence at 2224.

Committee members had difficulty locating the house numbers on many homes in Winter Woods. We encourage all residents to make sure your address numbers are always clearly visible from the street 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 and effort to decorate for this holiday season and brighten up our spirits and 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 to everyone!

See pictures of our winning homes on Page 8



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Best Dressed Homes—2020 cont'd from Page 7



*Santa's
Choice*

Douglas
Baker Family
2032 Sussex

**Congratulations
to our
2020
Best Dressed
Homes**



*President's
Award*

Cheryl Hardy
2244 King
James Court



*Committee
Award*

Matthew &
Jennifer
DeBauche
2155
Nottingham

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!



*Over the
Top*

Bobby
Thollander
1401
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