

**Neighborhood Newsletter** 

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## **PRESIDENT'S KORNER**

Our hopes for a face-to-face Board meeting in August Page 2 were dashed once again by the current rise in infec- • tions. I am sure I am not the only one wishing for better times, but it is what it is.

As you may have noticed, the three dead oak trees near the street here in Winter Woods were finally taken . down. They were reported to the County as a hazard some months ago and were marked at that time. A Page 4 county contractor came into the neighborhood about a • month ago and removed the trees. A resident, with more tree knowledge than I, politely pointed out that . those trees were NOT Live Oaks, but Laurel Oaks. We still have some live ones in the neighborhood planted at about the same time, and I gather most are now at risk.

You may have noticed that our trash is being picked up by Waste Management trucks as well as Advanced Disposal. After the neighborhood trash pickup was missed a few weeks ago, a call to a Seminole County official Page 6 revealed that Advanced Disposal has been purchased . by Waste Management. Nevertheless, complaint calls should not go to the vendor, but to the Seminole County Solid Waste Management Customer Service number at Page 7 407-665-2260.

The Neighborhood Garage Sale previously slated for September 18 is being postponed until November. More information is on Page 7.

Our Articles of Incorporation require us to have a General Membership Meeting each October. The date for that meeting will be Thursday, October 14. Current plans are to meet at the South Seminole Church of Christ on Lake Howell Road. That may change, however, as conditions warrant. More information will be presented in next month's newsletter and on our website at http://winterwoodshoa.com/.

We really would like to have some fresh faces on the Board. If you would like to be involved in our association, please contact our Nomination Chairperson, Gerty Ekdahl. Her contact information is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Watch Lawntastic

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Towns' Garden Center

September, 2021

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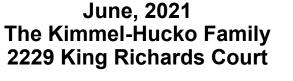
#### Did you receive this newsletter via email?

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



## Yard of the Month





July, 2021 The Family at 1927 Nottingham Drive

August, 2021 The Family at 2165 Sussex Road

Congratulations to our Summer Winners!







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## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey**

Winter Woods continues to be one of the lowest crime rate neighborhoods in Seminole County. Nevertheless, reporting incidents to Neighborhood Watch is vital to keeping out crime rate low. Using social media and email, we are capable of alerting the neighborhood to an ongoing threat. So, if you become aware of an incident, report to us as soon as you can.

Our trash pickups continue to be delayed. The Seminole County Solid Waste Management supervisors tell us that out trash vendors are still being impacted by staff shortages. Unfortunately, this presents a greater opportunity for our resident trash pickers to "explore" your discards.

This almost resulted in an altercation on one of our cul-de-sacs as an exploring individual was vigorously confronted by irate neighbors. Because the trash itself is considered as "abandoned property" the bag cutting and looking, unfortunately, is legal. But provoking disputes about it may not be. The sheriff in this incident, unfortunately, was not called. Next time they should be. Depending upon how many are involved, a charge of disturbing the peace could be applied

While legal, this type of activity is not normal and sheriff personnel have been trained for preliminary psychological evaluations.

Please continue to be on the lookout for suspicious events. Depending upon the urgency you could call 9-1-1, or if uncertain, you can reach the same folks on their non-emergency number at 407-665-6650.

Larry Stephey Coordinator Winter Woods Neighborhood Watch



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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

**QUESTIONS**—Contact the editor at 321.303.7445 or email necolbert@usa.net.





## Halloween Decorating Contest—Anna Swenson



A Halloween decorating contest is coming to Winter Woods – with prizes! If you haven't yet voted in our poll, please go to the HOA website at: <u>www.winterwoodshoa.com</u> to vote and get ready to show your silly spooky spirit and build excitement for this kid-favorite holiday! Look out for more details in the October newsletter.

## **MEMBERSHIP**—Nell Colbert

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

We received memberships from two families over the summer. Welcome to:

Colleen Anderson at 2265 King John's Court Eric and Anna Swenson at 2122 Poinciana Road

We're glad you are part of our HOA!

As of August 20<sup>th</sup>, we have 109 families (38.65%) who are members of the WWHA. While none of our streets have hit 100% yet, congratulations go out to the families who live on Winter Woods Blvd. with 70%, and the families on King James with 55%, the only streets that have more than 50% of their homes as members. Please check your records and if you have not sent in your dues for 2021, please be sure to drop them in the mail TODAY while you're thinking about it.

#### <u>Please mail your check for \$25 to:</u> Winter Woods Homeowners Association PO BOX 342 GOLDENROD, FL 32733-0342

To pay using PayPal or your credit or debit card, just go to our website at <u>www.winterwoodshoa.com</u> and click on the **"Official Stuff"** tab to find the secure link to pay on-line. There is a small upcharge for using your credit card that covers the fees charged by PayPal.

We have several streets that are only a few homes away from 100%. If you're not a member yet, please help YOUR street reach 100%. And, if you want to get a jump on 2022, you can even write your check for \$50 and indicate that you are paying for next year, too.

Payments received after August 20<sup>th</sup> will be shown in the October newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has already paid dues for 2021. Please remember, it's NEVER too late to support your homeowners' association.

WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2021 MEMBERSHIP				
Please complete the information below so that our membership records will be complete. Please make your <b>\$25.00</b> check payable to <b>WWHA</b> 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				



# MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

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- What is Original Medicare?
- What do Parts A, B, C and D mean?
- What options are available?
- How much will it cost?



### Anita White

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## YARD SALE—ANTHONY RILEY

## Neighborhood Garage Sale Moved to Fall

The recent surge of the virus is concerning enough that we are moving the planned Neighborhood Garage Sale to the fall. We'll look to squeeze the sale in between Halloween and Thanksgiving. The really good news is now you have even more time to get those

sale items ready, you can count on a larger buying crowd, and the weather will be cooler. Hopefully the weather will be cooler.

As always, anyone who wants to have their own sale can do so at any time.

We will announce a date in the next newsletter and will stay with the same plan of lots of signs and notifications on the social media about the sale. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the sale!



## Hurricane Preparedness—Bob Colbert

Officially, June 1<sup>st</sup> started the Hurricane Season, but we know that the peak of the season for us is from August to October and sometimes November.

So, what does this mean to our neighborhood?

Outside - It means that each of us really needs to take a good look around the outside of your home. What about your outside furniture? Where will you put it to keep it from flying around in the storm? These items become flying missiles and could do some serious damage to your property and your neighbor's property. Pool furniture are the fastest items to take flight.

Aside from the bushes and smaller plants, what do your trees look like? Are they healthy? Do they show any signs of weakness or stress? If a tree is in the county right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street, we can call the county at 407-665-7623 to inspect the tree. If it needs to be removed, the county will schedule the removal. If a tree falls during a storm, who is responsible for the cleanup or damage? The county will help clear the streets but will only assist in removing the debris of trees that are in the right of way. If the tree is on private property, the owner is responsible. The owner will have to arrange for the removal and repair of any damage. Check your homeowner's insurance to see what your coverage is.

What happens if we should lose power? Do you have a back-up generator? If you have a wholehouse generator, schedule it's annual service with your contractor to be sure that it will work should you need it. Also check the fuel supply and schedule a fill-up if needed. Even portable generators need service—have a qualified technician check yours to be sure it is safe and to be sure is can be connected to your home safely. Never place a portable generator where the fumes can enter your home.

With any luck, we will escape any serious storms. Let's hope for the best. For more information about Hurricane Safety tips, please see the article on our website at: https://winterwoodshoa.com/

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