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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

There are many reasons to be grateful for a new year. First and foremost, it is good to be alive. The year past has been tough for many reasons, and I am optimistic about the next. I hope you are too.

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. Participation is more than just about the money. When our membership numbers are up, it gives the association the credibility to speak for the neighborhood when we have electric power or crime or infrastructure issues. Your membership is important. Please join.

We were at least able to get in our Neighborhood Yard Sale this year. Thanks to Anthony Riley for making that happen. We hope to sponsor more neighborhood activities in 2022. The Halloween Decoration contest happened as a new event and idea from our newest Board member, Anna Swenson. Anna has also agreed to head our Welcome to Winter Woods program for the coming year. There is also the results of our Holiday Light judging elsewhere in this issue.

Currently, 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.

Lately in the news we see folks object to their HOAs because of arbitrary rules and high fees. The WW HOA is a voluntary association, and the majority of our rules are ordinances passed by the Seminole County Board of Commissioners. Our main goals are to keep Winter Woods friendly and safe. Our \$25 yearly membership fee is very small compared to the increased value of your home. Our neighborhood **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Welcome To



Are YOU a new homeowner or renter in Winter Woods?

Please see our Website at www.winterwoodshoa.com for our New Resident Welcome Packet.

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, 2021
The Train Family
2232 King Alpines Court

Congratulations!

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renters are encouraged to join as well.

The Winter Woods HOA Board of Directors began meeting in person again in October. We also still offer the on line meeting option. Consequently, we have two ways to allow ALL our HOA members to observe and participate in our monthly Board meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of most months at 7:30 in the evening. We meet in person at the South Seminole Church of Christ on Lake Howell Road.

Larry Stephey
President



Important Info About Dues Payments

Dues for the Winter Woods Homeowners Association is \$25 per year.

Some of our residents chose to pay through their banks bill pay system. If this is you, please make sure that the payment amount is set correctly as we have received checks this past year for the old amount of \$15. Future payments for the wrong amount will have the checks returned to you for correction.

Some of our residents chose to pay using their credit/debit card. Pay Pal has increased the fee that we pay when you pay by credit/debit card, so please go to our website at:

<https://winterwoodshoa.com/that-official-stuff/> and click on the link to pay your dues. The payment amount is \$26.50 and covers the PayPal fee plus your dues. Also, it appears that Pay Pal creates a recurring payment event when you first pay your dues online so please go back into PayPal and delete the recurring payment. We have seen duplicate payments because PayPal sent a recurring payment and then the homeowner also made a payment that turned out to be a duplicate payment.

Of course, you can always mail a check to our PO Box (Box 342 Goldenrod, 32733-0342) or drop off a check at my home at 1958 Poinciana Road and save the postage.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

As of this writing, no new reports of stolen Christmas decorations. I hope it continues.

While violent crime is on the rise, local property crime seems to have slowed a bit. Our neighborhood was quite safe this past year based upon reports provided to Neighborhood Watch.

We still have some trash bag cutting issues which are exasperated by late and delayed trash pickups. We have been on the phone with our County Commissioner's office (Amy Lockhart) to complain about the missed pickups. They assure me the issue is being worked.

Please remember, if it seems suspicious to you, it is probably worth a non-emergency call to the Seminole Sheriff Office at 407-665-6650. They probably have a deputy in the area who can swing by and take a look. A local request could stop a crime in progress.

Larry Stephey
Coordinator
Winter Woods Neighborhood Watch



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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 2022 dues **BEFORE MARCH 15th** will be entered into a drawing to receive one of two \$25 gift certificates to Pizza Avenue. **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://winterwoodshoa.com/that-official-stuff/> and then click on the link to pay your HOA dues.

AND NOW FOR OUR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

While memberships are accepted throughout the year, our membership year runs from January to December, and our association is a **voluntary** one. 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, provide light snacks for the October National Night Out event, maintain 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. That's quite a value for a small amount of money. Our homeowner's 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.** Please consider making an investment in your neighborhood for 2022 and send in your dues now. We will be listing everyone who pays their 2022 dues before 1/18/22 in the February newsletter.

At the bottom of this page 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 membership database.

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 payment at my home at 1958 Poinciana Road. If you would rather pay by credit/debit card or your PayPal account, you can do that, too. We finished 2021 with 120 members or 42.55% of our neighborhood. Let's do better in 2022!

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

Wishing everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year!

WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2022 MEMBERSHIP

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

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Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Name as you would like it shown in the newsletter _____

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Holiday Decorations—Debra Stephey

The evening of December 19 was warm and 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 appreciated the recommendations of our residents and found numerous homes qualifying for award consideration. We were pleased to be able to award the top awards to the following residences:

The **Ward family residence at 2201 King Alpines** was the choice of committee members for the “**Over-the-Top Award**”! The **Foyil family residence at 2210 King Charles** won the “**Santa’s Choice Award**”. The presentation at the **DeBauche family home at 2155 Nottingham**, won the “**President’s Award**”. The display at the **Stojic residence at 2132 North Hampton**, was the winner of the “**Committee’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 2021 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 displays at 2239 and 2251 **Coventry** looked great!

The **Hampton Circles** had many nice decorations, and we were especially appreciative of the displays at 2149 **North Hampton**, 2201 and 2018 **West Hampton**, and 1918, 2028, and 2146 **East Hampton**.

On **Japonica**, the displays at 1907 and 2019 were delightful.

King Alpines was well represented by the home at 2232.

We found nicely decorated homes at 1957, 1960, 1961, and 1964 **King Arthurs**.

King Charles had a wonderful display at 2209.

King Edwards was represented by the home at 2263.

The homes at 2244, 2256 and 2274 **King James** were shining brightly.

In addition, the displays at 1401, 1433, 1519, 1520, 1535, 1560, 1565, 2013, 2029, 2030, 2045, 2131, and 2147 **Nottingham** were quite noteworthy.

Poinciana looked good with decorations of note at 1843, 1853, 1887, 1955, 1958, 2047, 2067, 2080, 2089, 2097, 2118, 2122, 2251, and 2316.

Sussex was represented with homes at 2017, 2032, and 2037 deserving mention.

Worthy of honorable mention on **Winter Woods Blvd.** was the residence at 2212.

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 emergency responders can quickly identify your home! This is a safety issue far more important than holiday decorations.

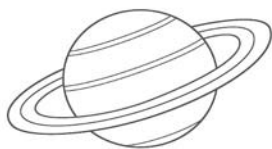
We applaud the efforts of all homeowners who took the time and effort to decorate for this holiday season and brighten our spirits and neighborhood. In addition, sincere appreciation goes out to Cheryl Smith for storing the award signs year around, as well as to those residents who submitted nominations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

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Pictures of Our Best Dressed Homes—2021



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to our 2021 Winners!**



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