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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

It was delayed a month, but we had election of new officers at the December Board meeting. Anthony Riley will be our new President, Greg Pfister will continue as Vice President, Anna Swenson will be our new Secretary, and Nell Colbert will continue as Treasurer.

Deb and I have recently retired from our jobs, and we hope to do more traveling in the years to come, so we felt it best to relinquish our officer duties for now. Both of us will remain on the Board and I will continue to head Neighborhood Watch.

We did add another new Board member in December. Laura Spear is coming back to our Board.

We are still looking for a new Yard of the Month sign builder. Several folks have offered their services, but we are not sure how to evaluate. We would like to see some prior efforts of our candidates before we choose. Anna Swenson is heading up that effort.

January is our membership kickoff month. Your membership and the \$25 it represents contributes to the wellbeing and upkeep of our neighborhood. The Winter Woods HOA is a **voluntary** association with extremely reasonable dues. The organization continuously deals with renter/squatter, streetlight, road/sidewalk, and landscape issues that make our neighborhood a safe and appealing place to live and raise a family.

Your membership is a very small price to pay to keep our HOA active and useful. Please use the membership form contained in this issue to either continue or add your membership to this vital organization

Let's all join and participate to make 2023 a banner year for the Winter Woods Homeowners Association, an organization that was first incorporated in 1971.

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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](mailto:necolbert@usa.net) so that you can be added to our resident database.

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Yard of the Month



December, 2022
The Svoboda-Boes Family
2021 Sussex Road

Congratulations!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

When Neighborhood Watch was first implemented in Winter Woods, the area was divided into 19 “blocks” with each block having a Block Captain. It was the Block Captain’s responsibility to walk the block and meet the residents of each house, gather their names and phone numbers, and pass all that information on to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. The Block Captain would be the primary reporting point for suspicious or criminal activities.

The coordinator would compile the information and using our newsletters, communicate to the neighborhood any warnings that might be necessary based upon events reported by the Block Captains. The coordinator would maintain a telephone tree of all the Block Captains to communicate timely warnings of criminal activities if that became necessary. The Block Captains, would in turn, pass the warnings on to their blocks.

With the advent of email and message boards, the need for telephone communications became much less necessary and the role of the Block Captain lessened a bit. Nevertheless, we still have a few active Block Captains in Winter Woods.

One of our last remaining Block Captains was Joyce Train on King Alpine’s Court. Joyce passed in October. Even to the end she was passing along the names and numbers of the residents on her street. Thank you, Joyce. You will be missed.

While the role of the Block Captain has changed over the years, having a point of contact at the block level can still be very important. If you would like to be added to our Block Captain roles, please contact Larry Stephey.

On another note, it still is very important, and the law, to have visible house numbers on your residence. As we travel the neighborhood looking at Christmas lights for a possible award, it is often difficult to spot the house number. Emergency responders could be delayed without an easy way to see your house number.



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MEMBERSHIP DRAWING—Neil Colbert

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—WE'RE HAVING A MEMBERSHIP DRAWING!

That's right – a drawing. Those Winter Woods families who pay their 2023 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!** So far, 21 families are already in the running as they have pre-paid their 2023 dues.

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.

Of course, you can also drop off your check at my home at 1958 Poinciana Road.

GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE.

Have You Paid Your 2023 HOA Dues?

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our neighborhood has both a website AND a Facebook Group?

The website can be found at: <https://winterwoodshoa.com/>

Some of the things that can be found on the website include a directory of our officers and committee chairs and how to contact the HOA, pictures from neighborhood events and our Yard of the Month winners, our calendar of events, "Official Stuff" like our governing documents and a link to pay your HOA dues online, past newsletters, and for our new residents, some basic information about our neighborhood and local area.

Our Facebook group can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/168073060575834>

Here you can find interesting information from our neighbors like recommendations for various service providers, lost and found articles, local community and neighborhood service projects, and safety, trash collection, and other emergency related information that needs to get out to the neighborhood immediately. We also post the monthly neighborhood newsletter to our Facebook group.

Please check out these useful resources for our neighborhood.

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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)
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- 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
- September issue—15August
- October issue—15September
- November issue—15October
- December issue—15November

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MEMBERSHIP—Neil Colbert

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, keep the islands maintained inside our neighborhood, provide light snacks and a bounce house for the October National Night Out event, maintain the signs at all the entrances to our great neighborhood, 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 2023 and send in your dues now. We will be listing everyone who pays their 2023 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. We use our email database to notify residents in case of emergencies in our neighborhood as well as to email out this monthly newsletter in color before the black and white printed version is delivered to your door!

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 2022 with 129 members or 45.74% of our neighborhood, just a few shy of 50%. This was an improvement over 2021. **Let’s do better in 2023!**

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 2023 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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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST—Debra Stephey

The evening of December 18 was cold but 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. We were pleased to be able to award the top awards to the following residences:

The **Foyil family residence at 2210 King Charles** was the choice of committee members for the “**Over-the-Top Award**”!

The **Recob family residence at 2019 Japonica** won the “**Santa's Choice Award**”.

The presentation at the **Schuermann family home at 2118 Poinciana** won the “**President's Award**”.

The display at the **Richardson residence at 1520 Nottingham**, 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. Though there were several contenders for the top awards, the household had to be a 2022 paid member of the Winter Woods Homeowners Association to receive one of the four top awards. 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:

The displays at 2238, 2239, and 2251 **Coventry** looked great!

The **Hampton Circles** had many nice decorations, and we were especially appreciative of the displays at 2125, 2132, 2137, and 2143 **North Hampton**, 2001 and 2018 **West Hampton**, and 1907, 1917, 1918, 1925, 1941, 1942, 2027, 2028, and 2052 **East Hampton**.

On **Japonica**, the displays at 1907, 1928, 1935, 1942, 1956, 1977, and 2012 were delightful.

King Alpines was well represented by the homes at 2201, 2208, 2214, and 2225.

We found nicely decorated homes at 1946, 1953, 1957, 1960, 1961, and 1964 **King Arthurs**.

King Charles had beautiful displays at 2209 and 2215.

King Edwards was well represented by the home at 2263.

The homes at 2241, 2244, 2256, 2259, 2265, and 2268 **King James** were shining brightly.

King Johns residences celebrating the spirit of the season were noted at 2241, 2252, 2258, 2259, and 2265.

King Henrys had homes at 2246, 2257, 2263, 2269, 2272, and 2276 adding to the beauty of the neighborhood.

King Richards homes at 2211, 2218, and 2223 added to the warmth of the holiday season.

The displays at 1463, 1503, 1519, 1535, 1560, 1707, 1825, 1841, 2013, 2029, 2115, 2131, and 2155 **Nottingham** were quite noteworthy.

Poinciana looked good with decorations of note at 1810, 1816, 1843, 1887, 1940, 1958, 2047, 2067, 2077, 2080, 2089, 2092, 2097, 2122, 2251, 2252, 2312, and 2316.

Sussex was represented with homes at 2017, 2021, 2032, 2036, 2037, 2086, 2157, and 2177 deserving mention.

Participating on **Tamerine** was the residence at 2255.

Worthy of honorable mention on **Winter Woods Blvd.** were the residences at 2212 and 2224.

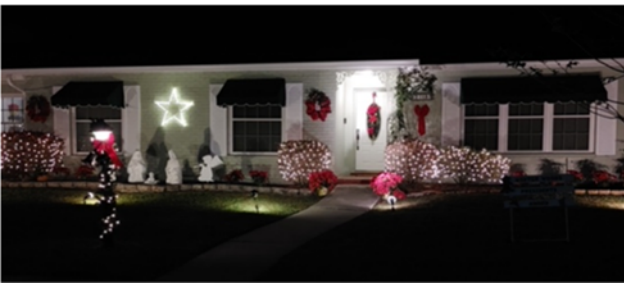
Committee members had difficulty locating the house numbers on many homes in Winter Woods. We encourage all residents to make sure your address numbers are always clearly visible from the street so that emergency responders can quickly identify your home! This is a safety issue far more important than 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 served on the Decorations committee. Thank you and Happy New Year to everyone!

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