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### FROM THE DESK OF ANTHONY RILEY

As summer turns to fall and the heat gives way to a cooler breeze everyone's attention turns to higher education and the real reason institutions and even society exist – Sports. Organized challenges of strategy and will-power may be the last thing that unites us and divides us based on history, geography, or color scheme. The bond a team creates and the connection with its fans is powerful. Winter Woods is not a sport. There is no design to create a rivalry with the neighborhood next door. But we are a team of sorts, a community defined by our homes and those fantastic flowers on the circle. Here are some team events coming up this season.

In some spooky news, Halloween candy and decorations are already in the stores. That means along with all the fantastic, costumed trick or treat kids coming soon – the houses will have giant spiders and ghostly ghouls to greet them. While the neighborhood checks them out, the HOA-sponsored Halloween decorating contest will be held again this year, with judging taking place the weekend before Halloween. Winners will receive the admiration of the neighborhood and prizes. Look for more info in the October newsletter.

Mark your calendar! The Fall Winter Woods Neighborhood garage sale sponsored by your Homeowners Association is scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM - 2 PM. The event will be promoted with signage and on social media.

The HOA Annual Meeting is coming in the fall. This meeting is a review of the previous year's activities, the HOA budget, and plans for the upcoming year. All Winter Woods residents are encouraged to attend this meeting and in fact, you are encouraged to attend any monthly HOA meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at South Seminole Church of Christ on Lake Howell Rd or online via zoom at 7:30 pm.

In our August meeting I was pleased we had some guests. Residents George, Daniel and Barbara joined the meeting in person to hear updates on board committee activities, neighborhood concerns, and share their thoughts on the neighborhood and the board intentions. And this is your monthly reminder that the HOA board wants to hear from you. Come to a meeting or send us an email at [WinterWoodsHOA@gmail.com](mailto:WinterWoodsHOA@gmail.com). You can also attend via Zoom.

Also, we want to thank our current advertisers who help defray the cost of producing this newsletter. We're asking you to help us create a stronger community and promote local business. Do you frequent a small business near our neighborhood that you'd like to see advertised in our newsletter? Let us know and a board member will contact them.

The plan is to have even more activities through the fall and into the spring, there was a fantastic back-to-school party on one of our streets recently that inspired many ideas. Our neighborhood is not in a game, but we have common goals. The score kept is our accomplishments and the winners are based on the strength of the community. **Go Team!**

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## Welcome To



Are YOU a new homeowner or renter in Winter Woods?

Please see our Website at [www.winterwoodshoa.com](http://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



August, 2023  
The Galentino Family  
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**Have You Paid  
Your 2023 HOA Dues?**

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

A few weeks ago, there was a lady here in Winter Woods who started a thread on “Next Door” criticizing her neighbors for calling the Seminole Sheriff to report suspicious persons who appeared to the thread starter to not be doing anything except walking. Not seeing the incident firsthand, I can’t know exactly what the suspicious individuals were doing.

I have written here often to encourage neighbors to call if they see a suspicious person or incident. Obviously, we don’t need to call for every stranger who walks by our house. Nevertheless, if a person or group is acting strangely or lingering in an area for unknown reasons, this could justify a call.

Fortunately, we do live in Seminole County and our sheriff deputies have been trained to approach individuals in a non-threatening manner. Typically, the deputies will not approach unless they see a suspicious incident, or a resident has reported a suspicious incident. A resident report does offer some privileges to the responding deputies which allows them to make contact in situations they otherwise would be unable to do.

Making contact often means they record the identity of the suspicious person and nothing more. In the unlikely event the suspicious person has an outstanding warrant, an arrest could be made. Typically, after the “contact,” both parties go their separate ways.

Later if a crime is reported in the area, the suspicious person could be contacted again. If the suspicious individual was thinking of committing a crime, the “contact” could be an excellent deterrent.

When such a suspicion is reported, the sheriff non-emergency number (407-665-6650) would be the best place to call. Explain the situation to the operator and if **they** deem it appropriate, a deputy will be dispatched.

## Nominating Committee—Larry Stephey

Once again, the Winter Woods Homeowners Association is looking for individuals to become members of the Board of Directors. The Board meets once per month to deal with the somewhat minimal issues that come before it. We are anxious to have some of the newer residents of the neighborhood on the Board. New Board members will be elected at our General Membership meeting on Thursday, October 12.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call or send an email to the number or the address listed below.

Larry Stephey, Chairman  
WWHA Nominating Committee  
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- May issue—15April
- June issue—15May
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- September issue—15August
- October issue—15September
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## MEMBERSHIP—Nell Colbert

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

We received memberships from four families over the summer.

July:

Matt & Ashana Stojic – 2132 North Hampton

Mike & Karen Schuermann & Shannon Roeck – 2118 Poinciana Road

August:

Terry & Susan Speicher – 2262 King James Court

Mike Oliver – 2007 West Hampton Circle

We're glad you are part of our HOA!

As of August 20<sup>th</sup>, we have 125 families (44.33%) who are members of the WWHA. While none of our streets have hit 100% yet, congratulations go out to the families who live on King Edwards Court with 75%, King James Court with 64%, Winter Woods Blvd. with 60%, and Coventry with 50%. Please check your records and if you have not sent in your dues for 2023, please be sure to drop them in the mail TODAY while you're thinking about it.

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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 2024, you can even write your check for \$50 and indicate that you are paying for next year, too.

And remember, our Christmas Elf's will be touring the neighborhood before Christmas to judge the "Best Dressed Homes" and you must be an HOA member to be considered for one of those really cute signs!

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 2023. Please remember, it's NEVER too late to support your homeowners' association.

### WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2023 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.

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## Meet Your Neighbor—By Anna Swenson



Meet Joe and Renate Gmerek on Poinciana Rd!

Joe was born in Detroit, grew up in Pennsylvania, and over about 40 years has moved and lived all around the world, including in Korea, Africa, and Germany, thanks to his career in the Air Force. Joe met Renate in Germany while he was working for the German Air Force. On a snowy night, Joe was in a car accident, and Renate was one of the many neighbors who checked in on him while he was recovering. “That was beginning of the end!” Renate says. They married in Germany in 1966 and raised two children, Gerald and Sabrina, there for many years, before moving to the States. It was also the Air Force that brought them to Florida – Joe started working with missiles at Patrick Air Force Base, and they wanted their kids to go to school here. When Sabrina started first grade at Eastbrook Elementary (Winter Woods’ zoned school at the time), she didn’t speak any English – only German! But she learned English quick! Both in their 50s now, Gerald lives in Portland, and Sabrina lives right here in Winter Woods! She cooks and delivers meals several times a week. Joe and Renate have five grandchildren as well: a grandson and granddaughter in Portland, two granddaughters in college, and a grandson at Bishop Moore. Over the years, Joe continued his work with the military, contracting with Lockheed Martin, and still consults on missile sale and service today.

Once they were back in the states, Joe and Renate had a passion for travel and adventure. They’ve owned two RVs, putting over 150,000 miles on them while exploring the US and Canada. Today, Joe and Renate spend time focusing on staying healthy, and watching their favorite programs on CNN, Netflix, and Hulu.

Joe and Renate purchased their home and moved into the neighborhood in 1977. At that time, there was no country club or golf course on the land adjacent to Winter Woods, or even any fences around their property. Their backyard led right into a swamp that was notorious for muck fires! They’ve done a number of renovations to the house over the years, including installing a pool. Joe is particularly handy and has personally redone the flooring, molding, doors, windows, cabinets, countertops, and more himself! This is definitely their forever home. They love the great location being so close to 436, having close friends nearby over the years, and the great schools. Being close to the beach is another big draw.



Joe was an active member of the HOA during the early years of the neighborhood. He formed a strong land and water partnership with the golf course, added Winter Woods signs, helped build the entrance circle, and even planted trees throughout the neighborhood. He and Renate are pleased with the recent neighborhood improvements and are looking for new and more opportunities to connect with neighbors!





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## STREETS & LIGHTING—Greg Pfister



Street Lights are looking good again this Last 30 days. What I am working on here is with Duke Energy to see if they can trim some branch's that are blocking the light's. This way we get more light on our streets and a little preventive maintenance goes a long ways!

I have 2 pot holes to call in today on Poinciana. Speaking of Poinciana, I did my homework this summer and communicated with Mike Garcia with Seminole County Engineering. He states that he has Poinciana scheduled to get repaved!!! He also states that at this point, it's something that he wants to do at the beginning of this new fiscal year, which started on August 1<sup>st</sup>. For those of you that don't know I have been trying to get this done since the pandemic hit and that put it off. I pray that they get this done sometime this year!!!!



I have a list of sidewalks and drainage runways that need to be redone.

Thanks, and as usual drive courteously!

## Fall Garage Sale Coming November 4th

Before you start Christmas shopping, take a long last look at those things in the corner of the garage and think – could I regift this to Aunt Jeanette? And then remember that's who gave you that prize in the first place!

Well, now you have a home for that seashell encrusted lamp that will clear up some space, make Auntie happy, and turn you a little coin. The Fall Winter Woods Garage Sale is on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM - 2 PM!

Every sale we've had over the last couple of years has seen more and more traffic. We have tapped into that world wide web and strangers come from all corners.

What we need is more people to take those card tables to the driveway and load them up with kitchen items and things that even google cannot identify. A little side cash is nice, but clearing out unwanted items is better.

The best part is visiting your neighbors and seeing what they bring halfway to the curb. And never mind about, Aunt Jeanette, you can tell her the lamp went to college.

There will be yet another sale in the Spring of next year. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Anthony Riley at [keys137@yahoo.com](mailto:keys137@yahoo.com) or (407) 967-6662.





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## FREE (or Almost Free) FUN in Our Area

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Free - **Sportin' Sanford Alive After 5** near Tuffy's Bottle Shop, 200 Myrtle Ave, Sanford. Thursday, September 7, 5 pm – 8 pm. Celebrating the start of the football season with great food trucks, awesome vendors, live music, bounce house, and so much more! Come and wear your favorite jersey, bring the family and let's have some fun with a celebration of our shared love for football and the thrilling NFL journey that lies ahead.

Free – **Casselberry Food Trucks** with live music, vendors and an art show, Lake Concord Park behind Casselberry City Hall 95 Triplet Lake Drive. Music veteran Ace Suggs headlines the event on Friday, September 8 from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Free - **Rollins Museum of Art**, 1000 Holt Avenue – 2765 in Winter Park Join us on Saturday afternoons September 16, 23 and 30 at 1 or 3 pm for a 1-hour docent-led museum tour that highlights works from our current exhibitions including - The Voice of the People: Freedom of Speech, What's New? Recent Acquisitions, and Beyond the Medici: The Haukoht Family Collection.

Suggested Donation \$10 - **Folk concert at Edyth Bush Theater** at the Winter Park Library 1052 W Morse Blvd, Winter Park September 30 2-4 pm. Monthly folk concert featuring noted musicians from Florida and surrounding regions. MUST register in advance at [www.winterparklibrary.org](http://www.winterparklibrary.org)

### *Piano Lessons* with Clara Rybnicky

I am a Winter Woods Resident  
and have been teaching piano for  
45 years.

If interested in lessons, please get in  
touch to learn more, call or text  
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A postcard-style graphic with a yellow background and a grid pattern. It features a paperclip icon in the top left, a green speech bubble in the top right saying "TEAM PTA !!!", and a teal backpack icon in the bottom right. The text is centered and reads: "English Estates Elementary", "HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS", "BUYING A \$6 PTA MEMBERSHIP IS THE PERFECT WAY TO HELP! Anyone can support our public school, English Estates, AND it's students as a community member with no commitments or volunteering necessary.", "Scan the QR code or visit the link below to help today. Our community appreciates your support!", and a QR code with the URL "https://tinyurl.com/9x48ad67". At the bottom left, it says "back to School" in a stylized font.

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