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FROM THE DESK OF ANTHONY RILEY

What a month! We had the Neighborhood Night Out, the General Membership Meeting, and then we roll up with spooky times of the Halloween yard decoration contest and the Fall garage sale. A special thanks to everyone that participated in these things and the members of the board that made these things happen.

The Neighborhood Night Out was a smashing success. To compliment the Bounce House, our metrics include over 100 people attending, a couple dozen kids, at least double digits pets, made-to-order pizza, what we used to call snow cones and a really incredible balloon artist. Shannon, you weren't wrong. There was a raffle, some free things, some neighborhood vendors with animal services, tasty treats, and corn hole. The Mime I invited came and left without saying a word. We also had an impressive fire engine brought in by the Seminole County Fire Department and many young people climbed aboard.

Bottom line, we put the Night Out back in the Neighborhood. Organizing this we learned valuable lessons and we cannot wait to do another event. There are a lot of moving parts, and more volunteers make things much easier. As always, the board is open to your suggestions and ideas. Please attend a meeting in person or via zoom.

There were several introductions and stories at the event and some of these people made their way to the General Membership Meeting. Thank you to Tim, Dave, Elaine, Michelle, George, and Owen for coming to our meeting and sharing your thoughts. Those thoughts included an adult type of Neighborhood event involving beverages and conversation, perhaps even music. Also suggested was a kid's craft fair and an Easter egg hunt which involved "el presidente" donning a bunny suit which led to a dunk tank again with this guy in the drip. When they suggested pin the tail on the donkey, it was time to move on.

Other ideas included a community wide survey to find out what events people are interested in, what they expect from the HOA and how we can include everyone in our efforts to make this a neighborhood a thing we are all proud of.

The subject of HOA Membership Dues came up at the night out. You still can contribute your \$25 to cover 2023, please do; we still do not have even half of the neighborhood paying their dues. But we will look toward 2024. Look for a concentrated Dues Raiser at the end of the year that will get us past the 50% mark and allow us to continue to have events and create other reasons to be glad to live in Winter Woods. To get people motivated there may be a balloon artist involved.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

We had an excellent turnout at October's Neighborhood Night Out. Most of us met new friends who share many of the same concerns regarding crime and safety in our neighborhood. It was especially nice to have representatives from the Seminole County Fire Department present. They had to leave for a brief time because they were assigned to two separate runs. The adults were as excited as the youngsters to explore the equipment.

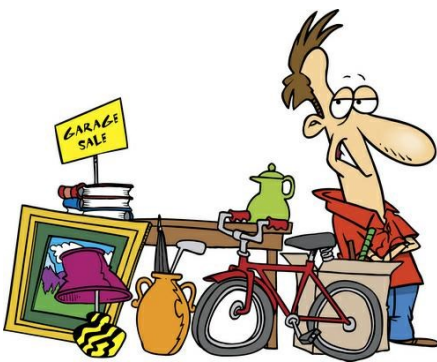
Unfortunately, although requested, we did not see a representative from the Seminole Sheriff. Apparently, there were too many ongoing calls for service that evening to spare a deputy. The central office for our Community Service Area (CSA) is in Oviedo. That office is headed by Lt. Robert Smith Jr.

After the event, I asked for an appointment with Lt. Smith, and we discussed the situation with coverage here in Winter Woods. He told me that currently the Sheriff Office in our (East) district is somewhat shorthanded and our CSA is not fully covered, but he expects to have more deputies assigned to the East District soon, as they are currently in training. Lt. Smith did provide statistics showing 310 calls for service in Winter Woods during the past twelve months. Nevertheless, our neighborhood continues to be one of the safest in Seminole County.

In the meantime, Lt. Smith has asked his deputies to patrol Winter Woods more aggressively in the next few weeks. We do have some traffic issues here which could be more controlled. While much of the traffic problem is with cut-through drivers, neighbors can sometimes be the issue too.

Please drive safely and don't be one of the few with new tickets to pay.

NOVEMBER YARD SALE—ANTHONY RILEY



Depending on how you enjoy your newsletters, the Winter Woods Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale is coming up – or it just happened! For all you e-letter readers the sale is this Saturday, November 4th and you still have time to empty that bottom drawer or open up the shed.

We added a new feature this time around (shoutout to Joyce!), Goodwill is coming thru the neighborhood after the sale and will save you that painful moment when you have to decide whether to bring everything unsold back in – or hope the curb pickers like your style. Now if Goodwill

doesn't take what you couldn't sell, I'm not sure what there is to be done.

Look for the next sale to be in the Spring and if you have any good ideas or friendly suggestions, let us know. This guy wants to hear from you, please contact Anthony Riley at keys137@yahoo.com or (407) 967-6662.



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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
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FREE OR LOW COST AREA EVENTS—Laura Spear

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Central Lake Park

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Jingle Eve 2023

Sat, Nov 18, 2023, 4:30 – 9 PM

1236 N Orange Ave, Orlando

Spanning stretches of Orange Avenue and Virginia Drive, as well as Gaston Edwards Park, families and adults alike find no shortage of yuletide festivities. From beer gardens to music, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, a children's holiday village, and special event promotions by Ivanhoe Village retailers, restaurants, and bars, the evening culminates with fireworks displayed high above the shores of Lake Ivanhoe. Free, with the exception of a premium "12 Wines of Christmas" walk. www.ivanhoevillage.org

Central Winds Music Festival

Sun, Nov 19, 10 AM – 6 PM

Central Winds Park

1000 Central Winds Drive, Winter Springs

This family-friendly event will feature a variety of musical genres, food trucks, local vendors, and fun activities for all ages. Admission to the Vendor Market is free. Music Alley tickets are \$10. Kids under 12, get in free! By purchasing a ticket, you're helping fund the amazing artists that will be performing! www.winterspringsfl.org

FusionFest 2023

Sat, Nov 25 10 AM - Nov 26 7 PM

400 S. Orange Ave, Orlando

6th Annual Multicultural Festival - A free, two-day, festival that draws thousands of people from more than 110 different cultures to experience music, dance, food, visual arts, spoken word, games and interactive activities in Downtown Orlando. www.fusionfest.org

45th Annual Christmas in the Park

Thu, Nov 30, 6:15 – 8:30 PM

Central Park

150 W Morse Blvd, Winter Park

Each year, the Morse museum helps launch the holiday season when it lights up Tiffany windows in Central Park and presents the Bach Festival Choir and Brass Ensemble in concert. This is the 45th annual celebration of Christmas in the park and it's free.

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Meet Your Neighbor—By Anna Swenson



Meet Lisa and Vince Santamaria on Poinciana Rd!

Lisa and Vince met while attending UCF. They fell in love with this area, decided to settle down here, and purchased their home in Winter Woods in 1998. Vince now works within a hybrid model in IT for Orlando Health. Lisa has been a nurse for 24 years and works 12-hour night shifts in Advent Health's NICU. They have three children: Elle (18), Sophia (15) and Max (13). Elle and Sophia attended St. Margret Mary Catholic School through 8th grade and are now at Bishop Moore High School. Max will join them there soon! Elle is a senior has begun the daunting process of applying to colleges. Both Elle and Sophia keep very busy with cheerleading while Max is busy with soccer. A full schedule of practice and games (and driving

to each!) keeps the family on their toes. This active family also takes care of quite the menagerie at home: Bella, a yorkie; Sparkles and Erica, two cats; Godzilla and Roger, two leopard geckos; and an axolotl named Jaws.

On weekends, Vince loves to fish the local lakes in the area while the kids hang out with friends, and Vince and Lisa both enjoy working out. They also love going out to eat just the two of them or with the entire family. Bar Italia is a new favorite, and sushi is always a treat. But the entire family can cook – even the kids! Eggs and pasta dishes are their specialties. When it's time to relax, Lisa, Vince, and the kids can be found watching some of their favorite shows like Modern Family and How I Met Your Mother.

Over the years, Lisa and Vince have made a number of updates to their house. They've ripped out the carpets, installed new tile and new flooring throughout, and added a new bathroom off of a bedroom. Outside, they enclosed their patio to turn it into a Florida room, converted their pool from chlorine to saltwater, and recently repainted the exterior. Lisa and Vince are members of the HOA! They appreciate that the Winter Woods HOA is focused on fostering a sense of community vs. trying to exert control over the neighborhood, and they get especially excited about holiday decorating contests. Their house is always a stand-out at Halloween!

If you see Lisa, Vince, Elle, Sophia, or Max outside working on decorations or coming to and from their many activities, stop and say hello!



STREETS & LIGHTING—Greg Pfister

Hello from Greg Pfister!

Lights: it took a second call to get a light repaired on Japonica and Poinciana. The folks that live near that light cannot believe how dark it was without it, glad to see it's back up.

Streets: I will call in an area of potholes/bad edges near St John's Court. N Nottingham!

Sidewalks: 5 areas of sidewalk have been inspected this past 2 weeks and area ready for Fresh sidewalks. One on the corner of Nottingham and Winter Woods and the other four are on King James Court.

Let's all try to drive courteous of others!!


Thanks again
Greg Pfister V.P. WW Homeowners Assoc.



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