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FROM THE DESK OF ANTHONY RILEY

May has always meant graduations and the end of school - summertime, summertime. Seems like school runs past the Fourth of July and starts in August these days. May gives us Memorial Day never to be forgotten Colonel, Cinco de Mayo, and Mother's Day. A shout out to my Mom who will read this in my birth town of Dallas. Texas.

Gratitude belongs in May. This May, the Board has many things to be grateful for. Having served on the board for a few years now, I am astonished Page 5 when I meet people that think our Board doesn't do anything and the HOA is not worth supporting. The Page 6 Board is grateful for the volunteers. The volunteers that deliver this newsletter. The volunteers who notify the county for repairs on streetlights and getting potholes filled. The volunteers that dig the entrance flower beds, plant flowers and are mistaken for road targets by cars. (BTW - I don't think anyone that lives here is driving too slow.)

We are grateful for our advertisers, all the neighbors that keep watch for our safety, the neighbors that bring their businesses to our community events, the people who come out to our community events, the people who read this newsletter and the Page 11 families who volunteer their money for dues.

On the 18th, with Seminole County's permission, permit, and blockades, we invited everyone out to celebrate the end of our annual dues drive. We had a food truck, fun for the kids, and a few neighborhood businesses – the cupcakes are the real deal. Over 75 neighbors made it out. It was like a small festival without the arts or the hucksters. We might try hucksters next time, maybe vinyl siding or security systems. Or maybe some art?

Our next event will be in the Fall, I predict a bounce house again, maybe one just for the adults. We learned some things at the Spring Fling, like if you give kids small tools, they may take apart a computer – nice work Sean! Continued on Page 3 **MAY. 2024**

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for our **New Resident** Welcome Packet.

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Yard of the Month



January, 2024
The Estry Family
2224 Winter Woods Blvd.

Congratulations!

Have You Paid Your 2024 HOA Dues?



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FROM THE DESK OF ANTHONY RILEY—Cont'd from Page 1

The best part for me was seeing people I had seen before, either at a different event or on the street with their companions or pets. That is building a community.

We are also grateful for the members of the board – all volunteers. We lost one of the long-time board members recently when Joe Gmerek passed. He and Renata were one of the first Meet Your Neighbors to be featured. Joe served his community well and we are grateful for what he did for Winter Woods.

Remember, the new start time for our monthly Board meeting is 7:00 pm. The next one on May 9th will be our last meeting before our two-month summer break. We are at South Seminole Church of Christ on Lake Howell Rd and online via zoom. Mom, I'll see you next week!



STREETS & LIGHTING—Greg Pfister

STREETS: Winter Woods streets are good for now until we get into our rainy season...I did get three potholes repaired on Howell Branch Road near St. Richards Episcopal Church again for folks who commute that way!!

LIGHTS: The light on King Alpine's court is fixed. I am still working on a light on Winter Woods Blvd. as well as tree Branch obstruction.

Sidewalks: Looking good!

Now I know this is up and above my Call of Duty but I just want to let you know that I turned in three complaints to Seminole County code enforcement about the deterioration of the Dollar General as you walk up to the store and I'm talking about the one that's right down the road from us on Lake Howell Road. Have you seen it lately? They have the front ceiling with extra supports to try to fix it. Finally, they are doing something! To me, that looked like a very serious safety hazard for their customers.



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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—10November

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





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MEMBERSHIP—Nell Colbert

Congratulations to our Membership Drive winners: **Steven and Carolyn Lavender at 2185 Sussex and to Brent and Lisa Wilson at 2232 King Alpines.** These residents paid their 2024 dues before 4/1 and received a \$25 gift certificate to enjoy a great pizza meal from Pizza Avenue. Thanks for supporting your Homeowners Association.

Since our last newsletter, we've had some new members join our HOA:

King Arthurs Court

1961 Heather Gomez

King Edwards Court

2266 Renzo & Britton Nastasi

King Henry's Court

2264 Molly Krumm

King James Court

2265 Cheryl Smith

King John's Court

2241 Mark & Amanda Somers

2266 Unpublished

Nottingham Drive

1520 Brent Richardson

1739 Richard Marcy & Marcia Calder

1809 John Molinari & Jennifer Off

Poinciana Road

1965 Allison Freeze

2252 Sarah Blomgren

Sussex Road

2017 Russ & Anne Corriveau

2036 Paul & Peggy Klein

West Hampton Circle

2005 Monica Soule & Christine Hefke

If your street is not listed above, there were no new memberships this month.

And, don't forget—you can check to see if you've paid your HOA dues by checking out our website—just click on the "Official Stuff" tab and then click on "Paid Memberships."

WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2024 MEMBERSHIP

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

We received word following the publishing of the April Winter Woods News of the passing of Joe Gmerek on March 15 of this year. Joe, and his wife Renata, were among the first residents in Winter Woods in their home on Poinciana Road.

Joe was an early member of the Board of the Winter Woods HOA. He was on, then off for health reasons, then back on again. He also tended the foliage on the front circle and the other sign areas for many years. He built the original Yard of the Month sign and assisted with the Christmas decoration award signs.

Joe was one of our last remaining Block Captains for Neighborhood Watch. The role of Block Captain has changed over the years. Initially it was the responsibility of the BCs to introduce themselves to the residents of their block and gather the names and phone numbers of the residents. In the event of an urgent message, the phone numbers would be used in a telephone tree to alert all the WW residents of a crime or safety related event. With the advent of email and Internet postings, the need for a telephone tree has become passe.

Nevertheless, the need for Block Captains for each and every one of our 19 blocks could become needed again if our luck with crime should fade. That structure is still in place should the need arise, and the neighborhood felt a greater need for crime prevention.



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Meet Your Neighbor—By Laura Spear



Meet Tracey and Jasmine Neville who have called King James Ct. home for 7 years. This mother-daughter duo keeps a busy schedule but makes plenty of time for fun and relaxation too.

Born in England and raised in New Zealand, Tracey spent time in Canada, then moved to Houston until work brought her to Central Florida. She bought their house on New Year's Eve in 2016 and moved in on New Year's Day of 2017. Jasmine lived in Canada with her dad at the time but joined Tracey in February of 2018. Tracey said, "I used to work

in Casselberry, so this was close by, and it was a nice neighborhood. I loved this house when I first saw it, it called to me, had the pool that I wanted and yeah, I can't imagine living anywhere else!" Tracey loves that everyone says hello to you as they walk in the neighborhood and that neighbors care for their homes.

They have updated their lovely home including floors, kitchen, and bathrooms. The change she's most excited about is in the back yard. To complement the pool and hot tub, "I took all the lawn out and installed river rock, now it's my little oasis," said Tracey. Their three energetic dogs, Bruce a Maltese Chihuahua mix, Peggy a Pekinese, and Coco a Dachshund Chihuahua mix, bound in and out through the dog door to their paradise of a backyard. One dog they bought as a puppy the other two are rescues. Tracey claims they are "slightly psychopathic" sometimes, especially when they are hunting lizards and small animals, but they love them all.

Tracey is a registered nurse who works from her home office. She puts her nursing experience to work educating international nurses just arriving to the country to US national standards so they can go into practice. Plus, she's working on her Doctorate in nursing with a research project, expecting to complete it later this year.

Jasmine is a student at UCF pursuing a major in Anthropology with a minor in Asian studies. "I want to visit Korea and Japan when I graduate so I'm learning Korean right now and studying East Asian folklore," said Jasmine. Born in New Zealand she moved to Canada when she was 18, then moved to Winter Park. Jasmine works two part-time jobs, you may have seen her smiling face at our local Dollar General on Monday's or Friday's. And she works at Chico's in the International Drive outlet mall. She claims they have been great jobs because she was a bit of an introverted homebody, "but having that front-facing customer service job yeah has really got me to engage in small talk and get comfortable talking with strangers" she said.

Connoisseurs of fine imported cheeses and great wine, you might bump into them at the Wine Room on Park Avenue in Winter Park. But more often they'll stay home and host friends with BBQs or dinners. Their enthusiasm for board games is contagious evidenced in their extension collection, highlighted by their favorite, Qwirkle. Jasmine travelled to visit family in New Zealand in April and brought home a card game with native Maori language they are excited to play. In New Zealand, she explained, Maori language is dying out and they are making a push in schools and to adults through things like games to revive it. Jasmine said, "Everybody's trying to learn it to make up for a lost generation."

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Young Hero and Good Deed Awards

The American Legion Auxiliary wants to recognize youth in our community who demonstrate good citizenship through an act of bravery or who demonstrate good citizenship by performing a good deed. The Young Hero and the Good Deed awards are for young people under the age of 18. **The Winter Park Memorial Auxiliary Unit needs your help to identify worthy candidates!**

The Young Hero Award can be presented to a girl or boy who performs any heroic activity from administering CPR to save a life, to rendering emergency first aid, to rescuing a drowning victim or performing the Heimlich maneuver to save a choking person. There are many acts of bravery that can qualify!

The Good Deed Award is one that recognizes youth for doing something nice for someone else or their community —perhaps helping an elderly neighbor with yard work, doing a neighborhood trash clean-up, running a lemonade stand to raise money for a local charity or a family in need, or volunteering at the local animal shelter. There are many, many examples of Good Deeds!

If you know of someone who deserves a Good Deed or a Young Hero award, please contact Nell at necolbert@usa.net or call or text 321-303-7445. Our Auxiliary Unit will complete the application and will present the National Auxiliary certificate to the young person at an upcoming Winter Woods HOA meeting.



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