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FROM THE DESK OF ANTHONY RILEY

Tut, Tut, looks like rain. Summer in Florida will be wet. As usual. Now is the time for all those loose dying limbs to come out of the trees, be careful where you park. Storms are coming! Thanks for the Weather, we now turn to Sports. There sure are a lot of them. And in the News...

This is the final edition of the paper version of our newsletter before our summer break. We will return to the printed version in September. But you can still get your news! As we did last year, we will continue to create the special edition on-line only newsletters for the months of July and August. These can be found at our website at (winterwoodshoa.com) and our delightful editor Nell will email you a copy also. That is, IF she has your correct email address. To update our files with your best email address, send a note to

<u>WinterWoodsHOA@gmail.com</u> and join our list. You can also catch neighborhood news at <u>Facebook</u> - Winter Woods HOA.

If you would like to help create content for our newsletter, we welcome submissions for consideration whether it is a notification of a special event, a "letter to the editor" or an article we can publish from a guest contributor. Or how about a recipe? (Looking at you Phylis, those blueberry concoctions were special!) Send any questions or copy to WinterWoodsHOA@gmail.com. We are open to all new ideas. If you can draw the turtle on the back of this paper, we will suggest an art school.

But even though we will be conserving a little colored paper, the events keep coming. Mark your calendar:

- -The **Fall Garage Sale Blowout Extravaganza** will be on Saturday November 9th and all the usual bits apply. We continue to search for that sweet spot of two days between blistering hot and a little chill.
- -The **Neighborhood Night Out** returns on October 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00pm exciting details to follow. We are going to build on each successful neighborhood event to make Continued on Page 3

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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.

Yard of the Month



May, 2024
The Salmon Family
1463 Nottingham Drive

Congratulations!

Have You Paid Your 2024 HOA Dues?



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the next one even better.

-After that street festival we will conduct the annual **General Membership Meeting** on Thursday October 10th. All are welcome. Speaking of Membership, it is not too late to pay your **2024 Dues** currently on sale for only \$25 per year. That's 50 cents a week. Hurry while supplies last. **Pay those dues!**

-And, for a special sponsored event this summer, we are hosting the **Summer Fling and Back to School Bash** on Thursday August 1st at King James Ct, the same place where we had the Spring Fling. This celebration is brought to the neighborhood by The Somers Group and the event is geared towards going back to school for the kids. There will be food trucks, a bouncy house, fun events and they are giving out backpacks with school supplies. What a great way for the kids to start the school year!

Enjoy that first summer burn and be thankful for our natural air conditioning – dogs can't sweat. And don't be Eeyore - remember that the puddles are made to jump in.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

Looking back over the Winter Woods Neighborhood Watch crime log, the last event reported was in February 2023. Most neighborhoods are not that lucky. With summer approaching and youngsters out of school, we could see some events over the next few months.

Email and telephone scams remain a constant threat. Many are too embarrassed to report, and some may indeed be happening here in Winter Woods. These are crimes for which Neighborhood Watch can do little, but we like to remind folks that things are not always what they seem at the other end of a phone or data line. Older adults did not grow up in a time when so few others could be trusted.

Years ago, getting and making long distant calls were rare and a treat. With the laying of fiber optic cables throughout the oceans, hearing a foreign voice has become rather common. Unfortunately, many of the potentially fraudulent calls I receive seem to emanate from Asia and other offshore locations. They want to sell me Medicare plans or other financial "opportunities." Because of the international nature of the crime, recovery is near impossible. Romantic interests can also be a dangerous ploy.

The Internet has also made it much easier to verify claims. Before sending any money or buying products, check with the Better Business Bureau or other such source and research the seller.

The IRS will not make initial contacts over the phone. Neither will the court system with missed jury duty claims. If anyone asks to be paid with a gift card, notify the Sheriff. The non-emergency number should always be close at hand. It is 407-665-6650. There you will hear a friendly voice who will be willing to help.

Have a safe summer.



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June issue—15May

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43rd Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

June 7- Aug 3, 9 AM-4 PM with Opening night reception on Friday, Jun 7, 8-9:30 PM

Crealde School of Art, 600 Saint Andrews Blvd. Winter Park

This favorite annual exhibition features some of the year's best student work in painting drawing, digital and film photography, ceramic, sculpture, jewelry, and fiber arts. Free. www.crealde.org

Psych Cat's "Unknown Forest"

Ongoing through August 23, Mon-Fr 9 AM – 4 PM

Casselberry Sculpture House, 120 Quail Pond Circle, Casselberry

Local art collective Psych Cat who have been putting on multimedia happenings since 2016 will be weaving their mysterious and immersive magic at the sculpture house. Psych Cat's "Unknown Forest" is a collection of four artists developing a world parallel to what we know as our own with inspiration drawn from fairy tales, classic stories, fear of the night, and secrets kept in the trees, this immersive installation welcomes you to walk the path of the unknown forest. Free. www.casselberry.com

Mennello Museum Free Family Funday

Sun. June 9 noon – 2:30 PM

Mennello Museum of American Art. 900 E Princeton St. Orlando

Every second Sunday of the month is free family fun day. Free admission, a free miniature Fine Arts project, and free docent touring. Each family fun day has a different theme based on the current exhibit in the museum. Free www.mennellomuseum.org/freefamilyfunday

Music at the Casa - Blue Bamboo presents the Joe Fritz Trio

Sun, June 16, 11AM – 1 PM

Casa Feliz Historic Home Museum, 656 N Park Ave., Winter Park.

Joe Fritz on clarinet, Steve Luciano on guitar, and Doug Matthews on bass. Hungarian clarinetist Joe Fritz just arrived in the US in March 2024. In 2012 he was ranked among the top 30 jazz clarinetists in the world, his discography includes 11 solo albums as a leader and 54 as a sideman. Free. Due to limited seating reservations are required: e-mail melodycortez@live.com or call 407-636-9951 For more information www.bluebambooartcenter.com

Juneteenth Concert Longwood

Wed, June 19, 5 – 8 PM Longwood Community Building, 200 W. Warren Ave., Longwood

The city of Longwood is excited to announce its third annual Juneteenth celebration this year INDOORS at the Longwood Community Building featuring live music by Silky Smoove Band, free small bites by Icing on Top LLC, vendors and more. Free. www.longwoodfl.org

2nd Annual Central Florida Juneteenth Celebration and Fireworks

Sat June 22 Noon - 9 PM and Sun, June 23 Noon - 6 PM

Lake Lily Park, 701 Lake Lily Dr., Maitland

Two days filled with music, food, and fun commemorating Juneteenth together. This event aims to celebrate freedom and unity while honoring African American culture and heritage. Enjoy live performances, delicious food vendors, local artists and more. Free. Advance tickets available through Eventbrite. www.letscelebratejuneteenth.com

Orlando Collective Corner Local Pop-up Market at the Wellborn

Sunday, June 30, 11AM -5 PM

The Wellborn 211 N. Lucerne Circle West, Orlando

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Meet Your Neighbor—By Laura Spear



Longtime Winter Woods residents Patty and Lusinda Duffy have a deep appreciation for the Winter Woods neighborhood.

Over 20 years ago Patty bought a home here because it's where she grew up. Patty's father was in the US Air Force and the family traveled with him, "My older sister and I were born in Brazil and my younger sister was born in South Africa," said Patty. When her father retired, the family settled in Winter Park and Patty attended Lakemont Elementary and Winter Park Junior and High School. She

went on to Seminole Community College for her AA, FAMU for her Physical Therapy degree and USF for her doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Lusinda is originally from Connecticut, she earned her bachelors at UCF and her masters at Rollins College. She served for 32 years in the United States Air Force and Reserve, retiring in 2017 as a Lt. Colonel and worked 25 years at Lockheed Martin from where she retired in 2022. Now she is the business manager for their company Dr. Duffy's CBD for People and Pets.

Lusinda has a home in Orlando's Colonialtown where she lived for 24 years before they married. Now they rent out that home along with several other properties, "That's one of our retirement plans," said Patty. Despite the challenges in the housing market today, they look at their rental properties as an important responsibility to provide quality homes at reasonable rates.

In 2017 Patty had a medical diagnosis and she chose to take an alternative medicine route. After much research, she decided to use CBD and since there were not many high-quality companies, they decided to start their own CBD business in 2018. They specialize in Zero THC CBD products which includes a variety of topicals, capsules, tinctures and pet products. Patty and Lusinda source from a small farm in Colorado who process their products with organic ingredients. "CBD can help with many ailments although the FDA does not allow us to make medical claims," said Patty. Most of their business is mail order with a couple local retailers that carry their products, "But our main goal is to educate people on the benefits of CBD and to teach the consumer what to look for in a quality company," said Lusinda.

For fun, Patty and Lusinda travel in their RV to locations from Key West, to Tennessee and Oregon. They also spend time at the beach "Anytime but the summer," said Lusinda, "Too hot!" They love the arts and enjoy the Orlando International Fringe Theater Festival, Enzian theater, Dr. Phillips Broadway Series, plus Leu Gardens and the Science Center.

Their favorite restaurants are local, "We do not eat at chains, just local places preferably where they make everything from scratch," said Patty. Top of their list is Jalapenos Mexican Eats, Kai Asian, Alex's Fresh Kitchen, and Patty's best friend owns Se7en Bites.

When it comes to their pets they have one rule, always rescue. They rescued Tigger, a Retriever, German Shepherd, Ridgeback mix from a shelter in Georgia. And they share their home with 5 friendly cats, all rescued over the years. Because of their love of animals, they often are helping to rehome pets that come to them through their rental properties and other situations. They have helped at least 10 cats and a few dogs find new homes.

It seems Patty and Lusinda have found their "Forever Home" in Winter Woods. With the exception of the speeders and stop sign runners, they love it all. "It's a quiet, stable neighborhood, we feel safe, have nice sidewalks, it's just fantastic," said Patty.



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STREETS & LIGHTING—Greg Pfister

Lights: As of this writing we have all the lights working on Winter Woods Boulevard. We had two fixed on the corner of Nottingham and Winter Woods, both of those lights were out at separate times but fixed this month. We have been monitoring a light on Tamerine and Japonica. I finally called it in and the last I checked it was working great, but I'll wait to see if I get confirmation from Duke Energy. They usually text me after a repair is completed.

Streets: Streets are holding good with all the very little rain we've had that usually produces potholes.

Sidewalks: Sidewalks were fixed at the corner of Poinciana and Nottingham on both sides of that intersection. There were some sidewalks replaced and some areas were sawed down to a level state where there's no trip hazard.

Speaking of rain, I read that we are in a pattern of an La Nina, which is dryer humidity levels including rain but higher temperatures. So I pray that we get more rain in these upcoming summer months. When you read this school will be out for the summer please drive with caution as there will be more bike riders, baseball and basketballs crossing the road, walkers and scooters... safety is first before getting from point A to point B fast or looking at a phone.

Peace be with you all and thanks again!

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