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### FROM THE DESK OF ANTHONY RILEY

Man am I glad that is over with. I mean it really did seem to drag on and be particularly uncomfortable. I'm talking about that heat! It has finally cooled down. We're cool now, let's see how long we can keep it this way.

Thanksgiving is over. And as I say this, I realize that for everyone reading this, turkeys will be bones in the rubbage, pies will not be pies, and the tryptophan may finally be out of our systems. Hovering over us will be Santa and gifts to buy, more outrageous food and the Star Wars light display will have a line around the block.

But let's not get ahead of being thankful. We are thankful for the year in our Winter Woods neighborhood. Many people have participated in making this a great year. Let's review...

We started the year with the **Annual Membership Drive**, and we will be starting that up again. Pay the \$25 dues, it is for a good cause. We also saw a **Traffic Study** by Seminole County which told us what we know, there are people who speed through our neighborhood. We also had a **Water Main Break** on Poinciana, and the County cleaned that up fairly quickly. But not fast enough to squash rumors of a sink hole and imminent danger. For Valentines we rolled out **Neighborhood Hugs** and spread a little pay it forward goodness. We saw drastic improvements on Winter Woods Blvd with the **Entrance Circle Make-Over** and the tireless work of our no-name "Island Crew" who keep the grass tidy, and the trash picked up. We rolled out the **Spring Garage Sale**. We began street-blocked -County-permitted events, starting with the **Neighborhood Spring Fling** with trademark bounce-house and a snazzy beverage station.

Over the summer we rolled out **Virtual Newsletters** so that this newsletter continued (without print) for the July and August editions. These online only newsletters included a **Blueberry Muffins Recipe** from Phylis and

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## Welcome To



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## Yard of the Month



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

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if you know, you know...or IYKYK.

We just had the **Fall Garage Sale** and another bounce-house for our **Neighborhood Night Out**. That was a special event for the kids with balloons, character drawings and the Fire Department showing off their ride.

We also were able to get to a **Front Entrance Make-Over** (look for Holiday Poinsettias soon!). And as if we had not wore the pavement out enough, we had a **Summer Fling Back to School Bash** which was sponsored by the Somers Group and we gave away some backpacks filled with some school supplies.

We just finished the **Fall Garage Sale** and featured sharp looking **First Day of School Pictures** of some of the local kids. We also enjoyed the **Halloween Decorating Contest** with our winners featured in the newsletter and our thoughts to their childhood nightmares.

Last meeting was our **General Membership Meeting** and there was a detailed presentation about the **Winter Woods Force Main Replacement** from the County contractors. The PowerPoint presentation is available now on the Winter Wood HOA website. Essentially, the disruption along Nottingham will only be for a few weeks and everyone will get a door hanger with an explanation of the work, and anyone directly affected will get a door hanger prior to any intrusion.

I want to thank our neighbors who came out to the **General Membership Meeting** – Nancy, Sarah, Edna and Becky in person with Debbie and Bridget joining via Zoom.

And that is the year in summary – a month early. We have the **Holiday Decorating Contest** coming up and new board members to announce.

All these events required a massive group effort. From the board to the advertisers who help finance the events, to the newsletter carriers who deliver the good news, the volunteers, to every person who participated by decorating their house or showing up to an event – we all made this past year happen. And if you didn't know about or missed any of last year's events, you'll get another chance this year. We are all looking forward to another great year for the Winter Woods Neighborhood HOA.

## STREETS, LIGHTING & SIDEWALKS—Greg Pfister

As of November 15th my report is as follows

**Streets:** No new update here as we are looking good with our streets. I will be calling in some potholes that affect us outside of Winter Woods!!

**Lighting:** I'm not happy with the light that's still out on King Alpine's Court. I did a follow-up call on the 12th to Duke Energy and had about a 30 minute conversation about this light that needs to be fixed here. They told me that hurricane Milton pushed the repair back, but they now know how critical it is to get this light fixed as it is pitch dark down that street. The street light out on Japonica is the same reason.

**Sidewalks:** Our sidewalks, as you probably know, are getting updated as we speak. Thank you, Seminole County, for getting our sidewalks up to par to eliminate and/or minimize trip hazards.

Thank You and Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Greg Pfister/Gerty Ekdahl from your HOA Board

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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—10November

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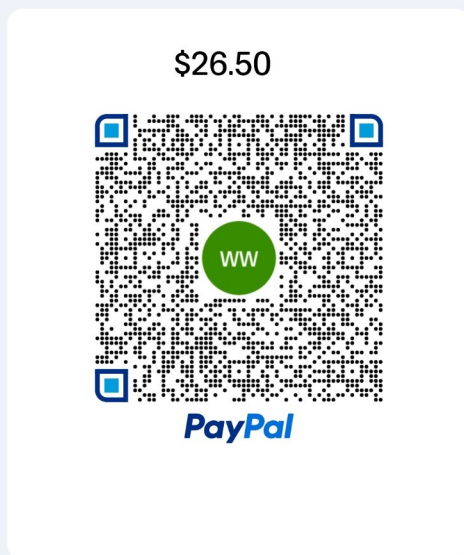
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We finished November with 121 paid members—that's 42.91% of our neighborhood. We encourage both owners and renters to join our HOA. We need every Winter Woods resident to join as your dues helps to offset the printing of this newsletter, the makeover of our beautiful entrance circle and our other entrance upgrades, as well as the covering the costs of our special events held during the year like our Neighborhood Night Out, Spring Fling, Summer Back to School Bash, and our holiday decorations contests (those signs must be updated periodically.)

This year, so far King James Court leads the way with 91% of their homes paid for 2024. King Alpines is in second place with 73%, and King Henry's and King John's Courts are tied for third place with 55%.

We need 141 paid homes to reach 50% of the neighborhood. Please check your records to be sure you've paid your dues for

2024. If not, please send your check to our mailing address—PO Box 342, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0372, or drop off your check at 1958 Poinciana Road, or use our convenient QR code to pay by PayPal, credit or debit card.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER, you must be a paid HOA member for 2024 to be considered for our upcoming Holiday Christmas Decorating Contest. More information about the judging can be found on Page 13 of this newsletter.

You can even get a jump on 2025 by sending in your \$25 dues for next year. Everyone who has paid for 2025 by 12/20/24 will be listed in the January 2025 newsletter along with any homes that pay for 2024 before our printing deadline of 12/20/2024.

### WINTER WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2024 MEMBERSHIP

**Please complete the information below so that our membership records will be complete.**

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## Free or Low Cost Events—Laura Spear

### TREE LIGHTINGS

Wekiva Island Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec 1, 7- 9 PM. Christmas tree lighting at 7

Join us at Wekiva Island as Santa and Mrs. Claus officially kick off the holiday season by lighting our HUGE 30-foot-tall tree. The snow flurries will be flying, elves will be playing, thousands of lights will be lit and the Island will be full of plenty of holiday cheer. Don't forget to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Kids House of Seminole County. FREE <https://wekivaisland.com/event/christmas-tree-lighting/>

City of Oviedo Recreation & Parks Department Tree Lighting

Thursday, Dec 5, 5-9 PM Tree Lighting is happening at 6:30pm

Center Lake Park, 299 Center Lake Ln, Oviedo

Food, drinks, and alcohol will be available for purchase. Come join our Cousin Eddie contest! The best impersonator wins a special prize! FREE <https://www.cityofoviedo.net>

Winter on the Avenue featuring the Annual Tree Lighting By Winter Park Chamber of Commerce

Friday, Dec 6, 5- 9 PM

Central Park, 150 W Morse Blvd, Winter Park

This holiday street party will feature an array of activities including the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, presenting the city's holiday tree in Central Park, a symbolic Menorah lighting, Santa Claus, Pop-corn Flicks in the Park, live music, snow slides from the Parks & Recreation Family Fun Program, s'mores from the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department, and so much more. FREE <https://winterpark.org/>

Winter Wonderland 2024 Parade and Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec 7, 4-8 PM

Winter Springs Town Center

Experience an evening with one of the longest-running traditions in our city, the 41st annual Holiday Parade featuring local talent and businesses and the annual tree Lighting! Enjoy local entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus! Local entertainment and culinary offerings from food trucks. FREE <https://www.winterspringsfl.org>

City of Casselberry Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Dec 7, 5-8 pm

Lake Concord Park, 95 Triplet Drive, Casselberry.

Enjoy a festive night including the countdown lighting of the holiday tree, holiday vendors, performing groups from local schools and a special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. FREE [Casselberry Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony](#)

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## Free or Low Cost Events—Laura Spear

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#### Light Up the Holidays

Saturday, Dec 7, 5-9 PM

Cranes Roost Park- City of Altamonte Springs

Live music, entertainment, fireworks, train rides, along with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Watch as the park comes alive with spectacular holiday displays featuring 200,000 lights and a 60-foot tree decorated with thousands of ornaments and garland. Plus, choreographed fireworks display, Live music & dance performances, and Kids' activities. FREE. Food and beverages available for purchase. <https://www.altamonte.org/788/Light-Up-the-Holidays>

#### PARADES

2024 Holiday Parade with the City of Oviedo

Saturday, Dec 7, 6 - 9pm EST

Center Lake Park, 299 Center Lake Ln., Oviedo

Parade route starts at the Gym & Aquatic Center at approximately 7pm and flows through Oviedo Boulevard ending at the corner of Center Lake Lane and City Plaza! Come early and get your food from one of the many restaurants in Oviedo on the Park, then find your spot along the parade route. FREE

71st Annual Winter Park "Ye Olde Hometown" Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec 7, 9 AM

251 Park Avenue South, Winter Park

Sponsored by Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, this family-friendly event showcases holiday-themed floats, Santa Claus and well-known local figures as they make their way down Park Avenue ending at the intersection of Lyman and Park avenues. FREE

#### OTHER EVENTS

Leu Gardens Free Day and Story Time for Young Children

Monday, Dec 2, 9 am-4 pm

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave, Orlando

Enjoy free admission in the gardens all day and have fun with stories, songs and fun with your little one in a free indoor event for families with newborns to preschool age children. Story Time Schedule: 10– 10:15 Infants up to 18 months, 10:20 – 10:35 Toddlers, 18 months – 2 years old, 10:40 – 11 Preschoolers, 3 – 5 years old. FREE [www.leugardens.org](http://www.leugardens.org)

Holiday Friday Nights at the Morse Museum

Fridays in Dec, 5-8 pm

Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, 445 North Park Ave, Winter Park

Live music enhances the museum experience featuring: Dec 6 Asian Duo flute and harp, Dec 13 Victoria Lynn Schultz on harp, Dec 20 Three Flutes, Dec 27 Painted Black Orchestra. Admission is FREE from 4-8 pm <http://www.morsemuseum.org/>

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## Free or Low Cost Events—Laura Spear

Family Movie Night: The Muppet Christmas Carol

Thursday, Dec 5, 5:30-7:30 PM

Seminole County Library East Branch Meeting Room, 310 N Division St, Oviedo

Bring a blanket and snacks for your family and enjoy a free movie night at the library. *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE. Registration not required.

<https://seminolecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

Art & History Museums Holiday Celebration

Friday, Dec 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

The Art & History Museums of Maitland, 231 W Packwood Ave, Maitland

Join us for a rollicking early holiday celebration full of live music, art, and community. Guests can mingle with some of Central Florida's hottest artists, picnic next to our iconic lily pool, sing along to live piano accompaniment, and discover the stunning artist studios and classrooms concealed within our nearly century-old site. Meet our Artists in Action, watch the expert instructors of A&H Art School perform demonstrations of their craft and shop for that perfect holiday gift, handmade by a local artist. FREE <http://www.artandhistory.org/>

Merry TUBA CHRISTMAS

Saturday, Dec 14, 1 PM

Central Park Main Stage, 11 South Park Ave, Winter Park

Enjoy the rich sounds of Christmas as tuba, euphonium, sousaphone and baritone players of all ages gather to perform a FREE concert brought to you by the City of Winter Park Natural Resources & Sustainability Department. <https://winterpark.org/>

Tween Extreme Gingerbread Challenge (Exclusively for ages 8-12)

Thursday, Dec 19, 6-7:30 PM

Seminole County Library North Branch Meeting Room, 150 N. Palmetto Ave, Sanford

Pre-registration is required and FREE but will only be open from Nov 30 @ 2 PM to Dec 14 @ 2 PM Exclusively for ages 8-12. Be the architect of a very sweet structure! Use graham crackers, icing, and a variety of candy to build something awesome that goes beyond the ordinary gingerbread house. Whoever builds the most creative structure at each library branch may pick out a free (brand new) book to keep. Library staff will judge the contest. FREE, all materials will be provided. <https://seminolecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

Kwanzaa Celebration

Thursday, Dec 26, 5-9 PM

The Winter Park Community Center

721 W. New England Ave, Winter Park

Celebrate 25 years of Kwanzaa: wear white and bring gifts or flowers to honor our Elder Culture Keepers. Join us for Kwanzaa candle lighting, drumming, performances, dancing and food. \$5 general admission \$10 dinner plates available. Tickets at the door or in advance at <https://www.equitycouncilcorp.org/>



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## Meet Your Neighbor — Laura Spear

By way of the *Meet Your Neighbor* column in the newsletter, the Winter Woods community came together through the shared stories and experiences of its residents, sparking connections and fostering a sense of camaraderie. This year, we had the pleasure of getting to know nine of our neighborhood families, learning about their diverse backgrounds, interests, and the unique reasons they chose to call Winter Woods home.

We began with Sean and Sara McWilliams, along with their children, James and Julia who have kept busy with home improvements, Malerie and JC Robinson shared their rock climbing adventures, and Nia and Thomas Bass, together with their children Amari, Jabari, and Kalel, who all support the family business, AMJ's Bakery, in a sweet way, by eating all the extra cupcakes.

We also had the chance to meet Al and Kathy Baker, who regaled us with stories of their far-flung children and Al's stunning garden and his quest for chess domination. World travelers' Tracey and Jasmin Neville shared their best restaurant picks and more, and Patty and Lusinda Duffy shared their motor home travels and their zero THC CBD products.

The year wrapped up with Kathleen and Kyle Klinger who shared the inspiring journey that led to the opening of their business, Bark Haven, while Allison and John Freeze gave us a practical house-hunting tip: never underestimate the power (and proximity) of good coffee! Finally, Tommy and Molly Krumm, true "locals" at heart, revealed that they chose Winter Woods to raise their son because it truly felt like home.

These personal stories highlight the vibrant diversity and strong connections that make Winter Woods a wonderful place to live. Each new neighbor we meet enriches our community, reminding us all that behind every door is a unique story worth sharing.

If you would like to revisit these articles, or any other neighbor's stories from previous years, the archive of newsletters are available on the HOA website [Winter Woods Homeowners Association – Winter Park, FL](#).

In 2025, we're thrilled to announce that Ed Measom will be taking over the neighborhood column, and we look forward to learning about more of the wonderful people who make Winter Woods such a special place. We're also looking for more families to feature in future editions. If you'd like to share your story, simply raise your hand by emailing us at [winterwoodshoa@gmail.com](mailto:winterwoodshoa@gmail.com)!

Laura Spear





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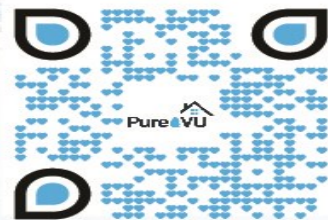
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## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST—Debra Stephey

The holiday season is here! And one of the best things about the holidays is enjoying the Winter Woods' homes and yards brightly decorated for the holidays!

This year the Decorations committee will again solicit nominations for the four best-decorated homes from all residents. Winter Woods residents may send their nominations by email to: [dastephey@yahoo.com](mailto:dastephey@yahoo.com) Please send all nominations by December 21st.

***Please have your decorations and lights on by 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 22nd.*** Decorations committee members will view the neighborhood, including the nominated homes, beginning at 6:30 pm on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to determine the four award winning homes. Signs will be placed to recognize the award-winning homes. **Residents must have paid 2024 WWA dues to receive one of the four award winning signs.**

Decorate your home and yard and **make certain that your house number can be visualized from the street. Far more important than the decorations contest is the ability of emergency responders to quickly identify the number of your residence.**

Happy Holidays to all!  
Debra Stephey

## Casselberry's Santa Run for 2024

Just in case you missed the insert in your water bill, here's the City of Casselberry's Santa Run schedule for 2024. Each night the Santa Run starts at City Hall at 6pm and ends at approximately 9pm at City Hall. For more information, please call 407-262-7700, ext. 1133.

Turn by turn route for each night can be found on the City's website at:

[https://www.casselberry.org/629/Santa-Run?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR2nV1fsYlyVdTFIbS9kVHRGr2aNzgdEvEz5duqnS-HCryD9LiVG6SYED\\_E\\_aem\\_Rbb3YI6OqkS7umKfo3L7iQ](https://www.casselberry.org/629/Santa-Run?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR2nV1fsYlyVdTFIbS9kVHRGr2aNzgdEvEz5duqnS-HCryD9LiVG6SYED_E_aem_Rbb3YI6OqkS7umKfo3L7iQ)



Oh, you better watch out! You better not pout!  
You better not cry! Why? Santa Claus is coming to town -  
along with a few elves to spread goodwill and cheer to all residents of the City of Casselberry!

**December 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th\*\*** Be on the lookout for the Casselberry Police Department and the Seminole County Fire Department escorting Santa and Mrs. Claus throughout the streets of the City with the elves tossing candy to all the good children and maybe a few grown-ups too!  
\*\*Weather Permitting—Route is subject to change and/or cancellation.\*\*

Check the City's website at [www.casselberry.org](http://www.casselberry.org) for detailed information on Santa's route each of the four (4) nights and follow the City's Facebook page each night for "live" Santa Run tracking updates!

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Larry Stephey

While the election has made this year interesting, the lack of crime here in Winter Woods has not. We are fortunate to live in a very low crime area. That is not to say that crime is not nearby. Orange County is dealing with an above average crime rate around Aloma Ave, and south of the area. The Seminole Sheriff Department continues to have the reputation of being tough on crime and the bad guys tend to stay away from the county.

There is no reason to let down our guard, though. Watchful neighbors with the willingness to report suspicious activity is a major deterrent to neighborhood crime. We note that pet walkers are active at all hours and the quiet of the neighborhood allows for the noticing of unusual noises such as breaking glass and busting doors. Suspicious sights and sounds can be reported to the Sheriff's non-emergency number of 407-665-6650.

A witnessed crime in progress is reason to call 9-1-1.

Thanks to all for your participation in Neighborhood Watch. Have a safe and fulfilling holiday season.



## Halloween Decorations Winners

We had many awesome decorations on display for Halloween. Thanks to everyone who showed off their “spooky spirits” for Halloween. Below are pictures of our winning homes:



Congratulations to Tim and Paul at 1917 East Hampton Circle, our grand prize winners of a \$50 Visa Gift Card! The neighborhood has LOVED watching the expansion of your super spooky decorations!

And Congratulations to Bobby Thollander at 1401 Nottingham, winner of a \$25 Visa Gift Card for this INCREDIBLE Halloween display!

Congratulations to Zack Gilmore and Val Solomon at 2234 King Charles Court, winners of a \$25 Visa Gift Card for their AMAZING Halloween decorations!



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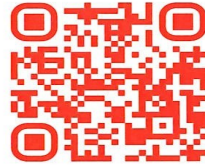
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**LOCATION**

1555 FL 436, Ste. 1321  
Winter Park, FL  
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**Dine-In &  
Take Out**  
*(delivery coming soon)*

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