

SPRING IS NEARLY HERE !!

Now we can start cutting back all the brown dead limbs, place "weed and feed" on the lawns and start watering twice a week (only before 10:00 am and after 4:00 pm - we are still on restrictions).

All the wonderful spring flowers will be at the nursery and after our first really cold winter in years, won't it be nice to see colors and green lawns again in place of brown and bare limbs? I can finally stop raking leaves and now the mowing begins !!

Yes, yellow warning notices will be going out to neighbors who DON'T TAKE CARE OF THEIR FRONT YARDS .. SO DON'T GET MAD AT OUR VIOLATIONS WORK. HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY LOOKING ITS BEST, AND ENJOY THE EXERCISE !!

"The Bright Side"

"Though the study seems to deliver a negative message, lead author Kees Keizer of the faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Groningen, Netherlands, said that 'it also shows that municipal officials and the public can have a significant impact on the influence of norms and rules of behavior.'"

"In other words, the findings show that if communities keep public areas neat, people will be less likely to make a mess."

Your Home Is Your Best Investment

The Terraces
Deer Run HOA 7A & 7B
P. O. 516
Casselberry, FL 32718

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TO:

DID YOU KNOW ???

Red Bug Flyover - FDOT will start construction in 2010 on a flyover ramp from southbound State Road 436 to eastbound Red Bug Lake Road.

436 / 17-92 Project - FDOT is still monitoring the project with a planned flyover tentatively scheduled for 2025.

Wal-Mart Supercenter - Located at U.S. Highway 17-92 and State Road 436, the ground breaking is estimated for 2009 with a 2010 opening.

More information can be found at
www.casselberry.org/CurrentProjects

Absentee owners are reminded to keep the Covenants by having their RENTERS aware and keeping the Covenants!

VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

March, 2009



Board of Directors:

Melissa Gazaway
Debbie Mills
Natalie Amento
Marti Ryals
Geri Williams

Scheduled Meetings:

7:30 p.m. at Pinetree Village Clubhouse
March 11th
April 8th
May 13th

Association Address:

P.O. Box 516
Casselberry, FL 32718

Important Phone #'s:

Code Enforcement:
(407) 665-1766
Commissioner Dollari:
(407) 665-7215
Seminole County Sheriff:
(407) 665-6650

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*A message from the President of your Homeowner Association Board,
Melissa Gazaway:*

The new year is upon us. I have been chosen to serve another year on the HOA board for this neighborhood. I want to take a minute to let everyone know that without the help of my fellow board members, this would not be possible. Thanks to everyone who is involved with our homeowners' association board that allow us to continue to have this great neighborhood we live in without having to pay for professional management.

With that in mind, I want all of the neighbors to continue to keep up on the maintenance of their property, look out for each other and treat each other with respect and consideration. Please remember that maintaining your own property within the bounds of our covenants prevents violations and allows us to enjoy being neighbors.

One of the most recent issues brought to the board is the problem of excessive street parking. While the board does not regulate this issue, I want to remind everyone that this can be a real hazard when emergency vehicles attempt to navigate our streets. As Seminole County residents, you must follow the laws regarding street parking. These include no parking within 30 feet of mailboxes or tandem parking (parking directly across from another vehicle) blocking the roadway so that emergency vehicles cannot pass between the cars. This was actually a problem when a neighbor had a heart attack and the fire rescue vehicle had to turn around and go the other way delaying their arrival on scene by about 5 minutes. This delay could mean someone's life, so please be considerate. If you need to park in the street and walk a few houses down to get home, remember it could be your loved one who is saved.



Thanks to all for your attention to this issue.



Santa with Emma



MORE GOOD NEIGHBORS MAKE A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

We have had fewer violations this past year than ever. Neighbors are being so good about taking in their trash cans after pickup and NOT leaving them standing in front of their homes. Front yards have been kept up and RV's and boats and trailers have all been brought in and gone within three day time limit...THANK YOU. (Our streets were never built for parking on sides and larger trailers, boats, etc., really cause a safety hazard.)

ANNUAL DUES WERE PAID ON TIME BY MAJORITY OF HOMEOWNERS

No matter who you talk to, our economy is in a mess. Too many people have lost their job or living beyond their means on credit cards, buying homes and cars they can't really afford, and the recession that started last year has only gotten worse. We can all pray that everyone can start anew, save money, not spend when they can't afford to. So, when it came to paying yearly dues, it was really hard on some of our neighbors. Liens have been placed on properties where even a payment plan couldn't be worked out. We hope that soon these liens will be removed.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF HELP ???

If age, or a disability have caused you to be unable to work on your yard, or you need something repaired, please drop a note to our P. O. Box, or send us an e-mail, and members of our "Sunshine Club" will be delighted to come by and see if they can help. That's what good neighbors do !!!

For those of you with a green thumb who love to work in your yard, our Awards Committee members will soon start looking for front yards that are well kept, with colorful plantings, edged sidewalks and mowed yards! Having pretty plants around a mailbox (that isn't leaning, covered with mildew!) makes an attractive welcome to neighbors.

The Board will select winners for the next six months, awarding a Lowe's gift certificate to the monthly winner and having our "YARD OF THE MONTH" sign placed in their front yard.

WELCOME DEBBIE MILLS OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT



Pat Cox, who has served as our Vice President for the past three years, has retired from that position. We luckily have a neighbor, Debbie Mills, who volunteered to take her place. Debbie has a legal background, and will be a valuable new member to our Board. Another neighbor, Betty, has taken over the newsletter from Cynthia (last names are left off as they wish to be anonymous for their good service to this community), but those of us on the Board wanted to say thank you to all.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CAME TO A MONTHLY MEETING OF YOUR HOA ??

We had some wonderful, caring neighbors who came to our Annual Meeting, giving us valuable input. Questions about the Board's liability insurance, lighting on our new "Bridlebrook" sign, neighbors who are in need of help, questions about deed restrictions. The "all-volunteer" Board works hard, year round to keep our 163 homes in good standing, and it's always nice to have neighbors who attend and show interest in this community.

SANDA WAS LATE COMING TO THE TERRANCES !!!

Many of our neighbors were late getting to 1330-1304 Bridlebrook for our annual Holiday cookies and hot chocolate visit with Santa because there were no sirens and flashing lights announcing his arrival! (The fire fighters arrived later, apologizing as they actually had a fire to go to! Bless them anyway.)

The photo shows just one of the many children who were lucky enough to see Santa, tell him their wishes for gifts before leaving to head back to the North Pole. A few late-comers missed him, but their parents promised to help their children write letters to Santa, making sure their wishes were known....

Melissa Gazaway provided luscious homemade cookies for the neighbors, along with hot chocolate and hot apple cider. Pat Cox decorated her truck which took Santa around, honking the horn as loud as she could, while Geri Williams tossed candy canes to all the neighbors who were patiently waiting to see the red suited gentleman.

Thanks to one and all who took the time to come out and visit. It was a lovely night, and we'll do it again next year!!!

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WERE BEAUTIFUL

The Awards Committee had a tough time selecting winners for holiday decorations, but as past winners were eliminated from the judging, some new neighbors were made very happy.

Awards went to 340 Copperstone, 1316 Bridlebrook, 308 Copperstone and 1336 Bridlebrook, 1324 Bridlebrook and 1394 Bridlebrook. Our past winners brightened the neighborhood with their usual gorgeous displays, especially the "PEACE ON EARTH" display, along with one lawn of "snow" in front of moving globes of Christmas scenes. Most popular on Bridlebrook were the white icicles dripping off roof lines and sparkling lights on shrubs.

ANOTHER THANK YOU - TO ALL WHO TOOK THE TIME TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SO SPARKLING AND COLORFUL!!