# HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WERE WONDERFUL

The Awards Committee had to drive around, around and around before selecting six winners, because there were so many really creative and colorful displays.

Several homeowners had daytime displays with white reindeers and potted poinsettias that were beautiful, and then there were our past "Hall of Fame" winners who, year after year, add and add to their outstanding displays with revolving Santas and trees and lawns that were covered with all-white bulbs, simulating snow!! Several homeowners did all one color displays that were stunning, like the allred and all-white homes on Copperstone.

The earliest display was on Bridlebrook, and led all the rest of us to get going !!!

Award winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 1334 Bridlebrook 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 345 Copperstone 3rd Place: 1295 Bridlebrook

More outstanding displays: 1394 Bridlebrook, 472 Copperstone and 461 Copperstone.

Thank you one and all for brightening our evenings with sparkling lights in a very dreary year.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner

The Terraces Deer Run HOA 7A & 7B P. 0. 516 Casselberry, FL 32718

Address correction requested

TO:

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

### **Board of Directors:**

Natalie Amento Margaret Chryplewicz Debbie Mills Marti Ryals Geri Williams Scheduled Meetings:



7:30 p.m. at Pinetree Village Clubhouse March 10th April 14th May 12th

Website Address: www.theterracesatdeerrun.com E-mail Address for Problems: contact@theterracesatdeerrun.com

A message from the President of your Homeowner Association Board, Natalie Amento

Hello and Happy 2010 fellow neighbors! My name is Natalie Amento, and I have been serving on the HOA Board as Treasurer for the past two years. When the Board finally accepted Melissa's resignation (she has done such a fabulous job that we didn't want her to leave), I decided to step up to the challenge of President of your HOA. I feel confident that with my previous work experience involving 17 years of Property Management and a great team of volunteers, we can oversee and enforce the covenants in our deed restricted community to make this a great place to call home.

I would like to welcome Margaret Chryplewicz as our new Vice President and Debbie Mills as our new Treasurer. Remaining on our HOA Board for continued service is Betty Spangler as Newsletter coordinator, Marti Ryals as Hospitality Hostess and Geri Williams as Secretary, who is the driving force behind our community Board. Thank you so much for your volunteerism to our community.

I saw the comments that were submitted with your HOA dues letter, and would like to address some of those issues..... Pet owners, please pick up after your pet and THANK YOU to the ones who do. Please remember to have all trash cans stowed away from street view preferably in your garage or behind a fenced in area with lids. We will look into the possibility of additional lighting or brighter lighting for the entrances. The blown down fence along the pond has been noted in the past, and we have contacted the management company of the neighboring community. Parking of cars in the street should not be within 15 feet of a stop sign and cars should not be parked on each side (in tandem) of the street making it difficult to pass. Please refrain from parking near stop signs as this could one day cause an accident. You can access The Terraces' covenants and deed restrictions on our website and remember that even if you are a renter these rules apply to you too.

I invite homeowners and renters to join us at our monthly HOA meetings which are located at the Pinewood Village Clubhouse the second Wednesday of every month excluding July and August. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me via our website www.theterracesatdeerrun.com with any comments or suggestions. Join us on facebook and become a fan of The Terraces at Deer Run to interact with neighbors and post any baby, wedding or other announcements on our wall.

I look forward to meeting you at our next meeting and having a great year serving on the Board of YOUR HOA!

# **VIEW FROM THE TERRACES**

# March, 2010

Association Address: P.O. Box 516 Casselberry, FL 32718 Important Phone #'s: Code Enfoncement: (407) 665-1766 Commissioner Dollari: (407) 665-7215 Seminole County Sheriff: (407) 665-6650

Happy Spring

### WARNING!!! HOMEOWNERS WHOSES HOMES BACK UP TO THE ELECTRIC POWER LINE EASEMENT



Years ago, your Board agreed with the electric company that none of our 23 homes that had their power poles in

our backyards would dump any natural debris or plant anything within 100 feet of their poles, keeping a 100-foot path clear for their trucks.

In walking the entire easement recently, empty soda cans and plastic plant holders were illegally placed there (which we removed). Also found were broken fencing, cut limbs, and leaves were noticed on the drive-thru 100 foot area. If you are one of the 23 homes, PLEASE CHECK YOUR BACKYARD AREA. HELP US KEEP OUR WORD TO KEEP IT CLEAR !!! Dump natural debris against the fence on the south side ONLY. !!! Thanks

# TOO MANY GARAGE SALES !!!!

We are all too aware of friends who have lost jobs, others who have had their hours cut, and utilities and taxes have gone up. We are beginning a harsh economical cycle.

One easy answer is to sell off what you can to earn some extra money. However, the Board has received complaints that a couple of neighbors have been holding more than the two legal garage sales allowed by Seminole County.

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### WELCOME TO ALL NEW HOMEOWNERS AND **RENTORS TO THE TERRANCES !!!**

By State law, you should have been given a copy of the Deed Restrictions when you bought your house in our community. If you didn't get a copy, contact us at "theterracesatdeerrun.com" and let us know, or come to a monthly meeting to get a copy.

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#### TO ALL HOMEOWNERS AT THE TERRACES ... "FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH ... THIS IS MY OPINION" (Debbie Mills)

"I've been Vice President of your Homeowners' Association for about one year, and the majority of you have no clue as to who I am. I am concerned about the lack of involvement by the homeowners in this community. Your HOA holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm (with the exception of July and August). These meetings are usually short, and we're home within the hour. Out of 163 homes, the most attendance I have seen at a meeting was about five (5) people, besides the Board, and that was only once. Most months there is only one (1) homeowner concerned enough about this community to bother to attend... sometimes there are no members in attendance.

What can we do to change this lackadaisical attitude of our homeowners? Don't you care enough about your community to give one hour a month to attend a meeting to find out what is going on????

I'm open to any and all suggestions, and would be more than willing to sit down with you over a cup of coffee to discuss your thoughts, or just have a plain chat. Would more of you attend if the meeting was on a different day, or a different time?

I find it disconcerting that, unless there's a problem, no one seems to care. When I first moved to this area in January 2005, I thought this neighborhood would be different. I thought people cared more for their neighbors, but now I just don't know. I would love to have you prove me wrong and start attending YOUR meetings, voice your concerns and your thoughts about what makes a good neighbor."

Please send your ideas to our website at, www.theterracesatdeerrun.com, or to our P O Box 516, or call me.

# THE FLY-OVER AT HIGHWAY 436 AND RED BUG IS COMING Expect a Mess !!

The old furniture building is gone, houses on the south side of Summerset (behind the brick wall) are gone. Soon we will have a real mess trying to go west on Red Bug to get on 436. A lot of us are already planning to cut through Dodd to Lake Howell to get to 436, or the community behind the fire station to get to 436 in anticipation of massive delays at morning and afternoon rush time. It should only be bad for two to three years!!!!

### COUNTY LAW STATES EACH HOUSE NEEDS NUMBERS

Holiday lights, it was noticed that several homes have NO NUMBERS ON EITHER THE HOUSE OR THE MAILBOX.

It is the law to have identifying numbers on each residence... not only for legal purposes, but, God forbid you need to call 911 for a medical or fire emergency. Precious moments could be lost locating your home because you never took the time to place numbers on your house or mailbox 111

Check your home and see if you are OK !!!!













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#### **NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS** END THIS MONTH

- In walking around our community to enjoy the St. Johns Water Management had restricted all Florida homeowners to once a week ONLY
  - watering (Saturday odd numbers, and Sunday even numbers) during winter months. We really didn't need more watering due to cold weather and surplus rain.

Beginning April, hopefully, we will be allowed to go back to twice a week. Check your paper, then website or call (407) 665-2121. Let's all be good citizens and follow their rules for water conservation.

# Christmas at "THE TERRACES"





