

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT THE TERRACES

The Terraces recently lost a neighbor under very sad circumstances. This homeowner was a recluse, and neighbors noticed she had not been seen for a while and were concerned for her well-being. The Sheriff's Office was contacted, did a walk around the property, and noticed nothing unusual; they were not permitted by law to gain access inside the house without permission. Another week passed without this neighbor being seen. A neighbor located a phone number of a relative who gave permission for an officer to gain entry. Unfortunately the owner was found to have died alone in her home. How awful for this poor woman !!

Neighbors: To prevent this misfortune from ever reoccurring, if you live alone, PLEASE get to know a neighbor you are comfortable with, and provide them with the name and phone number of a relative or friend to contact in an emergency. We do not want this tragedy to ever happen again.

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

Address correction requested

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

TO:

VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

March, 2011



Spring Is Here !!

Board of Directors:

Melissa Gazaway
Natalie Amento
Debbie Mills
Marti Ryals
Geri Williams

Scheduled Meetings:

7:30 p.m. at Pinetree Village Clubhouse
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 8th

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

Website Address: www.theterracesatdeerrun.com

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

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

Spring is coming soon ! While I have enjoyed the cooler weather for the most part, I always look forward to seeing the trees becoming green and the new flowers adding color to our landscapes.

I would like to take a moment to remind all residents to keep an eye out for our neighbors. If you see anything suspicious, PLEASE call the Seminole County Sherriff's Office. I recently came home from work and found a young man passed out in his truck, which was parked in the middle of the road. After speaking to some of my neighbors, I discovered he may have been there as early as 4:30 am, and I called about 7:30 am. Thankfully the person was not having any medical issues—but, this could have been a very bad situation.

If you see anything unusual, please take a moment to call the authorities—you do not have to get involved—just call and let the officers check out the issues.

Everyone needs to help keep our streets and neighbors safe.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please e-mail your HOA at:
contact@theterracesatdeerrun.com

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS' BUSINESSES



RATS !! RATS !! AND MORE RATS !!

Several homeowners have reported sighting rats scurrying around their yards. Years ago when the Galloway Farm was bulldozed to make room for the gated community on Red Bug Road behind us, it caused packs of rats to migrate to our neighborhood.

If you are leaving cat or dog food outside for your pets, you are helping to feed the rats as well as your pets !!!

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### NO NOISE AFTER HOURS... PLEASE !!

Seminole County Noise Ordinance states that neighbors are entitled to peace and quiet between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. Normally our community doesn't have a problem with neighbors disturbing the peace, as a majority are working people or retired folks. However, the Sheriff's Office has been called to stop parties in progress where the celebrants seem to ignore the fact that our "zero-lot homes" mean that loud stereos, hollering and screaming can be heard next door !!!

So, enjoy your life, but REMEMBER, YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE DUE THEIR HAPPINESS TOO.



### PLEASE.. STOP SPEEDING THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



The most constant complaint your HOA receives is to stop drivers in cars, trucks or motorcycles from speeding through Bridlebrook or Copperstone to exit the neighborhood.

Years ago we put up "25 mph" and "Children At Play" signs to help with the speeding problem. We annually ask you to be aware of this problem, and STILL people are seen zooming around corners, not stopping at the stop signs at crosswalks, and weaving in and out with vehicles parked on both sides of our narrow roads.

A Board member had to swerve out of the way of a speeder, with cars parked on both sides of the road because they were honking their horn, not slowing down to see which car would let the other go through! We all know that rudeness is now an accepted way of behavior in America, and good manners seem to have fallen out of favor... **BUT, could we all slow down, and see if we could at least have some courtesy here in *The Terraces* ????? Thank you.**

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FIRE CRACKERS AND DROUGHTS



Each New Years and 4th of July, some neighbors have fun shooting off and exploding firecrackers.

PLEASE be mindful of any which go off near the tops of our houses or land in our backyards... you can start a FIRE in the drought conditions that exist year in and year out.



IS THE WORST OVER ????

Out of 163 homes, we have had over a dozen foreclosures and houses abandoned. Slowly the prices have dropped, and now they are getting back to sane prices. (Remember when a 2-bedroom / 2-bath home sold for \$225,000???? In 1987, \$67,500 was the normal price for such a home here. By the 1990's, \$100,000 and then in the early 2000's it went CRAZY.)

We are now seeing houses beginning to sell for more reasonable prices; however, those people trying to sell who bought at the high watermark aren't happy. None of us are happy the way the banks are currently operating, even after we, the taxpayers, bailed them out !!

We must keep hoping that things will get better, and we know that people all over the world are suffering, even worse than we are. So, pay your bills on time, build up your savings account, keep your property in good shape, put away the credit cards (unless you can pay them in full each month), and we will all make it again !!

ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The count is in, and 107 "ayes" approved the budget and the HOA Board for 2011. We wish to thank all our neighbors who came to the meeting or wrote comments on their proxy votes. Most were favorable, with a couple of grumps about neighbor's yards not being kept as nicely as they should through the growing season. Question: Why are yellow violation notices left on car windshields? BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO LEAVE THEM IN MAILBOXES.. AND, WHEN LEFT ON FRONT DOORS, MOST PEOPLE DON'T SEE THEM BECAUSE THEY DON'T USE THEIR FRONT ENTRANCES, OR THEY GET BLOWN AWAY !

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### UTILITY COMPANIES HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO ENTER YOUR BACKYARD

In this day and age where crazy people seem to make the headlines every day, no one could blame you if seeing a stranger going into your backyard or side yard might make you nervous. However, Seminole County water meters are checked regularly in front of our houses. Progress Energy sends workers to read electric meters located on the side of our homes. Telephone companies have those green cylinders in our backyards and along our easements that have to be accessed when there are problems. The same is true for Brighthouse Cable.

If you are suspicious of a stranger on your property, first check outside and look for their truck. They should be wearing a uniform and normally will knock on your door before attempting to get in your yard. If you are still concerned, don't confront!!! Call the Sheriff's Office, tell them your concern, and let them deal with it. **THAT'S WHY WE PAY OUR TAXES FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC !!**

### APRIL BEGINS "YARD OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

It's been a harsh winter with lawns brown, shrubs dead, leaves covering the sidewalks and streets...BUT, now it's time to get out the rakes and brooms, clean off the sidewalks and roads in front of our houses, "weed and feed" our lawns, rake away old mulch, cut back the dead bushes (in hopes they will come back to life), and be in the running for one of six \$25.00 Lowes' gift certificates.

On April 1st our Awards Committee will be looking for "yard people" who have freshened up their front yards, cleaned off the mildewed mail boxes, front doors and pathways, and have planted some flowering plants to welcome spring!!! Good luck to everyone !!!

Even if you don't win, it sure makes the neighborhood look better!

### ATTENTION NEIGHBORS

If you have a member of your family serving in the Armed Forces, and our HOA Board can support you in any way, drop a note to our address or website, and let us know how we can serve YOU !!

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION WITH SANTA

Homemade cookies, hot apple cider, hot chocolate with marshmallows, cold night air and SANTA !! The annual arrival of Fire Truck #27 and the jolly gentleman brought out dozens of our neighbors for a lovely celebration.

BIG thanks to the HOA Board members who provided all the refreshments, including the tossed candy canes, leading Santa around the community.

