VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

Board of Directors:

Dianne Lett Sarah Cady Debbie Mills Geri Williams Betty Spangler

Scheduled Meetings:

7:30 p.m. at Pinetree Village Clubhouse March 27th April 24th May 22nd

March, 2013



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

For the past ten years I've served as the President of our Homeowners' Association--working year after year with a wonderful group of women. This volunteer work gave me a chance to "give back to my community."

At our Annual Meeting held on January 23, overwhelming positive votes approved our Board and annual budget for 2013. It was very difficult for me to announce that, due to recent doctor's advice, I will be unable to serve out my eleventh year as your President. The new HOA Board will be led by Dianne Lett (President), long-time resident and homeowner; along with long-serving Geri Williams (Secretary); Debbie Mills (Treasurer); and Sarah Cady (Vice President) and also mother-to-be. I am very happy to announce that Betty Spangler will be joining the Board as our Awards Committee Chair. Over the past few years she has been our neighbor responsible for getting out our quarterly newsletter.

The activity of our HCA goes on. I will hope neighbors seeing me puttering around in the garden or organizing my garage will stop by and help me "smell the roses." Most of all, I hope there are others here in The Terraces who will take the time to help our community and volunteer!!

PLEASE NOTE: HOA MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED

We are changing our monthly meeting date to the <u>4th Wednesday of each month</u> -- 7:30 pm at the Pinetree Village Clubhouse. Our next meeting will focus on new State laws affecting all HOA's – including ours. Please plan to attend!!

ANNUAL MEETING APPROVES 2013 BUDGET AND BOARD MEMBERS

Thanks to the homeowners and renters that came to our Annual Meeting at the Pinetree Clubhouse, and the proxy votes sent in with payment of annual dues. The Board and the budget were approved.

As reflected in the President's Message, there have been some changes to the approved Board. During the past few years our wonderful President, Melissa, has been battling some health problems. Joyously she married her sweet husband, Paul, and has since sadly had to resign from the Board after many years of service to our community. The good news she shared is that her daughter, Riley, will be giving birth to Melissa's first grandchild.

We are, pleased to announce that we have three new member designations:

- ✓ Dianne Lett has volunteered to step up as President in Melissa Gazaway's absence. Dianne led the Awards Committee in selecting our winners for lighting displays and giving our "Yard of the Month" awards.
- ✓ Sarah Cady will be our Vice President until the birth of her baby, due in May. Sarah was responsible for the fantastic new Christmas decorations at our entrances.
- ✓ Betty Spangler will chair the Awards Committee. Betty has been responsible for the quarterly newsletter.

HOA members who are remaining on the Board:

- ✓ Debbie Mills, Treasurer. Debbie has arranged for Tim Bunyon, *Circuit Design*, who is a great electrician and also a neighbor, to hook up new outlets for power accessibility at our entrances. Debbie also secured a painter who will clean, patch and repaint our front entrance wall.
- ✓ Geri Williams, Secretary. Geri continues to pick up trash on her morning walks, and led the battle with Progress Energy in their cleanup of the easement. She saved what she could of the 23 yards that backup to the easement.

Margaret C and Jackie V will continue to help the Board in passing out our newsletters.

All of our volunteers do a wonderful job in keeping our community informed and prospering. <u>Please take time to come to a monthly meeting, if only to see what goes on, how your dues are spent, or, best of all, contribute good ideas on how we can do better for all.</u> The Board can always use one or two more volunteers offering their creative help in making THE TERRACES the best community within Deer Run.

YELLOW VIOLATION NOTICES

Violation Notices are your HOA's way of reminding you of the Deed Restrictions that affect ALL of the 163 homeowners and renters that live here in THE TERRACES. Don't get MAD --- Get going --



- Keep your front yard mowed and edged
- Keep the mildew off the front of your house or mailbox
- Keep your garbage cans out of sight and off the road except for pickup days
- Keep trailers and boats on trailers off the street and in view after three days

THANK YOU!!

Santa Cancelled and Rescheduled

The first time in over 20 years of Santa coming on his Fire Station #27 sled, your HOA had to cancel due to rain--- BUT luck was with us, and the sled was available the following week, as was Santa. WOW, dozens of neighbors came out to wave at him as the sirens blasted, lights flashed, and the head elf tossed out candy canes to all.

When Santa was dropped off at his special place at 1300-1304 Bridlebrook, children of all ages with their parents lined up to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. Parents snapped pictures, neighbors enjoyed the HOA-provided homemade cookies, hot apple cider and chocolate with marshmallows until everyone said "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" to each other, and Santa slipped away to return to the North Pole.

The night was cool and crisp, and your HOA Board members were there to setup and then cleanup the chairs and tables with few leftovers. Hope to see you next year.

Holiday Decoration Awards

First Place: 401 Copperstone Second Place 1332 Bridlebrook Third Place 1436 Bridlebrook

Poinsettia Plant Winners:

1312 and 1271 Bridlebrook 448 Copperstone

The committee drove around and around and had a difficult time selecting only six homes for recognition! They thought it would be easier, as the rule of the HOA is that no 1st, 2nd or 3rd place winners from the past three years are eligible for awards. Many neighbors are becoming more and more creative with their lighting displays. The committee was challenged with hard decisions, even without having these past winners in the running.

A perennial winner on Copperstone, who never repeats their design, made the committee gasp with this year's all white decorations—they were dazzling; however, they could not qualify as they had won too recently. Another decorated front yard on Bridlebrook (there were actually several that neighbors spent days decorating) that wasn't eligible as it was a prior winner.

The committee noticed that the new LED lights are becoming popular. A first-time winner decorated with pink flamingoes. Another neighbor who has had his boat in the "parade of boats," cleverly got past the three-day restriction of boats on trailers in view of the road, because it was his decoration (and quite beautiful!)

Neighbors who spent big bucks on blowups and have music playing as well as flashing lights, are true favorites of all of us.

Most of all, we want to thank everyone who added to "CHEERING US ALL UP" with their displays and keeping our community so sparkly throughout the holidays, especially after a very difficult year.

The POA Island Entrance at Red Bug Has Water Again

Since mid-August, the excavation company working with Middlesex, building the flyover, accidentally cut off the water supply to the irrigation system to the entrance island. Weekly calls to the City of Casselberry and these companies got nowhere, until Commissioner Dollari's office was contacted. FINALLY, by January, the water was back on. Meanwhile, the landscaping and mulch were ruined, and the brick sign is beginning to fall apart---who is going to pay?

Progress Energy has Installed the New Metal Poles

Progress Energy finally installed three steel power poles in the easement behind 23 of our homeowners' backyards that share this easement, after digging gigantic holes. This ended a horrendous summer when properties were decimated, turning them into a vast wasteland, except for the 10 foot buffer between our homeowners' yards and the adjacent community.

We hope we won't be seeing them again for a long while. At least until the 23 homeowners have time to replant the shared area so that these backyard looks decent again.

Remember ... no one is allowed to dump ANYTHING along the easement, except natural debris. Do not plant anything within 100 feet of any of their poles ... PLEASE.

Don't Cut Back Any Plants Until The Last Frost!!

When the weather people tell us that we are now safe from freezes, then clip back all brown and dead plants. Thatch your St. Augustine yard, severely cut back roses and strip off leaves, fertilize all, and get ready to start mowing weekly !!! (Just as we finish raking leaves)

Attention Dog Owners

Please be respectful of your neighbors and clean up after your dog if it does its "business" on others' property. Also, if a neighbor's dog is terrorizing the neighborhood, please report this to Animal Services. You may also consider talking to the dog owner directly, letting them know that their dog is being a nuisance.

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Address correction requested

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

TO: