

A VIEW FROM

THE TERRACES

MARCH 2020

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

2020 has started off with a bang! Thank you to all our neighbors for your vote of confidence for our Board of Directors.

We had a packed house for our Annual January HOA meeting.

Energy and enthusiasm were evident amongst everyone...maybe it was the door prizes!! That enthusiasm carried over to our February meeting. We are working on ideas and events that unite the neighborhood.

There are new families we want to welcome. We are off to a great start.

As I meet our neighbors, I get to hear great stories and suggestions, but also a couple of sad ones as well. We have expanded courtesy to our neighbors with a wave. Let's make sure we share our compassion with those in need around us. If anyone is aware of someone in need, please let us know.

You can contact the website at www.theterraces@deerrun.com.

We have a great community of people with huge hearts.

If I can speak for our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and meeting attendees, we are excited about where our neighborhood is progressing.

We hope you join us for our new Spring Community Garage Sale.

It's a great time to meet the neighbors...I know I will be walking around!

Hope to meet you soon.

Gene

THE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Gene Mills

Vice President: Michael Howell

Treasurer: Betty Spangler

Secretary: Cynthia Greenwald

"THANK YOU" NOTES RECEIVED

Our HOA Board members are very grateful to receive notes of appreciation and are happy to share the following:

Quote: "Thanks for including the address label! The front decorations look lovely! Thanks!
(352 Copperstone Circle) Marie Delcher

Quote: "Thank you HOA Board for the very hard work. We appreciate all you do for the community!"
(1476 Bridlebrook) Kiriazov, Stoytcho & Boriana

ANNUAL MEETING APPROVES 2020 BUDGET AND BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

We thank the homeowners and renters that came to our Annual Meeting at the Pinetree Clubhouse on Tuesday, January 14th. After tallying proxy votes, the following were elected as Directors, to serve for one year:

President: Gene Mills
Vice President: Mike Howell
Secretary: Cynthia Greenwald
Treasurer: Betty Spangler

Also, after votes were tallied, the 2020 Budget was also approved

We are excited to report that we had 20 guests attend our Annual Meeting. This was probably because we offered 5 special door prizes.

Winners:

Theater tickets gift card (\$25): Bill Fulfaro
Lowes gift card (\$25): Luis Garcia
Darden gift card (\$25): Vicki Borne
Outback gift card (\$25): Mira Aborn
Wine basket: Lori Borne



DOGS OFF LEASH

In Seminole County there is a leash law, and in the Seminole County ordinances it is officially called: Sec. 20.17-Animals at-large prohibited; custody and confinement authorized. The gist of the "animals-at-large" ordinance is that it is a violation for any dog or cat to run loose on any public or private property, unless the owner(s) of the property authorizes your animal to do so. For example, it would be authorized for your dog to run loose in a dog park, but not a public park. All dogs must be on a leash when being walked off the owner's property. In compliance with the ordinance, dogs on flexi leads that extend beyond eight feet must be reeled in to eight feet when other pets or people are around. (Service dogs are exempt from this.) When any domestic animal is found running loose within Seminole County, it may be taken into custody by animal control or a law enforcement agency and taken to the Seminole County Animal Services (SCAS) shelter. A private citizen may also turn a stray animal into SCAS when found. There will be fees to redeem your pet once impounded.

There also seems to be an issue with certain dogs continuing to get out from yards and found wandering around the subdivision. NextDoor has pictures of these dogs asking citizens if they know who the owners are. It is also aggravating for those dog owners walking dogs who come across these wandering dogs and their pets tend to get riled up. Please ensure that animals left in yards do not have the ability to jump fences or dig under a fence. If so, do not leave them in the yard unattended.

Be aware of your neighbors and their rights!

We Still Need Volunteers to Work Violations

If you have ever driven through the neighborhood and you've thought to yourself that everything is looking pretty shabby here in The Terraces, YOU are the person who needs to read this section of the newsletter. We have tried to make this particular, but necessary, "job" as easy as possible to do and, as such, we have fine tuned it to simplify what is involved. So, if you're sitting in your easy chair thinking you'd like to help but don't want to get too involved, be assured that it is no biggie as we've tried to strip down the process. Your anonymity would be ensured. All that is required is that if you see a house/lawn that is not being taken care of (which obviously impacts the value of our neighborhood), you simply write on a pre-printed form by filling in the blanks and taping the form to the front side window by the door. The form will show a certain number of days that the resident/owner has to take care of the issue. If, on the determined day, an effort has not been made to rectify the situation, then simply affix a second request (again, with a dated deadline). Should there still be no response, a Board member will take it from there. That's it. At the present time, we have only 1 volunteer handling ALL of Copperstone with no one on Bridlebrook. In a perfect world, we'd prefer to have 2 people on each street. So, open your hearts and if you'd like to get involved in a very satisfying role, please contact Cynthia Greenwald at cynngreenwald@gmail.com.

All of our volunteers do a wonderful job in keeping our community informed and prospering. They are passionate about this community and have a commitment to maintain high standards for all who live here. Please join our next meeting, Tuesday, March 10th meeting. See what goes on, how your assessment is spent, or, best of all, contribute good ideas on how we can do better for all, making THE TERRACES the best community within Deer Run.

"Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless" – Unknown

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. – Winston Churchill

SPRING GARAGE SALE IN APRIL

For those of you who enjoy purging or buying household items, you will be delighted to find out that The Terraces will have not only our Annual (Fall) Neighborhood Garage Sale, but we are adding another one in the spring. So, get out those calendars and prepare accordingly. Our date will be Saturday, April 18th between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Should it rain, we will have it the following Saturday, the 25th. As we do with our October garage sale, we will have something in both Facebook and NextDoor and will have a banner posted on the wall near our entrance. We hope that you will enjoy this additional opportunity.



Holiday Decoration Awards

1st Place 1436 Bridlebrook \$50 Publix Card Steven & Stephanie Charnas
2nd Place 472 Copperstone \$35 Publix Card Pete & Denise Konter
3rd Place 393 Copperstone \$25 Publix Card Michelle Dominquez & Leo Avila

Honorable Mention:

1243 Bridlebrook \$10 Publix Card Amber Moore
345 Copperstone \$10 Publix Card Dae & Beth Wilson
1421 Bridlebrook \$10 Publix Card Jack & Gayle Mallan

The committee drove around and around and had a difficult time selecting only six homes for recognition! Many neighbors are becoming more creative with their lighting displays. The committee was challenged with hard decisions, especially since many are repeat decorators!!

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.

Successful 2019 Christmas Party

Though Santa's arrival on the fire truck was a day later than originally scheduled because of availability, we had a great turnout on Wednesday, December 11th. Thanks to all who volunteered to make goodies for the tummies and special thanks to our President, Gene Mills, for his Santa contribution. For those of you who have not yet experienced this event, do consider coming THIS year. It is lots of fun watching the children awaiting their picture with Santa, taken by their adoring parents. It's also a good time to bond with neighbors or visit with some you only see at events such as this. If you hadn't noticed, the Board is putting an emphasis on community, and we do hope to see you at 2020's year-end party.



YARD OF THE MONTH

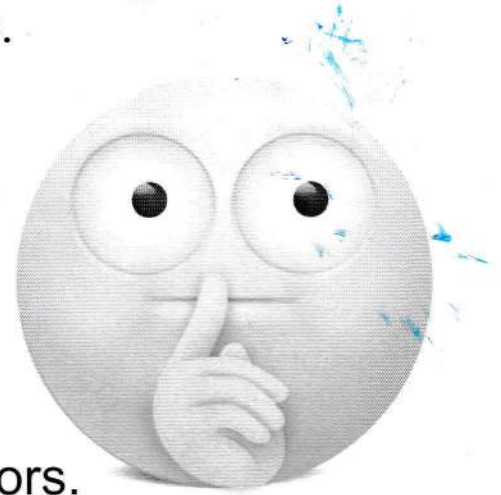
Get ready to spruce up your yard so you can win a \$25.00 Lowes gift card!!!

April will be the first month of our HOA selection of winners for the best groomed and most attractive yard of the month.

We look for yards that have not won before and that have some especially creative plantings and landscape designs. Good luck to everyone.

QUIET PLEASE • NOISE

Please be considerate of your neighbors. If you are improving your property, please be conscious of the noise you are creating and limit the activity to day-time hours and times that might not disturb your neighbors.



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