

MARCH 2021

A
VIEW
FROM

THE
TERRACES

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A Message from our Community President

Hello Neighbors,

Welcome to the First Quarterly Newsletter for 2021. On behalf of the Board, I want to take this opportunity to thank every resident for their appreciation and well wishes for the work that has been accomplished by the Board and the volunteers. We couldn't have gotten anything done without our community support. As rough as 2020 was, there were many accomplishments. Our community is thriving. Thank you.

There is a pressing issue every property owner needs to be paying attention to. The "Save Deer Run" campaign has been very active. As a resident, I volunteered to be the representative of The Terraces for the "SaveDeerRun.com" Steering Committee. This allows the community to have direct communication and input to the future of the Deer Run Golf Course. Seminole County is considering the purchase of the Golf Course. Plans would be to convert the property to a passive park, called Deer Run Park. This is a very POSITIVE step; however, Seminole County Commissioners **need input from the entire community....NOW**. The next 4 months will be critical for input from each owner. The HOA Board is collectively working to make sure every resident is informed and has access and a voice on the future development of the Deer Run Golf Course. The process started with the survey you recently received. More information and participation will be coming via email as we know it. If you have any questions regarding this process, please submit to "answers4theterraces@gmail.com".

We are united as a community. Our neighbors are engaged. I personally gloat about our community during POA meetings. Let us continue to help our neighbors. During this technological and pandemic age, some residents are unable to communicate. An email and computer access may seem simple, but some are without this capability. Please consider helping neighbors, who are unable to, connect. Their voices are important and will be needed in the near future.

Exciting times...Your Opinion Matters...

Gene Mills

President

2021 Board and Budget Approved

Your HOA Board wants to thank all homeowners who sent back their Annual Dues and proxy votes so promptly. The HOA is proud to introduce the 2021 Board of Directors:

Gene Mills, President
Michael Howell, Vice President
Cynthia Greenwald, Secretary
Betty Spangler, Treasurer

Our volunteers work hard to keep the community informed and prospering. Please take time to join our monthly ZOOM meetings: hear how your annual assessment is spent; get up-to-date information on activities; or, best of all, contribute good ideas for future activities. The Board can always use more creative volunteers offering help in making THE TERRACES the best community within Deer Run.

Holiday Light Awards

This year's holiday lighting competition earned the Judging Committee's admiration. It seems like there are more and more participants and choosing only six winners is becoming increasingly more difficult. There were dozens of beautifully decorated homes. The Board is grateful for our "volunteer" judges.

1st Place \$50 Publix Card
2nd Place \$35 Publix Card
3rd Place \$25 Publix Card

344 Copperstone / Bryan and Diana Long
1436 Bridlebrook / Steven Charnas
1460 Bridlebrook / Marsha Griguoli

Honorable mention (each receiving \$10 Publix gift cards):
345 Copperstone / David and Beth Wilson
412 Copperstone / Brionne Vinson
1295 Bridlebrook / Armando Martinez and Myrna Morles

As always, past first-place winners are not eligible for a first-place award for three years. Typically, their decorations are always dazzling.

Annual Santa Visit

What a challenging year to host an annual Christmas and Santa event. With the cooperation of many volunteers, the evening was a GREAT success!!!!

Santa rode around Bridlebrook Drive and Copperstone Circle on Fire Station #310's fire truck, with sirens blasting and lights flashing. Many residents were outside to wave at Santa and the firemen as the truck went through the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, gathering for holiday cookies and hot chocolate was not possible. Instead, Santa departed from the fire truck and boarded a decorated red pick-up truck to again ride around the neighborhood, handing out "goodie" bags to all children who were signed up to receive a special gift from Santa. Pictures were taken with Santa, and it was a great evening of celebration. Santa saw many smiling faces.

The Board is hopeful that next year the pandemic will be well over and a true Holiday celebration can once again take place between 1328 and 1324 Bridlebrook Drive, after Santa's annual ride on the fire truck.



What's With This Funny Little Box?

You will notice this "Funny Little Box" posted on the reminder signs at both entrances to The Terraces each month, reminding everyone of the second Tuesday of the month's Board meeting.

The "box" will help you access the monthly ZOOM meetings.

Quick Response (QR) codes take you directly to information you need.

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- Capture ~ Camera will read the information.
- Connect ~ You'll be taken directly to the information.



Semi-Annual (SPRING) Community Garage Sale Saturday, April 10th

By popular opinion, it was agreed that the HOA offer a “Spring” Community Garage Sale.

The date: Saturday, April 10th.

In the event of rain, the date will be extended to Saturday, April 17th.

Directional signs will be strategically placed the evening before, and a banner will be placed the week before on the Dashergreen entrance wall announcing the sale.

Also, it will be advertised on “Nextdoor.com” and “Facebook”.

It’s a great opportunity for residents to clean out their closets, cabinets, attics and garage of unwanted items and perhaps make a little money as well. Be sure to have a supply of plastic bags and lots of change ready.



Yard of the Month Starts in April

Have you been raking leaves until the color brown is making you crazy?? As yards “green up”, newly cropped shrubs begin to blossom and the nurseries start selling their spring flowers, it’s time to start grooming your yards, cleaning-up walkways, and removing mildew off homes and driveways.

Our Awards Committee will be selecting the first “YARD OF THE MONTH” in April. Could it be awarded to you????

The Terraces’ Pond

This is addressed to those residents who border the “Pond”.

First, the POA is actively assessing the needs of all of the waterways in the Deer Run community. In the near future, you will see a lot of activity happening around The Terraces’ pond. The POA is looking at having it dredged and overgrown vegetation removed, allowing it to “breathe” and be healthy again. Also, the POA is planning to remove dead trees that are a liability and plant new ones.

Second, the HOA is extremely fortunate to have volunteers who have offered to clean up the pond around the accessible areas of debris that has accumulated over many years. Our volunteers are Matt Starchak, Jennifer Cheney, and their two young boys.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, please contact answers4theterraces@deerrun.com. The HOA is grateful for this monumental effort.

It is very important that residents surrounding the pond understand that the POA owns the property 25 feet bordering the pond. When the volunteers are working hard to remove trash from the pond, they will NOT be “trespassing” on YOUR property.

They are to be applauded for their care and concern for the improvement and environment of this community.



Spring is Near! Help Save Our Waterways!

Cold weather is almost gone. Spring, the best time of year in Florida, is right around the corner. Some love lots of new plants and updating their landscape. For those considering fertilizing their yards, please remember, NO Phosphorus! This additive gets washed into our streets and into our pond, causing algae and choking life out of our pond. The County is currently suggesting Springtime Slow-Release Nitrogen (SRN) PSA. Seminole County offers a 2 hour class and (was) offering a free bag of fertilizer while learning about Florida soil. This topic is important to our neighborhood, region and state. Please help save our waterways.



REMINDER:

“No boats or trailers in view of road” - The Board has long dealt with this problem. The best solution offered is to allow them for, at most, a “THREE DAYS ONLY” rule before getting a “Violation” Notice. The Board thanks those who have over-sized trucks and boats for being respectful and acknowledging this regulation.

For Those Who Don't Know



Gene Mills, The Terraces' HOA President, has also been elected as President of the POA. He is volunteering countless hours to both positions, benefiting The Terraces and the entire Deer Run community. He will be keeping everyone up-to-date on issues and concerns for the area.

*Editorial Correction on “Thank You to Sam Helman” for the maintenance of the entrance islands:
Sam Helman’s actual address is 1247 Bridlebrook Dr. and not 420 Copperstone Cir.*

TO:

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