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President's Message

Slow Down - See the Scenery!

While summer is not over for sure and the start of school is still to come, it's important to think safety especially on the streets and roads.

Living on one of the major thoroughfares of the neighborhood, I take time to watch the traffic on a frequent basis while allowing my children play outside. I tell you there are two types of people that drive through our neighborhood. 1) They are the 'fast as can be kind' and 2) The 'faster than I can believe kind'. Sure, there are few exceptions to this rule, but for the most part everyone is in a big hurry to get where they are going.

The Security Committee requests that each neighbor place one of the Windermere Lakes Palm stickers on each of their vehicles to help identify vehicles that clearly do not belong to residents in the neighborhood. Many of our neighbors have helped out in a big way and I can tell you it does make it easier to identify non-residents at the public docks, non-residents "parking" at the clubhouse and non-residents cruising the streets suspiciously and way too fast. I encourage each of you to place those stickers on your vehicles to help our officers quickly identify that the car parked in a driveway or street belongs in the neighborhood. If you need some additional stickers for any reason, please contact SCS Management at 281-463-1777 and they will be glad to send you out a set.

Here is the ironic part of the sticker issue. Many times I've noted someone speeding through the neighborhood or blowing a stop sign while driving through the neighborhood with a Windermere Lakes sticker on the car. Many of the worst offender speeders actually live in our neighborhood! That is not a good thing!

Here is where each resident can help the overall neighborhood. I don't want to scold my neighbor anymore than anyone else. I mean, they know where I live! I sure don't need my neighbor riding me after a hard day of work, heavy traffic and lack of sleep. Maybe the resident isn't even aware they are speeding in the neighborhood. When you see your neighbor blasting home, you might ask, "Are you having a tough day?", "Is there anything I can do to help since it seems like you were in quite a hurry there?" If nothing else, it does show you care about your neighbors and you just might help them realize they may have been speeding around too fast! Let's hope that they might also ask the same questions of you when you really do need some help.

Finally, the next time you are riding or driving through the neighborhood, make a conscious effort to look down at your speedometer and say out loud how fast you're moving. Sure, the speed limit is 30, but why run as hard as you can? Ride through at 25mph or less. The scenery here in Windermere Lakes is pretty nice.

Kevin Swicegood, President

LANDSCAPE FOCUS

Windermere Yard of the Month **Congratulations!**



The winner is.....

10302 RIPPLE LAKE

This winner's landscaping was great and impressed members of our committee as the selection for 'Yard of the Month' for JULY.

The homeowner receives a \$25 Gift Card from Home Depot, bragging rights to the honor AND our WL Yard of the Month sign remains in their yard during the month. Our thanks go out to those that care about their homes and keep their lawns maintained.

We know it is really hot outside and the grass needs watering more but the neighborhood is still looking good. Thank you for helping make our neighborhood more beautiful in spite of the heat.

We appreciate the time and participation by our judging volunteers during this selection process!

Sreehari Gorantla, Landscape Committee

Windermere Lakes

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WE NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COMMITTEES!
If you are interested in participating with us, please contact us at www.windmerelakes.net for more details. This is a great way to meet your fellow neighbors and to help make our Windermere Lakes community a better place to live.

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WL Social Committee Corner

Hello Again WL Residents!

Thank you to those that participated in our Windermere Lakes Annual July 4th Parade! The turnout was extremely small but it was a very hot day and we hope that is the reason for the low attendance.

We sure do need help with our social events. If you have any ideas or would like to assist us, I can be contacted at oldchristian@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you and urge you to consider becoming a committee member.

I'll see you next time...

Bill Wentzell, Chairperson

WL Social Committee

Security Report

We have had several reports of vandalism in the community, to vehicles, mail boxes and to vacant homes.

As always, please be aware and on the lookout for any persons you believe to be suspicious and/or that do not appear to belong in our neighborhood. Please report them so they can be checked out by the proper authorities.

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Stay safe and keep a watchful eye on our neighborhood!

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Info From The Board... Going Green!

Dear Neighbors

We hear a lot in the news about "going green". Once a year there is "Earth Day" when we are all encouraged to recycle our electrical goods among other items.

Well, here in Windermere Lakes we all have the opportunity to recycle EVERY WEEK!!

The money you pay in your monthly water bill includes an amount for Waste Management to pick up certain items from your doorstep EVERY THURSDAY.

In order to get a green recycling box, simply call 713 686 6666 and ask for one to be delivered to your house. Once you have it you can place in it newspapers, magazines, cardboard from cereal boxes, most plastics including milk cartons and all cans both steel and aluminum. You'll find that this cuts down on your regular trash considerably.....and you are "going green"!

Have you noticed that Kroger and Walmart are selling large re-usable cloth bags for \$1 each? They are really easy to use and much easier to carry into the house from the car! If you don't decide to use this option, then

remember that both Kroger and Walmart will re-cycle your plastic bags too.

Finally, clean water is an expensive item to produce and we all like to keep our lawns green using our sprinklers but when you see water running into the gutters and the drains, it's not helping your yard, it's just clean water down the drain! And it costs you money!

There is a subdivision in Sugarland that is about to get "gray water" to water their yards and clean their cars as they cannot get enough clean water...let's avoid that happening to us!!!

GO GREEN... make that call today!

(Special thanks to our contributor, Barbara Cottam)

Please remember that trash pickup for the neighborhood is on Mondays and Thursdays. If a holiday falls on one of these days, there WILL NOT be trash pickup the next day! You will need to wait until our next scheduled trash pickup day. Please do not put your trash out and allow it to 'sit' until the next pickup day comes around... clearly unattractive and definitely in violation of our Deed Restrictions.

Clubhouse Pool, Patio 'n' Playground

(Recreational Facilities Committee)

We want to make this the best summer yet at the pool area and could sure use your help! We need volunteers to share ideas and assist with the planning of fun for both the children and adults of Windermere Lakes.

If you are interested in being part of this committee to help make our pool and recreational areas more enjoyable, please contact Dianne by email at ldwentzell@gmail.com.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Dianne Wentzell, Chairperson

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FLAMINGO LAKE:

The 'Flamingo Lake Yacht Club' was spotted having their Annual July 4th Boat Parade... while it was still a very hot day, there were a couple of boats that were decorated and made the parade route fun! Thank you to those that participated for making it fun for all of us to enjoy.

This is really a good group of neighbors that meet and just have fun being around each other! If you live on or around Flamingo Lake, they want to invite you to their next event. Just contact us at newsletter@windmerelakes.net and we will put you in touch with their group. This is how great neighbors become great friends!

If you have some news or fun activities going on at your Lake, please let us hear from you!

We'd like to share the news in our future newsletters. Are you or someone in your family running in a marathon, have a new member in your family, children accomplishments or something you'd like to share in the newsletter? Any parties, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries or any other celebrations that may take place would be great shared with your other Windermere Lakes neighbors!

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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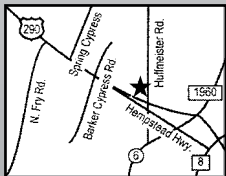


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The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

	5		7		8		9	
				1				
9		6			3			
			2			8		
3	7				5			
					4		1	
7		2						
8	6		5			2		
			1			4		

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\$400,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$350,000 - 399,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$250,000 - 299,999	2	0	0	1	4	1
\$200,000 - 249,999	1	1	0	1	0	2
\$200,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	1	0	2	4	4
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