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President's Message

Planning a Home Improvement Project?

Are you in the initials stages of planning a home improvement project? If you are, one of the most important steps is determining if the project will "fit" in the neighborhood. You can probably think of changes that don't "fit". How about the metal carport tacked on the front of the house you used to see on your way to work or the backyard that is filled up with a giant shed-type structure, a play fort, a gazebo, a dog run or a funky patio cover with a corrugated roof. Remember that front yard that was almost totally paved? Or that 'fortress' house in your old neighborhood that had an eight foot fence all around the front yard? Those are probably very good examples of what doesn't "fit", but you can be sure that the homeowners that made those changes felt they were needed at the time. It is the neighborhood that suffered as a result.

The neighborhood deed restrictions are a little tug at the sleeve; they are a quiet little voice that asks, "Will the change I am thinking of contribute to the overall good of the neighborhood? Will it promote property values? What will be the effect on the neighborhood if similar changes are made to every home, again and again, as each of the homes change hands over the next twenty years? Is it a quality project? Does the project "fit" the neighborhood.

So, what is "fit"? Technically, it is an agreeable relationship of use, mass, proportion, scale, design, materials and colors that will stand the test of time. Improvements that are "fit" are improvements that are consistent with and do not adversely impact the neighborhood's existing character.

Some of the elements of "fit" are specifically defined in recorded documents such as the plat, the Declarations, the Architectural Control Guidelines, and easements. The recorded subdivision plats set minimum building setback lines, street access limitations, and other requirements. Easements can set aside certain areas of the lot for utility lines. The Declarations and guidelines typically spell out specific items that the homeowners have mutually agreed that the neighborhood will or will not have, like the size of the homes, roof color, wrought iron fencing on lakes, and so on. All of these elements taken together are designed to uphold property values, protect the quality of life in individual neighborhoods; and preserve the design integrity and architectural quality of the homes in the neighborhood.

Submitting your project for review and approval by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is not only required by the Declarations, it is a good way to find out if your proposal has "fit". Once your plan is submitted, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) reviews the plan to see whether it meets the setback requirements on the plats, respects the easements, and meets all of the other specifics that are spelled out in the recorded documents that govern the neighborhood. If there are technical elements that have been overlooked, they will be brought to your attention early in the review process so that modifications can be made in a timely and cost effective way. In many instances, the review process has actually helped a homeowner flesh out the bid specifications for a project before a contractor is even selected.

Remember... even painting your home the same color, re-staining your dock, repairing or installing new roof are all considered types of projects that require approval through the ACC process.

So, what should you do if you are planning a home improvement project? The first thing to do is contact SCS Management or go online to www.windermerelakes.net for an application form and directions on how to complete and where to return the forms. Expect a call or letter if there are issues that need to be worked out, but a project with "fit" will generally be approved at the next committee meeting and written approval will arrive by mail in short order.

Kevin Swicegood President

Message From The Board

'Abandoned Paddle Boats'

We have a continuing problem on Windermere Lakes regarding 'abandoned paddle boats'. There are several on each lake that tend to drift up to the common areas or to some homeowners dock. Unfortunately, when they remain unclaimed, they just sit there until filled with water then create a mosquito breeding ground.

This will serve as notice that any boats that are allowed to remain in the common areas will be removed and considered as 'abandoned'. We suggest that you place your name/address on the boat so that if the boat does become detached from your own dock that someone could make contact with you. If the boats become 'abandoned' at the common areas, the boats will have to be removed from the lake.

We have had many complaints regarding the 'abandoned paddle boats' as well as paddle boats that are not cared for at individual homeowners docks. Please remember that it there is a requirement that your boat be upright in the water and not allowed to gather water due to becoming a mosquito breeding nuisance. During the winter months, the boat can be on top of the dock, turned over to prevent water accumulation.

We are reminding all homeowners of Windermere Lakes of the boat requirements. This action is being done for safety and health purposes.

Any questions, comments or concerns, please contact us at www. windermerelakes.net

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LANDSCAPE FOCUS

Windermere Yard of the Month

Congratulations!

The JANUARY 'Yard of the Month' Winner is......



This winner's landscaping was great and impressed members of our committee as the selection for 'Yard of the Month". Very nice winter grass helped grabbd them this top honor! Congratulations for the pride you have in your home and our neighborhood.

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 all residents that care about their homes and keep their lawns maintained.

We thank you for making our neighborhood more beautiful and enjoyable! Speaking of more beautiful and enjoyable... we have some 'spring flowers' being planted end of February! Enjoy the colors as it adds so much to the neighborhood.

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

Our 'HOLIDAY LIGHTS AWARD' Winner was......



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Sreehari Gorantla

Landscape Committee

^{*}We are in the process of establishing our Committees for 2009 and need resident volunteers! If you are interested in participating with us, please contact us at www.windermerelakes.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.

Windermere Lakes

WL Social Committee Corner

Hello Neighbors,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Social Committee. I have been a resident in our beautiful community for nearly 3 years. I take pride in living here and it is my goal to strengthen our sense of community and increase our level of involvement.

I am excited to announce that we have six (6) new committee members. They are neighbors Robert & Nettie Dunn, Gabriel and Patricia Garza, James and Tonya Mitchell. We are look forward to a fun-filled calendar of events and activities!

The Social Committee will have had its first meeting of the 2009 year on February 19, 2009. We will provide a report next month on the planned activities that we have coming for our neighborhood. (We had not met when this newsletter went to press)

If you are interested in volunteering and being involved, please contact us.

I am interested in hearing from all members of our community. Feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions or recommendations by email to: socialcommitteewindermerelakes@yahoo.com

Your involvement is key to our success!

Kenya Castile Social Committee Chair

Clubhouse Pool, Patio 'n' Playground (Recreational Facilities Committee)

While our pool area is closed for the winter, we need volunteers to share ideas and assist with the planning of fun for both the children and adults of Windermere Lakes for our 2009 Pool Season.

Our Clubhouse is available for rental. You can contact SCS Management to secure your date and the rules/regulations for rental. Information is also on our website at www.windermerelakes.net

If you are interested in being part of our Committee to make our pool and recreational areas more enjoyable, please contact Dianne by email at ldwentzell@gmail.com or through the website at www. windermerelakes.net. We hope to hear from you soon!

Dianne Wentzell, Chairperson, WL Recreational Facilities Committee

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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.

We are still experiencing some auto vandalism throughout the neighborhood. Please DO NOT keep any items of value in your vehicle. Be sure your vehicle is locked as they are checking doors and entering those vehicles with unlocked doors.

We have new 'Fishing Signs' that have been put in the lake areas. These signs advise that the lakes are for Resident Fishing Only.. If you see anyone that shouldn't be on our lakes, please report:

Emergency: 911 Sheriff's Dept. 713-221-6000 (Non-Emergency)

Stay safe and help keep a watchful eye on our neighborhood! *Tom Dejohn*

WL Security Committee Chair

Don't want to wait for the mail?

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What's Happening On The Lakes...

The Flamingo Lake Yacht Club met on February 1, 2009 for their Annual Super Bowl Party at Dave & Debbie Krobath's home. A great time was had by all and there was certainly a diverse group of people there.. all of whom had a favorite team they were rooting for! Actually, a few of the teams that were being rooted for at the party weren't even playing in the Super Bowl this year (poor Texans & Cowboys!!) You can be sure those Steeler fans that were at the party had a nail-biter of a good time!!

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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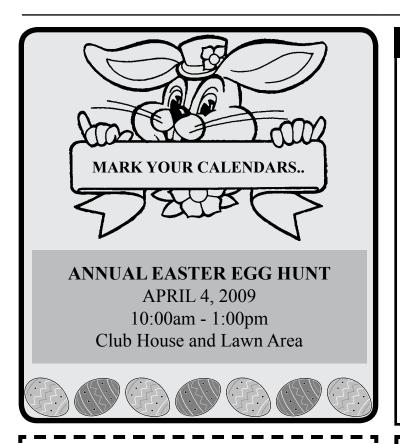




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Committee Members Wanted.... If you would be interested in working on the Newsletter Committee and providing reports, articles and news for your block or lake, please contact Gerri Eubank at newsletter@windermerelakes.net

Have something to sell or want to give away?? The homeowners of Windermere Lakes can place their personal ads for free in our newsletter! Contact us at newsletter@windermerelakes. net and we will contact you to obtain all the information so we can make it a win-win situation for everyone!

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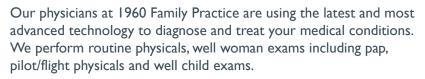
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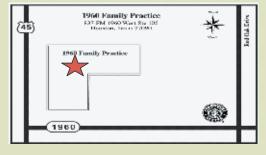


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First Place	. Everett Bakken
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	Danielle Brock
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First Grade

First Place	Annie Giles
Second Place	Olivia Einarssoi
Third Place	Dawson Conder
Honorable Mention	Hannah Bosco
	Lindsey Duong
	Jacob Walton

Second Grade

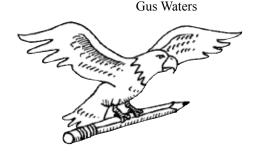
First Place	. Ainsley Bakken
Second Place	. Nicolas Einarsson
Third Place Tie	. Grace Maynard
	Natalie Morel
Honorable Mention	. John Nimri
	Kaitlynn Sims

Third Grade

First Place	Ally Longoria
Second Place	Allison Giles
Third Place	Lauren Menard
Honorable Mention.	Alexia Hahn
	Jonathan Loebl
	Olivia Markham

Fourth Grade

First Place	Sophie Palmer
Second Place Tie	Allison Brock
	David Scott
	Timathy Xenakis
Honorable Mention.	Blake Scott



Fifth Grade

First Place	Matthew Elliott
Second Place.	Annie Messina
Third Place	Mary-Kate Scurlock
Honorable Me	ention Peyton Conder
	Morgan Morel
	Tv Wise

Middle School Rhyming Poetry:

First Place	Yvonne Espinoza
Second Place	Amanda Brock
Third Place	Ashton Binkley

Honorable Mention Marya Gray
Andrew Harding
Hannah Voncannon

Free Verse:

First Place	Anderson Toups
Second Place	Jared Pereira
Third Place	Brandon Argueta
Honorable Mention	Karissa Garcia
	Phoebe Toups
	Mackenzie Wilson

Essay:

First Place	Kylee Waters
Second Place Tie:	Victoria Gates
	Mallory Parker
Third Place:	Lauren Nugent
Honorable Mention	Christian Dixor

Short Story:

First Place	Hannah Cochran
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Third Place	Corrie Andrews
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Windermere Lakes

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1st Grade Kristin Sanders

3rd Grade Matthew Sanders

5th Grade Don Halt

7th Grade Lauren Nugent*

2nd Grade Evin Youm

4th Grade Ethan Trapp (not pictured)

6th Grade Hannah Quebodeaux

8th Grade Andrew Harding

*Overall Spelling Bee winner

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Windermere Lakes Market Report

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\$350,000 - 399,999	0	0	1	0	0	0
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\$250,000 - 299,999	3	0	0	1	0	1
\$200,000 - 249,999	0	1	0	0	0	1
\$200,000 -	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	1	1	1	0	2
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