## Noise is In the Air!

by Ralph Winterhoff

Winter winds from the north mean aircraft taking off in our direction giving frequent blasts of noise. You might think the airport with all its wiz bang radars, computers and high paid help could control aircraft noise better. And you may have noticed from 11p.m. to 6 a.m. they do a pretty good job. The daytime noise is where there is room for improvement.

There are rules: Unless there are weather or safety issues, departing large jet aircraft are required to stay east of Conway Road, away from the more dense residential areas.

What To Do: There is a volunteer Noise Abatement Committee that monitors the noise and gives airport authorities noise data and recommendations. When you observe very loud air traffic or is flying where it isn't supposed to, don't hesitate to let them know.

- Noise Hotline: 407.825.2003
- Toll Free: 866.646.6473 or 866.OI.NOISE
- Airport noise web site: www.orlandoairports.net/goaa/noise/Index.htm
- Noise complaint forms on the web: www.orlandoairports.net/goaa/noise/complaint.htm With input from residents, we could improve our quality of life by reducing the impact of aircraft noise on our community.

#### AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...

The City of Belle Isle defines noise nuisances as: "Any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise, the character, intensity or duration of which is detrimental to the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the City..."

- It's illegal to play a radio, phonograph, tape, CD player or musical instrument in a manner that unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet and comfort of others with volume louder than is necessary for convenient hearing of persons who are in the immediate area.
- It's illegal to operate an automobile radio so the sound is audible to a person of ordinary hearing from 50 feet away.
- It's illegal to operate lawn or power equipment such as mowers, edgers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, power saws or drills from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THE COMFORT, REPOSE, HEALTH, PEACE and safety of your neighbors.

# And the Winners of our annual Holiday light contest Are...

- First Place: The Sperli residence 3549 Edlingham Court
- Second Place: The Jones residence 3660 Rothbury Drive
- Third Place: The Cross residence 5260 Chiswick Circle
- Honorable Mention: The Otto residence 5303 Hawford Circle

THANK YOU, Nikki Baird and Victoria Brodie, FOR JUDGING.



#### NoVember

5231 Hawford Circle

### December

5386 Chiswick Circle

January Kelli Emery 5314 Chiswick Circle

Congratulations and thank you for doing your part to keep our neighborhood beautiful!

Yard of the Month is awarded on a monthly basis. No residence can receive the honor more than once per year.

THANK YOU TO JOE CONVILLE FOR TRIMMING THE TREES ON THE TENNIS COURT LOT



Kyle Williams 5230 Hawford Circle Jim & Pat Bogdan 5344 Hawford Circle

Dawn & Rick Romito 5350 Hawford Circle Terry & Pamela Fisher 3618 Rothbury Drive

Robert Smedley 5261 Chiswick Circle

Doug & Angelica Bartle 3727 Rothbury Drive

Prax Cortinas & Eddy Alvarenga 5338 Chiswick Circle

# These Are THE Best of Times And tHE WORST of Times.

These are best of times because Windsor Place continues to be one of the premier neighborhoods in Belle Isle with friendly neighbors and beautiful homes. For those of us watching the values of our investments, from my unofficial viewpoint, our homes increased in value last year somewhere around 15% to 18%. These are the worst of times because of the destruction and disruption suffered from Charley, Francis and Jeanne; the first time in recorded history Central Florida was hit directly by three hurricanes in a single year. As a result we all had to spend a lot of time on repairs as well as our hard earned money on plywood, deductibles, generators, sod and building materials.

But what most Windsor Place homeowners *really* want to know about the WPHOA in 2004 is what did the Board do for me last year? Well, here's the view from the President's perspective:

- Represented you at a City of Orlando zoning hearing on the Belle Isle Apartments and a City of Belle Isle zoning hearing on the Partin Grove development
- Repaired your tennis court net, trimmed trees on common area, secured court with a padlock
- Replaced your landscaping at the Conway entrance
- Removed your diseased holly trees at Hoffner entrance
- Repaired numerous times your irrigation systems at both entrances
- Negotiated, for you, with a developer a wider setback distance for homes in Partin Grove, the new development on the south side of Windsor Place
- Organized two neighborhood garage sales and picnics for you, the fall picnic being the best attended in years
- Revised our architectural improvements request form for ease of understanding and completeness
- Increased your WPHOA reserves by approximately \$18,000 primarily due to an insurance claim payment that was not entirely needed. Winn Dixie helped pay for the wall repair.
- Held 11 regular board meetings dealing with treasury management, common area management, ARB request, DCNR enforcement, special request from residents and other parties
- Held one special meeting dealing with Belle Isle Apartments
- Published four newsletters and issued numerous emails keeping you informed of everything from zoning issues to thieves roaming our streets

What did you do in 2004 to improve Windsor Place? Did you...

- Maintain the exterior of your home and mailbox?
- Maintain your yard?
- Replace dead sod on the greenway in front of your house?
- Attend the neighborhood picnics to meet and get to know your neighbors?
- Volunteer to assist the Board?

Your Board welcomes your input and assistance on any neighborhood issue. So get involved in 2005!

See you around the neighborhood! Hardee McAlhanev

## Board Members

President:
Hardee McAlhaney
Vice President:
Stan Halterman

Secretary:
Flo Sena
Treasurer:
Ralph Winterhoff

ARB:
Rob Maples (chair)
Dave Woolford
Marc Ouellette

Rental Residences: The Board has adopted an initiative to implement some restrictions regarding renting in our neighborhood. There will be a special meeting to vote on the matter later in the year, allowing time to organize a proxy solicitation. Volunteers are needed to help solicit 15 to 20 residents' proxies. If you can help out, please email Flo Sena at rsena@cfl.rr.com.

Reminder: an ARB approval form must be completed for satellite dishes. You can get the form at geocities.com/windsorplace32812/Library.htm.

Conway Road Update: Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2005. Nonetheless, the City would like to expedite the project. A detailed review of the schedule is underway and an updated cost estimated has been forwarded to FDOT. You can get regular updates at:

www.cityoforlando.net/public\_works/projects/viewdetails.asp?ID=83.

Annual Homeowners Association Meeting:
Monday, February 7th, 2005
7p.m. at the Hoffner Library
A board will be elected at that time.

The Windsor Place Homeowners Association meets every month and Windsor Place homeowners are invited to attend. Signs are posted at neighborhood entrances prior to each meeting with location, date and time. You can also log onto the Windsor Place web site at www.geocities.com/windsorplace32812 or call Speciality Management Company of Central Florida at 407.647.2622 for upcoming meeting information. Please send newsletter submissions and ideas to ewarren 1@cfl.rr.com or contact any of the HOA Board Members your community concerns.

HTTP://WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/WINDSORPLACE32812