

Summer 2009

Windsor Place

Happenings

Conway Road Construction on schedule.

This report is from the City of Orlando Web site: Traffic has been shifted to the new northbound lanes and the contractor is working on the southbound lanes. Work completed since the last update consists of subgrading, placing curb and limerock, completion of the pressure testing for the Orange County 12" water main and 4" force main. Forming/pouring sidewalk. As of 6/29/2009 the contractor is 12 days ahead of schedule. Work has slowed this month due to the afternoon rains and the contract time will most likely be extended due to weather.

Estimated substantial completion date is 11/9/2009.



Adult Entertainment Issues

Orlando is in the process of changing its zoning code to allow Adult Entertainment in various Industrial zoned areas. Some of the Industrial areas of concern to us are east of Conway Rd. between Cove Drive and Judge Rd and south of Judge Rd. The Conway Community Council, local church representatives, Belle Isle Commissioner Lydia Pisano and our State Representative Eric Eisnaugle have and are working with Orlando to arrive at an acceptable arrangement for the Conway Community. The Belle Isle City Council has issued a resolution against Adult Entertainment in our area.

We are still not sure what Orlando will try to do—they are certainly aware of the concerns. Orlando has not allowed Adult Entertainment in the past and is about to be sued by that industry. If a suit is lost then some federal judge will decide where to put the Adult Entertainment. We want to decide and so does Orlando.

The next scheduled event is for the City Attorney and planners to brief the Orlando City Council in a workshop on August 10th. There may be a call for citizens to attend this workshop (not allowed to talk) and have a show of numbers that are concerned. We hope there will be an acceptable resolution for the issue. If not, a major citizen effort and attendance at the appropriate City Council meeting will be organized. Stay Tuned!

Windsor Place - A Great Looking Neighborhood

Our neighborhood is a great looking and desirable place to live. We have modern homes with beautiful trees and surroundings. These and other elements make our area outstanding.

Keeping our community attractive and our home values high requires some effort though. The first thing visitors see is our front yard and that's an area where we should pay attention. Here are a few tips / reminders:



- We need to keep our trees and palms trimmed, especially when they hang in the way over the sidewalks.

- Mildew and Algae on sidewalks, mailboxes and homes is really ugly and in some cases dangerous. Touchup small areas with bleach.

- Grass needs to be maintained with regular mowing / edging, fertilizing, weed treatment and repair of brown / dead spots.

- Plant and flower beds need regular care and weeding.

- It is chinch bug season and if you do not have a lawn spray service, be sure to treat your yard for chinch bugs—they can kill the grass.

We have a few foreclosure homes in the area that do not represent our neighborhood. Let's not let our homes and yards follow that appearance.

Yard of the Month

Thanks neighbors for helping make Windsor Place beautiful!

- January Fred Rhode
5447 Chiswick Circle
- February Terry Dolen
3630 Rothbury Drive
- March Hardee & Beverly McAlhaney
5357 Chiswick Circle
- April Ralph & Carol Winterhoff
3708 Rothbury Drive
- May Chris & Michele Savard
5465 Chiswick Circle
- June Klaus & Brigitte Goersch
3630 Rothbury Drive
- July Luis & Michelle Garcia
5296 Chiswick Circle

Terri Spaulding is the Yard of the Month coordinator. Please let Terri know your suggestions for the next Yard of the Month. eric2terri@aol.com
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Thank you for your continued service and dedication!

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The Windsor Place Homeowners Association Board of Directors tries to meet on the first Monday every month at the Belle Isle City Hall—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 call Specialty Management Company of Central Florida at 407.647.2622 for upcoming meeting information. Please send newsletter submissions and ideas to rwinterhoff@cfl.rr.com. Windsor Place Web Site: <http://www.geocities.com/windsorplace32812>

Presidents Message

Hello to all of you in Windsor Place.

Having just returned from a trip to North Carolina, I had the opportunity to reflect upon the beauty of our slice of Belle Isle.

Driving through our community, I continue to be impressed by the upkeep of our houses, the green of our lawns and the splashes of color from plants and flowers planted by my neighbors with an eye for beauty.

When walking through Windsor Place, I feel so fortunate to have neighbors who are friendly and just plain neighborly. Indeed, your WPHOA Board of Directors is fortunate to have so little to do except tweak an occasional lapse or oversight pertaining to a lawn or overhanging tree limb by a sidewalk. Pride of ownership is certainly exhibited here.

How about our new police force? I am sure you have noticed their presence. Their patrols are a welcome sight and the officers are friendly and helpful. If anyone would like a refrigerator magnet with the police phone numbers, they can be obtained at City Hall.

The non-emergency number is 407-240-2473. Please call this number to report suspicious activity such as a slowly moving vehicle cruising our neighborhood. You can even call directly to the On-duty patrol unit at 407-947-1680. Call 911 if you have a medical emergency, see a crime in progress or to report a fire.

By this time, everyone has noticed the STOP signs at our intersections. Please remember to come to a complete stop. They are intended to slow traffic and make it a safer place to be out walking with our children and pets. They will be enforced.

Speaking of pets, please pick up the little "gifts" they leave. No one likes to step in it.

Again, thank you for making me proud to be a resident of Windsor Place.

Fred Fenwick
President
Windsor Place Homeowners Association

Crabgrass is here and growing!

Crabgrass season is upon us again and as you've probably found out, residential lawn pest and weed control companies no longer treat for this problem. If untreated, crabgrass could take over most of your yard in just one season. The problem is the chemical treatment Azulux is no longer permitted for residential use. So, what now?

Baking soda! Yes, that good old home cleaning and cooking product has yet another valuable use. We went to Winn Dixie and bought the largest container of baking soda and it was cheap! Here is the procedure for use:

- Make sure the baking soda is a nice fine powder with no lumps.
- Be sure the grass to be treated is wet. I prefer early morning when there is a fine

dew coating all over the area to be treated. The crabgrass to be treated needs to have its blades very wet so the baking soda will dissolve on the blades.

- Apply a fine to medium coating of baking soda over the area being sure you cover all the crabgrass. St. Augustine will not be damaged by a light / medium application of baking soda.
- The crabgrass should be dead in a few days. If you miss some, give healthy crabgrass another shot. Make sure the weed is completely wet on the surface when putting on the baking soda. We usually pull out the dead crabgrass as it looks really bad. This treatment is cheap, safe and works reasonably well.

Good Luck! And get the crabgrass before it gets your yard.



Young Crabgrass



Growing Crabgrass

"Gardening requires lots of water – most of it in the form of perspiration."

Lou Erickson