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# Windsor Place Happenings

# **President's Message**

## Annual Meeting of Members

When: February 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Where: Orange County Public Library Southeast Branch. 5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, Florida

Why: To conduct important business of the HOA, including nomination and election of a Board of Directors for 2008

Who: All homeowners of record on February 11, 2008

Also: It is important that you attend in person or return your proxy so that a quorum will be reached

### **Belle Vista Sold**

As of Dec. 27th, M/I Homes has sold off its 45acre subdivision Belle Vista to Winter Park-based builder Columbia Land & Development Corp. for \$7M in cash. I wish you all a happy and healthful new year! Volunteers are urgently needed for the 2008 WPHOA Board of Directors. Please contact any member of the Board if you are interested in volunteering in your community. Please don't be bashful!

Our community made a number of updates and improvements in 2007. Major work was done to restore the tennis court to great playable condition. Thanks to resident and Board member, Jeff Blake, the picnic tables have been "locked down" so that people can no longer use them to climb over our wall.

The brick walls at both the Hoffner and Conway entrances have been cleaned. Large and sturdy NO SOLIC-ITING signs were installed at each entrance.

Landscaping at the Hoffner entrance was totally replaced with beautiful, lowmaintenance, cold and drought resistant shrubs and trees. Color was provided with Knockout Roses. While the landscaping was a major expenditure, we expect it to stay in great shape for years to come. The Board requested that that City of Belle Isle repair sidewalk segments



which were cracked or buckling. These were dangerous and unsightly and have now been replaced.

A request for a feasibility study pertaining to "speed humps" has been made to the City because of the overwhelmingly favorable response to the Board's request for resident input.

Challenges face us during the coming year. The real estate market has affected Windsor Place, just as it has other local neighborhoods. There are foreclosures in process in the neighborhood. The Board has received Belle Isle's cooperation to maintain the appearance of these yards. Crime for the year in Windsor Place was down

compared to 2006. I think the major reason for this is that alertness by our residents has substantially increased. You can be

sure that the bad guys know this because they have been confronted by alert neighbors and by deputies after receiving calls at 407-836-HELP (the non-emergency line).

Again, we on the Board wish the best for our residents in 2008 and beyond.

Fred Fenwick President Windsor Place Homeowners Association



## **Conway Road Improvement Project**

Last September, the City of Orlando held a preconstruction conference at Orlando City Hall to discuss the Conway Road Improvement Project.

If you have traveled on Conway Road near Judge recently, you've already experienced the construction first hand and maybe a bit of traffic jam as well.

The project includes fourlaning 2 miles of Conway Road, widening 0.22 miles of



Judge Road, providing sidewalks on both the east and west sides of Conway Road, upgrading signal lights at both Frontage Road and Judge Road, adding a signal light at Cove Drive, providing landscape and irrigation, adding drainage improvements, relocating utility features, and adding signing and pavement markings.

You can expect work to be taking place from 7:00 AM—3:30 PM Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Final completion is currently scheduled for December 2009.

We will keep you posted on the progress of the project as we hear more.

## Saving the Lawn That is Your Own

A neighbor passed on the following tip on getting rid of crabgrass (which will overrun St. Augustine grass in no time. Crabgrass has long runners that spread quickly and choke out the St. Augustine.). All that is needed to control crabgrass is to wet the grass (or do it right after a good rain when the grass is wet) and then sprinkle baking soda on the crabgrass. It will kill the crabgrass, without damaging the St. Augustine. It is a cheap, effective and environmentally sound solution for eradicating crabgrass, and it sure beats pulling all those runners out or using harsh chemicals. If someone has a lot of crabgrass, home improvement stores sell baking soda in big bags for about \$5.

## Your Homeowners Association

The Windsor Place Homeowners Association meets every month. Windsor Place homeowners are invited to attend all meetings. 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: geocities.com/windsorplace 32812

Or call Specialty Management Company of Central Florida at 407.647.2622 for upcoming meeting information.

You can access our Declaration of Covenants and Notice of Restrictions on Real Estate, as amended, our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended, as well as other important information, including

the Architectural Improvements Application and Review Request form , all on the Library page of our website.

If you know of a new home-

owner in the neighborhood, please let Flo Sena know. Or give the new homeowner her e-mail address so we can keep everyone informed. Flo's email: rsena@cfl.rr.com.

The Windsor Place newsletter is published quarterly. Please send newsletter submissions and ideas to Julie Alexander at

Julie.alexander@harcourt.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

September Nancy and Turner Coad 5433 Chiswick Cr.

### **O**ctober

Tracey and Robert Wiley 3654 Rothbury Dr.

#### November

Dean and Collen De Loach 3503 Battersea Ct

### December

Connie and Tim Myers 3619 Rothbury Dr.

com or contact any of the HOA Board Members your community concerns.