

NewsWire

News of Interest to Woodmere-Trentwood Residents

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W-T

Woodmere-Trentwood is a caring, safe and vital residential community of quality homes with pleasing yards in a wooded setting, amidst rich cultural and recreational opportunities, located within the greater Carolina Trace community.

Dec 6th & 8th
Fall Clean-Up
Come join in and help us clear cul-de-sacs & roadways.

President's Message

by Kay Heflin

The summer has been a busy time for the W-T Board of Directors. Many of our discussions and actions have centered around how to keep our aging neighborhood looking young and vibrant.

After living here for a few years, we sometimes forget when we purchased property in W-T, we bought into a community with a set of standards as defined in our Reservations and Restrictions (R&Rs). As your POA Board of Directors, we feel it is our duty to facilitate maintenance of those standards. This past spring, we sent letters to several owners of undeveloped lots asking them to clean their property. We had a good response to the request and a second letter will soon go out to those who have ignored the initial request. Recently, letters went out asking some residents to better maintain their yards and move vehicles parked off the driveways. If you are not knowledgeable of the R&Rs, I suggest you review them—especially, Section 8, General Requirements. They can be found on our website in the Official Documents section. Read them, then take a look at your property and see if you meet the standards. By caring for our property, we protect not only our investment, but the investment of our neighbors.

Serving as President of the POA Board has made me so aware of all the volunteer hours residents commit to make this a wonderful place to live. You monitor the pool, you take care of neighbors in need, you show up for

Spring and Fall cleanup, you host parties and coordinate dinners, and now several of you responded to assist with the upkeep of our common area islands. We cannot thank you enough.

Your Board of Directors is another group of volunteers who put in many hours of work. You will read about their actions on your behalf in their sections of this newsletter. I want to especially commend Marie Manning and Jerri Hey for their many years of service on the board. Marie has been our Secretary and overall communication specialist, getting out information in both electronic and print form and maintaining the website. Jerri, as Social Chairman, wears many hats, but one of her most important is being the face of W-T when she greets the new residents. Both of these ladies will be leaving the board at the end of the year. Please take time to extend your thanks to them. Sandy Segalla was elected to the Board last year and has served as a co-Board Director of our Recreation Committee. She has tendered her resignation due to the many demands on her time—ER nurse, graduate student, and mom and wife. The Board has appointed Mary Keith to fill the remainder of Sandy's term.

You should have received the information and ballot packet, pertaining to the election of new members for the Board of Directors and approval of the assessments which is required annually. We will be sharing a review of this year's activities, as well as plans for next year at the annual meeting, scheduled for November 5th. If you have questions before this, please contact one of your board members. I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

by Marilon Winther

2014 was a busy year for your POA Board with everything from snow and ice removal costs during our extremely cold winter, through spring cleanup and the opening and maintenance of the pool in the summer. While there were some unforeseen expenses, we have maintained a close vigil of our budget and maintained our costs accordingly. Our 2015 budget has been approved by

the current Board of Directors and is similar to the 2014 budget with a mere 1% increase in expenditures. We hope you will attend our annual POA meeting on November 5th where the budget will be discussed in detail.

A special thanks goes out to Scott Erickson for his invaluable assistance with the treasurer duties over this past year. He gave up his time when he was needed, and now has agreed to be a full time part of our board in 2015. Thank you, Scott!

Architectural

by Gary Peterson

The last year has seen one new house completed. There has also been some landscaping work done, some decks enclosed and some house exteriors painted.

Letters were sent to all vacant lot owners to have their lots cleaned up and dead branches and trees removed. This was done to make the POA more presentable and to help meet Fire

Wise requirements. Several owners complied with this request. Second letters were sent to the owners that did not comply with the first request.

As a note to the landowners responsibility, it is the responsibility of the owners to contact the Architectural Chairman if you want to add a room, a garage, outbuilding, fence, trees, exterior painting and landscaping. See the R&Rs on the website. Most of these situations can be handled in a short period of time and it may eliminate problems in the future. If you have any questions, my e-mail address is 729pete@gmail.com and my phone number is [919-499-0228](tel:919-499-0228).



Roads & Grounds

by Russ Ciccotti

The Fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th with a rain

date of Monday, December 8th, 2014. The pickup will be Thursday, December 11th. As always the more resident participation we have, the faster we will accomplish our tasks. Please help your neighbors keep our neighborhood aesthetically attractive. More details are provided in the Fall Cleanup Flyer.

It was a productive summer for Roads and Grounds activity. Two major drainage problems were corrected, one at the intersection of Chelsea Dr. and Angus Ct. that also involved opening of the drainage route from the road to the culvert by Creek #11 and the second along Chelsea Dr. to reestablish the drainage ditch and prevent erosion of the roadbed. The usual maintenance activities such as mowing and trimming the Pool and Entrance areas continued. Soon (perhaps before this is published) you will see that the island at Piccadilly Ct. will be cleaned and

that the trees overhanging Cashmere Ct. will have been trimmed back to improve vehicle safety and delivery truck access and make it a true 2-lane road. A flyer will be coming out soon with more details.

Lastly, the response to our request for volunteers to help maintain the islands throughout the POA has been very good. There are still some opportunities for the islands on Angus Ct., Cashmere Ct., Darwin Ct., Essex Ct., and Troon Circle. If you have any interest in doing light grounds maintenance work in these areas please let me know (919-498-9176 or roadsandgrounds@yahoo.com).

I want to thank all residents for their cooperation and patience this summer. Just a reminder that winter is approaching and during snow/ice storms our roads can be very treacherous. Staying off the roads until they are safe is the best practice if possible.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.



Nov 5th
Annual POA
Meeting &

POA Monthly
Dinner &
Veterans
Appreciation

Nov 11th
Veterans Day
Service at CTCC

Nov 27th
Thanksgiving
Day





Recreation

by Carole Philbin & Sandy Segalla

W-T opened the pool season with the annual Kentucky Derby party in May 2014—just after the pool had been painted by Joshua Godfrey, our certified pool operator. W-T is fortunate to have

Josh doing a terrific job each season.

New signs for rules were posted at the pool and the tennis court areas this summer. These rules are also posted on the W-T web site. (www.woodmere-trentwood.com) The

majority of our residents seem to abide by these rules, however, there have been a few issues this summer; e.g., NO Smoking, locking the gate if last person in area of pool.

Many thanks to all the good neighbors who volunteered this season for a week of pool surveillance duty. W-T is known for its

cooperative community.

The pool closed officially the last week of September 2014 and will reopen again in May of 2015. Hopefully the winter season will treat our recreation area kindly.



Social / Welcome / C.A.R.E.

by Jerri Hey

WELCOME

This is my fifth and final year on the W-T Board. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure but it's time for someone new to add fresh ideas and perhaps challenges too. My time served was payback to the most caring and compassionate community at a time when I needed it most. Everything about this position on the Board is rewarding. Part of my duties was meeting and greeting new residents. It has been especially enjoyable to welcome so many Active Duty men and women and their families. We, as a community, with our hearts full of gratitude and pride, thank them for their service and sacrifice to our country.

Welcome to the following New Residents of 2014:

Vera Almsted and Sharon Waring; William Bruenle and Mieke Oostveen; James and Glenda Thomas, Joe and Terri Niederstadt; Joel and Candace Kelly; John and Kathy Stolz; Jarrod and Heather Davsko; Larry and Alexa Hrvatin; Michele Mulkey; Thomas and Mary Ambrosino; Steven and Jamie Buckner; Seth and Val Wacker; Robert and Twyona Terrell.

Congratulations to the New Parents of 2014!

The following military families have welcomed new additions to their families this year.

Kim and Dazelle Russell- son, Paxton
Garrett and Lacey Loo- daughter, Leianna
Daniel & Megan Adams- daughter, Klara
Seth & Val Wacker- son, Roscoe

Farewell to Neighbors:

Bob and Kathy Duff; Greg and Sarah Garcia; Steve Yatkowski; Ed and Karen Roscoe; Herb and Myra Eggleston; Barbara Miller; Mary Ruth Gaidosh. We wish them all good health and happiness in their new homes.

SOCIAL

The Kentucky Derby was a big success again this year as it kicked off the pool season. The 2nd and final pool party of this season was held on September 20th. Kudos to Heflins, Hasbroucks and Hancocks for hosting the finale of the summer. Chef Dave Hancock cooked chicken on our own grills that was awesome.

Although the months of June, July, and August did not have organized pool parties as in previous years, the pool was well used and enjoyed by our residents throughout the summer days. We would like to encourage families with small children to sign up as coordinators for Summer Pool Parties for the Children thus allowing new families to meet their neighbors and enjoy fun at the pool with children. It is my hope that our monthly pool party traditions and informal gatherings on other summer Saturday evenings will continue in the future.

Now that fall and winter will soon be arriving, mark your calendar for the First Wednesday of every single month. Don't hibernate this winter, come out and enjoy a dinner at the club and 9 holes of golf too, weather permitting. All W-T residents are invited to attend our monthly *adult* dinner and 9-Hole golf outing held on the first Wednesday. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm, with dinner served at 6:30 pm at the Carolina Trace Country Club. Birthday and anniversaries, golf winners, 50/50 drawing winners are announced. Reservations are required one week in advance.

Hosts for the remainder of 2014 are: October-Dick & Pat Brown and Warren & Laura Garbe; November-Fran & Nancy Remington, Jerry & Marie Manning, and Jerri Hey; December-Jerry & Marie Manning and Clarence & Susan Hoover.



Our November Monthly Dinner is one you won't want to miss! First of all, the dinner is totally dedicated to honoring our Active Duty Men and Women and their spouses who are invited as guests of the POA. We also recognize all veterans who have served. Secondly, prior to the evening dinner the POA holds its annual meeting in the ballroom. All residents are urged to mark the date for next year and make plans to attend and stay for dinner too! Watch for the Blast sent in October announcing the POA plans for the November dinner.

Ann Hancock has been the Social Chairman for the past two years and she has graciously volunteered to continue for one more year. Ann has done a great job of guiding and assisting the hosts for pool parties and the monthly dinners. She will be passing around a volunteer list during the upcoming dinners, giving you an opportunity to sign up for the 2015 POA season. Hosting a dinner or a pool party is a great way for neighbors new and old to get acquainted. The rewards are many and the fun is endless.

We never turn away volunteers.
 Contact Ann Hancock @ 919-895-0890 or ann@itoph.com or Jerri Hey @ 919-498-2086 or jjhey@windstream.net to volunteer.

Thanks to all neighbors who volunteered to host these past months as well as the upcoming social events. You are why W-T is the best POA in Carolina Trace!

C.A.R.E. (Committee to Assist Resident Emergencies)

Many years ago, the C.A.R.E. Committee was created by a visionary resident. How fortunate are we to know that our neighbors will be there in emergency situations. This year, we had so many residents needing our help. Thank you to all the neighbors who responded to an unexpected phone call requesting assistance for others.

We have ten C.A.R.E. coordinators who, without hesitation, organized neighbors within their group to provide meals and transportation. C.A.R.E. is designed for short-term assistance to families who are experiencing a crisis, illness or loss.. This program is not designed to be long-term or a burden on the volunteers. Our hope is that we don't need it, but when we do, the coordinators are there to organize volunteers to assist those in need. Each family is assigned to one of ten C.A.R.E. group. You can find your C.A.R.E

Coordinator, by locating your Lot number, on the W-T Website at www.woodmere-trentwood.com.

A special thank you to our current ten C.A.R.E. coordinators who have volunteered their time and resources to make this program a success. New volunteers are always needed for this rewarding effort. Please call or email me if you would like to volunteer. Jerri Hey, jjhey@windstream.net, or 919-498-2086.

*C.A.R.E.
 Coordinators*

- Cass Clinger
- Carol Rotter
- Marian Calhoun
- Lorraine Ciccotti
- Gladys Noel
- JoAnn Brennan
- Jean Finn
- Jane Miller
- Barbara Jameson
- Diane Thorndike

In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Jack Miller, Chuck Calhoun, Vic Gustavson, Janet Lewis, Betty Alfano, Jess Wheeler, Bob Taylor and Fran Taylor.



by Dave Hancock

The Carolina Trace Association (CTA) is the governing body for Carolina Trace. It represents all POAs within Carolina Trace. It also maintains the Carolina Trace

common areas including Traceway and the four emergency exits. The Carolina Trace Country Club (CTCC) owns Lake Trace. CTA works jointly with CTCC to insure the lake is properly maintained for everyone's benefit.



CTA is also responsible for our security under the contract with the Southern Protection Agency (SPA). CTA completed negotiations with SPA for a new five-year contract with favorable increase of 4% over the life of the new contract. SPA will also assume winter road maintenance duties for Traceway. Upon the request of the individual POAs, they will plow and salt/sand those POA's roads. The POA will incur the costs of driver time and salt/sand.

During adverse weather conditions please call the CTA Hotline at 919-499-2722 to determine Traceway road conditions.