

Needles from the PINES

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Newsletter of the Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc.

Celebrating 59 Years



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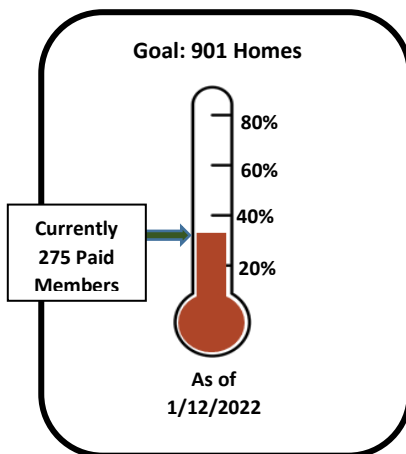
**Saturday, March 26th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Details on page 4**

Are You A Member of the Pines Community!

Perhaps being a paid member of the WPPCA is not high on your priority list, as we are all very busy and finances can be tight. However, you should know that the WPPCA **paid membership** can make a difference in our community. The association and its members are the driving force behind our collective efforts to create change in the Pines and will continue to do so. Look at what was accomplished in the past year... look what is ahead of us!

Enhance the community development of the Pines by donating to the WPPCA and make sure our goal is met for 2022. Join those nearly 300 that have already paid and become a member today!

Please refer to page 6 for more information of what your support contributes to!



The next meetings will be on February 9, 2022 and March 9, 2022.

Winter Park Pines Association meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM. All residents are invited to attend.

Due to Covid-19 all meetings are held via Zoom until further notice. If you would like to attend, please send an email with your name and address for the Zoom link to wppcapresident@gmail.com

You can get all your WP Pines news and information in FULL COLOR on Nextdoor, the Winter Park Pines Facebook page and at www.winterparkpines.com.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE WINTER PARK PINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (WPPCA) is a not-for-profit corporation organized in 1962 for the residents of the Winter Park PINES subdivision in northeast Orange County. It is a totally volunteer association established to inform the residents of the 901 homes and enhance the value of living in the PINES.

WPPCA has as its mission the support of its residents through ongoing enhancement programs. These programs are accomplished through active interaction with Orange County officials, agencies and information via its newsletter, *Needles from the PINES*.

WPPCA's purpose is to foster effective neighborhood relations and to forge a spirit of harmony throughout the PINES. The association accomplishes this purpose with the highest standards and professionalism and integrity.

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Needles from the Pines is a bi-monthly publication distributed by the Winter Park Community Association, Inc. (WPPCA). The editorial material and the content of the newsletter is discretionary to the WPPCA Board. The newsletter is completed a month prior to the distribution. The WPPCA website provides those with internet access with event schedules, membership and volunteer application forms, photos of community activities, Yard-of-the-Month digital photographs, contact information as well as important documents such as the Bylaws, meeting minutes, and past issues of the Needles

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**SERVING THE
PINES COMMUNITY...**

Condolences: The Board would like to send sympathy cards to members who have lost someone dear. It is our hope that remembrance can offer comfort during difficult times. If you know of a deceased resident you would like us to remember, contact Denise Ertler by phone at 407-671-1823 or via email at deniseertler@gmail.com.

Friends and Neighbors: Do you need emergency help with odd jobs around the house and yard? Your WPPCA Board may be able to help you. We have the resources and contacts to make things happen. All requests for assistance will be considered on an individual basis. We cannot guarantee anything, we will give it a try! If you are interested in what can be done, please contact one of your Board members.

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Calling all writers.... We are always looking for articles to be published in the Needles. If you would like to write an article that would be of interest to your fellow residents please submit it to us. It could be on any topic of public interest or useful tips to share. Please send by the 10th of the month to the Needles Editor at deniseertler@gmail.com. If you have a suggestion of what you would like to see in the Needles also let us know.



**FROM ONE NEIGHBOR TO ANOTHER
A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Peter H. Mason
WPPCA President

By the time you are reading this, we are into our 2nd month of 2022. Yes, it still takes a while to get used to a new year. Last year at this time I said we are all in need a bit of "new" but never anticipated we need it even more this year. This time of year, there is a lot of new... We have the Winter Park Pines Community Garage Sale coming up on March 26th (see article on page 4), the weather (as of this writing) has been fantastic to get out and about seeing people outside under a brilliant blue sky, the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival starts on March 18th and a favorite pastime of watching the weather up north to remind us why we like living here!

You can help by becoming a paid member of the WPPCA. As you know the WPPCA is a volunteer association. We are always looking for individuals to help the association. We were at our lowest membership level ever in 2021, but are off to a great start in 2022. Your membership is what funds the activities that the board executes on your behalf including mall area landscaping, irrigation & lighting; publishing the Needles; recognizing Yard of the Month winners; representation with Orange County including obtaining grants; maintaining a WPPCA website, welcoming new neighbors into the Pines and holding community events like the Community Garage Sale and National Night Out. The more memberships we receive the more activities we can do on your behalf!

Volunteering to help make the community better. We have several committees that focus on different aspects that make this community great such as monitoring social media, maintaining the mall, welcoming new neighbors and recognizing new members. You can join a committee or just work on ad hoc projects of your choosing as they come up. Over the past year we have had many projects including working on grants, putting up holiday decorations, delivering flyers, disposing of old storage unit stuff, etc. Volunteer opportunities are many and don't need to be time consuming. Volunteering can be a lot of fun; you will meet your neighbors and make new friends! If you have any interest in volunteering please contact me at wppcapresident@gmail.com or call me at 407-671-0785 to discuss the opportunities.

Your Board of Directors continues to work hard keeping the association running smoothly on your behalf. Goals we have for 2022:

- Increase our WPPCA membership by increase our tracking & analytical systems to insure we are reaching out to residents in the best manner possible
- Increase the number of volunteers helping the organization as a director, committee member or ad hoc project volunteer. The more volunteers we have the more things we can do for the community.
- Get more sponsors to help fund the Needles Newsletter.
- Secure a contract with a mall wall & sign vendor to start the rebuilding work
- Follow up with new neighbors to become engaged with the association
- Organize simple fun events for residents including small block parties to enhance where we live for young and old!
- Continue to update the website so it is a relevant information resource for residents.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Pines and look forward to your contribution of time & talent. Winter Park Pines is truly a special community with our 901 homes. Thank you to all who have made the Pines a wonderful place to live.



Winter Park Community Annual Garage Sale!

By popular demand, our annual Winter Park Pines Community Garage Sale is back! A new year means it's time for a fresh start, so sort through all those closets, cabinets and storage units...whatever you can think of that is in need of cleaning! We're expecting over 60+ houses to participate again this year and we can't wait to see what everyone has to offer!

Date & Time: Saturday, March 26th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 20th

Email: AmyTurner@kw.com to register

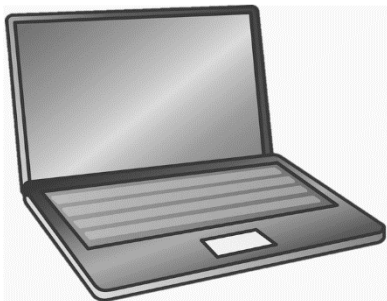
Cost: \$10 per household

Sign Pickup: 2839 Lion Heart Road, March 24th & 25th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Best news ever ... Once the garage sale is over, Goodwill will be stationed at the Winter Park Golf Course for you to drop off any unsold items that you would like to donate from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. There will also be a shredder-van onsite as well from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. So... collect your unwanted documents, put them in a box and head to the WPP Golf Course for a total day of cleaning! Thanks go to the Turner Group for making this happen.

Laptop Needed for the Winter Park Pines Community Association

By Peter H. Mason



A board member of the WPPCA is in need of a laptop for association use. The computer will be used to access our online databases, respond to community association emails and run other software that is used by the association. The computer will remain with the association for board members to use throughout future years. Our

hope is to get a laptop donated or at a low cost for the WPPCA. Any computer leads you may have are appreciated. Please send them to Peter Mason at wppcapresident@gmail.com or call 407-671-0785.

Pickleball! It's the Rage

Pickleball was invented just outside Seattle in 1965 when three men invented the game to keep their bored children busy in the summer month. How did it get its name? There are a few different stories but...Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States as it's an easy game to learn and it's competitive for players of all ages.

You too can join in the newest rage at 2525 Cady Way (in the park). The courts are open to the public and free to use. The operating hours are Monday - Friday, 8AM-10PM; Saturday & Sunday, 8AM- 8PM

Please follow the Winter Park Pickleball Facebook Page for more updates regarding upcoming lessons. Contact Info: City of Winter Park, Parks & Rec Dept.: 407-599-3397 USAPA Pickleball Ambassador: Connor Jenkins Email: jenkins.connor0913@yahoo.com

www.racquetsportscenter.com/why-is-it-called-pickleball/#Invention_of_Pickleball
<https://www.pickleball.com/History-birth-of-pickleball-s/115.htm>

Mall Wall & Sign Update (January 2022)

By Ben Taylor

Update Recap: In the June/July Needles I published and update on the status of our mall wall & sign. As reported in each the monthly board meeting minutes I have been giving updates on the progress monthly. I wanted to publish another update for the Needles which is below.

Timeline of Events:

- **May 4, 2020** – Date of the accident where the mall wall was hit by a Pines resident.
- **May 11, 2020** – David Ray sends initial information to Geico. There were several emails exchanged with documents sent to Geico.
- **May 22, 2020** – Sign committee is formed to begin planning for replacement wall.
- **October 30, 2020** – Engaged the law firm of Burr and Forman to represent association interests as we were not receiving communication from Geico.
- **November 5, 2020** – Documentation, including estimates for replacement, accident photos etc. resent to Geico.
- **January 28, 2021** – Geico approves a policy limit settlement of \$10,000.
- **February 2, 2021** – WPPCA requested a certified copy of the Geico insurance policy which was received. Policy limit amount of \$10,000 confirmed by WPPCA and our attorney.
- **March 22, 2021** – Insurance payment of \$10,000 sent by Geico.
- **April 2021** – Reaching out to multiple vendors for firm quotes.
- **July 2021** – Posted on Nextdoor for vendor leads as initial responses were low.
- **August 2021** – Meeting with more vendor leads.
- **October 2021** – Only 3 quotes received so far and they were mostly incomplete.
- **November 2021** – Received more quotes.
- **December 2021** – Bids from 9 vendors were finally received, recapped and presented to the WPPCA Board of Directors. A pro-forma affordability analysis was done showing how the funding of the wall would be done based on bank balances, the strong 2022 memberships so far and anticipation of more residents joining as members this year. Motion was approved by the Board of Directors to enter into negotiation with Creative Signs to rebuild our wall and sign at a cost not to exceed \$32,900.
- **January 2022** – Contract agreed to with Creative Signs, Inc and deposit paid.

Summary: I wanted to thank all residents for your patience as the WPPCA undertook the task of navigating insurance claims and chasing vendors to get firm quotes to replace our mall wall & sign. It took us over 10 months to get the insurance money even with engaging an attorney to collect it. It then took 9 months to secure quotes that were complete. Most vendors didn't respond to our follow up questions. I appreciated the level of service and follow through from Matt DiSalvatore with Creative Signs, Inc. It was very important that when we committed to a company that they will show up and do the work. Creative Signs worked with multiple designs and were very responsive to all the questions that we sent. Now that we have selected a vendor we will move into the next phase of construction planning and hope that material shortages don't slow us down.

Grant Money Available to the Pines

By Peter H. Mason

You may have noticed that some of the lights in the mall area and the recently renovated solar column lights at our entranceways are very dim and some are not working at all. I have been in contact with Orange County and found we are eligible for free money! Orange County has a "Sustainable Communities Grant" which the Pines is eligible for and can be used to upgrade our lights. What's great is a community match will not be required so all costs are paid for by the county! In order to apply for the grant, we need to form a 5 (five) roster member grant team. The 5 (five) positions required by the county are:

- Project Manager to oversee the project
- Assistant Project Manager to obtain quotes
- Report Writer to submit reports to the county
- Social Director for keeping the community informed
- Historian to take pictures to document the progress

Team members have to be a Pines resident and there can only be one member per household. Once we have our 5 (five) member team formed, we will meet as a team to go over all the paperwork and tasks that need to be done to comply with the county requirements. If we get 5 (five) volunteers, we will apply for the grant. If not, unfortunately we won't be able to apply for the grant. Please consider becoming a part of the grant team! Contact Peter Mason at wppcapresident@gmail.com or call 407-671-0785 to volunteer and/or get more information.



Are You A WPPCA Member?

Your contribution helps in every way to make Winter Park Pines one of the finest communities to live in. Below are some of the services and privileges we can continue providing when you pay your membership!

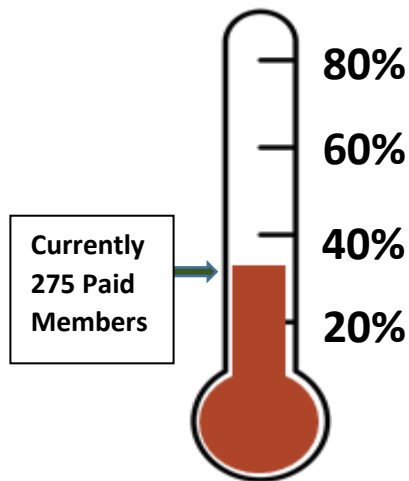
Service and Benefits

- Landscaping costs for the main PINES entrance on Aloma Avenue (the Mall).
- Maintenance of our neighborhood entry markers on Banchory, Cady Way, Scarlet and South Ranger.
- Publication of the "Needles from the PINES" newsletter for communication and information.
- Recognize deserving Yard of the Month and Holiday Decorations Awards.
- Management and hosting of association website.
- Special events & gatherings to promote the PINES spirit of community.
- Application for grants from Orange County and other agencies to enhance the Pines.
- Voting privileges at the membership meeting to elect officers & directors, approve budgets and other community actions.
- Ensure the association has emergency funds for unplanned expenses.

The 2022 Membership Drive has Begun!

Support your Winter Park Pines Community Today!

Goal: 901 Homes



As of 1/12/2022

Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc. 2022 Membership Form

Member(s) Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone # _____

Year Moved to the Pines: _____ Veteran? Y/N _____ Would you like to volunteer? Y/N _____

Membership Level: (Circle one): Standard: \$50 Bronze: \$60 Silver: \$80 Gold: \$100 Platinum: \$250+

Payment Methods

Pay on our website: www.winterparkpines.com

Mail check to : WPPCA – P.O. Box 5357 Winter Park, F 32793

Use the square option of your choice (below), then please email wppcamembership@gmail.com to confirm credit.



Standard \$50



Bronze \$60



Silver \$80



Gold \$100



Platinum \$250



February Holidays

FEBRUARY 14TH - VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 21ST - PRESIDENT'S DAY



LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

February and March

March Holidays

MARCH 17TH - ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Month of February
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join in the fun of a mythical journey through Leu Garden's 50-acre botanical gardens to find the dragons' hidden treasure. Each guest, a "seeker," will receive a special map with clues that will help guide the "seeker" decipher the location of the hidden treasure. Admission to the gardens includes this event.

February 10th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The City of Winter Park is hosting a movie night featuring "50 First Dates". This event is FREE and open to the public. Don't forget to bring some snacks, blankets, and chairs! The movie will be played on the lawn at Central Park and the main stage.

February 10th
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The Winter Park Library is hosting Wine 101 in the brand new Edyth Bush Theatre inside the library. Learn how wine is made, varieties by region, and recommended pairings. Wine and cheeses will be served. This class is free but registration is required. Register online at www.winterparklibrary.com.

March 6th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The City of Winter Park will be having a St. Patrick's Day parade on Park Avenue! Gather your family and friends and wear some green to enjoy the only St. Patrick's Day Parade in Central Florida. More details are to come as the event approaches.

March 12th & 13th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Leu Gardens is hosting a Plant Sale, free to attend and open to the public! This event allows you to shop directly from the growers at Leu Gardens. They will be selling a variety of plants, outdoor accessories, and there will be delicious food and treats available for purchase as well!

March 12th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Art has gone wild at the Central Florida Zoo! Join them for a fun evening where you'll be able to meet an animal up close and paint its portrait. Space is limited and tickets are \$15 per person. Register at www.centralfloridazoo.org.

March 18th & 19th
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
March 20th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The 63rd annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival will be taking place in Central Park and along Park Avenue. The festival features a wide variety of fine arts and crafts, exhibits, and more. Visit www.wpsaf.org to learn more and stay up-to-date with important updates about the event.

March 26th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

It's the perfect time to clean out your closets because Winter Park Pines is hosting our 4th annual community garage sale! Register by Sunday, March 20th to participate by emailing AmyTurner@kw.com. Registration is \$10 per household. Sign pickup will be on March 24th & 25th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at 2839 Lion Heart Road, Winter Park. See page 4 for detail.

December Yard of the Month



1st place – Beau & Katie Wingfield
210 Friar Road



2nd place – Ray & Christie Self
311 St. Dunstan Way



3rd place – Heather & Jacob Kuzman
2749 Abbey Road

Welcome to the Pines!

Welcome to the Pines! We are glad to have you in our community! The residents of the Pines would like to extend an enthusiastic “welcome” to our newest neighbors from the last few months. Our Pines community is a wonderful mixture of diversity which includes singles, married, young and the elderly, retirees, and lots of growing young families.

Our neighborhood activities are beginning once again with group events and social gatherings such as *National Night Out*,

556 Ranger- Meet the Hawesa Family.

529 Friar Road- Meet the Hubbard Family

Mom’s Night Out, Under 5 Group and other social gatherings throughout the year!!

If you or you know of a neighbor who is new to the Pines we would love to stop by to say hello and welcome you to the Pines. Please just let us know by contacting Michelle Deleon michelle@zenlivingrealty.com or Carmen Giubilei carmengiubilei@gmail.com.

Let’s go Trikin’

By Mickey Reyes



Own a 3 wheeler...trike that is? Interested in meeting and riding with other Trikers? Well... lets put a group together of adult trikers who would like to ride the Cady Trail and through the Pines! If interested let me know and lets network! Give me a call at 321-231-4838 or drop me a line at mreyesrcdd@aol.com and we’ll make it happen.



Mall Decorating Volunteers

Thanks go to our mall holiday decorating crew of ...

Peter Mason, Denise Ertler, Fran Frataccia, Laurie & Rhett Davis,

Rhonda & Steve Frizzell!



It's Tax Time!

It's never too early to get ready for the tax-filing season ahead. The Internal Revenue Service tax season started on Monday, January 24, 2022, when the tax agency began accepting and processing 2021 tax year returns.

The filing deadline to submit 2021 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed is Monday, April 18, 2022, for most taxpayers.

To speed refunds, the IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically with direct deposit information as soon as they have everything they need to file an accurate return. If the return includes errors or is incomplete, it may require further review that may slow the tax refund.

Expecting more than 160 million individual tax returns for the 2021 tax year to be filed, with the vast majority of those coming before the traditional April tax deadline.

Tax Scam Caution

Here are the top three scams investigators caution against:

- **Tax return fraud:** This occurs when someone uses someone else's social security number and personal information to file a tax return and collect a refund. File early to lessen your chances of this happening!
- **Phone Scams:** Fraudsters call taxpayers, including recent immigrants, and tell them they owe money to the IRS. This is NOT the IRS calling. In fact, the IRS will never ask for credit card information over the phone, nor will they ever ask for a pre-paid debit card. Be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure.
- **Phishing Scams:** This scam happens through email and is designed to gather personal and financial information from recipients.

The latest tax scam comes in the form of a letter from a fake agency called the "**Bureau of Tax Enforcement.**" The IRS has warned taxpayers about a scam in which letters are being mailed to taxpayers from a fake agency called the "Bureau of Tax Enforcement" demanding immediate payments. Some even mention the IRS.

Resources for above information:

- www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts.com
- www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-announces-dirty-dozen-tax-scams-for-2021
- www.accountants.sva.com/biz-tips/the-top-12-tax-related-scams-for-2021
- www.beenverified.com/crime/fake-irs-letter/



The best way to give back to your community is by volunteering.
Please consider volunteering your time and knowledge in helping to maintain a solid and caring Winter Park Pines Association.

Open positions we need to fill in 2022

- **1st Vice President:** Cover when the president is unavailable and work on special projects.
- **Secretary:** Must be able to attend monthly meetings and take minutes, working with the President.
- **Citizens on Patrol:** Help keep our community safe by being the eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Office.
- **Facebook Chair:** Post WPPCA information on Facebook and monitor postings.
- **Nextdoor Chair:** Post WPPCA information on Nextdoor and monitor postings.
- **Website Chair:** Oversee updates to the association website
- **Director positions:** Be a general director on the board working on committees of interest.
- **Committee members:** Work on a committee without being a director on the board.
- **Ad hoc project volunteers:** Assist in one-off projects from time to time

If you have any questions or interest in volunteering please contact Peter Mason at: wppcapresident@gmail.com or call at 407-671-0785.

WPPCA – Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021 @ 7:30pm via zoom

Note: These are a condensed version of the meeting minutes. For full minutes please go to www.winterparkpines.com

Directors in attendance: Peter Mason (President), Denise Ertler (2nd VP), Chris Hyma (Treasurer), Michelle Deleon, Brent Ludlow, Ben Taylor; **Directors absent:** Fran Frataccia, Amy Turner; **WPPCA Committee Members in attendance:** Laurie Davis, Kim Ludlow; **WPPCA Members in attendance:** None; **WPPCA Non-Members in attendance:** None; **Guests in attendance:** None

Meeting called to order by WPPCA President, Peter Mason at 7:34 pm. A quorum was present. The president welcomed & thanked everyone for attending. Peter said that any motions moved, seconded or voted on at a BOD Meeting should be by a director only. Introductions were made.

Officer Reports: President: Peter Mason thanked everyone for all the volunteer work everyone does on behalf of the organization. Peter continues to get the mail daily, gives checks to Chris, is following up with 13 residents about volunteering, tracking veterans & responding to any notes sent. Peter said we are still looking for more volunteers. Peter sent thank you letters to 35 Gold and 2 Platinum Members which is more than all of 2021. Peter thanked Fran Frataccia, Russell Trahan, Liz O'Neill, Michelle Deleon and Brian Terry for picking up the 71 veterans flags. Peter had no residents contact him this month. Peter said another goal this year is to update the job descriptions and to create SOPs for key functions in the organization. **Secretary:** Peter Mason reported that the motion to approve the WPPCA Board of Directors Annual Meeting minutes of November 10, 2021 were unanimously approved via email vote with abstentions from Denise Ertler, Ben Taylor and Amy Turner.

Treasurer: Chris Hyma is still working on getting QuickBooks running overcoming a lot of issues. Chris said ending 11/2021 MTD 2022 membership income was \$13,685, expenses were normal with MTD at \$3,040. YTD income is \$19,290 with expenses at \$18,826. Chris said overall we are trending nicely and there is no financial activity issues to be concerned about. Chris said we continue to see a rather strong inflow of checks since the last Needles publication. Peter said the PayPal balance and the bank statements of 11/30/21 tie to the cash spreadsheet. **Motion:** Ben Taylor moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Michelle Deleon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

1st Vice President: There was no report since the position is open.

2nd Vice President: Denise Ertler did not have anything to report as the 2nd VP.

Committee Reports: Citizens on Patrol: Jack Lokken did not attend the meeting nor send anything to report. Jack as previously reported he is only working COP through the end of December. Peter continues to be very concerned if we don't get some people on COP that we will lose the program for our neighborhood. **Code Enforcement:** Fran Frataccia was not able to attend the meeting tonight but sent Peter 8 actions reported including a camper blocking the driveway, Duke Energy picking debris, potholes, vehicle break-in, assault threat, vehicle burglary, stolen vehicle, assault & battery.

Events: Amy Turner did not attend the meeting nor send anything to report. **Facebook:** Jessica Hazzard did not attend the meeting nor send anything to report. Peter said we are still looking for a full time Facebook Chair Lead as Jessica is only temporarily doing it. **Mall Maintenance:** Fran Frataccia was not able to attend the meeting tonight but sent a note that Brandon Dieterich thought our timer was bad but Jack checked it out and was OK. Peter thanked Laurie & Rhett Davis who replaced the mall flag. Fran met with Peter and Chris

Rudolph about how mall lights are controlled and identified a bad photo cell and burned out lights. Brent & Peter tried to remove the light caps but they are on too tight.

Membership: Michelle Deleon said that paid membership as of 12/5/21 was @ \$13,945, homes @ 226, percentage @ 25.1%, which is way ahead of last year's pace. Michelle to fix the database access and get a data survey working. Michelle recapped the 2022 Membership Drive Plan with late January a postcard sent, March a flyer delivered, May letter delivered, July mailing done. **Needles:** Denise Ertler said the Dec/Jan 16 page issue was really good. Denise said we need 10 sponsors for next year and to pass any leads on to her. Denise also talked about the great Wreaths Across America program. **Motion:** Michelle Deleon moved to send Scot Myers a \$150 Publix Gift Card in appreciation of his services. Ben Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

New Neighbor Welcome: Michelle Deleon thanked Laurie Davis for multiple visits and a letter to leave for residents that are not home.

Nextdoor: Ben Taylor talked about Laurie Davis' good idea for responding to Nextdoor posts by promoting COP. Ben said we all donate our time and we work very hard and the association should be not be blasted on Nextdoor by negative posts. **Website:** Peter Mason said that he and Kim Ludlow had their 2nd website meeting on 11/17/21 and came up with over a dozen enhancements to the website. Kim will be taking the lead on these changes and has started by changing the background with the theme of the Pines. **Yard of the Month:** Brent Ludlow awarded November YOM: 1st to Melissa Barker on Scarlet Rd, 2nd to Alan & Linda Clark on S Ranger Blvd, 3rd to Rhonda & Steve Frizzell on Lion Heart Rd. Brent awarded December YOM: 1st to Beau & Katie Wingfield on Friar Rd, 2nd to Ray & Christie Self on St Dunstan Way, 3rd to Heather & Jacob Kuzman on Abbey Rd. Brent will work on adding gift cards & notices for good yards not paid.

Old Business: Mall Wall & Sign Update: Ben Taylor recommended to go with Creative Signs and work through the final design like center stucco that might save \$5k, etc. Ben said we received 9 estimates from \$21k to \$45k and only received designs from 2 companies and only 1 responsive company which one was Creative Signs. Chris said from a treasurer perspective he is comfortable moving forward based on the strong memberships received. **Motion:** Ben Taylor moved that we enter into negotiation with Creative Signs to rebuild our wall and sign at a cost not to exceed \$32,900. Chris Hyma seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote with no abstentions. **Monthly Meeting Venue:** After discussion, Peter said we will continue with Zoom only for the time being and would raise the issue again later. **New Business: Holiday Decorations:** Peter thanked Fran Frataccia, Denise Ertler, Rhonda & Steve Frizzell and Laurie & Rhett Davis for putting up the decorations. Peter said we will be taking down the decorations on Saturday, January 8th at 1:00 PM and is looking for volunteers. **Next Meeting:** Peter said that the next meeting is a Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:30 PM via Zoom. If any Pines residents want to join any meeting they can, they simply need to send Peter an email with their address and he will send them the Zoom link. **Pines App:** Brent said something to discuss at the next meeting is getting a Pines App for memberships, notifications, etc. **Closing:** Peter thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and contributing to the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting. **Motion:** Brent Ludlow moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Peter Mason adjourned the meeting at 9:29 pm.

WPPCA – Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2022 @ 7:30pm via zoom

Note: These are a condensed version of the meeting minutes. For full minutes please go to www.winterparkpines.com

Directors in attendance: Peter Mason (President), Denise Ertler (2nd VP), Chris Hyma (Treasurer), Michelle Deleon, Fran Frataccia, Brent Ludlow.

Directors absent: Ben Taylor, Amy Turner; **WPPCA Committee Members in attendance:** Melissa Johnson, Kim Ludlow; **WPPCA Members in attendance:** None; **WPPCA Non-Members in attendance:** None; **Guests in attendance:** None

Meeting called to order by WPPCA President, Peter Mason at 7:33 pm. A quorum was present. The president welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting. Introductions were made.

Officer Reports: President: Peter Mason thanked everyone for all the volunteer work everyone does. Peter is following up on 13 members who said they wanted to volunteer on their membership form, but most have not responded to multiple inquiries. Peter said to send him any volunteer leads. Peter sent letters to 39 Gold & 2 Platinum Members thanking them. Peter had 2 residents contact him which he responded to. One on London Rd was concerned about the quantity of raccoons at their house. Another on Fitzhugh was concerned about the condition of the wall at the end of their street. Peter inquired with Orange County if we are eligible for any grants for either our mall wall or entrance lights. Our next Beautification Grant is eligible in 10/2023. We can do a Sustainable Communities Grant now to re-do the entrance lights. We need 5 volunteers to be on the grant roster to apply so anyone that is interested should contact Peter. If we don't get 5 volunteers then we won't apply for the free grant money to fix our lights. Peter thanked Melissa Johnson who was the only one who helped to take down the holiday decorations on 1/8/22 and thanked Laurie Davis who supplied a ladder will inventory all materials. **Secretary:** Peter Mason reported that the motion to approve the WPPCA BOD Annual Meeting minutes of 12/8/21 were unanimously approved via email vote with abstentions from Amy Turner. Peter said we are still looking for a secretary and to send him any leads.

Treasurer: Chris Hyma reviewed the P&L ending 12/31/21. Membership for December was \$2,785. December expenses were routine. The treasurer expenses included a payment to the former treasurer of \$159 to obtain the QuickBooks CD to get historical data. Total budgeted income for the year was \$19,290 plus 2022 memberships & insurance totaling \$45,960. **Motion:** Denise Ertler moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Fran Frataccia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Chris said the checking balance is \$9,048 and the savings balance is \$40,172. Chris will be sending 3 Needles sponsors invoices, doing a deposit and getting an estoppel completed. Peter said we purchased an external CD to use QuickBooks. Chris, Michelle & Peter met for a 2nd time on 12/19/21 continuing their to-do list. Peter said we need of a laptop for the association to access our online databases, respond to community association emails and run other software that is used by the association. Our hope is to get a laptop donated or at a low cost for the WPPCA. Any computer leads that anyone has are appreciated and to send them to Peter.

1st Vice President: There was no report as the position is open. **2nd Vice President:** Denise Ertler did not have anything new to report as the 2nd VP.

Committee Reports: Citizens on Patrol: Jack Lokken did not attend the meeting nor send anything to report. Peter said he has reached out to Jack on the COP status as he planned to retire from COP on 12/31/21, but has not heard back from him. Much discussion ensued about the future of COP since we don't have any active members. Denise will work with Michelle on an uplifting Needles article to promote COP. **Code Enforcement:** Fran Frataccia reported 6 incidents including

theft/burglary of a vehicle, aggravated battery, 2 assault batteries, burglary to a residence and petit theft.

Events: Amy Turner did not attend the meeting nor send any report. Denise said that Amy gave her the events page for the Needles and has set the date for the Community Garage Sale on 3/26/22 from 9am- 1pm. Denise said Amy is working on a shedding truck and a donation truck for the day.

Facebook: Jessica Hazzard did not attend the meeting nor send anything to report. Peter said we are still looking for a full time Facebook Chair Lead as Jessica is only temporarily doing it. **Mall Maintenance:** Fran Frataccia said we need to get a new contract with the landscaper. Peter reported that Daniel, the electrician, fixed the bad photocell on island #2 for the ground lights. Daniel said he would drill out the screws for the light caps that have burned out bulbs but we are still waiting on him. Fran said she would reach out to Daniel through Chris the main electrician on the status.

Membership: Michelle Deleon reported that membership dollars are \$16,670, # of members are 275 and % of homes paid are 30.5%. Michelle has been getting postcard printing bids to mail by 1/31/22. Discussion ensued about how to do stamps, address labels and if we should mail versus deliver the postcards in person. Michelle said that Vista Print can upload our mailing list and can to the postage for \$133 plus labels and postage for \$260. Michelle will use them. Peter said memberships versus 12/2020 are up \$7,560 or 83%. He also versus 1/2021 we have 108 more members or 65%. We are within 5 members of all of 2021.

Needles: Denise Ertler said that our printer, HD Quikprint told her on 1/11/22 that they were closing. Denise has talked to 5 local printers for quotes and most were much higher. Lead time to print is also longer. Denise said we need more articles for the upcoming Needles. For Needles sponsors she has 3 commitments, is working with 4 others and has 3 other leads. Peter said we need to find more sponsors.

New Neighbor Welcome: Michelle Deleon reported that she has gone to about 10 – 11 homes and was able to connect with 3 new residents. They indicated they will all join as members and may be future volunteers. The other homes are being split up between Laurie Davis and Carmen Giubilei.

Nextdoor: Ben Taylor did not attend the meeting nor send anything to report. Peter said we are still looking for a full time Nextdoor Chair Lead as Ben is only temporarily doing it. Peter said if anyone has any Nextdoor leads to pass them on to Peter for follow-up.

Website: Kim Ludlow reported that the website is current and is working on organizing the older materials. Peter also reported that Jack Lokken has transferred ownership of the website to him on 1/11/22. **Yard of the Month:** Brent Ludlow reported that he awarded the December YOM: 1st to Beau & Katie Wingfield on Friar Road, 2nd to Ray & Christie Self on St Dunstan Way, 3rd to Heather & Jacob Kuzman on Abbey Rd

Old Business: Mall Wall & Sign Update: Ben Taylor did not attend the meeting but sent the following: In a call with Matt Di Salvatore with Creative Signs their estimator made an error but will honor the original estimate of \$32,698 for all stone. Ben is hopeful to have another vendor call soon. **New Business: Next Meeting:** Peter said that the next meeting is a BOD Regular Monthly Meeting that will be held on 2/9/22 at 7:30 PM @ via Zoom. If any Pines residents want to join any meeting they can, they simply need to send Peter an email with their address and he will send them the Zoom link. **Closing:** Peter thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and contributing to the meeting. **Motion:** Brent Ludlow moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Deleon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Peter Mason adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.



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