

# Needles from the PINES

April / May 2023

Newsletter of the Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc.



**Celebrating 61 Years!**

## Spring is here!



## Happy 61st Birthday Winter Park Pines Association!

**The next regular meetings will be on April 12th, 2023 & May 10th, 2023**

Winter Park Pines Association meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our meetings are held via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please send an email with your name and address for the Zoom link to [wppcapresident@gmail.com](mailto:wppcapresident@gmail.com). You can get all your WP Pines news and information in **FULL COLOR** on the Winter Park Pines Facebook page and at [www.winterparkpines.com](http://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 to support 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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Feel free to contact specific board members whom you think are on a committee or in a position that can best address your needs. We are your volunteer board and welcome you to become involved in a spirit of community.

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### ***Please mail any comments regarding the newsletter to:***

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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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to the Needles editor at [deniseertler@gmail.com](mailto:deniseertler@gmail.com). If you have a suggestion of what you would like to see in the Needles also let us know.



Peter H. Mason  
WPPCA President



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

February was a very hot month but spring officially started on March 20th and it came a little early this year. The leaves have almost stopped dropping off the trees, the temperatures will continue to rise and our weekly attention now changes to the grass which is starting to grow faster as we move into a new season in the Pines. It's the time to continue to enjoy those walks on Cady Way Trail, spruce up our yards and just take pleasure in the weather as the summer approaches! We are lucky to live in such a well-established community close to many services and nature.

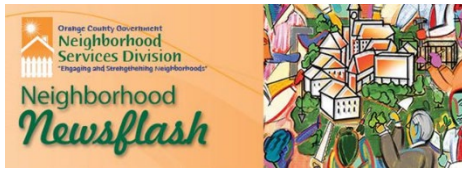
Congratulations to the WPPCA which turns 61 years old on May 16, 2023. We have grown since 1962 and a lot has changed. But what hasn't changed over the past 61 years is the dedication of so many Pines residents. It is amazing to think our community has been around for 61 years. For those early residents you will remember the early days of the Pines. For the younger residents, the community has been around longer than you have so you are joining a great place to live! I hope that the younger and future residents will continue to step up and continue keeping the association going for another 61 years!

These are just some of the events and highlights from 1962 when the WPPCA started:

- \*John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the earth in February 1962.
- \*Cuban Missile Crisis when USSR planned to deploy missiles in Cuba.
- \*Marilyn Monroe serenades President Kennedy on his birthday.
- \*The Space Needle an observation tower in Seattle, Washington is completed.
- \*Spider-Man superhero makes his first appearance in a comic.
- \*The First Wal-Mart discount store and the 1st K-mart stores are opened.
- \*The US Navy SEALs are created.
- \*Telstar first live trans-Atlantic television signal.
- \*First Beatles single "Love Me Do" released.
- \*Goldfish Crackers & Chips Ahoy! were invented.
- \*Glenn Bell's first Taco Bell opened in Downey, California.
- \*The first computer video game, Spacewar, was invented.
- \*Audio cassettes were invented.
- \*Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Over the past 61 years a lot has also happened in our community. The early days consisted of the planning and developing of the Pines. The WPPCA was formed in 1962 and folks stepped up to form our association. Over the years hundreds of residents have served as officers, committee members or just helped out. We continue to rely on residents to keep our community alive and engaged by giving of their time and talent. Just think, our voluntary association membership only cost \$6.00 in 1962 and sixty-one years later it only costs \$50.00; although we have many residents that contribute at much higher levels. It is the commitment of these residents who pay their membership each year that keeps our association going.

Remember...The WPPCA is always looking for innovative and dedicated individuals to assist the association. We especially would like more members on the Membership and Events Committees. If you have any interest in volunteering your time in any aspect please contact me at [wppcapresident@gmail.com](mailto:wppcapresident@gmail.com) or call me at 407-671-0785 to discuss the opportunities. 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!



# Neighborhood Services Division

Since 2001, Orange County Neighborhood Services Division has been here to serve YOU and all neighborhoods in the county. We have provided various

resources, tools, and support to improve our communities. The purpose of the Neighborhood Services Division is to engage and strengthen neighborhoods, especially those that are vulnerable to deterioration, increased code violations, criminal activity, and economic decline. In addition, Neighborhoods also provides a monthly newsletter as an additional resource to provide information, promote and highlight county programs, and services. Orange County Neighborhood Services Division upcoming events:

## CITIZEN PLANNER ACADEMY

The Citizen Planner Academy consists of monthly workshops usually held on the last Saturday of each month. A series of classes designed to educate the public regarding planning for a sustainable community, the land development process, and special topics within the planning field. The goal of the academy is to empower citizens with the tools and knowledge to become active decision makers within their community. Attendees that complete core classes and three special topic classes are recognized as graduates of the Citizen Planner Academy. Registration is required.

Economic Development/Redevelopment  
Saturday, April 29

Mobility  
Saturday, August 26

Emergency Management  
Saturday, May 27

Planning Basics & Sustainability – (Make-Up  
Workshop)  
Saturday, September 30

Housing and Community Development  
Saturday, June 24

To register for classes, visit: [www.ocfl.net/CitizenPlannerAcademy](http://www.ocfl.net/CitizenPlannerAcademy)

For more information please contact Shurlitha Jones: Phone: 407-836-5621, Email: [Shurlitha.Jones@ocfl.net](mailto:Shurlitha.Jones@ocfl.net)

If you wish to get information from OC Neighborhood Services Division or get their newsletter contact them at: Phone: 407-836-5606 or Email: [ocneighborhoods@ocfl.net](mailto:ocneighborhoods@ocfl.net)

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## Orange County Sustainability Grant Application

*Joe McCluan*

A team of WPP volunteers are working to help submit an Orange County Neighborhood Grant which will be used to update the landscape lighting in the mall entrance. We are taking the first steps to improve the Mall lighting through the Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant.

The intent of the Sustainable Communities Grant program is to provide funding for neighborhood organizations to implement small projects to reduce pollution and their carbon footprint. The eligible project we are addressing is lighting, electricity generation, and pollution reduction by replacing our existing lighting with more energy efficient LED landscape lighting.

The process is rather tedious with specific requirements such as at least three Orange County vendor bids who are licensed and insured to work in the county. The committee has completed the grant application and once bids are received, the committee will submit the application along with the bids to the county for approval.

We also hope to update the four small entrance sign lights as well. Thanks to committee members: Joseph McCluan, Denise Ertler, Ashley Roof, Vanessa Philman and Mayba Torres.

If anyone would like to help please contact Joe McCluan at 321-438-5321.

# Meet Our Needles Sponsors!



## Melissa Johnson

### - Florida Living

Florida living is just different. It may seem like everywhere says that, but there is something about Florida that is just unique. One of our Needles sponsors can help introduce Florida living to us all, and even if you've been here a while you may discover some new or hidden gems. Melissa Johnson operates *Florida Living with Melissa*. She runs this local lifestyle brand on top of her work

as a real estate agent. She has lived in the Pines for almost 25 years and tells about the great sense of belonging found here in our neighborhood. People "genuinely care about our neighborhood and the wellbeing of the residents who live within it." (We totally agree.)

"*Florida Living with Melissa*", is about sharing all that Central Florida has to offer from local events and restaurants to outdoor activities and places to shop. Melissa tells about the joy that is found in helping someone grow their business, engage with their community or finding a place to call home. Melissa is a former teacher and tells how, in the same way she wanted her students to find their gifts; she wants all of us to find the gifts within our communities. She wants people to find all the great things that Central Florida has to offer.

If you'd like more information about Florida Living with Melissa, feel free to visit her website [www.floridalivingwithmelissa.com](http://www.floridalivingwithmelissa.com). You can also find her Facebook and Instagram at [FloridaLivingwithMelissa](#). (Some of the food pics on her Instagram look so good. Seriously, go check them out and give her a follow.)

## Paul Twyford

### - Bonfire

Bonfire is the new Winter Park Pines Golf Club eatery managed by Paul Twyford. Paul, is one of the founders of Winter Park Distilling Company and The Bear and Peacock Brewery and a lifetime resident of Winter Park having gone to Winter Park High School and Rollins college.



The City of Winter Park purchased the 18 hole golf course in April of 2022. The city put out bids for operating the club and Paul was approved as the new food and beverage operator for the club in May of 2022. He has some amazing plans for the future of the club.

Paul has systematically been transforming the current food concession area, located on the 19th hole, into a new high-end lounge eatery that will be open to the public as well as members and will serve products created by Paul's co-owned companies, Winter Park Distilling and The Bear and Peacock Brewery, both international award winning companies. It is a hands on operations with Julie Warwick (formerly with Winter Park Distilling) as General Manager.

Bonfire has added and will continue to add new menu items and is in the process of creating an outdoor space with firepits, and patio lights - a perfect space for neighbors to gather with friends and family. Currently, Bonfire is the meeting place for the neighborhood school PTA meetings and will continue to grow as the neighborhood gathering place.

You can see and hear Paul's full story on Melissa Johnson's, a Needles sponsor, YouTube channel [@melissajohnson9775](#). In the meantime make sure to stop in, say hello and grab a bite to eat!



# 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!

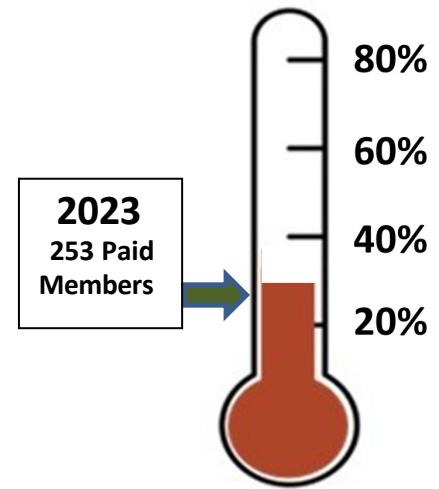
## Service and Benefits

- 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 2023 Membership

*Support your Winter Park Pines Community Today!*

**Goal: 901 Homes**



## Winter Park Pines Community Association Inc. 2023 Membership Form

Member(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Renter? Y/N: \_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://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](mailto:wppcamembership@gmail.com) to confirm credit.



Standard \$50



Bronze \$60



Silver \$80



Gold \$100



Platinum \$250

# Yard of the Month is Back!

It's that time of year! As our temperatures rise and the oaks shed their leaves our yards will demand our attention once again. April is when the Yard of the Month program emerges from hibernation. Paid WPPCA members have an opportunity to not only show off their beautiful yards but also be recognized and earn a prize.

There are three winners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. With their permission, each winner, will have a Yard of the Month sign placed in their yard and picture published in The Needles. This will allow the rest of our great neighbors to know what it takes to win every month after, through November. Winners will receive a letter from the WPPCA along with a monetary prize. The following criteria is required to be recognized as a winner:

1. Must be current paid WPPCA member.
2. Must not have won in the past two years.
3. Property must be maintained free of weeds.
4. Lawn full, mowed, and a nice shade of green.
5. Curb line and sidewalk edged.
6. Plants and shrubs maintained.
7. A level of uniqueness that catches the eye.
8. Trash cans are not visible with the exception of the day before and day of pickup.

Please encourage your neighbors to be a paid WPPCA member. Yard of the Month is just one of many benefits to paying modest annual dues. If anyone would like to nominate a Yard of the Month candidate please email [wwpca.yard@gmail.com](mailto:wwpca.yard@gmail.com).

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## New Neighbor Welcome

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.

\* 2686 Banchory: The Singer Family

\* 741 Friar: The Rivera Family

\* 2862 Kings Deer Road: Laith & Danielle

\* 2839 Lion Heart Road: The Kloss Family

\* 759 S. Ranger Blvd: Showkhin & Annessa

We attempt to welcome all new neighbors, whether you own or rent your home. If you have recently moved into the Winter Park Pines Community and a New Neighbor Welcome Committee member has not stopped by please let us know so we can add you to our welcoming list. If a house sale didn't occur and you are a new resident we probably don't know about you and would love to stop by. Please contact the New Neighbor Committee Chair, Michelle Deleon, at [michelle@zenlivingrealty.com](mailto:michelle@zenlivingrealty.com) or at 407-619-7056.

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## Volunteer Your Time? ~ Expectations!

**Events Committee** - Work directly with Event Chair, help organize events, able to work with vendors, personable, friendly and enthusiastic.

**Needles** - Work with Needles editor by researching and writing informative/interesting articles for our newsletter.

**Membership Committee** - Help Chair to build & promote membership, create ways to build membership, organize membership drives, track incoming payments, keep database of members, edit membership letters & promotions.

**New Neighbor Welcome Committee** - Work with Neighbor Welcoming Chair, introduce yourself to new neighbors, able to explain the benefits of being a member of the Pines, drive or walk to homes to hand out gifts, possibly one hour a week.

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## FREE YOGA CLASSES COMING TO THE WINTER PINES GOLF CLUB!

Every first Saturday of the month Beginning April 1st join your neighbors for FREE Yoga at 9:00 am outside at the Winter Pines Golf Club! Beginners welcome! Bring your yoga mat and water. Contact Michelle Deleon at (407) 619-7056, email michelle@zenlivingrealty.com or register here:



## APRIL

### Jazz'n Blues Concert

April 15th 7pm - 10pm  
Leu Gardens

Enjoy an amazing evening of jazz, blues and a little bit of everything in between from some of the most popular bands in Central Florida. Pack a dinner picnic of your favorite foods and bring seating. Alcohol is permitted.

### Earth Day Celebration

April 22nd 10am - 6pm  
Lake Eola Park

Central Florida Earth Day is an exciting day of colorful and educational exhibits and activities! Admission is FREE! Earth Day is a family-friendly, dog-friendly, alcohol-free, and smoke-free event.

### Night on Broadway, 2023

April 20th - 22nd 7:30pm  
WPHS, Ann Derflinger Auditorium

This year's production will include music from movie musicals, both old and new, including The Greatest Showman, La La Land, Hello Dolly, The Sound of Music, and much more! Tickets \$15-\$22

### Spring Friday Nights

April 28th 5pm - 8pm  
Charles Hosmer Morse Museum

Admission for all visitors is free from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fridays, March 10 through April 28. Various musicians and musical groups enhance the Museum experience. April 28th musicians are Beautiful Music Paint It Black Quartet Cello, flute, viola, and violin

## MAY

### FREE Yoga

May 6th 9am - 10am  
Winter Pines Golf Club

Bring your yoga mat and some water, and start your weekend off right with yoga! Each participant must pre-register and beginners are welcome. Use the QR code above.

### Family Fest at Crane's Roost Park

May 13th 12pm - 5pm

Family Fest is a free afternoon of fun for the whole family. Focusing on learning, kids are encouraged to think outside the box with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities and demonstrations. The event also includes a scavenger hunt, plus classic activities like a fishing derby.

### 32nd Annual Orlando Fringe Festival

May 16th - May 29th

Various Locations and times

A 14-day arts festival, the Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival is the longest-running Fringe Theatre Festival in the United States, celebrating 30 years as "Orlando's Most Unique Cultural Experience." <https://orlandofringe.org>

### Happy Hour Meet-Up

May 25th 6pm - 8pm

Winter Pines Golf Club Bonfire Grill  
Bring the family down to the Winter Pines Golf Club to meet your neighbors! Drinks and food will be available for purchase. More details to come!

## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?



or



@winterparkpinesofficial





# A Little History of Winter Park High School

Winter Park High School is one of nineteen public high schools in Orange County. Winter Park High School is a International Baccalaureate school and delivers Advanced Placement courses. The school was actually constructed at 528 Huntington Avenue in 1923 and was one of the first high schools in Orange County. The school remained in this location until construction began in 1969 at the present location (2100 Summerfield Road). The original campus remains in use to this day as the Winter Park High School Ninth Grade Center, a campus exclusively used by ninth-grade students.

Just some facts..

- \*Winter Park High School is an International Baccalaureate school and delivers Advanced Placement courses.
- \*39 Clubs and Organizations to enrich the community
- \*Winter Park High School has a rich tradition of academic, athletic, and artistic excellence.
- \*Ranked by the U.S. News and World Report in the Top 10% Nation-wide (out of more than 20,000 schools)
- \*Ranked an 'A' School by the Florida Department of Education
- \*Recognized as a 5-Star School and Golden School by the Florida Department of Education
- \*Performing Arts: 86 student-performers made All-County; 23 made All-State; 135 Superiors at District Solo & Ensemble; Chorus selected as a Disney Candlelight Processional Honor Choir; Theater – award nominations in all categories for their production; Dance Team achieved a State Championship and 8th in the Nation.
- \*Athletics: 120 Team State Championships; 227 Individual and Relay State Champions; 80 Team State Runners-up; 10-time winner of the State FHSAA 'Sunshine Cup' All Sports Award; 16-time winner of the FACA 'Carey McDonald' State Athletic Program of the Year.

Notable Alumni who attended WPHS

- \*Rafael Araujo-Lopes – American football player
- \*Amanda Bearse – actress (Married with Children)
- \*Jack Billingham – baseball player (MLB)
- \*Torrey DeVitto – actress
- \*Thomas Dodd (artist) – Digital artist and photographer
- \*George Eddy – American French basketball commentator and professional basketball player
- \*Billy Gardell (1987) – comedian and actor (star of Mike & Molly)
- \*Hank Green (1998) – video \*blogger and entrepreneur\*
- \*Katelin Guregian (née Snyder) – Olympic gold medalist for the United States in rowing
- \*John Hart – baseball executive (MLB)
- \*Davey Johnson – baseball player and manager (MLB)
- \*Arielle Kebbel – actress
- \*Kostya Kimlat - magician
- \*Kilo Kish – American rapper and visual artist
- \*Beth Littleford – comedian and actress\*
- \*Dax McCarty – soccer player, Nashville SC – attended Winter Park from 2001 to 2003
- \*Paul McGowan – football player (1987 Butkus Award Winner)
- \*Bret Munsey – football coach (Arena)
- \*Jo Ann Pflug (1958) – actress
- \*Stan Pietkiewicz – basketball player (NBA)
- \*Wes Platt (1984) – journalist and computer game designer
- \*Austin Rivers – basketball player, Minnesota Timberwolves (NBA)
- \*Jeremiah Rivers – basketball player
- \*Ben Rock - filmmaker

<https://winterparkhs.ocps.net/>    [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter\\_Park\\_High\\_School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter_Park_High_School)

**Please support our Winter Park High School, “Home of the Wildcats!”**

**Until next time...Go Wildcats!**



# WPPCA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023 @ 7:30 PM, via Zoom

*Note: These are a condensed version of the meeting minutes. For full meeting minutes please go to [www.winterparkpines.com](http://www.winterparkpines.com)*

**Directors in attendance:** Peter Mason (President, Joe McCluan (1<sup>st</sup> VP, Becky Clisch (Secretary, Michelle Deleon, Fran Frataccia, Melissa Johnson, Brent Ludlow, Kim Ludlow; **Directors absent:** Denise Ertler (2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Dave Clisch (Treasurer, Ben Taylor; **WPPCA Committee Members in attendance:** None; **WPPCA Members in attendance:** Roy Coleman, Mayba Torres; **WPPCA Non-Members in attendance:** None; **Guests in attendance:** Amy Turner.

Meeting called to order by WPPCA President, Peter Mason at 7:32 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 Monthly Meeting.

**Officer Reports: President:** Peter Mason thanked everyone for all the volunteer work everyone does on behalf of the organization. Peter appointed Michelle Deleon as chair of the Events Committee and Melissa Johnson as chair of the Membership Committee. We have one new committee member, Carol Magierski, who will be on the Code Enforcement and Mall Maintenance Committees. We still need more members on the Events, Membership and New Neighbor Welcome Committees. Peter has sent thank you letters to 38 Gold Members and 3 Platinum Members. Peter has reviewed 17 JD's with one outstanding. SOPs under review are the Annual Garage Sale, Membership, Treasurer and Website tasks. The WPPCA Database Group of Steve Frizzell, Eva Gaber and Chris Hyma are working with Peter to update our database information to migrate to a new platform on Google AppSheet. We are planning to update our By-Laws and Peter has 3 attorney leads he is working with. Peter has asked all directors for any recommended changes. Peter had two residents contact him, one inquiring about their membership payment and another asking if we can put up permanent signs at the entrance to post announcements. Board discussion ensured and more information will be gathered. Peter is looking for help transferring a Gmail account and Joe McCluan offered to assist. Peter has a free HP color printer if anyone has any leads.

**Secretary:** Becky Clisch said the motion to approve the WPPCA Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of 1/11/23 were unanimously approved via email vote with abstentions from Denise Ertler and Ben Taylor.

**Treasurer:** Peter Mason said Dave Clisch was not able to join the call so he reviewed the financials. Jan 2023, total budgeted income was \$7,047, expenses were \$432 and NOI was \$6,615. Jan YTD also had the membership fees of \$8,169 paid in 2022. Bank savings is \$15,119 and checking is \$7,178. **Motion:** Joe McCluan moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Brent Ludlow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Joe McCluan said he reached out to some county entities for legal help with updating our By-Laws, but none were able to help. Joe said on the Orange County Grant to fix our multiple entrance lights application must be done by 4/9/23, and he still needs to fill 2 positions. Mayba Torres volunteered to help.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Peter Mason said that Denise Ertler plans to join the call later but had nothing to report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

## Committee Reports:

**Code Enforcement:** Fran Frataccia reported 2 incidents with a fence down and one theft.

**Events:** Michelle Deleon said the Garage Sale is 3/25/23. The permit is to be submitted. The Needles has an article about the Garage Sale and a revamped events page. Michelle has set up Eventbrite for Garage Sale signups. Michelle said she has 7 yoga participants signed up. Michelle said the Facebook and Instagram link is @winterparkpinesofficial.

**Facebook:** Brent Ludlow said he has been posting Needles sponsors, events and flag half-staff notices.

**Mall Maintenance:** Fran Frataccia said she and Carol Magierski will be going to do cleanup work at the Mall. Brent said he can now help out at the Mall. Denise has offered to replace the MIA Flag. Fran will continue to ask USPS about the mall mailbox.

**Membership:** Melissa Johnson said she met with Michelle Deleon on transferring the membership duties. Melissa is working on a mailer to non-members with a survey on what is keeping them from joining. 2023 membership stats: dollars paid @ \$12,885, # members @ 208, % of homes @ 23%. Melissa will be putting out membership signs and getting some new ones.

**Needles:** Peter Mason said Denise Ertler plans to join the call later, but she sent the following report: Needles have been delivered to the route distributors with no issues reported. We have 7 Needles sponsors, 4 out of the Pines, 3 within the Pines for a total of \$2,500. There was discussion about charging sponsors one annual price versus proration. Peter said we need 11 equivalent Pines sponsors to fully fund the Needles.

**New Neighbor Welcome:** Michelle Deleon said she has nothing to report and has not been out yet this month.

**Nextdoor:** Peter Mason said that Ben Taylor could not attend the meeting but had nothing to report. Peter also said we are still looking for a full time Nextdoor Chair Lead.

**Website:** Kim Ludlow reported that the following last 30 days analytics: 162 site sessions, 15 returning visitors, 113 new visitors, 5 minute session average, 43% access via mobile, 57% access via desktop. Kim said everything is updated.

**Yard of the Month:** Brent Ludlow said there is nothing to report as we are in between seasons. YOM re-starts in April.

## Old Business:

**Holiday Decorations:** Peter Mason said we took down the mall holiday decorations on 1/14/23 and thanked Dave Clisch, Laurie Davis, Steve Frizzell and Paul Olesen for helping.

## New Business:

**Next Meeting:** Peter Mason said that the next meeting is a Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting that will be held on 3/8/23 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 Peter will send them the Zoom link. **Closing:** Peter Mason thanked everyone for taking for the time to attend and contributing to the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting. Peter also thanked Mayba Torres for joining the call. **Motion:** Joe McCluan moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Deleon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Peter Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

# WPPCA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom

*Note: These are a condensed version of the meeting minutes. For full meeting minutes please go to [www.winterparkpines.com](http://www.winterparkpines.com)*

**Directors in attendance:** Peter Mason (President), Joe McCluan (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Denise Ertler (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Dave Clisch (Treasurer), Becky Clisch (Secretary), Michelle Deleon, Fran Frataccia, Melissa Johnson; **Directors absent:** Brent Ludlow, Kim Ludlow, Ben Taylor; **WPPCA Committee Members in attendance:** Mayba Torres; **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 7:35 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 Monthly Meeting. Introductions given by all.

**Officer Reports: President:** Peter Mason thanked everyone for all the volunteer work everyone does on behalf of the organization. Have two new committee members Mayba Torres on the New Neighbor Welcome Committee and Brian Terry on the Events Committee. We still need more members on the Events and Membership Committees. Peter sent thank you letters to 48 Gold Members and 4 Platinum Members. Peter has reviewed 17 JD's with one outstanding. SOPs under review are the Annual Garage Sale, Membership, Treasurer, Website and the Database. The WPPCA Database Group of Steve Frizzell, Eva Gaber and Chris Hyma are working with Peter to update our database information to migrate to a new platform on Google AppSheet. We are still looking into solutions for data capture with electronic payments. On the Bylaws Peter has selected an attorney from the leads he received. Peter sent them received changes. Once ready they will be sent to all Officers and Directors to get their feedback. Once finalized they will be brought to the Board for a vote. A Board social gathering is planned for 4/27/23.

**Secretary:** Becky Clisch said the motion to approve the WPPCA Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of 2/8/23 were unanimously approved via email vote with abstentions from Denise Ertler and Ben Taylor.

**Treasurer:** Dave Clisch said the income for February was \$1,770. The expenses were normal. The bank checking balance is \$15,267, saving is \$7,178 and the PayPal balance is \$826. YTD revenue budget is \$29,250 and we are at \$16,985 so a little over 50% for the year. **Motion:** Joe McCluan moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Fran Frataccia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Joe McCluan reported that he has made some progress on the Orange County Sustainability Grant with the following members for the grant team: Joseph McCluan, Ashley Roof, Mayba Torres, Denise Ertler and Vanessa Philman. **Motion:** Joe McCluan moved to submit an Orange County Sustainable Communities Grant application to replace the lights on our 4 entrance columns and replace at our mall entrance. Denise Ertler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Joe also told OC that we were considering applying for a Beautification Grant in the fall 2023 for potential entrance informational signs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Denise Ertler said there was nothing to report.

## Committee Reports:

**Code Enforcement:** Fran Frataccia reported 8 incidents including drunk driver arrest, truck with no tags, trailer with expired tag, debris in side yard, camper in driveway, stolen vehicle, and debris at the mall from a neighbor.

**Events:** Michelle Deleon said that Brian Terry joined the committee and will be helping with the garage sale. Michelle said we have 14 sign-ups for the yard sale which is 3/25/23 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Sign pick-ups and payments on 3/23 & 3/24. Michelle has posted on Nextdoor about the garage sale and yoga classes. Yoga classes are on the first Saturday of each month starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Michelle and Melissa have met and are planning a neighborhood meet up.

**Facebook:** Peter Mason said Brent Ludlow could not attend the meeting and Brent said he had nothing to report.

**Mall Maintenance:** Fran Frataccia said she and Carol Magierski are going to plant more flowers in the mall area.

**Membership:** Melissa Johnson reported that there is a bump in membership. Her goal is to send out letters and surveys to the residents that haven't paid by next week. More membership reminder signs need to be ordered. 2023 membership stats: dollars paid @ \$15,965, # members @ 253, % of homes @ 28%. Melissa said she loved that Fran went out knocking on doors to solicit memberships.

**Needles:** Denise Ertler said this edition of the Needles is coming along really well. She is looking for more suggestion for articles. We are still in need of 3 or 4 sponsors to completely fund the Needles.

**New Neighbor Welcome:** Michelle Deleon said she met with Mayba Torres and gave her some welcome bags to hand out and they planned to go out. Michelle greeted 5 new neighbors recently.

**Nextdoor:** Peter Mason said Ben Taylor was not able to attend the meeting but sent one note that he would encourage other folks to bump the garage sale posts to help it stay top of everyone's feeds.

**Website:** Peter Mason said Kim Ludlow could not attend the meeting but sent the following last 30 days analytics: 162 site sessions, 123 unique visitors, 46% via mobile, 53% via desktop and 1% via tablet.

**Yard of the Month:** Peter Mason said Brent Ludlow could not attend the meeting but said that YOM starts again in April.

**Old Business: Garage Sale Podcast:** Denise would like Melissa & Michelle to do a podcast for the garage sale. They said they would.

**New Business: Next Meeting:** Peter Mason said that the next meeting is a Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting that will be held on 4/12/23 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 Peter will send them the Zoom link.

**City of Winter Park Annexation:** Melissa suggested a standing Needles article to keep residents updated. Melissa to work on one.

**Closing:** Peter Mason thanked everyone for taking for the time to attend and contributing to the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting. **Motion:** Joe McCluan moved to adjourn the meeting. Fran Frataccia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Peter Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

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