

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Christmas on the Lake is happening once again!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7* • 4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM



We are so happy to announce that the Grinch who stole our decorations
DID NOT steal our Christmas!

Thanks to the generosity of so many of our residents, the success of the Women's Club sponsored Garage Sale, the Pancake Breakfast and the support of the HOA Board, we are able to carry on this wonderful neighborhood tradition. The lights are going up and the stage will be set for a fun-filled evening at the Family Pool, 9015 Woodwind Lakes Drive at Ensemble Drive.

- ★ **SANTA** will be arriving about 4:30pm and will be available for pictures with kids until about 7:00pm. Our own fantastic photographer and resident, Hank Williams, will be available to take photos. You won't want to miss this photo opportunity.
- ★ **CHILDREN'S GAMES AND CRAFTS** There will be various activities for children and young people including an Old-Fashioned Cake Walk...with brownies and cookies.
- ★ **FOOD** Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and desserts are all free and will be served from 4:00pm until 7:30pm.
- ★ **DRINKS** There will be water, hot chocolate and Wassail.
- ★ **S'MORES PIT** An enjoyable family event. We ask that an adult accompany all children under 12. We will have all the supplies you need to enjoy this culinary experience or you can take your hot chocolate or wassail and sit by the fire.
- ★ **HAYRIDE** The hayrides begin at approximately 5:20pm and will run every 20 minutes. Everyone **MUST** have a timed ticket to get on board. You will only be allowed to board at the time on the ticket. This is a very popular event and space is at a premium. Get your tickets from the dessert table as soon as you arrive.
- ★ **WINE TOSS** For \$5.00 (cash only) Adults can purchase four rings to toss to ring a bottle of wine. Help support this event and ring in your bottle of wine.
- ★ **SILENT AUCTION** An event favorite and your chance to get some great Christmas gifts. Bring cash, check or credit/debit card and bid on various treasures donated by residents and local vendors. If you would like to donate, please contact:

Merrell Greene at m.j.greene@sbcglobal.net or
Stephen James at sdjmlj@gmail.com.



Live Music with
Gary House

*Bring your family, come visit with neighbors
and enjoy our Holiday Festivities!*

*Rain date: Sunday, December 8

Mission of Yahweh Thanksgiving food drive

Sponsored by the Women's Club

The Women's Club is collecting donations for the Mission of Yahweh Thanksgiving Food Drive. We will be delivering the donations to the Mission on Tuesday, November 19th. If you wish to contribute, please contact Melissa McCloskey, no later than Monday, November 18th to arrange drop off.

Melissa McCloskey
7810 Ensemble Drive
Text: 803-360-5968
Email: mmccloskey@gmail.com



The Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches and restores the lives of homeless women and children and provides outreach services to communities in need since 1961.



Click on this link for the list of desired items: <https://missionofyahweh.org/events>



Don't Forget To **FALL BACK** on November 3rd!

- It's actually 'Saving' not 'Savings'
- Hawaii and Arizona don't observe it
- Benjamin Franklin was the first to suggest DST in 1784, as a joke
- DST is always initiated at 2:00 a.m., not midnight
- Many local fire departments encourage changing or charging batteries in your smoke detectors



ONE LAST REMINDER

Time for the Silent Auction coordinators to start collecting sale items for the Annual Christmas on the Lake Silent Auction! For those residents that have generously donated in years past, we hope you'll do so again!

If you haven't donated an item for the auction, please consider doing so. We will accept items such as food gift baskets, gift cards, new baby items, flowers, golf items, spa items/events, jewelry, beers/wines, art, movie tickets, event tickets, athletic items plus more! Items must be in like-new condition, unexpired and ready to sell.

Please contact a Silent Auction collection coordinator for pickup or delivery.

Merrell Greene

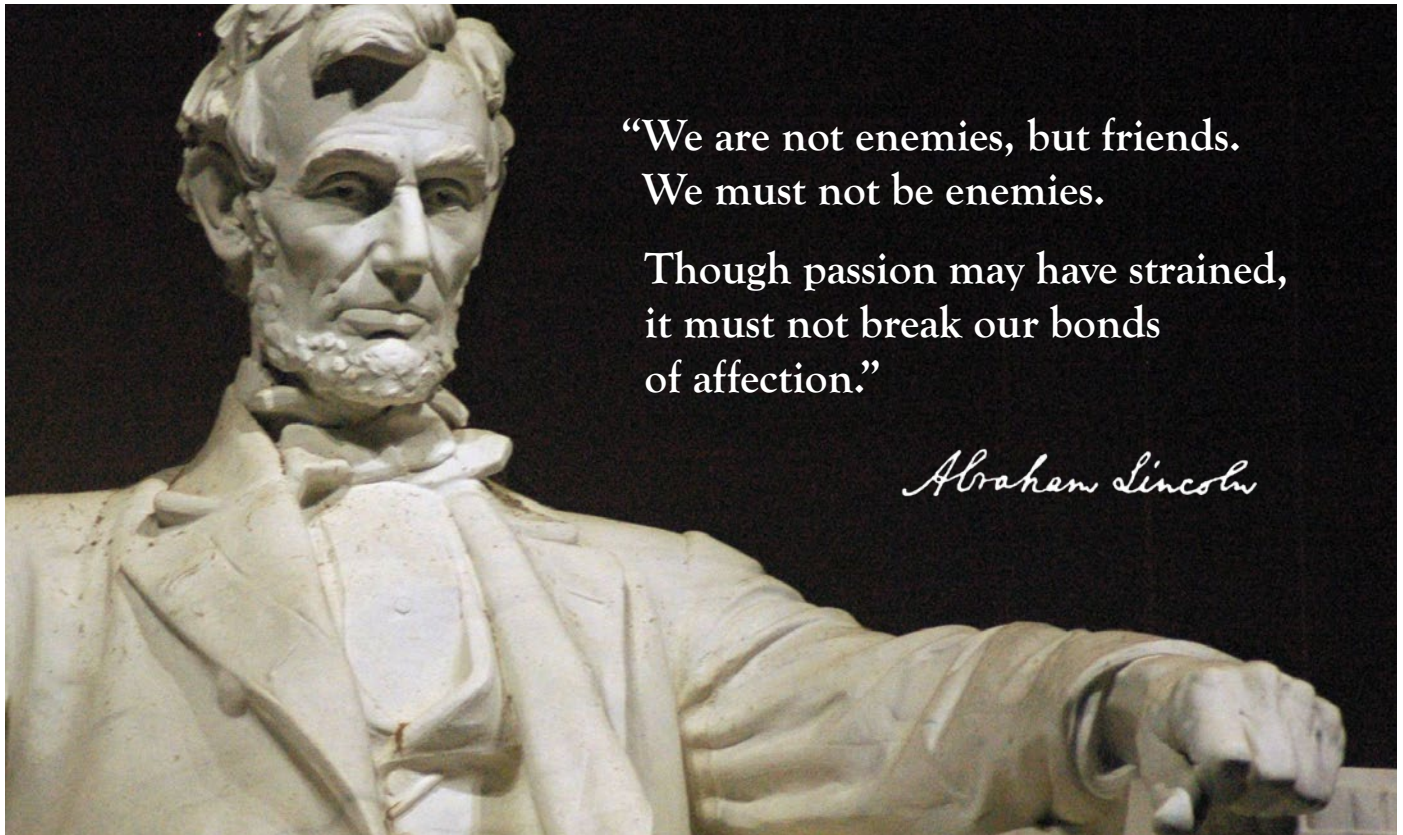
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"We are not enemies, but friends.
We must not be enemies.

Though passion may have strained,
it must not break our bonds
of affection."

Abraham Lincoln

On October 6th, three candidates for the HOA Board met at the Pavilion for a Meet & Greet session

Merrell Green, our current HOA President, was moderator for the Meet & Greet session.



Merrell Green



Jeffrey Krahn



Greg Patterson

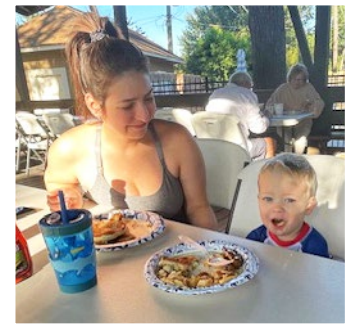


Steve Barnhill



The pancake breakfast was a huge success!

Many neighbors came out and enjoyed a great time together at this first ever event. It took a team effort by members of the Christmas Committee to make it happen.



The Women's Club held a garage sale fundraiser for the annual Christmas Event

It was a lot of work but the Women's Club stepped up for our community!



Woodwind Lakes Homeowners Annual Meeting and Election

We are pleased to share that our 2024 Annual Homeowner Meeting and Election took place on October 15th at the Windfern Forest Utility District building with approximately ninety homeowners in attendance.

During the meeting, the HOA presented updates on community initiatives and Jason Vanloo, Director of MUD 261, provided an informative overview of the MUD's partnership with the HOA. Jason also announced that MUD 261 would be contributing nearly one-third of the cost for the Sheriff's patrol, enhancing security for our community.

Candidates running for Board positions each shared a brief talk. Ballots were then collected and counted by Crest Management employees. As the meeting concluded, we announced the election results. Congratulations to our incumbents, Greg Patterson and Steve Barnhart, on their re-election to the Board.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. We look forward to working together in the coming year to keep our community strong and vibrant.



Crest Representative
Jennifer Reyes



Sheriff Bruce
District 5 Commander



Jason VanLoo
MUD261



Greg Patterson
Re-elected Treasurer



Steve Barnhart
Re-elected Director



Fantastic Homeowner Turnout!

WOMEN'S CLUB

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 10:00 am
At the home of Merrell Greene | 9134 Brahms Lane

For more information or to RSVP contact Ann Tatum:

anntatum9203@gmail.com

Hope we see you there!

The Women's Club sponsored Blood Drive was a success.

**Fifteen residents donated.
Four of them for the first time! Thank you!!!**



**Please join us in
February for our second
Blood Drive.**

**Work with us to help
save lives.**

2024 Winners Best Halloween Decorations

SOME FRIGHTFULLY GOOD CHOICES

SECTION 1



9118 Woodward Lakes Drive
DAYTIME

SECTION 1



8110 Letica Drive
NIGHTTIME

SECTION 2



8935 Andante Drive
DAYTIME

SECTION 2



8910 Opus Court
NIGHTTIME

More winners next page

2024 Winners Best Halloween Decorations

SOME FRIGHTFULLY GOOD CHOICES

SECTION 3



8603 Prelude Court
DAYTIME

SECTION 3



8715 Serenade Lane
NIGHTTIME

SECTION 1



8002 Sinfonia Drive
DAYTIME

SECTION 1



9307 Sinfonia Drive
NIGHTTIME

November Yard of the Month winners

SECTION 1



9122 WOODWIND LAKES DRIVE

SECTION 2



7711 ALLEGRO DRIVE

SECTION 3



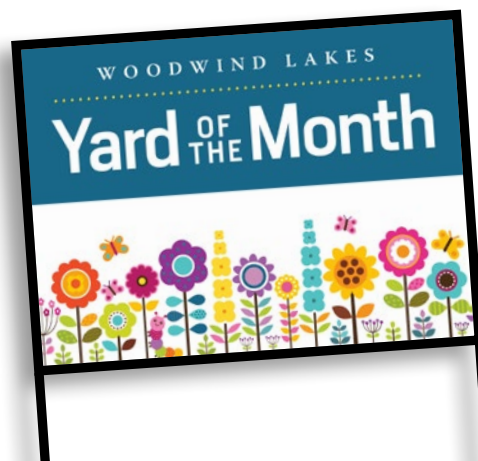
8626 GOLDEN CHORD CIRCLE

SECTION 4



8110 RONDO COURT

Congratulations!



MONARCH LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Woodwind Lakes Monthly Services Update

**October completed events**

- Irrigation inspection (10/31 continuing)
- Site audit
- Planting at gated wall (comp 10/4)

November upcoming events

- Irrigation inspection (scheduled 10/28)
- Site audit
- Shrub and groundcover fertilization w/InD (TBS)
- Turf fertilization w/PM (TBS)
- Ant Bait (TBS)
- Seasonal color change-out (tentatively scheduled 11/18)

Details we are focusing on this month

- Tree insect and disease inspections in phases
- Dead plant removals in phases continues
- Heavy pine needle drop pick-up

Note: Weather may delay some work.

