

Chelsea Woods of Tusawilla HOA Community News -- November 2009

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Newsletter format change for easier, faster reading and production.

With this issue, your *Chelsea Woods Community News* adopts a more streamlined format to enable faster reading by our membership and simplified production by the editor. ***All the same features, including Real Estate listings and sales, the President's Message, Community Events coverage, City government and Police information and useful data on community subjects will continue to be included in each issue.*** Recommendations from the membership about content are most welcome. Essential facts for newcomers will be repeated periodically for the convenience of our new neighbors. Copies will continue to be mailed to all paid members, and will be posted on the website. We are also seeking a new Newsletter Editor. If you would like to perform this interesting and important task for our community, please contact **Chris Waguespack** at cwagues@bellsouth.net by email, or by phone at **407-365-4537**

Update on SR 417 GREENEWAY Widening Plans. Following update is provided by CW Vice President Bruce Lieske, who is also Chairman of the Chelsea Woods 417 Noise Abatement Task Force:

Your CWHOAsound Abatement Task Force met with the Business Development Field Representative of Congresswoman Suzanne Kosmas in her Orlando office during the summer, and indicated our community's strong support for a sound abatement wall for SR 417. Because this is a State of Florida issue and not a federal issue, no definitive action on funding was discussed. Your Task Force made it clear, however, that this is an important community issue within Rep. Kosmas' support. Ms. Kosmas staff person was attentive to our needs, and cooperative.

We have communicated the results of the meeting to Mr. Tom Percival, FDOT Project Manager, District 5. We understand that funds are not currently available for the six-laning of SR417, but we want to have our needs earmarked for future action. We also communicated to Mr. Percival that our investigation revealed that although a sound study had been conducted for the 8-laning of 417, (the validity of which we have challenged,) a sound study had **never** been conducted on the 6-laning.

It would be helpful to our community if Chelsea Woods residents would email Rep. Kosmas regarding views on this issue as they affect real estate values and quality of life. You may easily do so by sending your message to her website at www.kosmas.house.gov.

Watering Lawns Is Now Once-A-Week Only. As of November 1 and the start of Eastern Standard Time, lawn irrigation may only be done once weekly. If your house number ends in an **odd number, Saturday** is your day. **Even-numbered** houses irrigate on **Sunday**. **Non-residential properties** are irrigated on **Tuesdays**. **No watering is permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** **Reclaimed water is NOT included in these restrictions.** We're told that twice weekly irrigation will return with Daylight Saving Time in March 2010. Newly sodded areas may be watered as needed for up to 30 days. Any questions may be addressed to Winter Springs Police Code Enforcement at 407-327-1000. Also see sjr.state.fl.us/watering_restrictions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Chris Waguespack

VP **Bruce Lieske** and our **CW Sound Abatement Task Force** have kept a close watch on 417 widening since your last newsletter, an important continuing issue for our community despite no funding for six-laning in the FDOT budget this year. We'll keep our finger on the pulse of this issue.

We had another wonderful **CWFOA Halloween Parade** this year, despite the unusual heat for a late October day. Thanks to all who participated. It was great to have all of you, marchers and watchers, involved. Thanks to **Kim Coburn** for hosting the gathering at her home after the parade, and thanks also to **Pat and Ray Biechele** for kindly funding the refreshments. Thanks to the two **Winter Springs Police officers** who kept the parade route safe through effective traffic control.

CWFOA maintains a closely-held (not shared) email address list for residents who have provided them to us on their membership form. We have started an **Email Notification Service** to these members on timely and relevant community information, including police advisories and emergency warnings, and current local events that we would like share with **all** our residents with internet access. Your email address, like all others, will be closely held in confidence. Please send your name/address and email address to **chelseawoodshoa@hotmail.com**.

Winter Springs Police recently conducted a random check of parked vehicles in a Tusawilla subdivision at night recently and found 85 (**repeat 85!**) unlocked. Security is everyone's job. **Please** lock cars and house doors, and close garage doors for our own safety.

Best wishes to all for a **Happy Thanksgiving** celebration with your family. Please be mindful of those Armed Forces members away from their families overseas or at sea, and please be generous toward those in need at this special time of year. We have much to be grateful for. **Best, Chris**

COMMUNITY AND CITY NEWS NOTES

WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING WHEN BIKING OR JOGGING AT NIGHT, OBSERVE OUR 25 MPH CW SPEED LIMIT. With shorter days, many adults and kids jog or bike while others of us are driving home. **Please** wear light-colored, or preferably, **reflective** clothing while biking or jogging. Bikes need flashing rear lights or reflectors. It gets dark **very** early these days. **Let's keep everyone safe.**

INTERNET SAFETY CLASS FOR PARENTS (FREE) Know what your children can do on the net, and the dangers they sometimes face there. Next course is at WSPD Community Service Center, in the Vistawilla Office Complex west of Vistawilla on SR434 on Friday, December 11, between 6 and 9 p.m. Contact **CPL Allison Smith**, 407-327-7955 to register.

HOLIDAY MAILINGS TO TROOPS OVERSEAS. Here's the website with mailing dates for holiday packages to militaryoverseas: www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2009/pr09_082.htm
Also check: www.usps.com/supportingourtroops/

WINTER SPRINGS CITY WEBSITE is a large and growing source of useful information for all city residents. Surf on over to **www.winterspringsfl.org** and check out all the facts and services.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT has won re-accreditation by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement accreditation. Our department is also one of the few in the state to also hold International Accreditation.

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REAL ESTATE LISTINGS, PENDINGS AND SALES

The following listings were provided by **Kim Coburn** of RE/MAX Town and Country Realty. For full information about these properties, please **contact Kim at 407-341-1324**, kacoburn@aol.com or www.kimcoburn.com.

Sold

651 Saranac -- 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 2869 Sq Ft, Built 1987, No Pool, \$355,000

1833 Seneca -- 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 2489 Sq Ft, Built 1989, Pool, \$318,500

714 Canadice Lane -- 4 Bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, 3144 Sq Ft, Built 1988, \$463,000

Active

708 Conesus – 5 Bedrooms, 3 ½ Baths, 3632 Sq. Ft, Built 1989, List \$499,000

1716 Seneca – 4 Bedrooms, 2 ½ Baths, 2612 Sq. Ft, Built 1987, List \$389,000

Community Notes (continued)

LOCKBOX PROGRAM for seniors or the disabled allows Police, Fire and Medical fast access to your residence if you can't come to the door. See video about it on the city website or contact **Captain Kevin Presley at 407-327-1000**.

CLEAN UP OR PAY UP. Pet owners are liable for a City Code violation if pets foul any public or private property but your own. It's also a public health issue, so please carry a bag and a scooper on that walk.

Arbor Permits - Winter Springs is a member of Tree City USA. Trees being installed or removed, dead or alive, require a permit for trunk diameters of 6" or greater. ***Please note that tree removal or pruning contractors must be licensed by the City of Winter Springs and that compliance with city ordinances are mandatory.*** Stiff fines result from failure to comply, so please get all necessary information in advance. Trees may not be replaced with species designated as exotic and invasive. Acceptable plantings are listed in Winter Springs Arbor Ordinance 2003-22, and must be at least a Florida Grades and Standards 1 species. Residential Arbor Permit Forms are available for completion on the city website (www.winterspringsfl.org) and can be filed electronically online. Forms are usually processed and customer contacted within one business day. For additional information, consult the website or **call the City Arborist at 407-327-5982**.

Winter Springs Dog Park - Even your family pet has a park to enjoy in our city. A facility of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department, the two acre area for dogs of all sizes is located next to Central Winds Park, is open from dawn to dusk six days a week (*closed on Wednesdays*) and provides separate areas for large dogs, small dogs and training. The park is provided with shaded areas, fountains and dog showers and adequate parking. It's not too Ruff!!!

HALLOWEEN PARADE A BIG SUCCESS.....

Ghosts and goblins, wizards and princesses, spidermen and knights of old..... all were there in rare form on Saturday, October 31 for the annual **Chelsea Woods Halloween Parade** down Seneca Blvd. Over a hundred youngsters and parents participated. Refreshments were funded by **Pat and Ray Biechele**, and arrangements were handled by **Kim Coburn**. Traffic control was provided by the Winter Springs Police.

St. Lukes Concert Series provides music for every taste, close to home, and FREE.

For sixteen years, St. Luke's Lutheran Church on SR 426 has sponsored a free concert series for the local community featuring the best musical groups in the greater Orlando area. Following is the schedule of concerts in the series to be performed between now and April 2010.

Holiday Concerts (Brass Band of Central Florida) Friday, December 4 @ 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 and 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

An American Journey (Orlando Concert Band) Saturday, January 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Music From The East (UCF Symphony Orchestra) Saturday, February 13, 2010.
Masterworks @ 6:00 p.m., Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

Wind Music for the Ages (Concordia University/Chicago Wind Symphony) Saturday, March 6, 2010 @7:00 p.m.

Lutheran Cantata Choir and Chamber Ensemble. Sunday, March 21, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.

Simply Baroque (Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra) Saturday, April 24, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Winter Springs Police Statistics for the Month of October 2009

Calls for Service ----- 11612	Emergency Response Time ----- 3:16	Non-Emergency---- 6:38
Traffic Citations ----- 777	Adult Criminal Arrests ----- 68	Juvenile Arrests ----- 18
Domestic Violence Calls - 13	Traffic Accidents ---- 32	Accidents with Injuries ----- 5
Traffic Stops ----- 1020	Code Violations ---- 295	Code Reinspections -----291
Red Light Violations ----- 120	<i>Please lock your car, conceal valuables, lock garage doors</i>	

"SHOP WITH A COP" Program This Year set for December 19.

Winter Springs Police officers will again take to the streets on Saturday, December 19 with selected local youngsters for holiday shopping at WALMART and a day of fun. Last year, 38 children and 8 other families were hosted by the annual program. This is truly a Winter Springs home-based program that enables our Police Department to take care of children at risk within our city on behalf of us all. This year like never before, more children will need the support and generosity which we citizens provide, and our PD and its people administer. The **Winter Springs Police Association** and the **Police Explorer Scouts** organize this effort. **Please send your contribution to The Winter Springs Police Association, 300 North Moss Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708.** For additional information, please contact **WSPD CPL Allison Smith** at 407-327-7955