



Windance Property Owners

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Season's Greetings from the POA!

It's the most wonderful time of the year and it's a wonderful time to live in Windance!

First and foremost, I would like to commend the efforts of our Social Committee. Our recent Halloween party was a blast with great fellowship and food and all the little goblins in attendance had a great time! The committee is currently working on our annual Christmas party that will be held on December 17 from 3:30-5 p.m. and also making plans for 2018 events as well. Please make an effort to attend these great activities and remember that all neighbors are welcome! Additionally, they have developed a "welcome package" for new neighbors that will be given out as people move into the neighborhood.

We appreciate everyone that has liked our Facebook page and contributed to it. This is a great way to stay informed about activities and happenings around the neighborhood. With that being said, the board cannot conduct POA business through social media. We encourage you to attend our meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, to discuss any issues or concerns you have. Additionally, our POA website has pertinent information to update neighbors. If there are times that the website is not updated immediately, please understand that we are all very

busy and will get the information posted as quickly as possible. If you need an immediate response or feedback, call Walt Hack (228-234-3115).

Our annual POA meeting will be held on January 25, 2018 at the Clubhouse. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting as we discuss various neighborhood issues and initiatives during 2017 and as we elect new board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Walt Hack 228-234-3115. A reminder about the meeting will be sent out closer to the date.

Last but not least, with the holidays quickly approaching the board would like to remind you to practice vigilance in protecting your home. While our neighborhood has historically been a safe place throughout the holidays, it's always important to do what you can to protect your investment during this time of the year. Please check out the information provided on page 3 of the newsletter for tips/tricks in protecting your home and family during the holidays.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting and upcoming Christmas party and we hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

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Walt Hack, *President*

Timmy Enroth, *Vice President*

Donna MacArthur, *Secretary*

Al Hopkins, *Treasurer*

Alonzo Johnson

Roy Craig

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Do you have a complaint, question or suggestion? Please contact any of the Board Members or e-mail us at windancepoa@yahoo.com.

Get up-to-date news & information in our Windance POA Facebook group! Just search for Windance POA!

Covenants: Protecting Your Investment

Our covenant committee has identified properties not being maintained according to covenants. The normal process is to contact the owner (several attempts) and if not resolved elevate to our attorney. The attorney will send a letter to the homeowner informing of the covenant violation. If still not resolved, then legal action will commence. This is not a quick process, but it is a fair process to all our neighbors. As a board, we are aware of several violations that are issues and are addressing these issues. Several issues to highlight include:

- The Architectural Review Committee must be contacted for approval before most exterior home improvements or construction projects are started. Examples of projects include painting, re-roofing, pool or pool enclosure installation, fence or storage shed installation, or taking down any tree larger than 6" in diameter. A written request must include all pertinent data including any architectural drawings and specifications, types of material, colors, and a copy of the County Building Permit (as required). The requesting party should allow sufficient time (at least one month) before the start of construction for the committee to meet, review the plans, visit the site, and respond with a decision in writing. Since utility lines are underground in Windance, the cable, phone, and power companies should be contacted before digging begins on a property.
- No lot shall be used for any purpose except residential. Therefore, no commercial or business operations are permitted from any residence.

- Our community is pet friendly. As a courtesy to your neighbors and in accordance with county ordinances, pets must be on a leash and pet waste must be removed and properly disposed of in a trash container.

- NO vehicles are to be parked on lawns or overnight on the street. Boats, boat trailers, cargo and utility trailers, campers, motor homes and RVs are to be kept in the garage not in the driveway.

- Homeowners are responsible for mowing and edging their lawns on a regular basis in order to maintain the appearance and standards of our community. Beautification Awards are given monthly for outstanding accomplishments. If you are renting your home, please contact the owner to determine who will be doing the lawn maintenance.



Yard of the Month Winners



September: The Van Pelts, 204
Tournament Drive

October: Justin & Laura Dickenson
14969 Calcutta Drive

November: Sonny Watts

How To Keep Your Home Safe & Secure During the Holidays

With all of the decorations, shopping,



parties, and fun coming up with the holiday season, it's important to be safe while also having fun. The best thing SafeWise can suggest for home safety during the holidays, as well as the rest of the year, is to have a monitored security system. But there are several other things you can do in addition to that to help keep your home and family safe. Here are five tips to help you do just that.

1. Keep your travel plans offline.



If you are planning to travel during the holiday season, be sure to keep your travel plans off your social media networks. Never post where you are going, when you are leaving, or when you will be back. This is prime information for a thief because he will know when your house will be empty. Even if you have the highest-level of security on your Facebook or Twitter accounts, posting this personal information is never recommended.

2. Notify a neighbor.

If you are planning to go out of town during the holiday season, be sure to notify a trusted neighbor. Ask the neighbor to keep an eye on your house and report any suspicious activity. You'll also want this

neighbor to keep your walks cleared of snow and to pick up your mail and newspapers while you are away. Make sure your house looks like somebody is home to deter a burglar.

3. Hide any Christmas gifts.

You probably want to keep gifts out of sight from children, but you also want to make sure gifts are hidden from a potential burglar as well. Putting pretty wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree looks nice, but it's also an open invitation for a burglar. Try to keep your Christmas tree, with gifts underneath, away from windows or other places with a view. When you aren't home, it's easy to break through a window and grab all of your gifts.



Take care of your electronics as well, those that are meant as gifts and those already in the home. Keep cameras, CDs, DVD players, computers, and iPads within your view and out of sight for a burglar.

4. Watch your Christmas lights.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, December is the deadliest month for electrical fires. Before you string lights on the house or the tree, be sure to inspect the strands to make sure there aren't any frayed cords or cracked lamps. Replace any broken lamps and throw away strands with frayed cords. This will help prevent any accidental fires. You'll want to buy cords that have been tested by an independent laboratory, like the Underwriters Laboratory. Be sure to check the packaging to see that the manufacturer's name and information is clearly marked.

Also, be sure to turn any holiday lights off when you go out for the evening or when you go to bed. Try using an outdoor timer to switch lights on and off.

5. Inspect the furnace and the chimney.

Heating-equipment, like furnaces and fires can many deaths every year in the United States. In fact, in 2008, the U.S. Fire Administration reported approximately 2,650 people were killed by house fires. Take the time to have a professional come inspect your furnace and clean the chimney before you need to heat your home.

The holidays can be the most wonderful time of the year, as long as you stay safe during them. Be sure to take the precautions you need in order to fully enjoy the season.

(Source: The SafeWise Report, <https://www.safewise.com/blog/keep-home-safe-secure-holidays/>)

REMINDERS



Christmas Party – 3:30-5 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Clubhouse. Parents are encouraged to bring one wrapped book for each of their children that are attending.

Golf Carts – Please be advised that all golf carts are to be operated throughout the Windance Subdivision by licensed drivers. Anyone that is found to be operating a cart under the age of 16 is an offense that is punishable by state law.

Speed Limit – Windance is a 20 mph speed limit zone. Please help us keep our children and neighborhood safe by watching your speed.

Property Owner Meetings – Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. inside the Clubhouse. Guest comments are taken at the beginning of the meeting.

Website – Find more information on the neighborhood including covenants, past meeting minutes, announcements & more at www.windancepoa.com. Resident area password is windancegolf.

- President - Walt Hack, (228) 234-3115
- Lake Committee - Timmy Enroth (228) 669-7752 or Allen Deen (228) 357-5063
- Architecture Committee - Roy Craig (228) 324-4701
- Covenants Committee - Alonzo Johnson (816) 405-6589
- Beautification Committee and Social Committee - (228) 697-9860

