Celebrating 62 Years!

The Official Annual Winter Park Pines Spring Garage Sale is Back!



Get Ready! Start Cleaning Start Selling! Have Fun!

March 8, 2025 8:30am – 1:00pm

See Page 5 for more information!

WPPCA 2025 Membership Drive Has Started!

Become a member of the **Winter Park Pines Community** by supporting your association! As of this writing only 220 of 901 residents have become members of the Winter Park Pines Community Association. Only **YOUR** contribution will keep **YOUR** Association, Winter Park Pines, a fun and vibrant neighborhood in which to live.

The next association meetings will be on February 12, 2025 & March 12, 2025

Winter Park Pines Community Association meetings will be 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 Pines address for the Zoom link to 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

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, <u>Needles from the PINES</u>.

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:

The Needles Editor at WPPCA, P.O. Box 5357, Winter Park, FL 32793 or contact deniseertler@gmail.com

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 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

By the time you are reading this, we are into our 2nd month of 2025. Yes, it still takes a while to get used to a new year, but we look forward to the new opportunities.

Peter H. Mason WPPCA President

Winter has had some colder days this year with temperatures getting into the 30's. I remember last year it was mild, and we

never had to cover our plants. Believe it or not spring is on the horizon starting on March 20th so enjoy this time of year before summer comes! The cooler winter days with a brilliant blue sky are great for getting out and about enjoying the Cady Way Trail, hit a ball on the tennis court or go to the 66th annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival which runs March 21st – 23rd. Another favorite pastime is watching the weather up north to remind us why we like living here!

The New Neighbor Welcome Committee has been busy the past six (6) months visiting over fifty (50) homes of those that have recently moved in over the past year and those neighbors that are unknown to us. See the article on "Unknown Current Residents" on page 4 (four).

The Events Committee has also been very busy so far this year. I hope you were able to attend the Winter Park Pines Happy Hour Meet-Up at Bonfire at the Winter Pines Golf Club in January, as we will have more in 2025. The Winter Park Pines Community-Wide Garage Sale is coming up on March 8th (see article on page 5 (five) so now is the time to start cleaning the closets! We had 2 garage sales last year that were very successful.

The Membership Committee has been busy with the great work of our Treasurer, improving our electronic payment systems. We have a new link on our membership form that goes to our website. The new system ensures we have your resident information accurate in our database and it sends out auto confirmations on your payment and information submitted. By having more accurate information, this will help us recognize more veterans each year and know our neighbors better.

We have already had a new volunteer join the Events Committee this year. We would love to add your name to one of our many committee rosters! New individuals introduce fresh innovative ideas and energy to an organization. We especially want to get more residents on our Membership and Events Committees. See page 7 (seven) for a listing of all open positions with a brief description. If you have any interest in giving your time in any at wppcapresident@gmail.com or call me at 407-671-0785 to contact me discuss the opportunities.

Speaking of getting involved in the WPPCA, your support of being a paid member each year is especially important as it is our only funding source to pay for the many things your association accomplishes. We are off to a good start with 24% of the Winter Park Pines residents having paid their 2025 membership but that still leaves the vast majority of our residents to make their annual payment. We already have had many Gold and Platinum Level Members for 2025, and we thank them for their high level of financial support. To read more about what your membership pays for, and the 2025 membership form see page 6 (six).

You will see a volunteer theme in many articles in this Needles issue, as we are dedicating it to those who give of their time and energy to work together in making sure the Pines is a safe and enjoyable community in which to live.

As your President, it continues to be my pleasure to serve on the Board of the WPPCA. Thank you to all who have made the Pines a great place to live.

Welcoming our Unknown "Current Residents"!

I'm Jeanne Bushong, a member of the WPPCA New Neighbor Welcome Committee. My "position" is to visit and welcome all the new residents who have moved into our great Pines community in the recent past. Whether you are a renter or an owner, I'd love to meet you!

As a member of the New Neighbor Welcoming Committee I have found the WPPCA doesn't have a record of many of our residents who now live in the Pines community. I'm trying to change that. In the coming months I will be going around to homes to try to update our records for our mailing list. We also would like to recognize our veterans each year with a small flag placed in your yard on Veterans Day. So, whether you have lived here for one year or twenty and you now get mail from the WPPCA which says, "Current Resident", please help me update our resident information on file by letting me know the following...

Name(s): Phone number: Date you moved here:
E-mail address: Owner/Renter: O/R
Military veteran: Y/N

This month I began visiting homes to meet those "Current Residents" and request your information. Please know, you are under no obligation to share this information with me, but we hope you will. If you get WPPCA mail that says, "Current Resident" and prefer to just e-mail or text me the information, I'll be glad to receive your information that way.

My contact information is: 407-697-2565, jeannebushong@gmail.com

Thanks and I hope to connect with you in the near future!

YOUR CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Written by John Moore- Code Enforcement Committee Member

We are Code Enforcement volunteers and we are here to help! This is not a cliché statement. As a committee, we assist the Orange County Code Enforcement Division for the benefit of the Winter Park Pines residents in order to uphold our common interests of maintaining property values, a harmonious quality of life, predictable standards of dwelling appearance, and most importantly, safety.

We volunteer to periodically move around the Pines to ensure our neighborhoods are free of code violations, suspicious behavior and safety hazards. Some examples are... Street potholes; burnt out streetlights; sidewalks blocked or with trip hazards; road signs missing; illegally parked, disabled or abandoned boats trailers, trucks or cars; fences down; neglected lawns; City of Winter Park's restrictions of short-term rentals and more.

You too can help us through your vigilance in reporting hazards and code violations. It's easy to use the 311 app to report violations. If you have or see an issue please dial 311 or contact Carol Magierski at *carol28@aol.com* or Fran Frataccia at *ffrataccia@man.com*, the WPPCA Code Enforcement Committee Co-Chairs, or John Moore at *johnmoore444@yahoo.com*.

If you want to see how the Special Magistrate handles zoning violations, public hearings are normally held on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 9:00 am. These public hearings are held in the Commission Chambers on the ground floor of the Orange County Administration Center, 201 South Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32802.

See - www.orangecountyfl.net/Portals/0/Library/Neighbors-Housing/docs/Special%20Magistrate%20Hearing%5B1%5D.pdf

Another WPPCA Beautification Grant Finished

Written by: Joe McCluan- Grant Advisor, 1st, Vice President, Digital

I am happy to report that the WPPCA has completed another grant with Orange County to beautify the mall entrance to the Pines. This project was started back on August 2024 and we completed the 2024 Beautification Grant in the beginning of December. We had A Budget Tree Service, a Needles sponsor, trim the palm trees in the mall entrance and also had Vice Painting pressure wash and repaint the four entrance columns into the neighborhood. Unfortunately, very shortly after Vice Painting completed the work on the columns, the column at Cady Way Trail was hit by a vehicle and damaged the column. We reached out to Vice Painting to ask for some touch up paint and they actually came out and did the paint repairs with no additional charge. We are very pleased with the results and the service from both Vice Painting and A Budget Tree Service.

2025 Needles Sponsor



EFM Services

Now Offering Plumbing!

Great news for our Winter Park Pines community—EFM Services has expanded! In addition to our trusted air conditioning services, we are now equipped to handle your plumbing needs, too.

Understanding the essentials of a reliable A/C system and effective plumbing in Florida's climate, we're here to ensure your home stays comfortable and fully functional year-round. Our team remains dedicated to quick and efficient service, responding promptly to both A/C and plumbing requests.

Building lasting relationships through transparency and honesty is at the heart of what we do. We're not just about repairs; we offer valuable advice to maintain your home's comfort throughout every season.

Our licensed experts (A/C License #RA0067097 and Plumbing License #CFC1433043) bring a wealth of knowledge to a wide range of services—from minor fixes to comprehensive installations, all performed with meticulous attention to detail.

As your neighborhood specialists in A/C and plumbing, our goal is always your satisfaction. Rely on EFM Services for professional expertise and dedicated care, keeping your home cool, comfortable, and well-maintained.



WPPCA Official Annual Spring Garage Sale!



Our Semi-Annual Winter Park Pines Community Garage Sale is Back!

Date: March 8th, 2025 from 8:30am -1pm Cost: \$10 per household

Registration Deadline Date: Monday March 3rd, 2025

Registration: Michelle Deleon *michelledeleon@bhhsfloridarealty.net* with your name, address and phone.

Sign Pick Up: Winter Park Pines Golf Club, March 6th & 7th from 6pm – 7pm

The WPPCA has also arranged to station a donation truck to drop off any unsold items that you would like to donate. Additionally, several Needles sponsors have pitched in to provide a shredder-van on-site from 12:00pm -2:00pm. So collect your unwanted documents, put them in a box, and head to the Winter Park Pines Golf Club after the garage sale for a full day of cleaning!

Calling All WPPCA Event Enthusiasts!

Written by Melissa Johnson - Membership Chair

Do you welcome the idea of bringing the Winter Park Pines together and making memories that our residents will enjoy? Do you have motivating ideas that will bring a community together in fun, and community spirit? If so, we are excited to invite you to join our dedicated volunteers in the Winter Park Pines Events Committee.

We're looking for enthusiastic neighbors to help us brainstorm, develop and organize creative event concepts that make our Winter Park Pines neighborhood even more special...block parties, child meet ups, and holiday events to name a few! If you have an idea please share!

Even if you can only lend a hand occasionally, we'd love to have you on board. Many hands make light work and a whole lot of fun! Ready to jump in? Contact Michelle Deleon, Event Chair, at michelledeleon@bhhsfloridarealty.net

Let's work together to make Winter Park Pines the vibrant, connected community we all love. We can't wait to see what we'll create together! Let's make it happen, neighbors!



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!

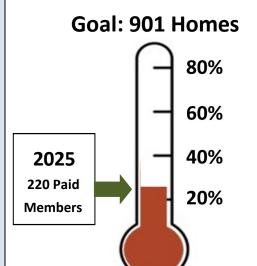
Service and Benefits

- 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 the 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.
- Recognize our veterans with letters and flags in each yard on Veterans Day.

The 2025 Membership

(10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025

Support your Winter Park Pines
Community Today!



The electronic payment option has been upgraded on the website so we can collect the same basic resident data we do with our paper form when paying by check. For the convenience of paying electronically, the one-year membership includes the processing fees we are charged by Square.

Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc. 2025 Membership Form

(Memberships paid October 1 – December 31 applies to the following calendar year)

Member(s) Name(s):Street Address:			Er	_ Email: _ Phone#		
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Year Moved to the Pines	Rent/Owr	n? Vete	ran?Y/N	_ Wouldyoulike	to volunteer? Y/N	
Membership Level	(Circle 1)	Bronze \$60	Silver: \$80	Gold: \$100	Platinum: \$250+	

Payment Methods:

- ☐ Mail check to: WPPCA P.O. Box 5357 Winter Park, FL 32793
- ☐ Pay on our website: www.winterparkpines.com/join

Become A Member Today!





2025 Needles Sponsor



Seby's Pizza

Seby's Pizza - the new favorite spot in Winter Park for thin crispy pizza, tasty appetizers, and delicious desserts.

A third generation Italian American, pizzaiolo Sebastian "Seby" Donofrio brings his passion for pizza to the Orlando area. Chef Seby is a formally trained pizza chef and has trained with some of the worlds most renowned pizza

masters including Enzo Coccia, Massimiliano Stamerra, and Leo Spizzirri. Originally from Long Island, Chef Seby has been heavily influenced by the elite pizzerias of Brooklyn and Manhattan like Di Fara, Luigi's, John's of Bleeker St, Patsy's, Joe's, and many others.

At Seby's, our dough making process, superior water, and high-quality fresh ingredients distinguish our pizza from the rest. Pre-shredded frozen mozzarella? Pre-sliced frozen pepperoni? Pre-made frozen meatballs? Canned pizza sauce? Not at Seby's. Our freshly shredded whole-milk mozzarella is never frozen. We make our meatballs in house by hand from scratch and slice our pepperoni and other toppings daily. We make and season our sauce from whole peeled tomatoes. Our vegetables are hand-sliced and sautéed in olive oil imported from Italy.

The difference is in the details! We invite you to come try our pizza and hope that you will make us your new favorite pizza place. See our menu and learn more about us at www.sebyspizza.com.



Please Join In And Volunteer!

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.

Areas that need your assistance...

**Do you like to help plan and organize events? Join the team on the Events Committee!

**Would you like to see more residents pay their annual membership so we can do more for our residents? Join the Membership Committee!

> **Do you like to work on Web Design and maintenance? Join the Digital Committee!

Do you enjoy saying hi and welcoming new neighbors into our community to make them feel welcome? Join the New Neighbor Welcoming Committee!

> **Do you like to take notes? Be the Secretary of the association!

**Would you like to just generally volunteer to help? Join the Ad Hoc Project Group or another committee!

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

Help us make the Pines an even better place to live!

The Pines Spectacle of Lights!!



1st Place Larry & Zeny Schmidt 431 London Road



2nd Place - Jacob & Heather Kuzman 2749 Abbey Road



3rd Place - Jordan & Mechele Petrie 2721 Will O Th Green Street



A Special Christmas Display Shout-out!

As we reflect on the joyous moments that brought our neighborhood together this past holiday season, we want to acknowledge a first-ever honorable mention! Thank you to the residents of Fleet Road for your incredible teamwork and participation in December's Spectacle of Lights, and for 345 Fleet Road, which stood out as the beacon on the street.

While placing the final Yard of the Month sign, we were delighted to discover Fleet Road's beautifully coordinated holiday displays. Your efforts collectively

illuminated our neighborhood (and Fleet Road) with joy and community spirit.

We can't wait to see what's in store next Christmas! Until then, we encourage residents to nominate a neighbor or their own home if they've gone the extra mile. The Yard of the Month program is a community-wide initiative that acknowledges yards based on visual appeal, originality, and sustainable landscaping practices with October and December being dedicated solely to holiday decor and spirit.

Send nominations to *shanon@larimercompany.com*, and let's continue celebrating what makes Winter Park Pines so special.

Thank you for making this season unforgettable! We will resume our Yard of the Month program in April and look forward to what "Springs" up in your home and throughout the neighborhood.

WPPCA 2024 Mall Holiday Decorations

Residents of the Winter Park Pines Community spread holiday cheer by putting up the holiday decorations at the Mall Entrance to Winter Park Pines including holiday banners, hanging wreaths & lights at the main entrance sign and medians. Thanks to the install crew of seven residents on November 30th and the take down crew of another six residents on January 11th. We hoped when you drove into the main entrance of Winter Park Pines on North Ranger Blvd off Aloma Avenue you enjoyed the decorations and lights!



Left to right: Peter Mason, Denise Ertler, Will Hazzard, Dani Schafer, Kyle Schafer, Liz O'Neill, & Paul Olesen (not pictured)



Front Mall Entrance



Left to right: Peter Mason, Denise Ertler, Kyle Schafer, Carol Magierski, John Moore, & Paul Olesen (not pictured)



Upcoming Events

By: Michelle Deleon



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025

FEB

1-2

9AM - 4PM

50TH MOUNT DORA ARTS FESTIVAL

Held on the streets of historic Mt. Dora, experience 300 fine artists showcasing a vast array of incredible talent in this juried event. There will be entertainment, beer, wine, cocktails, music and festival food to round out the amazing weekend. This is a free event.

510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora

FEB

14

6PM - 10PM

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE OUTDOOR MOVIE

Treat your sweet on Valentine's Day. Pack a picnic and seating, alcohol is permitted. Weather permitting. Tickets available online.

Leu Gardens

FEB

20-24

VARIOUS

WINTER PARK ARTS WEEKEND

This four-day arts extravaganza will feature dozens of community events and performances at Central Park's Main Stage For more information, visit: .https://cityofwinterpark.org/residents-guests/things-to-enjoy/arts-culture/arts-weekend/

Central Park, Winter Park

MAR

01

9AM- 10:30AM

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

The parade will begin at Swoope Avenue and proceed south down Park Avenue to Lyman Avenue.

Downtown Winter Park

MAR

08

8:30AM - 1PM

COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE



Spring cleaning is back! Email <u>michelledeleon@bhhsfloridarealty.net</u> with your name, address and phone number to register. \$10 per household, payable by cash or check at the time of sign pick up. Register your home <u>by March 3rd</u> to be included in the official map and online advertising.

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





OR





@WINTERPARKPINESOFFICIAL

WPPCA Summary of Recent Meetings

Recap of Board Of Directors Meetings from December 11, 2024, and January 8, 2025. For full meeting minutes please go to www.winterparkpines.com or use this QR code link.



BOD and Committee Changes: Tonio Bianca has stepped off the Digital & Events Committees but will stay on New Neighbor Welcome. Steve Kelly has stepped off the Events & Code Enforcement Committees but may re-join in the future. Melissa Johnson has stepped off the Events Committee due to personal time commitments but will stay as Chair of the Membership Committee. Julie Lampe has joined the Events Committee.

<u>Open Positions:</u> We need members for Events, Membership, Digital, and New Neighbor Welcome Committees. Let Peter Mason know if interested in volunteering.

President Updates: The Mall holiday decorations had a good group with 7 folks putting up the decorations on 11/30/24 and another good group of 6 to take down the decorations on 1/11/24. Thanks to the volunteers, including Denise Ertler, Will Hazzard, Carol Magierski, Peter Mason, John Moore, Dani Schafer, Kyle Schafer, Liz O'Neill, and Paul Olesen. A review and update was completed of our 18 JDs and 6 SOPs. The BOD approved a Safety Plan for the Mall Committee volunteers and a Contractor Insurance/Hold Harmless Agreement for regular contractors. Peter had 1 resident contact him since the last recap saying thanks for publishing the annual budget and thanks to all the active volunteers that keep the association functioning.

Secretary: The BOD approved the December & January meeting minutes which are published in full on our website.

<u>Treasurer:</u> Ending 12/31/24, our YTD Total Income (budget) @ \$42,703, Total Expenses @ \$34,768, and NOI @ \$7,935. Bank balance @ \$26,097. The Ad Hoc Audit Committee with members of the President, 1st VP, and Treasurer met and reviewed the financials over the past year and recommended that an audit firm was not needed to review our books due to the control in place. Several missing checks were recovered from the Post Office.

Grant Updates: The 2024 OC Beautification Grant is complete.

<u>Code Enforcement:</u> Over the last two months 7 incidents were reported, including a camper, boat & food truck in driveways, high grass, and assaults.

<u>Digital:</u> Website: Last month we had 185 site visits, 142 unique visitors, 82 direct site visits and 69 from Google. Facebook: Normal traffic. Nextdoor: Normal traffic. Instagram: Normal.

Events: Official WP Pines Community Yoga: Last class was cancelled due to the instructor being very sick. Future classes are suspended due to the instructor not being available and lack of participation. WP Pines Happy Hour Meet-Up: Last one was 1/9/25 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Bonfire at the WP Pines Golf Club. Next one will be in the spring, date TBD. Official WP Pines Spring Garage Sale: Planned for 3/8/25 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Mall Updates: Lots of trash picked up weekly. Need an electrician to fix the light at the Mall. Vice Painting (grant painter) repainted the Cady Way entrance column for free that was hit by a vehicle. We need to cut some dead pine trees.

Membership: As of 1/6/25, membership \$ @ \$16,046, # of members @ 220, % of homes paid @ 24.4%. Versus prior year our # of members were down by 10 or 4%. The top-tier membership levels are 52 Gold and 6 Platinum Members, 10% of these are new top-tier members. We are 6 ahead of LY's pace. A solicitation letter was sent in late Nov to 853 unpaid residents, reminding them to pay before the end of 2024 to save \$10 on their membership. As of 1/7/25 we have received trackable check payments of \$5,500 plus what was paid online. The cost of the mailing was \$732 so our ROI is well over 750%. The next membership mailing to unpaid residents goes out late January.

The electronic payment capture project which has been in the works for 16 months, went live on 11/17/24. On the website there are two payment options, check and credit card. For the convenience of paying electronically, the membership includes a small \$2.05 processing fee that we are charged by Square. For electronic payments we have a Membership Enrollment Form that captures the same resident data as when residents pay by check. This helps keep our database more accurate and identify any veterans or volunteers. All electronic payments go through Square versus PayPal as they have cheaper processing fees. When a resident makes an electronic payment, they get confirmation from Jotform with all the data they submitted, which Peter also gets so he can load the information daily into our WPPCA Database. This allows Peter to send out thank you letters to our two top-tier membership levels within 24 hours of payment. 42 residents have used the new electronic payment system so far. Peter also follows up with anyone that says they are interested in volunteering.

<u>Needles:</u> The current one is a 12-page color issue highlighting volunteer work and many other diverse articles. We have filled all our 2025 Needles Sponsorships, which will allow 4 color issues again this year. Six sponsors are new this year.

<u>New Neighbor Welcome:</u> Visits continue each month and we have visited those new residents that we previously missed going back to November 2023. We are now working on visiting 53 homes where we don't have any residents' names to see who lives there and welcome them.

Yard of the Month: December winners: 1st place to Larry & Zeny Schmidt at 431 London Rd; 2nd place to Jacob & Heather Kuzman at 2749 Abbey Road; 3rd place to Jordan & Mechele Petrie at 2721 Will O Th Green St. Honorable mention to the residents on Fleet Road for their collaboration of lights. YOM resumes after a winter break in April 2025.

General Old/New Business: None

<u>Next Meeting:</u> The BOD Meeting is 2/12/25 at 7:30 pm Zoom. If any Pines residents want to attend any meeting they can, they simply need to send Peter an email with their Pines address, and he will register them and send the Zoom link.

WPPCA 2025 Needles Sponsors

















The Winter Park Pines Needles is an excellent way to advertise your business within our community! By sponsoring the Needles publication you will reach 901 neighborhood community households. Among other opportunities, you will also have a presence on our social media pages and a personalized article will be written showcasing yourself and your business in the Needles. For details and all your questions please contact Peter Mason at wppcapresident@gmail.com.

WPPCA 2025 Needles Sponsors

Winter Park Pines Homeowner



Winter Park Pines Homeowner



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Your Trusted Guide in Winter Park Pines Real Estate

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