

Needles from the PINES

October-November 2024

Newsletter of the Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc.



Celebrating 62 Years!



To Thank Our Veterans

The Winter Park Pines Community Association would like to thank the veterans who courageously served our county. November 11th is Veterans Day. As we do each year, we would like to recognize our veterans by placing an American flag on the front area of each residing veteran within the Pines.

If you are a veteran or would like to recognize a veteran in the Pines, please notify...

Peter Mason via email wppcapresident@gmail.com
or call 407-671-0785 with the following information ...

Veterans Name - Address - Phone #



Winter Park Pines Fall Garage Sale

November 9th

See page 6 for more information!



WPPCA 2025 Membership Kickoff Starts Now!

Support your community by becoming
a Winter Park Pines member!

See page 4 for more information!

The next association meetings will be on October 9, 2024 & November 13, 2024

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, **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:

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 at 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.



Peter H. Mason
WPPCA President



FROM ONE NEIGHBOR TO ANOTHER A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time continues to fly by this year as fall is already upon us. We're starting to think about the holidays and end of year activities. I am winding down my fourth term as your president. It has been another busy year engaging with veteran and new volunteers that bring good historical knowledge and new ideas to the table. This is the time of year we watch the weather and hope that no hurricanes come to Central Florida and "cooler" temperatures arrive. The WPPCA has accomplished a lot this past year. Join our Annual Meeting of the Membership on October 9th to hear what each committee has done, but some highlights are below. (see page 7 for details)

*Our volunteer ranks dropped slightly this year, but we still have 27 volunteers among our Directors, Committee Members and Ad Hoc Project Group that help the association. We need volunteers on our Events, Membership, Website and New Neighbor Welcome Committees.

*Our paid members are slightly down at 39% of all homes in the Pines versus last year at 41%. The good news is that our top two membership Levels of Gold and Platinum continue to grow every year with 81 members in 2024. We have lots of upside for 2025 to get more community engagement.

*The WPPCA participated in the Adopt-A-Precinct Program from Orange County and worked 4 elections. We should raise a record-breaking \$8,700 this year!

*We got approved for an Orange County Non-Matching Beautification Grant that will trim the trees in the Mall and pressure wash and paint our 4 entrance columns. This is \$5,395 in free services to the WPPCA.

*The Code Enforcement Committee reported over 70 violations to Orange County this past year.

*The Digital Committee made many enhancements to our website.

*The Events Committee held 15 events this year including Yoga, Happy Hours, Garage Sales, National Night Out and Power Washing.

*The Mall Maintenance Committee made upgrades to our Mall electrical meters, breaker boxes, irrigation system and flagpole. They also decorated the Mall for the holidays and honored and recognized 82 veterans by placing flags and letters at their homes.

*Needles Sponsorship was greatly enhanced this year allowing for 4 Needles issues to be in full color.

*The Yard of the Month program was enhanced to allow for more participation and a bigger 1st place prize.

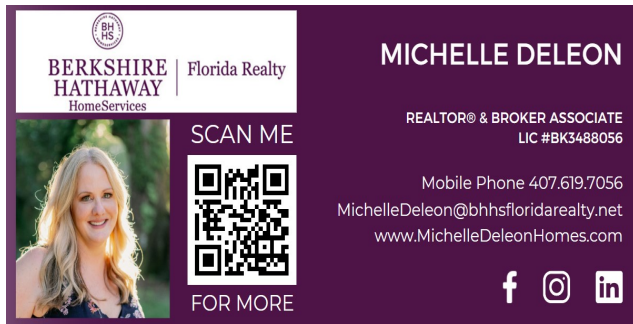
The 2025 Membership Year officially kicked off on October 1st. Get an early start, as all payments received after October 1st will be applied to your 2025 Membership. See the membership article on page 4 regarding new rates for 2025.

The Annual Winter Park Pines National Night Out Event was on Tuesday, October 1st at Winter Pines Golf Club. I hope many Pines residents came out to visit and enjoy the Pines camaraderie; meet new people and participate in a fun evening of food and games.

As your president, it has been my pleasure to serve the Pines again this past year. I look forward to your giving of time, talent, and contributions to the association. Winter Park Pines is truly a special community. Thank you to all who have made the Pines a great place to live.

Peter Mason

2024 Needles Sponsor



Berkshire Hathaway - Michelle DeLeon

I was born in NYC, moved to California as an infant and spent most of my childhood in the San Luis Obispo area. My 20+ year corporate career included roles in Human

Resources and Management for Fortune 500 companies. These positions led me to relocate three times; to Portland, Oregon, a 2-year assignment in Berlin, Germany, and to Orlando.

I met my husband Art in 2016. Early in our courtship, he bought our home in Winter Park Pines, which is the perfect neighborhood for us! Our son Raymond was born in 2019. Once I became a mom, I decided to turn my passion for real estate into a full-time career.

I am very happy to be working for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Florida Realty, which is right here in Winter Park. Our brokerage prides itself on providing best-in-class experiences for our customers by offering personalized services.

When I'm not working, I love traveling, cooking, wine tasting, and free yoga, which I plan and organize monthly for our neighborhood at the Winter Pines Golf Course. You will likely see me riding my bike on Cady Way Trail down and around Baldwin Lake, walking the Golfside loop with our mini-Goldendoodle "Goldie," or at one of the nearby parks with Raymond.

The Heart of Winter Park Pines Why Your Involvement Matters

Written by: Melissa Johnson- Membership Chair

For over sixty years, Winter Park Pines has been more than just a neighborhood—it's been a thriving community where families build lasting memories and neighbors become friends. With top-rated schools, beautiful parks, and the scenic Cady Way Trail, our neighborhood offers a quality of life that's second to none. But what truly makes Winter Park Pines special isn't just its amenities; it's the people who live here, and that's where you come in.

The Power of Collective Effort

The Winter Park Pines Community Association (WPPCA) is the engine that keeps our neighborhood running smoothly. It's not some distant entity—it's us. From maintaining our landscaped areas to ensuring our streets are well-lit, the WPPCA works tirelessly to preserve the charm and beauty of our community. But none of this happens by accident. It happens because residents like you care enough to be involved.

Why Now?

In 2022, we faced a significant challenge: the need to replace our mall wall, a project that cost \$35,370. Thanks to the strong support of our members, we accomplished it. But as we look to the future, we have more goals to achieve. After seven years of steady rates, and with our costs continuing to rise each year, we must adjust our annual membership rates to \$60 starting in 2025. However, we're offering a special opportunity: if you renew by December 31, 2024, you can take advantage of the new Early Bird rate of \$50 for the year—an investment in your property value that many other neighborhoods simply do not offer.

To the right is the QR code for the \$50 early bird!

Save \$10 on your 2025 Membership Dues Until Dec. 31st
Now is the time to pay your membership for 2025!



Join us today for the annual membership kickoff and let's keep the Winter Park Pines spirit alive and thriving!



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 2025 Membership

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

*Support your Winter Park Pines
Community Today!*

Goal: 901 Homes



Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc. 2025 Membership Form

Member(s) Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone# _____

Year Moved to the Pines _____ Rent/Own? _____ Veteran? Y/N _____ Would you like to volunteer? Y/N _____

Membership Level (Circle one): Bronze: \$60 Silver: \$80 Gold: \$100 Platinum: \$250+

Payment Methods ...

* Pay on our website: www.winterparkpines.com/join

* Mail check to: WPPCA – P.O. Box 5357 Winter Park, FL 32793

* Use the square option of your choice (below), then please email wppcamembership@gmail.com to confirm credit.



Bronze \$60



Silver \$80



Gold \$100



Platinum \$250

Thank You to Our Election Day Volunteers!

Winter Park Pines Adopt-A- Precinct for Orange County



Left to right: Sally Milton, Joe McCluan, Michelle Deleon, Peter Mason, Marcia Damkjer, Carol Magierski, Lynne Mason

Again, on August 20, 2024, members of the Winter Park Pines Community worked the election polls for the Primary Election. It was a long 14-hour day with a slow but steady turnout; a very rewarding day. We had a good time, enjoyed delicious food, and received compliments from voters thanking us for volunteering. It felt very satisfying doing our civic duty. We donate our earnings back to the WPPCA from the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office by participating in the Adopt-A-Precinct Program. We earned \$2,950! A big thanks go to our volunteers (pictured).

The WPPCA has organized another group to work the next election polls, which is November 5, 2024, so don't forget to vote!

WP Pines Community-Wide Fall Garage Sale!

Written By: Michelle Deleon - Events Chair

The garage sale is back! It's time to clean out those closets, cabinets and storage units... and sell your unwanted treasures to the next owner!

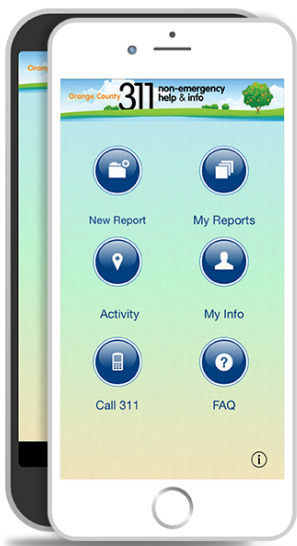
Date & Time: Saturday, November 9th from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Registration Deadline: Monday, November 4th. You can email michelledeleon@bhhsfloridarealty.net to register, or register on our website (www.winterparkpines.com)

Cost: \$10 per household

Sign Pickup: 522 Friar Road from 5:00pm - 7:00pm on November 7th & 8th

The Winter Park Pines Community Association will arrange a charity donation drop off immediately following the garage sale at the Winter Pines Golf Club, so you can easily donate items you don't need any more that didn't sell!



When You Suspect An Unauthorized Short-Term Rental

Written by: John Moore

This third installment of addressing Airbnb issues in the Pines aims to demonstrate the ease with which you can report an unauthorized short-term rental near you.

First, install the Orange County 311 app on your iPhone or Android Device and register for a free account. You will receive emails confirming your every transaction. No spam. Or go to www.orangecountyfl.net/Home/NewslettersAlerts/OCFL311.aspx for more information.

This link will show you how to use the app. It's easy. It's fun!

How to Use 311 App

For short-term rental violations, you will go to the "Neighborhoods and Housing" category, then click "Violation." Once you open up the report template, you will be able to describe the issue and submit photos. It is important to take photos of the home when random vehicles are in the driveway.

If you do not have a mobile phone, you can use your computer or report by phone or email: 407 836-3111, press # and talk to a county representative who will file your report. Convenient hours: 7-9 M-F; 9-5 Sat/Sun; Nichole.Holton@ocfl.net. In the meantime, you will discover lots of other uses of this App. Please contact John Moore for more information. Johnmoore444@yahoo.com. You can review the initial Needles June/July article on our website www.winterparkpines.com.

2024 Needles Sponsor

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HOW TO USE 311



As you are driving through the Pines you may notice a street light out, debris in the road, missing "No Parking" sign or downed tree limbs that needs to be addressed. No Problem! You can handle it yourself a couple of ways... by just dialing 311 and speak to an operator, on line at www.311onlinerequests.ocfl.net/portal/default.aspx. OR you may use the "311 App" on your smart phone or device.

- Unoccupied Recreational Vehicles
- Abandoned or Disabled Vehicles
- Signs
- Construction without a Building Permit
- Raised Sidewalks
- Dual Rear Wheel Vehicles

WPPCA Annual Meeting of the Membership Reminder

When: October 9, 2024, @ 7:30 PM

Where: Via Zoom

The Winter Park Pines Community Association (WPPCA) is an efficient not-for-profit association that works toward bettering our neighborhood. As with every association, a strong Board of Directors and committee structure is needed, i.e., members who want the WPPCA to succeed and continue to assure the well-being of the Pines. Those who decide to serve on the WPPCA's Board of Directors or on committees do so to make a difference by getting involved in our community. They are willing to volunteer without compensation and view this as an opportunity to serve the Pines by enhancing our community's assets and lifestyle. As a volunteer, no matter at what capacity, you are a team player and responsible for the direction the Pines takes in the future.

On October 9th, the Winter Park Pines Community Association will hold their Annual Meeting of the Membership. The purpose of the annual meeting is for the election of Officers and Directors, presentation of the annual reports, and general businesses. It is when newly elected (or re-elected) Directors and Officers are voted into the Association by its members. You as Pines residents can enrich the association by becoming part of it! You can bring in new innovative ideas and find ways to enhance our community by being a part of the volunteer team.

Any Pines resident that is a paid member of the WPPCA is eligible and can submit a request for nomination or a recommendation for someone to run for the Board.

If you are interested in contributing to your community for the 2024/2025 year or like to attend the Annual Meeting of the Membership, please contact Peter Mason at wppcapresident@gmail.com with your interest or any questions.

WPPCA Yard of the Month

August



1st PLACE - Matthew & Katherine Lyons
2860 Will O Th Green Street

2nd PLACE - Thomas & Janina Wahl
2733 Scarlet Road

3rd PLACE - Jack & Nancy Combs
2844 Sheriff Way

September



1st PLACE - Jonathan & Kealy West
2756 Lion Heart Road

2nd PLACE - Ron Nebgen
326 Cornwall Road

3rd PLACE - Jeri Ferree
2846 Lion Heart Road

Say It Three Times: Beetlejuice the Pines!



Get ready to bring some **Beetlejuice** madness to Winter Park Pines! Our **Halloween Yard of the Month** contest is about to get weird, and we need you to make it a showstopper.

From October 24-27, between 7-11 pm, our judges will be prowling the streets, looking for the most strange and unusual yards.

So, light up those ghostly scenes and let your Halloween spirit run wild! This is your chance to create a yard that's worthy of the Ghost with the Most.

Don't miss out—let's make this Halloween one for the afterlife!

Welcome Welcome **New Neighbor Welcome** Welcome Welcome

Our New Neighbor Welcome Committee member, Jeanne Bushong, has volunteered to re-start visits to welcome new neighbors to the Pines! We visited ten (10) homes and connected with many of them. We would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to all our new residents! Our Pines community is a wonderful mixture of diversity which includes singles, married, young and the elderly, retirees, and with lots of growing young families. Below are those who wished to be recognized...

- 624 London Rd: Sean & Emily
- 2919 De Brocy Way: Melissa & Justin Jordan
- 313 Gilbert Rd: The Pfingsten Family
- 2821 Little John Rd: Darren Maroni & Arielle Steck
- 627 S. Ranger Blvd: Kristen and Steven Liuzza

If you have recently moved into the Winter Park Pines Community and a New Neighbor Welcome Committee Member has not stopped by, please contact Peter Mason, the Acting New Neighbor Committee Chair, at wppcapresident@gmail.com so we can personally welcome you and your family to the Pines!



Upcoming Events

By:
Michelle Deleon



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024

OCT NOV
05 & 02
9AM - 10AM

FREE COMMUNITY YOGA

Bring a yoga mat and water. Beginners are welcome!
Registration required.

Winter Pines Golf Club

Register here:



OCT
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9AM - 5PM

WINTER PARK AUTUMN ART FESTIVAL

The community-oriented sidewalk show presents quality visual art and live entertainment the whole family can enjoy.

Central Park, Downtown Winter Park

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6PM - 8PM

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR

Meet your Winter Park Pines Neighbors!

Drinks and food are available for purchase. More details soon, so check the community website and/or social pages!

Bonfire Grill, Winter Pines Golf Club

Register here:



THRU OCT
31

4PM - 10PM

HAPPY FRIGHTS AND HAUNTING NIGHTS

Gather the entire family and enter into exciting immersive worlds throughout the gardens, plus 8 trick-or-treat stations along the way. Fun for all ages

Leu Gardens

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8:30AM-1PM

WINTER PARK PINES FALL GARAGE SALE

Get ready to sort through your closets, cabinets and storage units, and sell your unwanted treasures to the next owner. We will have a donation truck at the Golf Course to take any unsold items. \$10 per home, proceeds help our neighborhood!

Winter Park Pines

Register here:



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



OR



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WPPCA Summary of Board Of Directors Meetings



Recaps of meetings from August 21, 2024 & September 11, 2024

For full meeting minutes please go to www.winterparkpines.com or use this QR code link.

Note: Based on the recent BOD Meeting Minutes Survey results we are now providing a summary of BOD meetings in the Needles. Should you have any questions or format suggestions please contact Peter Mason at wpccapresident@gmail.com.

BOD and Committee Changes: Brent Ludlow and Clyde Moore have resigned from committee duties and Jim Kiger has resigned from being a Director and on any committees. Kyle Schafer has joined Mall Maintenance and Jeanne Bushong has joined New Neighbor Welcome. Joe McCluan has taken over as the Digital Committee Chair until we find a replacement.

Open Positions: We need members for Events, Membership, Digital, and New Neighbor Welcome Committees and a Secretary. Let Peter Mason know if you are interested in volunteering.

President Updates: The WPPCA Adopt-A-Precinct Team worked the polls for 14 hours again on August 20, 2024, and earned \$2,950 for the WPPCA. Thanks goes to those that worked including Marcia Damkjer, Michelle Deleon, Carol Magierski, Lynne Mason, Peter Mason, Joe McCluan, and Sally Milton. Sally Milton is an ex-Pines resident who works the elections and still donates her money back to the WPPCA. We have a full slate of workers for the next election on November 5, 2024. Peter Mason is looking into our insurance coverage and rates. Peter responded to 9 residents that contacted him.

Secretary: The BODs approved the last two meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Ending August 31, 2024, our YTD Total Income (budget) @ \$35,241, Total Expenses @ \$24,385, and NOI @ \$10,856. Bank balance @ \$15,128. The 2025 budget draft was reviewed and endorsed by the BOD with income of 35,400, expenses of 34,650 and NOI of \$750. The budget gets approved at the October Annual Meeting of the Membership.

Grant Updates: The WPPCA has been awarded the 2024 Orange County Non-Matching Beautification Grant to trim the trees at the Mall entrance and pressure wash/paint the columns at the four other entrances. Tree trimming by A Budget Tree Company is scheduled for September 18, 2024. Pressure washing and painting by Vice Painting is TBD.

Nomination Committee: The committee presented their slate of Directors and Officers for the upcoming term that starts in October. Directors include Michelle Deleon, Denise Ertler, Fran Frataccia, Melissa Johnson, Shanon Larimer, Carol Magierski, Peter Mason, Joe McCluan, Colby Roof. Officers include Peter Mason (President), Joe McCluan (1st VP), Denise Ertler (2nd VP), Colby Roof (Treasurer). Approved is done at the October Annual Meeting of the Membership.

Code Enforcement: In the past 2 months we had 20 incidents reported including high grass, fence down, campers in driveways & street, cable spool left on Abbey Rd, debris at the Mall, pothole, abandoned cat, assault, theft, debris in front yard, boat in front yard, and illegal parked cars. Peter Mason put together two 9-page documents for the committee, one the current code enforcement rules for Unincorporated Orange County and one for the City of Winter Park. Peter has worked with Fran Frataccia on creating written expectations and time requirements for her committee

members of Code Enforcement and Mall Maintenance.

Digital: **Website:** It is being reviewed for any functionality improvements. Inquiry form added to the home page. **Facebook:** Normal traffic. **Nextdoor:** Normal traffic. **Instagram:** Nothing new.

Events: **WP Pines Community Yoga:** Next class is 10/5/24 at 9:00 am at the WP Pines Golf Club. **WP Pines Happy Hour Meet-Up:** Next one is 10/17/24 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Bonfire at the WP Pines Golf Club. **WP Pines National Night Out:** Next one is 10/1/24 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the WP Pines Golf Club. **WP Pines Fall Garage Sale:** Next one is 11/9/24 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. We need some volunteers to help with these events.

Mall Updates: Working on one ground light out at the Mall. Veterans Day is November 11th. We have 3 volunteers (Liz O'Neill, Brian Terry, and Denise Ertler) to deliver flags and letters at each veteran's home.

Membership: As of September 8, 2024: Membership dollars @ \$23,630, # of members @ 353, % of homes paid @ 39.2%. We have 72 Gold and 9 Platinum Members. 30% are new top tier members. Our 2025 membership year starts on October 1st. Any payments after that date are applied to the 2025 membership year. The BOD approved the rates for the 2025 Membership Year with Bronze @ \$60.00; Silver @ \$80.00; Gold @ \$100.00; Platinum @ \$250.00 + and \$10 off for the Early Bird Special Rate of \$50.00 if paid by December 31, 2024. The Standard Level was eliminated for 2025.

Needles: The BOD approved utilization of a 1-page summary for the most recent 2 BOD meetings for the Needles going forward. The BOD approved the 2025 Needles Sponsorship Program details. Peter Mason will do the solicitations starting on October 1, 2024.

New Neighbor Welcome: With the addition of a new committee member, Jeanne Bushong, visits re-started in late August with 10 homes visited. More visits are planned for each month going forward.

Yard of the Month: **YOM August winners:** 1st place to Brandon Ross at 2845 Little John Rd; 2nd place to Dennis Short at 2712 Cady Way; 3rd place to A.J. Campofiore at 2902 Banchory Rd. **YOM September winners:** 1st place to Phoebe and Susan Dixon at 2929 Abbey Ct, 2nd place to Elaine and Roy Coleman at 2710 Merrie Oaks Rd, 3rd place to Brooke Walker at 110 S. Ranger Blvd.

General Old/New Business: None.

Next Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Membership is October 9, 2024, at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Peter Mason reminded everyone to give their annual reports at this meeting. If any Pines residents want to join 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 as it is new every month.

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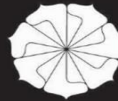
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