



Winterwood Word

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From the Board ... written by Ralph Lentz

Summer is here and there has been a serious increase in crime in the local area. There have been multiple incidents of burglary in Winterwood Estates over the past couple of months. In order to make Winterwood a safer place, we need your help.

We started a Block Watch Program several months ago but are in need of more Block Watch Captains. If you are concerned about this problem (and you should be) I encourage you to visit the winterwoodhoa.com website and look for the Neighborhood Block Watch Program, under Community Awareness. The Program is all about getting to know your neighbors and communicating when you see suspicious behavior. If you are interested in helping, email winterwoodhoa@comcast.net.

A second, more obvious but less serious problem are weeds growing in the ditches and along the streets. Many people are doing a wonderful job of keeping the weeds at bay but some are making no effort at all.

We requested and the County sprayed for noxious weeds but that has made no noticeable change in the overall appearance of our streets.

In the past, the HOA has paid a lawn service to spray for weeds. However, due to the cost, complaints about toxic killers, and the environmental limitations on spraying, the HOA agreed to stop spraying several years ago. Due to environmental limitations, the HOA cannot spray the ditches. There are now eco-friendly sprays that lawn service companies use to spray but they still cannot spray the ditches. Community spraying is not an effective alternative.

The appearance of our neighborhood is ultimately the responsibility of each individual homeowner. Once more, **we need your help!** Your neighbor may need your help too. If your neighbor needs help with weeds, and you are able, it is an opportunity to be neighborly. We would prefer not to have to send out letters of violation.

Please do your part and help make Winterwood Estates a more attractive place to live. For those of you who are keeping up your yard appearances, thanks!

There will be **no HOA Board Meeting in July**. There will be too few Board Members available to hold a meeting. However the business of the Board will continue. Cindy Hauelsen, Board Vice President, is temporarily accomplishing the administrative support duties for the HOA.

Finally, in an effort to improve communications, we will be providing periodic information in both hard copy and on our website. In addition, we would like to establish a group email for Winterwood homeowners that will allow for more timely communications. This will be informational email communication only; separate from the yahoo group. If you would like to participate in this group email, please reply to: winterwoodhoa@comcast.net with your name, division/lot # or address, and your current email address to receive future communications. You are still encouraged to visit the HOA website and Yahoo Group.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Ralph Lentz, President
- Cindy Hauelsen, VP
- (Vacant) Secretary
- Kathleen Dean, Treasurer
- Phil Boldman ACC
- Leif Engebo, ACC
- Bob Oxborrow, CAM

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACC Meeting

Last Tuesday of the Month,
6:30pm

Board Meeting

Last Tuesday of the Month, 7pm

DATES:

- NO July Meetings
- August 30th
- September 27th
- October 25th
- November 29th

LOCATION:

All meetings are held at the US Bank Building in Covington, In the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Yard Waste Dumpster

November 19th

SUMMER BURN BAN



The summer burn ban goes into effect as of July 1st and continues through Labor Day weekend.

Small "campfires" in your backyard are allowed; this ban is related to the larger pile type burns.

Don't forget you can upgrade your MAILBOX!

Any homeowner can upgrade your locking or non-locking mailbox without ACC approval as long as the box meets these specifications: Maximum dimensions that can be reasonably accepted in current enclosures: Depth: 22 in., Height: 15 in., Width: 11.5 in., and: **Black** in Color.