

2011 Winsor Manor Civic Association – June

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Next WMCA Meeting: **Date: Monday June 6th, 2011**

Time: 7:00 p.m. **Location: Longwood Community Building**
200 West Warren Avenue

2011 WMCA Survey Results!

Written by Rick Lovering, Winsor Manor Civic Association President

As you are aware, this year we conducted a survey of all Winsor Manor residents. Our goal was to get your input on the job your board of directors is doing and to field as many suggestions as we could. What we received was beyond expectations. Most took the time to fill out the questionnaire, some did not.

A community cannot survive as a “community” without volunteers. Please remember, no one is being paid to be on the WMCA Board of Directors or to run our Neighborhood Watch or any of the other just as vital committees we have. Everyone who participates as a volunteer and should be applauded for their efforts, their time and their community spirit.

Being a WMCA volunteer does not mean that hours are spent every week donating your time and effort, unless of course you are Eugene Gray or Paul Smith or any of the other valuable WMCA residents who drive, bike ride or walk our community daily spending their own money on gasoline for their vehicles etc., patrolling and helping to keep us safe.

A WMCA volunteer may help once a year for an hour or so making a few phone calls or asking a local business if they would like to become an advertiser in our newsletter while they are out running an errand.

All who volunteer make a huge difference and I thank every one of you who have spent even one hour in the past year. I especially would like to thank all of the residents who took time over the past few weeks going door-to-door with the WMCA surveys.

This year, in large part because of the residents who went door-to-door with the surveys, we have collected an additional approximate amount of \$1250.00 in WMCA membership dues. That is awesome!

What does this mean to you as a Winsor Manor resident? It means all of our yearly expenses will be paid AND we will have extra funds along with the advertising dollars we collect to put towards the renovation or replacement of the front entrance and the wall along 434. Please see the section later in this newsletter regarding the front entrance and the wall.

It may seem that the majority of our function as a board is to ask you to pay your tiny sum of \$50.00 each year. Part of it is.

Your participation is crucial in keeping our community a nice place to live. We can work together. Our community bond can be stronger than ever. The response we received on the surveys is a huge step towards making Winsor Manor an even stronger community. Many “new” volunteers have decided to become a larger part of our community.

Thank you again for all of your responses, time and monetary donations.

Rick Lovering
WMCA President

P.S. Please see the suggestions we received and the responses attached to them.

P.P.S. If you are a “NEW” volunteer please come to the meeting Monday night so we can meet you and fill you in on the committee(s) you volunteered to help with!

Resident Suggestions

1) Front Entrance area

The largest concern addressed by many residents was the front entrance, including the island, and the wall along 434. All who responded said that one or both of these need a lot of work to make them look nice and up-to-date.

Yes! You are correct. I will address each area separately.

- a) The front entrance and the island – The area on either side of the front entrance is in need of updating. The lighting is not sufficient and it looks dated. Electrical capacity needs to be added. The island has the same problems. Tom Farmer, the VP of WMCA is looking to have drawings made of a more up-to-date entryway. We are taking suggestions from residents and have had a few. This has been mentioned in previous newsletters and at the WMCA meetings which are held every month.
- b) The wall along S.R. 434 – This eyesore needs to be replaced. We currently have a separate bank account which will be used for front entrance and wall improvement or replacement. (See the WMCA finance report later in the newsletter). We have also been advised by Bob Cortes on the Longwood City Commission to wait on any work to the wall because the widening of S.R. 434 will start soon and they may damage or move the wall. With a little luck the city or state may replace it themselves. This will be a very large financial undertaking so your dues to make **your** wall attractive are vital!

2) Speed bumps

There were a few complaints about vehicles speeding through the neighborhood and speed bumps were suggested.

In order to add speed bumps we will need a community-wide vote and all residents would need to participate. With our track record in getting even close to 100% participation I don't see that happening. Other issues are that Winsor Manor residents would pay for the speed bumps most likely in their property taxes. Residents will also complain about the damage over time that speed bumps do to the suspension of vehicles. In my opinion the speed bumps in the Woodlands subdivision are useless. You hardly even notice them as you glide across their wide expanse.

3) Dues reminders

A couple of residents think that we should remind everyone every month in the newsletter to pay their dues. We send reminders starting in March and usually again in April, May and June and then again once more later in the year.

4) Longwood Code Enforcement

The answers to the concerns we got are this. Winsor Manor has adopted the same code enforcement issues as the City of Longwood. If there are code issues please call Longwood Code Enforcement at the LPD non-emergency number. It is 407-339-1297.

All complaints we got were vehicle related so here are the answers.

- a) Any vehicles in the driveway or in the street or yard must be able to be driven. Obviously, if someone is fixing their car and it is parked with the hood up or on jacks for the weekend, it is not a code violation. If someone has a vehicle on their property and it hasn't moved in weeks, there is a violation.
- b) Work vehicles with advertising or signage must be parked behind a fence in the side yard or garaged. This also holds true for boats and RVs

5) Lawn Upkeep

For those of us (My yard included), whose lawns will not make the front cover of Better Homes and Gardens, please try for next months issue. Thank you to those of you who try to keep your yards looking nice.

6) Newsletter content

A few residents mentioned that the WMCA newsletter can get repetitive. Yes! I write it and I agree! We cannot afford to have a book go out every month but please send your submissions of articles etc to me at redsoxbaseballnut@gmail.com

I could also use a few volunteers to deliver the 60 or so newsletters for the residents who don't have access to computers.

7) School Bus Traffic

Yes. School is out for the summer now but I will address it. The city or county decides where the buses go and we have RLMS landlocked with no access through the Woodlands subdivision. The only thing we can address is speeding so if you see a school bus speeding, call the Longwood Police Department.

8) Holiday Decorations

We had one resident wondering why Christmas was the only holiday recognized at the front entrance in December. The answer is because we do not have any non-Christian decorations that residents have donated. If you would like your religion recognized during the holidays please deliver your decorations to Tom Farmer. We will do our best to tastefully combine all denominations and could also use your help in the decorating process!

9) The Field

It has been suggested that we add more benches, picnic tables and maybe a playground to the field on Sheridan Ave.

Personally, I would like to see a few picnic tables added to the field and maybe another bench or two. We currently have children that use the field to play football and other sports as well as fishing. There is a playground at Rock Lake Middle School.

We do not have the ability to add a playground since the field is a city owned property.

10) WMCA Financials

Winsor Manor Civic Association

Financial Report for May 31, 2011

Balance April 30, 2011	\$4,987.46
<i>Expenses</i>	\$167.79
(Electric, Water, and Lawn maintenance)	
<i>Deposits</i>	\$2,520.00
(50 paid members @50.00 each = 2,500.00 plus one donation of \$20.00)	
<i>Ending balance</i> May 31, 2011	\$7,339.67
<i>Front Entrance Savings Acct</i>	\$2,501.15
<i>Total of all funds</i>	\$9,840.82

At the next WMCA Board meeting a decision will be made to allocate more funds to the Front Entrance Savings Account.

That is the end of the survey questions and answers. I hope you found this informative. I know that as a board member I was very happy to see the input we received and I learned a few things too! Thank you!

Let's Eat!!!!

Winsor Manor Friends & Neighbors, here's where we're going to eat this month. We have a good time!!

June 20th

Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant

1351 South Orlando Ave. (On 17/92 across from the Enzian Theater)

Maitland, FL

(407) 622-7663

Please join us for good food and conversation with your neighbors! We'd love to see you!



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As the officers of the WMCA, Inc., we pledge to you, our neighbors, to act in the best interests of our neighborhood, to listen to your suggestions and concerns and to provide you with timely information to help us all continue to make Winsor Manor a neighborhood we can be proud of. Please let us know your concerns and help us in this effort!

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