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July 2013 Yard of the Month Winner

By Marilyn Schaefer

Congratulations! Kaur Satinder owner of 12051 Miramar Shores Drive. You are our July Yard of the Month winner. As we drove by and took notice of your home we enjoyed seeing two large beautiful well-kept Mexican Fan Palms, nicely trimmed bright green wax leaf ligustrum hedges and beautiful flowers. The flowers in front of the hedge were a mixture of Gladiolas, periwinkles, mother-in-laws tongue sprinkled with gently placed Mexican pottery. The whole package was very beautiful.

The planting was well thought-out and very good accents were chosen. This traditional red brick home, trimmed in white and sprinkled with red, pink, yellow and green colors was very pleasing to the eye. This is a great home with great drive up appeal. Many thanks to this family for working so hard to keep our property values up making Windermere Lakes the best place in the world to live.



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Paddle Boats can breed WEST NILE VIRUS

Finally its summer but it is also Hurricane Season so we will be plagued by rain fall off and on for the next several months. During this time if not covered paddle boats fill with water and become a breeding ground for West Nile Virus. Please care for your boat and for the safety of our community and keep the water drained out of your boat immediately after rain. Just an inch of stagnant water can produce thousands of mosquitoes.

According to deed restrictions boats must be kept clean and water free at all time. After a lake viewing it has been noted that several boats are filled with water floating partially submerged under and around dock areas. Notices have been sent asking homeowners to correct this situation. If not corrected in a timely manner those boats will be drained and removed from the premises.

Also boats must be either be tied securely or pulled out of the water and placed upside down on the homeowner's personal dock. The boat may not be stored on the grass or on top of the bulkhead. Boats not properly stored or tied will also be removed from the premises.

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CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT
10AM TO 2:00PM**

- Parade participants must arrive on the club house parking lot no later than 9:00am.
- Judging will be 9:00am to 10:00am.
- 10:00 Am. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners will be given their award and set in position to lead our parade through the neighborhood.

Category 1: Decorate the Kids their skateboard, bike, roller skates, or wagon. Kid's 1-15years

Category 2: Decorate your pet, alive or stuffed.

Category 3: Decorate yourself or your hubby and come on over for some fun. 16 years +

Parade path will begin from the club house proceeding west toward Ripple Lake Drive. Turning left onto Ripple Lake and following the outside perimeter of the neighborhood all the way around and back to New Port Shores Drive.

After the parade we will begin food festivities. HEB is providing Hotdogs and Burgers, Raising Canes is providing their delicious Chicken and the Board is providing plates, drinks, condiments etc. Come join the fun.

NOTE TWO STRICT RULES:

1. All dogs **MUST** be leashed and muzzled if prone to biting. This is each dog owner's responsibility.
2. No firecrackers or sparklers of any kind. Too many little ones or adults could get hurt. Please wait till you get back home. We've had a pretty dry year so far this year and the fire Marshall suggest that we take advantage of our lake area and shoot the fireworks over the lake. This way we do not risk a home fire within Windermere Lakes. Please shoot your fireworks over the water off your docks.



POST CARD MANIA

Runs Rampant In Windermere Lakes
By Marilyn Schaefer

Have you gotten a surge of post cards in mail lately? Are they addressed to you and each says

Dear _____,

You're a few steps away from joining your neighbors on Nextdoor.

- Visit www.nextdoor.com/postcard
- Sign in with your email and password
- Enter this code _____
- Click "Verify" and you're done.

Then you flip the card over still wondering what the heck this card is trying to tell you and you see more things you may or may not understand. It continues with come see what your neighbors are talking about on Nextdoor. Your neighbors have started a private communications website. This is a site where you do not have to give anyone your e-mail address, phone number or any other information but you can read and gather information faster than receiving a monthly newsletter.

In the past we have always had the problem with planning a function getting it into the newsletter and hoping the newsletter arrives before the function is past. So we now have an immediate site that you can receive updates on your I-phone or computer immediately.

Let's say someone's dog got out of the fence. You come home from work and you have an extra dog in your yard. You take 5 minutes to post a message on Nextdoor and instantly your neighbor will know there pet is safe. No more calling the pound, walk around the neighborhood, posting lost signs in hopes someone will call you. A simple post to Nextdoor will notify each person in our community that you've lost or found a pet. No more hoping someone sees your sign on a post and no more worry about not having help finding your pet. Everyone in the community will know.

You can also share local recommendations about a good babysitter, lawn company, plumber, electrician, handyman or realtor that has done work for you. You also can advertise in the classified section, free items section, lost and found section or watch the crime & safety section for information and updates.

Meet your neighbors on our PRIVATE SITE, talk and get to know them without ever having to give out your phone number or e-mail address and this is a safe secure and private site to our community. No one can see Windermere postings except us unless you allow the other neighborhoods to see it. It's your choice.

If you don't join you will continue to receive post cards in the

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mail until our community is 100% loaded. The reason is that every person who joins gets 100 free post cards to send-postage paid to invite you to join us. We all want to meet you and get to know you. So let's all join Nextdoor.

When you sign up they will ask you to verify that you truly live in our neighborhood so they ask for a credit card that will verify your address. Don't give them your credit card just sign up and ask for the post card to be sent for verification. They say it will take 3-5 days to receive it. BUT again your board has stepped up to the plate and we have the ability to just click a button and make you a member. So once you sign up it will flag me of a new member pending and I can verify you and you will be on line instantly. If not call me 713-805-7778 Marilyn and I will make it happen for you. *Please join today!*

Terry Burnside

Security Officer for Windermere Lake

By Marilyn Schaefer

Ladies and Gentlemen we are blessed to now have on board our own Personal Windermere Lake Security Officer. The Board contracts for security with the Harris county police department and also with the local county Sheriff's department but they are not always on site. Terry lives in our community and has volunteered to work with the board to keep us secure. Terry drives through our community looking at each home and makes suggestions on how just a small simple change could give you better protection. Terry knows about every camera, communications device and security plan that is out there. Before you buy just send a note to Terry on Nextdoor and tell him what you are planning to do and with his vast knowledge he can tell you if the actions you are about to take on behalf of your security needs will work best for you and what the up-side and down-side to your purchase will be.

As I understand it Terry wants to get one or two volunteers from each street to be on a crime watch team. If we have a team of eyes and ears on each street and with the communicate here on Nextdoor we will be in an immediate and simple response system

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that will send a message to your e-mail or I-phone. We need to do this quickly because as summer time rolls in more and more people will be stopping by to fish, work on homes and checking out our neighborhood.

I heard in another neighborhood next to us a van backed up into a driveway, raised the garage door and was in the process of taking TV's, computers, jewelry. A neighbor noticed that the sign on the truck said painters and with thoughts of painting his house he walked over and ask for a card. The man did not have a card. While there he noticed that there was no ladder on the truck and no paint cans in the truck. He did not say a word just walked home and called police and then went on Nextdoor to notify this neighbor who just moved in to the area. Thankfully someone had told them to join Nextdoor as he did not have their number. The police and the homeowners arrived at the house and were able to advise the police what was theirs in the van. The crooks were caught and all is well.

This is a new crook past time. They watch the yard signs-when the home sells and the occupants move in they show up and pretend to paint but not really. Neighbors don't think anything about this process because painters usually show up just before move in or just after. Thank goodness for Nextdoor and a crafty neighbor.



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August 29: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler. <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>
September 8: 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>

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-  **VISIT US ONLINE**

ALL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE AND HOLIDAY SALE

By Marilyn Schaefer

You've been asking and the Board has listened and agreed. your all community garage sale will be August 17th and 18th two weeks before school reconvenes. College kids will be looking for furniture for dorm rooms and parents will be looking for jeans, shirts, skirts and clothes for children of all ages. Get ready. Start cleaning out your closets and junk rooms it will be here before you know it.

Participate or shop- your choice, as it is not mandatory to have a garage sale on this date but if you do this will count as your one (1) for the year in order to be compliant with the deed restrictions of Windermere Lakes.

Another all community sale is also being planned for November 30th and will be a one day event. This is the first Saturday after Thanksgiving and is usually the busiest shopping day of the year. This sale will be for those of you who have hobbies making things, home arts, crafts, sewing, painting etc. Again if you don't make

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