

Raintree Acres Homeowners Association

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****** YARD OF THE MONTH ******

Raintree Acres November Yard of the Month went to:
Bill Hindman and Tommy Woods
13516 Raintree Lane

Bill and Tommy's yard always looks so nice with their large flower beds and all their perennial plantings. It is always fun to drive by and see what is blooming. They have some beautiful trees in their yard that look good even as the leaves fall.

Raintree Acres December Yard of the Month went to:
Clyde & Jane Reed
7400 NE 133rd Street

The Reeds were a great choice for December. Their yard is always well manicured and has wonderful seasonal decorations for every holiday. Clyde was very fast in getting the dead limbs out to the curb after the ice storm!

****** CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST ******

Judging for the Christmas light contest will be done on December 21st around 7:00 by the fire department. There is still time to get your lights up! We are hoping everyone participates in lighting up the neighborhood. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year. Last year, it rained and half the homes didn't have their lights working while the fire department did the judging. 1st place winner will receive a \$100 gift card, 2nd place a \$75 gift card and 3rd place a \$50 gift card.

Chris Dumesnil has set up a section where you, your friends and family can go onto our website and cast your vote for your favorite decorations. Chris has spent a lot of time and effort on getting this up and running along with working on his own lights. There is never enough time to get everything done!

****** RECYCLING ******

The Goodwill Donation Center next to the Subway on Memorial and Bryant (north of McDonald's) accepts recycling items. All you have to do is drop off your bags or boxes. They will even unload it for you. The only thing they ask is you place glass in separate bags. This is a great resource for us since recycling is not available at this point in our neighborhood. It is not far and not really out of the way plus they unload it for you. Maybe someday we will actually have recycling pickup in our neighborhood but until then, we can use the Goodwill Donation Center.

****** HALLOWEEN PARTY ******

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for having the Halloween party as planned. It rained all day with water standing everywhere. Luckily, the weather turned around and the trick or treaters didn't have to wear raincoats while heading around the neighborhood. There was still a good turnout for the rescheduled date the following weekend even though there were many of us that were disappointed we couldn't attend because of other obligations. There were home football games the 1st weekend of November and we have many ticket holders in our neighborhood. Luckily, everyone that was able to attend had a great time. Next year the weather had better cooperate!

****** ONG UPDATE ******

Because of the holidays and everyone's busy schedule, we have postponed working on the ONG project until January. We are almost to the end – we are right there in getting enough homes/lots to sign up to get the project going at ONG where they will actually start planning the installation. We will be trying to set up meetings with the homeowners along the proposed pipe line route to add additional homes to the project. The more homes, the better it is. We have a couple of homeowners who are very interested in getting ONG into the neighborhood and have volunteered to help make that happen. If you would like to help with this phase of the project, please call Angel or myself.

****** ROOF APPROVAL ******

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the ARC has approved alternative shingles by various manufacturers to replace the discontinued shingle specified in the Covenants. The ARC has approved three shingles and several colors. All are life time shingles and two are impact resistant. **If you are having your roof replaced, you have to replace it with a shingle that has been approved.** You must confirm with the ARC that you are replacing your roof with an approved shingle. If you want to use a shingle that has not been approved, you must submit an ARC request for approval.

****** SLOW DOWN ******

We are still having cars traveling in excess of 50 mph in the neighborhood when it should be 25 mph. Some are contractors but many are homeowners. Please slow down – there are children playing, riding bikes on scooters, people walking or running, pets out in the yard or following the kids. That is what is great about our neighborhood – we can do all of these things here but we need to watch out for everyone.

****** PET REMINDER ******

Please remember to pick up after your dog when walking in the neighborhood. Please be courteous to your neighbors. We also want to remind everyone to not let their pets run loose. There is a leash law that comes with a fine if your dog is not kept in your own yard.

******2015 YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS******

The current month winner picks the next month's winner. This is done on the 1st of each month and includes putting the sign in the new winner's yard. You can win once per year – this allows more winners to be recognized for all of their hard work. To make it easier to keep track of who has won

during the year, all of the months' winners are posted in the newsletter. The winners are also posted on the website.

January – Mike & RussAnn Anderson, 7208 NE 135th Street
February – Peter & Jaymi Wert, 7209 NE 135th Street
March – Kim & Galetta Ray, 7217 NE 135th Street
April – Shane & Shana Dawson, 7216 NE 135th Street
May – Dalfred & Cherrylnn Goodman, 13524 Raintree Lane
June – Chris & Debbie Dumesnil, 7301 NE 135th Street
July – Gary & Tawna Mitchell, 7300 NE 135th Street
August – Floyd & Micki Taylor, 7308 NE 135th Street
September – Kris & Teresa Stone, 7309 NE 135th Street
October – Darren & Gaylinn Tepe, 13417 Tahoe Drive
November – Bill Hindman & Tommy Woods, 13516 Raintree Lane
December – Clyde & Jane Reed, 7400 NE 133rd Street

******ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE******

Please don't forget that requests for ARC approval of any structure, fence, construction addition, swimming pool or any project that affects the common areas including but not limited to altering draining ditches, changing the flow of water or construction in utility easements must be submitted to the Board for approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC has 30 days to approve any proposal or to request more information to clarify the request. Non response by the ARC within 30 days of submitting will be considered as an approval. Forms for any request may be downloaded from the website. Please put your request on the ARC form and submit to Kyle Granger, Clyde Reed or Gary Mitchell. The ARC members understand that contractors do not always give you enough time to allow them 30 days to review the proposals. They are requesting a minimum 3 days for items that can be approved quickly. 3 days will allow them to get the drawings reviewed and approved by a majority of the Committee Members. If you have any questions, please contact any ARC or Board member. Please refer to section 11 of the subdivision Covenants for specific guidelines.

****** Board of Directors Meeting ******

**The next Board of Directors meeting will be held December 21, 2015
at 7:00 pm at Tawna and Gary Mitchell's home
7300 NE 135th Street**

If you have any item or items that you would like brought up for consideration please submit to Tawna Mitchell prior to that date or send an email to tawna.kierlcpa@coxinet.net. It will be put on the Agenda.

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