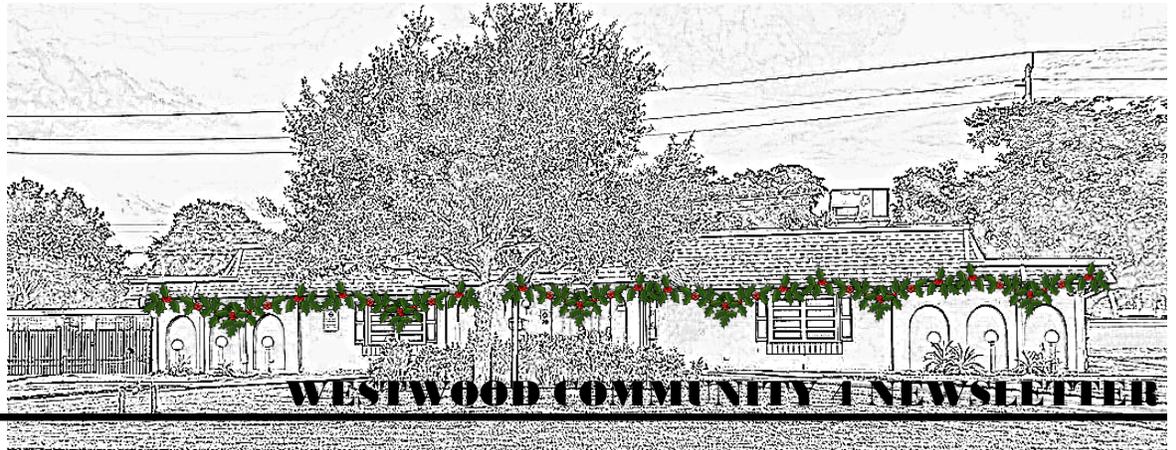


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A message from our President

I would like to wish you all happy and healthy holidays.

When I ride through our community, I am enjoying all the houses being decorated for the holidays. It is a welcome change and it's like there is a new life being breathed into our development.

Please be well and stay safe for the holidays and year-round.

Stephen Creazzo
President



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Be sure to check out:

- Information on the December Annual General Community Meeting
- Message from the Board
- Holiday Memories
- Community Reminder
- From the Editor





December 15th General Meeting

Vote for Board Members and Proxy Collection

The annual elections meeting, which is also a General Meeting, will be held on December 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

By this time, you should have received through the mail, a Meeting Notice that includes a proxy for you to cast your vote in case you are unable to attend the meeting in person. In order to conduct business officially at the December 15th meeting, **a quorum of 25% is needed**. That quorum can be met with a combination of in person attendance or proxy. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your proxy so that it is received by December 13, 2021. You can drop it off at the clubhouse or if you are unable to drop it off you can call the office and someone will come to your home and pick it up. It is very important that your proxy is signed with your legal signature. If you send in your proxy and then decide to attend the meeting in person, the proxy can be revoked when you sign in at the meeting.

Please note

- Only homeowners have voting rights
- There is one (1) vote per household

The nominees are:

Steve Creazzo (incumbent)	Eyal Paz (incumbent)
Yolanda Fernandez (incumbent)	Joe Rutherford (incumbent)
Ellen Flexman (incumbent)	Alyse Thompson (incumbent)
Judy Miller (incumbent)	Denise Vogel (incumbent)

Also at the December 15th meeting, guest speaker Deputy Marion will be attending from the Broward Sheriff's Office.



.... *From the Board of Directors*

The Board would like to thank the community members who attended the November 17th Nomination/General Meeting. Thanks also to all the community members that returned their completed proxies. The meeting was a great success with many thoughts and opinions shared. The following items were presented/discussed during the meeting:

1. The budget for 2022 was discussed.
2. Pat Rutherford announced the Board of Directors nominees for 2022. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none and so the nominations were closed.
3. Both the **Property Appraiser Fraud Alert** and the **Tamarac Red Alert** registration were discussed.
4. Speeding issues on 89th Ave. was discussed.
5. The issue of racoons was discussed

Our community continues to grow with caring and contributing homeowners and residents. We thank you for your participation in the process to ensure the community remains strong, cohesive and safe for everyone.

The next General Meeting will be held on December 15th at 8:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse.



Holiday Visits from Family and Friends

With the holidays upon us, family and friends will want to be visiting with you and your family. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult when out in the community. In addition, guests under 18 who want to use the pool must be accompanied by an adult.



Holiday Memories from the Board

Yolanda Fernandez:

When I was a young girl growing up in Vega Baja Puerto Rico, my great-grandparents owned a large farm that my great-grandfather purchased in small lots over many years. Every January 1st my whole family would gather to celebrate the new year. It was a huge party with lots of food and drink. The best part was meeting up with all my cousins and running around the farm. My family still owns that farm and I have many wonderful memories of those New Year Day celebration.

Judy Miller:

My favorite memory is when I was 8 or 9, taking the bus with my mother, brother and sister to a Christmas tree lot on Christmas Eve, getting a small tree for free and taking it home on the bus. Even though we're Jewish, we usually had a tree. My Mom would string popcorn and we would make paper chains for decorations.

Eyal Paz:

The first year my wife and I were married, we decided to go out for Christmas Eve dinner. After dinner we drove around the area where the restaurant was located so we could see the Christmas decorations. We enjoyed our evening so much that we have been doing the same thing for the past 32 years, each year selecting different restaurants so we could experience seeing decorations in new locations. Another annual tradition that starts around Dec. 1st is listening to Christmas music every day. You can't miss with James Taylor, Michael Buble, or Barbara Streisand singing those oh-so familiar tunes.

Joe Rutherford

Holiday grab bags were lots of fun. Resident would pick a gift and could keep it or swap for one already picked. When a bottle of wine was picked it was always taken away by the next person. It made its way around the entire room! Wine was always the most popular gift!!

Alyse Thompson:

I grew up celebrating Chanukah and still enjoy celebrating now with my children and grandchildren. When my children were growing up, I would tell them that if they went looking and found their presents, that I would take them back to the stores! As far as I know, they never went looking in fear of losing them. Every year, I make potato latkes, which are very traditional to Chanukah. After dinner, we light the candles on the menorah and sing "Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah" while spinning the dreidel. This tradition continues to be "required" before presents can be opened.

Denise Vogel:

When I was a child, my parents had a very firm rule about not going downstairs to the Christmas tree and gifts until they were awake. My sister and I would wake-up early and sit on the top step, speaking very loudly to encourage my parents to wake up so we could get to the presents. Years later my mother confessed to me that they were already awake and would lay in bed listening to all the silly things we said in our efforts to rouse them from their sleep.



The holidays are upon us once again; Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be too much food, too much drink, too much stress and too little time. I do however always find the time to watch the movie *White Christmas*. When I was a little girl my mother and sister and I would watch that movie every December. Mom would make a big bowl of popcorn and we would munch away while singing the songs and getting into the holiday spirit. Even now, all these years later, one of my favorite parts of the holidays are the great old movies and television specials that are on TV only during the holiday season. Most surveys will tell you the all-time favorite holiday movie is *It's a Wonderful Life*, no surprise there. And then those same surveys go on to name movies like, *Home Alone*, *Scrooged*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Jingle All the Way*. But wait a minute, what about all the other holiday movies that seem to have been forgotten? How about these oldies but goodies:

- *The Bells of St. Mary* (Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman)
- *Christmas in Connecticut* (Barbara Stanwyck)
- *White Christmas* (Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen)
- *Holiday Inn* (Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire)
- *Miracle on 34th Street* (Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn, Natalie Wood)
- *A Christmas Carol* (The 1951 version with Alastair Sim)
- *It Happened on Fifth Avenue* (Don DeFore, Ann Harding)
- *The Shoppe Around the Corner* (Jimmy Stewart, Margaret Sullivan)
- *Babes in Toyland* (1934 version with Laurel and Hardy)
- *Holiday Affair* (Robert Mitchum and Janet Leigh)
- *Young at Heart* (Doris Day and Frank Sinatra)
- *The Nutcracker*

Whatever your favorite holiday TV film might be, whether it is *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*, *A Christmas Story*, *Elf*, *The Grinch that Stole Christmas* or *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, pour yourself a cup of hot chocolate, snuggle up in front of your TV and let the small child that lives deep inside of you come out to play for a couple of hours, for no reason other than to reminisce. Oh, and remember to play the Johnny Mathis Christmas album that I know many of you still own.

If you celebrate the Festival of Lights - *Hanukkah Sameach*

If you celebrate Kwanzaa - *Habari Gani*

If you celebrate Christmas - *Merry Christmas*

If you do not celebrate any holidays - *Happy December*

Peace on Earth, good will and good health to all.



Stay well and be happy,
Denise Vogel
Editor