

Glenlake

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Newsletter

From the Editor

“Winter is a time of promise because there is so little to do—or because you can now and then permit yourself the luxury of thinking so.”

~Stanley Crawford, *A Garlic Testament: Seasons on a Small New Mexico Farm*, 1992

2016 Christmas Party Follow-Up (Cort Proctor):

The stout-hearted did not let the threat of rain deter them from their appointed mission of attending the annual Glenlake Homeowners Christmas party graciously hosted by Cort and Lona Proctor on 4 December.

Twenty-one families attended the gala festivities and enjoyed delicious food and drink provided by those in attendance. It was unfortunate that several of our members were ill or otherwise indisposed.

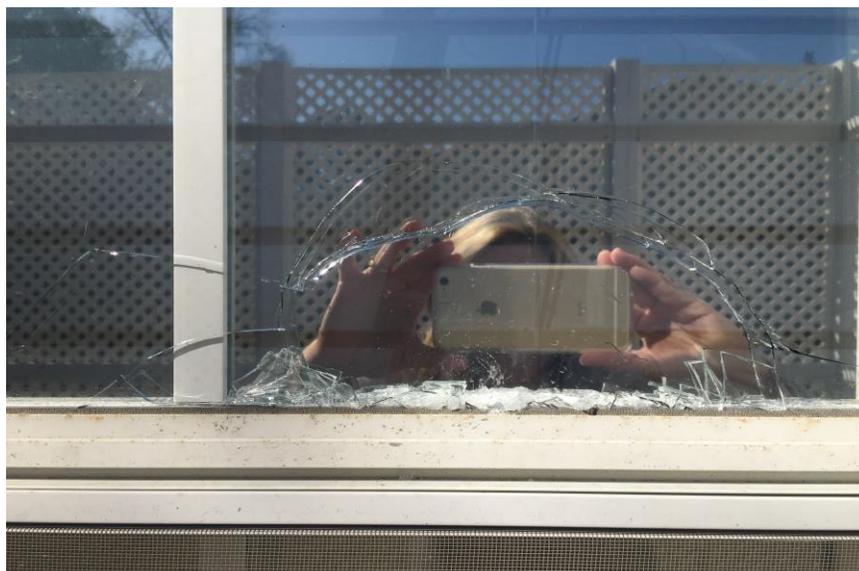
The party was a good occasion for many of our new members to get to socialize with some of our long-time residents and for all to have the opportunity to get together for the start of the holiday season. The event was held a little earlier this year since the hosts had a scheduled departure for New Jersey (by way of South Carolina and Virginia) later in the week to spend Christmas with family. Unfortunately just about time the party was breaking up, the forecasted downpour came with a vengeance. Since a number of guests had walked over, this required the opening of a couple more bottles of wine to wait out the showers.

Some of the early departees missed out on the opportunity to win a drawing for a three-night bed & breakfast stay with the Proctor's at their chalet in the quaint, Bavarian town of Helen, Georgia, since being present was a requirement for winning. The lucky winner was Ryan Sleeter (Shermaine

was TDY) who stated that the trip would closely coincide with Shermaine's birthday.

Most Unlikely Golf Story (Brian & Kathy Haugen):

If you've been by our home at 1520, you'll notice that we built lattice work to hide all the utilities; but also to better protect that side of the home's windows from the 9th fairway. Although we knew it was possible for a ball to somehow land between the lattice and the home, we felt it was statistically improbable. Well... imagine our surprise to see that a ball managed to not only clear a slot in the lattice and take out the pool gauge, but also ricochet and take out a window! The proof is in the pictures:





The Guilty Culprit

If you have an interesting “golf ball incident” that you would like to share in the next issue of your newsletter, please submit it to me (Cherie Johnson) ccjohnson6@cox.net.

Grounds Report News (Mike Duckworth):

Landscaping: We had to remove a Bradford Pear tree in the park area that split, as well as two black gum or tupelo trees near the front of the subdivision that died. The landscaper (CF Landscaping) we have on contract does not have insurance or expertise to handle trees of any size. We obtained several bids and received a very attractive bid from Trees Unlimited. They proved to be low cost, capable, and efficient. I would recommend them to any resident needing tree removal or limbs trimmed. I apologize for the early start time but mid-morning rain was forecast that day. The landscaper feels that the two magnolia trees in the entryway island are still viable. Leaf loss is somewhat normal for magnolias, but we will monitor their progress in the spring.

Thanks to Cort Proctor for stepping up and trimming the roses in the entryway island.

Irrigation: The irrigation system was turned off several weeks ago for the winter. The front entryway island has remained wet after rain events, as well as the north side of the road. There is no information on the Rainbird card inside the sprinkler box as to which zone operates where. All the watering

times are 30 minutes, which is not excessive. Information about the system would be welcome, if known, as well as assistance, figuring out the zones before the summer watering season. Investigation of the watering system at the entryway is needed to mitigate the chronic wetness, if possible. CF Landscaping is currently on an “every two week” schedule for the winter months. The lights in the entryway have weathered several heavy rainstorms and are still on, as the electrician we hired to fix them had hoped. YAY!!

Bird House: A purple martin house has been placed at the top of the lake to encourage residence of these little mosquito eating wonders. (Several pairs have been nesting in residents’ newspaper tubes in years past.) The house has twelve apartment nests and can be lowered for yearly cleanout. Thanks to Cort Proctor and Larry Blameuser for help in the placement.

Waste Management:

Please remember to remove your trash cans (the big green trash containers) from street-side and put them out of sight as soon as possible after Waste Management pick-ups. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated by your neighbors.

Crime Stoppers (Reminder):

Occasional break-ins to cars and homes occur here in Bluewater Bay. Call the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s office, 651-7400, if you are in need of the Sheriff’s assistance or you have reason to believe that something suspicious is occurring in the Glenlake neighborhood. Suggest you put this phone number in your cell phone contact list.

Repair Services/Businesses (Some of the Good Guys for Your Consideration:)

- Emerald Coast Handyman Services: John Todd: (850) 830-2878 or 897-6669
- Frizzelle’s Odd Jobs & Remodeling, Inc: Rob Frizzelle: (850) 543-2740
- Russell’s Painting & Pressure Cleaning: (850) 897-5632
- Trees Unlimited: (850) 243-4238
- Twin Cities Transmission: (850) 729-6629

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