

# THE MORNINGSIDE CHAT

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## Winter Newsletter

### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST...

I hope that all of you had a great New Year! We are looking forward to a great 2015! But we wanted to acknowledge several of our residents from the Holiday Season of 2014! The winner of the Holiday Decorations Contest was this wonderful, bright, and colorfully decorated home...



And the winner is: The Selfs at 119 Brittany Lane! Congratulations!!!

We also had 79 other homes that were decorated for the holidays contributing to a very beautiful Morningside neighborhood!

This year we will be looking at decorations for both Halloween and the December Holiday Season. The Holiday Season winners this year received a very nice Holiday Basket to celebrate the wonderful job they did and the fact that their neighbors enjoyed their decorations enough to vote them #1!

### THE CRUISE DIRECTOR HAS LEFT THE BUILDING...

Yes, our Social Committee Chairperson, April Anderson, has moved out of our subdivision. She provided us with lots of fun activities last year and we will miss her spirit and enthusiasm! We wish her and her family well in their future endeavors.

This presents an opportunity for someone else to step up and take over the Social Committee.

Being the Social Committee Chairperson requires a person with great imagination. We're looking for someone who can bring the same energy and enthusiasm as April, as well as fresh ideas to bring their neighbors together with new and interesting events for our subdivision that provide fun and entertainment for all ages. Who amongst you is ready to accept the challenge?

### THE NEXT ANNUAL HOA MEETING...

The next Annual Meeting of the Morningside Subdivision Home Owners Association will be held in May 2015. There are two main reasons for this change; 1) the weather was just too hot in September, and 2) there was a great deal of interest in our Social Committee Budget, so having the meeting earlier in the year will allow the neighborhood to vote on the social budget before we plan any summer events

The Board of Directors (BOD) is accepting agenda items for the May HOA meeting now. A formal request for agenda items and notification of the meeting will be mailed out in April.

The meeting will be held on May 16, 2015, at 3:00pm, at the Swimming Pool. This will also be the opening day for the pool. We look forward to your

agenda items and a lively discussion on the Social Committee Budget.

### NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE...

We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this year's Neighborhood Yard Sale. Last year we did it in conjunction with the City of Senoia's Yard Sale Weekend. That seemed to work well. If someone would like to volunteer, contact a BOD Member.

### COVENANT CORNER...

The BOD has been receiving numerous complaints concerning perceived violations of three of our covenants. They are:

#### **Covenant 6.16, Recreational Equipment.**

*"Recreational and playground equipment shall be placed or installed only upon the rear of the Lot."*

#### **Covenant 6.19(d) Solid Waste.**

*"If rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste is to be disposed of by being collected on a regular and recurring basis, container may be placed in the open on any day that pick-up is to be made, in order to provide access to person making such pick-up. At all other times, such container shall be installed underground or screened or enclosed in a manner set forth in the Design Standards. Guidelines relating to the type of containers permitted, the manner of storage and the place of pick-up may also be included in the Design Standards."*

And,

#### **Covenant 6.20 Outside Storage.**

*"Outside storage of personal property shall not be allowed unless screened by enclosures, fences or other devices and located in the rear of properties, not visible from the street, for which plans and specifications have been approved by the ACC. Guidelines for screening of such outside storage may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC."*

The bottom line of all these covenants is - keep the front of your house neat and tidy!

- Garbage Cans and Recycling Bins should not be visible from the street except for on pick up days.
- Recreational Equipment referred to in 6.16 is permanently installed equipment. This must be in the back yard and approved by the ACC.
- If your toys (bikes, playsets, soccer nets, dog houses, etc.) have been in the driveway or front yard for over a week, that constitutes outside storage. Move it to the back yard.
- Don't dispose of trash or other debris in your backyard.

Please take time to read and understand our Covenants. When we bought our homes in Morningside, we all agreed to abide by them.

The Covenants are available on the web at: [www.morningside-senoia.com](http://www.morningside-senoia.com). If you have questions, please contact the BOD at : [bod@morningside-senoia.com](mailto:bod@morningside-senoia.com).

We will be enforcing these covenants in the future so please take a look at your property and make sure that you are in compliance.

Thank you all for your efforts in keeping Morningside the premier subdivision in Senoia!

### CONGRATULATIONS!...

Congratulations to our ACC Chairperson, Colleen Allerdice, for being appointed to The City of Senoia Planning Commission!

Hope you all have a great Winter!

We will "Chat" again in April! 😊