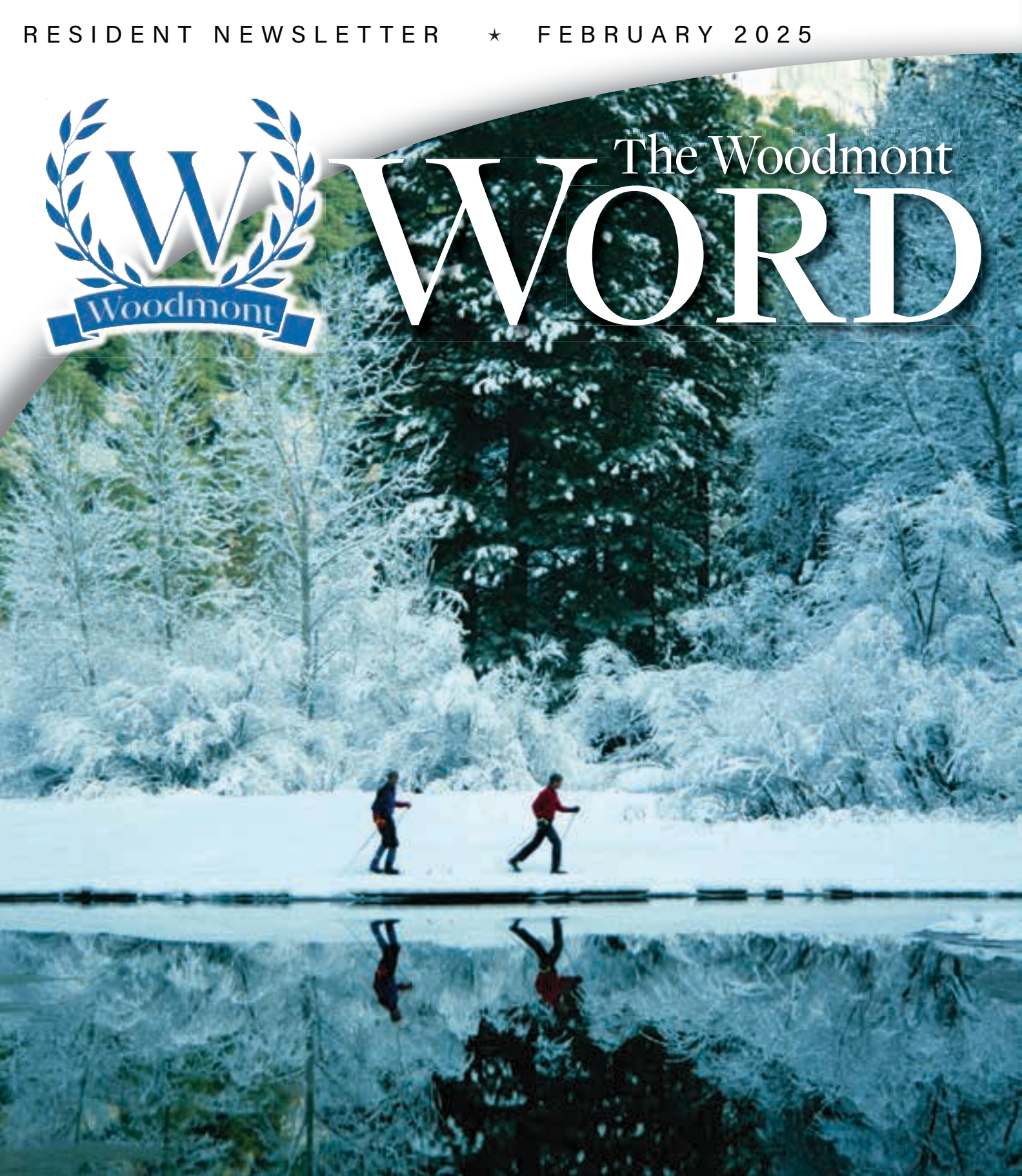




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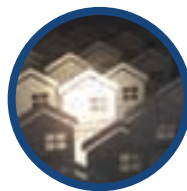
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## BOARD UPDATE

Dear Neighbors,

As we step into February, we're excited to share updates and highlights from the recent HOA activities and board discussions. Your engagement and feedback continue to shape our community for the better. We have heard you loud and clear that you are thrilled with the recent dues DECREASE and we are so happy to have finally been able to put this goal into action!

### KEY UPDATES:

- **NEW!** We have just renegotiated a 2-year rate with Cycle Works for the neighborhood. Cycle Works will provide (1) 95-gallon trash can for \$16 per month and residents who wish to recycle may add on (1) 95-gallon recycling cart for an additional \$6 per month. This rate requires monthly payment via autodraft. If you are a current Cycle Works customer, you must call in to have your rate lowered. See information below:

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We truly appreciate your business and encourage you to contact our office and let us know how we can assist you.

- **Holiday Lights Competition:** Thank you to all participants! Two of the three winners submitted responses for the Woodmont Word article, and their creativity has truly inspired the neighborhood.
- **Community Enhancements:** Garbage cans, dog waste bins, and signage will soon be installed near the pond. The pond itself is nearly complete, with staining and lighting as the final touches. We're also coordinating with DNR to stock it for a fun catch-and-release event.
- **Beautification Efforts:** Beaver trapping has resumed, stormwater improvements are underway, and a quote for new benches and dog stations is expected soon. Holiday lights throughout the neighborhood received glowing compliments!
- The board is reviewing guidelines for solar panel installations, including aesthetic and placement considerations. A survey is available to gather commu-

nity input. Look for the QR code in this issue of the Woodmont Word to make sharing your opinion easy.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Quarterly Meet-and-Greet:** We are so excited that the Woodmont Social Club has partnered with us to deliver a quarterly meet and greet for new and current residents! Our first on is February 27th. See more in this issue!
- **Wildlife Event:** The next wildlife education event will be near the newly renovated Grove Pond. Stay tuned for more details!
- **Spring Community Garage Sale:** When a date is chosen, we will get that communicated out to you so you can start planning for your sale!

Woodmont HOA Board & Sixes Management

## FROM SIXES MANAGEMENT

If you have not registered for portal access, we ask that you please do so at <https://sixes.cincwebaxis.com>. You can even download their user friendly app on your Google or Android device. See the infographic in this issue for more info and QR codes.

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Please also note that Sixes is your first point of contact for all questions and concerns. You may email [woodmont@sixesmanagement.com](mailto:woodmont@sixesmanagement.com) or call 770-575-0943. The [board@hoawoodmont.com](mailto:board@hoawoodmont.com) email is no longer in use, so make sure that you are reaching out to Sixes for all property management concerns.

## DUES UPDATE

### ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS:

Your \$1000 annual HOA assessment is due February 1, 2025. The Board approved the option to split the payment in two equal payments of \$500 due February 1, and \$500 due May 1, 2025. Overdue accounts are subject to 18% per annum interest charges.

In addition to avoiding late interest charges, the other benefit to making sure your account is current is to ensure you have access to the pool and other amenities. Your key-card is subject to suspension if your account is overdue.

If you have any questions about the payment of your assessment, please reach out to Sixes Management at [woodmont@sixesmanagement.com](mailto:woodmont@sixesmanagement.com) or 770-575-0943.

# Class of 2025 Graduation Banner

Submit your high school senior's name at [hoowoodmont.com/gradbanner](http://hoowoodmont.com/gradbanner) for inclusion in the 2024 neighborhood banner!

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## LOCAL LOWDOWN

# FEBRUARY

### *Event Highlights*

**8**

**GUNS & HOSES 5K RUN/WALK**  
HOBGOOD PARK, WOODSTOCK

**14**

**LOVERS: A TAYLOR SWIFT TRIBUTE CONCERT**  
THE MILL ON ETOWAH

**15**

**DOWNTOWN CANTON CHOCOLATE WALK**  
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**21**

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## Neighborhood Meet & Greet

Come out and meet  
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The Holiday Lights Competition lit up our community, and two displays shone the brightest: the Stott Family, who claimed 1st place, and the Bennett Family, who sparkled into 3rd.

*(Note: The 2nd place winners were unavailable to share their story. We congratulate them and hope to feature them in the future!)*

### **1st Place: The Stott Family’s “Winter Wonderland”**

The Stott Family’s magical Winter Wonderland took three weeks to complete and wowed neighbors with its intricate light tunnel and snowy charm.

#### **Inspiration and Challenges**

Inspired by the joy they brought to visitors last year, the Stotts planned their theme over several weeks. While balancing circuits and battling rain-soaked displays proved tricky, their favorite part was seeing people’s reactions and completing their light tunnel.

#### **Family Fun and Advice**

The Stotts love decorating as a family and watching their ideas come to life. Their advice? “Just do what makes you happy.”



### **3rd Place: The Bennett Family’s Griswold-Inspired Charm**

New to the neighborhood, the Bennett Family embraced the season with a display inspired by Clark Griswold.

#### **Inspiration and Process**

Fueled by their children’s excitement, the Bennetts spent 4–5 days setting up, including crafting custom extension cords to power every detail.

#### **Challenges and Cheer**

The standout feature—a massive 5-foot wreath—was their biggest challenge. But for the Bennetts, the magic happens on the first night the display lights up. “We hope it brings a little extra Christmas cheer and Glory to God,” they shared.

*These families reminded us all of the joy and connection the holiday season brings. Congratulations to the Stott and Bennett families for their dazzling displays! We can’t wait to see who shines next year!*



## YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED

Due to changing technologies, homeowner requests, and legislation being updated in 29 states across the country, the time has come to consider an update to our position on solar devices. We would like your opinion as we consider all angles of this matter. Please scan the QR code below to complete a short survey.

Thank you,  
Woodmont HOA Board



## WINTER HOME SAFETY TIPS

While Georgia winters are milder than those up north, they can still bring chilly temperatures, occasional freezes, and unexpected weather. Here are essential tips to keep in mind this winter.

1

### Trim Trees and Branches

Ice accumulation can cause branches to break, so trim them back to avoid property damage.

2

### Drip Faucets

During freezing nights, let faucets trickle to prevent pipe bursts.

3

### Stock Emergency Supplies:

Keep flashlights, batteries, blankets, and a portable phone charger handy.

4

### Avoid Overloading Outlets:

Space heaters and holiday lights can strain circuits, so use them cautiously to prevent fires.

**PRO TIP: INSTALL A SMART THERMOSTAT AND FREEZE SENSORS TO SAVE ENERGY AND GET ALERTS IF YOUR HOME'S TEMPERATURE DROPS TOO LOW—PERFECT FOR PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES!**

## Protecting Your Pets During Bird Flu Season

Bird flu, or avian influenza, has recently been a concern in Georgia, with cases detected in both commercial and backyard flocks. While the virus primarily affects birds, it's essential for pet owners to take precautions to ensure their furry and feathered companions stay safe.

### Bird Flu in Georgia: What We Know

In January 2025, the Georgia Department of Agriculture confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in both a commercial poultry operation in Elbert County and a backyard flock in Clayton County. These detections prompted statewide measures, including a temporary suspension of poultry shows and sales and the establishment of quarantines around affected areas. The virus poses a serious threat to Georgia's poultry industry, but it can also impact pets if they come into contact with infected birds or contaminated environments.

### How to Keep Your Pets Safe

- Limit Exposure to Wild Birds
  - Avoid letting pets roam in areas where they might encounter wild birds, especially near water sources like ponds or wooded parks.
- Secure Backyard Spaces
  - Remove bird feeders and birdbaths temporarily to minimize contact with wild birds.
  - Monitor your pets outdoors to ensure they don't approach dead or sick birds.
- Practice Good Hygiene
  - Wash your hands thoroughly after handling your pet, especially if they've been outside.
  - Clean pet bowls and toys regularly to prevent potential contamination.
- Know the Signs of Illness
  - Symptoms of bird flu in pets include coughing, sneezing, lethargy, and difficulty breathing. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice these signs.
- Stay Informed
  - Follow local news and public health updates about bird flu in your area.

### What to Do if You Find a Sick or Dead Bird

If you come across a dead or visibly ill bird, do not let your pet investigate. Report the sighting to the **Georgia Avian Influenza Hotline at (770) 766-6850** or contact your local animal control. These organizations can handle the situation safely and assess whether the bird may be infected with avian influenza.

By staying vigilant and informed, you can help protect your pets and our community from the effects of bird flu. While the risk to pets is relatively low, taking precautions ensures the health and safety of everyone—human, feathered, and furry alike.



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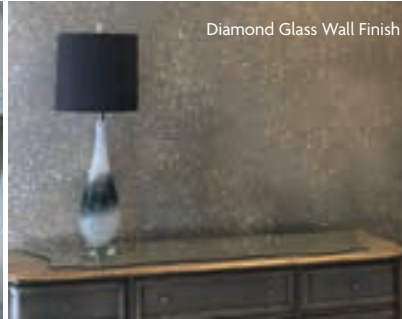
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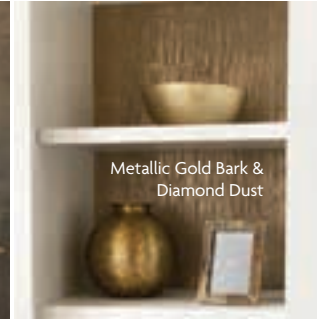
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## *Rediscover the Wonder*

by Polly Balint

It seems when we have child-like faith we can become like superheroes.

For years I've seen the young children in our neighborhood usually run, not walk...everywhere! They would run across their own yard into the next one with joy, energy, and expectation of a new adventure of their day. The little boys usually wore some type of Superhero costumes and played all kinds of imaginary games. It was so cute! I recall our neighbor, Ryan Brooks, seemed to like to change his caped crusader outfits as if he sort of used his house like Superman would use a phone booth to take on different superpowers. On a side note, that little Superhero is now a young man who is a captain of the Creekview High School Football team! But those little boys on our street were confidently overcoming evil. Hmm, they were on to something! They stood up to evil and always won!

Maybe that was because they saw themselves covered with some kind of power that was unstoppable. Hmm, little children wanting to do good in this world? And these are the same children who didn't wonder if their mom would have lunch for them when they ran back into their houses.

And they never wondered if their dad or mom would instinctively buy them a new pair of shoes because their little toes were poking out of their sneakers due to having another growth spurt. Nor were they worrying about if they were safe, or if there was food on the dinner table each night. Nope. Not worried about it.

And I'll bet, when the children next door run into their house to get a snack and yell, "Mom! I'm hungry! Can I have some chips and a juice box?" They never doubted there would be food for them to eat, any time they needed nourishment.

Why am I saying all of this? This is child-like faith. These children are free to laugh and run and giggle and play without worrying if their needs are going to be met. They trust their parents to take care of them...in every way. They're little children and all they know is Dad and Mom provide for them. Little children don't give it a second thought!

Imagine, child-like faith. We adult Christians should be seeing our Father in Heaven the same way! We should be living in freedom, expressing love, joy, energy, vitality, and bringing glory to God because we trust Him to take care of us. We should be enjoying the simple blessings in our lives, too!





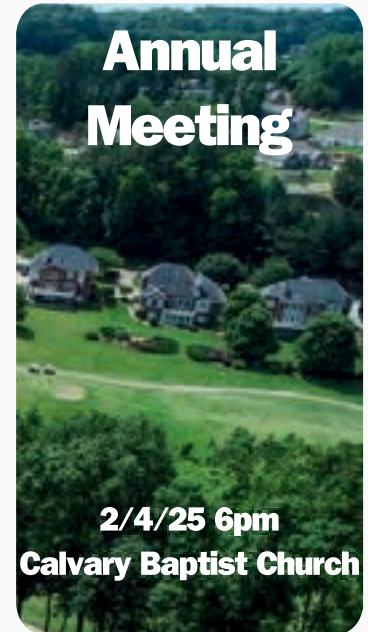
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## Rediscover the Wonder (cont'd)

The passage of Scripture that beautifully describes child-like faith is found in Matthew 6:25-33. Wow. Jesus says that we're not to worry about food, drink, clothing, or even our lives! Jesus says, "...your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:32-33.

Child-like faith is having total freedom to live for the glory and will of God with careful, yet reckless abandon! How do we do that? Just like a Superhero, we must believe in the covering and protection of the power of the Holy Spirit, the blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, and the love and sovereign will of our Heavenly Father!

And one more thing, child-like faith is not immature faith. It is the doorway to living in freedom...just like a Superhero who has a holy, supernatural covering and is "always going around doing good." (Acts 10:38).



Polly Balint is the author of five books; her sixth book will be launched early this year. She lives in Woodmont with her husband, Don, and their rescue dog, Polo.



Welcome to this edition of "Dear Woodmont Wilson," where our wise and witty neighbor, with a familiar persona and nostalgic wit, tackles all sorts of questions—whether they're about life in Woodmont or those bigger, more general curiosities. From neighborhood nuances to broader life advice, Wilson is here to provide thoughtful guidance with a touch of humor and insight. Whether it's a local issue or just something on your mind, no question is too small (or too big) for Wilson to ponder!

## ***Dear Woodmont Wilson,***

There's a dog in our neighborhood that's become a real concern. It barks incessantly and has shown aggressive behavior, which makes me worried for the safety of our kids and pets. What can we do to address this issue? I don't want to create bad blood with my neighbors, but this has become a real problem.

— ***Worried in Woodmont***

## ***Dear Worried,***

*Well, howdy-ho, neighbor! Let me start by saying that dogs are a wonderful part of any neighborhood—like living, tail-wagging sunshine. But when a pooch becomes a peril, it can certainly throw a shadow over that warm, fuzzy feeling.*

First off, it's important to remember that while your HOA can tackle many things—like paint colors and mailbox uniformity (or, ahem...lack thereof)—dogs and their behavior fall outside its leash, so to speak. That means the best course of action is to reach out to Cherokee County Animal Control. They're equipped to handle situations involving aggressive or nuisance animals and can assess the situation fairly and professionally.

Before making that call, though, it's a neighborly gesture to try a friendly conversation with the dog's owner—if it feels safe to do so. Sometimes folks don't realize their pup's behavior is causing concern, and a little communication can go a long way. Approach them with kindness and understanding—like a plate of warm cookies instead of a cold stare.

If that doesn't work or you're not comfortable approaching them, animal control is your next step. They can step in to ensure everyone—two-legged and four-legged alike—stays safe.

Now, neighbor, I know it's not always easy to take action in situations like this, but protecting your family and ensuring a peaceful neighborhood is worth the effort. And who knows? With the right intervention, maybe that barking buddy can turn back into a tail-wagging delight.

Remember, when it comes to barking up the right tree, kindness and action are the keys to harmony.

Yours in neighborly wisdom,  
Woodmont Wilson

**Got a question that's been on your mind? Whether it's about life in Woodmont or something more universal, submit it to "Dear Woodmont Wilson" through an anonymous online form at [hoawoodmont.com](http://hoawoodmont.com). You might see your question answered in an upcoming Woodmont Word!**

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### DIY Valentine's Heart Wreath

Add a handmade touch of love to your door this Valentine's Day with this easy-to-make heart wreath!

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Wire heart frame (available at craft stores or online)
- Red, pink, or white felt (about ½ yard each)
- Fabric scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Ribbon for hanging

#### OPTIONAL:

Faux flowers, mini hearts, or other embellishments

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare the Felt Pieces
2. Cut the felt into small strips or squares, roughly 2 x 2 inches. These will be the "ruffles" for your wreath.
3. Attach the Felt to the Frame
4. Fold a felt piece in half, then in half again to form a small ruffle.
5. Use a dab of hot glue to secure the folded felt onto the wire frame.
6. Repeat this process, working your way around the frame and overlapping pieces for a full, fluffy look. Alternate colors for a fun pattern, or stick with one color for a bold statement.
7. Add Embellishments (Optional)
8. Glue on faux flowers, mini heart cutouts, or sparkly accents to add personality to your wreath.
9. Attach the Ribbon
10. Tie a ribbon to the top of the frame for hanging. Choose a coordinating color for a polished look.
11. Hang and Enjoy!

Find the perfect spot to display your new wreath and enjoy the festive Valentine's vibes!

*Tip: This project is fun for all ages—kids can help with folding felt and gluing embellishments while adults handle the hot glue gun.*

## Valentine's Day Word Search For Kids

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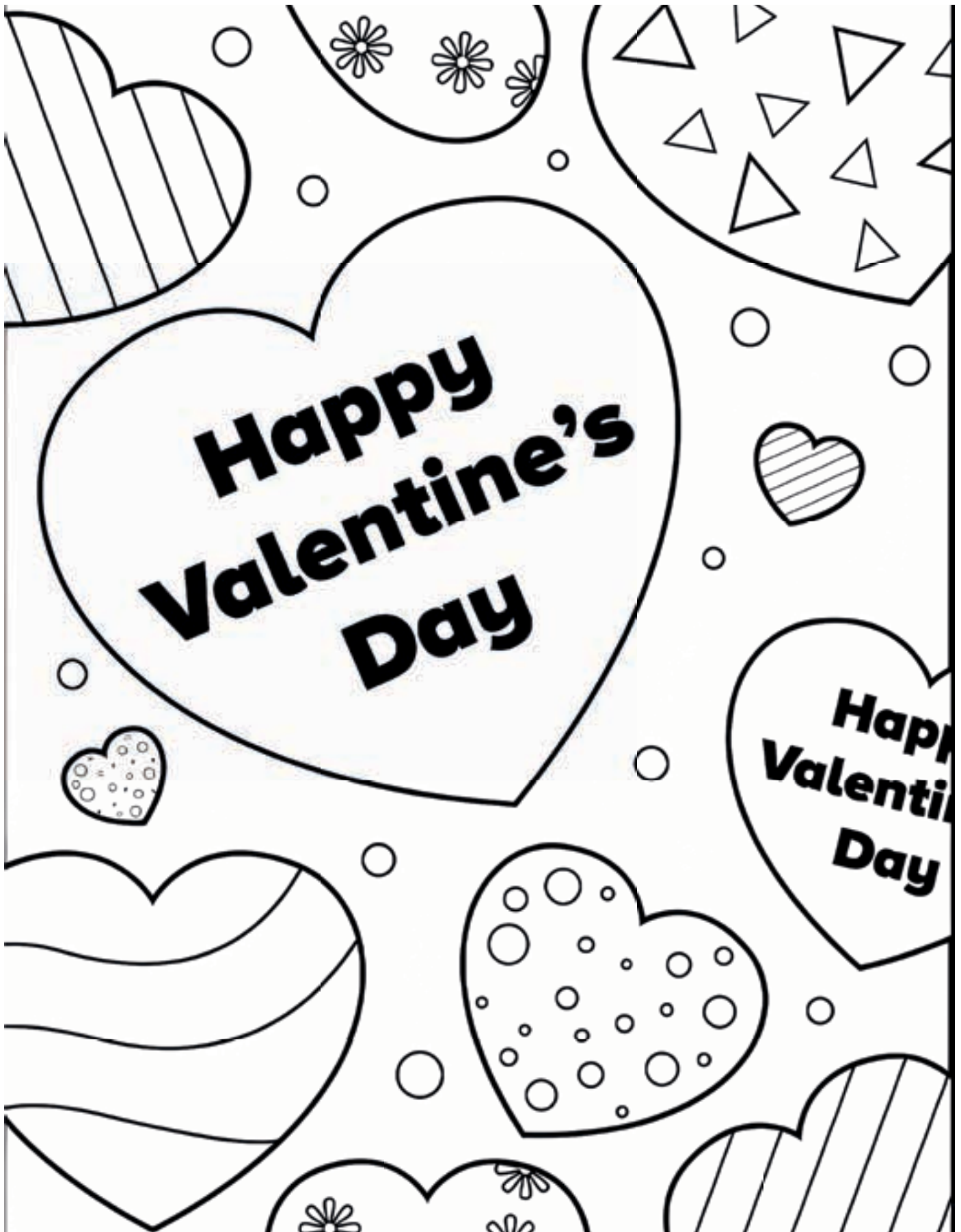
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FUNNY  
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PINK  
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## ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL

*Your Woodmont HOA appreciates the hard work and dedication that homeowners provide to make their homes and properties beautiful. We want to keep the community looking its best and keep property values at their highest!*

*Here are a few questions that have been asked recently. If you have a question or need additional information, please contact woodmont@sixesmanagement.com.*

### WHY DO I NEED HOA ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL FOR MY SHED WHEN IT'S IN MY OWN BACKYARD AND NO ONE WILL SEE IT?

It can be difficult for owners to understand the importance of submitting requests for approval, especially when what they want to do is on their own property. They may feel that following a community's standards restricts their freedom of expression. The reality is, property values are protected when homeowners follow standards which have been carefully developed to create uniformity and a nice balance for the community.

### WHAT TYPES OF EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS REQUIRE HOA APPROVAL?

Any architectural change to the outside of the home or the property surrounding the home requires approval. Exterior modifications requiring approval include things as swimming pools, decks, sheds, new siding or shutters, paint color changes, windows and doors, patios or patio extensions, fences, landscaping with fire pits and retaining walls, play sets and basketball goals, and the removal of live trees.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PROJECT NEEDS APPROVAL?

Everything you need to know here is contained in Section VI of the Declaration of Protective Covenants for Woodmont Golf And Country Club document, available within the documents section under the communication tab at hoawoodmont.com. If you have any question or uncertainty, please contact woodmont@sixesmanagement.com. to ask first whether or not your project requires approval.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OWNER MODIFIES THEIR PROPERTY WITHOUT APPROVAL?

Some owners simply ignore the process, don't know an approval is required, or fail to read



their governing documents. Failing to obtain approval will result in violation letters being sent. The Board will request that the owner immediately submit for approval so that the owner, any future owner, and all committee members are protected

by assuring that the proper process for property modifications was followed. Once submitted, the Board will either approve or deny the modification. For unapproved modifications, the Board may require the homeowner to restore their property to its original condition based upon the review of

the request. In some cases, an unapproved structure may have to be removed or altered. The property manager and Board are eager to work with homeowners to come into compliance with the least amount of escalation. We encourage you to work proactively with the property manager as you plan for property modifications.

### WHAT SHOULD OWNERS SUBMIT FOR HOA ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL?

Owners should submit the Request for Modification (RFM) form along with a drawing or rendering of what the change will look like and include a copy of their property survey (which should be included with their closing paperwork). The project should be marked in red (with measurements) on the property survey. Written details along with pictures and samples of materials are also required. Complete instructions are listed on the RFM form.

### HOW SOON AFTER APPROVAL SHOULD THE WORK BEGIN?

Work on any approved modification must commence within 30 days of the written approval from the Board of Directors or the approval will automatically lapse and be revoked. Owners may reapply for approval of a proposed modification by submitting a new RFM form.

### APPROVALS AND DENIALS

The majority of architectural requests are approved, even if slight modifications or conditions are necessary. If an application is denied, the homeowner is provided with specific details as to why the request was denied.

*Woodmont Whisker  
of the Month  
February 2025*



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PUPPY**

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# Woodmont Word

## COMMUNITY COVENANTS & RESTRICTIONS

To preserve property values and keep Woodmont as a community of choice, the exterior upkeep of common areas and individual homes is a top priority. To that end, the community is regularly monitored for any occurrence of violations of community covenants and restrictions. Below is a list of common violations which will help you remain aware and maintain compliance of your own property. Full documentation of all covenants may be found at [hoawoodmont.com](http://hoawoodmont.com).

### COMMON VIOLATIONS

The list below is not inclusive but captures some of the more common violations/issues:

- Clotheslines, garbage cans, woodpiles, and other similar items must be screened from view of neighboring Lots and street
- Basketball placement (standard is backboard perpendicular to street)
- Artificial plants in containers or window boxes are not permitted

- Yard art, unrelated to celebrated holidays must be approved
- Exterior painting and/or pressure washing must be maintained
- Mailboxes must be compliant and maintained
- Landscape beds are to be maintained, free of weeds and mulched according to guidelines
- Private pools exceeding thirty-six (36) square feet located above ground are not allowed (children's wading pools, that can be emptied at night and not left out are permitted)

### MAILBOX REPLACEMENT

Replace your mailbox if it is damaged, in need of repair in anyway, or not standard USPS height. According to the USPS, your box should be between 41 and 45 inches tall. The authorized dealer for Woodmont is Addresses of Distinction, 770-436-6198.

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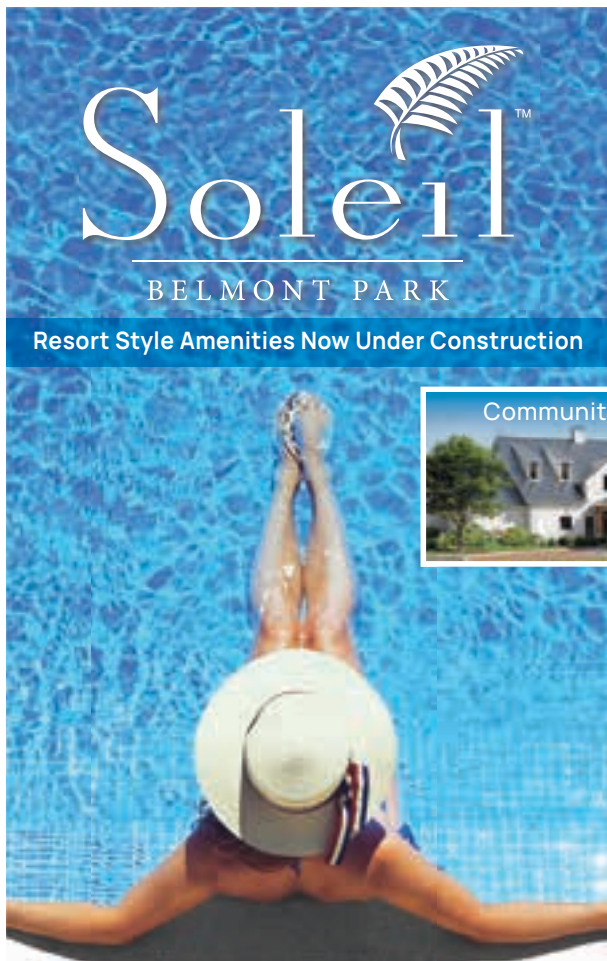
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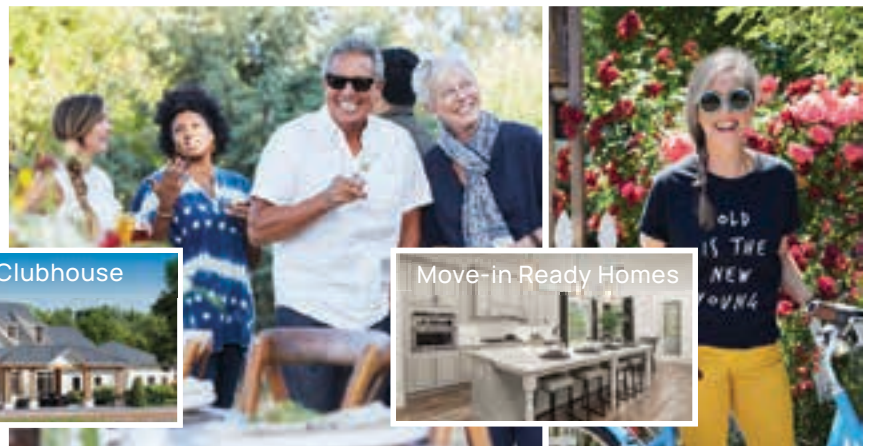
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## Exploring the Many Meanings of Valentine's Day

by Sarah Stott

Valentine's Day stirs different emotions in different people. For some, it's a celebration of romantic love – a day to express deep affection through candlelit dinners, heartfelt cards, and tender moments shared with a special someone. These individuals tend to embrace the traditional imagery of roses, chocolates, and cupid's arrows, finding joy in the familiar rituals of romantic expression.

Yet for others, Valentine's Day has evolved into something broader – a celebration of all forms of love. Parents might use the day to show extra appreciation for their children, friends might gather for "Galentine's" celebrations, and teachers might help their students exchange innocent cards and candy hearts. In this way, the holiday becomes less about romantic partnership and more about acknowledging all the meaningful connections in our lives.

Some people have reimagined Valentine's Day as an opportunity for self-love and personal growth. They might treat themselves to a favorite meal, take a relaxing bath, or simply reflect on their own journey of self-acceptance. This interpretation turns what could be a lonely day into an empowering celebration of individual worth.

There are also those who view Valentine's Day with skepticism, seeing it as overly commercialized or artificial. Yet even these individuals often find their own meaningful ways to express affection, choosing to show love through everyday actions rather than grand gestures on a designated date.

Ultimately, Valentine's Day is like a mirror – it reflects back whatever meaning we choose to give it. Whether it's a day of romance, friendship, self-care, or simply another Tuesday in February, its true value lies in reminding us to pause and appreciate the various forms of love that enrich our lives.

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