



# WINDOVER FARMS OF MELBOURNE

Homeowners Association, Inc.

## **Message from the President**

**Susan Lynch**

*Hello everyone. November has ended with a bang and I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with plenty of tasty food, beverages and time with family. Each year seems to pass more quickly and I can't believe December has arrived. The craziness of the upcoming holiday season is in full force. I'm sure that I am not the only one who noticed Christmas decorations in most stores before Halloween. It kind of takes away the meaning of the holiday. Toys will eventually break and clothes have a finite life with growth spurts and style. This time of year always makes me reflect on the meaning of life and what is truly important....Family....and friends. I try to shop as little as possible and spend more time with the kids as they are getting older each year and seem to need me less and less, but I do realize that shortly they will all spread their wings and start "grown-up" lives of their own.*

*Many of you noticed that this year's Children's Halloween Social was cancelled. I do apologize for any disappointment this may have caused to any children that were looking forward to another fun time. Unfortunately, I have a family member that is undergoing some medical issues and could not commit to setting up and running things the day of the party. As there were not any volunteers that committed to helping the week before the party, I had to make the decision to allow the vendors to seek parties elsewhere.....There is a bright side. A fellow resident by the name of Candace is organizing a Windover Farms Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bounce house, crafts, hay/sleigh rides and possibly a face painter and balloon maker. It should be a good time for all. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details and be sure to R.S.V.P. Volunteers are needed!!!! Please contact the office before the day of the party if you or someone you know would be available to help out. Older teens are encouraged and welcome to sign up to volunteer (as this will give them needed Volunteer Hours for the Bright Futures Awards).*

*More community news is the Annual Election of Board Members which will be held during the January 2017 Board Meeting. "Bio's" are included in this month's newsletter. Each member when elected serves the community for a 2 year term. The purpose of the Board of Directors is to uphold the Deed Restrictions of Windover Farms of Melbourne, whether we like or agree with them. Any decision made within the community is done so by a vote of the Board Members. As everyone is an individual and has their own voice and opinions, most items on the agenda are first discussed then a decision is made by "Majority Vote". One positive of this process is that it protects Homeowners by preventing any one person on our Board of Directors or Architectural Review Committee from having total authority or excess power during the decision making process. A negative is that responses are not instantaneous. However, it takes time for your elected Board to discuss issues and form responses and come up with plans of actions to requests or concerns and for ARC Volunteers to get together and review your file to ensure the request follows the guidelines of our community planning criteria. Good luck to all those running in the election.*

*Well this is the last message for the 2016 calendar year. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season whichever you may celebrate. Try to slow down a little to spend quality time with family and friends. On a personal note.....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. May the New Year bring in more happiness to those that thought 2016 was great....and better luck for those of you that underwent a difficult year. See you all in 2017.*