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From the Board of Directors

This is the first issue of the new newsletter of Woodwind Lakes. The Board accepted a proposal from Peel Inc. to publish and distribute the newsletter on a monthly basis. This newsletter is being distributed to you at no cost. Urge businesses that operate in our community to advertise in this format rather than distributing literature door to door. Not only will it reduce litter in the neighborhood but it will insure the success of our publication.

Due to the holidays, our November Board meeting will be held on November 14th at the office of Sterling Association Services, 6842 North Sam Houston Parkway W at 5:30 pm.

This article is being submitted prior to the Annual Meeting, therefore we are unable to announce the new Board members as of this writing. Three candidates have announced for the two open seats on the Board. The candidates are Darin Duphorne, Jay Michaels and JC Rubiano. The community owes a special thanks to David Rhodes and Liz Lara Carreno for their service to the Association. Both have made very valuable contributions to keeping our Association viable and healthy.

Lee Suydam and Marianne West have worked to resurrect the Security Committee with a focus on establishing a Neighborhood Watch program. Major strides have been accomplished in setting up the Street Captains for the Watch program. If you have interest in participating in the program, contact Marianne at fandmwest@earthlink.net.

The Board has established an email program to notify residents of important community issues. Currently we have about 530 email addresses on the distribution list. If you want to be included in this program, please send your email contact information to wwl.information1@gmail.com. Likewise, should you decide that you do not want to be on the list, please send that request to the above address. Your information will be not be shared. This program is

not replacing Marianne West's efforts to announce non-official community information.

Have a Happy and safe Thanksgiving,

Your Board of Directors

MUD No. 261 News

Municipal Projects Nearing Completion

MUD No. 261 is participating in two large municipal projects. Both are expected to be complete and online by the middle of November. They will improve water and wastewater service to all district residents.

First, we have a 26 percent interest in a \$2 million project to reroute and re-pump water from a City of Houston main transmission line off Fairbanks North Houston Road to a re-pump facility owned and operated by Windfern Forest Utility District. Once completed, our MUD will have two City of Houston water interconnect points. One is a hard connection off Congo Road. The new connection / re-pump project will create a looped system. In addition, we have a new 40 year agreement in place with WFUD to sell us supplemental well water.

Second, we have a 33 percent interest in an \$800,000 project to rehab our joint sewage treatment plant. Rolling Fork PUD and MUD No. 261 share ownership of the STP located in the Rolling Fork subdivision. Once complete, the project is expected to preclude major maintenance and repairs on the facility for about ten years.

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ARTICLE INFO

The *Woodwind Lakes Newsletter* is mailed monthly to all Woodwind Lakes residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for consideration please email it to frank@sterlingasi.com. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

Sprucing Up Your Yard For The Holidays by RCW Nurseries

By the time you read this newsletter our best gardening season has started. Now is the time for preparing your yard to look its best for the holiday season.

Early November is still a time to apply an organic (preferred) or winter-formulated fertilizer. Do not apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer as it's never a good idea. By mid-month it is possible to mow your lawn every other week; however you may want to edge it weekly along the sidewalk and landscape beds to maintain a more manicured look.

Prevent falling leaves and pine needles from piling up on the lawn, blocking the sun's rays from reaching the grass blades. St. Augustine grass loves the sun, and weakens when it doesn't receive enough sun during the cool season. This weakening provides a better opportunity for weedy plant seeds to sprout. So rake your lawn on a regular basis, and shred the leaves and pine needles with either a shredder or your lawn mower. Collect and spread the shredded material under your bushes, ferns, perennials and roses. It makes great mulch.

Help beneficial insects over winter by allowing an unobtrusive area to become naturalistic. This is especially true if your lawn happens

to support those tiny purple-flowered wild asters. They provide beneficial insects with nectar as their prey become more scarce.

To keep the beneficial insects in the more formal areas of your landscape, you're in luck. There are many plants that flower well during our cool season, feeding the beneficial insects at the same time. Planted now, they will look great when Thanksgiving arrives, through Christmas and New Years. Alyssum and Lobelia make excellent ground covers, growing only 4 - 6 inches tall, and spreading 6 - 9 inches wide. Alyssum comes in a variety of colors: white, pink, lavender and in a mix of all three colors. An area planted in solid white Alyssum will remind one of snow. Lobelia flowers can be dark or light blue, with or without a white eye. Occasionally, pink and white varieties are available from growers. Alyssum prefers a sunny location, whereas Lobelia is perfectly happy with a half-day of sun.

Other plants that perform both flowering and nectar provision duties well are English Daisies (available in red, pink, or white), Nasturtium, Stock, Pot Marigold, Snapdragons, and Violas. Stock is very fragrant and does well with a half-day of sun. Try growing it near a doorway, or where windows will be opened, to enjoy its heady fragrance. The rest grow well when provided with a minimum of a half-day of sun, and are outstanding performers when provided with maximum fall/winter/spring sun exposure.

You may think Snapdragons are hard to keep in bloom, but the trick is to give them as much sun as possible and either cut the blooming stalks for bouquets, or snap off the spent flowering stalks. This stimulates the plant to produce more flowering branches. Snapdragons are entertaining -- kids can string the individual flowers and make leis. They love pressing and releasing both sides of each flower to watch its jaws snap open and shut. And they're fascinated how bumble and honeybees force their way into each flower to get to the hidden nectar and pollen.

For shaded areas, Cyclamen is truly your best bet. They are a bit more expensive, but they are worth it, blooming profusely from November through May with an amazing baby-powder scent. Mix in a tablespoon of Bulb Booster or bone meal into their planting hole, and plant them a bit high. Cyclamen hate being overwatered, and will quickly rot if the soil is kept soggy. Snap off developing seedpods as they appear to encourage more flowering. Afterwards Cyclamen leaves make great ground covers until the summer heat does them in. Planted in the right spot, left alone, and if you're lucky, Cyclamen can rebloom the following cool season. It happened to this writer, so it can happen to you.

As with any flowering plant, the cool season varieties need to be fed on a regular basis. Osmocote works only when the soil is very warm. So try to feed your winter annuals every 2 weeks or so with a good water-soluble fertilizer.

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Women's Club

Following the summer hiatus, the Women's Club of Woodwind Lakes held an eagerly awaited beginning of their 2012-2013 year. The September meeting focused on the members being able to reconnect and socialize. The women met in the home of Judith Oyen with Stacia Harvey and Nancy Pichardo serving a bountiful and delicious buffet as co-hostesses. The membership welcomed eight new members into the Club. The yearly dues, used to defray expenses, are \$25.00 per year.

On September 18th the members gathered at 10:00 a.m. for food and fellowship. Joyce Kraft, President, presided over the business meeting. Diana Mintner, Vice-President, presented an outline of the programs for the year. She included the monthly listings of the hostess and co-hostesses.

Stacia Harvey, Secretary, conducted a "Get Acquainted Game" that revealed many unknown facts about the members. She also read the May minutes.

Sharon Siebern, Treasurer, presented the year's budget for approval, and gave an updated financial statement. September birthdays of members were honored. Announcements of interest were given.

Diana Mintner discussed the Club's October 16th Outing and

Complimentary Brunch.

The Classic Accessories and Christmas Stores, 8537 Berwyn Drive is the destination for shopping and fellowship.

The November Meeting was shifted to November 13th, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. This meeting will be held at the MUD Building on Gessner Road. Albert, of Sketch Florist, will present the program. He will provide an opportunity for each member to create their own arrangement to take home. Albert will also give away a door prize.

December 18th will be the traditional pot luck luncheon hosted by Anne Martin.

This is a festive occasion with a gift exchange, delicious food and members bringing gifts for residents of the Mission of Yahweh.

We invite any woman of Woodwind Lakes to join the Club. It is an opportunity to meet and enjoy others in our subdivision. We usually meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For more information contact: Joyce Kraft, President (713.983.7738.); Diana Mintner, Vice-President, (713.702.2686); Stacia Harvey, Secretary, (713.899.6491); Sharon Siebern, Treasurer, (713.849.5596).

Grounds Committee

Thanks Woodwind Lakes Residents for making our YARD OF THE MONTH selections so challenging this year!!!
The following homes have won gift cards to RCW Nurseries:

WOODWIND LAKES YARD OF THE MONTH				
DATE/MONTH	SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4
12-May	7922 Ensemble Drive	9018 Rhapsody Lane	7723 Adagio Avenue	9310 Adagio
12-Jun	8014 Ensemble Drive	8911 Opus Ct.	7926 Adagio Avenue	8006 Sinfonia
12-Jul	8010 Sonata Court	9023 Rhapsody Lane	7607 Crescendo Court	8014 Chorale Court
12-Aug	9202 Symphonic	7631 Allegro Drive	8615 Prelude Court	9330 Oratorio Court
12-Sep	9002 Ensemble Court	9122 Rhapsody Lane	8735 Serenade Lane	8107 Rondo Court

A TIP OF THE TROWEL TO Darryl and Pam Miguez who graciously gave Sago Palms to the Grounds Committee as well as an Angel Trumpet tree. Joyce Kraft has also donated groundcover. We replant all donations throughout Woodwind Lakes.

The eight Queen Anne Palms located within the two pools will now be planted in the landscaped areas. Five will be transplanted by the family pool and three will be transplanted by the adult pool/pavilion area.

The trails are in great shape - everyone appreciates the concerted efforts we all follow in picking up after our pets. On that same note, remember that if you are on the trail and there is someone walking a dog, before you attempt to pass, be sure to "call out" to the dog owner - some pets may become startled if suddenly surprised.

Christmas is just around the corner. Last year, we were instrumental in procuring new wreaths for the major entrances to Woodwind Lakes. This year, we will begin updating the smaller wreaths that enhanced the interior of the neighborhood.

We would love to have more residents become involved with the Grounds Committee. If interested, please contact either Diana Mintner or Suzanne Fontenot-Williams.

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Woodwind Lakes resident Donna Konopka and Dr. Oz at an USANA event.



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Stitch a Little

Wow, summer gone, and school in session! Stitch A Little meetings are every third Sunday, so the next meeting will be Sunday, October 21 at Panera from 3-4 p.m. We usually grab a table and pull out our latest projects, so bring something to work on, or just come by to chat. If you get a chance, please e-mail Mercy Martinez (ironladymmm@hotmail.com) if you will be able to make it.

Here is the info for Panera:

Panera
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Next Meeting Date: Sunday, October 21, 2012

November Meeting Date: November 18

December Meeting Date: December 16

For information, please contact: Mercy Martinez

e-mail: ironladymmm@hotmail.com

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ADULT POOL / PAVILION

The Adult Pool and Pavilion were in constant use this summer. We are so fortunate to have these lovely facilities, along with the Tennis Courts, the Tot Lot and the Reserve in our neighborhood...not to mention the Family Pool!

If you would like to reserve the Pavilion in the coming months, please e-mail me: kotilla@hotmail.com or call my home at 713-466-8668 and I will set you up....

Donna Jackson

Woodwind Lakes Book Club

Woodwind Lakes Book Club will meet on November 7th at 7:30 pm. to discuss Steve Jobs: A Biography. For more information email mhancock007@gmail.com



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