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MESSAGE TO THE ASSOCIATION

Let me begin by giving a special thanks to our two retiring Board members, Liz Carreno and Dave Rhodes. Their service to our community has been exemplary. I have been on your Board but for a year. I have to tell you that I have never before been associated with such a collection of fine people. One of the very best people this community has the privilege of knowing is Bob Magee. Bob is stepping down as president but will remain as a Director on your Board. Surely, there will never again be another president like him. I stand in awe of his capacity to lead and his tireless service to this community.

We will begin 2013 with two new Board Directors, Darin Duphorne and Jay Michaels. Each of these gentlemen has shown promise and enthusiasm to serve your community.

I believe that we have a special place here in Woodwind Lakes. It is a great place to live. Our past officers of the HOA have made it so and we pledge to continue their efforts. We also pledge to listen to the few and to the many and to diligently shepherd your resources.

Lee Suydam

President, WWL HOA

SANTA CLAUS VISITS WOODWIND LAKES

Ho, Ho, Ho! It's that season again. Santa Claus will be visiting the children and grandchildren of Residents in their homes. Santa visits are in the planning stages with the tentative dates of Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Christmas. If you would like a visit from Santa, please contact Renee Girkin at weeziey@yahoo.com or 281 797-8232.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM - "OBSERVE AND REPORT"

The Security Committee is actively working on getting a majority of our residents to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program. The foundation of this program is the block captain who exchanges contact information with his immediate neighbors on either side and across the street, hence the term "block." On most streets there will be more than one block captain. The key is for the captain to be able to see the homes in his charge.

The motto of this program should be "observe and report", because this is what the block captain and his assigned homes do. This would involve residents calling the constable about someone suspicious as well as alerting the other neighbors. The program is also useful in case of an emergency in a neighbor's home such as fire, water leak, etc. that the neighbor would need to be notified about. Wouldn't it be nice to know someone was looking out for your home when you're at work or on vacation?

Many of you have already been contacted by a block captain asking for your home/cell phone number, email address and work phone number/email address. They are also giving you their information. The committee hopes that residents will respond to this request. Ultimately the block captains will communicate with each other about anything they think residents on other streets need to know about. Recently our HOA Board placed signs at our entrances stating that the neighborhood participates in the NW Program and there has already been a decrease in outsiders. Who knows what good will come from all of us looking out for each other!

There are several streets in the Village of Woodwind Lakes (Section 4) which do not have block captains. In Section 1 both sides of Sonata, north and south of Woodwind Dr. in Section 1 still need block captains as does Ensemble Court and the part of Ensemble nearest it. Those interested in being a block captain or to find out the name of your area's block captain, should contact Marianne West at fandmwest@earthlink.net.

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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.

Houston Repertoire Ballet

Houston Repertoire Ballet's The Nutcracker will feature Woodwind Lakes resident Shea Ritter. Performances are on December 8th and 9th.

For more information:

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SECTION 3: 8607 Concerto

SECTION 4: 7903 Clarion Way

A TIP OF THE TROWEL TO: Bob and Leah Magee for their donation of a large Sago Palm – and to Bob and Lee Suydam for transplanting it!

Thanks to Monarch Landscaping for transplanting the pool palms and the angel trumpet tree.

On Saturday, November 6th, the GROUNDS' COMMITTEE "hosted" a Christmas Wreath Decorating workshop.



The wreaths that we refurbished for the interior of Woodwind Lakes are the older ones that previously only had the red bows. The following ladies participated: Terry Buckner, Linda Coapland, Lucille DeFatta, Joyce Kraft, Ellen Michaels, Marianne West, Suzanne Fontenot-Williams and Diana Mintner

We welcome suggestions and Resident involvement in the Grounds Committee. Feel free to contact either Suzanne Fontenot-Williams at suzydiver@att.net or Diana Mintner at dianamintner@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

REMINDER: The December Yard of the Month awards are based on EXTERIOR HOLIDAY DÉCOR!

Winter Gardening Tips

While plants need much less water during our winter season - mixed in with cold weather, day time temperatures in the 70s are not unusual - they still need to be watered at least once per week in the absence of rain. Do not overwater but do mulch to help maintain consistent moisture. A 4" - 6" layer of pine needles makes an excellent mulch by keeping soil moisture consistent, allowing air to reach plant roots, and maintaining soil acidity.

Unless over seeded with rye grass, lawns are care-free this time of year. Cool weather and short day lengths make watering the lawn almost unnecessary. If you over seeded your lawn with rye grass, fertilize it in mid-December to make the rye grass darker green and encourage growth. Rake leaves off your lawn and use them as mulch under your shrubs, roses, perennials and annuals. Shred large ones first with your lawn mower before using them as mulch.

Cut back fall-flowering perennials after they have finished blooming. Water newly planted, transplanted, or divided perennials as soon as they are in the ground. Established perennials usually need little or no additional irrigation beyond natural rainfall. Refrain from feeding perennials until March.

Although roses may continue to bloom and grow, do not fertilize them. Black spot can occur during winter, but it doesn't hurt modern rose bushes enough to merit spraying them with fungicide. (Antique and Earth Kind roses don't need to be sprayed at all.)

Newly planted trees should remain staked, but check the ties coming into contact with the trunk; the ties should be loosened if they completely encircle the trunk. December through February is a good time to prune trees, except Crepe Myrtles. These should be pruned in late March to mid-April.

Cool season annuals don't need to be fed during December. You can start feeding them again beginning in mid-January.

Generally, houseplants are pretty tough, and most will be okay outdoors as long as night temperatures stay above 45°F. On colder nights, either bring them into a protected location or cover them with a light blanket or frost cloth.

Most shrubs and perennials do not suffer from our light freezes, so unless temperatures drop below 25° F for a prolonged period, there is no need to protect your typical landscape shrubs from the cold. Cover potted plants with freeze cloth, and/or move to the south side of the house where it is warmer. Cover in-ground tropical plants with frost cloth.

For a hard freeze, use boxes, blankets, towels, and canvas tarps to protect annuals, tender perennials and tropical plants. Established plantings usually don't need to be protected. Hold the covers down with bricks or stones, because strong winds often accompany freezes.

Do not use plastic to cover plants, which unlike freeze-cloth and other "breathable" materials, does not allow air circulation. Water from a plant's respiration will accumulate underneath the plastic, drip onto its branches and freeze, even in a light frost situation. And if the plastic is not removed during sunny days, heat gets trapped underneath it and cooks the plant.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club of Woodwind Lakes expanded their creative knowledge about flower arrangement during their November meeting. Albert of SKETCH Florist by Albert, on Windfern Drive, taught the intricate nuances of placement of flowers within any vase. The members actively and individually composed their arrangement which each took home. Albert generously donated an arrangement and chose the lucky member, who will receive this gift during the Christmas Holidays.

The Club is eagerly awaiting their Christmas Potluck Luncheon to be hosted by Anne Martin on December 18th. Everyone will bring a wrapped gift for a child which is delivered to the Club's Charity, The Mission of Yahweh. The members will also have a gift exchange to express the joy of the Christmas season.

Following the hectic activities of December and the New Year, the January information to be gained by its members will center on the rewards of massage therapy. The host for this relaxing time will be Fran Smith.

The Woodwind Lakes Women's Club welcomes all women of our subdivision to join their group. Membership is available any month of each year. Come join us! (Joyce Kraft 713-983-7738, President; Stacia Harvey 713-899-6491, Secretary)

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer (www.momsintouch.org) meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. at 8906 Opus Court. All moms with school-aged children are welcome to come pray for their kids and their schools. For more information, contact Kristah at kristah_slate@yahoo.com.

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The online web discussion group has had many active topics and resources for families with children of all ages... topics include items for sale, repair person resources, school information, networking for childcare and elder care.

Please contact Rebecca Waterman at 713-896-9796 or rebeccawaterman@sbcglobal.net if you would like to join the group and online discussion board. Your information will be shared with other group members only. There are no dues or time commitments.

BABYSITTERS NEEDED

Are you a resident who is interested in babysitting with the families in the neighborhood? The Mothers of Woodwind Lakes is collecting names as a resource to all residents. A short e-mail with your current information and fall schedule is very helpful even if you have been on the list before. Whenever you send a new e-mail it will get posted to the group again.

For more information contact:

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