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WALDEN ON LAKE HOUSTON
LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION HOSTS THEIR ANNUAL
**PLAY FOR PINK CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

OCTOBER 14, 2013

The Play for Pink Tournament Committee of Walden on Lake Houston Ladies Golf Association would like to invite you to participate as a player or sponsor of the 2013 Play for Pink Tournament. This will be our 4th annual event and we have donated more than \$45,000 to the Play for Pink Foundation. Play for Pink Foundation is a 501(c) organization that is sponsored by Bloomberg, Estee Lauder and Wilson Sporting Equipment. These sponsors provide support to cover all the administrative costs of the foundation thus all amounts donated to Play for Pink are used solely for the research for a cure for breast cancer.



Participants of this golf tournament are members of Walden on Lake Houston Country Club as well as golfers from around the Houston area. Please contact us today if you have any interest in participating as a player, sponsor or volunteer. Please consider joining us by completing the form on page 6. Hope you can join us!

If you have any sponsorship questions, you may contact Gia Hall at (713) 927-4806 or play4pink@gmail.com. We appreciate the support and thank you for your help in finding a cure!

MESSAGE *from the* BOARD

The Board of Governors of Walden of Lake Houston Golf and Country Club are happy to begin sending all members of the Walden Community and Country Club members this newsletter. Our hope is that through this publication we are able to help improve communication between the club and its membership. There are many changes that have happened over the last several years and are planned for the future.

The mission of the Board of Governors is to partner with club management to create the very best club experience, every day, for all members. If you have never been to the club, please take the time to come and visit us. As you may know, we offer Golf, Tennis, Dining, Special Events as well as very nice Swimming and Workout Facilities. We have some very exciting things happening here at Walden. With the assistance of a strong membership roster we have recently renovated our patio area, men's locker room, course restrooms and are about to undergo an extensive "Sand Trap Renovation" throughout the golf course to make your golf experience a more enjoyable one. I hear from our current members repeatedly that, "our golf course has the best greens in our area". I am confident that Walden on Lake Houston Golf and Country Club provides the best value for a Full Golf Membership in all of Houston. We welcome you and your family to just drop in and ask for Brad Kuykendall (Membership Director) and take a tour of our facilities and find out about options for your immediate enrollment. We hope to see you soon both on the course and around the clubhouse!

Chester Loth
Walden on Lake Houston C.C.
Chairman of the Board

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FROM THE WALDEN PRO SHOP

OCTOBER NEWS & EVENTS:

Men's Golf Association Member Guest Tournament

October 11th – 13th – Please get the information and sign-up sheet in the pro shop.

General Tee-Times for Open Play on October 11th will be 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

There will be NO Tee-Times for Open Play on October 12th

General Tee-Times for Open Play on October 13th will be 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Front Only)

Men's Senior Golf Association Individual Mulligan Tournament

October 8th – Please get the information and sign-up sheet in the pro shop.

Ladies Golf Association Member/Member Golf Tournament

October 19th and 20th – Please get the information and sign-up sheet in the pro shop.

Ladies Golf Association "Play For Pink" Charity Golf Tournament

October 14th – See sign-up sheets and sponsor forms enclosed and in the pro shop.

Night Golf Event

October 26th – Food and Music from 5:00 – 7:-- p.m.; Play starts at approximately 7:00 p.m. Please call the pro shop to sign up.

GENERAL PRO SHOP INFORMATION:

Pro Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tee Times: Tuesday-Friday must be made one week in advance. Please call on Thursday for Saturday tee times and call on Friday for Sunday tee times starting at 8:00 a.m. each day.

New Key Policy:

Each player must check in at the pro shop prior to their tee time to get a golf cart key and confirm their tee time.

Golf Lessons:

Charlie Rudd - \$60.00 per lesson

Steve Ludwig - \$60.00 per lesson

Ken Kirchoffer - \$60.00 per lesson

(Lessons are 45 minutes)

Merchandise News:

The pro shop is now carrying Bridgestone and Oakley merchandise. As always, golf members receive T-BAM (Thanks for being a member) pricing on all golf apparel and equipment in the pro shop which equals approximately a 20% discount off regular retail pricing.

Driving Range:

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday open 7:00 a.m. till 30 minutes prior to sunset (weather permitting)

Dress Code: Normal golf attire must be worn on the range at all times.



Cheryl Stevens

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around Houston. Builders are selling homes faster than they can build them.

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 If you or anyone you know is considering selling, please give me a call. I would be happy to provide you with a free confidential Market Analysis of your home.



### Interest Rates causing a slowdown in the market?

Through the first six months of 2013, several significant trends continue to have an impact on the market for new homes in the Houston area. These include robust job growth, low resale inventory, and high affordability –all driving home demand. However, interest rates have risen and affordability has declined by a small percentage. It is possible that as buying power erodes with higher interest rates, homebuyers may not bid up the price of homes as aggressively as they have over the past 6-months. Interest rates along with price increases seem to have caused some people to pause for a moment in some areas.

### All Homes closed in Walden 8/1/13- 8/31/13

| Closed Date | Address               | BR | Bths | Bldg SqFt | Yr   | List Price | Sold Price | SP/ SF  | DOM |
|-------------|-----------------------|----|------|-----------|------|------------|------------|---------|-----|
| 8/19/2013   | 18714 RACQUET RIDGE   | 3  | 2/0  | 2,017     | 2003 | \$154,700  | \$150,000  | \$74.37 | 19  |
| 8/15/2013   | 7732 SILVER LURE      | 3  | 2/1  | 2,384     | 2005 | \$167,000  | \$172,500  | \$72.36 | 48  |
| 8/28/2013   | 18619 BLUEWATER       | 4  | 2/1  | 2,416     | 2000 | \$169,900  | \$173,000  | \$71.61 | 28  |
| 8/28/2013   | 18531 BLUEWATER       | 3  | 2/0  | 2,062     | 1998 | \$174,900  | \$177,500  | \$86.08 | 12  |
| 8/20/2013   | 19102 MASTERWOOD      | 4  | 3/1  | 2,807     | 1983 | \$179,900  | \$172,900  | \$61.60 | 6*  |
| 8/16/2013   | 18607 SKIPPERS HELM   | 4  | 2/1  | 2,568     | 2006 | \$179,900  | \$175,000  | \$68.15 | 30  |
| 8/14/2013   | 18702 TRANQUILITY     | 3  | 2/1  | 2,600     | 1994 | \$189,900  | \$191,525  | \$73.66 | 63  |
| 8/09/2013   | 7915 DEVLIN DR        | 4  | 3/1  | 3,085     | 1999 | \$189,900  | \$186,900  | \$60.58 | 68  |
| 8/30/2013   | 8226 MALARDCREST      | 4  | 2/1  | 2,439     | 1992 | \$194,900  | \$195,000  | \$79.95 | 11  |
| 8/23/2013   | 18403 MARINER         | 3  | 2/1  | 2,126     | 2012 | \$199,850  | \$200,000  | \$94.07 | 53* |
| 8/30/2013   | 8515 RIGBY CT         | 4  | 2/1  | 2,727     | 1994 | \$199,900  | \$199,900  | \$73.30 | 21  |
| 8/05/2013   | 8522 MALARDCREST      | 5  | 3/1  | 3,262     | 1997 | \$209,900  | \$215,000  | \$65.91 | 61  |
| 8/29/2013   | 18806 Rusty Anchor Ct | 5  | 3/0  | 3,026     | 1999 | \$209,900  | \$208,000  | \$68.74 | 15* |
| 8/14/2013   | 18506 Red Sails Pass  | 4  | 3/1  | 3,231     | 2006 | \$212,900  | \$204,000  | \$63.14 | 80  |
| 8/26/2013   | 8527 DISCUS           | 4  | 2/2  | 2,797     | 1999 | \$224,999  | \$226,200  | \$80.87 | 21  |
| 8/09/2013   | 18602 AGILE PINE DR   | 4  | 2/1  | 2,671     | 2004 | \$229,775  | \$214,000  | \$80.12 | 88  |
| 8/01/2013   | 7603 TUMBLING RD      | 4  | 2/0  | 2,405     | 1997 | \$235,000  | \$228,000  | \$94.80 | 6   |
| 8/14/2013   | 8315 NYAD             | 5  | 3/1  | 3,656     | 1995 | \$249,900  | \$243,900  | \$66.71 | 20* |
| 8/02/2013   | 8619 SPORTS HAVEN     | 5  | 3/1  | 3,322     | 2003 | \$257,000  | \$254,000  | \$76.46 | 0*  |
| 8/26/2013   | 18518 RUSTIC OAR      | 5  | 3/1  | 3,621     | 2005 | \$259,000  | \$263,500  | \$72.77 | 14* |
| 8/30/2013   | 18715 HICKORY ASHE    | 5  | 3/1  | 3,552     | 1995 | \$315,000  | \$315,000  | \$88.68 | 8*  |
| 8/23/2013   | 18607 CATAMARAN       | 4  | 3/1  | 4,280     | 2001 | \$449,750  | \$420,000  | \$98.13 | 5*  |

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# Lake Houston Ladies Club

*Submitted by Laura Pavlat, Publicity Chairman*

### OCTOBER MEETING:

The Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. This month's entertainment will be "Fun with Psychics". The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information and for reservations call by Friday, October 11th by 5:00 p.m.

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*Friday nights are "Fine Dining Fridays"* – Creations by Executive Chef John Quinn – You'll see steaks, seafood, pastas, salads and great appetizers, options change each week! Call for weekly details.

*Friday, October 6th* – Texan's Fan Craze Party on the Patio – Texans vs. 49ers – Best Dressed Texan Fan Contest – 50 cent wings, \$2.00 slices of pizza, drink specials and baked potato bar – featuring games and prizes!

*Friday, October 25th* – Freaky Friday Costume Ball – Adult Halloween Party – Buffet Dinner – Best Costume Contest – Drink Specials.



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# 2013 Play for Pink Tournament

## October 14, 2013



18 hole 4 person scramble format  
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Silent Auction



Schedule of Events  
9:00 - Registration and Breakfast  
10:00 - Shotgun Start  
2:30 - Lunch and Silent Auction

Cost: - \$400 per team  
Deadline: - October 7, 2013

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### TEAM REGISTRATION

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_

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# MORTGAGE RATES

There's no doubt that mortgage rates have risen from the record lows seen in 2012. Given a choice, everyone wants the lowest possible interest levels. The question is whether rates today have risen to the point where real estate is no longer attractive.

I believe that one of the attributes possessed by Great Realtors is perspective. Buyers, almost all of us are emotional. It can be hard for many to purchase a home with interest rates at 4.5, 5, 6, or 7+ percent interest when just 60 days ago they heard of friends and family getting 2.5% interest rates on a 15 year mortgage. Perspective; mortgage rates are astonishingly low. The expectation should be that rates are rising and will continue to do so. The logical answer is that now is the time to buy before rates go higher.

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