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Common Area Clean-up

Busy beavers have been at work with chain saws. Just in case you haven't noticed, the Family Pool has a new haircut with the removal of overgrown trees and palm fronds. It looks quite nice. The entrances at Fairbanks North Houston and Windfern have been widened with the removal of brush and graffiti has been removed. At the Gessner entrance, old trees have been removed and replaced with smaller, more desirable species. The Lake #2 Palm Tree at the waterfall has been cleaned of fronds. On Windfern, Philippine, Gessner, Mauna Loa, and Fairbanks North Houston, extensive vine cutting and brush removal has taken place.



Houston Repertoire Ballet

Houston Repertoire Ballet's The Nutcracker will feature Woodwind Lakes Residents Katie Davis and Shea Ritter!

Performances are on Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm & 7 pm and on Sunday, December 8 at 1 pm & 430 pm at Tomball High School Theatre, 30330 Quinn Road Tomball TX 77375

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MUD 261 News

District Projects Complete and Operational

This year has seen MUD 261 complete major joint water and wastewater projects. These projects are complete, operational, and completed on budget.

JOINT WATER TRANSMISSION LINE AND RE-PRESSURIZATION PROJECT

Windfern Forest Utility District and MUD 261 entered into a joint agreement to ensure improved, sustained water pressure for both districts through construction of a \$2 million water transmission line that permits City of Houston water to be delivered to WFUD facilities and re-pumped at higher pressures to customers.

By contract, MUD 261 paid 26 percent of the project costs and now owns a like share of the line capacity. Our district continues to have two open sources for water receipt: the City of Houston and WFUD groundwater wells. The completed project permits both districts to fully utilize the monthly City of Houston "take-or-pay" purchased water contract and allows re-pressurization that has boosted customer water pressures by approximately ten psi.

The District paid for the project by conserving cash for several years, then managing cash flow and disbursing the savings during construction. No debt was issued.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT REHAB PROJECT

In addition, 2013 saw Rolling Fork PUD and MUD 261 complete a rework of the joint sewage treatment plant (STP). The old facility was due for major maintenance and repairs. In accordance with our contract with RFPUD, MUD 261 shared 32 percent of the \$1 million project cost.

The STP rehab is expected to ensure good operation and reduced maintenance for approximately the next fifteen years.

Similar to the joint water transmission line project, the district paid our share via funds saved in anticipation of the event. No money was borrowed.

As our district ages, additional long-term water and wastewater projects will be necessary to maintain service. The MUD has been working with our engineering and operations advisors to identify such work and estimate costs.

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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.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The weather we have all been awaiting has finally arrived. It's so nice to see so many residents enjoying our community trails. And speaking of which - the Grounds Committee is undertaking the "revamping" of the entrances to the trails. This will not be completed overnight, but we have been planning and meeting and drawing up the plans to add more color and "interest" to those areas. Our current Grounds Committee members are Terry Buckner, Jim and Linda Coapland, Joe and Lucille DeFatta, Laura Gomez, Ken Hein, Joyce Kraft, Michael Landry, Jay and Ellen Michaels, Ray Pavia, Mauricio Villegas, Hank and Suzanne Fontenot Williams and Dave and Diana Mintner. We welcome all residents to join us. Our NEXT MEETING is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH at 7 PM at the home of Joyce Kraft, 7710 Allegro Drive.

Many homeowners have also been working hard on their front yard landscaping. We would like to congratulate the following who have received YARD OF THE MONTH certificates and gift cards to RCW Nursery:

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SECTION ONE - 9202 BRAHMS LANE
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SECTION FOUR - 7902 CLARION WAY

Remember that our December YARD OF THE MONTH winners will be chosen based on holiday décor. And of course, we are always excited when Monarch Landscaping hangs all of our wreaths throughout the neighborhood

On behalf of the Grounds Committee of Woodwind Lakes, we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Women's Club

The Women's Club of WWL is planning to go out for lunch and a movie on November 19, 2013.

For more information about the Women's Club, please contact one of the WC of WWL officers.



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GARDENING TIPS

Presented By RCW Nurseries

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner. Each year at this time we're kept busy answering questions about what to plant, and when to fertilize, during this cooler period to keep the yard looking at its festive best. Here's a few we feel are of general interest to all:

Q: Can I plant Pansies now?

A: Absolutely! Not only can you plant Pansies, there are a huge variety of flowering plants that provide winter color, in the ground or a container. Many of these are available throughout the season:

English Daisies, Snapdragons, Stock, Alyssum, Hollyhock, Iceland Poppy, California Poppy, Ornamental Kale, Nemesis, Heliotrope, Lobelia, Violas, and Pot Marigold.

All perform well in full to partial winter sun. Water and mulch them after planting. To keep them blooming, you can foliar feed them with a soluble fertilizer every 2 weeks. You can also dead head the spent blooms to force more flowering branches.

The exceptions are Alyssum, Lobelia, and Nemesis where you want to trim them back after New Years, Valentine's Day, and Easter. And there is no way to dead head or trim Ornamental Kale.

Q: Is there any plant that will flower in the shade during winter?

A: Cyclamen is your only choice. It is a tuber, so just plant it high so the tuber sits on top of the soil; otherwise it can rot. Powdering the planting hole with bone and/or blood meal will keep it fed all winter. Dead head the spent blooms to encourage it to produce more flowers. Some varieties of Cyclamen have a talcum powder scent, making them perfect to plant near a doorway.

Depending on how deeply shaded where it is planted, Cyclamen's leaves make a wonderful ground cover during the warm season.

Q: When and with what does one feed blooming Camellias and Azaleas?

A: Feed both shrubs after they are done blooming. Camellias should be fed after blooming, and then again six weeks later. Azaleas are also fed after they are done blooming, monthly until June. Both can be fed with an Azalea/Camellia/Magnolia fertilizer. Just follow the label directions.

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Please contact Dana Patterson (greg.dana.patterson@gmail.com) if you would like to join the group and online discussion board. Your information will be shared with other WWL Mother's 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 collects 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.

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Breast Cancer: Importance of Early Detection

By: *Concentra Urgent Care*

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

Screening is vital because early stages of the disease are easier to treat. The American Cancer Society recommends women:

- Obtain yearly mammography screenings, beginning at age 40
- Obtain yearly clinical breast exams
- Check your breasts regularly for lumps
- Discuss their breast cancer risk with their physician

Breast cancer risk increases as we age. Other factors that increase a woman's risk for breast cancer include:

- Having started menstrual periods at a young age
- Having a first child after age 30
- Use of hormone replacement therapy
- Having a family history of breast cancer

Men are also at risk for rare cases of breast cancer. All persons familiar with the normal look and feel of their breasts should promptly report any unexpected changes to their physicians. The American Cancer Society recommends both women and men consult their doctor if they notice any of the following:

- A new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness, or warmth that does not go away
- Recurrent pain in a particular part of the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly in only one breast
- An itchy, sore, or scaly area on one nipple

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