

Woodwind Lakes



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WOODWIND LAKES NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

We want to bring the community together to create a better sense of camaraderie and also serving the community.

Our goal is to have different leaders for each of the subcommittees formed to serve the community.

Some of the possible activities and already formed activity subcommittees are as follows:

1) **Christmas Committee** – more décor, music, group activities Chairpersons: Terry Buckner and Nancy Rubiano.

2) **Halloween** – Chairperson: Polly Looper

2) **4th of July** – Help in creating more excitement and assist others groups already participating in a celebration

3) **Chili or BBQ cook-off**

4) **Clean our community of trash day**

5) **American Flag Pride**

Please bring your ideas forward so that a subcommittee can be formed. If interested please contact Ray Pavia at email ray77040@gmail.com

Enhancing Our Community

For some time now, steering committees have been working with MUD #261 on the feasibility of two community improvements, a MUD building and a Perimeter Beautification (wall). Woodwind Lakes has many great amenities; our lakes, fountains, waterfalls, walking paths, tennis courts, pools, pavilion, kiddie playground and adult exercise area. There are two amenities we lack which leave us uncompetitive with other neighborhoods and it makes a difference with home shoppers.

A MUD building would be a place within the community for meetings, functions, parties and fellowship.

A Perimeter Wall along Fairbanks North Houston and Windfern Road would serve in noise abatement and provide an aesthetic first impression for the boundaries of the un-gated portion of our community.

To review, a MUD #261 Building would be located on MUD property in the rear of the community reserve. It will be built, maintained and scheduled by the MUD. A perimeter

wall would be located outside the fence lines along the streets mentioned above. The wall would be built and maintained by the MUD.

The plan going forward will include two Town Hall meetings and a consent election. At the Town Hall meetings, representatives from the steering committees and from MUD #261 will be present to offer information and answer questions. Both meetings will be held at the WFUD building, 14410 Mauna Loa Lane.

Town Hall Meetings.....April 6 @ 3 PM, and again April 7 @ 7 PM

The consent election will be held at the Pavilion on April 12, from 10 AM to 4 PM. All adult members of households in Municipal Utility District #261 are eligible to vote. Voters may confirm support for one or both of the projects. Conversely, voters may reject one or both projects. The two projects are not competing with each other.

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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.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Our first meeting of the new year was held in early February. We will update you in following newsletters on our future projects for 2014. Please remember that you are always invited to become a member of this committee. Contact either Suzanne or Diana for more information.

We would like to commend two of our canine rescue "angels" who live in Woodwind Lakes. In mid-January, Stacia Harvey managed to "lure" two dogs into her car, fearing they would get hit if permitted to continue to run loose. She and Suzanne Fontenot-Williams took them to the Fairbanks-North Houston Animal Hospital to check on the possibility of their being micro chipped—weren't. Stacia posted their picture and information on the NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOR website and Suzanne brought them to her house. This story has a happy ending—the owners live in WWL!! These ladies have picked up many unleashed dogs, the majority of whom are WWL Residents. The moral of this story is: microchip your pets AND be sure your yard does not have any escape routes.

We are off to a great start in 2014 with some nicely landscaped yards.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING HOMEOWNERS FOR WINNING THE JANUARY YARD OF THE MONTH:



Section One
9214 Cymal Court

Section Two
8927 Andante Drive

Section Three
8719 Serenade Lane

Section Four
9327 Cantata Court

SECTION 4 FORUM

Hello, Friends and Neighbors. We have some exciting news to share for Section 4. Over the past several months, there have been suggestions to have a group to focus on issues that pertain to the unique needs of The Village/Section 4 (the gated portion of Woodwind Lakes). The Village/Section 4 faces some different challenges by design as many became aware of this past summer.

In lieu of that, the Board has approved formation of The Village/Section 4 Forum. The Section 4 Forum will meet quarterly, the Wednesday before the Board Meeting. The purpose is to specifically address issues, ideas, and concerns related to The Village/Section 4 Residents. These meetings allow for a guided, yet informal approach to discussion that

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Gardening Tips

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These new roses' disease resistance and growth habit will convince you how trouble free growing roses can be, and how they can beautifully fit in your yard.

Hybrid tea is a traditional rose bearing long-stemmed flowers. This year's new introduction is Dee Lish. It has large, 6-inch deep pink non-fading blooms with a very strong fragrance of verberna and citrus. Disease resistance is ranked as very good, and the semi-glossy medium green leaves are a nice contrast to color of the blooms. It makes an excellent cut flower.

Floribunda rose is a shrub that bears clusters of flowers above lush, full leaves. It generally grows 3 to 4 feet tall and wide, making it very suitable as a hedge, or specimen. Jump for Joy has large showy clusters of ruffled 4-inch diameter blooms. Round bushy shrub consistently produces flowers on dark red new growth.

The grandiflora roses can be thought of as a floribunda on steroids. They bloom prolifically and produce clusters of flowers providing 1-snip bouquets. The new Coretta Scott bears 4-inch creamy white blooms blushed with coral-orange on an upright bushy shrub. It honors the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who carried on his work, and the 50th anniversary of his I Have A Dream speech.

Miniature roses are petite versions of full-sized roses featuring diminutive flowers and foliage. But they're not just shrublets – they can also be climbers, like Good as Gold. Its clusters of strongly scented double blooms are repeatedly produced. It climbs up to 8 feet with its easy to train with flexible shoots.

This year we're carrying 200 varieties planted in 3 gallon biodegradable paper pots, containing rose soil, fertilizer and Root Activator. Their canes are pruned to their proper height, ensuring that each bush attains its maximum blooming potential. The biodegradable paper pots are meant to be planted directly in the ground, where they will decompose.



Believe us, roses are no harder to grow than a typical shrub. Plant them in a location where they receive direct sunlight for eight hours or more each day, and has good air circulation. If you're planting near a wall, or fence, allow at least 1 foot of space between it and the rose. If you're growing a rose in a pot, choose one that is large enough to allow the roots to grow. A pot that can hold 7 gallons, or is the size of a half whiskey barrel is a good choice. Keep them mulched, water early in the morning, feed them a few times a year, and you'll have generally met all their requirements.

Woodwind Lakes Spring Garage Sale

April 26, 2014, 7:00am

Make your plans to clean out those items that you now find unnecessary. Join in the fun for a neighborhood event!

If you don't have a garage sale sign, beginning April 19th you can buy one for \$10 from the following residents:

Joyce Kraft - 7740 Allegro Drive

Jay Michaels - 7103 Woodwind Lakes Dr.

Liz Carreno - 9427 Sinfonia

Gail Ford - 7614 Rolling Rock St.

Women's Club

Our next meeting is on March 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the home of our Treasurer, Dawn Porter (8610 Concerto Circle) where we will learn about The 3 R's. Not sure what The 3 R's are? Come join us to find out!



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Pet Etiquette



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- When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle; or
- When it is on the premises of the custodian and the animal does not have access to a sidewalk or street.

Any Animal not under restraint is defined as a stray and any stray animal is subject to being impounded by an animal control officer

Below is a link to the Harris County Animal Regulations site. Please familiarize yourself with the specifics of the law and encourage others to do so as well. This will help keep you and your pets safe as you enjoy the lakes and common areas.

<http://www.hcphe.org/vph/Pdfs/HarrisCountyAnimalRegulations.pdf>

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please take advantage of the dog waste dispensers. There are two on Lake One, and there are three on Lake Two. Uncollected waste is both a nuisance and a health hazard, and there is really no excuse for not picking up after our pets. Please be considerate of others and share the space responsibly.

A little common sense and knowledge of the laws will make our neighborhood a safe environment for everyone. Thank you...

Trash Collection in Woodwind Lakes

Sections 1, 2 and 3

Trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday

Section 4

Trash is collected every Wednesday and Saturday
(Curbside recycling on Saturday)

If a holiday falls on one of our scheduled days, trash will NOT be picked up the following day; however it will be collected on the next scheduled pick up day. Your trash/yard clippings should NOT be put out earlier than the day before scheduled pick up days. If you use a lawn service, please ask them to remove your clippings so they won't sit on the curb prior to our pick up dates. Your lawn service will not remove the clippings unless you ask them to.

Violations will be noted and Owners may be fined.

Section 4 Forum (Continued from Page 3)

should be held on a more local level. This group will also help guide and address needs specific to The Village/Section 4.

When we have several thoughts, ideas and concerns, we will rank those. The top 3 will be presented at the Board Meeting for further action. Issues ranked further down will move up and will be presented in the order in which they get ranked. Residents will have an opportunity to present and gain momentum with issues by presenting their ideas on how to remedy the concern.

The focus is to manage the thoughts, ideas, and concerns so we can more accurately address concerns in the order of importance and in a timely manner. All Residents of Section 4 are encouraged to participate. The intent of the group is not hear grievances, but rather have discussions that will allow for The Village/Section 4 to have a more focused and streamlined approach in working with the HOA Board.

The Village/Section 4 Forum is in no way intended to inhibit anyone from attending the HOA Board meetings. All normal business such as deed restriction issues, architectural permits, etc., cannot be handled, nor heard through this forum.

Watch your mailboxes for the Forum 4 guidelines, TIC (Thought, Idea, Concerns) form, and meeting locations.

The Meeting Dates on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. are: April 9, July 9, October 8, and December 10.

As of this date, we are awaiting confirmation on meeting room availability at the Windfern Forest Utility District Building.

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