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Enhancing Our Community

CHANGE OF VENUE

The consent election will be held at the FAMILY POOL (not the pavilion) on April 12th, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Unfortunately there was a conflict in the scheduling which led to the change. 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.

One of the projects is a MUD Building located on MUD property in the rear of the community reserve. The MUD's north property line is well south of the south fences on Crescendo Court. Such a building would not be behind anyone's home. The pavilion is a wonderful amenity but it is hot in summer, cold in winter and subject to mosquitos. Even so, there is competition for meeting space in our community. A MUD building would be a place within the community for meetings, functions, parties and fellowship. The newly-formed Neighborhood Activity

Committee has several activities in mind for us to enjoy and this building presents a venue for many others such as classes and functions for all age levels and interests. This is true community enhancement and involvement.

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

To learn the details of, ask and ask questions, please plan to attend one of two 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 6th @ 3 PM
.....April 7th @ 7 PM

Unification of All Students of WWL into Same Cy-Fair Schools Effective School Year 2014 -15

Yes, it is true. Effective the public school year starting in August 2014, all WWL students who choose to attend Cy-Fair public schools will be zoned to Gleason Elementary, Cook Middle School and Jersey Village High School! Wow!

How did we achieve unification of our students into the same Cy-Fair schools after 20 years of WWL Section 4 students attending different Elementary & Middle Schools than Sections 1, 2, & 3?

1) By asking questions:

- Why are all WWL students not in same schools since we are one neighborhood?
- Do our residents want the change in Cy-Fair public schools that their students attend?
- What are the fears if we request the Cy-Fair Administration review our school boundaries and consider a change?

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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

Weren't we wearing our shorts and flip flops at this time last year? Think everyone is ready to store sweaters and coats and boots and.....

The Grounds Committee held its first meeting of the year in mid-February. Many ideas were generated including the addition of trees on Fairbanks-North Houston to replace the ones in the median that died. Also, there are some cul de sacs that are in need of TLC and new plants. Remember, we are always interested in input from all of our Residents.

The tulips were beautiful this year.



We know it has been a challenge to maintain our yards and flowers during our recent freezes. It can only get better.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
HOMEOWNERS FOR WINNING THE FEBRUARY 2014
YARD OF THE MONTH:**

Section One
8106 Leticia Drive

Section Three
8719 Golden Chord

Section Two
8914 Andante Drive

Section Four
9414 Sinfonia Drive

Mark your calendars for our next Grounds Committee meeting at the home of Terry Buckner on April 8th.

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 - 9103 Woodwind Lakes Dr.
Liz Carreno - 9427 Sinfonia
Gail Ford - 7614 Rolling Rock St.

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for the spring market.**

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Gardening Tips

Presented by RCW Nurseries

Don't feed the roses, just yet.

Feed established and newly planted rosebushes after they have finished with their initial bloom with an organic fertilizer.

Feed and prune azaleas after they have finished blooming.

Feed them monthly until July. Prune to shape before the final feeding. Do not feed newly planted azaleas with "azalea food" until they have been in the ground at least 6 months.

Install edging around lawn areas and flower beds.

Steel edging is used by landscaping companies, but do-it-yourselfers can use heavy duty vinyl edging that performs just as well. The trick is to nail it into place every 3 feet.

Mulch the beds.

Use humus, pine needles, or aged wood - not rubberized mulch. Organic mulches improve the soil as they decompose. Rubber mulches do not being better suited for playgrounds.

Repot houseplants and move them outdoors

Take the plant out of the pot and slice off one-third of the sides and bottom of the root ball. Trim off damaged leaves. Wash the pot and rinse it well. Repot the trimmed plant with fresh potting soil. Place it where it will only receive morning sun.

Invest in Tree Gator bags and soaker hoses

Automatic in-ground sprinkler systems will not keep these valuable foundation plants watered, especially during dry spells. In the absence of adequate rain, fill the Tree Gator bags once per week

to water your trees. Use soaker hoses once per week to deeply water your shrubs, in the absence of adequate rain. They can be hidden under the mulch.

Check your drip irrigation system

Take a walk and make sure the drip irrigation heads are clear of weeds and mulch.

Check your automatic in-ground sprinkler system

Take a walk and make sure only the lawn and beds are being watered, not the sidewalk and driveway. Check the rings of the impact sprinklers and remove the grass that grew in there.

Feed the lawn.

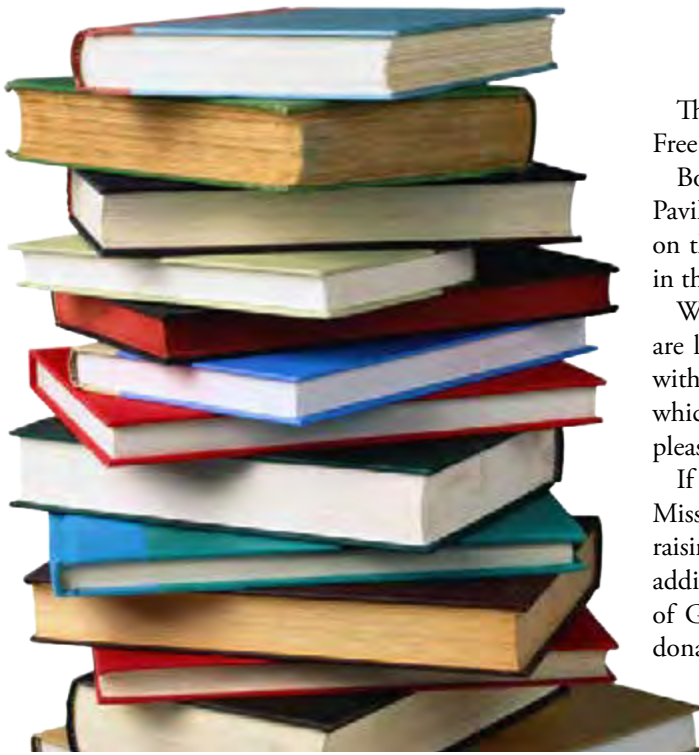
Use either an organic fertilizer, or a high-quality, slow release lawn fertilizer with a 3-1-2 NPK (nitrogen - phosphorus - potassium) ratio. Do not use a weed-n-feed product as it can affect the growth of valuable ornamentals (shrubs, trees, perennials, and annuals).

Keep your gardening education up to date from our local experts.

Visit www.rcwnurseries.com for gardening information and to submit questions. Share your experience on Mary's blog (www.rcwsproutings.com). Read the advice of the Houston Chronicle's Kathy Huber and Lazy Gardener. Take time to listen to gardening information on Randy Lemon's GardenLine Show (KTRH 740 AM) and Tom Tynan's Home Show (KILT 610 AM).

Happy Gardening!





Little Free Library

Thanks to every one for using and donating books to the Little Free Library in the Pavilion.

Books need to be dropped off at the library box positioned in the Pavilion; with children's books on the bottom shelf and adult tomes on the top; we are there at least weekly and will sort what we find in the box.

We do need more donations in the near future. Here is what we are looking for: Gently used reading material spanning all topics with content which the New York Times' motto states, "All the news which is fit to print". Sadly, school books are not very popular so please recycle them on your own.

If books are not used over a month or two, we give them to the Mission of Yahweh for their clients or for them to sell in their fund raising store. We love doing the library project and are happy if we are adding some joy to your reading life. Thank you again, Lynn Collins of Gary Greene Realty, for giving the largest and final monetary donation to get this project started.

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Women's Club

SURPRISE!!!! Our April meeting will be a surprise program topic! Hostess Mercedes Martinez has something fun planned for the Women's Club at the WWL pavilion (7523 Allegro) on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 10 a.m. Noel Hudson, Joycelyn Spears and Yelena Kaplan will be co-hosting this exciting event. Come join us to find out what the surprise is!



See you on Nextdoor

54% of Woodwind Lakes' households are registered on Nextdoor. Every street in the community is represented. (<https://woodwindlakes.nextdoor.com>) Nextdoor was launched last year and has become a wellspring of information for Residents. There is something for everybody; baby sitters, missing pets, school information, items for sale, community events, crime and safety.

Also, there is a documents section where you can find particulars on deed restrictions such as house paints, fence requirements, roof requirements and tree removal. Your settings allow the user to receive emails on every update, none of the updates or updates from selected categories such as crime and safety.

If you haven't signed up yet, please give it a try. Log on or ask your Nextdoor neighbor to send you an invitation.

Pavilion/Adult Pool



The Pavilion and Adult Pool are located at 7523 Allegro. (They are beside the Tennis Courts and in front of The Reserve.)

If you would like to reserve either, please contact Donna Jackson via phone, e-mail, Woodwind Lakes Neighborhood Site or facebook.

Gosh, I didn't realize that I was so accessible!

All I need (once a date has been confirmed with me) is a \$50 deposit along with the appropriate form found under "Amenities" on the Woodwind Lakes website: www.woodwindlakes.us

Once your party is over, you must clean up immediately. No trash can be left in cans or on the curbside.... That's it... So easy....I will then shred your deposit.

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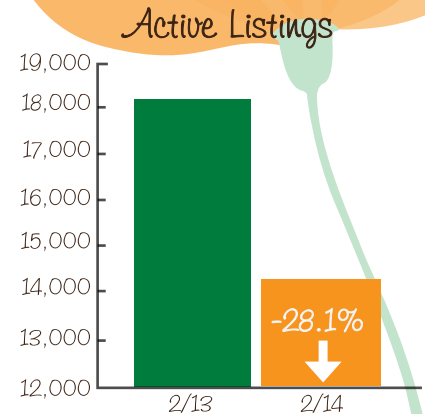
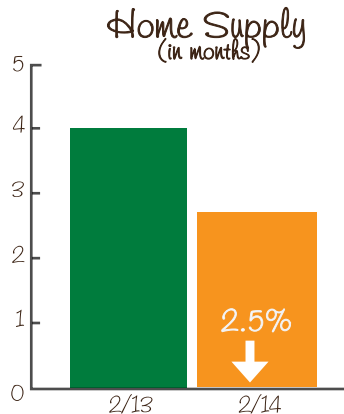
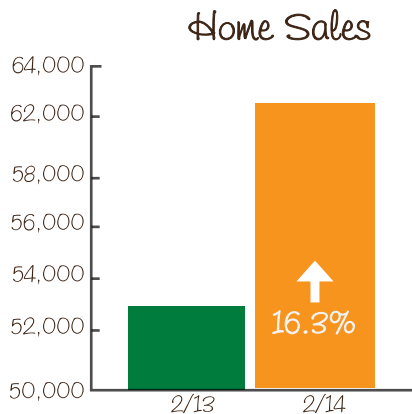
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