

Woodwind Lakes



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Food Around the Lakes and Common Areas

We love to feed our ducks and turtles; however, please make sure that you do not leave food (chips, bread, fruit, etc.) sitting around the lakes. If you are going to feed the animals, please clean up anything that is not eaten so as not to attract insects and other wild animals to the common areas. Not only is it hazardous to many of the animals, it is very unappealing from the standpoint of keeping our common areas nice. Potential home buyers would probably not see that as very aesthetic. If you see food on the ground, please do what you can to pick it up and throw it in a trash can. Use a waste bag (provided at the entrance of the lakes) if necessary.

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Membership Drive

We need YOU to be part of the GROUNDS COMMITTEE. Make 2014 the year that YOU become part of the beautification of Woodwind Lakes and give us your input regarding crucial decisions with our landscaping. This neighborhood belongs to ALL of us and we would love to have more direction from you, our Residents. JUST DO IT!!!! Contact either Diana Mintner or Suzanne Fontenot-Williams. Our email addresses are located on the second page of the newsletter.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mark your calendar for our next meeting - June 10th - at the home of Laura Gomez, 9335 Adagio in Section 4 at 7:00 p.m. Finally, everything is turning green (with the exception of our patios, cars, etc. which are a not so lovely shade of yellow) and aren't we somewhat "pacified" that perhaps we did not lose as many plants/shrubs as we thought.

The Grounds Committee has plans to add additional colorful shrubs to the landscape, particularly around the lake entrances. Also, we are addressing some of the cul de sacs which need updating.

We congratulate the following March Yard of the Month winners:

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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.

Gardening Tips

Presented by RCW Nurseries

The winter has been cold, rainy, with gray skies slowing down cool season flower production; both Confederate Jasmine and Pink Jasmine, reliable late winter bloomers, were pumping out their flowers a couple of weeks later than their usual bloom time of mid-February. Even the beloved Texas Bluebonnets are taking longer to bloom. But remember May is the month of transition where temperatures will be steadily rising into intense heat and humidity – with cool season annuals such as Pansies, Cyclamen and Lobelia just melting away in a few weeks.

May is the month to replace them with annuals and perennials that can take the challenge of our “warm” season. The many varieties of butterfly weed, cuphea, and sages are just some of the sun-loving plants that can not only take the heat, they are drought tolerant when established, and attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Flowering herbs like Chives, Rosemary, Rue, Mint, Mexican Oregano, and others are also good performers in the ground or in pots. Not only do their flowers attract butterflies, they also attract beneficial predatory insects such as Assassin bugs, Green Lacewings, Ladybugs and Predatory Wasps.


We're always on the lookout for varieties that are tough, durable performers. The ability to attract birds and beneficial insects is a great bonus for all. If you have specific plant in mind that you think will do well in our summer, please let us know by calling 281-440-5161 and we'll be happy to try to locate a grower and order it for you as long as their minimum order requirements can be met.

This summer Texas is facing yet another season of drought, so May is a good month to calibrate your entire watering system. Snake a soaker hose around trees, shrubs, and through flower and vegetable beds delivering water directly to the ground they are planted in. Cover it with humus or mulch and no one will know it's there. For trees that cannot be reached with a soaker hose, use a Tregator. Adjust your sprinkler system to ensure it delivers 1 inch of water per week to your lawn, and only your lawn.

And if you don't have one, please install a birdbath. It attracts insect eating birds, such as our native Mockingbird who is a voracious eater of grasshoppers.

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May is also the time to treat the yard for fire ants. According to the Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society, more people have died in Texas from reactions to fire ant stings than anywhere else in the US.

The good news is that you and your neighbors, working together, can control fire ants using the Texas Two Step Method, developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University.

The first step is to lightly scatter fresh fire ant bait over the whole yard when temperatures are above 70 F. The second step is to wait a week and then treat individual mounds. Try to limit treating individual mounds to those found next to house foundations, high-traffic or play areas.

According to Paul Nester, the Texas AgriLife Extension agent responsible for fire ant management in the Houston metro area, communities whose residents participate in this method at the same time can reduce fire ant populations by as much as 90 percent. If you only have one or two mounds, he recommends treating them with natural or organic methods, like mound drench products containing citrus oil or boiling water. He discourages treating the yard with broad-spectrum insecticides -- they kill most other insects, including the beneficial ones. He should know because prior to his current position he worked for the American Cyanamid and Uniroyal Chemical Company.

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SECTION 4 FORUM

The first meeting of the Section 4 Forum was held on Wednesday April 9 at the WFUD Building.

A big "Thank You" to those that came out and participated. Your input is greatly appreciated! We had several people join us for great conversation and discussions on topics regarding The Village/Section 4.

The following topics were discussed as well as the resulting solution:

Topic: Traffic not obeying STOP signs, and speeding vehicles. We enjoy living in a safe neighborhood, but must remember that with Spring and Summer break children are taking to the streets to get exercise and ride their bikes. We must remember that we do not have sidewalks in Section 4. Therefore, ALL of our pedestrian traffic (runners, walkers, dogs, CHILDREN!!) are using the roadways. We must navigate through parked cars as well as moving ones. Please slow down and look for pedestrians. The Village/Section 4 has also experienced a HUGE baby boom in recent years. So, there are many more wee ones out and about. Sometimes, although told hundreds of times, they don't always remember to look both ways. So, we must pay attention for them. STOP means, all cessation of movement. Nothing is too important to risk others safety by not following these rules. See it, Say it. If you notice someone habitually disregarding safety, contact the Constable's Office with a vehicle description, license plate, and time and date of occurrence. Please remember to maintain your safety in obtaining the information.

Topic: Street Parking. With our baby boom come new and additional drivers to some of our homes. Please be kind and aware of your neighbors' driveways, and ability to move through areas safely. This means, not parking directly across from another vehicle creating a narrow gauntlet. In cul de sacs, please make sure that a Fire Engine would be able to safely navigate around the cul de sac without obstructions. All in all, SAFETY is of utmost importance. We all want our neighborhood to remain safe and accessible by emergency vehicles in the unfortunate circumstance that they are needed.

Topic: Grounds Committee Seeks Village/Section 4 Representative(s). If you walk the neighborhood, and/or lakes, please consider participating in this great group. There is a minimal time commitment, and it's a great group of people who enjoy seeing our neighborhood look beautiful! They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Perimeter Fencing. This was a great discussion with many ideas on how to address the issue of aging perimeter fencing. This discussion will require further actions and more conversation. If you would or would not like certain changes regarding the perimeter fencing, now is the time to get involved in this discussion as it's in the early stages. Although the perimeter fencing directly impacts those homes with perimeter property, it also impacts the security, safety and beauty of the entire

neighborhood. Therefore, we encourage ALL residents of the Village/Section 4 to get involved with this topic.

We look forward to the next Village/Section 4 meeting which will be held on Wednesday July 9th in the main room of the Windfern MUD building. In the meantime, if you have any questions, thoughts, ideas or concerns, you can contact the Section 4 Forum at section4wwl@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Woodwind Lakes Section 4. Please note, this email and Facebook page are monitored, but are not for emergency use or matters that are that of the HOA Board.



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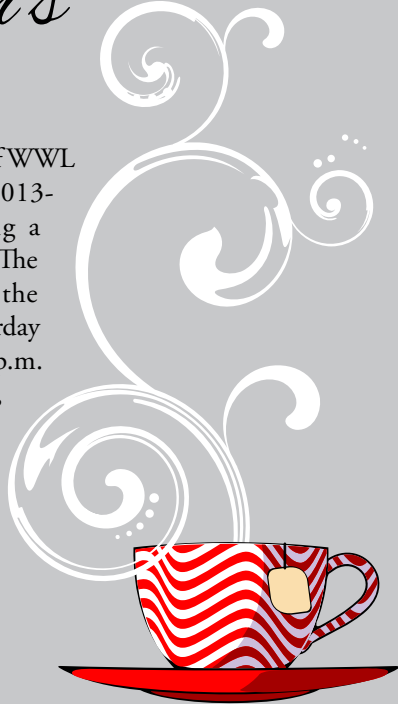


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Women's Club

The Women's Club of WWL will end a fantastic 2013-2014 year by hosting a Hawaiian Luau Party. The party will be held at the WWL Pavilion on Saturday May 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact one of the Women's Club officers (information in the front of the newsletter).



PAVILION ADULT POOL

The Adult Pool and Pavilion are located at 7523 Allegro Drove @ Adagio Avenue. The Adult Pool is open this year from May 3- Sept. 28. No locks have been changed. Should you want to reserve either or both, please contact: Donna Jackson @ 713-466-8668...home or 713-202-6359...cell or e-mail: kotilla@hotmail.com or facebook me in a private message...I am easy to reach!

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CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING

The newly formed WWL Christmas Committee needs you! We will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 8th at 7 p.m. in the home of Terry Buckner at 9207 Brahms Lane. We are looking for interested neighbors who would like to participate in the planning, and of course the hard work, of our inaugural Annual Christmas Celebration. Many great ideas have already been discussed and we are looking forward to making those and others a reality. So bring your ideas, your positive attitude, and your expertise. This is going to be a great community effort. If you cannot join our committee but have ideas you would like to share, please contact us. All ideas are welcome and will be considered.

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