

# The Clippings



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## A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMAN

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As we prepare for the New Year, I would first like to thank everyone for the support I received as your Chairman in 2014. My hope is you will continue to support me in that same role in 2015, as I have been reelected. Joining me in an official role as Secretary is Martyn Bates who was elected into that position by the past Board of Directors. I would like to introduce you to our new Board of Governors members elected by you: Don Karamihan, Brock Ratliff and Misty Rowe. These three individuals will help bring new ideas and insights that the Board of Governors, in conjunction with the Walden Club management team, can utilize to improve our club and facilities. I look forward to employing their services to reach out to each of you and make your experience at Walden one that will help our club prosper and grow.

This year will be a transition year as we begin to work with our new investment group CBONS which has purchased the Walden on Lake Houston Golf and Country club as well as 21 other golf clubs in the United States. It also will be a year of new faces around Walden as we bid farewell to Bob Cook our Golf Course Superintendent, Tim Canavan, Food & Beverage and Fallon Laughlin our Corporate Communications person. We look forward to working with the new employees who will fill these positions and we wish the best for those that are gone.

This year will bring new opportunities for change at Walden that will include working together with all of our members, Golf, Tennis and Social more closely to raise their involvement in activities, improvements and dining / cooking experiences. We want everyone in the Walden community to enjoy our fine Golf and Country Club. For now, we call this initiative Walden Pride. Walden Pride will include activities like Adopt-A-Hole, Adopt-A-Tennis Court, Workout Facility and Pool area improvements; Cooking experiences i.e. Texas Style Barbecues (Rodeo), Cajun Cookout (Mardi Gras), Fourth of July (Picnic), and other such events. Once these and other ideas are discussed and approved by your Board of Governors, we will share them with you. .

So, with great excitement, we all look forward to the rest of 2015 and what it will bring to Walden on Lake Houston Golf and Country Club.

*Sincerely,  
Walt Albright*

2015 Chairman, Walden on Lake Houston Board of Governors

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## A Message from your Athletics Director Mike Beatty

New and exciting programs are coming to your Athletics Facility at Walden on Lake Houston Country Club. Stephen Shields will be joining the Athletics Staff as Head Tennis Professional starting February 2nd. Stephen was a nationally top ranked junior and played collegiately at Texas A&M University. Mike and Stephen will be kicking off new junior and adult classes including a Little Ballers class for children ages three to five. For our adults who want to give tennis a try, we have tennis 101 every Tuesday 7-8pm and Saturday 9-10am. Call the tennis shop at 832-445-2120 for more information. We look forward to serving you!



## February 2015 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Grapestompers	4	5 Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00-9:00pm	6 Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm Daddy Daughter Date Night 6:00-9:00pm	7
8	9	10 SMGA 2-Man Best Ball 8:30am	11	12 Valentine's Dinner 6:00-8:00pm	13 Valentine's Dinner 6:00-8:00pm	14
15	16	17 Dudes and Divas	18	19 Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	20 Fine Dining Friday 6:00-9:00pm	21
22 Sunday Brunch	23	24	25	26 Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	27	28

## Walden Wavez Swim Team



The 2015 Swim Season is just around the corner  
Please check the website for details

[www.waldenwavez.com](http://www.waldenwavez.com)

## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

### January Meeting and Luncheon Information

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. A Mardi Gras Cabaret is planned, featuring music from The Great American Songbook, Creole, Zydeco and New Orleans. Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Tea Time, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, February 13th before 5:00 p.m.



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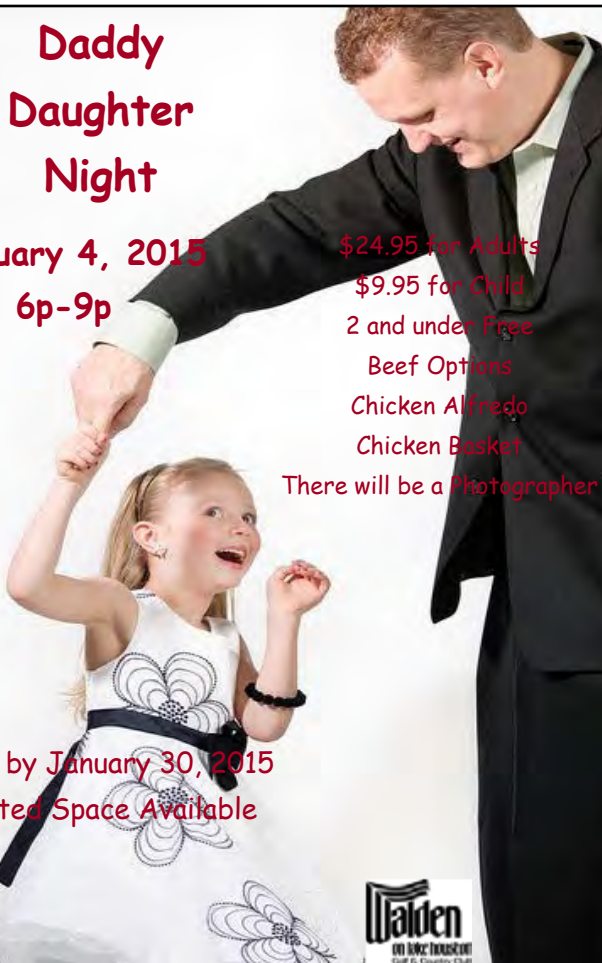
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## LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION MARDI GRAS INVITATIONAL FEBRUARY 21, 2015

The Ladies Golf Association at Walden on Lake Houston is hosting their annual invitational golf tournament this year on Saturday, February 21, 2015. We host 144 golfers from various courses around Houston and each year grows more and more successful thanks to local companies and generous sponsors.

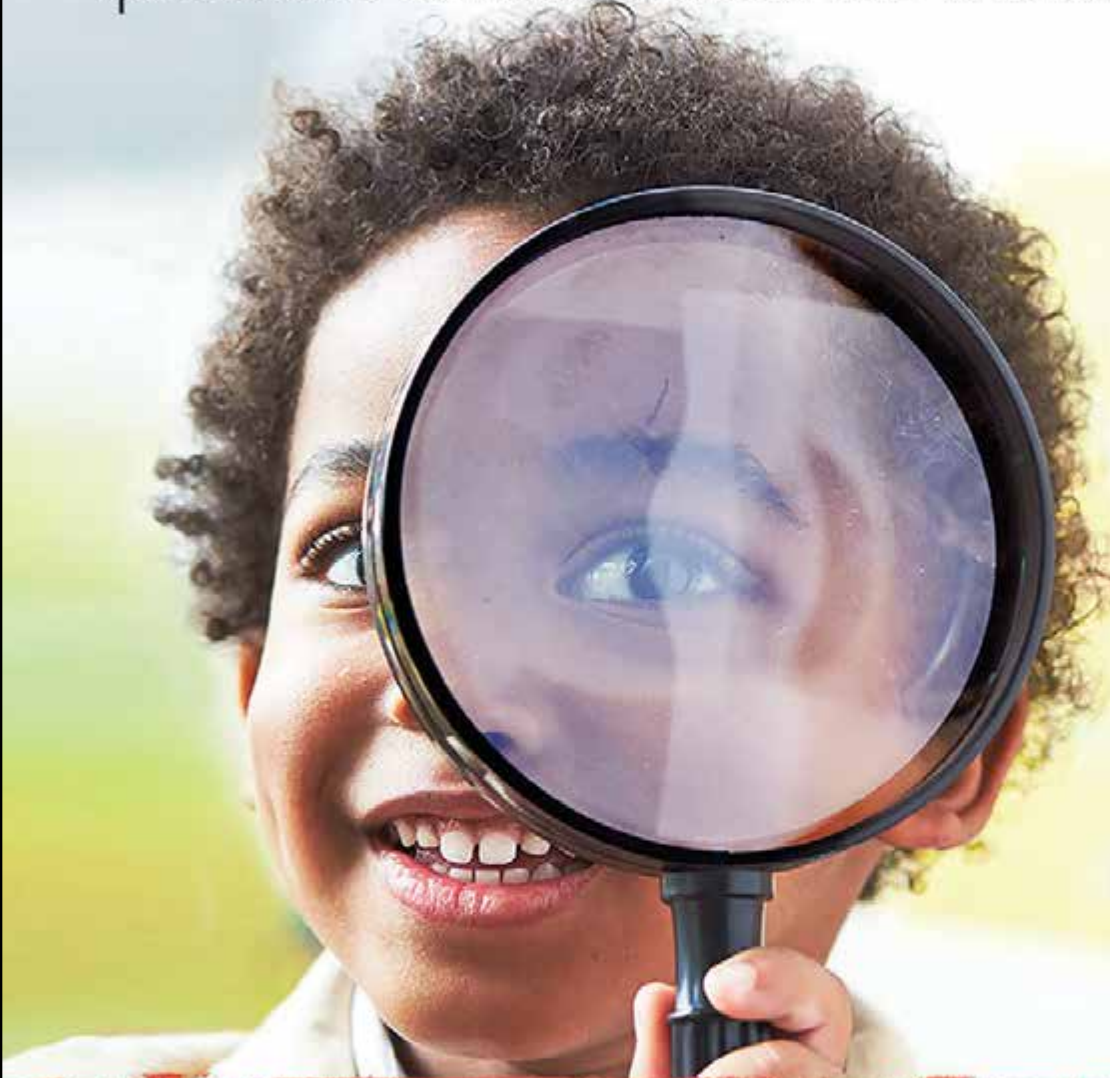
If you are interested in being a sponsor, you can earn free rounds of golf and plenty of exposure through signage, giveaways and other prizes. If you are interested in sponsoring this year we would love to have you on board.

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## 2015 HOUSING PREDICTIONS

If you've been watching the news, or work in the oil and gas industry, you may have some concerns over the price of oil and how this will impact jobs, the value of your home, and overall economy. Though I agree it's smart to pay close attention to the market and follow the news, it's also important to remember that not all stories are true. The media loves "bad news" as it attracts readers and listeners alike. Fortunately there are two sides to every story. Industry experts are predicting yet another fantastic year in Real Estate. Following are a few of the key drivers for a successful 2015.

**Employment:** The nation's employment rate continues to improve. Employment grew on an average of 2% the final quarter of 2014. This growth represents the strongest increase over a 3 month period since March of 2006.

**Millennials:** Young professionals are having great success entering the job market. While job growth increased by 2%, job growth amongst millennials grew by 3%. Experts predict these Millennials will drive two-thirds of household formations over the next several years.

**Houston:** Arguably we live in the strongest city and state in the country. As of October 2014, the Houston metro area had more residential construction than all but two states. Though lower oil

prices will negatively impact our energy sector, Houston continues to experience a demographic growth to sustain it.

**Drop in oil prices could benefit housing:** What? I know this goes against what you've likely heard in the news. According to industry giant CoreLogic, households in the U.S. spend more than \$1,800 annually on energy related costs. 22% of that energy is due to residential real estate. Lowered energy costs at the pump as well as in the home make housing more affordable than ever.

**Interest rates remain low:** Interest rates in January of this year hit a 1.5 year low. Rates have been dipping below 4 percent, lowering the borrowing costs of home buyers. Though these rates will likely see a steady increase over the next 12 months, they remain incredibly low, providing buyers greater incentive to buy your home.

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