

## A Letter from Your Board of Govenors Chairman

Hello neighbors and friends! It has been awhile since I've sent you any information so I hope you find this information exciting.

Well after some time the CBONS/CBIGG executives met with the Board of Governors and Jon Schlemmer. I am inserting the letter that Jon Schlemmer and I drafted together for publication to the members and to all of the Walden community. I think you will find the information very interesting.

The letter is as follows:

"On May 22, 2015 a meeting was called to begin discussions concerning the future renovations for Walden, the Partnership Fund and to address rumors and speculation concerning the status of the club and facilities. Present at this meeting were: the Walden on Lake Houston Board of Governors; Jon Schlemmer, Acting General Manager of Walden; Randy Jones, Chief Executive Officer of CBONS; and Steven Held, Chief Operating Officer of CBONS, the owner of Walden Golf Course and facilities.

CBONS reiterated its position that Walden ranks very high on their portfolio of country clubs they own. Given that, a CBONS tour of Walden facilities has taken place. As a result of the conditions found, CBONS has begun to investigate the feasibility of relocating and rebuilding all of the facilities to the east side of Walden Forest Drive and closer to Lake Houston. Architects and planners are working to determine locations and the cost of rebuilding. CBONS stated there is a very real chance this will occur, with completion within 2-3 years. Under this scenario, the future of the west side of Walden Forest Drive is still undetermined but could result in the area being developed into housing which will meet the restrictions for Olympic Village. If, however, the decision is not to relocate and rebuild, there will definitely be major renovations of all existing Walden facilities.

The Board and CBONS discussed plans for the utilization of the \$165,000 Partnership Fund, which was established during golf membership drives in 2013 and 2014. The original plans were to upgrade the Driving Range and renovate the Women's Locker Room and both the Women's and Men's lavatory areas. However, rather than spend money on projects that may ultimately be reduced to rubble, CBONS offered to partner with the Board to renovate our tee boxes and modify the driving range. The cost to the Board will be \$85,000 and CBONS will add an additional \$90,000. The Board allocated and will spend \$40,000 to purchase items and /or repair a portion of the fitness center, the tennis area, the pool area, and to make minor repairs within the main facility. The use of the \$40,000 balance of the PFC fund has yet to be determined but, as discussed, most likely will be allocated toward repair of the cart paths around the golf course.

The Board of Governors, Walden management and CBONS are excited about this partnership and stated all look forward to working hand-in-hand to bring our facilities up to the CBONS standards."

This is exciting news and I know all of us are ready for the change. By now the leveling of the tee boxes is underway, new pool furniture purchased and new tennis equipment and benches in place. So enjoy the changes and look forward to many new events and more changes as we begin a new chapter in our Walden neighborhood. Watch for postings of upcoming events. They are awesome.

Sincerely,

Walt Albright

2015 Chairman, Walden on Lake Houston Board of Governors

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Walden neighbors and friends, my name is Tanna Follis and I am your Membership Director here at Walden. If you would like information about your membership privileges, call me or schedule a tour.

Do you have a friend or family member looking to join Walden or, are you interested in upgrading to a Golf or Tennis Membership? Let's get the conversation started today!

Some of you may not be aware that we have Member Events each month. All Members are welcome to attend and bring your friends and family! Events are posted on our website, Facebook and weekly emails are sent so you stay up to date.

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# LAKE HOUSTON Ladies Club

#### **April Meeting & Luncheon Information**

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September to May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble TX. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, MahJongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club and Tea Time Group.

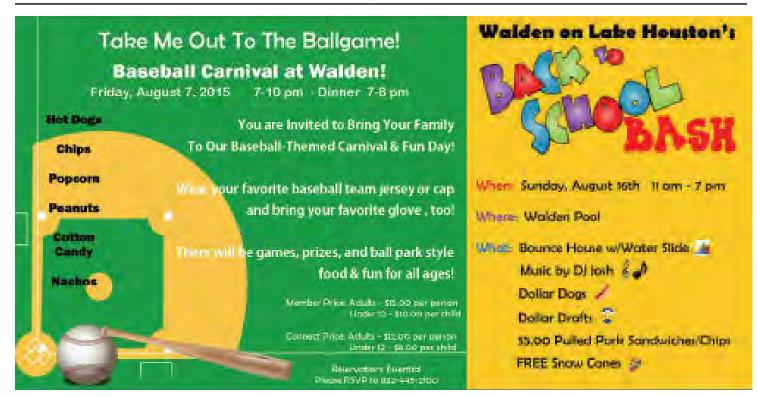
Many of the groups continue throughout the summer months. There are periodic events planned during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Please call Linda at 832-379-3009 for more information about the club.

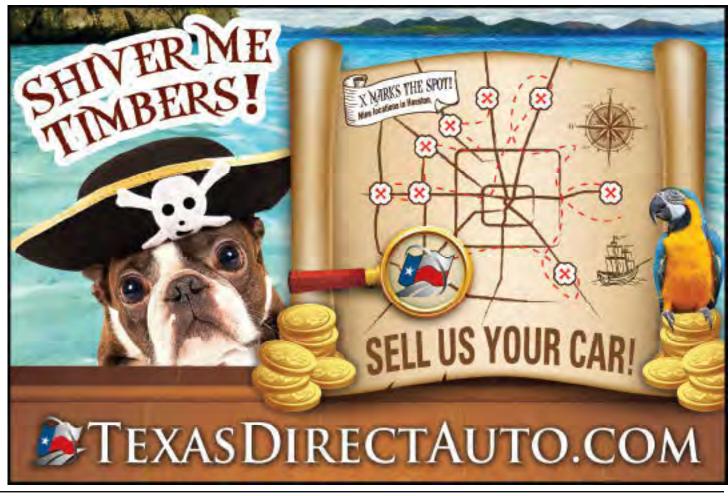


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#### August = Back to School and a Shift in Real Estate

August 24th is around the corner and marks the return to school for our students attending Humble ISD. The kids are almost to the point where they recognize school is not so bad and the parents are certainly ready to stop hearing "I'm so bored!". That's right, "Back to School" is here. August marks the conclusion of family vacations and the beginning of a shopping frenzy for supplies and clothing. Friday nights will certainly be different as stadiums are filled with football, cheerleaders, bands, students, and supporting parents and friends. It's really a great time of year.

The routines we've grown accustomed to over the summer months are about to be disrupted. For many the back to school season can serve as an opportunity to renew your 2015 goals. Dump some of the "bad habits" you've picked up over the summer and start some positive new routines. One of my favorite things to do is to share a light breakfast or lunch with girlifriends. Something I just can't seem to do during the summer months with the kids at home.

Despite economist's predictions of a pending downward market, Real Estate continues to thrive in Northeast Houston. Housing demand remains high and this has resulted in strong resale pricing. We have seen a bit of slowing however with housing "days on market." This has resulted in home prices leveling off a bit. With school around the corner we anticipate this trend will continue. Fortunately, families continue to be drawn to Northeast Houston's best in state schools and entertainment opportunities.

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