



# Northlake Forest

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## NORTHLAKE FOREST YARD of the MONTH

**Congratulations to our friends, the Cebulaks, at 14318 Corktree Knolls** who have won our April Yard of the Month! This lawn is very well-kept, always maintained so nicely and has a great use of color! This yard is always one to be admired and we are so glad that it was nominated and won our April Yard of the Month!

Take a moment to drive by and take a look at this lovely lawn!

Judging for May Yard of the Month was from April 21st -26th. If you see someone stopped in front of your house taking pictures, don't be alarmed. :-)

*Sincerely,  
Northlake Forest Yard of the  
Month Committee*



# NORTHLAKE FOREST

## NLF COMMITTEES

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison ..... Russell McPherson

### LANDSCAPE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison ..... Ken Amstutz

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### NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

Chair .....Elizabeth Oliver  
Board Liaison.....Rebecca Dessenberger

### YARD OF THE MONTH

Chair ..... Kelly Moore  
Board Liaison..... Ken Amstutz

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All of our committees are seeking volunteers to help continue making our community a fun place to be. Just a little bit of your time can go a long way. If you are willing to help, in any way, please contact a board member with your interest.

## NLF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President.....Russell McPherson**  
**Vice President.....Rebecca Dessenberger**  
**Treasurer.....Ken Amstutz**  
**Secretary.....Maureen Cummings**  
**Director.....Fred Vasquez**  
**PCM.....Michael Quast**

If you notice a problem or have a concern about something within NLF, please complete the form on our website and bring it to the attention of the management company or Board member so that the issue can be addressed.

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## Northlake Forest Pool Hours

**MAY 2016: 7TH, 8TH, 14TH, 15TH, 21ST,  
22ND, 28TH, 29TH, & 30TH**

Saturday and Memorial Day - 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**JUNE 2016: FULL TIME BEGINNING JUNE 2ND**

Monday - CLOSED  
Tuesday-Saturday - 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**JULY 2016: FULL TIME**

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Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
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27TH AND 28TH**

Monday - CLOSED  
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Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 2016: 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH**

Day(s) - Pool Times  
Saturday and Labor Day - 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
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## Landscape Notes

Hello to homeowners, my name is Ken Amstutz and I am a new board member as of 2016. As a part of my duties, I am the board liaison to the landscape committee (which at present is just me). I'd love to have a few volunteers that are interested in helping. Give me a call and I'll meet with you to answer your questions. On another topic, at this time of year everyone is starting to think about new spring planting so remember to adjust your irrigation system accordingly from the winter. However, a cautionary note on not over watering or over spraying onto the hardscape (plants don't grow there well anyway).

March started our weekly mowing schedule. Bluegrass Maintenance is our landscape contractor and mows on Thursday and Friday each week. They are here 42 weeks a year because November through February they have an every-other-week schedule. You may have noticed that we have mulched, fertilized, and used pre-emergent control already this year.

If you did not read the article on water in last months (March 17-April 20, 2016) Community Impact newspaper, go back and read it. These rate increases are going to affect our budget. As of April 1, 2016 (in affect as you read this) our well pumping fees are going from \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons and our surface water (Authority water) fees are going from \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons. Imported water will be at \$2.40. Our first adjusted payment due date is June 18, 2016. Unfortunately, there will be more increases in the future. It is hard to determine what the ratio will be between these increases but, in general, we are looking at 17-20% increases in water cost. It is more important than ever that if you see an irrigation problem, please let us know. Obviously, this will also affect your personal home budget.

With the above in mind, I will share more on what your Association is thinking about to create better water efficiency.

Ken Amstutz, Board Liaison, 949-892-9948



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## Mother

**M... is for the million things she gave me,  
O... means only that she's growing old,  
T... is for the tears she shed to save me,  
H... is for her heart of purest gold;  
E... is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
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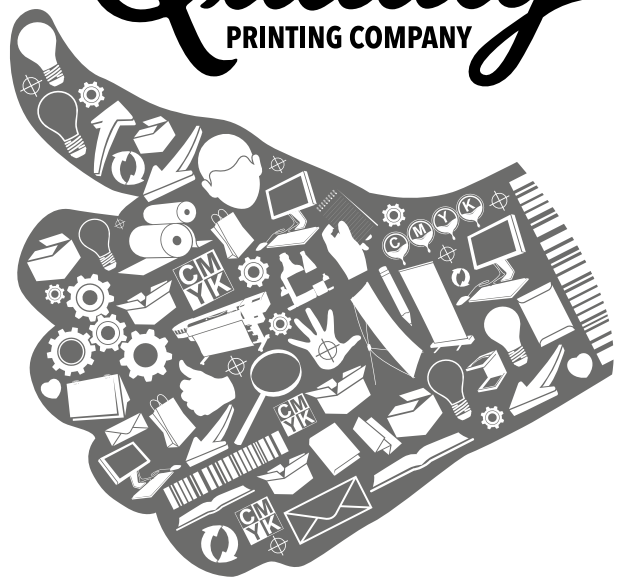
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## Whiteflies

Whiteflies are small, soft bodied insects with piercing-sucking mouthparts. They are creamy white and adults have a mealy wax coating their body and wings. Immatures, also called nymphs, are small, oval, flattened and wingless.

Whitefly populations can increase quickly when temperatures are warmer. The insects like to be on the underside of leaves, often in clusters. Common species of whiteflies have a wide host range and can switch host plants.

Whiteflies suck plant juices and large populations can cause foliage to turn yellow, appear to be dry or even fall off the plant. Some whiteflies cause plant distortion or foliage to turn silver in color. Whiteflies produce honeydew, a sticky substance secreted by some insects. Honey dew causes foliage to become shiny in appearance and can attract a fungus called sooty mold. Some whiteflies are capable of transmitting plant viruses.

Try to encourage natural enemies to help manage whitefly populations in your garden. To do this, make wise pesticide choices. Try to choose pesticides to target specific pests and/ or specific areas. Also, you may need to manage ants that tend the whiteflies to obtain honeydew. The ants protect whiteflies from natural enemies

that may normally keep the pest population at manageable levels.

In vegetable gardens, you may want to try reflective mulches to make the underside of the leaves where whiteflies hide less habitable.

As for chemical treatment, you can use high pressure water sprays, insecticidal soap, azadirachtin, d-limonene, botanicals or a synthetic product. Target your treatment to the underside of the leaves to get to where the whiteflies like to hide.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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