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Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following dates/events:

National Night Out
Tuesday, October 4th

Back to School Event
Saturday, August 20th

NLF Annual Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13th

NLF Christmas Event
Saturday, December 17th

Keep a lookout for more information via email and/or Evite.

Landscape Notes

Your landscape committee had its initial meeting on June 2, 2016. I'd like to thank the following individuals for being willing to give their time to the community: David Bray, Dick Cummings, Michael Decker, Dwight Melancon, Paul Rath, and Penny Small. Their first task was to agree on the purpose and responsibilities of the landscape committee. As of this writing, their recommendation will be presented to the Northlake Forest Board on Monday, June 13, 2016. I'll let you know what that final approval looks like next month.

After looking at a list of unfinished landscape issues, they quickly realized there was a lot to do on a relatively small discretionary budget. Although it is true that landscape is the largest budget account, the vast majority goes to the annual contract with Bluegrass. Their 'homework' was to become familiar with this contract. In addition, they are now studying proposals for landscaping around the pool area. They are determining which plants, how many plants, placement of selected plants, and alternatives to address depleted open areas as well as diseased, dying, and aged plants. In considering these options, the landscape committee is also doing a cost analysis and the possibility of creating an over-all plan that can be done in phases for cost efficiency.

There is a meeting scheduled with Bluegrass that will include key individuals that affect our landscaping here in Northlake Forest. Irrigation, pest and disease control, mowing and maintenance crew, and supervisory management will all be represented. The purpose will be to have everyone on the same page.

I explained at length the amount of work the committee will be taking on concerning irrigation last month. It seems a bit crazy to think of water conservation given the amount of rain we have been receiving and the damage that many of our neighbors have suffered. However, we cannot escape the rising costs (explained in the May newsletter) of potable water that flows through our meters to keep our landscape green and plants growing.

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NLF COMMITTEES

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

ChairTBD
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LANDSCAPE

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Board Liaison Ken Amstutz

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POOL COMMITTEE

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Board LiaisonMaureen Cummings

NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

ChairElizabeth Oliver
Board LiaisonRebecca 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

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Vice President Rebecca Dessenberger
Treasurer Ken Amstutz
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Please note, we have several ways to communicate with residents, via our NorthLakeForestCommunity Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/NorthlakeForestCommunity and via Nextdoor www.northlakeforest.nextdoor.com. Our main source of communication is via our website.

If you have any comments and concerns you would like addressed by PCMI and/or the Board, please fill out a “Contact Us” form via the website and we will respond as quickly as possible.

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There are important considerations that are difficult to measure in dollars that cannot be based on pure investment-return costs such as the increase in turf watering efficiency with consistent coverage for better aesthetic value, decreased turf repair, less wasted water due to reduced water run-off, and decreased homeowner concerns. The need to document, review, and adjust all meter areas will eventually result in diminishing returns due to less and less modification necessary to achieve the desired higher percentage of water efficiency. However, at the beginning, it will incur additional costs. It can be argued that irrigation adjustments can be justified as long as there is new technology with better application methodology that mediates higher water rates. It is always a balance. We will keep you posted on the irrigation mapping and resulting recommendations. Our hope is that we find we are in pretty good shape now.

Ken Amstutz, Board Liaison, 949-892-9948

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Who is your Board?



Each month we will give a little bio on your elected Board members. This month we will feature our newest member – Ken Amstutz.

Ken is our Boards Treasurer and liaison to the Landscape committee; this is his first term on the Board and has been a tremendous asset. He is Semi-retired as Co-founder of two 501(c)3 organizations for the past 16 years. He

has lived in Northlake Forest for almost two years and has been a welcome addition to the Board.

He loves nature, art and to spend time with family and friends. He has been happily married for 41 yrs. to his beautiful wife Doris and has one lovely daughter. He joined the Board to be a part of the community and his goals are for fiscal stability amidst neighborhood goodwill. He spent most of his time in the Navy in the desert and has participated in Archeology, as a wilderness first responder, a school board member, former HOA committees and board member and has wrapped most of his life around education.

We welcome Ken Amstutz to the community!



Congratulations to the Srellas at 14219 Imperial Springs for winning our June Yard of the Month! This lawn is popping with color, is well maintained, and is designed very well! Take a moment to drive by and take a look at this lovely yard!

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Northlake Forest Yard of the Month Committee

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Family Movie Night

Join us for cold treats and movies for a Family Movie Night at 14403 Light Falls Ct. We'll provide a cool treat (sno cones, popsicles, ice cream) and an outdoor movie experience; bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a relaxing night out with your kids!

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Congratulations!



Congratulations again to Luke Rene Vasquez for accomplishing 2016 National Piano Guild Auditions - State Level on May 13, 2016. Luke also accomplished State Level in May 2015. Luke is the son of Fred & Corina Vasquez of Northlake Forest in Cypress Texas and recently completed the 4th grade at Farney Elementary School.

Luke played a successful audition of 7 pieces by memory, achieving Superior Ratings in his second year playing National Piano Guild at the age of 8. Luke started playing piano almost three years ago with Stephen and Judith Habermacher, his piano teachers and Cypress residents. Mr. Habermacher and his wife Judith, are active members of the National Guild of Piano Teachers and a Sponsor-Member of the National Fraternity of Student Musicians (NFSM). Their desire is to have all of their piano students qualify for NFSM Membership by participating in the National Piano Guild Auditions.

About National Piano Guild Auditions:

Each student plays a successful audition of 3-10 memorized pieces of various composers and styles as determined by a national adjudicator selected by the National Piano Guild. Students elected to membership receive a "piano report card," membership certificate, and pin: bronze for local and district winners; silver for state winners, and gold for national winners.

In piano guild auditions, the student plays against a standard of excellence and does not compete with other students. So the audition serves as an annual musical "check up" under an outside adjudicator. Student's programs may also include musicianship phases such as transposition, composition, ear training, and sight reading. The auditions acknowledge student progress and encourage students of all ages to continue and to progress in their musical studies.

There are different levels which a student can enter based on level of music presented in weekly lessons. The level at which a child enters an audition is determined by the student's private piano teacher. Private teachers must be Piano Guild members and also receive feedback to insure high quality and improvement in their own teaching.

- National Winners (perform 10-14 memorized pieces)
- State Winners (perform 7-9 memorized pieces)
- District Winners (perform 4-6 memorized pieces)
- Local Winners (performed 2-3 memorized pieces)
- Pledge Winner (performing 1 memorized piece)

Luke was to receive an award on May 29, 2016 in recognition of his accomplishment by his teacher Ms. Habermacher at the Fairfield First Baptist Church, however, due to his travels outside the country, Luke will receive upon his return.



Happy 8th Birthday to Zoe Fortenberry, we love you!



Wishing a Happy Anniversary to Stephanie and Danny Patterson who celebrate 11 years together on July 23rd. Blessing for many more years to come!

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