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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

The purpose and responsibilities of the landscape committee were approved by the board and can now be found on our web site under HOA Documents and then under Association documents. Your landscape committee has agreed on a first approach to cleaning up the pool plantings. They have asked for a new quote so they can make their recommendation to the board and hope this can be started by at least the beginning of August. We realize this is not the best time to plant but it will be fairly minimal as a first phase with general cleanup. Additional plants will be added during a new budget cycle.

Another concern they are looking at is correcting the flow of water out of the playground. Currently, water flows out at the corner closest to the sidewalk and creates a slick section. We need to prevent the water from crossing the sidewalk and direct it into our drainage system.

You may have noticed a couple sections of orange fencing along Diamond Lake. One is at the water fall area and the other is along the far side. These are both erosion problems created by the flooding. The far one needs to be filled in to prevent a further blow out of that section of slope while the one at the falls is a bit more complicated. A small portion of the upper retaining wall has been undercut and is allowing water to run down the slope outside of the rock falls. This has resulted in erosion along the length. The upper retaining wall needs fixed and then the current erosion filled in. Although the upper pond is not strictly within MUD #10 responsibility, it is directly contributing to the slope erosion that lies within the detention boundaries. Therefore, at the MUD #10 meeting held on Thursday night, July 7, 2016 the board agreed to address both erosion areas with a cap of \$5,000. We are very thankful for their help. Taylor Broun and Bill Ney, residents here, represent our interests on the MUD # 10 board. Jeff Vogler (district engineer) put together a map of our storm sewer layout that shows how all our lakes are connected

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## NLF COMMITTEES

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

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

### LANDSCAPE

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

### SAFETY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

Chair ..... Kelly Moore  
Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison ..... Fred Vasquez

### POOL COMMITTEE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison .....Maureen Cummings

### NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

Chair .....TBD  
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 fill out a "Contact Us" form on the website.

## 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.

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Planned Community Management, Inc. (PCMI)

### Michael Quast

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Northlake Forest HOA Website: www.northlakeforesthoa.com

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Please note, we have several ways to communicate with residents, via our NorthLakeForestCommunity Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/NorthlakeForestCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthlakeForestCommunity) and via Nextdoor [www.northlakeforest.nextdoor.com](http://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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and how the water is collected and flows in our community.

The irrigation mapping has finally started but we immediately found a bad controller we needed to replace in order to finish the pool area mapping. We located the master meter and valve, the backflow device, controller, and 14 valves with some quick connects. We also found an additional meter that was intended for a water fountain. Now that the controller is fixed, we can go back to check the lines and heads.

Your landscape committee has received the list of chemicals and fertilizers used in our community and a booklet was put together for reference. The following are used: Prosecutor (Generic brand of Round Up), Pre-M (Pre-emergent), 28-3-10 Fertilizer (Granular fertilizer), Maxforce FC Fire Ant Bait (Spot and Broadcast treatments), Manicure (Fungicide), Celsius (Broadleaf weed treatment), and Acephate (Specialty pest control, ex. Army worms, Aphids, etc.).

As always, we ask for your help in letting us know of landscape problems you observe such as an irrigation problem, a damaged tree, bare spots, standing water in a common area, or even broken or missing irrigation covers. You can use Contact Us on our web site, use the message board, or call if you feel it is more urgent.

Ken Amstutz, Board Liaison, 949-892-9948

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## SNIPPETS FROM YOUR HOA BOARD MEETINGS

Hi NLF neighbors my name is Maureen Cummings and I am the new Secretary on the NLF HOA Board. As the word secretary indicates, I take notes on what transpires at your monthly HOA meetings that are generally held on the 3rd Monday of each month.

At the June meeting many issues were discussed at length, including how to maintain a better way to monitor the use of the tennis court, improvements and repairs needed at the pool and tennis court.

Another important item that was discussed was the color of your roof shingles. Were you aware that according to the architectural guidelines for NLF you can only have "weathered wood" color on your roof? Some homes in our area are coming of age now and needing roof replacements. So please remember that you need to have approval by the architectural committee on shingle color and content before you begin your reroofing project.

By the time you are reading this newsletter we will have implemented the tennis court use registration. Only registered residents will have access to the entry code for the gate. The tennis court has had new lights put up, a new net, the net crank repaired, and the torn windscreen replaced. Hopefully the registered resident tennis players will enjoy the improvements made and have fun playing. Any resident can register, just go to the NLF website and

click on tennis courts to get the registration instructions.

The HOA board is made up of resident volunteers and a member of the PCMI. Your community is always in need of volunteers to assist your HOA board. These committees include landscape, pool, architectural, neighborhood safety, event and newsletter. Each of these committees always needs resident volunteers. It is a great way to contribute to your community and meet your neighbors.

If you are interested in volunteering on any particular committee please go on the NLF website and hit CONTACT US and give us your name, email address, phone number and which committee you are interested in and one of our committee chairs will be glad to sign you on.

Are you signed up on our website? If not, you can do this by going onto [www.northlakeforestHoa.com](http://www.northlakeforestHoa.com) then hit register and answer the questions. This website has so much information about your community, if you have a computer you really need to be registered to have access to this site. Also, it helps your HOA board get vital information out to you when necessary.

I have noticed many SOLD signs at homes in NLF, a big WELCOME to the new neighbors in the area.

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MAUREEN CUMMINGS, HOA SECRETARY

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## WHO IS YOUR BOARD?

This month we feature our newest Board member, Maureen Cummings. She is our Board Secretary and is enjoying her first term. She wanted to experience first hand what its like to be a Board member and to be more active in the community. Her goals are to keep the neighborhood beautiful and safe to live in.

She has lived in NLF for 10 years with her handsome husband of 50 years and four months, (who's counting), Dick Cummings. They have 2 adult children, Gillian and Sean and 3 gorgeous granddaughters, Ashley, Kaitlyn and Lauren. Maureen retired from the US Government in 2002 after serving 20 years as a Social Security representative. She loves exercise, reading books, riding her adult trike, making power point slide picture shows, going to movies and out to lunch. Her favorite pastime would be playing the slot machines if there were casinos close enough.

She loves to travel with her husband and does so quite extensively. She has always enjoyed volunteering type work ever since she was first married. She has donated time in the past as a Red Cross Volunteer, many, many various positions for 32 years as a military wife, a volunteer with her church, with CAM in Cypress and lots of work with the A.L.L. group at Lone Star Collge CyFAIR.

We welcome Maureen Cummings to the Board!



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## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the Snows at 14302 St. Pierre for winning our July Yard of the Month! This lawn is beautifully landscaped and maintained. Take a moment to drive by and take a look at this lovely yard!

Sincerely,  
Northlake Forest Yard of the Month Committee

## Back to School Event

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!  
Back to School fun scheduled for Saturday, August 20th from 4pm to 7pm at the Northlake Forest park/pool.

A great opportunity for children and parents to meet and greet before school starts and enjoy some water fun - please bring a dessert to share.

We'll have a Blast meeting and mingling with other parents/children and enjoying Hot Dogs, Drinks, Snow Cones and Popcorn PLUS Water Slides!!

Be sure to bring your swimsuits, towels, sun tan lotion, lawn chairs and a "Dessert to Share" with your fellow schoolmates.

If you or your teenage child can help out for about 30 mins on the day of the event, please contact Becky Dessenberger via PM on Facebook or at [trevino71568@comcast.net](mailto:trevino71568@comcast.net). Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated!

(Please be sure to RSVP to your EVITE invitation so we can get a food count and spread the word to your fellow neighbors)

Enjoy your summer!  
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## Meet our Teenage Helpers in the Neighborhood

Gabrielle Welch is 17 years old and will be a Senior at CyWoods in the Fall. She has a car and is usually available with short notice during the summer most days and evenings.

She has experience with babies, toddlers, grade school age, and preteens. She also has some experience with special needs children as she has a severely autistic brother she cares for. Gabrielle likes to put her phone and electronics down when she walks into a home, "It's about the kids, I interact with them and fill their needs. Whether they want to play board games, play outside or watch a movie... it is all about what they like to do!" Contact Gabrielle Welch at (832) 436-5466

Ashlyn Maddox is 18 years old and accepting babysitting jobs through the summer before heading to college next year. She is an honor student, drives and lives in Northlake Forest. She has taught kids in Musical Theatre camps as well as working with them as cast members and vacation Bibles school at the MET. She love babies and can give references upon request. Contact Ashlyn Maddox at (281) 902-6572

Karter Jack is a dog lover, she has been walking, washing and sitting for dogs for the past 3 years and would love to be your dog assistant. Contact Karter Jack at (832) 829-8211

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