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## SNIPPETS FROM YOUR HOA BOARD MEETING

The first meeting of the year was held on January 12, 2017. We welcomed in the New Year by filling 2 vacant positions on the board.

The new NLF HOA Board consists of:

Ken Amstutz President {Ken's new position}

Rebecca Dessenberger Vice President

Paul Rath Treasurer {returning board member, new position}

Maureen Cummings Secretary

Russell McPherson Director {Russell's new position}

Several discussions were held on upcoming plans for this year.

There are many improvements planned for the pool area, including fence repairs and replacing deteriorated wood. New landscaping has already been completed, except for a few minor tweaks. It already looks so much better.

Rebecca is busy marking her calendar for upcoming events such as the yard sale, Easter party, back to school party, and of course, the Christmas party.

We are looking forward to a very productive year in helping to keep your NLF neighborhood as beautiful as we can.

Please keep in mind that many hands make lighter work for all. We invite everyone to volunteer at least once to serve on any one of our different committees. Sometimes we just need volunteers for a onetime task so there are no worries of making a commitment, any help is always appreciated and welcome.

Our annual December HOA meeting had a poor attendance. We are trying to come up with a way to encourage residents to attend and participate in our important and very informative meetings.

Wishing you and your families a very HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2017.

Maureen Cummings NLF HOA Secretary



## **Upcoming Events:**

Please mark your calendars for the following dates/events:

**NLF Board Meeting** - 3rd Monday of every month except December

Semi Annual Spring Garage Sale - Saturday, April 1st

NLF Easter Event - Saturday, April 8th

NLF Back to School Event - TBD

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 3rd

Semi Annual Fall Garage Sale - Saturday, October 7th

NLF Annual Board Meeting - Tuesday, December 5th

NLF Christmas Event - Saturday, December 16th

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

#### **NLF COMMITTEES**

#### **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

| Chair         | TBD               |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Board Liaison | Russell McPherson |

#### **LANDSCAPE**

| Chair         | TBD       |
|---------------|-----------|
| Board Liaison | Paul Rath |

#### SAFETY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

| Chair         | Kelly Moore       |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Board Liaison | Russell McPherson |

#### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

| Chair         | Fred Vasquez |
|---------------|--------------|
| Board Liaison | Ken Amstutz  |

#### **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 | Russell McPherson |

#### **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      | Ken Amstutz          |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Vice President | Rebecca Dessenberger |
| Treasurer      | Paul Rath            |
| Secretary      | Maureen Cummings     |
| Director       | Russell McPherson    |
| PCMI           | 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**

281-870-0585 Michael.Quast@STServices.com · www.pcmi-us.com Northlake Forest HOA Website: www.northlakeforesthoa.com

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

#### **NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Mark Herman Constable, Precinct 4.......(281) 376-3472 Harris Cnty Sheriff's Office @ HWY 249 ..(281) 290-2100 Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept @ Telge Rd....(281) 550-6663 Harris Cnty Courthouse @ Cypresswood...(281) 376-2997

#### **GOVERNMENT NUMBERS**

| Harris County Animai Control(281) 999-3191           |
|--|
| Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services |
| (713) 439-6000                                       |
| R. Jack Cagle - Community Assistance Dept.           |
| (281) 353-8424                                       |
| Social Security Administration1- (800) 772-1213      |

Department of Public Safety @ West Rd....(281) 517-1333 Department of Public Safety @ Grant Rd...(281) 890-5440

#### **POST OFFICE**

| USPS @ Spring Cypress          | (281) 37 | 3-9125 |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| The UPS Store @ Spring Cypress |          |        |
| FedFx Office @ Barker Cypress  | (281) 25 |        |

#### **LIBRARY**

| Lone Star College CyFair Library |
|----------------------------------|
| Circulation Desk(281) 290-3210   |
| Northwest Branch Library         |

@ Regency Green Drive......(281) 890-2665 Barbara Bush Library @ Cypress Creek .......(281) 376-4610

#### **SCHOOLS**

| Administrative Offices | (281) 897-4000  |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Farney Elementary      | (281) 373-2850  |
| Goodson Middle School  | .(281) 373-2350 |

#### Cy-Woods High School .....(281) 213-1800

#### UTILITIES

| NW Harris County MUD #10   | (832) 467-1599        |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Best Trash                 | (281) 313-2378        |
| CenterPoint Energy Gas     |                       |
| Relient Energy Electricity |                       |
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### LANDSCAPE NOTES

The winds blew through bringing cold, freezing, air that settled across our green spaces. As of this writing, I'm not sure what plants we may have lost to the low temperatures (while hoping we have not been re-visited in the weeks before this is published). I'm sure we have suffered some damage. I had some ice and frost. Frost damage can create brown areas, wilt more sensitive plants, and even kill above the roots. Some of this will come back. I'll be asking the Landscape committee to do some surveys throughout the community to catch needed improvements.

Beyond this, your Board and Landscape committee have quite a few plans to discuss, start, and finish before summer but the most recent you may notice is that work was done to solve the drainage problem out of the playground. An example of a future project is addressing the many mature shrubs that are dying around the community due to age and considering their replacement. Tree trimming will also be looked at to allow the wind to move through the trees more easily, putting less stress on the root systems. In addition, the survey of trees prevents many problems from branches falling to weakened structures splitting, etc.

If any of this (or all of it) sounds interesting to you, there is a need

for committee members who are physically able to walk our green areas. Give it some thought. Exercise with a purpose? Finally, please remember to clear out the debris in your gutters, downspouts, and drains so the water keeps flowing.

Ken Amstutz, Board Liaison, 949-892-9948

## Thank You!

We'd like to say THANK YOU to Fred Vasquez who gave two years of service to the NLF Board of Directors. Fred was a great asset who kept our Architectural Request process running smoothly. We are happy that he has decided to continue on as a Chair for the Architectural Review Committee.

Take a moment to review our "NLF Committees" and contact the appropriate Board Liaison if you'd like more information to join!



## NORTHLAKE FOREST

## Christmas Lights Winners - 2016

Thank you to all who participated in Christmas Lights decorating... it was really tough to pick the winners this year!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Best Overall – 14202 Smoke Creek (Yard of the Month)

Best Use of Single Color – 14415 Bach Springs Best Use of Multi-Color – 14218 Imperial Springs Best Santa Theme – 15915 Reston Bridge Best Nativity Scene – 14223 Marin

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

Beautiful Tree-Lighting – 14407 Corktree Knolls Fun Movie Theme

Sincerely, Northlake Forest Yard of the Month Committee











## **Tennis Courts**

The tennis court had an access keypad installed to reduce the expense of damage repair. The access code is changed periodically for security reasons. Please do not distribute this code freely. Take a look at the "Pool, Tennis and Park" tab on our NLF Website for detailed information on rules and how to obtain the access code.

If you use the tennis courts please insure the lights are turned off as you leave. This will greatly help lower operating costs for homeowners. Thank you for helping us maintain our courts – Enjoy!

## **Cypress Family Color Run**

Prepare for some serious excitement when you join us for the CYPRESS FAMILY COLOR RUN 5K on March 25th, 2017 (with an optional short course for young children)! Register now for an EARLY BIRD price. Run, walk/run, or just walk - the focus is on fun. The color run will take place in the Coles Crossing neighborhood (beginning at the lap pool), followed by post-run color bash. Participants of all ages are welcome. Proceeds from the CYPRESS FAMILY COLOR RUN will go toward summer camps and other activities for a local church youth group.

This is an event for the entire family! Learn more and sign up at cypressfamilycolorrun.com

## Jack and Jill of America Associates Plan "Puttin' on the Ritz" Charity Gala

The "Awesome, Amazing, Associates" of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., North Houston Suburban Chapter will hold a "Puttin' on the Ritz" dance on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. The event will be take place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston, Texas. The suggested attire is formal black and white.

"Puttin' on the Ritz" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. Tickets are \$65 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Shirley Carter, at 281-222-7765 or sjmcarter@att.net.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the organization can be found at www.jackandjillinc.org.



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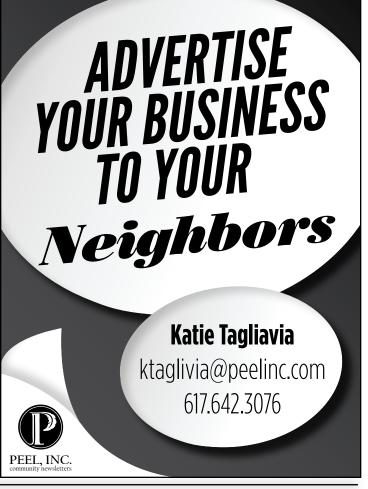
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Please note, we have several ways to communicate with residents, via our private Resident ONLY NorthLakeForestCommunity

Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/NorthlakeForestCommunity and via Nextdoor www.northlakeforest.nextdoor.com. Our main source of communication will always be via our official 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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