



# Northlake Forest

## HERALD

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## SNIPPETS FROM YOUR HOA

Hello Residents! Do hope you are managing to keep cool with the warm weather we are having. Your NLF community pool is the perfect place to do this.

The pool has had all new woodwork put up, and it does look very nice. B&M Construction did a beautiful job and we appreciate the hard work they did in the heat of the day to give us a wonderful fresh look. They also put up new fans in the patio area, took care of several electrical items, and painted the doors. When the pool is closed for the season we will be looking into having fence repair work done. There is also some stone repair that needs attention.

The new benches have been installed and look great. Not all benches were replaced, just the ones in the worst shape. There are a few still out there that do need to be replaced but that is another project for next year.

The basketball court has been resurfaced and we will be replacing the hoops as well.

It was great to have a few residents join our July HOA meeting to voice their ideas and concerns and to learn the process of what is being done to help curb the problems and avoid future fire hazards in the wooded area at the end of Chapel Lake. We always welcome resident participation and ideas.

The Landscape committee is busy looking into several options with Bluegrass Maintenance to solve this issue and hopefully the committee will have a satisfactory solution real soon for the entire NLF community and those greatly affected by this.

Rebecca Dessenberger, our Events Committee board liaison has been busy planning our next NLF Back to School party on Saturday, August 26th. Be on the look out for your EVITE. More information will be posted on the website about this fun affair. If you'd like to join her in planning future fun events for the subdivision or have an idea you'd like to share, drop her a line via



## Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following dates/events:

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

**NLF Food Truck Thursday**

Aug 10th & Aug 24th from 5-8 pm

**NLF Back to School Event**

Saturday, August 26th

**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.*

our Contact Us section of our website.

Until next month, hope you are enjoying your summer!

Maureen Cummings

NLF HOA Secretary

# NORTHLAKE FOREST

## NLF COMMITTEES

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

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### NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison.....Rebecca Dessenberger

### YARD OF THE MONTH

Chair .....TBD  
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  
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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

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## Food Truck Thursdays!



Northlake Forest is enjoying "Food Truck Thursdays" thanks to the coordination and dedication of resident Stephanie Patterson who came up with the awesome idea.

Mark your calendars for the last two Food Trucks that will be held on Thursday, Aug 10th and Aug 24th

Aug 10th - Truck TBD

Aug 24th – Nom Mi Street (back by popular demand)

All events will be from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. Please keep an eye out for your EVITE to RSVP.



## ACCESS TO NORTHLAKE FOREST ON-LINE

If you are new to the neighborhood – WELCOME! To gain access to important information go to our official website page [www.NorthLakeForestHOA.com](http://www.NorthLakeForestHOA.com) and select Register. Enter the required information and your access will be approved shortly.

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.

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## Back to School Event

Back to School fun is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th from 4pm to 6pm 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 are going to have a Blast meeting and mingling with other parents/children and enjoying Hot Dogs, Drinks, Snow Cones, Popcorn PLUS Water Slides and an awesome Magic Show at 5:00pm!

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!

Northlake Forest Events Committee



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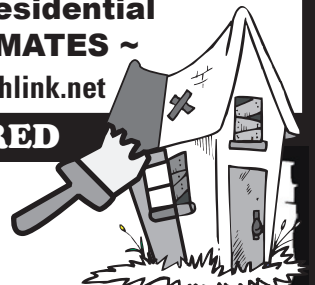
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## LONESOME CHERRY

By Barry Chamberlain



Before Northlake Forest became a residential development it was a forest. (Bet you didn't see that coming.) There are still original trees from that forest that were left by the developer. Mainly the original trees are the taller pine trees scattered throughout NLF. There are some large old oaks near the walking path at the southeast end of the big lake. I am sure there are others in the neighborhood that I have not noticed yet.

But I have noticed one other. In the common ground at the corner

of Calico Fields and Northlake Forest Drive is a native black cherry. Black cherry trees are native to the forests in this area and if you visit Sam Houston National Forest or many of the forested areas that remain, you may find several. Black Cherry trees are identified by their bark which is typically dark with a reddish under bark. The outer bark has short horizontal lines and breaks that give it an almost scaly look. The leaves are elongate and blunt toothed. Uniquely the leaves have a brown to reddish midline on the underside that is covered with a fine white to brown hair. The black cherry will blossom in the spring and produce fruit cluster, although I don't recall blossoms or fruit in the past from this particular tree. What first caught my attention about this tree is that it is growing out of the base of a tall pine and not a stand-alone upright tree. I think the story here is that most likely a squirrel buried a cherry seed at the base of the pine and it grew or maybe a bird on a branch in the pine dropped a seed and it sprouted.

Go by and take a look at this black cherry tree. It's just a few feet off the sidewalk. If you see another non-pine original forest tree in our neighborhood share it with the rest of us.

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## Chiggers

Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so “smothering” them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously with a washcloth
- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

### To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

### For chigger bites:

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

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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## Balloons ARE DANGEROUS!

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*

I can remember in grade school how we all attached notes to balloons before letting them go in hopes that the balloon would be found by someone far, far away. It was exciting to think that maybe someone from New York or California would find it and contact me. It never happened. I've been to weddings and graduations where helium balloons were let go as part of the celebration. What I didn't know is the enormous amount of damage these balloons can do to our environment. I know now. If you think about it, helium balloons are nothing more than floating litter. Would you throw a deflated balloon with string on the ground? Most people would not. It makes for ugly trash especially on our beaches.

According to an article in February of this year on the Huffington Post website, balloons are among the top 3 most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife but they also harm domestic animals such as cattle, dogs and sheep.

Seabirds are most at risk. Deflated balloons are mistaken for jellyfish or squid and are eaten by the birds. Not able to digest the balloon, it will clog the bird's stomach and the bird will eventually die of starvation. Choking is also a threat.

The ribbons or strings that are attached to the balloon are a hazard to birds because they can become entangled in them when the balloon lands in a tree. They may also use the materials to build a nest causing a risk factor for the hatchlings.

In its natural state, latex is biodegradable but when processed for balloons and treated with chemicals, plasticizers and dyes, it can no longer be classified as natural. It can take a balloon from 6 months to 4 years to decompose. Think of the damage it can cause in that time. Shiny mylar balloons can take even longer.

How can you help? Explain the dangers of releasing helium balloons to your children. Don't plan balloon releases at any of your celebrations and if you know of someone who is planning this, please discourage them from doing so.

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