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The Lakeland Village MUD #419 held its Public Workshop meeting on Thursday, October 10th at the Lakeland Village Activity Center. Present were Chairman Bob Thomas, Vice Chair Radney Poole, Directors Ed Conger, Shea Thielen, and Sandra Kalb and many Bridgeland residents

The MUD #419 Board provided information and answered questions about their 2019 budget, water quality, security, and most importantly about the setting of your 2019 tax rate. As of 10-10, MUD# 419 had not set its 2019 tax rate.

Both meetings were a historic moment because this is the first time the WCID #157 & MUD #419 have held in Bridgeland tax rate discussions with the residents. Many thanks to the Board members for your transparency and for your willingness to involve us in the tax rate process. We are looking forward to the new website where we can communicate with the directors and review information.



*Photo left to right Chair, WCIC#157 Keith Nystrom, Mike Willingham, LV HOA Candidate, Bridgeland Leadership Class 2017, John Powell, WCID Financial Advisor, Bruce Ruhlin, Bridgeland Leadership Class 2017*

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## Lakeland Village HOA Board Candidates & Election Info



For the past ten years, the Lakeland Village Board has been controlled by a majority of Board members who are employees of Howard Hughes Corporation or an affiliate. Lakeland Village because it is 90% built out will now be able to elect an all Lakeland Village resident Board. A notice was sent out to all residents to file for the Board if desired. The candidates

who filed for your Lakeland Village HOA Board are: Gaye Barclay, Sheri Bourgeois, Kay Burkhalter, Heath Melton, Tony Martin, Frank Ramirez, Rafael Vieska, & Mike Willingham. Their candidate statements and photos can be viewed on [bridgelandlife.com](http://bridgelandlife.com) and/or on their candidate facebook pages.

On Friday, November 2, at 6:30 pm at the Activity Center, there will be a Candidates Forum with moderator Buddy Broussard. All candidates will be given an opportunity to speak and residents are given an opportunity to ask questions.

On Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm will be the Lakeland Village Town Hall Meeting and Election of Candidates. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to speak but due to time

limits, there will be no questioning of the candidates.

For a limited period prior to November 28, Lakeland Village residents will be allowed to vote electronically. However, you may instead wait and cast your vote after hearing all the candidates at the Town Hall Meeting on November 28.

The specifics of how electronic voting will work will be provided in late October or November.

Due to changes in the law, in this November election, Builders who own lots in Lakeland Village will be allowed to vote one vote for every lot the builder owns, until the lot is sold to a resident. The developer who also owns lots in Lakeland Village is entitled to vote but has graciously waived its right to vote.

As of about mid- September 2018 the Builders own about 168 lots. At the last Board election in 2017, only 323 Lakeland residents voted. So if all the Builders vote their 168 votes, Lakeland Village homeowners can easily be outvoted. That is why it is so important that every resident turn out to vote. This is one election where every single vote will count. So please VOTE!

*The opinions expressed in this article are solely those of Kay Burkhalter*



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### 1. Express thanks in your decorations and traditions.

Decorate your home with words of thanks. For your holiday feast, create a thankful Thanksgiving tablecloth, use Thanksgiving napkins and place cards, or craft cute turkey place cards with your kids. During the meal, ask everyone at the table to voice a few things they are thankful for this year.

### 2. Donate to a favorite charity, such as the Salvation Army or Goodwill.

Some items in your home may no longer be of use to you, but they could be extremely valuable to others. Gather up gently used toys, clothes, home furnishings, or other items in your home and deliver them to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, or another charitable organization. You could also give a monetary donation — even small amounts are welcomed. Include a little note on a piece of paper or on the check about why you've chosen the charity and why you support the cause.

### 3. Visit a hospital.

The hospital can be a very lonely place for patients, especially during the holidays. Spend some of your time this holiday season with those who aren't able to be at home. You might visit the children's hospital and hand out stuffed animals or treats to children who need the extra cheer. Ask your kids to pick out a gift they think a kid like them would love.

### 4. Send a care package to soldiers overseas.

A holiday care package can be a great pick-me-up for soldiers who are far from home during the holidays. Gather up everyday necessities like soap, razors, toothbrushes, and travel-sized toiletries. Don't forget to include some goodies to keep their bellies full, like

cookies, Rice Krispies® Treats, canned foods, and gum. Games, like small sudoku or crossword puzzle books, will help them stay busy during their free time.

### 5. Volunteer at an animal shelter.

It's important to keep family and friends in mind during the holidays, but don't forget the animals! Hundreds of homeless animals need your time, love, and hugs. Take your son or daughter to an animal shelter to volunteer for a day, or sign up to volunteer once a week to spread the love throughout the year. And if your family is ready for a pet, adopt one of your own!

### 6. Provide Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need.

You can make this holiday season one to remember for a hungry family. Offer a complete Thanksgiving dinner through your church or an outreach organization in your community. Ask your children to help you with the shopping list.

### 7. Donate money or volunteer at a women's shelter or an orphanage.

Give a Thanksgiving gift to one or more of the shelters or homes in your community. Your gift can be anything from a turkey to a homemade decoration or a toy. For an extra-special gift, take time out of your busy holiday schedule and help out by serving food at a homeless shelter. You undoubtedly will brighten many spirits, including your own.

### 8. Volunteer at a senior center or a veteran's home.

"Back in my day..." Have you ever noticed how the elderly love to talk about when they were young? This Thanksgiving, volunteer to chat, listen, or play a simple game with those of a different generation. They will surely appreciate spending time with youngsters, and you just might learn a thing or two. Visiting a veteran's home is also a great way to honor America's veterans, and this is the perfect time to do it — November 11 is Veteran's Day!

### 9. Sponsor a child in an impoverished country.

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## National Merit Hispanic Scholar

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#### 10. Invite extra guests to join your family for dinner.

The holidays are a time for giving and togetherness. If you know someone who will be alone for the holidays, make them feel loved by inviting them to your family's holiday dinner this year. The more, the merrier!

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## 3 Ways to Better Manage the Time You Spend on Social Media

By MarLee Berry, [texashillcountry.com/lifestyle](http://texashillcountry.com/lifestyle)



In recent years, the use of social media platforms around the world has skyrocketed. With the click of a button or the swipe of a screen, you can be connected to friends and family across the world. Technological advances in the last decade have enabled us to keep abreast of current events, celebrity lifestyles, and just about any other subject you can imagine, all with the use of one little device.

However, as amazing as this technology is, it has the potential to distract us from accomplishing our goals. In fact, during a study conducted by Dscout, individuals touched their phones an average of 2,617 times per day. All these touches culminated into an average time of just over two hours spent on a smartphone for the typical user.

If you are one of those who finds yourself constantly fighting the urge to check your phone or update social media, do not worry. There are a number of ways to increase your productivity and manage the time you spend plugged-into your favorite apps. Here, we have listed three tools that will have you setting aside time for the important things sooner rather than later.

### 1. The BreakFree App

A great way to see if you are spending too much time on your

phone is by tracking your app usage. The BreakFree app, created for both Apple and Android operating systems, is a great way to accomplish this. According to Inc.com, this app not only tells you everytime you unlock your phone, it breaks down the entirety of your screen interaction each day. Additionally, the app sums it all up neatly in an overall "addiction score" so that you can keep track of your improvement.

### 2. The RescueTime app

According to RescueTime's website, this app has a variety of features that can help you track and manage your social media habits. A blocking aspect denies access to any website you select and an overall productivity score lets you know if your newfound time management skills are paying off.

The lite version of this handy tool is completely free and allows you to track the time you spend on the worldwide web. However, RescueTime's blocking feature only comes in its premium version which can be purchased for \$9 per month. This app is available for computers and mobile devices

### 3. The Moment App

To conclude this list of helpful tools, the Moment app includes many of the same features previously mentioned in descriptions for other apps. However, Moment does have a sub-entity labeled Moment Family, which enables you to control the browsing and usage habits of your entire family depending on what in-app purchases you decide to make. Its description notes this app is great for accountability purposes, as family members can track other's goals and usage amounts.

Currently, Moment and Moment Family are only available for iPhones. However, you can sign-up to receive notifications when it is available for Androids as well.

In many ways, technology has made our lives much easier, but it is important to recognize the possible dangers of spending too much time glued to a screen. Hopefully, these three tools will help you increase your productivity and will free up time for you to do things you truly *enjoy!*



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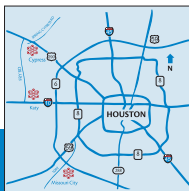
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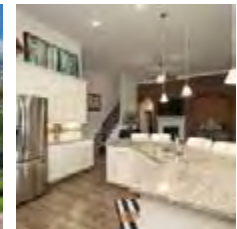
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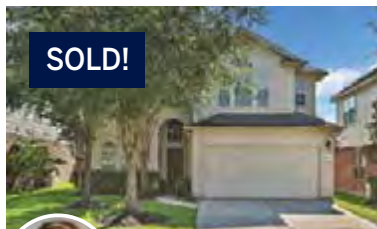
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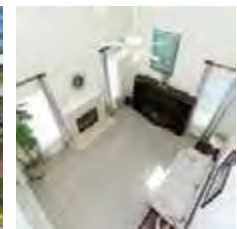
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