

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

Be more like Rudolph!

Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Preserve, Board of Directors

How the story came to be

When Santa needs help guiding his sleigh, who does he turn to? Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, of course. How else would he get gifts to all the boys and girls all over the world? Without a doubt, Rudolph is the most famous reindeer of all but other than his

nose, what do we really know about him?

Rudolph was “born” in 1939. Robert May, a copywriter for Montgomery Ward, was asked to write a Christmas story in the

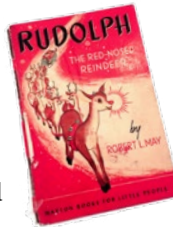
form of a booklet to be given away to customers. Often taunted as a child himself, he decided to write about a reindeer ostracized by the other reindeer for a physical deformity, a glowing red nose. May struggled for a name for the reindeer and considered Rollo and Reginald before deciding on Rudolph. As he developed the story, he tested it out on his 4-year-old daughter.

The boss was unimpressed

His boss, however, wasn't nearly as excited about the story as his daughter. After all, aren't red noses associated with people who drink a lot? That was unacceptable. May stuck to his guns and to prove that a reindeer with a red nose would make a great story, he took his friend from the Montgomery Ward's art department, Denver Gillen, to the Lincoln Park Zoo to sketch some reindeer with

red noses. May's boss finally approved the idea. That year, 2.4 million copies of the Rudolph booklet were distributed. By the end of 1946, that number increased to 6 million and would have been much higher had there not been a paper shortage due to the war.

May's wife died from a terminal illness about the time he created Rudolph and he was deeply in debt with medical expenses. Even though May created Rudolph, he was an employee of Montgomery Ward and they held the copyright to Rudolph. May didn't make a penny on his creation. In January of



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1947, May convinced Sewell Avery, the corporate president, to turn the copyright over to him and his financial security was no longer an issue.

The Rudolph booklet was reprinted in 1947 and in 1948 and was shown in theaters as a 9-minute cartoon. It really took off when May's brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, turned the Rudolph story into a song. Many in the music industry weren't interested in the song. In 1949 it was recorded by Gene Autry and went on to become one of the best-selling songs of all time. In 1964, Rudolph became a television special

and is a holiday favorite to this day. Both the song and the television show differ greatly from the booklet May wrote but he is credited for Rudolph's creation.

Now that we know how Rudolph was created, how much do we actually know about real reindeer? Reindeer are a species of deer. In North America they are called caribou. They live in the Arctic tundra and forests of Greenland, Scandinavia, Russia, Alaska and Canada. Both males and females have antlers. Male antlers can grow 7 feet in length and can have as many as 44 points or “tines.” In captivity they can live up to 20 years but only 15 years in the wild. Males can grow up to 4 feet tall at the shoulder and can weigh up to 550 pounds. Females are slightly smaller. Their predators include wolverines, bears and even eagles.



Reindeer in Texas?

Can reindeer live in hot climates like Texas? Yes, they can. As a matter of fact there's a reindeer ranch called the Double R Reindeer Ranch just outside of Dallas. To stay cool, reindeer need shade and bodies of water to wade in. One Texas reindeer owner says he puts wet sand on the barn floor and uses fans to cool the animals in hot weather.

With Christmas just around the corner, it's the perfect time to think about Rudolph and the message in his story. Rudolph always knew he was a little different but he let his light shine regardless of what others said. Don't hide who you are. Your difference can be your strength. **Let's all be more like Rudolph!**

To see the original trailer, click the image of Rudolph and Hermey.

To hear Gene sing the original recording, click his image.



WOMEN'S CLUB

DECEMBER LUNCHEON
& GIFT EXCHANGE*Tuesday, December 12*

10:00 am



Whistle Stop Tea Room
107 Commerce Street
Tomball, TX 77375

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*After lunch, peruse the many boutique stores
within walking distance.*

The Mercy House Global Market, Turquoise Boutique,
Four Corners Shopping Center, O'Suzanna's, Birds of a Feather Antiques,
Cloud Chief & Co., Jayden Layne, just to name a few.

For more information please contact Terri Corbitt:
rcorb1225@hotmail.com

RSVP by December 6 to Ann Tatum:
anntatum9203@gmail.com

Eat, drink and be merry!

Women's Club November luncheon



Everyone had a good time with good food and good company.

— and —

Thanksgiving food drive for The Mission of Yahweh



Donated food was collected and delivered to The Mission of Yahweh.



A HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE

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*Everything you ever wanted to know
 (well, almost everything) about the
 Woodwind Lakes website but didn't
 know where to find it or who to ask.*

Q

I'm not getting notices or email blasts from Graham about events or issues going on in our community.

How do I get included in those emails?

A

On the home page of our website, there is a tab at the top right:

RESIDENT REGISTRATION

There is a form to fill out that will put you on the list to receive receive community alerts via email.

That's all there is to it!

www.woodwindlakeshoa.com

A note from your board regarding Ezee Fiber

Hello neighbors,

The Board has recently become aware that Ezee Fiber is running fiber optic cable through our area. Several of us have looked and were appalled at the extent that things were torn up.

That is the bad news. The good news is they are making a major push, which we hope will keep the construction period shorter.

Ezee Fiber is well within their rights to do what they are doing in the utility rights of way. They were not required to inform us and they did not. They should be responsible for any damage they do and we suggest testing any services they might interfere with as soon as they have finished on your property.

If you have any questions or would like to express unhappiness about the lack of notice, please call Ezee Fiber directly at **(346) 644-3788**.

Thanks for your understanding and let's hope for a swift and minimally disruptive construction period.

Thank You

Best Christmas Decor

Win in your section and receive a \$25 Gift Certificate!

Judging takes place Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th

LAST YEAR'S WINNERS FOR BEST CHRISTMAS DECOR



SECTION 1 | 7807 BRAHMS COURT



SECTION 2 | 9007 RHAPSODY LANE



SECTION 3 | 7806 PERCUSSION PLACE



SECTION 4 | 9307 SINFONIA DRIVE



FRONT AND LAKESIDE | 8746 SERENADE LANE



MONARCH LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Woodwind Lakes Monthly Services Update

**October / November completed events**

- Irrigation Inspection (comp 10/9)
- Ant Bait (comp 10/20)
- Site Audit
- Replace leaking valve at Tocatta and Fairbanks (comp 10/25)
- Doggie bag material only order (comp 10/15)
- Dead tree removal at Pavilion (comp 11/16)
- Fallen tree removal lake 2 natural area (comp 11/16)
- Fallen tree from family pool removal (comp 11/9)
- Seasonal color removal (comp 11/27)

Upcoming events

- Irrigation Inspection (11/30-12/1)
- Site Audit
- Shrub and Groundcover Fall fert. w/ InD (TBS)
- Fallen tree from family pool removal (sch 11/9)
- Seasonal Color Installation (sch 11/30 - 12/1)
- Initial Irrigation repairs (sch 11/28 - 12/2)
- Esplanade hole fill in steel removal Tocatta (sch 11/30)

Details we are focusing on this month

- Remove bad in plants or dead plants in phases.
- Remove fallen branches around lakes in natural areas in phases that we can manage.
- Weed spraying and removal in beds on property.



Speaking of Fruit...

Here's some good news

'Tis the season for this beautiful, festive-looking fruit

The bright rich color highlights the many health benefits it contains.

Let's go through a few:

- Chronic inflammation is one of the leading drivers of many serious diseases. This fruit has *potent anti-inflammatory properties*.
- One 12-week study in people with diabetes found that 1.1 cups of (sugar free) pomegranate juice per day lowered the inflammatory markers (CRP). The American Society

of Nephrology found the potassium content in pomegranate juice reduces many dialysis related complications for kidney patients otherwise showing a reduced mortality rate.

POMEGRANATE



- May be useful against breast and prostate cancer.
- May help fight arthritis and joint pain.
- May lower risk of heart disease.

I truly believe nutritious fiber-dense foods can help us get off some medications. I have found that to be true from my personal experiences. Positive results were seen when I turned to a mainly plant based diet. Always do your research and take your questions to your medical advisor.

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!

Donna Konopka

Here's some "other" news

Fruit flies

Fruit flies can become a nuisance problem at any time of year. They can enter homes from ripe fruits or vegetables picked from the garden or purchased at the grocery store. Fruit fly adults may also fly into homes from outdoors.

Adult fruit flies are small (about 1/8 of an inch) and often have red eyes. The front portion of the body is tan while the back portion is dark brown to black. If given the opportunity, females can lay up to 500 eggs. Larvae are surface feeders on fermenting foods or other organic matter, which means that you can cut off the overripe parts of the fruit or vegetable and eat the rest.



Keeping them out of the house

To prevent bringing fruit flies into your home, do not purchase over ripened fruit and vegetables. Eat fresh produce

in a timely manner and store items in the refrigerator or a paper bag that is clipped closed. All recyclables should be rinsed thoroughly before placing them into the recycling bin. Recycling and garbage bins should be cleaned on a regular basis with soapy water to eliminate any spilled material.

If your home already has fruit flies, locate all sources of infestation (where the larvae are living) and eliminate them. Insecticides only target adults and will not control the problem. While searching and eliminating breeding sources, a trap can be constructed to capture adult flies. Create a paper funnel by rolling paper and taping it closed. Place the funnel into a jar that has a small amount of apple cider vinegar in the bottom.

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

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Monthly Contract Stats

WOODWIND LAKES

For November 2023

Categories

Burglary Habitation: 0	Burglary Vehicle: 0	Theft Habitation: 0
Theft Vehicle: 0	Theft Other: 0	Robbery: 0
Assault: 0	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 0
Disturbance Family: 0	Disturbance Juvenile: 1	Disturbance Other: 1
Alarms: 4	Suspicious Vehicles: 2	Suspicious Persons: 1
Runaways: 0	Phone Harrassment: 0	Other Calls: 46

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit Number	Contract Calls	District Calls	Reports Taken	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Tickets Issued	Recovered Property	Charges Filed	Mileage Driven	Days Worked
W14	36	57	11	0	1	20	0	1	1104	19
W15	60	15	4	0	0	16	0	0	721	14
TOTAL	96	72	15	0	1	36	0	1	1825	33

Summary of Events

OTHER CALLS:

9200 WOODWIND BLVD: A known male complainant stated that an unknown suspect struck his vehicle and then fled the scene of the crash without providing any information.

7600 ALLEGRO DR: A known female complainant stated that an unknown suspect struck her vehicle which was left parked on the roadway and then fled the scene of the crash without providing any information.

7600 ROLLING ROCK ST: A known male driver of a vehicle struck the complainants utility trailer which was parked on the roadway.

Alarms:

Deputies responded to 4 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Suspicious Vehicles:

Deputies responded to a 2 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Suspicious Persons:

Deputies responded to 1 suspicious person calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Deputies conducted multiple traffic stops and issued multiple citations within the contract reducing the possibility of accidents.

Deputies conducted multiple contract, neighborhood and business checks within the contract increasing visibility while performing regular patrol duties.

Deputies responded to 46 other calls within the contract including:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	Follow Up Investigations	Stranded Motorist
Animal Humane	Information Calls	Traffic Hazard
Child Custody Disputes	Meet The Officer	Unknown Medical Emergency
Domestic Preventions	Lost Found Property	Abandoned/Speeding Vehicles
D.W.I.	Sex Offender Verification	Welfare Checks