Lakewood Forest Civic News

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The next meeting of the Lakewood Forest Fund ("the HOA") is Monday, November 6 at 7 PM. The in-person meeting will be held at 12415 Louetta Road. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. The agenda is as follows:

LAKEWOOD FOREST FUND, INC.

NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETING

MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
TIME:	7:00-8:00 PM
PLACE:	IN PERSON @ 12415 Louetta Road, Cypress TX 77429

CONFIRM QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MONTHLY CONSTABLE CONTRACT STATS

CLARIFICATION OF ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING & VOTES

RATIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC APPROVALS

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023 BUDGET 2024

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ACCOUNTING SERVICES

BUSINESS

2022 TAX RETURN form 8879-TE CHANGES TO INSURANCE POLICY CYPRESSWOOD TREE TRIMMING ATTORNEY FEES – NON-COLLECTIONS MALCOMSON ROAD WALL – REPAIR/REPLACE ENGINEERING STUDY – PROPOSED NEEDED REVISION OF 2021 RESERVE STUDY (by RESERVE ADVISORS) IRRIGATION FOR JONES RD & LORTON ESPLANADES ANNUAL ELECTION TIMELINE SELF MANAGEMENT TRANSITION/TIMELINE

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS - IF REQUIRED

ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNER COMMENTS (LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)



Empty the attic and clean out the closets! It's time once again for the semi-annual Lakewood Forest Community Garage Sale!

If you plan to have a fall garage sale, this is a good time to hold it, as garage sale enthusiasts from all over northwest Houston come to shop one sale after another in our neighborhood. Shoppers know that Lakewood Forest holds a community sale and they look forward to it.

The community sale runs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 10, 11 and 12. You choose which days and hours you want to operate your sale on your own property.

This activity is sponsored by the Lakewood Forest Civic Association. The LFCA will advertise the community event through various online avenues and with banners and signs around the subdivision.

Residents are highly encouraged to put out their own directional signage the weekend of the sale, such as a bright "garage sale" sign with your own address, placed at major cross streets. Please be courteous when you put out your signs—don't place staked signs in the esplanades and don't post anything on stop signs. Posters on boxes held in place with stones is a good approach for your personal signage.

You are responsible for removing your signs and cleaning up your trash at the end of your sale. Please keep Lakewood Forest beautiful!

Lakewood Forest Civic Association (LFCA) Results from the Annual Meeting

Announcing New LFCA Leadership and Other Updates

Dear LFCA Members,

We are excited to introduce our newly elected directors and officers who will lead the LFCA: Jodi Cole has been re-elected as President, Linda Musthaler is our new Corresponding Secretary, Scott Johnson remains as Treasurer, and Andrea Lightcap is our new Recording Secretary. Jamie MacKeen has been re-elected to Director Position 1.

Other directors continuing in the second year of their two-year term include Terri Cole, Mary Blacklock, and Lori Estepp.

During our recent Annual Meeting, the board voted to increase annual membership dues to \$15 per household. This is the first time in the LFCA's decades long history that dues have increased. The increase is necessary due to rising inflation and costs, and will allow us to continue to serve Lakewood Forest with benevolent services and activities. Your voluntary membership dues can be paid along with your annual HOA fee in January.

In addition, updates have been made to our Civic Association bylaws and constitution to bring them in line with current Texas law.

Your contribution to the LFCA supports a range of community activities, including Breakfast with Santa, the Eggstravaganza egg hunt for our children, our Fourth of July Party, National Night Out, donations to local schools and the Lakewood Lightning swim team, curb number painting, and military care packages for our active-duty residents. Your contributions make these activities possible. We look forward to a bright future for Lakewood Forest with our new leadership and your continued support.

Regards,

Jodi Cole President, LFCA



Santa Claus is coming to town!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9 - 11 AM LAKEWOOD FOREST RESIDENTS' CLUB 15006 LAKEWOOD FOREST DRIVE

Lakewood Forest is Having Breakfast with Santa!

Keep your eyes open on the morning of December 2nd as our local constables escort Santa Claus through neighborhood streets on his way to the Lakewood Residents' Club to meet with the youngsters of Lakewood Forest.

Join the volunteers of the Lakewood Forest Civic Association for a holly jolly good time and a visit with Santa Claus as we celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

Drop in any time between 9 AM and 11 AM. We'll be serving a light buffet of breakfast treats, juices, milk and coffee. There will be easy holiday crafts for the youngsters to create, and a face painter to brighten the children's faces. They can write a letter to Santa and mail it directly to him in our special North Pole mailbox. And of course, every child gets a personal visit with Santa Claus and a goody bag to take home. Parents can take plenty of photos with their child and Santa together as a lifetime keepsake.

This event is hosted by the LFCA and is intended for all residents of Lakewood Forest. You do not have to be a member of the LRC to participate. We hope to see you and your children there!



Lakewood Forest Shows Our Military Members Some Hometown Love

For several years now, the Lakewood Forest Civic Association has spearheaded a program to send care packages to residents currently serving in the military. The packages are sent in November to coincide with the holidays. They contain things like

snacks, personal hygiene items, holiday-themed items, gift cards, and more.

A Senior Airman who received a package previously sent the following note to let us know his appreciation:

Thank you very much for the holiday care package. I am so grateful for this thoughtful gift and all the time and effort that y'all put into bringing me a slice of home. It warms my heart to know that the community I was so lucky to grow up in has so much love and pride for me and my fellow service members. It can be hard being away from my home and my family, especially during the holidays, but it's these small reminders that make me think of home and the people I am serving for. God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

If you know someone who would enjoy receiving a package from their Lakewood Forest community, please send an email to Linda Musthaler at Imusthaler@sbcglobal.net or call her at 832-247-5854. In previous years we have sent packages to between 4 and 15 service members serving in the U.S. or abroad. It's up to you to nominate the recipients.

They must live/have lived in Lakewood Forest and be on active military duty away from home. They must be a direct family member of a Lakewood Forest resident: son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, husband, or wife.

If you would like to make a cash donation to this project, please send your check made out to the Lakewood Forest Civic Association and note that it is for "military care packages." Send it to the association's mailing address, 13121 Louetta Road, PMB #1025, Cypress, TX 77429.

If you would like to donate items to go in the boxes, please email Linda to coordinate your donation. We are accepting **small** items that fit into a standard USPS large shipping box. Food items must be individually wrapped. New items only, please. All material donations must be received by November 10.



Thank You for Attending Our Neighborhood National Night Out

What a great time we had on Friday, October 6, celebrating Lakewood Forest's National Night Out event. Thank you to our local constables, fire fighters, and emergency medical technicians who brought their equipment and showed it off to residents. We even met a canine officer who is always ready to take on the bad guys.

Attendees enjoyed freshly grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks, cold beer provided by Karbach Brewing Company, and delicious cake donated by HEB. Lively music was provided by our own resident DJ Christian Trochez. The kids were entertained with a bouncy house obstacle course. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible.

Residents of Wincrest Court gathered in the driveway of the Fisk family to celebrate their own National Night Out among neighbors. Enjoy these photos from their evening.













Rent the Newly Renovated Lakewood Residents' Club for Your Next Party or Event

You don't have to be a Club member to rent our beautiful facility for your event. Check out our great rates for functions up to 150 people. You don't have to leave the neighborhood to host your friends, relatives or company colleagues. Be your own party planner and put together the perfect evening. LRC offers a great dance floor, open space and a beautiful view. For events from anniversaries, wedding receptions, showers, personal or company Christmas parties or reunions to small informational meetings or group gatherings LRC has a reasonable rate for you! Call Shannon at 281-376-1893 or visit our website at <u>www.lakewoodrc.org</u>. Make reservations at <u>https://lakewoodrc.org/clubhouse-reservations/</u>

Also, the Lakewood Residents' Club has newly renovated office space for lease! The offices include a shared kitchen common area and board room, and some even have balconies overlooking the pool and lake. Plus, your rental includes a family membership to the club! For more information contact Shannon at <u>lakewoodresidentsclub@gmail.com</u>



Lakewood Forest Garden Club

Did you know? At the end of summer, bumble bee queens burrow just below the soil to wait out winter. Give them the extra protection they need, leave the leaves! Leaves provide food and shelter for bumble bees, lady beetles, butterflies ... and so many more beneficial insects that will help control pests and pollinate your garden the following spring. Keeping leaf litter in your yard doesn't have to be messy. Rake leaves into thin piles around trees or into garden beds. Flower stems can be left standing. Together these simple steps can provide winter shelter for insects, seed heads to feed birds, and stems as nest sites for solitary bees. Invite the wild into your backyard!



All the Lakewood Forest Garden Club members are excited that the newsletter is coming back. We have missed sharing fun and informative information with the residents of Lakewood. Let us know what you would like to hear about in future articles.

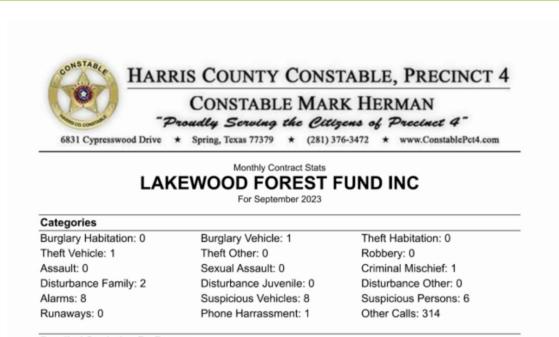
The Lakewood Forest Garden Club meets on the 1st Friday of each month, September-May, at the Scouting/Community Ministries building behind Lakewood United Methodist Church. Come check us out whether you enjoy gardening or just looking at them. Get more information on our website at <u>https://lakewoodforestgarden.club/</u>. There's lots of great gardening information on our website whether you want to join or just want to visit. Special note – LFGC is open to both women and men...

Monthly we have some great speakers on different topics interesting to gardeners. The meeting on 11/3/23 will have Darla Harris from the Fern Plantation. She has promised to bring some great show and tell ferns! Hope to see you there!

EZEE Fiber Installation in Lakewood Forest

Many homeowners have been asking questions about EZEE Fiber coming onto their property to install fiber for internet services. EZEE Fiber is a local Houston utility that is expanding its network in the Louetta corridor, including areas that are in Lakewood Forest. As a utility, they have a right to the easements on our lots.

Please note that neither the Lakewood Forest Fund nor Graham Management has anything to do with EZEE Fiber or the installations they are performing. If you have questions or complaints, please contact EZEE Fiber directly at 713-255-7500. Their website is <u>www.EzeeFiber.com</u>.



Detailed Statistics By Deputy

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Unit	Contract	District	Reports	Felony	Misd	Tickets	Tickets Recovered		Mileage	Days
Number	Calls	Calls	Taken	Arrests	Arrests	Issued	Property	Filed	Driven	Worked
244	52	1	0	0	0	24	0	0	289	9
41	1	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	1121	19
P31	37	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	368	10
P61	38	4	2	0	0	5	0	0	927	14
W44	68	23	10	0	0	22	0	0	830	21
W46	33	29	19	0	0	20	0	3	876	19
TOTAL	229	57	31	0	0	103	0	3	4411	92

Summary of Events

Burglary Vehicle:

11700 Idlebrook Dr. - Deputies responded to location where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) entered the complainant's unlocked vehicle and attempted to take items during nighttime hours. All the property was recovered due to the unknown suspect(s) fleeing when the deputies arrived onscene. Case is under investigation.

Update:

The three BMV cases from August 2023 were closed and the known male suspect was issued an arrest warrant for credit card abuse.

Theft Vehicle:

11300 Ericston Dr. – Deputies responded to location in reference to a missing vehicle. The complainant stated his vehicle was parked in his friend's driveway and he last saw his vehicle in

2012. The complainant stated his vehicle was towed by unknown suspect(s) while the home was being renovated and the vehicle had not been seen by the property owner since August 2023.

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Phone Harassment:

12500 New Hampton – Deputies responded to location in reference to a telephone harassment, where it was reported by the complainant received text threats from an unknown suspect(s) phone number. Case is under investigation.

Other Calls:

16400 Marrat Ct. - Fraud – Deputies responded to location in reference to a fraud, where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) where using her information to make unauthorized charges at Kohl's and other stores online.

Deputies responded to 8 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Deputies responded to 8 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as gone on arrival or information.

Deputies responded to 6 suspicious person calls that were all cleared as gone on arrival or information.

Deputies performed numerous traffic stops within the contract increasing visibility and reducing potential crime in the contract.

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

Deputies responded to 314 other calls including: Motor vehicle Accidents Animal Humane Arson Fire **Conducted Traffic Initiatives** DWI Responded to Traffic Hazards **Compliance Checks** School and Park Checks Conducted Follow Up Investigations Welfare Checks Meet The Officer Calls Meet The Citizen Sex Offender Checks Solicitors Vacation Watches

The Appearance of Your Yard Affects Your Home's Value

It looks like the brutal summer weather is finally behind us. It's time to get our yards back into shape. We want to keep Lakewood Forest looking good so that people want to buy and live here.

Take stock of your yard. Remove weeds and dead plants, shrubs and trees. (R.I.P. magnolias!) Resod/reseed the patches of dead grass. Maybe plant a few pansies for a splash of fall and winter color.

Remember that our subdivision covenants require upkeep and maintenance of lawns. But more than that, a beautiful appearance of your yard increases the value of your home investment. Now that the weather is pleasant, get out there and give your landscape a little love.

Get in touch!

Lakewood Forest Fund, Inc. (Homeowners' Association)

www.lakewoodforestfund.com

Management Company: Graham Management

Contact: Tami Smith, <u>tsmith@grahammanagementhouston.com</u>, 713-334-800 The Fund office is located at 12415 Louetta Road, Cypress, 77429. Open for HOA meetings only.

Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Fund office. Check the website to verify meeting dates, times and locations. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

Lakewood Forest Civic Association (LFCA)

Mailing address: 13121 Louetta Road, PMB #1025 Cypress, TX 77429 Contact: Lakewoodforestcivicassociation@gmail.com http://www.lakewoodforestfund.com/civic-association.html Meetings are generally the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Fund office. All LWF residents are welcome to attend.

Lakewood Residents' Club (private club)

www.lakewoodrc.org

15006 Lakewood Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77070 Contact: Shannon, 281-376-1893 or <u>lakewoodresidentsclub@gmail.com</u> Reserve the clubhouse at <u>https://lakewoodrc.org/clubhouse-reservations/</u>

Lakewood Forest Garden Club

https://lakewoodforestgarden.club/

Meetings are the 1st Friday of each month, September-May, at the Scouting/Community Ministries building behind Lakewood United Methodist Church

Find Lakewood Forest on Facebook

Did you know there are several unofficial Facebook groups pertaining to Lakewood Forest? All residents are welcome to join. There's a general group called "Lakewood Forest, Northwest Houston", and a social group for the ladies of LWF called "Lakewood Forest Ladies Social". Rumor has it the men have a social group too.

Security/Constable

The Lakewood Forest Fund has a contract with Harris County Precinct 4's Contract Deputy Program. We have several uniformed officers working approximately 70% of their time for Lakewood Forest.

To report a crime or anything of a suspicious nature, call **281-376-3472** and identify yourself to the dispatcher as a resident of Lakewood Forest.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your Lakewood Forest neighbors. To add or change your email address for the distribution list, send an email with the update to <u>lakewoodforestcivicassociation@gmail.com</u>.

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