

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2025

FROZEN FUN!

SNOW STORM 2025: WHAT A TIME IT WAS!

The snow gave a beautiful new look to our neighborhood and brought out the fun in folks.



How often do you get to go sledding in Houston?



Building a snowman, playing baseball with a snowball — that was just some of the Winter fun that was to be found around the neighborhood.

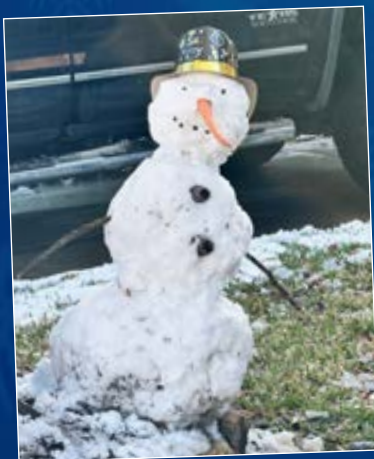




Creativity showed up everywhere when it came to building snowmen!



Carrot noses, hats, stick arms, even a tropical lei. And why not a snowduck?



More views around Woodwind Lakes during this rare event.



THE WOMEN'S CLUB
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 10:00 AM

BINGO

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND PRIZES!!!

Windfern Forest MUD Building | 14410 Mauna Loa at Gessner

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Your HOA Board At Work

Great news for Woodwind Lakes!

We are excited to announce our contract with the Harris County Sheriff's Department has been officially approved by the Harris County Commissioners Court. The contract will go into effect on Saturday, February 8th.

Since November 2024, the Sheriff's Department has been providing support to our community while our application moved through the necessary approvals. Their presence has been felt through regular patrols in Woodwind Lakes, enforcing speed limits, ensuring adherence to stop signs and serving as a visible deterrent.

Moving forward, we will keep you informed about:

- **Non-emergency phone numbers**
- **Vacation relief scheduling**
- **Officer shifts and assignments**

We've also invited the officers to attend our monthly Board Meetings. This will give you an opportunity to address any questions or concerns directly to them. If you're unable to attend, you can submit your questions through the link **ASK THE BOARD** (below and on our web site), and we'll ensure they are addressed during the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping Woodwind Lakes a safe and wonderful community!

ASK THE BOARD



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BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center mobile donation coach
will be in the Family Pool parking lot from 4:00 – 8:00 PM.**

It's easy to sign up for an appointment by scanning this QR code.

Sponsor code: WLWC



All donors will
receive a FREE
quarter zip
pullover!

(Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.)

GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER



For five decades, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center has been at the heart of saving and sustaining lives in our community. With a commitment to innovation, quality, and care, we've expanded our reach and capabilities to meet the evolving needs of hospitals, patients, and donors alike.

Driven by our mission and the generosity of donors, we continue to build a future where we are committed to making a difference one donation at a time. Together, we are not just providing blood—we are creating a lifeline for our community.



If you've never given blood before, here's information on what to expect and how to prepare:

<https://www.giveblood.org/donate/prepare-for-your-donation/#>

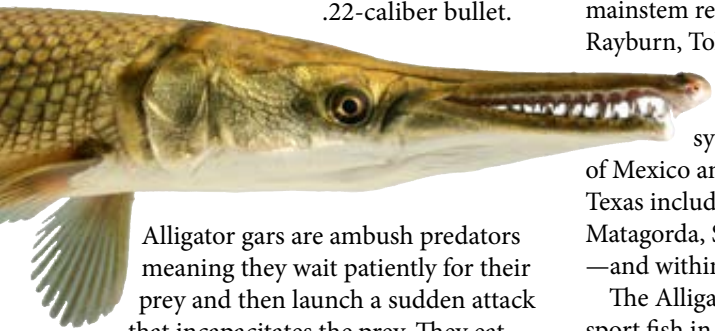
The fish that time forgot

Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

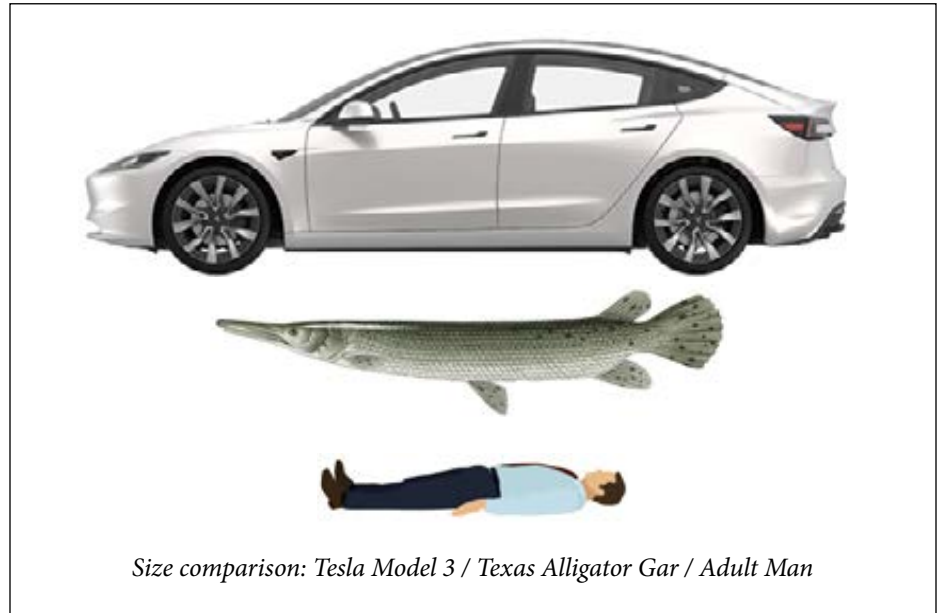
Everything's bigger and better in Texas. Hats, hair, the Texas sky, our longhorn cattle and even our Texas pride. It takes something very special to impress Texans but even a true Texan might have to do a double-take when they see an Alligator gar fish.

This species has survived since the Early Cretaceous period

This pre-historic looking fish is big, scary looking and a living fossil. They have been traced back over 100 million years. They are among the largest freshwater fish in North America growing up to 10 feet long and weighing 300 pounds. Alligator gars have a bony snout and rows of razor-sharp teeth. Adults have two rows of large teeth on either side of the upper jaw. Their scales are called ganoid scales and are unlike the scales of other fish. They are bone-like, rhomboidal-shaped with serrated edges and are covered in an enamel-like substance. They are practically impenetrable. It's been said its scales can deflect a .22-caliber bullet.



Alligator gars are ambush predators meaning they wait patiently for their prey and then launch a sudden attack that incapacitates the prey. They eat waterfowl, other birds, turtles and small mammals that might be in the water.



Size comparison: Tesla Model 3 / Texas Alligator Gar / Adult Man

Where they are found in Texas

Alligator gars can tolerate salt water and can be found in large rivers, reservoirs and coastal bays. In East Texas, they're found in Cypress Creek, the Sabine, Neches, Angelina and Trinity Rivers, and in mainstem reservoirs including Caddo, Sam Rayburn, Toledo Bend and Livingston.

Along the coast, they can be found in nearly every river system draining into the Gulf of Mexico and every coastal bay system in Texas including Galveston, Corpus Christi, Matagorda, San Antonio and Laguna Madre—and within the intercoastal canal system.

The Alligator gar has become a popular sport fish in Texas. The season is in the spring and summer. With the exception of the Falcon International Reservoir,

the statewide daily bag limit is one. Gars must be less than 48 inches to be retained and you must report your catch within 24 hours using the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app.

Alligator gars play a vital role

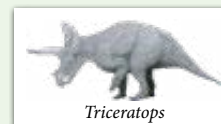
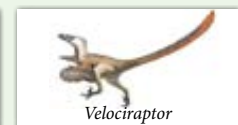
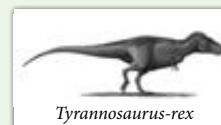
Alligator gars stand as a testament to the resilience of ancient species. With its impressive size, unique adaptations, and vital role in aquatic ecosystems, this remarkable fish deserves our admiration and protection. As we continue to explore and understand the complexities of our natural world, let us advocate for the conservation of the Alligator gar, ensuring that future generations can appreciate its uniqueness and ecological significance.

The Cretaceous is a geological period that lasted from about 143 to 66 million years ago

The Cretaceous was a period with a relatively warm climate, resulting in high sea levels that created numerous shallow inland seas. These oceans and seas were populated with now-extinct marine reptiles, while dinosaurs continued to dominate on land.

The Cretaceous (along with the Mesozoic) ended with the Cretaceous–Paleogene extinction event, in which many groups, including non-avian dinosaurs, pterosaurs, and large marine reptiles, died out, widely thought to have been caused by the impact of a large asteroid that formed the Chicxulub crater in the Gulf of Mexico. The result was the extinction of three-quarters of Earth's plant and animal species.

DINOSAURS OF THE CRETACEOUS





February Yard of the Month had to be cancelled thanks to the crazy weather that affected so many yards.

Fingers crossed that yards will recover by the end of this month.

