

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

HAPPY

New

YEAR

2024 Christmas on the Lake





* WWL raised \$330 for St. Jude's at the Christmas event thanks to the kindness of donors and musician Gary House who doubles our donations with his own money.





Special thanks to our talented and generous neighbor Hank Williams for being our photographer at the event!

Thank You!

Special thanks to our wonderful silent auction sponsors for another successful Christmas on the Lake event.

Adriatic
Café

Backyard
Grill

Bella
Mare
Nails

Be Strong
Fitness

BJ's
Restaurant &
Brewhouse

Blue Iris
Florist

Christian
Brothers
Automotive

Custom
Hand
Carwash

Eats
Mesquite
Grill

EFI Auto
Service

Fairbanks
Liquor

Friend &
Companion
Pet Grooming and
Teaching Academy

Hacienda
Don Jose

Hickory
Hollow

JC Nursery

Logan's
Roadhouse

Los Cucos

Lucky Thai

Mr Detail
Car Wash

Nothing
Bundt
Cakes

Party
Pantry
Liquor

PO Box ETC
Shipping & Printing

Potbelly
Sandwiches

Quick Quack
Car Wash

RCW
Nursery

Reflexology
for Healing

Royal Tea
Café

Rita's
Cantina

Senate Ave
Brewing
Company

Simply
Donuts

Sleek
Society
Salon

Soto's
Cantina

WannaTrav
Cruise and
Tours

ZAF
Cleaners

And it wouldn't have been possible without the participation of our awesome community and our fantastic volunteers!

THE WOMEN'S CLUB
Christmas Luncheon at Seasons 52



*More photos
 on next page.*

The Women's Club Board
 Ann Tatum, Lynn Collins, Sharon Siebern, Sue Preston

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December Birthday Girls!
 Sharon Siebern, Merrell Greene, Marianne West



Simple Steps to Avoid Costly Repairs

Prepare your irrigation system for winter

It may not feel like winter yet but some regions of the state have already begun to experience some colder weather and freezing temperatures at night. With these colder temperatures, many landscape plants like turfgrass have started to go dormant. Dormant plants require almost no supplemental irrigation since winter rainfall usually provides sufficient water. It is typically recommended not to irrigate during the winter months.

Winterizing is the process of preparing an irrigation system for winter weather and can help avoid costly repairs in the spring.

Follow these simple steps to winterize an irrigation system:

- Turn off the irrigation controller.
- Shut off the water supply to the irrigation system. Most irrigation systems have an isolation valve located near the water meter or backflow prevention assembly for this purpose.
- Insulate any PVC pipes that are exposed above ground by covering with pipe insulation or other material.

This resource link contains how-to videos for proper insulation methods.

<https://irrigation.tamu.edu/winterization/>

- Drain the water from irrigation components installed above ground such as backflow prevention assemblies. In regions of the state where the ground freezes for longer periods of time, drain the irrigation system if so equipped.

Contacting a local TCEQ Licensed Landscape Irrigator can ensure your system and backflow prevention assembly are prepared for winter.

Posted from MUD261

<https://www.hcmud261.com/category/conservation/>

Creating a better 2025

The New Year gives everyone a chance to reset the clock, wipe the slate clean and get a fresh start. Many people like to make New Year's resolutions to improve themselves or their lives. This practice often involves reflecting on the past year, identifying areas for improvement and committing to changes that can lead to personal growth, better health or enhanced relationships. Some of the more popular resolutions are to lose weight, save money, drink less alcohol and work less. The list goes on and on.



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Studies show only a fraction actually stick to them throughout the year but they can still serve as a motivational tool, encouraging individuals to strive for positive change and a fresh start in the new year.

The concept of New Year's resolutions dates back to ancient times with Babylonians being among the first to make them. The resolutions were actually promises made to the gods during a 12-day festival in mid-March known as Akitu. The types of promises made were to pay debts or to return borrowed items. In exchange for the promises to their gods, it was hoped

the gods would bless them with abundant crops and good fortune.

Making a New Year's resolution to help the environment can be a meaningful and impactful choice and can serve as a starting point for long-term sustainable habits, making it easier to integrate eco-friendly practices into your daily life.

Let's all resolve to make our world a better place in 2025. Every small action contributes to a larger impact, so even minor changes in your daily habits can significantly help the environment.

Cheryl Conley,

Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

Let's consider doing what we can to help the environment in 2025

Here are just a few things you can commit to

- Reduce plastic use and recycle.
- Conserve water.
 - Fix dripping faucets, take shorter showers, irrigate your lawns at night.
- Reduce energy consumption.
 - Turn off the lights.
 - Set your A/C a degree or two higher.
- Advocate for policy changes.
 - Support and vote for policies that prioritize environmental protection.
- Choose eco-friendly products.
 - Choose biodegradable and sustainably sourced products.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil and household chemicals.
- Plant a pollinator-friendly garden.
- Plant native trees.
- Use fewer chemicals on your lawn and in your garden.



WOMEN'S CLUB JANUARY EVENT Tuesday, January 21

HUMAN TRAFFICKING*

*Signs to watch for, how to report and what you can do to help the victims.
Presentation by Lea Byrd from The Landing (www.thelanding.org)*

Meeting will begin at 10:00 am
Speaker will commence at 11:00 am
Windfern Forest MUD Building
14410 Mauna Loa at Gessner

*Please contact Ann Tatum at anntatum9203@gmail.com by January 13, 2025,
if you wish to attend, plan on bringing a guest or have any questions.*

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- * • An estimated 25 million people worldwide – including over **300,000** in Texas – are victims of human trafficking.
- There are an estimated 80,000 youth victims of sex trafficking in Texas.
- Less than 1% of human trafficking victims are identified.

Women's Club toy drive a wonderful success

The Women's Club December toy drive was quite a success! Besides the members of the club, we had a number of generous community



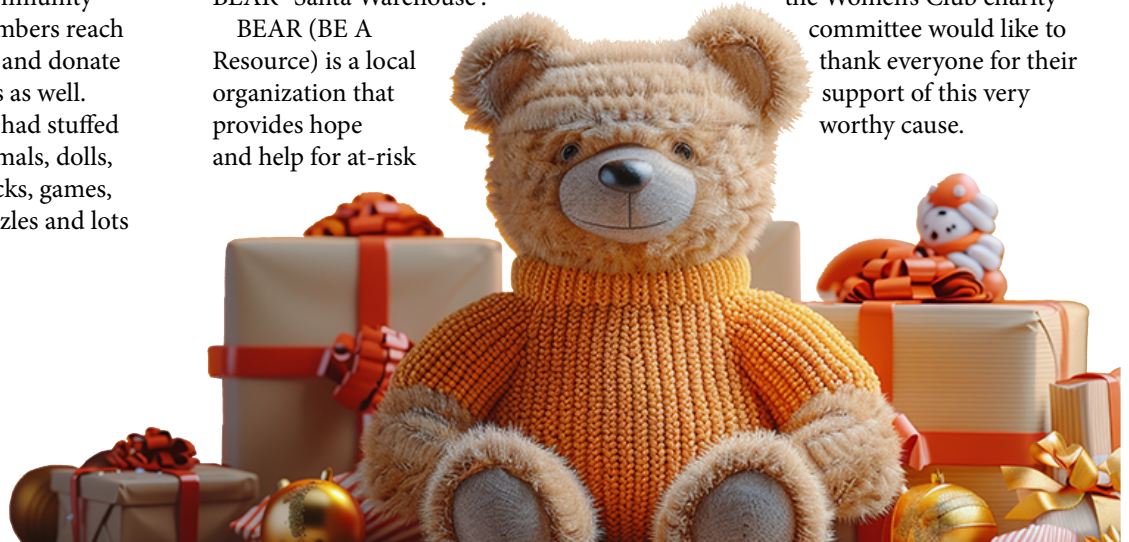
members reach out and donate toys as well. We had stuffed animals, dolls, trucks, games, puzzles and lots

of arts and crafts and STEM items. Over 120 toys were collected and delivered on Tuesday, December 10th to the BEAR "Santa Warehouse".

BEAR (BE A Resource) is a local organization that provides hope and help for at-risk

and CPS-involved children and their caretakers in the greater Houston area.

They were very appreciative and the Women's Club charity committee would like to thank everyone for their support of this very worthy cause.



BEST CHRISTMAS DECOR

Section 1



9207 BRAHMS LANE

Section 2



8918 ANDANTE DRIVE

Section 3



8746 SERENADE LANE

Section 4



9411 ORATORIO COURT

★ *Congratulations!* ★