

LAKEWOOD FOREST FUND NEWS

"The HOA"

January 2020

2020 Annual Meeting and Special Meeting of Members

Place: Lakewood Residents' Club, 15006 Lakewood Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77070

Date: Monday, February 3rd, 2020

Time: Annual Meeting is from 7-8:00 PM (registration begins at 6:30 PM)

Special Meeting immediately following the conclusion of Annual Meeting.

There will be a Q&A session at this meeting during homeowner forum. Any homeowner wishing to bring up a topic of discussion must submit their question or concern to the Fund Office no later than 5:00 pm, Jan 27th. This will give us ample time to research the concern and have the necessary information available at the meeting. In an effort to protect homeowner privacy, we will not allow discussion relating to current legal matters, deed restriction issues related to a specific property or specific neighbor to neighbor disputes. The meeting packet along with the Q&A questions will be posted to the website after the meeting for viewing for those individuals unable to attend.

Electronic Voting: Opens at 12:00 AM PT, Wednesday, January 8th and ends at 12:00 AM PT, Thursday, January 23rd. [Click here](#) to go the online voting site. Contact our office if you need a registration number. Go to our website: lakewoodforestfund.com to view the following (located at the bottom of the home page): Information Packet, Candidate Bios, Proxy Form

Questions may be directed to gm@lakewoodforestfund.com.

[2020 Approved Budget](#)

Faulkey Gully Improvements

If you would like to learn more about the work being done along Faulkey Gulley, follow [this link](#) to the Harris County Flood Control District.

STREET LIGHT OUT?

[Email us](#) and we'll take care of it.

If possible, provide address and six digit pole number.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1st Mondays, 7pm at Fund Office
12415 Louetta Road
February 3 (Annual Meeting)
March 2 (Board Meeting)
April 6 (Board Meeting)

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Lewis, President
Boe Bowen, Vice-President
Scott Johnson, Treasurer
Bobbi Munz, Secretary
Paul Marshall, Trustee
Sandy Matto, Trustee
Christy Jones, Trustee

Minutes from past meetings and upcoming agendas can be found on [website](#).

2020 Assessments Due by January 31

The assessment amount for 2020 is \$630 and must be paid January 31. We will consider payments postmarked on or before January 31 as on time. Payments received/postmarked after January 31 will incur a 10% late fee of \$63. **We urge everyone to use the new homeowner portal to make payments...it's quick and easy.**

Your billing statement directs you to the [Document Library](#) page on our website. The website was just revamped and this page has moved. Click on [Financial Info/Payment Instructions](#) under Helpful Links to see the different ways to pay.

Activate Your Homeowner Portal

The new homeowner portal allows you to make online payments, view your balance, and more. If you have any problems, please contact admin2@lakewoodforestfund.com.

Steps to Activate:

1. Go to



Unsanctioned Bike Jumps Erected Behind “Gardens of Lakewood Forest”

At the January 13th board meeting, discussion was held in regards to unsanctioned bike jumps erected by members of Cypress Creek Mountain Bike Trails (CCMTB). Said bike jumps are located directly adjacent to the concrete slab perimeter wall located on Harris County Flood Control Property behind the *Gardens of Lakewood Forest*. Concerns from board members in regards to the erection of these unsanctioned bike jumps include:

- restricted access for first responders
- impediment of natural flow of water from detention pond affecting drainage in patio home area
- vegetation and tree removal from natural habitat; some of which has grown back since the 2011 forest fire
- erosion/sinkhole issues
- lack of accessibility for preventative wall maintenance
- features are made with cement, red clay, bricks, and stones which have been transported into the area
- liability for injuries and/or death resulting from riders colliding with HOA wall

At the meeting, the Board approved having legal counsel representing HOA inform Harris County Flood Control of above concerns and insisting on indemnification against any injuries and/or death resulting from riders colliding with HOA wall.

Time to Remove Holiday Decorations

Community Guidelines specify that all decorations be removed 15 days after each holiday.



<https://lakewoodforestfund.appfolio.com/connect>

2. Enter your email address.
3. Click **Sign up**.
4. Check for the activation email. You will need to confirm your email address and set a password for your portal.

There is also an app (AppFolio Portal) for Apple and Android devices.

From the Civic Association

Thank you to all residents who donated coats and other clothing for the annual Lakewood Forest Civic Association coat drive. Five large bags of donated items were given to MESA Outreach, a charitable organization that serves people in need in northwest Houston. The clothing items will be offered to MESA clients at a January food pantry event.

Latest update on Grant Road Wall

Delays to construction of phase 1 of the wall replacement project are resulting from obstructions created by utilities in this area, survey boundaries and right of ways. With this being said, the HOA is looking at avenues to overcome these issues. Currently, the contractor is redesigning the wall blueprint so as to use a spread footer which would allow for the elimination of piers. An engineering firm will review the new sign, seal and stamp before acceptance from the HOA board. The HOA is also working with legal counsel and professional consultants in efforts to obtain variances for wall placement. This process will involve additional steps such as a subsurface survey. In the meantime, privacy material will be attached to the temporary chain link fence so as conceal the backyards of affected residents.

Join the Lakewood Forest Civic Association

The Lakewood Forest Civic Association is an independent, non-profit neighborhood association which promotes the general welfare of Lakewood Forest residents and supports civic betterment for Lakewood Forest and surrounding areas. We are run by an elected board of homeowner volunteers who contribute their time and efforts toward making Lakewood Forest a nice place to live, enjoy, and raise a family.

Your \$10 membership dues go a very long way! With it, the Civic Association does/supports the following:

- Events including the Easter Egg-stravaganza, the July 4th Patriotic Parade, Neighborhood Night Out, and the Community Garage Sale
- Publications including the monthly *Civic News* newsletter, the Residential Directory and the Newcomers Guide
- Projects including Military Care Packages and Student Scholarship Awards
- Neighborhood improvements including Subdivision Entrance Wing Wall Lighting and Curb Number Painting
- Donations to our local public schools, the Lakewood Lightning swim team, the Lakewood Forest Garden Club and Cy Creek EMS

Residents who want to join the LFCA for the current fiscal year (September 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020), should mail their (non tax deductible) \$10 check to:

Lakewood Forest Civic Association, 13121 Louetta Rd, PMB #1025, Cypress, TX 77429

The LFCA Board of Directors thanks you for your continued support of the LFCA and your neighborhood.

From the Garden Club

The Lakewood Forest Garden Club met on January 3, 2020. The program by Marie Silvis from Precinct 4 Community Assistance was entitled "Parks, Greenways and the Mosquito Assassin Program in Precinct 4." The



speaker inspired us to get out there and enjoy the plethora of trails and activities provided by the county.

The hostess table was set with fresh flowers for a "New Year Garden Bash" theme. Becky Bailey, Maggie White, Dawn Bramwell (Chair), Rosemary Felix, Joanne Matava and Sandra McKeon decorated and prepared a wide array of delicious refreshments. Bouquets for the President's Table also served as door prizes and were beautiful creations from the gardens of our talented members. Lynn White was the lucky recipient of the Bird of Paradise design by Gail Bramwell and Maggie White was the winner of the Marilyn Bullen arrangement.



Fran Hamel gave an update on the CAM project where gift cards were donated in December. There were 1,216 children who received gifts through this effort! Margo Propst reported that the Wreaths Across America project was a great success and our collections provided 84.5 wreaths which were laid at the Houston National Cemetery in December. Thirteen members from the garden club and three of their husbands helped lay the wreaths and a group will also assist with removal.

Yard of the Month for March will be judged by members of the garden club the last week of February. The area to be judged is Area A Section 1. Winners receive gift certificates to Plants For All Seasons provided through contributions by Lakewood Forest Civic Association, Lakewood Forest Fund and Plants For All Seasons.



Garden Hints - February To Do List by Sherri Harrah at Plants For All Seasons

1. Cover plants, water well if a freeze is forecast. The coldest days usually occur this month.
2. Remove covers first thing in the morning if it's above freezing. Heat builds under covers, and your plants will cook!
3. Mow the lawn **once** to allow the sun to reach the roots.
4. Prune grafted roses; Valentine's Day is traditional time to trigger healthy new growth.
5. Plant later-blooming bulbs, corms and tubers, such as amaryllis, canna and gladiolus.
6. Watch the temps. If temps towards the end of the month look like freezes are over, get tomatoes in the ground!!! We have to start early in Houston if we want good yields!!!!
7. **Don't commit crape murder!!!** Resist the urge to do what your neighbors and ill-informed landscapers do. If you need to prune and shape your crape myrtle, stop by the nursery and we can show you the correct way to prune them.

Theft Habitation:

12900 Kathy Ln. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Theft Habitation call where it was reported by Complainant that he believed unknown suspect(s) were allowed access to their home stole and firearm from his home. Case open pending further investigation.

Theft Other:

12000 Normont Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Theft call where it was reported by Complainant that unknown suspect(s) stole a tailgate from his motor vehicle. Case open pending further investigation.

Criminal Mischief:

11600 Vailrun Dr. - Deputies responded to location where it was reported by the Complainant that unknown suspect(s) damaged Complainant's vehicle. No property was stolen. Case closed at this time due to lack of leads.
12400 Island Dr. - Deputies responded to location where it was reported by Complainant that unknown suspect(s) damaged Complainant's mailbox. No property was stolen. Case closed at this time due to lack of leads.

Disturbance Family:

12500 Hammersmith Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to location in reference to a Disturbance among family members. A Report and investigation was completed. Case closed.

Runaway:

14200 River Grove Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to Runaway where it was reported by parent that a juvenile child left their home without their permission. Follow up conducted and Juvenile located and returned. Report generated, case closed.

Animal Aggressive:

12400 Laneview Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Animal Aggressive type call where it was reported by Complainant that she received a dog bite after breaking up a dog fight in her front yard. The Complainant had a minor injury and Animal Control was contacted. Case Closed.

Fraudulent Use ID:

12700 Cloverwood Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Fraudulent Use ID where it was reported by Complainant that unknown suspect(s) used his information to open an AT&T account and make several unauthorized purchases. Case closed due to no leads.

Other:

12200 Moorcreek Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to an Accidental Injury call where it was reported by Complainant he was accidentally shot by his son who was cleaning his room. The Complainant was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Report Generated, case closed.

14000 Calmont Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Lost Property call where it was reported by Complainant that he lost his Texas Driver's License. Report Generated, case closed.

Deputies responded to 22 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Deputies responded to 10 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as gone on arrival or information.

Deputies responded to 4 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 other calls including:

Motor vehicle Accidents

Animal Humane

Arson Fire

Conducted Traffic Initiatives

DWI

Responded to Traffic Hazards

Compliance Checks

Sex Offender Verifications

School and Park Checks

Conducted Follow Up Investigations

Welfare Checks

Meet The Officer Calls

Meet The Citizen

Solicitors

Alarm calls that resulted in False and False Human Error

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You don't have to be a Club member to rent the 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 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 www.lakewoodrc.org.



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