

These are the six announced candidates for election to the three open positions on the Woodwind Lakes HOA Board.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

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Benjamin Castleberry

Merrell Greene

Brian Loeb

Chad Overton

Mendi Strnadel

Dawn Weber

Hello Neighbors!

My wife and I are proud newcomers to this wonderful community and live on Melody Circle. We have found a warm and welcoming home here and I'm eager to contribute to the betterment of Woodland Lakes.

With over 15 years experience as a civil engineer and managing close to \$750 million in infrastructure projects, I have the skill sets necessary to...

- Understand issues and concerns you are experiencing within Woodwind Lakes.
- Clearly communicate why those issues are occurring and how they are being resolved.
- Proactively implement solutions to resolve those issues.
- Implement best management practices to maintain our facilities and infrastructure to prevent issues from occurring.
- Review contracts, project scopes and executed work to ensure quality work is performed within our community at a fair price.
- Manage and track financial budgets in a manner where you understand how your HOA dues are being spent.
- Understand the necessary upgrades and improvements to our community to keep attracting quality neighbors like yourself and our home values rising.

Woodwind Lakes is not just a place to live; it's a community where families come together. My family and I are committed to fostering an inviting atmosphere for our current and future residents. Let's work together to make Woodland Lakes an even better place to call home.

Thank you for considering me for this important role in our HOA board.

Benjamin Castleberry, P.E.

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MERRELL *Greene*

- Woodwind Lakes HOA Board Candidate

Trees, ducks, turtles, rainbows and dogs to pet! These make Woodwind Lakes more than a home. I retired from United Airlines as Director of Technology for Finance and Accounting. I am an active member of the Woodwind Lakes Women's Club; and participate in their many community activities; including Christmas on the Lake, Christmas Silent Auction and the July 4th Neighborhood BBQ & Party.

I am appointed by the Harris County Commissioners Court as an Election Judge and as a Deputy Voter Registrar. I saw many of you at our polling location at Rolling Fork! I hope that I will again in November!

Many residents have contributed time and talent to make our community a wonderful place to live. However, nothing is perfect; there will always be improvements to make. I believe strongly that homeowners should have a voice in resolving the issues that affect our community; that elected representatives are accountable to the residents, and that residents are entitled to receive timely responses to their concerns.

If I am elected, I would set the following goals for myself:

- I will be accessible to homeowners and provide my email and phone number. You can bring your concerns to me. I won't be able to solve all your concerns; but someone will listen and try.
- I will insist that homeowner concerns that are raised at board meetings be recorded, posted and remain open on future agendas until those concerns are resolved.
- I will push to allow homeowners to speak at meetings without an unreasonable arbitrary time limit.

I believe that the strength of the board can be greatly enhanced by forming workgroups that draw on the expertise in the community. Board members cannot be experts in everything.

I propose the creation of workgroups consisting of residents that have an interest in ensuring the community continues to prosper and grow.

- Financial Steering Workgroup - responsible for reviewing the financial affairs of the Association, ensuring that required reserves are maintained and that the association has a reasonable forecast of its financial viability in the future.
- Pool Workgroup – monitor the condition of the pools daily during swimming season and ensure a safe and hygienic condition between weekly service calls.
- Gate Workgroup – monitor and identify gate issues. Let's research and document the reason gates and card locks fail so frequently.
- Reinvest in the Trails committee, who have documented and reported known hazardous conditions that have not yet been addressed. Liaise with Harris County Flood Control District, Mud 261 and Windfern MUD to document best practices and plan the future of our trails.

I pledge to work professionally and effectively in an atmosphere of mutual respect. I will handle all relationships in a professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect.

My work in the private sector and on the various committees plus my vision for the future of Woodwind Lakes prepares me to serve as your Board member. I have the drive, time and energy to work for you. I commit to work the many hours daily that are required to serve the homeowners effectively. This is a goals list – and not all goals can be implemented at once. But progress will be tracked and reported on. If you feel like the goals I bring to the table are goals you can stand behind, please Vote for Me!

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Candidacy for the HOA Board Position- Brian Karl Loeb

Dear Woodwind Lakes Community,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Brian Karl Loeb, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Woodwind Lakes Homeowners Association (HOA) Board. Over the past six years, I have had the privilege of being a proud resident of our wonderful community, and I am eager to contribute my skills and ideas to help our neighborhood thrive even more.

A little bit about me:

- **Dedication:** As a dedicated homeowner, I deeply care about the well-being of our community and the quality of life for all residents.
- **Professional Background:** I bring a diverse professional background to the table, including skills such as problem-solving, effective communication, trustworthiness, listening, rational decision-making, project management, and goal-driven leadership. I believe these qualities will be valuable in addressing the challenges and opportunities our HOA faces.
- **Values:** I strongly believe in open communication, transparency, and collaboration. My commitment is to foster an environment where every resident's voice is heard, and decisions are made collectively, with the best interests of our community in mind.
- **Community Engagement:** I have a track record of actively participating in community initiatives. This includes serving on the Woodwind Lakes Security Committee, as well as holding the position of Vice President of Outreach and a board member for the Houston Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi. Additionally, my involvement in the Harris County Senior Softball League (HCSSL), volunteering at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and active participation in my church underscore my commitment to community service.

If elected to the HOA Board, I am committed to prioritizing:

1. **Financial Responsibility:** Ensuring that our HOA's finances are managed efficiently and transparently, with a focus on keeping dues reasonable while maintaining and improving our community amenities. This includes updating and adhering to our reserve study for proper resource planning.
2. **Enhanced Communication:** Implementing tools and strategies to enhance communication between the board and residents, making it easier for everyone to stay informed and engaged in community matters.
3. **Transparency and Accountability:** Ensuring that the board operates with transparency, and our actions are held accountable by the community. All residents should have access to information about how their HOA operates and how decisions are made.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. Together, we can make our community an even better place to live.

Warm regards,

Brian Karl Loeb

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Chad Overton / 9214 Cymbal Court

Residents of Woodwind Lakes,

It is with great joy that I am once again announcing my candidacy for the HOA board of directors. In November of 2022, I had the privilege of being appointed to a vacant director position on the board. These ten months on the board have exposed both the ineffectiveness and inefficiencies of both our management company and HOA board. Our community needs and deserves leadership that it can count on. I have a leadership plan that I believe a board of directors could unify behind to restore the faith and confidence of a community that is clearly in decline because of the lack of effective leadership.

If elected:

- ✓ I will create opportunities for residents to be actively involved throughout the year on committees, in person and online monthly board meetings, neighborhood workdays and events for families.
- ✓ I will work to rebuild healthy relationships between the WWL Board and Municipal Utility District Boards.
- ✓ I will request that board meetings be run by someone on the board and not our management company.
- ✓ I will ensure that all "ask the board" questions from residents are answered in a timely manner by the board and not the management company.
- ✓ I will work to unite our residents instead of making every issue or concern an "us -vs- them" argument like the current leadership does.
- ✓ I will ensure that the budget is monitored and managed properly so that we can begin to focus on the approved reserve study items that will enhance our neighborhood and make us all proud.
- ✓ I will eliminate wasteful spending on maintaining old equipment and make sure we use reputable companies to install systems that can withstand heavy traffic and use.

Our appointed leadership has its own agenda and is not empowering fellow board members to make good on their promises to the community. Current leadership has failed Woodwind Lakes and our processes are broken. **Please use this election to put me and two new residents on the board.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, 713-408-4121 or visit me at our upcoming meet the candidate events.

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Mendi Strnadel – Incumbent Running for the HOA Board

For those who may not be acquainted with me, I have been a resident of Woodwind Lakes for the past 9 years and have actively volunteered on the board for 8 of those years. Professionally, I've worked at Chevron for 18 years as a Contract Analyst. The skills I have honed in my professional journey have significantly contributed to my effectiveness in managing our community.

My role as a Contract Analyst has required me to excel in multitasking and make real-time decisions, qualities that have proven invaluable in our community's management. The nature of contract analysis often demands quick thinking and efficient task prioritization. Over the years, I have become adept at overseeing multiple projects concurrently while ensuring that deadlines are met.

Throughout my career, I have cultivated excellent communication and interpersonal skills, which are crucial in managing a community of our size. My extensive experience on the board has provided me with a deep understanding of our community's dynamics and I bring a wealth of background to the table.

In teaming with fellow board members over the past 8 years we have accomplished several significant projects, some of which are listed below:

- **Advocated Against a Low-Income Apartment Community:** I spearheaded the defeat of a low-income apartment community outside the entrance to Section 3 on Fairbanks North Houston. This involved attending a City Council meeting representing Woodwind Lakes, liaising with our Commissioner's office, coordinating a community petition signing, and actively participating in developer meetings.
- **Community Events Support and Coordination:** I played a key role in coordinating and managing the July 4th event in 2023, along with numerous previous years. I have supported and attended a Women's Club event as well as coordinating signage distribution for Garage Sale events. I have been involved with the Christmas Committee and supportive of recommendations to make it an even better event year after year.
- **Management of Weather-Related Events:** I have effectively managed the aftermath of various extreme weather events, including two major freezes and several droughts, which impacted our landscaping, irrigation, pool equipment and fountains. I continue to maintain a relationship and work directly with MUD261, Windfern Utility, TOPS and Lake Management to maintain water levels in the ponds during the summer droughts which preserves their infrastructure as well as feeds our property irrigation.
- **Access System Enhancement:** Initiated the installation of a new access system for the pools, tennis courts and pet park, enhancing the control over our amenities.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** I supported and managed projects such as the pavilion's painting, repairs to grilling areas, tennis court resurfacing, cul-de-sac landscaping enhancements and the replacement of Section 4 perimeter fencing owned individually by homeowners.

Working remotely has allowed me to be readily available for on-site contractor meetings and supervision. I prioritize being visible in the community and am open to resident feedback and /or suggestions. In fact, residents often reach out to me via email, at my doorstep or when they see me in the neighborhood.

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of serving another 2 years, so please vote to re-elect me. Your continued support and engagement are greatly appreciated, and I remain committed to enhancing our community's well-being.

If you are unable to attend the annual board meeting on **October 12, 2023**, please consider giving your proxy to me to submit. You can drop it off at 9326 Sinfonia Drive or email me at mstrnadel@att.net and I will pick it up.

From:
Wayne Curry, Lieutenant

To whom it may concern:

Mendi has been inspirational in making any and all job tasks and requests not only by the citizens, but also by the board of Woodwind Lakes HOA go very smooth without a hitch over several years that she has held her position with the board. Mendi is very levelheaded and listens to reason but can also be firm in the decisions that are needed periodically throughout our interaction. Mendi has always been available and follows up on all dealings within the contract.

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DAWN WEBER – Running for the HOA Board

I am Dawn Weber, and I am honored to present myself as a candidate for the board this year. Allow me to provide some insights into my background and qualifications.

I am the significant other of Darryl Hackfield who previously served as our Board President. You may recognize us from our regular neighborhood walks with our dog. I have called Woodwind Lakes home for 7 years. I initially relocated to this area approximately 12 years ago having spent my formative years in the Clear Lake area.

Professionally, my career in the Information Technology industry has spanned over 30 years with a substantial portion of that time devoted to project management and IT operations. I have had the privilege of working on global projects, traveling extensively, and even residing in Tokyo, Japan for a year as part of a long-term assignment. My extensive experience in project management has refined my attention to detail and effective communication skills, qualities that I believe will greatly benefit our community.

Presently, I have the flexibility of working from home, enabling me to be readily available for meetings with contractors, vendors or management on short notice. Additionally, I have volunteered for community events including involvement with the Christmas committee and helped provide donations for various community initiatives.

I have a profound affection for our neighborhood, and I enjoy the opportunity of meeting fellow residents. I have the dedication it takes to help make our community the best place to live. I sincerely thank you for your consideration and kindly request your vote. I am confident in my ability to serve effectively on the board and contribute to the continued success of our community.

Sincerely,
Dawn Weber

If you are unable to attend the annual board meeting on October 12, 2023, please consider giving your proxy to Mendi Strnadel to submit. You can drop it off at 9326 Sinfonia Drive or email her at mstrnadel@att.net and she will pick it up.

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