

LAKEWOOD FOREST FUND NEWS

"The HOA"

December 2019

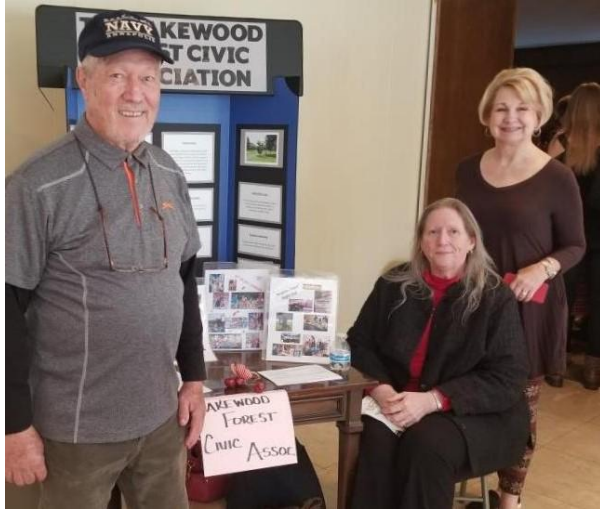


Breakfast with Santa a Huge Success

Many residents had a Holly Jolly time at the "Breakfast with Santa" event held on December 7 at the Lakewood Residents' Club. Festivities included a breakfast spread filled with pastries, icing covered donuts, kolaches, breakfast tacos from Rudy's Mexican Cantina, and ice-cold mimosas. Lakewood youngsters had the opportunity to meet Santa, decorate Christmas cookies, participate in craft activities and engage with a balloon artist from Magic Twists Entertainment who provided some awesome and fun designs.

Thank you to everyone who took this opportunity to participate in the coat donation drive. Hosted by Lakewood Forest Fund (HOA) and the Lakewood Forest Civic Association.





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.



The LFF Board of Directors would like to wish all residents of Lakewood Forest and their families a very, Happy Holiday Season!

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
January 13 (Board Meeting)

Trash/Recycling Reminders

Each homeowner is limited to 8 bags/bundles of yard debris per pick up day.

Please don't recycle grocery store or other plastic bags. These can be recycled at local area grocery stores.

If any non-recyclable item(s) are included with recycling, the entire truckload could be deemed unrecyclable due to contamination.

The weight of any bag or can should not exceed fifty (50) pounds.

There will be no pick up on Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) or Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day). Service will resume the following Saturdays.

Important Note on Paying 2020 Assessment Through Portal

Currently, your homeowner portal won't reflect the 2020 assessment because this is a future charge. Even though you

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

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

2020 Assessments Due in January

The assessment amount for 2020 is \$630 (same as last year) which can be paid anytime between now and January 31. Payments received 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** to see the different ways to pay, including the old online payment system and the new portal.

The HOA will not be billing and collecting the 2020 voluntary fee for the civic association. For those residents opting to pay the voluntary fee, mail check directly to:
Lakewood Forest Civic Association
13121 Louetta Rd
PMB #1025
Cypress, TX 77429

Do **not** deduct \$10 from the invoiced amount on the HOA statement.

Traveling for the Holidays?

may see a zero balance, you can still pay now and the payment will be applied to the 2020 assessment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [**admin2@lakewoodforestfund.com**](mailto:admin2@lakewoodforestfund.com).

Activate Your Homeowner Portal

The new homeowner portal allows you to make online payments, view your balance, make maintenance requests and more. If you have any problems, please contact [**admin2@lakewoodforestfund.com**](mailto:admin2@lakewoodforestfund.com).

Steps to Activate:

1. Go to <https://lakewoodforestfund.appfolio.com/connect>
2. Enter your email address.
3. Click **Sign up**.
4. Check your email for the activation email. You will need to confirm your email address and set a password for your portal.
5. Once you log in to your portal, click **Account Profile**. In the **Contact Preferences** block, click **Enable Online Documents**. Next, click **"I consent to receiving documents electronically,"** then click **Save**.

NOTE: You will see sections requesting information on insurance and vehicles...you do **NOT** need to fill out these sections.

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



Why are “Little Free Libraries” prohibited on residential lots in Lakewood Forest?

The little book boxes that are popping up here and there as a way to share books with others are prohibited on residential lots in Lakewood Forest for the following reasons:

- Create a safety issue as they are a gathering area for children in the street and/or cause sight restrictions for vehicles

Use the Harris County Precinct Four Constable office's **Vacation Watch Request** form to have a patrol drive by your home and keep an eye on things. Bookmark it so you have it when you need it.

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Since we are in unincorporated areas of Harris County where fireworks are allowed by law (except in cases of burn bans), law enforcement has limited authority to stop fireworks use (and our CCRs are subordinate to Harris County law) but they are willing to speak with residents who continue the use of fireworks into the early morning hours. Please be respectful of your neighbors and limit fireworks usage to the night of December 31.

- Can be a potential obstruction to a fire hydrant
- In violation of respective CCRs in regards to improvements forward of the front building line
- In violation of respective CCR's in regards to signage allowed in Lakewood Forest
- Would set a precedence for the association in that the HOA would be required to approve all future improvements which are similar in manner to avoid selective enforcement (e.g., other individuals creating structures for swapping other items, not necessarily books). If the HOA set this precedence and had to approve every submission which is similar in nature, the original overall aesthetics, congruity, appearance and safety of the neighborhood would be affected

The Board does encourage residents to consider placing "little free libraries" within local community areas (such as a local park, YMCA, or Faulkey Gully Hike and Bike Trail). If anyone has an interest in doing so, please contact the Fund Office so that the Community Events Outreach Chair and Fund Staff may assist you with contacting the appropriate individuals to obtain approval to do so.

Join the Lakewood Forest Civic Association

The Lakewood Forest Civic Association is an independent, non-profit neighborhood association incorporated in 1985 to promote the general welfare of Lakewood Forest residents and to support 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.

For the year 2020, the line item to join the LFCA is *not included* in the HOA's billing statement. Payment to and membership in the LFCA has always been and continues to be completely voluntary. However, we have had a very large percentage of our residents join the LFCA and we thank you for your support over the years.

Your \$10 voluntary 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), need to pay for this membership by mailing a check made out to "Lakewood Forest Civic Association" to:

Lakewood Forest Civic Association
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Please note that LFCA membership dues are not tax-deductible.

The LFCA Board of Directors thanks you for your continued support of the LFCA and your neighborhood. If you have questions or concerns, or ideas for civic betterment, please contact any one of us at our phone numbers listed on



From the Garden Club

The Lakewood Forest Garden Club met on December 6 for its Christmas celebration at the general meeting. Co-hostesses for a lovely luncheon at Capioni's Restaurant were Bette Gerhold and Lois Maier. They and table decoration volunteers did a great job of planning it and seeing to every detail. Members of the garden club very much enjoyed this special holiday luncheon and appreciate the work done to make it such a genial event.

There was a collection of charitable donations for the Cypress Area Ministries headed by Fran Hamel. Thanks for the generous giving by garden club members to this worthy cause.

A frolicsome bus trip to visit Brookwood Community was taken in November for lunch and shopping. Oh, the marvelous gift shop in full Christmas array (Photo #6), lunch, and plants brought home!

Garden Hints

January to-do list

- Add new mulch to protect plant roots during freezing temperatures, conserve soil moisture and discourage weeds.
- Prune crape myrtle trees,
- removing only limbs necessary to thin out trees and provide a stately structure. This provides additional energy for profuse blooming all summer. Topping is not necessary. To avoid topping, plant a variety that will grow only to the height proper for the growing area. Ask your nursery for available colors and growth patterns. When pruning, use sharp tools and cut at 45 degree angles, leaving no stubs. This promotes proper healing. Cuts at right angles produce deadwood.
- Prune woody trees, shrubs, and fruit trees.
- Cut back ornamental grasses to ensure that the new growth will be able to emerge unhindered by old foliage. You will get a nice flush of growth in the spring.
- Winter-flowering plants need a feeding with a balanced fertilizer to keep blooming in these cold months.

- Prune back plants with freeze-damaged vegetation late in the month of January.
- Tree leaves can remain in flower beds for temporary insulation of plants.
- In the Lawn
- Grass mowing is usually not necessary this month. A light covering of leaves can protect grass from cold weather, but do not allow to collect heavily and kill the grass below.
- Aeration of the lawn improves air circulation, helps break down any buildup of thatch and other organic material, improves moisture distribution and helps sunlight reach plant roots.
- In the Garden
- Continue seeding lettuce, carrots, beets, cabbage, broccoli, peas, onion & radish.
- Keep garden fed with MicroLife Ultimate.
- Cover crops if we are going to have icy weather.
- Make sure to water if we are going to freeze to insulate root systems.
- Start planning for potatoes in February.

Get Your **Green** On! -Sherri Harrah, Plants For All Seasons 249

Crime Stats for November 2019 - Summary of Events

Burglary Vehicle:

12500 New Hampton Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to location in reference to a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle where it was reported that unknown suspect made entry into known Complainants unlocked vehicle door and stole items from inside. Case open and under investigation.

16300 Pitcairn Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to location in reference to a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle where it was reported that unknown suspect made entry into known Complainants unlocked vehicle door and stole items from inside. Case open and under investigation.

16300 Hammerwood Ct. - Deputies were dispatched to location in reference to a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle where it was reported that unknown suspect made entry into known Complainants unlocked vehicle door and attempted to steal items from inside. Case open and under investigation.

Theft Habitation:

12900 Hunterfield Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Theft Habitation call where it was reported by the Complainant that possible known suspect stole medication from her home. Case open and pending further investigation.

11700 Pebbleton Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Theft Habitation call where it was reported by the Complainant that possible known suspect who use to live with her stole items from her home. Case open and pending further investigation.

Theft Other:

12300 New Hampton Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Theft call where it was reported by the Complainant that unknown suspect made forced entry into the Complainants mailbox and stole items from inside. Case open and pending further investigation.

Criminal Mischief:

12700 Ivy Forest Dr. - Deputies responded to location where it was reported by the Complainant that unknown suspect(s) damaged the rear window of his vehicle. No other damage reported and no property stolen. Case closed at this time due to lack of leads.

Disturbance Family:

12000 Knobcrest Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to location in reference to a Disturbance among family members. Upon deputies arriving on location and completing an investigation, contact with the Harris County District attorney's Office was made where charges were declined. Report completed case closed.

11500 Quail Creek Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to location in reference to a Disturbance among family members. Upon deputies arriving on location and completing an investigation, contact with the Harris County District attorney's Office was made where charges were declined. Report completed case closed.

11300 Bassdale Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Family Disturbance among family members that turned physical resulting in minor injuries to the Complainant. Charges were accepted, and the defendant was then transported to Harris County Jail. Case cleared, arrest.

Runaway:

11800 Pebbleton 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.

16800 Park Island Ct. - 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 is now an Adult and has not returned. Report generated, case open.

11600 Cypresswood 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.

Phone Harassment:

13700 Carlingwood Dr. - Deputies responded to location where it was reported by the Complainant that he was being threatened over the phone by unknown suspect in reference to a car business. Complainant ceased all communication at this time no further calls. Report completed, case closed.

Animal Aggressive:

12000 Gardenglen Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to an Animal Aggressive type call where it was reported by the Complainant that the family dog bit their child resulting in an injury to his head. Animal Control was contacted. Child was transported to Hospital in stable condition with non-life threatening injury.

11500 Hylander Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a an Animal Aggressive type call where it was reported by the Complainant that neighbor's dog had gotten loose and attacked her resulting in a dog bite to her shin. Animal Control was contacted.

Fraudulent Use ID:

11600 Pebbleton Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Fraudulent Use ID where it was reported by the Complainant that unknown suspect used his information to open a Verizon account and make several unauthorized purchases. Case closed due to no leads.

12000 Normont Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Fraudulent Use ID where it was reported by the Complainant that unknown suspect called him claiming to be AT&T technical services giving a refund and was now accessing his bank accounts on his computer. The complainant contacted deputies while on the phone with the scammer and the complainant was able to change his bank account information before any money was taken. Case closed due to no leads.

12000 Gardenglen Dr. - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Fraudulent Use ID where it was reported by the Complainant that unknown suspect used his information to open several energy accounts and make several unauthorized purchases. Case closed due to no leads.

Other Calls:

16000 Taos Ln. – Welfare Check - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Welfare Check call where it was reported by the Complainant that his sister with Mental Health needs was evicted from the location and will not leave the property. Deputies transported the sister to a local Hospital for a Mental Health Evaluation. Report generated, case closed.

16000 Taos Ln. - Welfare Check -Deputies responded to location in reference to a Mental Health call where it was reported by the Complainant that his sister with Mental Health needs was evicted from the location and will not leave the property. Upon deputies arriving on location and completing an investigation, contact with the Harris County District Attorney's Office was made where charges were accepted. The adult female was transported to Harris County Mental Diversion program. Case closed.

16800 Park Island Ct. - Welfare Check - Deputies responded to location in reference to a Welfare Check where it was reported by the Complainant that her husband needed medical assistance. Deputies transported the husband to Ben Taub Hospital for a Health Evaluation. Report generated, case closed.

Drug Possession:

12500 Louetta Rd. - Traffic stop was conducted and Offender was found to be in possession of a controlled substance. Case pending further investigations due Drug Chemistry Results.

Deputies responded to 20 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Deputies responded to 7 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 597 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 Human Error

RENT LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS' CLUB FOR YOUR PARTY!

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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