



Lakewood Forest Fund (HOA)

Serving the Residents of Lakewood Forest



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WISHING LAKEWOOD FAMILIES
A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON
AND ALL THE BEST IN THE COMING YEAR

LAKEWOOD FOREST FUND (HOA) TRUSTEES

Bob Lewis-President, Boe Bowen-Vice President, Bobbi Munz-Secretary,
Scott Johnson-Treasurer, Martin Cuellar-Trustee, Christy Jones-Trustee,
Sandy Matto-Trustee & Events/Outreach Chairperson



For the children of Lakewood Forest Breakfast with Santa...Ho! Ho! Ho!

Saturday, December 4th from 9 to 11 AM
@ LRC, 15006 Lakewood Forest Drive
Hosted by Lakewood Forest HOA



Keep your eyes open on the morning of December 4th as Santa Claus cruises through the neighborhood on his way to the Lakewood Residents' Club to meet with the youngsters of Lakewood Forest.

Join your volunteer board members for a HOLLY JOLLY good time and a visit with Santa Claus as we celebrate the start of the Christmas season. This year's event will be held outdoors poolside so be sure to bundle up if it's a chilly morning.

Breakfast will be served in a grab-n-go format with individually wrapped offerings of delicious donuts from OMG and breakfast tacos from Rudy's. Your child will surely be delighted as they engage in the various activities which will be offered at this walk thru event. On the path will be "MagicTwists", a local balloon sculptor, who will dazzle the

crowd as he creates stunning holiday inspired creations for our special guests. Moving along, your child will have the opportunity to engage in the allure of art as an artist from Houston Face Painting will paint a snazzy design that is sure to bring a smile to their face. Absolutely everyone, both young and old, must stop by our administration table where you can prepare a postcard mailing for “Ole Saint Nick”. And finally, the highlight of the day will be meeting Santa who will be perched in his grand red chair anxiously awaiting his chance to speak with each child individually, at which time, parents may take photos.

Parents are asked to bring an info card for each child indicating first name, age, a special fun fact and/or a gift which child is looking forward to receiving this year.

This event is proudly brought to you by your volunteer HOA & Civic Forest board members and are open to all Lakewood residents; you do not have to be a member of LRC to attend this event.





**Enjoy a parent's night out...
ELVIS is coming to Lakewood Forest**

Saturday, December 11th from 6 PM to 12 AM
@ Longwood Golf Club, 13300 Longwood Trace Drive
Hosted by Lakewood Forest HOA



Lakewood Forest Residents....

come spend an evening of live music, food and fun!

Meet your neighbors for a night out close to home that is sure to be spirited. Grab a babysitter and enjoy dancing under the stars to Vincekinglive.com! Cash bar will be

serving cocktails, beer and wine.

This exclusive night of fun is open to all Lakewood Forest Residents. Come early, dinner service will be available while supply lasts from a neighborhood favorite Adriatic Café.

This event is proudly brought to you by your volunteer HOA board members and are open to all Lakewood residents; you do not have to be a member of Longwood Golf Club to attend this event.



**Lakewood Forest Fund (HOA),
Harris County Precinct 4 Parks Department
and Apache Corporation
are teaming up to give away
100 trees to residents**

Saturday, December 18th from 9 AM to 1 PM
@ LRC, 15006 Lakewood Forest Drive



Lakewood Forest homeowners and Lakewood Forest Resident's Club members can choose from a selection of native trees that include Live Oak, Southern Red Oak, American Beauty Berry, and Flowering Dogwood. The trees are in 3 & 5 gallon size containers and there will be information on mature size, water, habit, and light requirements. One tree per household, and trees will be given away on a first come, first serve basis.

Trees serve an important role as they are not only beautiful but provide food and shelter for animals, reduce cooling bills, increase air and water quality, slow down floodwater, fight erosion, minimize light and sound pollution, as well as increase property values. Kids of all ages enjoy planting trees and watching them grow. Trees can also be planted in honor of a loved one or special event. Mark your calendars now to come out and pick up a native tree and plant it on your property during the holidays.

Thank you to Harris County Precinct 4 Parks Department and Apache Corporation for the kind tree donation. Also to Lakewood Forest Fund Trustee, Christy Jones, for organizing the event expanding our continued neighborhood beautification efforts!



LET'S KEEP LAKEWOOD FOREST BEAUTIFUL!

Your Board of Trustees are committed to continuous beautification efforts throughout our community. Every year, the HOA initiates mulching of all common areas and seasonal color changes are done in spring, summer and fall. Earlier this year, over 100 trees were donated from Harris County Precinct 4 Parks Department through a grant from Apache Corporation and were planted in various common areas throughout Lakewood Forest.

We are asking residents to join us in our beautification efforts by doing simple things to enhance curb appeal at their home. Continue with landscape maintenance during the winter months, initiate exterior painting when needed, store trash/recycle containers and landscape debris out of public street view on non-trash days. Also, BBQ pits should not be stored on driveway; please relocate to garage or backyard.

Happy Holidays and thank you for joining in our efforts.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE OF LAKEWOOD FOREST FUND TRUSTEES (HOA)

Monday, Dec-6th
via ZOOM @ 7:00 PM
Meeting ID: 490 416 5823 Passcode: 8Pk2mk

Prior to joining a meeting; please read the ZOOM guidelines on HOA website. If an attendee does not follow the guidelines than the administrator running the Zoom will redirect the attendee into the waiting room until the attendee adheres to the guidelines which is entering with video and audio turned off. Agenda will be available for viewing on Association website under "Board of Trustees" at least 6 days prior to meeting.

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Christy Jones - Trustee
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FINAL REMINDER BOARD CANDIDATE SOLICITATION NOTICE FOR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

Candidate Solicitation Notice

HOA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF NOVEMBER 26th

Operating: \$ 286,834.89
Community Project: \$ 168,797.31
Contingency: \$ 25,000.00
Reserves: \$ 585,478.11

Total Income YTD: \$ 1,900,477.51
Total Expenses YTD: \$ 1,851,926.36

YTD EXPENSES

Administrative: \$ 429,571.25
Office & Building Expense: \$ 21,935.99
IT, Equipment, Clerical Costs: \$ 39,149.08

Grounds Maintenance: \$ 148,511.22
Community Events: \$ 8,958.07
Utilities: \$ 608,901.20
Community Projects (interest): \$ 493.34
Security: \$ 367,450.35
Depreciation: \$ 480.00
Reserves: \$ 226,475.86

REMINDER REGARDING 2022 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

The 2022 Annual Maintenance Assessment in the amount of \$ 655.00 is due January 1st and considered delinquent on February 1st. Payment received after January 31st will be subject to a late fee of \$ 65.50 which will be charged in February and a flat fee of \$ 5.00 every month thereafter until assessment balance is paid in full. Assessments are utilized to cover expenses of the subdivision; trash & recycling services, constable patrol, street and monument lighting, common area grounds maintenance & irrigation, mosquito spraying, community events/outreach, admin expenses, and an annual contribution to the reserve fund.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC FEE: In addition, to the \$ 655.00, the HOA statement also includes the \$ 10.00 voluntary fee for the Civic Association. The Civic Association is a busy group of volunteers who plan various activities for the residents of Lakewood Forest such as Spring Fling, July 4th Parade, National Night Out, Military Care Packages, Curb Painting, School Donations and Scholarship Programs.

The most efficient way to make your HOA payment is through the owner portal as payments are posted in real time and a confirmation receipt is emailed to the address on file. Please contact the Fund Office with assistance in activating your portal.

[Click here to email Fund Office to activate owner portal](#)



LAKEWOOD FOREST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Put Ten Dollars to Good Use for Lakewood Forest

What can you buy with \$10 these days? Maybe a fancy pumpkin spice beverage at your favorite coffee shop. A movie ticket on senior citizen discount day. A combo meal at a fast food restaurant. Or better yet, you can spend \$10 to provide Lakewood Forest with a whole lot of fun and community activity.

The Lakewood Forest Fund is now sending out invoices for the annual "HOA" fee. You'll notice that there's a line item on the invoice for an optional \$10 donation to the Lakewood Forest Civic Association. The vast majority of Lakewood Forest homeowners make this donation each year. The Civic Association stretches that money as far as we can to do as much as we can for our neighborhood.

We host fun activities, like the kids' egg hunt in the spring, the 4th of July parade through our streets and the after-party, and the National Night Out event. Every year, hundreds of people turn out to these events to get together with their neighbors and just have fun.

We take care of our community by offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors, donating money to our elementary and middle schools for library books and other supplies, sending holiday care packages to our military service members, and arranging for curb number painting for every house in the subdivision. We keep you informed of neighborhood happenings with the printed *Civic News* newsletter each month, and we help you clean house and earn a few bucks by sponsoring and promoting the Lakewood Forest community-wide garage sales twice a year.

We support the Lakewood Forest Garden Club, the Lakewood Lightning swim team, and activities like Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Lakewood Forest Fund. Your civic association is a busy group of volunteers who help to make Lakewood Forest a better place to live and raise a family. Please, skip that calorie-laden pumpkin spice drink and send your \$10 to the Civic Association instead. Simply include it with your Lakewood Forest Fund payment and consider it an investment in your own community.



LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS' CLUB
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LAKEWOOD FOREST GARDEN CLUB



The Lakewood Forest Garden Club met on November 5, 2021 with President, Eleese Lester-Baier and Sheila Anderson at the President's Table which was decorated with a beautiful floral arrangement designed by Marilyn Bullen. Later in the meeting, the centerpiece went to Adreinne Juno as winner of the door prize.

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The program by an internationally travelled horticulturist was both entertaining and informative. Speaker, **Dr. Al Agard, Jr.**, has studied extensively and received numerous degrees. He manages a family owned landscaping company in the area which has been instrumental in the beautification of yards in Lakewood Forest and surrounding communities. He brought a clipping of the amazing Apricot Sun Crossandra, a water loving plant that produces orange blossoms from spring to fall. He also had a sprig of the fragrant Cuban Oregano and spoke passionately of a type of sweet basil from Guyana which he says is an awesome seasoning and is also called "married man pork" herb. He encouraged everyone to help control two especially troublesome weeds in our yards by pulling them from the roots early on to avoid seeding. They are Dove Weeds and Virginia Button. He said, "We can kill weeds but we can't kill seeds!"

An interesting Horticulture Report was given by Bette Gerhold on "Winter Sowing." She explained how to make mini greenhouses using gallon plastic bottles. She demonstrated a jug cut in half horizontally below the handle leaving an inch or so for a hinge. Cut slits in the top half for breathing. Cut small holes in the bottom for drainage. Fill with 2 ½ to 3 inches of soil and add seeds ignoring spacing directions. Label the jug. Sprinkle a thin layer of soil on top of the closely planted seeds. Monitor progress based on usual propagation time line. Add water to the greenhouse, tape the midsection back together and place out in the yard in the shade. Water from the bottom, if necessary. Hard seeds such as bluebonnets, poppies and day lilies work best for an overwintering project. It is

alright if they freeze. Hopefully a mass of green sprouts will appear and roots can be gently detangled and transplanted for lots of inexpensive flowers for your yards.

The Lakewood Forest Garden Club was honored to receive District level Certificates of Recognition, Certificates of Appreciation, and the Directors Citation to Sheila Anderson for Scrapbook chairman. At the state level, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. awarded our club a Certificate of Recognition for Donations & Contributions, and Individual Awards to President Eleese Lester-Baier for the President's Report, Barbara Crum for Backyard Habitat, Butterfly Preservation Education, and Club Program: "Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden." Of the many applications submitted by Awards Chairman, Pam Randall, one made its way up to the national level where Adrienne Juno was awarded First Place - Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. for her work as webmaster. - Garden Club Membership - Website! A First Place certificate from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. for this website membership awareness is a proud and archivable moment in our club history. Thanks to Adrienne, Pam, Sheila Anderson, Federation Chair presenter and to contributing members who made this distinctive recognition possible.

Yard of the Month - Plans are underway for the garden club to resume judging Yard of the Month in March.

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