



CIVIC NEWS

January 2024



The Lakewood Forest Civic Association Enriches Our Community

When you receive your billing statement from the Lakewood Forest Fund at the end of the year, you will see a line item for an optional donation to the Lakewood Forest Civic Association in the amount of \$15. Please consider including this small donation with your HOA payment. The LFCA does so much to support Lakewood Forest with fun and benevolent activities and projects, all in the name of making our neighborhood a better place to live and raise a family.

Lakewood Forest doesn't have amenities like newer subdivisions around us. We don't have a public pool, splashpad, or playground. We don't have public tennis or pickleball courts. We don't have a public clubhouse or a golf course. What we do have, however, is a volunteer group of people in the LFCA who do things to involve the whole subdivision and serve our residents' interests and needs.

The LFCA operates on a meager budget based on the annual donations made by homeowners. With income of just over \$20,000 a year, the LFCA puts on multiple events, including Breakfast with Santa, the springtime Eggstravaganza egg hunt, a 4th of July party, and National Night Out. LFCA makes donations to our local elementary and middle

schools, as well as to the Lakewood Lightning swim team and the Lakewood Forest Garden Club. LFCA sends “care” packages to our family members serving in the military, and arranges for the house numbers to be painted on the curbs in front of every house in Lakewood Forest. LFCA helps to publicize the spring and fall community garage sales. And, the LFCA writes and publishes this newsletter and updates the community website to keep all residents informed of Lakewood Forest happenings.

If you appreciate the enrichment that LFCA brings to the entire Lakewood Forest community, please include your \$15 LFCA membership payment with your HOA dues. Thank you!

If you would like to join the LFCA board or volunteer for the projects and activities, send a message to lakewoodforestcivicassociation@gmail.com, or come to one of the monthly board meetings. All residents are welcome!

News from the Lakewood Forest Fund

Annual Homeowner Assessments are Due in January

The billing information on the mailed statements is INCORRECT. The HOA fees remain at \$690.00 with an additional \$15.00 voluntary fee to the Lakewood Forest Civic Association, bringing the total to \$705.00 with contribution. **DO NOT USE THE ADDRESS ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE.** You have three options to make your payment:

- Mail payments to: Lakewood Forest Fund, Inc., 12415 Louetta Road, Cypress, TX 77429.
- Drop a check through the mail slot in the front door (facing Louetta) of the Fund office.
- Pay online at <https://lakewoodforestfundinc.newfirstpayments.com/>.

We apologize for any and all confusion. Please call the office with any additional questions, 281-370-8943.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members - Lakewood Forest Fund, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Lakewood Forest Fund will be held on February 26, 2024, at a location to be determined. The purpose of this meeting is to update residents with information about Lakewood Forest. You will also have a chance to meet the current board members along with the new board candidates for 2024.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS

As stated in the Lakewood Forest Fund Bylaws, the members of the Lakewood Forest Board of Trustees are elected for two-year terms. We are seeking homeowners who are interested in running for a Board position.

If you are interested in serving your community as a Board member, please fill out the [candidate form](#) and return it to Lakewood Forest Fund no later than January 22, 2024. Board members are chosen by popular vote of the Members/Lot Owners within Lakewood Forest and ballots will be mailed out near the end of January along with the Notice to Members and Agenda.

You may return your application via email to gm@lakewoodforestfund.com or drop it off at the Fund's office at 12415 Louetta, Cypress, TX 77429.

From the Fund by Kristi Kainer, General Manager

Lakewood Forest Fund is open for business! Feel free to stop by our office (address above) and deliver your assessment payment to the General Manager or use the mail slot. Please call (281-370-8943) before you come as I'm only working 3 days a week.

Visit our website at www.lakewoodforestfund.com for information about upcoming online banking and election news.

Mark Your Calendar

The next meeting of the Fund is Monday, January 8 at 7 PM. The in-person meeting will be held at 12415 Louetta Road. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Please sign in on arrival.



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Monthly Contract Stats

LAKWOOD FOREST FUND INC

For November 2023

Categories

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Burglary Habitation: 0 | Burglary Vehicle: 0 | Theft Habitation: 0 |
| Theft Vehicle: 0 | Theft Other: 0 | Robbery: 0 |
| Assault: 0 | Sexual Assault: 0 | Criminal Mischief: 0 |
| Disturbance Family: 1 | Disturbance Juvenile: 0 | Disturbance Other: 0 |
| Alarms: 11 | Suspicious Vehicles: 2 | Suspicious Persons: 5 |
| Runaways: 1 | Phone Harrassment: 2 | Other Calls: 320 |

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

| Unit Number | Contract Calls | District Calls | Deputy Reports Taken | Felony Arrests | Misd Arrests | Tickets Issued | Recovered Property | Charges Filed | Mileage Driven | Days Worked |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 41 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 883 | 18 |
| W43 | 16 | 41 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 1702 | 21 |
| W44 | 50 | 20 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 892 | 18 |
| W45 | 42 | 47 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 737 | 15 |
| W46 | 15 | 51 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 1023 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 124 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 79 | 0 | 3 | 5237 | 91 |

Summary of Events

Phone Harassment:

12400 Exbury Ct. – Deputies responded to location in reference to a telephone harassment, where it was reported by the complainant received calls from an unknown suspect(s) phone number. Case is under investigation.

11600 Quail Creek Dr. – Deputies responded to location in reference to a telephone harassment, where it was reported by the complainant a known male was contacting her without permission. The complainant just wanted to document the issue in case the male continues.

Other Calls:

12300 Moorcreek Dr. – Missing Person - Deputies responded to location in reference a missing elderly female with dementia. The female returned home in good health.

11400 Rothglen. – Lost Property – Deputies responded to location in reference to a lost property, where it was reported by the complainant that his familys passports were not in his mailbox after USPS showed delivery.

11700 Parkriver Dr. - Fraud – Deputies responded to location in reference to a fraud, where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) scammed her into sending money to an international account.

11800 Parkriver Dr. – DWI - Deputies responded to location in reference to a vehicle parked on their lawn, where it was determined the driver was intoxicated and placed into custody for DWI.

Deputies responded to 11 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Deputies responded to 2 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as gone on arrival or information.

Deputies responded to 5 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 320 other calls including:

- Motor vehicle Accidents
- Animal Humane
- Arson Fire
- Conducted Traffic Initiatives
- DWI
- Responded to Traffic Hazards
- Compliance Checks
- School and Park Checks
- Conducted Follow Up Investigations
- Welfare Checks
- Meet The Officer Calls
- Meet The Citizen
- Sex Offender Checks
- Solicitors
- Vacation Watches

Vacation Watch

The Precinct 4 Constables Office provides Vacation Watch as a service to our residents. If you would like the constables to stop by and check your home while you are gone, just call 281-376-3472. They will ask you for the dates, and if you have anyone you may have there while you are gone, such as a housekeeper, pet sitter, or family member who may visit quickly.

News from the Civic Association



Breakfast with Santa Was a Great Time!

The children of Lakewood Forest were treated to a special time with Santa Claus early in December. The Lakewood Residents' Club was the scene of this year's Breakfast with Santa. We'd like to thank all the volunteers who made it possible: Sandy Matto, Eric Frazee, Lori Estep, Andrea Lightcap Minton, Terri Cole, Jamie MacKeen, Jodi Cole, Linda Musthaler, Mary Blacklock, and our very own Santa, Scott Johnson. Thank you to the Precinct 4 constables who escorted Santa Claus through the streets of Lakewood Forest. And thank you to our sponsors, the Lakewood Forest Fund and Ezee Fiber.





Donations to Our Community's Schools

For the past several years, the Lakewood Forest Civic Association has made it a priority to make donations to the six elementary and middle schools attended by children living in Lakewood Forest. Three are in Cy Fair ISD: Moore Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, and Hamilton Middle School, and three are in Tomball ISD: Lakewood Elementary School, Northpointe Intermediate School, and Willow Wood Junior High School.

The Civic Association board has elected to continue this commitment by giving a larger donation to two of the six schools each year over the course of three years. The two schools receiving donations this year are Northpointe Intermediate and Hamilton Elementary. In December, a check for \$500 was presented to each school.

Northpointe Intermediate plans to use the money to purchase some much-needed new playground equipment. Hamilton Elementary plans to purchase supplies for their science classes. Lakewood Forest's children are our most important asset, and we are happy to contribute to their education in this manner.



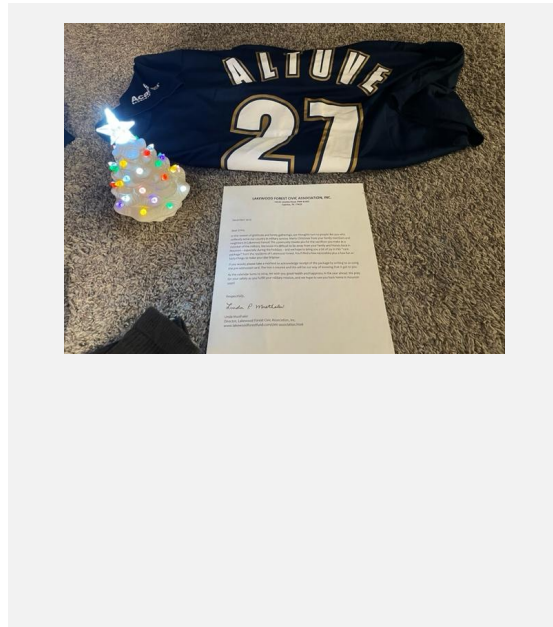
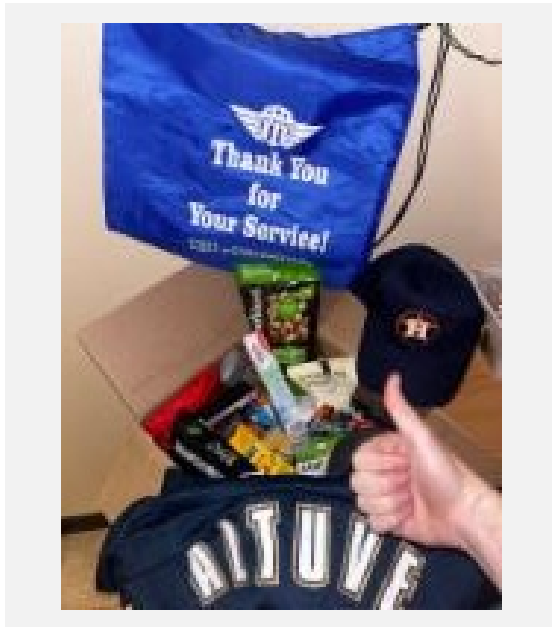
Lakewood Forest Civic Association board member Lori Estep presents checks to personnel at Hamilton Elementary School and Northpointe Intermediate School.

We Appreciate Our Service Members

To show our appreciation for their service, the Lakewood Forest Civic Association sent care packages to:

- Army First Lieutenant Chris Harmon
- Air Force A1C Collin Drew
- Air Force Staff Sergeant Russell Musthaler
- Air Force Captain Kyle Harris
- Army Specialist Jason Cook
- Air Force Senior Airman Lawson Mear

A few photos have trickled in to show us they got their goods. Thank you to all residents who donated to this worthy endeavor.



Happy New Year from Your Friends at the Lakewood Residents' Club!

If you're not already part of the fun, make joining Lakewood Residents' Club your New Year's resolution! The social calendar is starting to fill up. LRC enjoys an active membership as all our events are hosted by volunteers.

The Spring Tennis League season starts in early February - join a team to have fun and get some exercise!

It's never too late to join and we welcome newcomers! Call our manager Shannon at 281-376-1893 to find out the details and how you can become a part of the LRC community in 2024.

Rent the Newly Renovated Lakewood Residents' Club for Your Next Party or Event

You don't have to be a Club member to rent our beautiful 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, open space 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. Make reservations at <https://lakewoodrc.org/clubhouse-reservations/>

Also, the Lakewood Residents' Club has newly renovated office space for lease! The offices include a shared kitchen common area and board room, and some even have balconies overlooking the pool and lake. Plus, your rental includes a family membership to the club! For more information contact Shannon at lakewoodresidentsclub@gmail.com



What's a Gardener to do in January?

In Houston, you can plant cool weather crops such as green and root crops. These include arugula, lettuces, mustard, spinach, cilantro, oregano, etc. Root crops such as radish, beets and carrots love the Houston weather at this time. Make sure they get consistent water and at least six hours of sun a day. Enjoy your harvest by April or some of these can turn bitter and tough. The best part is that most of these prefer to be germinated by seed directly in the soil – so easy and cheap! Once you taste greens from your garden, you will never be able to go back to the grocery store variety.

It was a great idea to get a live tree but what do I do with it now?

Well, recycle it! They are great to be used for mulch or to help build sand dunes on the coast. Make sure you remove all lights, ornaments, etc. or the tree will have to go to the dump (Oh, no!)

You can recycle your tree at any of the Living Earth locations during normal business hours. The closest one to Lakewood Forest is 12202 Cutten Rd. For other places to recycle your tree, check the internet.

It's too cold to go outside and garden!

Then, it is a great time to take cuttings of your outdoor plants and houseplants to propagate them. Check your specific plant to see if it will work better in water or planting directly in dirt. This is a great way to have a whole new crop of plants for your garden or to share when the weather warms up.

Remember to cut back on watering your houseplants as they, too, are semi-dormant and don't need as much water.

Here are some great live video gardening classes coming up:

Houston Community College @Home Gardening Series

Second Monday of the month, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Register in advance to receive the link: <https://hcc.idloom.events/gardening-series/register>

Harris County Public Library Facebook Live

Third Tuesday of the month, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

No reservation required: [Facebook.com/harriscountypublib/events/](https://www.facebook.com/harriscountypublib/events/)

And it's never too cold to come visit us at Lakewood Forest Garden Club

On January 5th, we will have a great speaker from the Coastal Prairie Conservancy talking to us about the great work they are doing in rebuilding our prairies which help the plant life, wildlife and you and me!

We will be meeting at our usual location at Lakewood Methodist Church, 11330 Louetta Rd., in the Scout House, at 9:30 a.m. Come start your New Year's resolution to be more active in your garden and outdoors.

Let's Get into a Little Trash Talk

Your annual assessment fees cover the cost of trash and recycling. If you are a new resident, there is no sign up required...merely place your trash and recycling out on your scheduled days, which vary by zones within Lakewood Forest. You can find your zone's scheduled days from the link at www.lakewoodforestfund.com/services.html. Each zone has trash pickup twice a week, and recycling pickup just one of those days. Heavy trash is also picked up one day per week.

A common complaint is that the trash company isn't taking everything that is put out at the curb. Residents need to observe the guidelines given to us by Best Trash:

- Residents must provide their own trash container – any size, shape or color is acceptable.
- Items must be placed curbside (no closer than two feet nor farther than five feet from the street pavement edge) by 6:30 AM.
- Daily pickup limit of four cans of properly contained household waste, each weighing less than 40 lbs.

- Yard waste items will be collected curbside. There is a limit of 4 bags/bundles per service day.
- All trash and yard waste should be placed in sturdy plastic bags weighing no more than 40 pounds each.
- All branches and tree trimmings should be no more than 3 inches in diameter and no longer than four feet in length. Bundles must be securely tied and weigh less than (40) forty pounds each.
- Bulk items/heavy trash will be picked curbside – no closer than two feet nor farther than five feet from the street pavement edge by 6:30 AM. There is a limit of one item per household per pickup day.

In addition to the Best Trash rules, Lakewood Forest has a few regulations too. Trash containers, bags, and recycle bins must be kept from public view except after 6 PM the day prior to scheduled pickup. This includes lawn waste that is generated by homeowners or landscapers. Bags of grass should be kept out of sight until the proper trash day. Once trash pickup has been completed, containers and bins must be stored out of public view by 8 PM same day as pickup.

For more information about trash and recycling services, go to www.lakewoodforestfund.com/services.html.

Get in touch!

Lakewood Forest Fund, Inc. (Homeowners' Association)

www.lakewoodforestfund.com

General Manager (temporary): Kristi Kainer, 281-370-8943

Contact: gm@lakewoodforestfund.com

The Fund office is located at 12415 Louetta Road, Cypress, 77429. Office hours may vary so please call ahead.

Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Fund office. Check the website to verify meeting dates, times and locations. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Lakewood Forest Civic Association (LFCA)

Mailing address: 13121 Louetta Road, PMB #1025

Cypress, TX 77429

Contact: Lakewoodforestcivicassociation@gmail.com

<http://www.lakewoodforestfund.com/civic-association.html>

Meetings are generally the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Fund office. All LWF residents are welcome to attend.

Lakewood Residents' Club (private club)

www.lakewoodrc.org

15006 Lakewood Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77070

Contact: Shannon, 281-376-1893 or lakewoodresidentsclub@gmail.com

Reserve the clubhouse at <https://lakewoodrc.org/clubhouse-reservations/>

Lakewood Forest Garden Club

<https://lakewoodforestgarden.club/>

Meetings are the 1st Friday of each month, September-May, at the Scouting/Community Ministries building behind Lakewood United Methodist Church

Find Lakewood Forest on Facebook

Did you know there are several unofficial Facebook groups pertaining to Lakewood Forest? All residents are welcome to join. There's a general group called "Lakewood Forest, Northwest Houston", and a social group for the ladies of LWF called "Lakewood

Forest Ladies Social". Rumor has it the men have a social group too.

Security/Constable

The Lakewood Forest Fund has a contract with Harris County Precinct 4's Contract Deputy Program. We have several uniformed officers working approximately 70% of their time for Lakewood Forest. To report a crime or anything of a suspicious nature, call **281-376-3472** and identify yourself to the dispatcher as a resident of Lakewood Forest.

In closing, remember...

When one neighbor helps another, we strengthen our community.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your Lakewood Forest neighbors.
To add or change your email address for the distribution list, send an email with the update to lakewoodforestcivicassociation@gmail.com.

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