

March 2020

LAKEWOOD FOREST

Civic News

*The Official Newsletter of
The Lakewood Forest Civic Association, Inc.*



You're Invited to the Lakewood Residents' Club *Open House!*

All our neighbors are invited to attend our Open House Event from 2-5 p.m. on **Sunday, March 29!** Pool, tennis courts, sand volleyball court and playground will be open. Refreshments and a bounce house will be provided! Swim team coaches and parents will be there to answer questions and take swim team registrations. Our tennis liaison will be there to answer questions about tennis league play. We would love to show you the club! If you are unable to attend on **March 29**, call us at 281-376-1893 to schedule a time to tour the club.

*New members receive a 25% discount
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Sunday, March 29 • 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Lakewood Residents' Club activities and amenities include:

- Festive social events for adults and families (Oktoberfest, Crawfish Boil, Holiday Party)
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- 4 lighted, hard surface tennis courts
- Sand volleyball court
- Children's playground
- Private lake frontage with catch-and-release fishing
- Fun swim team for children and teens (additional fee)
- Swim and tennis lessons (additional fee)
- Tennis leagues for ladies, men and youth (all skill levels)
- Discounted rates for party rentals
- Located next to Faulkey Gully with easy access to hike and bike trails

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Lakewood Residents' Club

15006 Lakewood Forest Drive

The club is open on a part-time, flex-time basis.
Please call 281-376-1893 for office hours.

Visit our website at www.lakewoodrc.org
for more information.

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The office is located at 12415 Louetta Road, Cypress, 77429, and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Lakewood Forest Fund uses the yearly maintenance fee to pay for street lights, trash and recycling pick-up, maintenance of common grounds, mosquito fogging, and security provided by Harris County Precinct 4 Deputies. Deed restriction and architectural control matters are also to be referred to the Board at the above address.

Monthly meeting information will be posted on the Fund website.

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Security

The Lakewood Forest Fund has a contract with Harris County Precinct 4's Contract Deputy Program. We have one Lieutenant, one Corporal and three Deputies working approximately 70 percent of their time for Lakewood Forest, and 30 percent for Harris County.

Vacation Watch Form: www.cd4.hctx.net

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.

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SPRING FLING EGG-Stravaganza

Come join your neighbors at our second annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 from noon to 2 p.m. There will be fun activities for the children, highlighted by an egg hunt in the playground for kids of all ages. This event is hosted by the Lakewood Forest Civic Association and will be held (rain or shine!) at the Lakewood Residents' Club, 15006 Lakewood Forest Drive. All Lakewood Forest residents are invited to attend.

Can't wait to see everyone there!



Lakewood Forest Community Garage SALE

April 24-26 • 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Lakewood Forest invites you to participate in our Semi-Annual Garage Sale!

Set up shop in your driveway or garage to sell your old electronics, furniture, art tools, etc...

The Lakewood Forest Civic Association will place signs and banners around the neighborhood, as well as fliers on social media, to drive buyers to you.

Feel free to advertise with your own signage but keep in mind that staked signs are not allowed in the esplanades, so consider weighted boxes to direct buyers to your home. (Be sure to speak to your neighbors for permission.)

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LAKWOOD FOREST CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S 21st Annual Memorial Scholarship Award

Applications Due March 19

Your Civic Association is pleased to announce the continuation of its Scholarship Award program for the Class of 2020 high school seniors who reside in Lakewood Forest.

The Scholarship Award program originated as a tribute to our area students who were injured or who died in a tragic nighttime bus crash on December 21, 1999. On the return leg of a six-day ski trip to Colorado sponsored by a local church, the bus spun at a curve, slid off the roadway backwards, and rolled down a 40-foot embankment. The crash resulted in three fatalities, 33 serious injuries and 24 minor injuries.

The Civic Association's Scholarship Award program is primarily essay-based, rather than GPA/class rank/academic merit-based, or needs-based. This is so every Lakewood Forest graduating senior can qualify and have an equitable shot at competing for a scholarship award. As the saying goes, however,

"you've got to be in it to win it." We really want to encourage all Class of 2020 students who live in Lakewood Forest to submit an entry.

Each year, the individual award amounts and the number of awards granted can vary. Generally, we have awarded from one to four scholarships in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. Scholarship awards are available for those seniors pursuing technical, associate, or undergraduate degrees. The most important factor in our scholarship selection process is the creative essay. Secondary consideration is given to academic achievements, achievements earned outside the classroom, and volunteer/community service. Scholarship entries are scored blindly with students' identifying information marked out.

Your scholarship application **must be received by 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 19**. Incomplete or late entries will be discarded.

Please carefully read and submit all of the scholarship award application requirements:

1. A personal resume that includes all of the following:
 - Your name, address, phone number, and parents' names
 - Your high school, class rank, and GPA (include scale used, please)
 - Academic achievements
 - Achievements earned outside the classroom
 - Volunteer and/or community service activities
 - Part time and/or summer jobs you have had
 - Your chosen field of study and the school (technical, community college, undergraduate college/university) you plan to attend after high school
 - Future goals (life and career)
2. A senior picture or other headshot suitable for publishing in the *Civic News*. The picture should be a separate .jpg file and not embedded in any of the documents. If you

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Note: the picture will not be used in the process of selecting scholarship recipient(s). It is only used with the article announcing the scholarship award recipient(s).

3. A brief biography (about a paragraph in length) that tells the story of you and your family. You should highlight any meaningful events, circumstances, or experiences in your life as you would openly share as a short self-introduction.
4. A creative, personal essay of 350 to 500 words on **“What makes a good leader?”** You have been surrounded by leaders all your life, from youth group leaders and sports coaches, to Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders and supervisors at work. Leaders guide us and influence us every day in very many ways. In this essay, please consider the leaders around you and what you think our society needs for fresh, bold leadership. Here are some potential points for you to write about:
 - What makes a good leader? Are leaders born and not made, or can leadership skills be developed and honed over time? What qualities and characteristics do they have? What kinds of actions do they take? How do they resolve conflict and address complex issues?
 - It's time for your generation to take on leadership roles. What are you doing, personally, to become a leader of men, women and children? What motivates you to lead others? What moral and ethical guidelines should you follow?

- Who is someone in a leadership role that has truly inspired you and helped you grow as a person? What is it about them that makes them a good leader? What lessons have you learned from them?
- Not all leaders are good leaders; for example, a gang leader or a dictator. Have you ever encountered someone who tried to lead you to do something that was against your character or beliefs? If so, how did you react? How did this make you feel?

Essays will be evaluated on creativity, how well they speak to your point, correct spelling, grammar, syntax and punctuation marks, and overall composition (just like English class!). Have fun with it.

Scholarship Award applications **must be received by 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 19.**

Applications must be emailed to:
LFCAScholarship@gmail.com

Important! We do **not** accept scholarship applications by postal mail; they must be emailed to the address above. Applications must be submitted as MS Word files (.docx) attached to the email. Your resume, biography, and essay must be saved in separate Word documents and labeled as such. Don't forget to also attach your senior picture or similar in a .jpg file.

For questions or further information, please contact LFCAs 2020 Scholarship Committee Chair Jodi Cole at 817-668-5634, or by email to LFCAScholarship@gmail.com.



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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 the inside front cover of every issue of the *Civic News*. We welcome all ideas and volunteers!

 Last Name Husband Wife

 Street Address Phone Number

 Email Address (to be used by the Civic Association only – will not be shared or sold)

The LFCA thanks those residents who have already paid their dues and a special thank you to residents who sent in more than \$10!

The Lakewood Forest Civic Association is an independent, non-profit neighborhood association run by an elected board of homeowner volunteers who work toward making Lakewood Forest a nice place to live, enjoy, and raise a family.

Your \$10 voluntary membership dues go a very long way! With that \$10 the Civic Association offers the following:

- Events including the Easter Egg-stravaganza, the July 4th Patriotic Parade, Neighborhood Night Out, and the Community Garage Sale and Breakfast With Santa
- 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 voluntarily join the LFCA for the fiscal year that began on September 1, 2019 and runs through August 31, 2020, need to pay for this membership by mailing a check made out to "Lakewood Forest Civic Association" directly to the address on the right. LFCA membership dues are **not** included on the Fund's invoice as they have been in the past.

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Guidelines for Judging *Yard of the Month*

Judging for April to be done the last week of March in Area C, Sections 8 & 11.

Once a yard has received the "Yard of the Month" award, it is not eligible for further awards for two years. One first place winner each month will receive a \$60 gift certificate from Plants for All Seasons and recognition in the next *Civic News*. Two honorable mention yards will each receive a \$35 gift certificate from Plants for All Seasons. Yards are judged in March, April, May, June, October, and November.

Judging is done by members of the garden club on a rotating basis, using the subdivision sections as listed in the Lakewood Forest Directory. It is usually done the last week of the previous month, i.e. judging for **October** would be held the last week of **September**.

Overall landscape design should be compatible with the architecture of the house, e.g. no windows hidden by shrubs, color, balanced design, etc..... 20 points

Grass: green, except in winter; mowed and edged; weed-free 15 points

Beds: cleaned, edged and mulched..... 15 points

Color contrast, e.g. well placed variegated or colored shrubs, use of flowers and bulbs such as caladiums to add interest 15 points

General neatness, e.g. air conditioner hidden by shrubs; garden hose rolled up, garbage cans, toys, etc. kept out of sight 15 points

Shrubs: neatly pruned..... 10 points

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The Lakewood Forest Garden Club met on February 7 for our general meeting. The theme was butterflies and valentines. Co-hostesses Anna Church (Chair), Jean Robinson, Barbara Davidson, Gloria Cox, Pat McGrath-Jones, and Eleese Lester-Baier did a great job with refreshments and decorations. A beautiful fresh flower centerpiece was arranged by Gloria Cox for the hostess table and Jean Robinson made the arrangement for the President's table.



The program entitled "Gardening for Butterflies" was given by speaker Barbara Crum. She is a Master Gardener and member of our garden club. Her informative program presented useful information with slide show images of the stages in the life cycle of butterflies, their host plants and nectar sources.



The topic for Yvonne Newsome's Horticulture report was St. John's Wort. It has been used as a natural remedy for over 2,000 years. The funny-sounding name was given to the plant

("wort" in old English) because it blooms around June 24, the birthday of Saint John the Baptist.

The door prize went to Bette Gerhold – a lovely flower design by Mariyn Bullen.



Yard of the Month judging began again in March. Area A Section 1 was judged by members of the garden club the last week of February for March. Area C Sections 8 and 11 will be judged the last of March for the April Yard of the Month. 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.

Members of the Lakewood Forest Garden Club judge yards at the end of the month for the following month's award based on these established guidelines. Areas to be judged are rotated using the subdivision sections as listed in the Lakewood Forest Directory.

Once a yard has received recognition, it is not eligible for further awards for two years. One first place winner will receive a \$60 gift certificate and two honorable mention winners will each receive a \$35 gift certificate. Recognition of winners is published in the Lakewood Forest Civic Association's official newsletter *Civic News* and online by the Lakewood Forest Fund. Plants For All Seasons gift certificates are provided through contributions from the Lakewood Forest Civic Association, the Lakewood Forest Fund and Plants For All Seasons.



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Gardening Hints From the Pro, Sherri



March To-Do List

- Get cool-season crops and tomatoes into the garden now! Don't wait – soon the weather will be too hot for them. Have row covers or homemade wind breaks handy to protect plants on chilly nights.
- Early this month, sow the last plantings of spinach, turnips, mustard, beets, carrots, and broccoli.
- In mid-to late March, plant corn, squash, peppers, and cucumbers. Nourish young plants with liquid organic fertilizer.
- Pull mulch away from perennials, shrubs, and trees to allow the soil to warm around them.
- Feed everything with the pink label MicroLife.
- Fertilize the lawn with MicroLife Hybrid Fertilizer!
- Apply MicroLife Humates Plus and a soil activator like Medina Plus. This will help naturally aerate, dethatch, and help with water retention come summer, and build soil microbes to fight fungus naturally! This is also how we remediate the soil compaction from all the rain!
- Buy caladiums now! There are many exciting new varieties that have been introduced this year.
- Check out the new addition at Plants For All Seasons! We are super excited to offer terrarium plants and supplies, indoor plants, **more seeds** and **bulbs** than ever before, and a larger selection of garden flags.

Get Your Green On!
Sherri Harrah,
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Houston Rose Society

March 12

7 p.m. social time • 7:30 p.m. meeting
Cherie Flores Pavilion
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Houston Rose Society monthly meeting on **March 12** features retired Texas Master Gardener Angela Chandler as the speaker. Angela will lecture on how to choose annuals, perennials and ornamental grasses that are good companions for roses. Properly arranged companion plants can add contrast to rose bushes and attract beneficial insects. They can also help control pests naturally.

Angela is a lifelong gardener. She teaches classes and provides a wide variety of horticultural advice at the Arbor Gate Nursery. She also has a ½-acre micro-homestead in Highlands where she and her husband are growing vegetables, fruits, and bee-friendly plants.

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Burglary Vehicle 0	Disturbance Juvenile 0
Theft Habitation 1	Disturbance Other 3
Theft Vehicle..... 0	Alarms10
Theft Other 3	Suspicious Vehicles..... 9
Robbery..... 1	Suspicious Persons 11
Assault 0	Runaways 0
Sexual Assault 0	Phone Harassment..... 0
Criminal Mischief 0	Other Calls 476

Detailed Statistics

Contract Calls336	Misdemeanor Arrests 4
District Calls.....100	Tickets Issued..... 162
Reports Taken.....52	Recovered Property 0
Felony Arrests..... 0	Charges Filed..... 6

Summary of Events

12400 block of Laneview Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a theft habitation call where it was reported by the complainant a former resident possibly stole property from his home. Case open pending further investigation.

Lakeview Place – Deputies responded to location in reference to a theft call where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) stole a kayak from his back yard. Case open pending further investigation.

11300 block of Bassdale Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a theft call where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) stole a boat from his back yard. Case open pending further investigation.

12300 block of Laneview Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a theft call where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) stole a license plate from his motor vehicle. Case open pending further investigation.

11900 block of Fawnview Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to an aggravated robbery call where it was reported by the complainant one unknown suspect(s) robbed him at gunpoint and stole his firearms while the getaway driver waited in a gray four door car. The complainant believes he was followed home after leaving a gun range. Deputies were able to identify the suspect’s vehicle and one adult male who committed the robbery. Deputies filed a warrant for aggravated robbery on the male with Harris County District Attorney’s Office. Case open pending arrest and further investigation.

12800 block of Forest Meadow Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a Fraudulent Use ID where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) used his information to open a loan online. Case closed due to no leads.

12200 block of Normont Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a animal call where it was reported by the complainant his neighbor shot a squirrel in the complainant’s yard without consent. Known male was cited for hunting without a license and waste of game. A report and investigation were completed. Case closed.

12100 block of Moorcreek Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a illegal dumping call where it was reported unknown suspect(s) were possibly storing hazardous material in a residential neighborhood. Case open pending further investigation.

12300 block of Wealdstone Drive – Traffic stop was conducted and during the course of the investigation, the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana. The driver was charged with possession of marijuana and released on the county diversion program. Case referred to the District Attorney’s Office.

12300 block of New Hampton Drive – Traffic stop was conducted and offender was found in possession of counterfeit money and narcotics. The offender was arrested and booked into Harris County Justice Processing Center. A report and investigation were completed. Case closed.

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Cypress Creek CERT TEAM Members Boe Bowen, Amy Taylor, Eric Frazee, Sandy Matto, Scott Johnson and David Holden

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CERT stands for **C**ommunity **E**mergency **R**esponse **T**eam. Our 8-week training taught us skills in ways we can assist in the event of an emergency situation.

We competed in 10 events and competed against 11 other CERT Teams from as far away as Dallas, Texas. **Our combined team won 1st Place this year.**

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Pet of the Month

Mitts



Mitts is about 5 months old. He was one of the kittens taken from the man living out of his car on 1960. He is a playful and loving boy who is good with the resident dogs and cats. He's very well socialized.

He will do well in just about any home. He is fixed, vaccinated, chipped and FIV/FELV negative.

For more information about Mitts, email Rosa at jimenez.rosa.e@gmail.com or text 832-567-7833.

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Copies of all articles for the *Civic News* may be mailed to LFCA, 13121 Louetta Rd., PMB #1025, Cypress, TX 77429 or emailed to lfccivcnuz@aol.com to be received by the 12th of each month for inclusion in the next month's issue. If the 12th falls on a weekend, the deadline is moved up to 11 a.m. on the preceding Friday.

When submitting articles and/or pictures to the *Civic News* do not try to drop off anything at the above address. It is a business and it is **illegal** for them to accept anything that has not come through the mail. If you're running late for a deadline, call or email Barbara.

Questions regarding the newsletter go to **Barbara**, at 281-370-3183. If you wish to place an ad in the newsletter, please contact Champions Printing & Publishing, Inc.

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M - Mother's Helper

T - Tutoring

C - Computer

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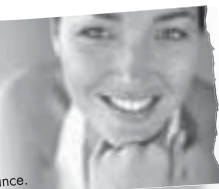
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22	23	24	25 Trash & Recycling Day	26	27	28 Trash Day
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