

WINTER 2015

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Board Meetings

Glen Laurel's monthly Board Meetings will now generally be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Woodbridge Club House.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

During the November 4th general elections, Joe Silhavy was re-elected to the Burney Road MUD Board and Mark Johnson and Patrick Tyree were elected as first time Board members.

At the November 17th MUD Board meeting, the MUD Board was restructured and Joe Silhavy was elected president. The former president, Rick Folano, resigned from the MUD Board altogether.

The Board hired the engineering company LAN Engineering to represent the District/Board during any workshops and discussions regarding the rehabilitation of the three Glen Laurel lakes. The Board also agreed that concrete bulkheads would be the best way to solve the erosion problem around the lakes. The Board further authorized LAN Engineering to provide a proposal for geotechnical surveys around the three lakes.

Although there are many steps that need to be taken to remedy this problem, none was more important than the action taken by the MUD Board at the November meeting. The recommendation for the use of the concrete bulkheads is the remedy preferred by the HOA. This solution will be more aesthetically pleasing and have a positive effect on the entire community. It should be noted that the repair of the three lakes has nothing to do with their future ownership, as discussed in the past newsletter. The lakes will likely be repaired before any ownership issue is decided.

According to the engineering firm, bulkheads will require less maintenance than any other solution, however some maintenance will still need to be done in the future. The Board was cautioned that the process will be somewhat intrusive as each lake has to be drained before the bulkheads can be built. The MUD Board has stated that once the construction is completed, the lakes will be restored to a finished state and all landscaping and irrigation damaged during the construction will be replaced.

We have come a long way from a recommendation of draining the lakes and turning them into dry detention ponds, to having the MUD Board recommend bulkheads to repair the lakes. I'm sure everyone is relieved to finally have a solution in place to repair the three lakes and is anxious for the for the process to start.

We had a great holiday decorating contest this year, with many residents decorating their homes. Check-out the winners of the home decorating contest on pages 2 and 4.

Thanks,

Glen Laurel Board of Directors



LATE WINTER/ EARLY SPRING LAWN TIPS

There isn't much more satisfying to a homeowner than a well manicured, green lawn. For the past few months, your lawn may have turned brown from the cold, gray winter weather. Early spring is an excellent time to get a head start on your lawn care. Now is the time to break out your green thumb and give some love to your turf.

Your lawn may have been compacted during the winter, either by cold weather or by heavy foot traffic, in which case you should consider aeration.

Aeration shoes are a good option for healthy lawns that aren't overly compacted. These are spiked pieces of rubber that you strap to your shoes as you walk across your lawn. They create narrow holes in the soil to let in air and nutrients without removing any of your lawn. For densely compacted lawns, homeowners should use a rotary spike lawn aerator, which can penetrate soil that's too dense for aeration shoes.

Once your lawn is aerated, you can add a thin layer of compost to boost the nutrient levels of your soil. You don't want to overdo it, of course, because you need to ensure your grass has access to air and sunlight, but a blanket of compost can help make up for any nutrient deficiencies in your soil.

Once your lawn is dry and you're past the last freeze, you should mow your lawn to get rid of the dead grass blades. Lower the mower blade to its lowest setting and give your
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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!

Congratulations to all the neighborhood winners of the Glen Laurel holiday decorating contest! The winners all received a \$25 gift card to Home Depot. This year we asked GL residents to vote on the best decorated homes and the following are the results:

Best Lights - the family @ 14107 Bracebridge Ct.



Santa's Favorite - the family @ 14114 Silver Glade Lane



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SIGN-UP FOR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Please check the Glen Laurel website to get important information and sign up to provide your email address if you would like to have alerts emailed to you.



Visit www.glenlaurel.net and click on the tab labeled "Email Sign-Up" to receive the notifications.

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has this property zoned for residential use. The property also comes with a 1,465 square foot 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths and a separate guest quarters with a kitchen and a full bath.

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turf a trim. This will prime your lawn for new growth—just be sure to throw out that dead grass!

Finally, fertilizer. Southern lawns should be fertilized as soon as the grass begins growing vigorously. Of course, each lawn will vary in its nutrient needs, so it's a good idea to test your soil to measure its nutrient needs. Test kits can be found at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Here's to a great lawn this season!

APPS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Match that paint color

If you see a color at a friend's house that would look great in your home, use Benjamin Moore's Ben Color Capture or Sherwin-Williams' ColorSnap, free mobile apps for iPhone, to conjure up a matching paint color and code in a jiffy. Take a photo with your phone, and the app matches the paint as closely as possible, and will display secondary and complementary colors.

Get rid of stains

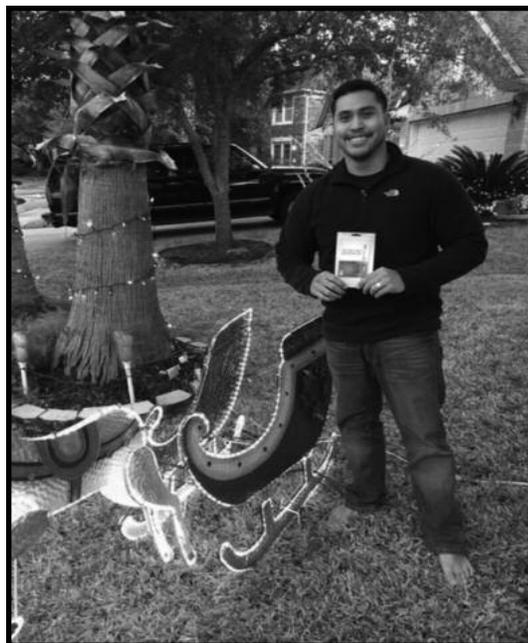
Good Housekeeping magazine has placed all their best stain-removal and cleaning advice into their free @Home app. It also includes decorating ideas and a searchable list of the 5,000-plus products that have earned a Good Housekeeping seal.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!

Best Doorway - the family @ 14022 Blue Vista



Best Traditional - the family @ 14011 Coral Bean Drive



Most Religious (picture not shown) - 2222 Desert Vine Ct.

Congratulations again to all the winners!!

NOTABLE NOTES:

Glen Laurel's 2015 budget

Did you know that the 2015 budget for Glen Laurel has been posted to the website? To view the budget, access the Resident Only section of the website. Online at: www.glenlaurel.net.



What do I do if my garbage/recycling cart is damaged or missing?

Contact Republic Services at 713-726-7307 and notify them of the damaged or missing cart. They will repair or replace it if it is stolen or damaged beyond repair by any reason other than the customer's own neglect or misuse. You can find the number to Republic Services on the lid of your recycling cart.

Sugar Land Fire Department begins ambulance service

The Sugar Land Fire Department began providing emergency ambulance service on Jan. 1. The addition of five state-of-the-art ambulances, increased paramedic certifications and expanded dispatch operations is expected to decrease response times, improve patient care reporting to hospitals and provide greater flexibility in service delivery. Sugar Land assigned its ambulances to Fire Station 1, 555 Matlage Way; Fire Station 2, 1040 Industrial; and Fire Station 4, 2100 Austin Parkway. A fourth ambulance is available to respond throughout the City during peak demand hours, and the fifth serves as a reserve.



Fort Bend ISD Board elections

The FBISD Board of Trustees, comprised of seven local citizens, provides an important public service to the Fort Bend community and serves without compensation. In accordance with the Texas Elections Code, Fort Bend ISD calls Board elections for the second Saturday in May of each year. Vacancies occurring after the election are filled by appointment until the next election is conducted. Trustees are elected to three-year terms on a rotating basis. Two are elected each year, one from each side of the district (Position 1, 2 and 3 on the West, and Positions 5, 6 and 7 on the East). Also, every third year, the "at large" Position 4, is elected. The seven Board of Trustees members are voted on by all residents of the district, and represent all residents of the District. The deadline to file applications for a place on the ballot for the May 9, 2015 Fort Bend ISD Board Election is February 27.

Ready to go fishing?

Eldridge Park Pond is being stocked with 750 Rainbow Trout. These little fish are fun to catch!

Please remember these statewide regulations:

- No minimum length limit
- Daily bag limit = 5 trout
- 17 & under do not need a fishing license, 18 & up do.



For more information and helpful fishing tips, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/.

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Fire Department	281-275-2851
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Police Department	281-275-2525
Public Works/Street Lights	281-275-2450
Ordinance/City Code	281-275-2370
Sugar Land Animal Control	281-275-2750
Animal Control Alternate	281-275-2364
Auto Registration	281-341-3710
Crime Stoppers	281-342-8477
Driver's License	281-232-4334
Health Department	281-342-6414
Fort Bend ISD	281-634-1000
Sheriff's Department	281-341-4700
Social Services	281-342-7300
Voter Registration	281-341-8670

Hospitals:

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Memorial Herman S.L.	281-725-5000
Methodist Health Center	281-274-7000
Oak Bend Medical Center	281-342-2811
S.L. Medical Center	281-274-6600

Misc:

Poison Control	800-764-7661
Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Recycling Center	281-342-5226

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BURNEY ROAD FENCE UPDATE

As you can see, Aber Fence Company has started taking down the wood fence along Burney Road in preparation for the installation of the cement wall. We had hoped the HOA would be given notice before Aber started, as we had requested, but we were advised just minutes before they started.



The fences will be removed from Gannaway Lakes sub-division going north, to Silvermill. If your house backs up to Burney Road and is in the effected area, please make arrangements to secure your pets.

While Aber Fence Co. is in our neighborhood installing the Burney Rd fence, they will offer special discounts to Glen Laurel residents who wish to replace their wood fences. Just like the HOA fences' most homeowner's fences are in dire need of replacement. Cedar fences are only designed to last approximately 10 years and most in the neighborhood are closer to 15 years old.

If your fence is leaning, sagging or just needs replacement, please consider taking advantage of this offer from Aber. Homeowners who replaced their wood fences during the West Airport phase stated they could not beat the price Aber offered.

The HOA is not financially benefiting from this offer in any way, but the replacement of the old, dilapidated wood fences can only improve the overall look of our neighborhood. Please contact Steve Garza with Aber fence at steveg@abarfence.com for details.

We will continue to update the progress of the project on the website as information becomes available.

COMMUNITY POWER UP PROGRAM

Summer is around the corner and with summer comes high energy usage. You are already buying energy so why not save some money and help Glen Laurel while doing it? It's easy to switch, just go to www.glenlaurelhoa.streampowerup.biz and join the other Glen Laurel residents that are benefiting from the Power Up Program and helping our neighborhood at the same time. Would you like to see a completed walking trail around the lake, additional landscaping beautification projects, a nicer clubhouse where we can actually have inside neighborhood events or eventually our very own tennis courts right here in Glen Laurel??

Sounds like an impossible wish list, right? Well, this can all be possible with the help of every one of you. The great thing is it doesn't require writing a check, fundraising, or going door to door...it just requires one thing - going to the following website: www.glenlaurelhoa.streampowerup.biz and switching your electric provider to Stream Energy.

Each resident that enrolls under Glen Laurel's Power Up program will be helping to contribute thousands of \$'s to our Reserves every single month. We have over 700 homes in our neighborhood and every last resident pays a light bill to some company right now. Why not switch to Stream Energy and take advantage of their incredibly low rates and help make those items on Glen Laurel's wish list a reality at the same time! It is important to know that anyone can participate in this program, you do not have to be a Glen Laurel resident. For more information call Jennifer at 281-732-9375 and let me help you get signed up today.

Thanks,

Jennifer Fuchs

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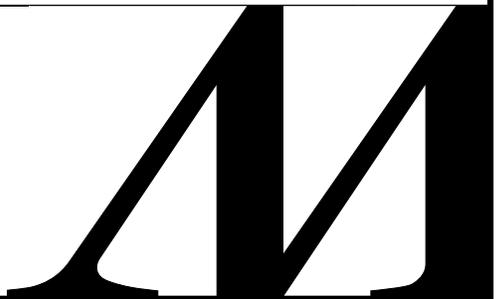
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HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR:

Developing relationships with your neighbors can make your life easier and the community safer—and maybe even result in lasting friendships. The good news is that it's easy to extend acts of courtesy to those who live close by.

1. Welcome new people to the neighborhood by stopping by and introducing yourself. Baking cookies is a traditional way to extend a warm welcome, but you can also bring them recommendations for local services, such as babysitters or landscapers; a children's activity kit filled with coloring books, crayons and games, or a list of important local phone numbers.
2. Little gestures can go a long way. Offer to collect your neighbor's mail, water their plants or feed their pet while they're on vacation. If that's too much of a commitment, you might offer to

keep an eye out on their house while they're away.

3. Keep up your house and yard. This will help maintain property values while keeping the neighborhood as a whole looking its best. Mow your grass regularly, trim your shrubs as needed and make facade repairs in a timely manner.
4. Keep your neighbors informed of relevant news, such as upcoming construction or recent crime. Extra eyes and ears are always welcomed.
5. If a neighbor lends you something, whether it's a tool or their time, return the gesture quickly. It's easy to move along with your project and forget they've done you a favor, so be sure to show your appreciation in a timely manner—your gratitude won't be overlooked.

Good neighbors make great communities!