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April 2020

Civic News

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

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The event sponsors are aware of the recent developments of the spread of the coronavirus. We want to keep everyone healthy and safe so, reluctantly, we are cancelling the event. See you next year!



Lakewood Forest Community-Wide April 24, 25 and 26



Empty the attic and clean out the closets! It's time once again for the semiannual Lakewood Forest Community Garage Sale!

If you plan to have a spring garage sale, this is a good time to hold it, as garage sale enthusiasts from all over northwest Houston come to shop one sale after another in our neighborhood. Shoppers know that Lakewood Forest holds a community sale and they look forward to it.

The community sale runs on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 24, 25 and 26**. You choose which days and hours you want to operate your sale on your own property.

This activity is sponsored by the Lakewood Forest Civic Association. The LFCA will advertise the community event online and in print, and with banners and signs around the subdivision. We have new and better signage to provide more advertising coverage.

Residents are highly encouraged to put out their own directional signage the weekend of the sale, such as a bright "garage sale" sign with your own address, placed at major cross streets. Please be courteous when you put out your signs – don't place staked signs in the esplanades and don't post anything on stop signs. Posters on boxes held in place with stones is a good approach for your personal signage. Also, experienced sellers recommend registering your sale on this app: <https://gsalr.com>.

You are responsible for removing your signs and cleaning up your trash at the end of your sale. Please keep Lakewood Forest beautiful!

Coronavirus Update: Upcoming Events

Due to the federal, state, and local guidelines for our health and safety, many events are being canceled or postponed to lessen our exposure to COVID-19. Because of the fluid nature of the information, please check online for any changes that could impact scheduled events.

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15006 Lakewood Forest Drive

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

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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.

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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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Your photo (a light background works best. **Do not glue or staple your picture to the index card!**)

Your name

Your parents' names

High school or college presently attending

Activities, honors, etc. (Please list first those most important to you. In case your list is longer than the space available, we will start deleting from the end of your list.)

Your future plans

Include a **stamped, self-addressed envelope**, and we will return your photo.

Mail your photo and information to Lakewood Forest Civic Association, 13121 Louetta Road, PMB #1025, Cypress, TX 77429 in time to reach us by May 12.

Calling All Prior Scholarship Recipients

This is the 21st year of the Lakewood Forest Civic Association's Scholarship Award program, and we would like to celebrate this milestone. If you are the parent, relative, or know a prior scholarship recipient, we would like to ask you to let your winner know that we want to hear from them. Just a short note or so to update all of us for publication in future issues of the *Civic News*.

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Event starts at 6 p.m. with limited dinner service till around 10 p.m.

Grab a babysitter (if you wish!), bring a blanket and BYOB!

This exclusive night of fun is open to all Lakewood Forest residents. Come early; dinner service will be while supply lasts from a neighborhood favorite.

We will also have a limited supply of beer but you are welcome to bring your favorite libation to enjoy while listening to live music and enjoying getting to know your neighbors.

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Theft Habitation	0	Disturbance Other	2
Theft Vehicle.....	0	Alarms	17
Theft Other	0	Suspicious Vehicles.....	8
Robbery.....	0	Suspicious Persons	3
Assault	0	Runaways	3
Sexual Assault	0	Phone Harassment.....	0
Criminal Mischief.....	1	Other Calls.....	435

Detailed Statistics

Contract Calls	343	Misdemeanor Arrests	2
District Calls.....	104	Tickets Issued.....	131
Reports Taken.....	50	Recovered Property ..	6,500
Felony Arrests.....	0	Charges Filed	3

Summary of Events

12900 block of Elmginton Court – Deputies responded to location where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) broke the window to his vehicle and stole phone chargers. Case open pending further investigation.

13900 block of Cedar Point Drive – Deputies responded to location where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) damaged the complainant's mailbox. Case closed at this time due to lack of leads.

11600 block of Idlebrook Drive – Deputies were dispatched to location where it was reported by the complainant she was pushed by her neighbor after she trespassed on his property. Deputies completed an investigation and contacted Harris county district attorney's office where charges were declined. Case closed.

11700 block of Moorcreek Drive – Forgery – Deputies responded to location in reference to a forgery where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) attempted to cash a check from her business account. Case open pending further investigation.

Lakeview Place Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a fraudulent use identification, where it was reported by the complainant unknown suspect(s) used his information to make unauthorized purchases from Best Buy online. Case closed due to no leads.

11600 block of Cypresswood Drive – Deputies responded to location in reference to a dog bite where it was reported by the complainant her dog and her were bit by another dog in the park. The complainant reported only minor injuries. Case referred to Animal Control.



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The Lakewood Forest Garden Club met on March 6 for the general meeting. President Candace Beaver and Recording Secretary MaryEtta Wood, at the President's Table, were framed in flower arrangements by Marilyn Bullen and Kathy Rogers. A festive "St. Patrick's Day" theme was evident on the hostess table with shades of green and a beautiful flower-topped vine centerpiece. We were treated to delicious refreshments and decorations provided by co-hostesses (pictured L to R) Zelma Mikolajczyk, Susan Busler, Charlene Wilson, Barbara Wolz, Harolene Hatley (Chair), and Annette Kerkman.



Speaker Kathy Rogers presented an extraordinary program entitled "Re-Purposing and Up-Scaling Plant Containers." She is a talented garden club member combining her passions for crafts and gardening. An array of eclectic designs were demonstrated and tied together with a silver and white color scheme.



Yvonne Newsome brought a pretty pink hibiscus plant and feeders to demonstrate hummingbird care in the Horticulture Report. Oh, and a hummingbird swing! Other plants recommended for hummingbirds were Turk's cap, bottle brush and honeysuckle.

Yard of the Month

Members of the garden club judged Area A, Section 1 for the Yard of the Month for March. Winners were announced by Chair Joanne Matava. First Place winners were Norman Skipworth and Scott Bixter at 11731 Jaycreek Drive. Honorable Mentions went to David and Tonya Assid at 11614 Quailcreek Drive and to Catherine and Michael O'Donnell at 11618 Normont Drive. Congratulations to the winners who were awarded gift certificates from Plants for All Seasons!

Judging for the Yard of the Month for April is planned for Area C, Sections 8 and 11.



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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 and 11.

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 each month 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.

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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It's time to plant beans, cantaloupe, corn, cucumber, eggplant, honey dew, okra, peppers, summer squash, tomatillo, watermelon, basil, catmint, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, lemongrass, mint, nasturtium, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, and thyme. All of these can be planted from seed, or transplants purchased from the nursery.

In the Flowerbeds

It's time to plant your warm weather flowers that will last all summer. The nursery is exploding with colorful options for any area of your yard. Make sure you prepare your beds by adding compost and fertilizer before you plant! Check out the new Color Star fertilizer; it smells like roses! Your whole yard will smell like a rose garden when you're done!

In the Lawn

If you haven't fertilized yet, it's OK to do it now. Do not use a Weed & Feed product unless completely necessary! If you only have a few weeds in a dormant lawn, just use a good quality lawn food like MicroLife Hybrid or NitroPhos Superturf. Mow on a low setting one time and bag to remove some of the

thick winter thatch build-up. Make sure you adjust the height back to 3" for future mowing. Adjust sprinkler heads and make sure you are getting adequate coverage. Make sure sprinklers are set based on water needs. If it's been raining, then turn the sprinklers off and then back on when it dries out. Water (either too much or not enough) is the biggest problem in St. Augustine lawns. Let your lawn tell you when it's thirsty. At the first sign of wilt, give it a drink. This will promote a deeper root system, and less fungal and weed infestations. To save on water over the next few months, apply MicroLife Humates Plus. Humates aid in water penetration and water absorption. Your lawn will thank you for it.

Trees and Shrubs

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Screech



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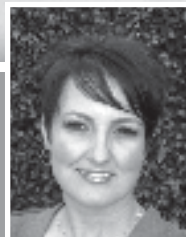


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Saturday, April 11

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Spring Egg-Stravaganza CANCELLED			1	2	3	4
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Trash & Recycling Day			NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Trash Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter			Trash & Recycling Day			Trash Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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