

## **Civic News**

The Official Newsletter of <u>The Lakew</u>ood Forest Civic Association, Inc.

# Lakewood Forest Civic Association's 21st Annual Memorial Scholarship Gward

#### 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 don't have it in a .jpg file, let us know and we'll make other arrangements.

*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).

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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.

# Lakewood Forest is a DEED RESTRICTED Community.

#### 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.

Precinct 4 Deputies working in Lakewood Forest:

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#### Memorial Scholarship Award - continued

- 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 LFCA 2020 Scholarship Committee Chair Jodi Cole at 817-668-5634, or by email to LFCAScholarship@gmail.com.



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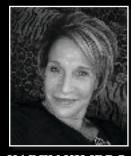


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## Look What Your LFCA Can Do With \$10!

**Lakewood Forest Civic Association** 13121 Louetta Road, PMB #1025 Cypress, TX 77429

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!

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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 incorporated in 1985 to promote the general welfare of Lakewood Forest residents and to support civic betterment for Lakewood Forest and surrounding areas. We are run by an elected board of homeowner volunteers who contribute their time and efforts 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 October 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.



## LFCA Coat Drive a Success!

Thank you to all residents who donated coats and other clothing for the annual Lakewood Forest Civic Association coat drive. Five large bags of donated items were given to MESA Outreach, a charitable organization that serves people in need in northwest Houston. The clothing items were offered to MESA clients at a January food pantry event.



#### Pet of the Month

#### **Brad Pitt**

Brad Pitt is a handsome rat terrier mix. He is approximately 2 years old and very sweet. He is neutered and ready to find his new home. We rescued him from a highkill shelter. He is a darling guy. He gets along with other dogs.



Animalrescuekingdom@gmail.com 832-267-5777.



#### **Clean Up After Pets**

Please clean up after your pet when walking. Responsible pet owners are considerate and don't leave a mess.

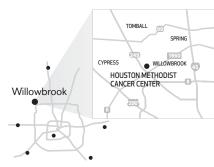


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The Lakewood Forest Garden Club met on January 3. The program by Marie Silvis from Precinct 4 Community Assistance was entitled "Parks, Greenways and the Mosquito Assassin Program in Precinct 4." The speaker inspired us to get out there and enjoy the plethora of trails and activities provided by the county.

The hostess table was set with fresh flowers for their "New Year Garden Bash" theme. Becky Bailey, Maggie White, Dawn Bramwell (Chair), Rosemary Felix, Joanne Matava and Sandra McKeon decorated and prepared a wide array of delicious refreshments.



Bouquets for the President's

Table also served as door prizes and were beautiful creations from the gardens of our talented members. Lynn White was the lucky recipient of the Bird of Paradise design by Gail Bramwell, and Maggie White was the winner of the Marilyn Bullen arrangement.

cards were donated in December. Fortunately, there were 1,216 children who received gifts through the entire effort!



Margo Propst reported that the Wreaths Across America project was a great success and our collections provided 84.5 wreaths which were laid at the Houston National Cemetery in December. Thirteen members from the garden club and three of their husbands helped lay the wreaths and a group will also assist with removal.









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#### **EARLY DROP-OFF 7 AM**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 am-6:30 pm SATURDAY:

8 am-Noon SUNDAY:

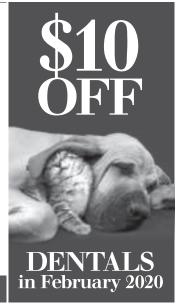
4-6 pm for Boarding



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Yard of the Month for March will be judged by members of the garden club the last week of February. The area to be judged is Area A Section 1. 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.

## Gardening Hints From the Pro, Sherri



#### **February To-Do List**

- Cover plants, water well if a freeze is forecast. The coldest days usually occur this month.
- Remove covers first thing in the morning if it's above freezing. Heat builds under covers, and your plants will cook!
- Mow the lawn once to allow the sun to reach the roots.
- Prune grafted roses; Valentine's Day is a traditional time to trigger healthy new growth.
- Plant later-blooming bulbs, corms and tubers, such as amaryllis, canna and gladiolus.
- Watch the temps; if towards the end of the month, temperatures look like freezes are over, get tomatoes in the ground! We have to start early in Houston if you want good yields!
- Don't commit **crape murder!** Resist the urge to do what your neighbors and ill-informed landscapers do. If you need to prune and shape your crape myrtle, stop by the nursery and we can show you the correct way to prune them.

Get Your Green On! Sherri Harrah Plants For All Seasons 249





# Guidelines for Judging Nard of the Month

Judging for March to be done the last week of February in Area A, Section 1.

Once a yard has received the "Yard of the Month" award, it is not eligible for further awards for one year. The first place winner for each month will receive a \$40 gift certificate from Plants for All Seasons and recognition in the next *Civic News*. An honorable mention yard will receive a \$25 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
Grass: green, except in winter; mowed
and edged; weed-free
Beds: cleaned, edged and mulched
Color contrast, e.g. well placed variegated
or colored shrubs, use of flowers and bulbs
such as caladiums to add interest
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
Walks and curbs swept and cleaned <u>10 points</u>
100 points





## March 3 Is Super Tuesday Primary Election Day!

Lakewood Forest citizens may vote in the Super Tuesday Primary Election on March 3. Participating states in 2020 Super Tuesday are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Vermont. Winning candidates from each party in the primary and any potential runoff election will compete in the General Election on November 3, 2020.

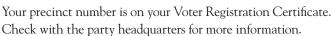
New residents and young voters just turning 18 must register by February 3 to be eligible to vote. You may obtain an application to register at http://www.hctax.net/voter/registration.

Specific ballots and voting location information were not available at the publication deadline for the Lakewood Forest *Civic News*. The voter will have to check the County Clerk website at http://harrisvotes.com closer to the election for more information.

Offices up for election range from the President of the United States to Harris County Party Chairman and include numerous judges at every level. The diligent voter will have a lot of research to do. Several propositions are expected at the end of the ballot.

Early voting will be available from February 18-28 at the usual locations. The Prairie View A&M Campus on Grant Road near 249 is the closest location to Lakewood Forest.

Precinct conventions will be held March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at your assigned precinct voting location. Attend the convention to vote on resolutions and delegates to the senatorial district convention.



The **19th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote and was ratified on August 18, 1920 ending almost a century of protest.

If you have further questions, contact the Precinct Chair at 281-370-1633.





#### Where the Community Comes Together!

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#### Spring Tennis Leagues Starting Soon!

The LRC has men's and women's teams for every skill level. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced player, we have a spot for you.

Many teams are looking for more players or substitute players. If you're interested in playing on one of the LRC tennis teams, please contact Kelly Young (ykelbry@aol.com) to join a women's team or Stan Gaworecki (sgaworecki@comcast.net) to join a men's team. You just need to be a year-round club member, be available on league match days, and bring your own tennis racquet. The league fees are very low, normally running less than \$20 per player per season.

If you are interested in playing Women's Monday Night Tennis, please contact Sharon Welshimer at sw1214113@gmail.com. The team is a variety of levels. We play home and away games, and all games start at 7:30 p.m.

Contact our Office Manager, Shannon, at 281-376-1893 for more information on membership.



#### **Top 10 Reasons to Play Tennis**

#### **Your Body**

#### 1. Get Fit

Lose Weight. Burn Calories- An hour of singles play can burn 580-870 calories. (According to Oja, et al, Brit J Sports Med, 2016)

#### Live Longer

Playing just 3 hours/week will reduce your risk of heart disease 56%. (According to a 2016 Harvard University study)

#### Strengthen Heart, Muscles and Bones

Compared to other sports, tennis players have the lowest incidence of cardiovascular disease. (40-year study conducted by Johns Hopkins University)

#### Develop Hand-Eye Coordination

Playing tennis involves several skills that all contribute to good hand-eye coordination. You can improve your agility, balance, coordination, reaction time and more.

#### **Your Life**

#### Enjoy Family and Friends

Great for the whole family no matter what your age. With minimal equipment needed and the LRC courts nearby, it's easy to bring a friend or find one at the courts.

#### Develop Teamwork and Sportsmanship

From doubles play to league play, tennis develops your ability to communicate and work together.

#### Improve Social Skills

Tennis outperforms all other sports in developing positive personality characteristics. (According to a study by Dr. Jim Gavin at Concordia University)

#### **Your Brain**

#### Reduce Stress

Tennis helps you deal with physical, mental, social and emotional challenges, which increases your capacity to deal with stress.

#### Increase Brain Power

From alertness to tactical thinking, tennis enhances the neural connections in your brain. Kids who play tennis regularly get better grades. (According to a 2013 USTA study)

#### 10. Learn to Solve Problems

Tennis is a sport that is based on evaluating angles, geometry and physics to get the best result, which

translates into better problem-solving off the court. In the late 1990s, several experts proposed that tennis, since it requires alertness and tactical thinking, may generate new connections between nerves in the brain and promote a lifetime of continuing brain development.

Content provided by TIA – Tennis Industry Association.

#### Tennis – The Sport For a Lifetime!

## Rent Lakewood Residents' Club For Your Party!

You don't have to be a Club member to rent the 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 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.

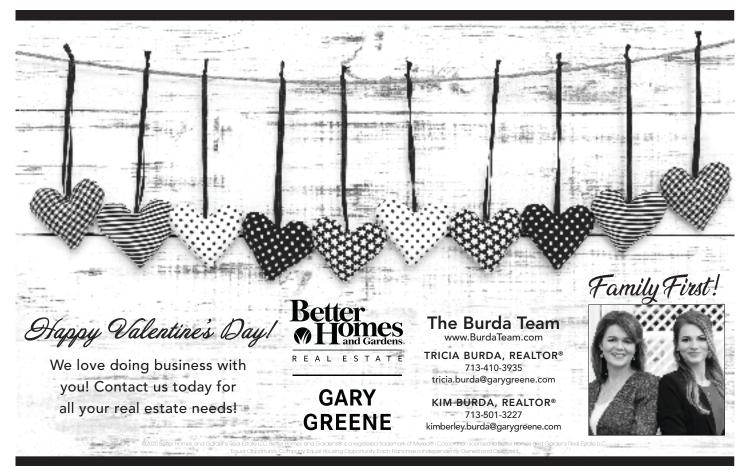
## Houston Rose Society's Annual Rose Pruning Party

#### **February 13**

7 p.m. for social time • 7: 30 p.m. meeting

On February 13, Houston Rose Society will hold its annual rose pruning party. Master rosarians will be on the spot to show the techniques on how to prune various roses including hybrid teas, floribundas, miniatures and climbers. They will demonstrate what to prepare, which equipment to use, where to cut, and how much to cut. Questions will be answered on the spot. Pruned bushes will be raffled as door prizes. Most gardeners start to prune roses after Valentine's Day; this party will be good timing and educational. Please join us for an evening of fun and prizes at Cherie Flores Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston 77004. 7 p.m. for social time and refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

www.houstonrose.org



## LONE STAR COLLEGE - Tomball Community Library

30555 Tomball Parkway, Tomball 77375 For more information, call the Library at 832-559-4235.

#### **Children's/Family Programs:**

Baby Bookworms Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Read and Play Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Stories Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Choo Choo Club Early Literacy Program Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Crafternoon: Valentines Tuesday, February 11, 5 p.m. Pokémon League Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday Stories with Alivia Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m.

Sensory Story Time Tuesday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.

STEM Studio: Mathematics Tuesday, February 18, 5 p.m.

Discover: Your 5 Senses Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 p.m.

R.E.A.D.

Tuesday, February 25 at 5 p.m.

Art of the Old West Thursday, February 13, 5 p.m.

American Heroes: The Battle of the Alamo Thursday, February 27, 5 p.m.

#### **Teen Programs:**

Anime Club Tuesday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Thursday, February 6, 4:30 p.m.

Anti-Valentine's Day Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 p.m. Art Lab

Monday, February 17, 6 p.m.

Teen Tech Takeover Tuesday February 18, 4:30 p.m.

Bath Bombs

Tuesday, February 25,

4:30 p.m.

D&D: The Wardens Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Adult Programs:**

AARP Tax Aide Mondays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

WFS – Sharpening Your Interviewing Skills February 5, 1-3 p.m.

Basic Jewelry Making Monday, February 10 at 3 p.m. (Room L129)

Citizenship Tutor Training Monday, February 17, 12-4 p.m. Art Lab

Monday, February 17, 6 p.m.

WFS – Closing the Deal Wednesday, February 19, 1-3 p.m. (Room L-207)

iTEA

Tuesday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.

Daughters of the American Revolution February 22 at 11 a.m.

Stamp Collecting with Watson
February 22 at 12 p.m.
(Room L212)

#### **Book Clubs**

Inspirational Book Club Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.

Paranormal Book Club Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Afternoon Book Club Tuesday, February 11, 2 p.m. History Book Club Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club Thursday, February 27, 1 p.m.

After Austen Book Club Monday, February 24, 7 p.m.



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## AAUW OUTSTANDING WOMAN

## Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction

Northwest Harris County American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host its tenth annual Outstanding Woman Awards luncheon and silent auction on Saturday, February 29 at Shirley Acres.

This year Dr. Jenny McGown, Klein ISD Superintendent, will be honored for our Outstanding Woman in Education award. Under her leadership, the district has earned recognition for excellence and innovation from the Texas Education Agency, H-E-B, and National Schools of Character and Houston Business Journal.

Sue Ann Lurcott will be honored for our Outstanding Woman in the Community. Sue Ann has been an active volunteer and leader with Klein ISD, Barbara Bush Library, Northwest Assistance Ministries, Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Greenwood Forest HOA, NHC AAUW, and many other community organizations.

The keynote speaker will be Sarah Davis who is the State Representative for Texas House District 134 in Houston, Texas. Please contact geniekline@aol.com for tickets or further information.

#### **iTEA**

**Tuesday, February 18** at 1:30 p.m. 30555 Tomball Parkway, Tomball TX 77375

Join us for a cup of tea! International Education presents iTEA: International Tea and Experiential Activity. Come out and learn about Russian culture with some tea and snacks in the front area of Tomball Community Library.

## **Houston Ground Angels**

Do you have a couple of hours to spare? If so, Houston Ground Angels invites you to join us as a volunteer to provide a safe ride to or from Houston area airports to the Texas Medical Center or lodging facility for those who are coming to Houston for medical treatments. If you have a few hours a week or month and would like to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients, we'd greatly appreciate hearing from you. It is easy to join – just a valid driving license and proof of insurance opens the door. There is no specific training and **no** driving minimums which must be performed. This is a donation of your time and transportation to be scheduled at **your** leisure. HGA offers complimentary social gatherings/events for volunteers.

For more information, please call 281-900-7377 or visit www.houstongroundangels.org and click on Volunteer.



## Pearl Fincher | Museum of Fine Arts

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#### **New Exhibitions for 2020**

Beginning February 1, the Pearl will showcase two new exhibitions. Stitched: Contemporary Quilt Art from the International Quilt Festival Collection will be featured in the Main Gallery and includes a collection of 25 contemporary quilts from the Texas Quilt Museum. Artists range from some of the most famous names in contemporary quilt art to emerging artists, with themes including narration, color abstraction, landscapes, and homage to antique quilts.

In the Rebecca Cole Gallery, the Pearl will feature Lesley Humphrey: Saved by a Horse. Equestrian artist Lesley Humphrey has been painting or drawing the horse since childhood. Her awe-inspiring views of horse racing and her unique artistic process have led to a career that has included serving as official artist of the Kentucky Derby as well as works in prominent collections throughout Britain and the United States.

Both exhibitions open Saturday, February 1 and continue through May 16. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated and help continue the Pearl's mission of art, education, and community.



#### The 2020 Pearls of Art Gala

"Une fête dans le Jardin de Monet," will take place Saturday, March 21 at Houston's newest event venue, the Revaire. Co-Chairs Anais Watsky and Elizabeth Naggar have chosen a beautiful French theme highlighting a party in Monet's garden.

This year's honorees are The Hamill Foundation and Mr. Tom Brown, Grants Director. Mr. Brown and The Hamill Foundation have been strong supporters of the Pearl since its inception and were key to the museum's restoration after Hurricane Harvey.

The black-tie optional gala includes cocktails, dinner, and live and silent auctions. The popular Doppelganger Band will provide music for dancing.

Tickets to the Pearls of Art Gala are on sale now, with tables of 10 starting at \$2,500 and individual tickets at \$250. Sponsorship opportunities are also available ranging from \$200 to \$50,000.

The Pearls of Art Gala is the largest development event each year for the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, raising approximately half of the museum's operating funds. For details or to reserve your place, visit www.pearlmfa.org or contact the Development office at 281-376-6322 or development@pearlmfa.org.

As the only Fine Arts museum in Harris County outside the city center of Houston, the Pearl operates completely through the generous donations of individuals, businesses and foundations from the greater Houston community, and is free to all.



### NORTHWEST FOREST Republican Women

Northwest Forest Republican Women will meet Monday, February 10 at 11 a.m. at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road. The program at 11:30 a.m. will feature The Honorable Steve Radack who has served as Commissioner of Precinct 3 in Northwest Harris County for 8 terms of office. Lunch is \$25 with reservations at rita.huggler@att.net by Thursday, February 6.

## **Cypress-Tomball Democrats**

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next monthly meeting **Tuesday**, **February 18** at Rudy's Grill and Cantina, 11760 Grant Road, Houston. There is a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Susan Tsujimoto, member of Texas Women for Justice, will be the speaker. She will discuss information on redistricting including the upcoming census, federal and state redistricting requirements, gerrymandering and the extreme gerrymandering following the 2010 census. She will also offer suggestions to make democracy participatory again.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Undrai Fizer at cytomdemocrats@gmail.com, or visit the club's Facebook page.

# ANNUAL LAKEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GARAGE SALE

#### February 8

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The United Methodist Women will hold their Annual Garage Sale on **February 8** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Garage Sale will feature a great deal of furniture, electronics, sporting goods, yard items, household goods, collectibles, clothing, toys, and so much more! There will be something for everyone.

Proceeds from this sale will help support local missions such as Boys & Girls Country, Habitat for Humanity, NW Harris County, Star of Hope, Northwest Ministries, and many others. Donations are accepted all the way up until **February 7**.

For more information about the sale, please email umwgaragesale@gmail.com. The Garage Sale will be held at 11330 Louetta Road & Jones Road, 77070.





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## 2020 RODEOHOUSTON PRE-RODEO EVENTS

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo celebrates the upcoming annual Show with ticketed and free events for the public. Join the fun even before the rodeo action begins as the world's largest livestock show welcomes visitors from across the nation.

#### **Bar-B-Que Contest**

February 27 - 29, 2020

More than 250 teams, led by barbecue aficionados, compete in the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. While most team tents are invitation-only, visitors can enjoy several public venues, including The Garden, Rockin' Bar-B-Que Saloon and the Chuck Wagon. Plus, the carnival is open, for wild rides and fun games. The Garden Stage, sponsored by Miller Lite, features some of the best up-and-coming and established artists in Texas country. The Rockin' Bar-B-Que Saloon also features live and DJ music, and has an outside patio for visitors to enjoy. Inside the saloon is the Chuck Wagon, where visitors can pick up their complimentary sliced brisket plate with chips and beans.

#### **Rodeo Uncorked! Wine Events**

Rodeo Uncorked! highlights wine production in agriculture. Before the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Rodeo hosts an International Wine Competition, a food competition and wine auction. During the Rodeo, visit the Champion Wine Garden where the champion wines from the International Wine Competition are served.

#### **Roundup & Best Bites Competition**

February 23 at 6:30 p.m. NRG Center, Halls D & E

Join us to support the Rodeo by participating in one of the world's largest gourmet food events paired with more than 400 award-winning wines, including the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the International Wine Competition. At the Rodeo Uncorked! Roundup & Best Bites Competition, you will have the opportunity to sample signature dishes from approximately 100 of the area's top restaurants and culinary institutions, and vote for your favorites in the Best Bites Competition.

#### **Champion Wine Auction & Dinner**

March 1 at 6 p.m. NRG Center, 2nd Floor

The Rodeo Uncorked! Champion Wine Auction and Dinner is an exciting way to kick off the Rodeo season. Begin your evening with an exquisite cocktail hour, including an exciting silent auction where you can bid on unique wines, unforgettable trips, and other great items. Then join us in the ballroom to enjoy a sumptuous seated dinner complemented by champion wines. Following dinner, you and your guest can join the excitement by bidding on award-winning wines to support the Rodeo. Purchased items are available immediately following the auction for you to take home.

#### **Rodeo Run**

February 29, 2020

Run for a cause! Proceeds from the event benefit the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Participants compete in the wheelchair race, 10K race and 5K fun run/walk. Since 1988, nearly \$5 million has been contributed to the Rodeo.

#### **Post Race Party**

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eleanor Tinsley Park

Participants and supporters are invited to Eleanor Tinsley Park after the race for a fun celebration of the morning's race and supporting the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The Family Fun Zone will have food, entertainment and more.

#### **Downtown Rodeo Parade**

February 29, 2020

Every February since 1938, the nation's fourth largest city is transformed from a bustling metropolis to a down-home celebration of Western heritage. Decorative floats intermingle with thousands of men and women on horseback to fill the streets with hoof beats and marching bands. Enthusiastic Houstonians join out-of-town spectators to line the streets and sidewalks to be involved in one of Houston's most popular celebrations!

#### Trail Rides - All Trails Lead To Houston

In 1952, four men traveled on horseback from Brenham, Texas, to raise awareness of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Today, more than 2,000 trail riders partake in the Rodeo's signature tradition each year. Riders hit the trail in an attempt to recreate the Old West, and in doing so, find a common ground that links us all to the Rodeo. Be a part of history and support the 12 trail rides as they cross the great state of Texas toward their destination, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

For more information about these pre-Rodeo events, go to www.rodeohouston.com/Visit-the-Rodeo/Pre-Rodeo-Events.

## MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

#### Wednesday, February 12

Photos and articles can be mailed to: Lakewood Forest Civic Association 13121 Louetta Rd., PMB #1025 Cypress, TX 77429

(DO NOT attempt to drop off at this address)

Articles can be emailed to Lfcivicnuz@aol.com Call Barbara at 281-370-3183 with questions.

#### **Get ACC Approval Before Building!**

Lakewood Forest is a Deed Restricted community. The Fund's Architectural Control Committee (ACC) must approve all exterior remodeling and building projects before the project begins. The Fund has the necessary legal authority to enforce this rule.



## Civic News Deadline and Ad Policy

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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 lfcivicnuz@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.

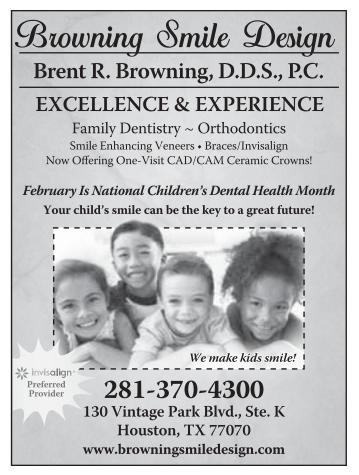
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Trash cans/bags should not be stored on driveways or within view from the street. If your lawn service mows before that time, please stow the bags out of sight until the night before pickup.





#### Lakewood Forest TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS

Email Ifcivicnuz@aol.com with your information to be updated or to be added to the list.

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