

WOODWIND LAKES

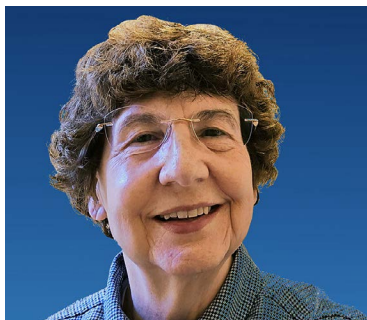
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9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Donor Coach

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Updates from the Board and Volunteer Committees



• To ensure all incidents are properly documented and addressed, please remember that any criminal activity or suspicious incident must be reported by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at **713-221-6000**.



• We are awaiting a quote for repairs identified in Superior’s monthly irrigation report. The quote will add repairs to recently discovered issues on cul-de-sacs at Rondo Court, Symphonic Lane and Cymbal Court. Water valves have been turned off at these sites.



• Superior’s “spring seasonal” flowers did not deliver the wow factor that was promised and they will be removing and replanting flowers in the near future.



• There is a small sink hole starting on Lake 3 near the Windfern entrance to the lake. The area has been barricaded. **Please avoid this area!**



• Lake 2 south fountain has been repaired.



• Tennis court patch work was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, 4/22.



• Pavilion pool contract to replaster the pool, replace tile and coping, and repair and coat decking has been awarded to Aegis Pools. Start date will be announced soon.



• Fence repairs and Tot Lot fence replacement is out for bid. We hope to make a decision soon and get the work completed by June. This includes a security plate for three gates at the pavilion, repairs to fence between the dog park and the playground, replacement of Tot Lot fence, repair and replacement of fence at Lake 2 equipment area, and to install horizontal bars at the bottom of both pool fences to meet county pool code and a few miscellaneous repairs and updates.



• Mailbox cluster assessment is ongoing. We hope to complete the study by mid-May and prioritize repairs and replacements, with the worst of them tackled first, depending on budget and funds available.



• Website updates are almost complete. Outdated information has been removed and site is simplified. We welcome residents input if you find information that needs to be corrected or removed.



All committees need and welcome additional volunteers! Pitch in a little or a lot to help our community!

**Grounds Committee
Communications Committee
Trees and Trails Committee
Assets Committee**

Welcome to our Newest Resident!

Paul Diserens

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark your calendars
for these upcoming events !**



Blood Drive
Saturday, May 9
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Family Pool



Food Truck Tuesday
H-Town Tacos
Tuesday, May 12
Starts at 5:00 p.m.
Family Pool



Parade and Celebration
Saturday, July 4
Parade line up: 11:00 am
Family Pool

* For details and the menu of this truck:

<https://app.foodtruckclub.com/event-services/flyer/KSDwWisY71L7VZURb8RU9sB5pMM9e48V>

Notable Residents

Sue Preston

Sue has been a resident of Woodwind Lakes since 2021, following her sister who moved into Section 1 when those homes were originally built. After a long career in pharmaceutical drug development, she is semi-retired, still enjoying start-up companies with the birth of life-saving medicines. She currently serves on the Board of Directors as Secretary.

What is your #1 goal or primary focus as a board member?

Implementing sustainable processes to maintain property values efficiently. In case you want a second focus – promote resident participation in enjoyable neighborhood events to foster our sense of community.

One of your favorite Houston restaurants?

The Cypress Burger at the Backyard Grill, there are so many good restaurants!

Best way to spend down time and/or what are your hobbies?

I love history and economics – reading books and articles about the arc of human development.

Is there a community activity that you would like to see happen in the future?

Townhalls or any activity that brings our neighbors for some fun together.

What are you binge watching?

I am not binge watching anything, I am binge listening to the History of Britain <https://www.thebritishhistorypodcast.com/> and the History of China <https://open.spotify.com/show/OtjXbW77lfKeg5dolEfdcW>

What is your walk-up song?

Once I learned what the definition of a walk-up song, mine would be Uptown Funk.

What is the #1 travel destination on your bucket list?

Anywhere with my family, currently thinking about Istanbul.



Do you have an irrational fear?

Spiders!!

Do you have a life motto?

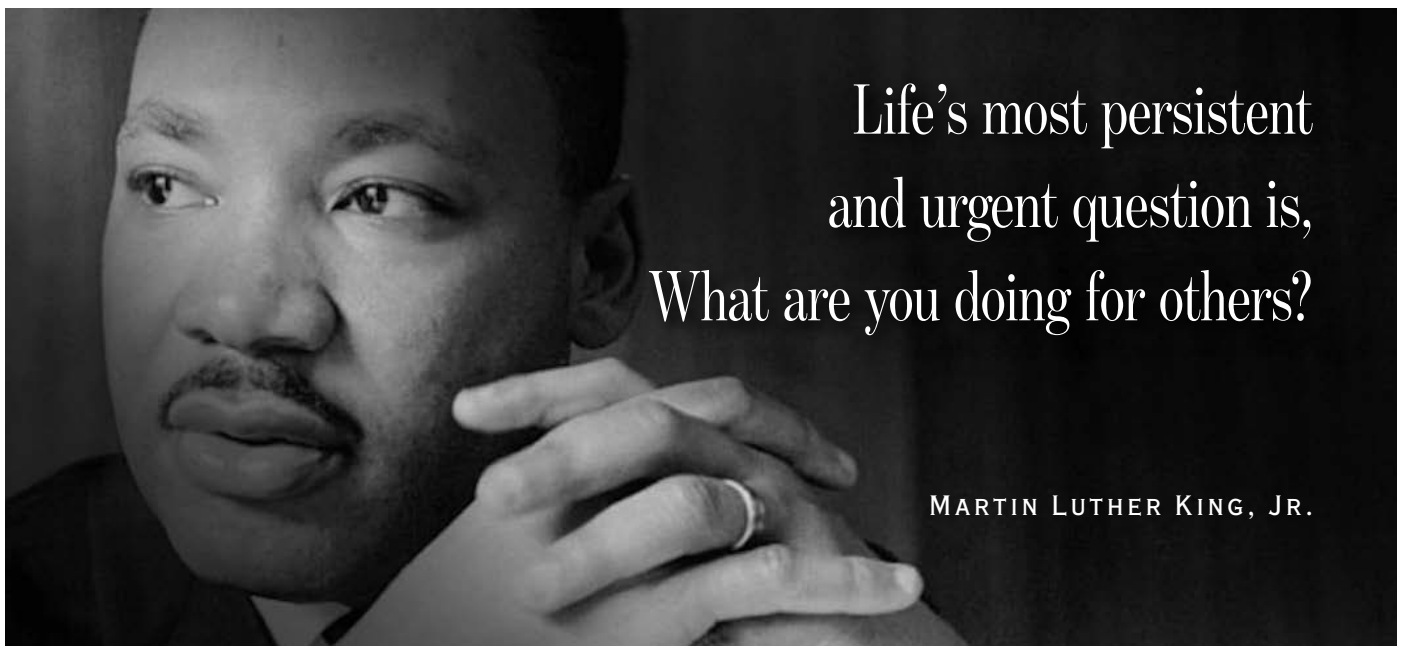
Stay curious, keep my mind open, share with others.

What astrological sign are you?

Libra

Do you have any artistic talents (sing, play instrument, dance, paint, etc.)?

Does making tea count? I have quite a selection of teas and welcome other tea drinkers to enjoy with me (sue@mspreston.com or 510-717-4820).



Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,
What are you doing for others?

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHT

Everest Curry Bar & Grill 10502 Huffmeister Road #A *Written by Sara Tubbs*

If you consider yourself a foodie, chances are you've come across Shawn the Food Sheep, the Houston content creator known for crisscrossing the city in search of standout bites.

One of his recent finds? Everest Curry Bar & Grill, which he dubbed an "underrated hidden gem" in the Cypress area. After one visit, we can confirm: he wasn't exaggerating.

It might be a little trek from Woodwind Lakes, but for truly good Indian and Nepali food, this one earns the mileage.

Fair warning: while we adore Indian food, our digestive systems sometimes negotiate the terms afterward. Sill, armed with optimism and a generous supply of Tums, we went for it.

Tucked into the corner of a modest strip center on Huffmeister Road, this restaurant doesn't win you over with flashy



décor. It wins you over the second you open the door. The aroma alone deserves a discussion.

We began with drinks: my husband ordered an Indian beer, while I went for one



of the featured cocktails, the "Mumbai Masala"—the house take on a margarita with mezcal, curry leaf, turmeric, agave and lime. The mezcal made a bold first impression, but once it settled down, the drink was enjoyable. I considered a second experiment, but it was a school night.

Then came the real event: the menu. Packed with both Indian and Nepali offerings, it gave us a welcome excuse to branch out. Since we are more familiar with Indian dishes, we leaned on our

wonderfully helpful server for recommendations, and she steered us right!

We kicked off the food portion of our experience with the Steamed Momo Chicken, a beloved Nepali dumpling that puts ordinary take-out dumplings on notice. These were generously stuffed, particularly tender and paired with a dipping sauce carrying just enough heat to keep things interesting. We gobbled those down and were sad when that was over.

Next, we were encouraged to try the Dalvat (Thali), essentially a Nepali sampler platter and the culinary equivalent of hitting the jackpot. (Get those Tums ready.)

It arrived with basmati rice, chicken, mixed vegetable curry, lentil curry with pickle, papad (a thin crisp Indian wafer or cracker) and a little dessert. We also ordered a side of Naan to soak up the sauces.

We requested a lighter spice level, and every bite somehow topped the last. By the end of the meal, we were already planning a return trip.

If you love Indian and Nepali cuisine, check out Everest Curry Bar & Grill: <https://www.everestcurrybar.com>

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

EL CID CHILI

Our recipe contribution comes from Jay Marcelino, who reports that he first came across this recipe in the early 2000s, and it's been his go-to chili recipe since. Named "El Cid Chili" after the recipe maker, Cecilia "Cid" Prevost from Kansas City, it's a hearty and complex recipe that never fails to receive praise. It won "Best Chili in the USA" in a 2000 Parade magazine competition. Jay even takes it on camping trips too!



2 tablespoons olive oil
 2 pounds sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
 1/2 pound ground beef
 12 ounces chorizo sausage, casing removed, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
 1 large yellow onion, coarsely chopped
 1/4 cup chili powder
 1 tablespoon garlic salt
 2 teaspoons cumin
 1 teaspoon dried basil
 2 (14.5-ounce) cans beef broth
 2 (14.5-ounce) cans whole tomatoes, drained
 1 cup cilantro, chopped
 1 cinnamon stick
 3 bay leaves
 2 green jalapenos, slit lengthwise 3 times each
 1 tablespoon yellow cornmeal
 Salt and pepper, to taste

1. Place oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat.
2. Brown the sirloin in batches.
3. Remove to a bowl with a slotted spoon.
4. Add ground beef, chorizo, and onions to the pot to brown.
5. Break up the ground beef.
6. Return sirloin to the pot.
7. Stir in remaining ingredients, except for garnishes.
8. Bring to a boil.
9. Reduce heat, simmer for 2 hours.
10. Before serving discard cinnamon stick, bay leaves and jalapenos.
11. Serve garnished with grated cheese and sour cream.

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Ashlyn, blood recipient



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NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

This Month in Woodwind Lakes

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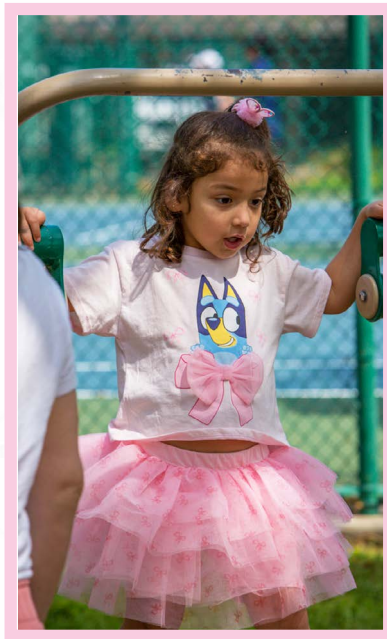
The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** was a big hit, with a special visit from the Easter Bunny and more than 2,000 eggs delighting children throughout the neighborhood.

The **Spring Garage Sale** made the most of a beautiful Saturday morning, bringing out plenty of residents and visitors for a fun and successful day of shopping and connecting with neighbors.

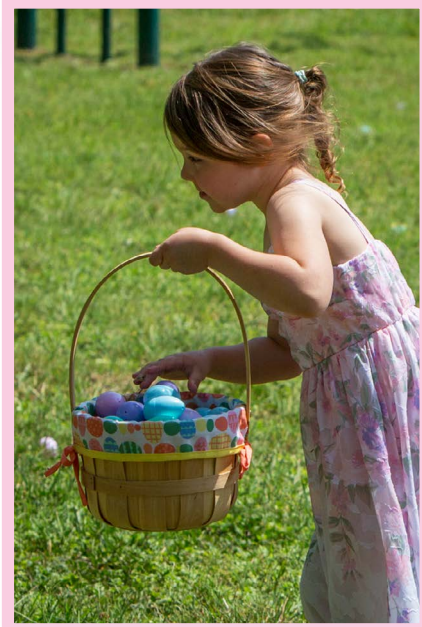
The **Women's Club** planned event was rained out, so the ladies got together in a member's home and enjoyed delicious food and good conversation.

Lots of photos on the following pages

Easter Egg Hunt



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Spring Garage Sale



The Women's Club



"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

Vivian Greene



Red imported fire ants *(or as they call 'em in Texas: fahr aints)*

Red imported fire ants are a non-native species that originate from South America. They were accidentally introduced in Mobile, Alabama in the 1930's. Ships used soil as ballast as a method of stabilization, and it's thought that fire ants were unknowingly in ballast removed from South American ships. From Mobile, fire ants spread in the southern United States, entering Texas in the 1950's.

Fire ants bite *and* sting and can sting multiple times. The stinger, located on the tip of the abdomen, injects venom that can cause pain, burning and/or redness. The sting area develops into a small pustule within a few days. The pustule may itch and is sterile, unless it is broken open by scratching, which then may lead to secondary infection. Some people may develop an allergic reaction to fire ant stings/venom. Allergic reactions can vary in severity with some



DISTURBING A FIRE ANT MOUND causes thousands of worker ants to aggressively swarm the surface instantly, ready to sting any threat. They rush out, climb vertical surfaces (like legs), and bite with jaws before stinging simultaneously. Their venom causes painful burning sensations and leaves characteristic white pustules within 24 hours.

causing life-threatening anaphylaxis. If you have concerns over non-typical reactions after being stung by fire ants, seek medical attention.

Managing fire ants

Ways to manage fire ants can be broken into two basic categories – broadcast treatments and individual mound treatments. Individual mound treatments treat one mound at a time and are labor intensive, requiring you to search and find every fire ant mound for treatment and can result in more pesticide being applied to the environment. Broadcast treatments spread product (granular or bait) over a large area using specialized equipment.

With any pesticide treatment, *read and follow all label instructions*. Make sure to water in the pesticide **if the label instructs you to do so**. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing

the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Serv. Program Specialist at ebrown@ag.tamu.edu.

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May Yard of the Month Winners

SECTION 1



7907 SONATA COURT

SECTION 2



7610 ROLLING ROCK STREET

SECTION 3



7602 CRESCENDO COURT

SECTION 4



9322 ORATORIO COURT

Congratulations!

And thanks for keeping our community looking its best!

