

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

Meet and Greet the Candidates!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 3:00PM–5:00PM

At the Pavilion 7523 Allegro Drive

**Come meet the candidates running for
two available positions on the HOA board**

The Homeowners' Association annual election is October 15th

Annual Board Meeting and Board of Director Election

Hello Neighbors! Woodwind Lakes will be holding our annual meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 5:30pm. We will be in the large meeting room at Windfern Forest MUD building, 14400 Mauna Loa.

We will review some community business at this meeting but the main purpose is to elect two directors to the Association of Woodwind Lakes Homeowners Board of Directors. The elected directors shall serve terms of two years.

You will have received the Notice of Annual Meeting of Members from Crest Management along with your 2024 proxy. You are encouraged to attend the meeting but if

circumstances prevent you from doing so, you may assign your proxy to someone that will be attending.

For the proxy to be valid for quorum and to vote, the proxy provided by Crest must be used. The proxy has your account number that will be validated during the counting process. Please remember to sign, print your name and include your address on the form.

If you have questions regarding the election, the candidates or the forms, please reach out to any current Board member. Contact information is listed on the Woodwind Lakes HOA website:

www.woodwindlakeshoa.com/about-us.html



Time for the Silent Auction coordinators to start collecting sale items for the Annual Christmas on the Lake Silent Auction! For those residents that have generously donated in years past, we hope you'll do so again!

If you haven't donated an item for the auction, please consider doing so. We will accept items such as food gift baskets, gift cards, new baby items, flowers, golf items, spa items/events, jewelry, beers/wines, art, movie tickets, event tickets, athletic items plus more! Items must be in like-new condition, unexpired and ready to sell.

Please contact a Silent Auction collection coordinator for pickup or delivery.

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It's time to order 2024 Christmas poinsettias!

The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, October 15

We are happy once again to make red poinsettias available for purchase to benefit both Reach Unlimited and the WWL Christmas Committee.

The poinsettias arrive healthy and full, will be approximately 10-12" high, in 6" pots and protected by clear sleeves you can use to carry them. They make beautiful thank you gifts, hostess gifts and gifts to yourself for the holidays.



Please let me know how many red poinsettias you want at \$15 each. No tax. No surcharges. No tips. If you buy one, you owe \$15. If you buy six, you owe \$90.

You will pay when you pick them up. We accept

checks or cash only. You will pick up your order at the family pool (9015 Woodward Lakes Drive at Ensemble Drive in Section 1) on Friday, December 6 between 3:00 and 6:30pm.

When placing your order, please provide all of the following information:

YOUR NAME

QUANTITY

YOUR [CELL] PHONE

(In case I need to contact you with any changes.)

Thank you for your support of our community and the awesome Reach Unlimited community!

Please send your order to:


Ellen Michaels

ellenmichaels@earthlink.net




FUNDRAISING EVENT

Women's Club Fundraiser for Christmas Event

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- The Women's Club will be hosting a fundraiser at the Family Pool, during the October 5th Community Garage Sale.
 - We're asking for donations. Items and/or cash will be welcome.
 - All proceeds will be donated to our annual Christmas Event.
 - For more information, please contact:

Lynn Collins, lynn.collins@garygreene.com or
Ann Tatum, anntatum9203@gmail.com



FALL 2024 GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 5 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Make your plans to participate in the **COMMUNITY FALL GARAGE SALE**.

Woodwind Lakes, Rolling Fork and Terrace Brook will be having a garage sale on that date.

SPONSORED BY THE WOODWIND LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB

BLOOD DRIVE – OCTOBER 21

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center mobile donation coach will be in the Family Pool parking lot from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Monday, October 21, 2024.

It's easy to sign up for an appointment by clicking on this link.

https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/390746

Or, on your phone, use this QR code.



Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center would like to remind us of the important role that blood donations play in our healthcare system. Every day, blood donors in our community and around the world make a profound impact on the lives of patients who need transfusions for surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries.



*Appointments preferred.
Walk-ins always welcome.*

Houston has been especially impacted this year

This year, our community has faced many challenges, including unprecedented weather conditions and severe floods, which led to donor centers' temporary closure and several blood drives' cancellations. These disruptions and the typical summer decline in donations as people go on vacation and schools are out have impacted our local blood supply.

Maintaining a stable blood supply is essential to ensure we are prepared for emergencies such as natural disasters, accidents, or medical treatments requiring transfusions. We never know what the future will bring, and having a stable blood supply is vital for our community's health. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is the sole provider of blood and blood components 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to more than 170 hospitals and

healthcare facilities in a 26-county area in the Texas Gulf Coast region where the need for blood is constant. Every day, the Center needs to collect 1,000 blood donations to maintain the area hospitals they serve.

The need is continuous

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center would also like to remind everyone of the continuing and perpetual need for blood donors.

Those feeling healthy can schedule an appointment and make regular donations to ensure a stable blood supply. Visit [giveblood.org](https://www.giveblood.org) to find a convenient location. The donation process is quick and easy and can be done at any of the 18 donor centers and mobile blood drives in the Greater Houston, Brazos Valley, and East Texas Areas.

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is a nonprofit organization and is accredited by the Food and Drug Administration.

Together, we can make a difference in our community and help save lives!

Donors will receive a FREE T-shirt and a coupon for a FREE pint at Saint Arnold Brewery (21+).



Important news for the Section 4 gated community

Dear Woodwind Lakes Residents,

We are pleased to announce our community will soon be upgrading to a new, modern gate access system called **CellGate** in October. This system will enhance security, convenience and overall access control for all residents and visitors.

Key Features of CellGate

- **Remote Access** You'll be able to open the gate remotely via a smartphone app, no more need for physical key cards or remotes.
- **Real-Time Notifications** Receive alerts when guests arrive and enter the community.
- **Enhanced Security** Improved monitoring and control of who enters the property with video and audio verification features.



- **Visitor Management** Easily grant access to visitors, delivery personnel and service providers directly from your phone.

What to Expect

- **Installation Schedule** The installation will take place in October. We'll keep you updated on specific dates and any temporary access instructions during this period.
- **User Training** Once the system is in place, we'll offer tutorials and support to ensure a smooth transition for all residents.
- **App Setup** Detailed instructions will be provided on how to download the app and configure it for your home.



We are confident that CellGate will improve the security and convenience of our community. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Brian Loeb 713-530-8338.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work to enhance our community.

Woodwind Lakes HOA

2024 HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Happy October Woodwind Lakes!

In the spirit of community and fun, the HOA, Families of WWL and Grounds Committee have come together to sponsor a Halloween House/Yard Decorating contest. Your entry can be scary or family friendly.

To enter, have your yard completed and decorated by October 27.

Judging will occur between October 27th through October 28th from 6 pm-9 pm. Prizes will be given for 1st place in each of the four sections of Woodwind Lakes. Winners will be announced in the newsletter and prizes will be delivered by November 5th. Enjoy decorating and be sure to check out the entire neighborhood before November 1!

Questions? Email: greg.dana.patterson@gmail.com.



The Women's Club Fall season kick-off meeting

The Meet and Greet was held on September 17 at the home of Merrell Greene. Members and non-members alike joined in the festivities.



Merrell Greene, Event Hostess
Lynn Collins, President

Can you spot the difference?



Ann Tatum, Vice President



Sue Preston, Treasurer



There was food, fun and gifts for all!
More photos on the next page.



Hank Williams,
Our incredible photographer



Field crickets

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Field crickets seem to be popping up in large numbers in Central Texas lately and the big question I receive is *WHY?* Adults are out and about in the fall because it's mating season and they need to mate and lay eggs before they die from old age or cold winter temperatures. Crickets overwinter as eggs in the soil.

Field crickets are about 1" long when fully grown and dark brown to black in color with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip

of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen (see image below). The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They can cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects.
- Seal cracks and crevices where insects can enter structures with sealant.
- Remove debris stacked near the structure.
- Keep lawn and surrounding areas mowed.
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh.

Fortunately, "cricket season" usually lasts around 4-6 weeks so they won't be here forever...until next year.

To keep predators away at night, crickets have developed the amazing ability of ventriloquism!

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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To keep predators away at night, crickets have developed the amazing ability of ventriloquism – they can make it appear as if their chirps are coming from somewhere else. Crickets can chirp at frequencies of over 100 decibels, and such sounds can be used to startle or distract predators, enabling them to escape. These sounds are sometimes used to warn the others of any danger that the cricket senses nearby.

CHIRP

Want to hear a brief recording of the peaceful chirping of crickets at night? Click this button.



The perfect flower

Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

When I see a dandelion in my yard or flower bed, I do what most of us do. I either pull it out or give it a good spray of weed killer. It seems many of us want that lush, green, weed-free lawn and will spend a lot of money on pesticides to achieve it. But recently I read an interesting article on dandelions and now I have a whole new respect for them.

Dandelions are actually good for your lawn. They help loosen hard-packed soil because of their wide-spreading roots. They aerate the soil and help reduce erosion. They have a long taproot that takes nutrients from deep in the soil and makes them available to other plants.

The name Dandelion comes from the Latin *Dens Leoni*. The French translation of that is *dent de lion* which means lion's teeth, which is believed to describe the plant's tooth-like leaves. The English changed it to dandelion.

The dandelion arrived in America at the time of the Mayflower. Before the 1800's, the dandelion was planted and protected. Beginning in the 1800's, people cleared their yards and land of grass and left the dandelions and other weeds they considered useful. They knew of all of the useful properties of the plant.

The dandelion's yellow flower is quite interesting and pretty. What we call the flower is actually not just one single flower but is 50 or more individual



blooms. It opens in the morning and closes later in the day.

The seeds and foliage are eaten by at least 33 species of wildlife. Bees and other pollinators love dandelions. Not only good for wildlife, every part of the dandelion is safe for us to eat; the roots, stems, leaves and flowers. They are part of the sunflower family and are related to lettuce, endive and chicory. They are very nutritious and provide calcium, magnesium, iron and vitamins A, C and K. They're also found in traditional medicines, supplements and herbal teas where they're used to support blood sugar levels and boost skin, liver and heart health. The Chinese and Indians

have grown dandelions for centuries to treat liver and digestive disorders.

The leaves are often used in salads but you can also sauté, steam or boil them, or add chopped leaves to your dips. The buds can be eaten fresh but are better

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when cooked or pickled. The roots are best after drying them out and are often used to make tea and coffee. Use the flowers in salads or pull them apart and use as a garnish. Steep them in boiling water for about ten minutes and you'll have dandelion tea.

I Googled dandelion recipes and was surprised to find several websites. I found recipes for dandelion wine, tea, cookies, cakes, syrups and many others. Rather than make something myself, I'm going to order some dandelion jelly which I found on the website Etsy. I'm no Martha Stewart so it's much easier for me to order something.

Not that I plan on eating dandelions on a regular basis or maybe ever, but I just might stop with the weed killer and let them grow. They really are, in my opinion, the perfect flower.



October Yard of the Month winners

SECTION 1



9114 WOODWINDLAKES DRIVE

SECTION 2



7634 ROLLING ROCK STREET

SECTION 3



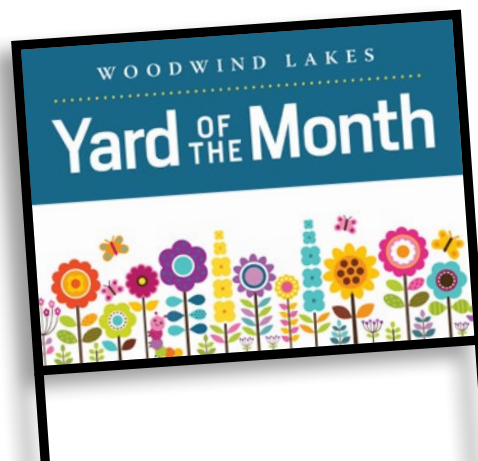
8615 PRELUDE COURT

SECTION 4



9503 MUSICAL COURT

Congratulations!



MONARCH LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Woodwind Lakes Monthly Services Update

**September completed events**

- Irrigation inspection (comp 9/30)
- Site audit

October upcoming events

- Irrigation inspection (scheduled 10/28)
- Site audit
- Shrub and groundcover fertilization w/InD (TBS)
- Turf fertilization w/PM (TBS)
- Ant Bait (TBS)
- Seasonal color change-out (Nov/TBS)

Details we are focusing on this month

- Natural areas stick pickup continuing in phases
- Dead plant removals in phases on property
- Insect and disease inspection on turf and plants





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Monthly Contract Stats

WOODWIND LAKES

For September 2024

Categories

Burglary Habitation: 0	Burglary Vehicle: 0	Theft Habitation: 0
Theft Vehicle: 0	Theft Other: 0	Robbery: 0
Assault: 0	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 0
Disturbance Family: 0	Disturbance Juvenile: 0	Disturbance Other: 0
Alarms: 1	Suspicious Vehicles: 2	Suspicious Persons: 1
Runaways: 0	Phone Harrassment: 0	Other Calls: 19

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

TOTAL

Summary of Events

OTHER CALLS:

7800 ADAGIO AVE: A known adult female stated that an aggressive dog bit her child.

Alarms:

Deputies responded to 1 residential alarms that were all cleared as false or cancelled.

Suspicious Vehicles:

Deputies responded to a 2 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Suspicious Persons:

Deputies responded to 1 suspicious person calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Deputies conducted multiple traffic stops and issued multiple citations within the contract reducing the possibility of accidents.

Deputies conducted multiple contract, neighborhood and business checks within the contract increasing visibility while performing regular patrol duties.

Deputies responded to 19 other calls within the contract including:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	Follow Up Investigations	Stranded Motorist
Animal Humane	Information Calls	Traffic Hazard
Child Custody Disputes	Meet The Officer	Unknown Medical Emergency
Domestic Preventions	Lost Found Property	Abandoned/Speeding Vehicles
D.W.I.	Sex Offender Verification	Welfare Checks