

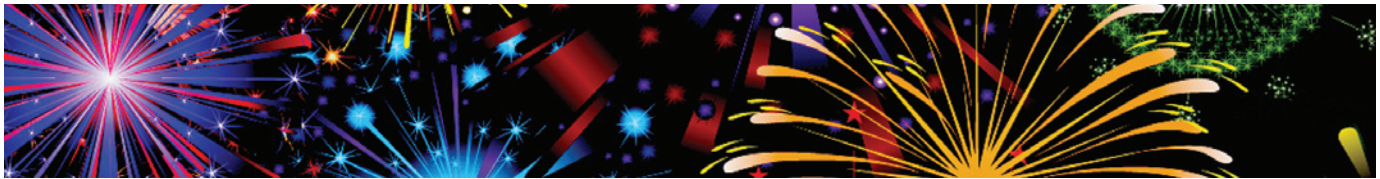
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!!! FIREWORKS !!!

Summer is fast approaching and 4th of July is right around the corner. After receiving complaints about the large firework displays within the community, sometimes more than one on a street, the debris left behind, celebrations lasting too late and the potential hazards and toxins, the Woodwind Lakes HOA would like to remind everyone of some common courtesies and safety tips when celebrating with fireworks.

- **BE FIRE SAFE** – Use only legally purchased fireworks. Use them as directed, under adult supervision and clear of any combustible material. No fireworks should be thrown into, over, or around other homes, forested areas or left in the common areas of the HOA. Homeowners or guests that fail to comply with these restrictions will be held responsible for any damage or repair. Used fireworks can still cause burns and other injuries if not handled and disposed of properly. It's recommended to soak used fireworks in a bucket of water to prevent spreading sparks. It's also advisable to keep a fire extinguisher or hose nearby in case of an emergency.

- **DO NOT LITTER** – Fireworks can leave quite the mess. Enjoy your celebration and then avoid aggravating neighbors by cleaning up food, litter and firework debris promptly and completely. Powder residue and other firework materials leave a mess and can be potentially harmful or toxic. Fines may be given for yards, sidewalks, streets and driveways that contain litter.

- **UNDERSTAND THE RISK OF FIREWORKS** – It is reported that an average of 200 people visit the emergency room every day with firework related injuries in the month surrounding July 4th. Hands and fingers make up almost 50% of body parts injured and more than half of the injuries were due to burns. People think that sparklers are safe but some contain a temperature as high as 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause severe injuries. Whether a spectator or the user of malfunctioning fireworks, victims may be able to seek damages for their injuries.

- **UNDERSTAND YOUR INSURANCE POLICY** – You should fully understand your homeowner's insurance policy when it comes to damages and injuries due to fireworks. You may be responsible for fireworks that land on or damage other properties, including common areas and people.

- **BE COURTEOUS TO NEIGHBORS** – Celebrate with your neighbors in mind. Treat them with respect and be mindful of your noise level. Festivities should end no later than midnight and should only occur on the actual holiday, not days before or after. Keep in mind that your neighbors may have young children, pets or have to work the next day and want to sleep peacefully.

- **PROTECT YOUR PETS** – Fireworks aren't as fun for many of our furry friends. It's a good idea to keep pets locked up safely inside your home to prevent them from running away or getting lost or injured.



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To submit an article for consideration please email it to Lynn.Collins@garygreene.com. The deadline is the 7th of the month prior to the issue.

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Section 2 - 7914 Allegro Drive

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April Yard of the Month

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Benefits of Laughter Part 2

Life is not always humorous BUT if we find reasons to laugh, life will feel and be more positive.

Here are a few more reasons to lighten up and laugh.

Laughter Relieves Pain: Yes, laughter works as a natural pain killer according to a study conducted at Oxford University. It showed that people who laugh a lot can withstand nearly 10% more pain compared to those who do not laugh as much.

Laughter Controls Diabetes: A recent study done by a university in Japan showed that laughter lowered blood sugar levels after a meal in people with Type 2 Diabetes. It is believed that laughter has a direct effect on the neuroendocrine system, which monitors the body's glucose levels.

Laughter Protects the Heart: Laughter happens to be one of the best workouts known to man for **MAINTAINING A HEALTHY STRONG HEART!!** Wow, that's powerful!!

Laughter Keeps You Young: When we smile and laugh, as many as 15 facial muscles work together. This increases the blood flow around the face, making us look younger and healthier.

The last benefit, (and there are many more) is **Laughter Makes Us Energetic in our mind and body.** When we laugh, air gets forced out of our lungs, which causes us to take more deep inward breaths. This increases the flow of oxygen around the body's muscles and organs resulting in more energy.

Let's Laugh More As It Touches Our Soul And Brings Us Closer To Others.

To our health..... Donna Konopka



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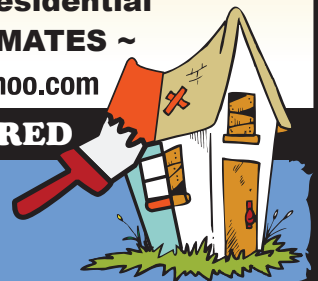
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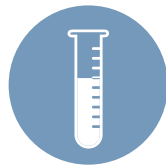
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Trees of Woodwind Lakes



One of the joys of living in Woodwind Lakes is the fact that we are surrounded by an abundance of trees. If you look at the reasons why residents appreciate living here, the number one response is usually “the trees.” If you visit other home communities further outside of ours, you notice that most of them have been built up where there was formerly prairie or grassland pasture. Mature trees are usually lacking in so many of these new developments, giving us good reason to appreciate the pines, oaks, and other native species we get to enjoy.

But there are trees and other plants in our neighborhood that may not necessarily be native to our area but add much to our enjoyment of living here. These are the plantings that you see in the common areas near the lakes and in the cul-de-sacs. These plantings are typically the result of a joint effort between the Grounds Committee, the HOA Board and our landscaping company, Greater Houston Landscaping (GHL).

According to Ryan Patterson of GHL, our community stands almost alone in its desire to have a significant variety of plantings that are not only appropriate for our climate but are not often seen elsewhere. One of these is the Peppermint Peach (*Prunus persica* ‘Peppermint’), which is native to China.

This flowering peach (no fruit, alas) grows into a shapely tree with glossy green leaves and is able to reach heights and spreads of up to 20 feet. Being covered early in the Spring with fluffy, brightly colored, double carnation-like blooms, the Peppermint Peach is a strikingly beautiful tree. The blooms on some branches can be all red, white striped with red or pink or combinations of all three. We have two in the park area to the right of the Lake 1 entrance at Woodwind Lakes Boulevard and Woodwind Lakes Drive. There is also one next to the bridge at the end of Serenade Lane, one on the lake embankment across from the Family Pool and one at the Windfern entrance to Section 4.

Future articles will take a look at some of the native trees that make our community so enjoyable and desirable.

