



Lakewood Forest Fund (HOA)

Serving the Residents of Lakewood Forest



e-NEWS July 2020

This edition is being sent out early in efforts to notify residents of cancellation of Lakewood Forest Patriotic Parade.

ANNUAL PATRIOTIC 4th OF JULY PARADE cancelled due to COVID-19



Lakewood Forest Patriotic Parade Saturday, July 4th CANCELLED

After careful consideration the Lakewood Forest Civic Association Board has made the difficult decision to cancel Lakewood Forest's Patriotic Parade. With increased and overwhelming concerns about the

COVID-19 virus, they felt this was the best way to proceed. They are very disappointed that they are unable to hold this event for our residents this year but they know it's the right decision based on the information we have today.

Reminder from Fund Staff regarding corrugated bandit signage

So as to give the community the opportunity to celebrate and recognize accomplishments of loved ones during the "Stay Home Work Home Order", the HOA did not address signage violations during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. Effective June 15th, the HOA staff will resumed enforcement of bandit signs which are displayed in public view to include any signage posted in windows. All bandit signs will be addressed to include signage honoring seniors, 5th graders & teachers, memorials, advertisement for contractors and online church services, in addition to political signage and flags.



"A property owner may display on the owner's lot, one or more signs advertising a political candidate or ballot item for an election only on or after the 90th day before the date of the election to which the sign relates until the 10th day after that election. The sign must be ground-mounted, and a property owner may display on his and her Lot only one sign for each candidate or ballot item."

This letter is being mailed to over 200 homes in our subdivision and it is requested that the signage from your front yard be removed no later than June 30th. Questions or comments may be directed to drv@lakewoodforestfund.com

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and in helping us keep Lakewood Forest beautiful.

FIREWORKS IN LAKEWOOD FOREST

Lakewood Forest does not take any enforcement action in regards to firework activity during holidays for the following reasons:

- The subdivision is located in unincorporated Harris County in which fireworks are allowed unless a burn ban is in place. Our CCR's are subordinate to any local, state, or federal regulations.
- The subdivision is comprised of (17) different sections with each section operating under a separate set of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions which do not mirror one another.
- Enforcement action by the HOA is initiated in accordance with TX Property Code 209 and as such, Fund Representatives are not in a position to confront residents when they are outdoors engaging in firework festivities. Since unincorporated Harris County allows for fireworks, the Constables also have limited enforcement authority, however, they are willing to speak with residents who continue the use of fireworks into the early morning hours.



[Click here to submit your online vacation watch request with HCPCT4](#)

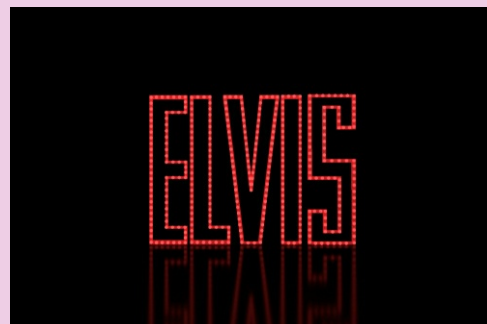
Constable stats for the month of June will be sent out first week of July and available for viewing on the association website. From home page, click on services tab.

ELVIS IS COMING TO LAKEWOOD FOREST

Saturday, October 3 from 6 to 10 pm

You're Invited

Lakewood Forest Residents.... come



This exclusive night of fun is open to

spend an evening of live music, food and fun! Come meet your neighbors for a night out close to home that is sure to be spirited. Dance under the stars to Vincekinglive.com on Saturday October 3, 2020 from 6 pm -10 pm.

Grab a babysitter, bring a blanket and BYOB!!

all Lakewood Forest Residents. Come early, dinner service will be available while supply lasts from a neighborhood favorite Spring Creek BBQ. We will also have a limited supply of beer but you are welcome to bring you favorite libation to enjoy while listening to live music and enjoying getting to know your neighbors.

This night is proudly brought to you by the volunteer board members of the Lakewood Forest Fund.



**Lakewood Forest
Fund (HOA)
Board of Trustees**

**Financial
Update
as of June 26th**

Bob Lewis President	Operating Fund \$ 835,366.03
Boe Bowen Vice President	Reserve Fund \$ 825,015.96
Bobbi Munz Secretary	Community Project Fund \$ 308,810.00
Scott Johnson Treasurer	Contingency Fund \$ 25,000.00
Christy Jones Trustee	
Paul Marshall Trustee	YTD Expenses
Sandy Matto Trustee &	Administrative (Accounting/Audit, Insurance, Property Taxes, Payroll) \$ 169,429.03

2020 Monthly Meeting Schedule

IT, Equipment,
Clerical Costs
\$ 19,119.07

Open Session Meetings
commence @ 7 PM

Grounds Maintenance
(Landscaping, seasonal color & mulching,
irrigation repairs, pond maintenance,
mosquito spraying)
\$ 73,883.98

Agendas are posted to website a few days
in advance of meeting.

Rudy's Grill & Cantina
11760 Grant Rd
Cypress, 77429
July 6th

Community Events & Outreach
\$ 2,162.17

Fund Office
12415 Louetta Rd
Cypress, 77429
August 3rd
September 14th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th

Utilities
(Street Lights & wing wall lighting, common area
irrigation, trash & recycling)
\$ 335,260.71

Community Projects
Contribution
\$ 451.58

Contact the Fund Office
in advance if you would like
to be placed on the agenda to address the
Board.

Security Expense
\$ 195,120.92

Depreciation
\$ 480.00

Reserve Contribution
\$109,168.92



**BOARD MEMBER
BIO OF THE MONTH**

Boe Bowen - Vice President

I served in the United States Navy, attended the prominent Navy-Marine Intelligence Center and after my tour was completed earned a BA from Sam Houston State University, and then my J.D. from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

I am currently running my own local law firm (The Bowen Law Firm, PLLC) with a focus on civil law, estate planning, family law, personal injury, and probate.

I have served as a trustee since 2015 and I continue to have a keen interest in maintaining Lakewood Forest subdivision as a safe, family oriented and friendly

neighborhood for all to enjoy.

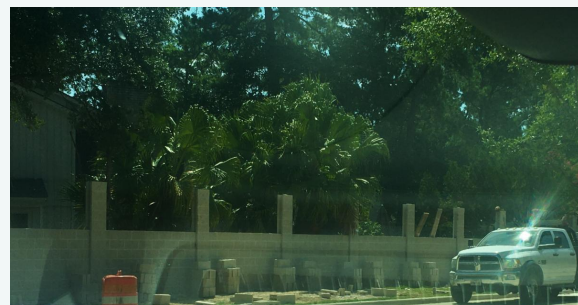
In 2020, I would like to continue to see the board operate in a fiduciary capacity and ensure that infrastructure repairs are being made in accordance with the reserve study.

I appreciate your continued support to allow me to participate in future beautification efforts and to assure that continued routine maintenance is being performed on an ongoing and consistent basis.

Grant Road Wall Update

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce that the Grant Road wall project is nearing 50% completion with phase 2A wrapping up this week. In addition, demo is also scheduled this week for phase 2B running from west side of EMS station to east of Cypresswood Drive.

The baseline cost of the project was approved at \$341,475.20 which includes a performance bond. Payment terms are 50% at 50% completion and final balance due at completion with a 5-year warranty on materials and workmanship excluding damages from people or equipment. Additional costs to be paid by the association are administrative/permitting, surveyor expenses, hydro-excavation and landscape removal. This project is being funded from the association reserve fund meaning that it will have no affect on the existing operational budget.



Ten Low Cost No Cost Ways to Keep Lakewood Forest Looking Good

by L. Musthaler, resident and Civic Association Board Member

Every real estate professional will tell you that curb appeal is welcoming and adds value to a home, whether you are selling or not. Nothing says “welcome” and “we have pride in our community” like the well-kept appearance of our entire neighborhood.

Here are some low cost/no cost suggestions from your Lakewood Forest Civic Association volunteers on how you can show pride in your home and respect for your neighbors.

1. Remove dead leaves, plants and trees from around your home. Keep in mind that dead trees may be a liability for your home owner insurance.
2. Trim overgrown landscaping that obscures the view of your house from the street. Overgrown shrubs can be a security issue as they give cover to unwelcome trespassers.
3. Plant fresh flowers and shrubs to give your yard some color. Put down new mulch.
4. Clean mold and mildew off the exterior of your house.
5. Remove dead leaves and pine needles from the gutters and roof of your home.
6. Sweep up leaves and trash on the street around your home. If you have a storm drain near your house, keep it clear of debris so that water doesn't back up on the street and the debris doesn't go down the drain.
7. Promptly pick up newspapers tossed in your yard. Recycle the materials you don't want.
8. Maintain the curbside appeal of your home, street and our neighborhood when setting out your trash. The HOA rules say that cans and bags can be left curbside after 6 PM the night before trash pickup, and cans must be stored out of view by 8 PM the night of trash pickup.
9. Ask your gardener to remove yard waste or stow it away until trash day. Don't let your garden waste sit at the curb for days before pickup.
10. Always pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly.

Keep in mind that one unkempt yard or house affects those around it. We can demonstrate respect for each other by keeping our properties looking good. If you need help caring for your home or property, reach out to a member of the Lakewood Forest Civic Association and we'll make arrangements for help.

CURBSIDE eWASTE RECYCLE EVENT

Saturday - Sept 12th



The HOA & Texas Pride Disposal will host our annual curbside eWaste recycle event on Saturday, September 12th so please mark your calendar. EWASTE WILL NEED TO BE CLEARLY SEPARATED FROM TRASH.

The following items can be collected for e-waste recycling:

Computer & CRT monitors, routers/modems/switches, keyboards & mice, hard drive,

processor chips, battery back-ups, telephones, TV's (CRT, LCD, Plasma), Gaming Systems (Ninetendo, etc.), Circuit boards, laptop & desktop computers, servers & racks, printers/scanners/fax machines, wires & cables, memory chips & RAM, Cell Phones, Power Supplies, Printer Cartridges (new and used), Cable Boxes, Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals, Electronic Components

Have eWaste curbside by 7am. For small items such as mice, wires, cell phones, etc., please place in a plastic trash bag or paper bag and adhere a sign to it saying "E-WASTE RECYCLE." Clearly separate your garbage from e-waste to avoid confusion by our crews. E-Waste items collected curbside will be delivered to CompuCycle and properly recycled.

email us
for more
info



LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS' CLUB
swim • social • tennis

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT



every Wednesday starting @ 5 pm



LAKEWOOD FOREST GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Lakewood Forest Garden Club does not meet during the summer months. We look forward with anticipation to the new year resuming this fall. Our officers and committees are busy making plans for programs, day trips, and the annual Spring Fling.

The slate of officers to be installed for the upcoming year are as follows:

President - Eleese Lester-Baier
1st Vice President - Yvonne Newsome
2nd Vice President - Annette Kerkman
Recording Secretary - Sheila Anderson
Corresponding Secretary - Dawn Bramwell
Treasurer - Harriett Bedenbaugh
Chaplain - Barbara Crum
Parliamentarian - Carolyn Calvert

Donations to the community in the form of time and money is one of the hallmarks of Lakewood Forest Garden Club. The list of causes that were supported this past year is coming out next month.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Thanks to Joanne Matava and her committee who have volunteered to scout out the most beautiful yards in Lakewood Forest throughout the year. She reported that Area D Sections 2, 5, 9 and 12 were judged by the garden club at the end of May for the June 2020 Yard of the Month.

First Place Winners were James and Kathy Soule at 11310 Bassdale Drive. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Eric and Susan Miller at 11731 Parkriver Drive and Clyde and Peggy Dollens at 14907 Tupperglen Drive.

Congratulations to all the winners! Everyone is encouraged to drive by and take a look at these lovely yards and enjoy all the well-maintained properties in Lakewood Forest. Yard of the Month judging will resume at the end of September for the Yard of the Month in October.

Publicity - Lakewood Forest Garden Club
www.lakewoodforestgarden.club

JULY LAWN & GARDEN HINTS

by Sherri Harrah

In the Lawn

- Watch for chinch bugs to start working. They are a little later than normal this year with all the rain. Chinch bugs thrive in dry areas and work their way through your lawn. If you know your sprinklers are getting good coverage and there are growing brown areas, start looking for chinch bugs. You must treat ASAP to prevent them from killing your lawn. I recommend a .2% granular bifenthrin and water it in deep. There are a lot of insecticides that claim to kill chinch bugs, but in my experience, the bifenthrin works the fastest and lasts the longest. If you're not sure if you have chinch bugs, bring in pictures



of the lawn, and cut out a 10"x10" section of grass and soil in an area that is going from good to bad so we can see the transition and check for live bugs.

- Feed with MicroLife Hybrid to maintain a lush healthy lawn without burning.
- Make sure to check sprinklers to make sure your coverage is good and adjust the timer based on rainfall. If we continue to stay wet, turn off the sprinklers until the grass looks like it needs it. When you do water, water deep, and infrequently. This will create deeper root systems.

In the Flowerbeds

- It's not too late to add flowers to your landscape. Just remember not to rely on your sprinklers to do the watering the first 2 weeks or so. Do some hose watering if they start to show any signs of wilt. Once their little root systems have branched out into the bed soil, you can back off the hose water and leave it to the sprinkler system.
- Keep everything well fed with Nelsons Colorstar every 4-6 weeks to keep everything blooming and happy!
- Make sure to add leafmold compost when planting to help retain moisture, and then add an inch of native hardwood mulch to keep your soil from drying out and keep weeds to a minimum.

In the Veggie Garden

- It's time to plant your Fall Tomatoes!!! Rip out your tired Spring tomatoes and replace with new plants ASAP! Sometimes you can get tomatoes through Christmas if you get them planted in time. Call the nursery to see if shipments have arrived 281-376-1646. We bring them in as soon as the growers have them ready, usually the 2nd to 3rd week in July.
- Make sure to feed your veggies regularly. My favorite is MicroLife Ultimate 8-4-6.
- You can start these seeds directly in the garden now:

Burpless Cucumber

Okra

Winter Squash like butternut

Tomatillo

Pumpkin

- Prepare the unplanted areas of your garden for all your Fall crops by adding Revitalizer Compost and a layer of native mulch.

Don't forget that we brew fresh compost tea available every Saturday and Sunday. Visit with Cody and Matt at the store for more info on the benefits and uses of aerated Compost Tea!

Get Your Green On!

Sherry Harrah

Plants For All Seasons 249



Lakewood Forest Fund

lakewoodforestfund.com

281.370.8943

