

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

Notes from the around our lakes

Entangled Egyptian Goose rescued by concerned residents



From the Families of Woodwind Lakes Facebook page

Update on the Egyptian Goose that had fishing line wrapped around both legs and a fishing lure on one leg. The goose has been helped and is ok!

It was captured thanks to a resident wildlife expert – Claire.

Diana alerted several neighbors and Mendi spearheaded the effort. Greg, Cody and Claire removed the line and the lure, but it took a while. Charlene and Shawn were keeping the male away.

Great teamwork by this concerned and helpful group – and to think it all happened on Earth Day!



We need to keep this from happening again

Please be careful with your fishing lines and lures if you fish at the lakes – please!

One hundred trees planted around our three lakes (yes...100!)

Thanks go out to Krysty Kling, chairperson of the Grounds Committee, who worked diligently to coordinate a tree planting project that will replace many of the lost trees around our lakes and also fill in some bare spots.

Said Krysty: “We have an amazing opportunity to help the reforestation of our neighborhood with the large loss of trees over the past few years with the droughts and freezes!”

The trees were donated by Trees for Houston through a giveaway program they offer. Monarch Landscape Management provided the pickup, delivery, supervision, and labor to plant all one hundred trees.



I mostly saw Sycamore saplings being planted, but have not checked Lake 2.

Some were planted in areas that may grow up to fill spaces that will occur when older trees age out.



These saplings may look diminutive, but I have two sycamores in my yard that have grown to be about 35 feet tall in 20 years.

They can live for more than 200 years so will create quite a legacy in our wooded community.

Women's Club April fashion show and luncheon

Styles and Stems

Styles and Stems took place on April 9 at the Windfern MUD Building. Fashions were furnished by Chicos and the luncheon was catered by Adriatic Cafe.



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Next meeting of the Woodwind Lakes Womens Club will be May 14th, 10:00am at **LITTLE KITCHEN** 16000 Dillard Drive, Suite A, Jersey Village

Curious about authentic reflexology?

If you have never had a reflexology treatment by a certified reflexologist, you may be wondering what it is all about. Authentic reflexology is NOT a foot massage.

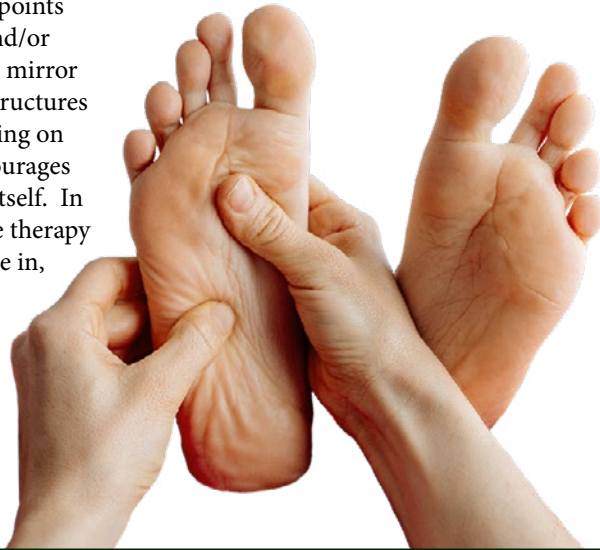
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Reflexology is a holistic therapy that uses specific finger and thumb pressure techniques on reflex points located on the feet and/or hands. These reflexes mirror organs, glands and structures of the body. By working on these reflexes, it encourages the body to balance itself. In comparison, massage therapy works the body from the outside in, whereas reflexology works the body from the inside out.

Those who suffer from anxiety, depression, psychological or emotional pain will find treatments bring a sense of well-being. People

recovering from injuries or surgeries can benefit from reflexology to promote self-healing and ease pain.

Stress of any kind—physical, emotional or psychological is believed to be the cause of many health issues. If you are holding in negative emotions,



a session helps to release them. Being continually stressed is detrimental to long-term health.

Reflexology is a non-invasive, complementary therapy that benefits everyone from infants to the elderly.

The goal of reflexology is to restore the body to a state of good health, a result of harmony between the body, mind and soul.

Now more than ever, people are aware of how beneficial it is to achieve optimal health through self-care and natural healing methods. A reflexology session will give you a relaxing experience and a time of peace.

If you have any questions about reflexology, please reach out to me.

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*Thorns do not keep a rose from blooming.
 Neither should obstacles keep us from success.
 Let faith be bigger than our fears.*

A guide to evicting an unwanted guest

Cheryl Conley, Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

These opportunistic rascals with the masked faces are everywhere. They're highly intelligent with amazing problem-solving skills and thrive in cities. Often called "trash pandas", I'm referring to raccoons. Although nocturnal, you might see one during the day. Don't automatically jump to the conclusion they must have rabies. Most likely, they are pregnant or nursing moms foraging for food.

Why did they choose my attic?

Like any good mom, pregnant raccoons seek out den sites that offer protection from predators and the elements. Acceptable sites are tree cavities, underground burrows dug by other animals, rock crevices, brush piles, fallen trees and even sheds, garages and attics. Why do they choose human dwellings to give birth? Because they can. Raccoons can enter your attic or other structures through ventilation openings on the outside of your house. Any warping or tears in house siding is another easy way in. Structural problems in things like

trim boards and dormer junctions can provide easy access as well. In early spring you should check the outside of your buildings for any damage or structural issues. Get them repaired now—birthing season is upon us.

If you find you have an unwanted guest, your first reaction may be to call an exterminator. For several hundred dollars, they'll set a trap to catch the mom. What do they do with her and what about the babies? That's the million-dollar question. There are some ethical companies out there who will do their best to save the mom and babies but there are also many unethical ones as well. Rather than spend your hard-earned money on an exterminator, let me share a method to strongly encourage Mom to move out and take her kids with her.

Howard Stern to the rescue!

The most effective way to evict your raccoon mama is to make it unpleasant for her to stay. You must "attack" her three senses—sight, sound and smell. Since raccoons are nocturnal, they don't

like lights. If you know how she's getting in, shine a light in the entry hole or in the area where she's living. If you use the entry point, be sure you don't block it or she won't be able to leave. Leave the light on 24 hours a day. Now place a radio in the area tuned to talk radio and play it loud. Raccoons don't like the sound of the human voice. Maybe Howard Stern? He's annoying even to people! The third step is smell. There are commercial repellants you can buy from Amazon or a big box store. One of them is called Repels-All.

Better yet, purchase fox or coyote urine at Academy or from Amazon and soak some rags with it. I would put the rags in a plastic tub and then place it near where she's living. If animal urine grosses you out, you can try peppermint oil or vinegar. The smell must be strong so use several rags. By doing these three things, she will move her babies to a more suitable location. She may move out immediately or it may take a few days. Be patient.

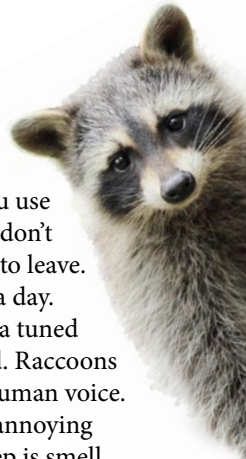
Please don't trap mama

Don't try to trap her! When a mom is separated from her babies, they will severely injure themselves trying to get to them.

If you choose to do nothing at all, mama will leave when her babies are about 8 to 10 weeks old.

The most important thing in this whole process is to repair any holes or damaged areas on your house, garage or shed once the family moves out. Another animal is sure to find any entry points and you'll be going through this again. Better yet, inspect your buildings now before unwanted animals move in.

Remember to be kind and humane. After all, it's just a mama raccoon trying to find the safest possible place to give birth.



May Yard of the Month winners

SECTION 1



9126 WOODWIND LAKES DRIVE

SECTION 2



8830 ANDANTE DRIVE

SECTION 3



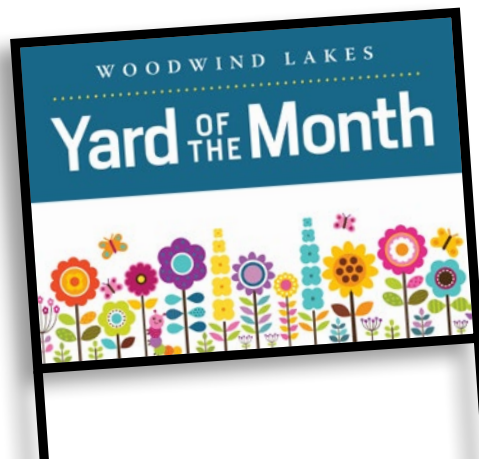
8714 SERENADE LANE

SECTION 4



9334 ORATORIO COURT

Congratulations!



MONARCH LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Woodwind Lakes Monthly Services Update

**April completed events**

- Irrigation inspection (comp 5/1)
- Site audit
- Ant Bait (completed 4/1)
- Spring mulch installation (sch 4/6) blown by truck
- Spring Seasonal Color (comp 4/9)
- Shrub and groundcover fert w/InD (comp 4/3)

Upcoming events

- Irrigation inspection (sch 5/23)
- Site audit
- Turf fert. PM (TBS)
- 2nd Mulch follow up (sch 5/4) by hand where truck cannot reach
- Section 4 plant fill in (sch 5/9) tentatively trying to move

Details we are focusing on this month

- Cleaning dead out of smaller Crape Myrtle heads
- Setback trimming on Windfern and Philippine
- Hard pruning Nandina on site at signage





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Monthly Contract Stats

WOODWIND LAKES

For April 2024

Categories

Burglary Habitation: 0	Burglary Vehicle: 0	Theft Habitation: 0
Theft Vehicle: 0	Theft Other: 1	Robbery: 0
Assault: 0	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 0
Disturbance Family: 0	Disturbance Juvenile: 0	Disturbance Other: 0
Alarms: 1	Suspicious Vehicles: 0	Suspicious Persons: 0
Runaways: 0	Phone Harrassment: 0	Other Calls: 14

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit Number	Contract Calls	District Calls	Reports Taken	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Tickets Issued	Recovered Property	Charges Filed	Mileage Driven	Days Worked
39	0	54	0	0	0	17	0	0	1674	19
W14	10	21	2	0	2	1	0	2	392	6
W15	45	46	8	0	0	15	0	0	909	19
TOTAL	55	121	10	0	2	33	0	2	2975	44

Summary of Events

THEFT OTHER:

8600 GOLDEN CHORD CIR- A known female complainant stated that sometime during the nighttime hours, an unknown suspect stole the tailgate off her vehicle.

OTHER CALLS:

9200 SYMPHONIC LN- A known male reportee stated that he found someones personal belongings while he was out walking. The found property was recovered by the responding officer and was later returned to owner.

Alarms:

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

Suspicious Vehicles:

Deputies responded to a 0 suspicious vehicle calls that were all cleared as GOA or information.

Suspicious Persons:

Deputies responded to 0 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 14 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