

Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

WWL Annual Election of Board Members

Rolling Fork Castle, 9110 Rodney Ray Boulevard

If you can't make it to vote in person, you may vote by absentee ballot or proxy. Information has been sent to residents via email and USPS.

Please watch your inbox and the HOA Facebook page for future announcements. We want to encourage high participation in the election



Mark Your Calendars!

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

MEETING STARTS AT 6:00PM

WOODWIND LAKES HOA

WWL ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

WED. OCTOBER 15, 2025

ROLLING FORK CASTLE

ATTEND THE MEETING TO VOTE IN PERSON OR
COMPLETE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT OR PROXY!

ELECTION INFO: WWW.WOODWINDLAKESHOA.COM

*** 9110 RODNEY RAY BLVD. | Hou.Tx 77040 ***

and have made efforts to provide options that are convenient for WWL residents. If you have questions, contact Jennifer at Crest Management by phone at

281-945-4720, or jenniferr@crest-management.com
or Cara Hawthorne at carahawthorne1@gmail.com
or Sue Preston at sue@mspreston.com.

2025 HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

In the spirit of community and fun, the HOA 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 23. Judging will occur October 25th through October 26th from 3 pm-9 pm. Prizes will be given for 1st place Daytime Décor and 1st place Nighttime Décor in each of the four sections of Woodwind Lakes.

Winners will be announced in the newsletter and prizes will be delivered by November 8th. Enjoy decorating and be sure to check out the entire neighborhood before November 1!

Questions? Email: anntatum9203@gmail.com

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OCTOBER MEETING



Harris County Sheriffs Department's Kathleen Duncan speaking about highlights of her career.

All Women of Woodwind Lakes are welcome to visit and learn more about the Club and upcoming events.

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 10:00 am
Eats Mesquite Grill
13918 Hempstead Road, 77040

SPONSORED BY THE WOODWIND LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB

BLOOD DRIVE — MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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 20, 2025.

Appointments preferred. Walk-ins always welcome.

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

<https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/zip>

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

Snacks, water and juice will be furnished for donors.





Don't miss out – last call to order!

It is the time of year to think about Christmas poinsettias. As in the past, we will make red poinsettias available for sale at \$15 each. And the cost remains at \$15 each — no tax or shipping or handling costs will be added! They will arrive in 6" pots, covered in red foil, with a large sleeve to make them easy to carry. They make terrific indoor decorations for yourself, your friends and family, and as gifts to co-workers.

Please let me know — ellenmichaels@earthlink.net — how many you are interested in purchasing this year.



You will pay for the flowers when you pick them up at the Family Pool (9015 Woodwind Lakes Drive) on Friday, December 5th, between 3:00pm and 6:30pm. I will send confirmation and reminders once the orders are made.

I'm delighted to make these available again. They always look so good and last well throughout the Christmas season. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

* *Why this notice in October?
Orders have to close in October.*

Houston is a major migratory pathway for millions of birds.

Let's flip the switch and help the birds

F*lip the Switch, Save the Songbirds* is a call to action for the “Lights Out” movement, which encourages people to turn off non-essential lights during peak bird migration seasons. Many songbirds migrate at night and are drawn to or disoriented by artificial lights, making them vulnerable to fatal collisions with buildings and other urban threats.

Reduce lights at night to save migrating birds

Every spring and fall, billions of birds migrate across North America, navigating mostly under the cover of darkness. Artificial lights pose a serious threat, attracting and disorienting the

birds, leading to dangerous collisions with buildings. The solution is simple: flip the switch and turn off the lights.

By reducing unnecessary lighting, the growing international “Lights Out” movement is making an impact, saving birds while conserving energy and lowering costs.

As fall migration gets underway, here are some ways you can keep the skies darker at night and help birds stay out of harm's way:

- Turn off non-essential lights from 11 PM until 6 AM during critical migration periods.
- Turn off or dim lobby and atrium lights.

- Turn off or dim interior home lighting or draw blinds to prevent light escaping.
- Turn off decorative landscape lighting.
- Turn off lights before leaving the home or office.
- Be sure outside lights are aimed down and well shielded.
- Install motion sensors on outside lights to reduce use.

Information courtesy of
Wildbirds Unlimited of Cypress
<https://cypress.wbu.com>



Why do birds migrate at night?

Birds migrate at night to avoid predators, such as hawks and falcons, and to take advantage of cooler, calmer air, which prevents overheating and allows for smoother, more energy-efficient flights. Night migration also gives birds access to celestial navigation cues, like the stars and moon, to help them chart their course.

Benefits of Night Migration

Predator avoidance: Many bird predators, such as falcons, are diurnal (active during the day) and inactive at night. By flying at night, migrating birds, especially smaller and less agile songbirds, have a better chance of avoiding being caught.

Cooler temperatures: The exertion of flight generates significant body heat, which can lead to overheating. Nighttime migration allows birds to fly in cooler air, helping them maintain a lower internal temperature and conserving energy.

Stable atmosphere: The atmosphere tends to be more stable at night, free from the turbulent thermals that often make daytime flights rougher. This calmer air provides a steadier flight path, which is especially beneficial for smaller, slower-flying birds like warblers.

Navigation: The darkness of night provides birds with access to celestial cues, such as the stars and moon, which they use for navigation to guide their long journeys.

How Birds Navigate at Night

Celestial navigation: Birds can use the positions of the moon and stars to help them orient and navigate during their flights.

Magnetic sense: Birds also possess the ability to perceive and use Earth's magnetic field for orientation. Certain proteins in their eyes, called cryptochromes, are sensitive to blue light and can detect magnetic field variations, providing directional information to the brain.

Magnetic crystals: Some birds also have magnetite crystals, a form of iron oxide, within their beaks that may act as a magnetic sensor, further aiding in directional guidance.

BirdCast is reporting an estimated **2,143,700** birds crossed Harris County Sunday night. That's over two million in one night!

<https://birdcast.info>



FALL 2025 GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 4 🍁 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Make your plans to participate in the community fall garage sale.



WE MUST FIND TIME TO STOP
AND THANK THE PEOPLE WHO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES.

John F. Kennedy

October Yard of the Month Winners

SECTION 1



8010 SONATA COURT

SECTION 2



7902 ALLEGRO DRIVE

SECTION 3



8707 GOLDEN CHORD CIRCLE

SECTION 4



9315 CANTATA COURT

Congratulations!

And thanks for keeping our community looking its best!

