

# Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

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## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES NEEDED

# VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) seeks a volunteer to fill one open position.

Committee members review applications objectively, interpret governing documents for compliance, collaborate with fellow committee members, and make unbiased decisions regarding proposed projects.

If you would like to be considered for this position, please complete and return the Candidate Information Form so it is received no later than 5:00pm on January 9, 2026.

Mail the form to Association of Woodwind Lakes, P.O. Box 219320, Houston, Texas 77218-9320 or Email to [jenniferr@crest-management.com](mailto:jenniferr@crest-management.com) or Fax to 281-579-7062

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at [jenniferr@crest-management.com](mailto:jenniferr@crest-management.com) or 281-945-4720.

The Application Form can be found by clicking this button:

APPLICATION FORM

# Updates from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors does not hold an official board meeting in December. However board members continue to work on priorities and initiatives throughout the community.

## Board position-based email addresses

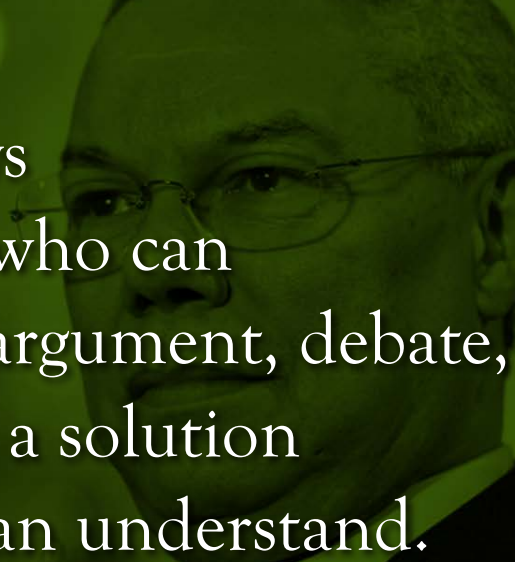
HOA board email accounts have transitioned to role-based (position-specific) addresses rather than individual personal accounts. This improves continuity, allows future board members to access historical communications and documents related to their role, and enhances information security. Email addresses are available below and on the Woodwind Lakes website.

## Website and cybersecurity enhancements

The HOA website is now secured with HTTPS encryption, providing safer access for residents. We are also reviewing password policies and key management practices to further strengthen security and access controls.

### NEW BOARD EMAIL ADDRESSES

Brian Loeb – <i>President</i>	<a href="mailto:president@woodwindlakeshoa.com">president@woodwindlakeshoa.com</a>
Therese Uddmar – <i>Vice President</i>	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@woodwindlakeshoa.com">vicepresident@woodwindlakeshoa.com</a>
Steve Barnhart – <i>Treasurer</i>	<a href="mailto:treasurer@woodwindlakeshoa.com">treasurer@woodwindlakeshoa.com</a>
Sue Preston – <i>Secretary</i>	<a href="mailto:secretary@woodwindlakeshoa.com">secretary@woodwindlakeshoa.com</a>
Tim Orban – <i>Director</i>	<a href="mailto:director@woodwindlakeshoa.com">director@woodwindlakeshoa.com</a>

A portrait of General Colin Powell, an African American man with glasses, wearing a dark suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is a solid green color.

Great leaders  
are almost always  
great simplifiers, who can  
cut through argument, debate,  
and doubt to offer a solution  
everybody can understand.

GENERAL COLIN POWELL



# Updates from committees

*In Woodwind Lakes, we have quite a few committees that strive to make our community a safe and pleasant place to live. Below is an update from three of those committees. Please note a few committees are seeking volunteers.*

## Architectural Committee

This is the last call for volunteers to fill one position remaining on the ACC committee. Members of this committee review homeowner requests for exterior changes to ensure they meet with community guidelines. Members determine if requests are approved or denied and can inspect finished work for compliance. Members may also make recommendations for future updates to guidelines.

## Grounds Committee

Superior Landscaping recently completed the installation of seasonal color across all four sections of Woodwind Lakes, planting over **3,000 flowers** prior to Thanksgiving to beautify the neighborhood before the holiday. Plantings were made at all four



to rectify significant overgrowth.

The Grounds Committee is charged with overseeing the maintenance, appearance and condition of common areas throughout Woodwind Lakes. This includes landscape, hardscape and irrigation concerns. The Grounds Committee advises the board on upcoming budgetary needs, manages contractors, and ensures that projects comply with community standards. The Grounds Committee will hold it's first meeting in January 2026 and is seeking volunteers. Please contact Dave Sample at davidwsample@yahoo.com or 281-726-4622 to learn more about serving on the Grounds Committee.

## Trees and Trails

The committee has been established to provide direct oversight of significant tree-related issues and to develop strategies for long-term tree sustainability within the community. The committee's responsibilities include supervising the removal of trees and stumps, as well as collaborating with contractors to support future sustainability initiatives. Committee members are Charleen Baugh, Dana

Farrar, and Jeff Krahn, with Steve Barnhart serving as the Board liaison.

## Safety Committee

Several security and technology improvements currently underway in our community:

- **Expanded Camera Coverage**

Additional security cameras have been installed throughout the neighborhood as part of our ongoing security initiatives, improving monitoring and overall visibility.

- **Security Team**

Woodwind Lakes resident Sheriff Phil Miller has agreed to chair the security team which will strengthen our capabilities and communication.

- **Windfern Monument Incident**

Unfortunately, a vehicle struck the community monument at Windfern Road, causing damage. We are actively obtaining repair bids and working with the Sheriff's Office to identify the responsible party. If any residents have information related to this incident, please contact HOA management so it can be shared with law enforcement.



*In the meantime, as long as we have stumps on Lake 2, some imaginative neighbors have created a woodland fairy scene on one of these stumps.*

Photo courtesy of Hank Williams



neighborhood entrances as well as several lake entrances. The family pool area was cleaned up before the Christmas on the Lake celebration. Crews also addressed the entrance of section 4 by performing comprehensive grounds maintenance



*These improvements reflect the Board's continued commitment to safety, transparency, and responsible governance.*



# CHRISTMAS ON THE LAKE

We kicked off the holiday season with a night of fun and merriment. The weather was cool, the cocoa was hot and Santa was in a jolly mood! Thank you to ALL

the volunteers who worked tirelessly to pull off a successful night. Special thanks to all of the neighborhood bakers who contributed delicious treats for our dessert table!





# CHRISTMAS ON THE LAKE



## A NOTE FROM OUR MUSICIAN GARY HOUSE:

We raised \$446 in the tip jar for St Jude.  
**THE MOST EVER!**

Please thank everyone at Woodwind Lakes  
for another great successful Christmas Party.



# Trees for Houston

## Rooted in a healthy and sustainable future for our region

As members of the **Woodwind Lakes family**, we do everything we can to preserve our cherished trees year-round. They are a defining feature of our neighborhood's character. But did you know there's a non-profit organization called Trees for Houston that is committed to planting, protecting and promoting trees throughout our region?



**T**rees For Houston brings profound change to the urban landscape of the greater Houston region by planting, donating, and maintaining hundreds of thousands of trees. We are an integral part of establishing and renewing green infrastructure throughout the city. Our core programming focuses on tree planting, tree distribution, tree nursery operations, and education. Our tree planting operations scale from planting established trees

around schools and in neighborhoods, to planting mixed native species along esplanades and bayous, to donating trees to reforest our parks and trails.

Trees For Houston initially focused our early efforts on planting street trees in the heart of Houston. Now celebrating our 41st anniversary, with over half a million trees planted, our organization has evolved into one that grows, plants, and maintains thousands of trees across the greater Houston region.

**B**eyond their towering beauty, trees provide more benefits than many people realize. They:

- Reduce air pollution
- Provide oxygen
- Reduce stress
- Lower urban heat and home cooling costs
- Provide food and habitat for wildlife
- Reduce stormwater runoff and slow erosion.

Research found in various scientific publications shows that neighborhoods with healthy tree canopies help children develop stronger social skills, improved cognitive abilities, better school performance and increased concentration. Trees are also associated with communities feeling safer, reduced crime and a stronger sense of pride and stewardship among residents.

Since its founding in 1983, Trees for Houston has planted nearly one million trees in neighborhoods, schools, parks, trails and along streets across 19 counties. The organization's

core programs include tree planting, tree distribution, tree nursery operations and education.

In 2024–2025, TFH has planted more than 28,000 trees in public green spaces; distributed nearly 62,000 trees to help families and communities create greener yards and rights-of-way; planted nearly 11,000 trees at 65 local schools—making them cooler and healthier places to play; and enhanced 61 parks across the Houston area with welcoming spaces for walkers and wildlife.

To learn more about Trees for Houston and its mission, or opportunities to donate or volunteer, visit [treesforhouston.org](https://treesforhouston.org).





# 2025 Best Christmas Decor



SECTION 1



*9207 Brahms Lane*

SECTION 2



*8918 Andante Drive*

SECTION 3



*8746 Serenade Lane*

SECTION 4



*9303 Sinfonia Drive*





## NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHT

# Athena's Greek & European Kitchen

Owner: Maria Stefanakis

## Καλώς ήρθατε

Exhausted and ravenous from spending hours at a hospital, my niece and I happened upon Athena's in a small shopping center on FM 529. The atmosphere was simple, yet surprisingly cozy.

Maria, the owner, greeted us like family, comforted us in our less than stellar moods, and fed us the most wonderful authentically Greek food we had ever had. It made us happy. Upon hearing that we were returning to the hospital, Maria surprised us with a complementary "care package" filled with

mouthwatering dishes like gyros, spanakopita, and baklava. Trust, we had found our new favorite restaurant.

Maria opened Athena's in 2020 with a dream of cooking high-quality, made-from-scratch Greek food that did homage to her grandmothers' recipes. Her dream certainly came true. When she is not greeting guests and checking to ensure they are enjoying their meal, Maria continues to make all the sauces and desserts herself using the finest ingredients and traditional techniques.

The always fresh and flavorful menu is varied from traditional gyros, lamb

chops, fish, chicken, pastitsio, filet mignon, hamburgers and more. The superior staff can expertly recommend a Greek wine to be paired with any meal. Desserts are decadent. Everything is simply delicious, perfectly steeped in Greek traditions, and reasonably priced.

Come join the family at one of our beloved neighborhood spots. OPA!

Athena's is located at 13250 FM-529, Suite A, Houston, TX 77041-2533.

Restaurant: 832-328-5494.

Maria: 281-935-8191

Online: [www.athenagreekkitchen.com](http://www.athenagreekkitchen.com)

[www.facebook.com/athenagreekandeuropean/](https://www.facebook.com/athenagreekandeuropean/)



Maria

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## GREEK TZATZIKI

A staple of Greek food is Tzatziki. This cool, refreshing dip can be eaten with pita or vegetables, dolloped on your gyro or added to any platter. It's actually quite easy to make!

*Check out this recipe for Greek Tzatziki from All Recipes*

### Ingredients

- 1 (32 ounce) container plain low-fat yogurt
- ½ English cucumber with peel, grated
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Combine yogurt, grated cucumber, lemon juice, olive oil, and garlic together in a large bowl. Add dill, salt, pepper, and lemon zest; mix until smooth. Pour into a serving dish. Garnish with fresh dill.

*For the best flavor, cover tightly, and refrigerate for 8 hours before serving to let the flavors blend.*



We'd like to keep this as a regular feature. Residents who would like to submit a recipe for a future newsletter can email it to: [carahawthorne1@gmail.com](mailto:carahawthorne1@gmail.com).





## January is Jamming in H-Town!

We have a unity parade, glowing gardens, music, cars, animals, gems, sports, and art – oh, so much art. Enjoy exploring some of these event around Houston.

### CFA Gulf Shore Charity Cat Show & Adoption Event

Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Dr, Houston, TX 77060-1902

Date: Jan 10, 11

Website: [https://www.facebook.com/events/2010254153086041/2010254156419374/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/2010254153086041/2010254156419374/?active_tab=about)

### Meow Wolf Immersive Art Adventures

2103 Lyons Ave, Building 2 Houston, TX 77020

Date: Various Dates & Times

Website: <https://tickets.meowwolf.com/houston/>

### Botanic Garden's Radiant Nature: "See the Garden Glow" Festival

1 Botanic Lane, Houston, TX 77017 (east of I-45 South on Park Place Blvd)

Date: Running through Feb 22

Website: <https://hbg.org/series/radiant-nature/>

Box Office: 713-715-9675 ext. 100

### Mix-Match: A Mixed Art Festival

Midtown Arts & Theater Center, 3400 Main St, Houston, TX 77002

Date: Jan 17

Website: <https://matchhouston.org/mix-match-festival>

Box Office: 713-521-4533

### Houston Auto & Houston Boat Showcase

NRG Center, One NRG Park, Houston TX, 77054

Date: Jan 28-Feb 1

Website: <https://www.houstonautoshow.com>

### The International Gem & Jewelry Show

NRG Center, One NRG Park, Hall E, Houston TX, 77054

Date: Jan 16-18

Website: <https://www.intergem.com/events/upcoming-shows/houston-tx-jewelry-show-january-16-18-2026>

### Live Thoroughbred Racing

Sam Houston Race Park, 7575 North Sam Houston Pkwy, Houston, Texas, 77064

Date: January 2 – April 4

Website: <https://tickets.shrp.com/events>

### Fever's candlelight tributes: 90's Hip-Hop, Luis Miguel, Queen, Coldplay & Imagine Dragons. Juan Gabriel, Taylor Swift, Beatles, Adele, Hans Zimmer, Metallica

Locations: Resurrection MCC Concert, 2025 W 11th St, Houston, TX and

Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave, Houston, TX 77034

Date: Various Dates

Website: <https://feverup.com/en/houston>

### Miguel Zenón: Yo Soy La Tradición

The Hobby Center of the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St, Houston, TX 77002

Date: Jan 10

Website: <https://www.thehobbycenter.org/events/miguel-zenon-yo-soy-la-tradicion/>

Box Office: 713-315-2525

### Gary Kyle's Bandwagon live

Texas Hideout Bar & Grill, 9940 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, TX 77379

Date: Jan 20

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gary-kyles-bandwagon-live-at-texas-hideout-tickets-1976673716296?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Phone: 281-323-4911

### MLK Unity Parade

Downtown Houston, starting at San Jacinto & Pease Street

Date: Jan 19

Website: <https://www.houstontx.gov/mlk/index.html>

### SKECHERS Hot Chocolate 5K, 10K, 15 mile Runs

Sam Houston Park, 1000 Bagby St., Houston, TX 77002

Date: Jan 31

Website: <https://hotchocolate15k.com/city/houston/>

### Beauty and the Beast

The Hobby Center of the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby Street, Houston, TX 77002

Date: Jan 6 – Jan 18

Website: <https://www.thehobbycenter.org/events/disneys-beauty-and-the-beast/>

Box Office: 713-315-2525

### The Bluest Eye - from the Toni Morrison Novel

The Ensemble Community Theatre, 3535 Main St., Houston, TX 77002

Date: Jan 23 – Feb 22

Website: <https://ensemblehouston.com/2025-26-season/the-bluest-eye>

Box Office: 713-520-0055



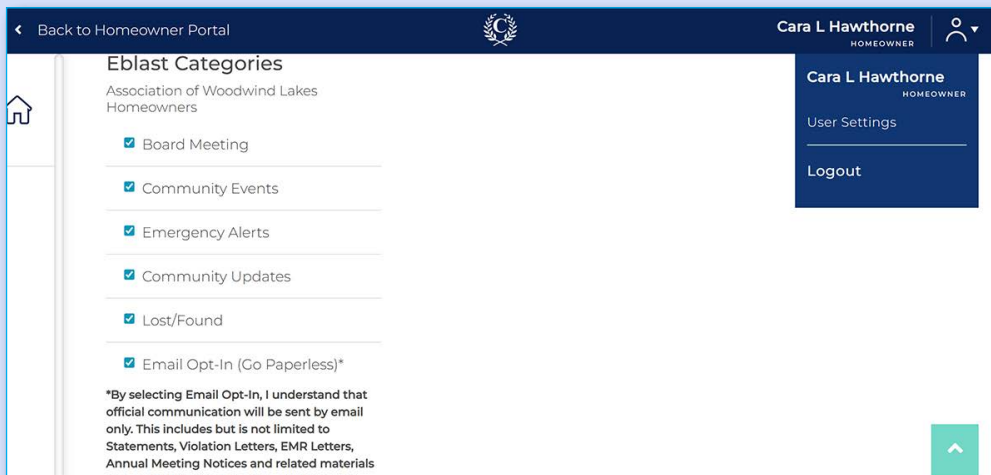
# How to receive all notifications from your community

As a resident of Woodwind Lakes, you want to be plugged in to various ways to receive important communications. Below we highlight all the options for you to insure that you are receiving the latest and most timely information.

► **We encourage all residents to register for notifications on both of these platforms.**

## Crest Management Website [www.crest-management.com](http://www.crest-management.com)

When you register on Crest's website, you can choose to sign up for email notifications. We recommend that your email settings are checked for all types of notifications. To check your current settings, login to your Crest account and click your name in the right-hand corner to see User Settings. Check all the Eblast categories displayed.



## Woodwind Lakes Website [www.woodwindlakeshoa.com](http://www.woodwindlakeshoa.com)

From the Woodwind Lakes website main page, residents can sign up for Community Alerts. These alerts are generated from within the community and are often the quickest way for board members to communicate information quickly.





# The Women's Club December event

The Women's Club enjoyed a trip to the Brookwood Community on December 16. Brookwood is a non-profit residential and vocational community for adults with disabilities.



The Women's Club meets every third Tuesday of the month and welcomes all Woodwind Lakes women to participate. Contact Marianne West at 713-818-9543 for additional information.



## The Women's Club December event



*Smiles  
everywhere  
you look...*



*It's easy to see  
that everyone had  
a wonderful time!*

