

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES



Board and Committee Updates

The HOA Board met on Thursday, March 19, and is pleased to announce the appointment of Jared Bruce as its newest member and Treasurer. Jared, a resident of Section 4, serves as Assistant Director of Budget and Finance for Harris County Commissioner Tom Ramsey. The Board looks forward to the valuable experience, insight, and oversight he will bring to the team.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 16. If you have questions for a board member, email addresses can be found on the Woodwind Lakes website [here](#). You may also use the “[Ask the Board](#)” option from the website. We encourage all residents to attend board meetings!

Minutes from each board meeting are posted on the [Crest Management website](#) on the Community Page under Meetings and Forms (you must have a login to access this information).

Grounds Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- The irrigation leak at Woodwind Lakes Dr and Windfern was repaired on March 18. Water is restored to Lake 1 and the esplanades.
- Superior started their weekly schedule in March.
 - Spring seasonal flowers were planted March 20-21.
 - Irrigation team changed the controllers from 2 days a week to 4 days a week.
- The Grounds and Tree Committees repurposed some of the winter seasonal flowers by planting them in some of the cul-de-sacs and at Lake 3. **Much gratitude to residents Therese Uddmar, Mendi Strnadell and Charleen Baugh for their efforts to beautify our grounds!**

If anyone sees any large limbs while walking the trails, please contact [Dave Sample](#) so the

GC can cut them up and stack them for Superior to collect on their next visit.

- **Watch for information on the new Adopt-a-Cul-de-Sac initiative in the near future.**

We are looking for volunteers! Please contact [Crest Management](#), [Therese Uddmar](#) or [Dave Sample](#) if you are interested.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will report expenses quarterly for the newsletter, starting in May. Residents can view monthly financials on the Woodwind Lakes website.

Communications Committee

In addition to publishing the monthly newsletter, the Communications Committee will turn it's focus to improving the Woodwind Lakes website, starting with removing outdated information and simplifying navigation.

Trees and Trails Committee

Our Board has now received detailed reports from Superior Landscaping on all trees in Woodwind Lakes, noting the types of trees and conditions:

TYPES OF TREES: 14	
CONDITION:	
Excellent	4
Good	1,176
Fair	1,000
Poor	40
Dead	100

High Priority – Dead and Diseased Trees
 Three bids were obtained by Crest. Twenty-seven trees have been removed along Windfern and sixteen additional trees were removed throughout all four

sections of WWL the week of March 9th. We are working with Superior's arborist and after a review on March 11th, it was determined that no other trees require immediate attention. All other trees have been classified medium or low risk.

Next

- Ongoing monitoring of tree conditions;
- Trimming canopies and dead branch removal – Superior will do this over the next few weeks;
- Feasibility of treating diseased trees;
- Stumps – grinding or cutting to ground level;
- Comparison of trees listed in the “Tree Planting Guide For Houston” by the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council (*thanks to Sue Preston for this excellent guide*) with the HOA tree list; and
- New trees – pricing and planting costs.

The Tree Committee, as well as the Grounds Committee and the Board continue to work on balancing all aspects of the grounds, including enhancing landscaping and the tree projects mentioned above, while taking budget constraints into consideration. The projects are extensive and will be ongoing.

Assets Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Assets Committee is still seeking volunteers! The Assets Committee can use a few volunteers to help around the neighborhood. Small contributions of time can make such a big difference. If you enjoy using the tennis courts, pool, parks and pavilion, please consider spending a little time each month helping the Assets Committee. Contact Tim Orban at director@woodwindlakeshoa.com if you are willing to help.

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Welcome to New Residents!

The following residents are new to the neighborhood.

Christina Landrum

Alexander Markham

Teresa Harris

Crystal Ragan

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mark your calendars
for these upcoming events !**



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 28
at the Pavilion
2:00 p.m.



**Woodwind Lakes
Spring Garage Sale**
Saturday, April 11
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Music Fest
Saturday, April 25,
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Family Pool



*More information on
this special event can
be found on page 5.*



Blood Drive
Saturday, May 9
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Family Pool



Gulf Coast Blood

Be someone. Save a life.

**The Women's Club Annual Blood Drive
Gulf Coast Mobile Van**

**Family Pool Parking Lot, 9015 Woodwind Lakes Drive
Saturday May 9, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Did you know that Gulf Coast Blood requires 1,000 donations every single day to meet community needs? The WWL Women's Club certainly does. Our own resident, Lynne James, has donated 100 gallons of blood and platelets over the years helping ensure supplies for patients in need. She is truly someone who saves lives. Let's celebrate her and be that someone too.

Gulf Coast Blood, founded in 1975, is one of the largest US community blood centers and Houston's sole 24/7 blood provider. Driven by a mission and the generosity of donors like WWL and surrounding residents, they are committed to creating a lifeline for our community.

Please know that one whole blood donation can save up to three lives by providing plasma, platelets, and red blood cells for cancer patients, trauma survivors, and others with serious conditions. Yes, it's three lives with one donation!

Summer is a mission critical time as needs increase tremendously.

Together we can save so many lives on May 9, 2026 and honor Lynne's incredible achievement. Let's make this a record turn-out! Schedule your appointment here and don't forget to bring your ID!

Be someone. Save a life.

You can click this link to schedule your appointment.

https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/413862

Notable Residents

Lynne James, Women's Club Member and Blood Donor

Profession: Retired, Woodwind Lakes resident since 2000

What brought you to Woodwind Lakes?

After a career in event planning (ten years in Dallas and four in Houston), we found Woodwind Lakes! We couldn't ask for a better community with the best neighbors and friends. We absolutely love living here!

Congratulations on reaching such a remarkable milestone of donating 100 gallons of blood and platelets.

One of my goals – and one that not many women achieve – was to reach the 100 gallon mark with Gulf Coast before I was too old to drive to the donor center! It's been a long time coming, and I'm quite excited.

What is your #1 goal as a blood donor?

I want to save lives. Every two seconds someone needs some kind of blood component and it's just not always available. Donating blood is also beneficial to your own health since it encourages new blood generation.

Why is blood donation so important to you?

I meet parents of young children who remind me that their child is alive today thanks to blood donors. It makes me realize that it's not about donating 100 gallons—just one gallon can save lives. That inspires me to continue donating.

When not donating, how do you unwind?

Social time with friends and travelling with my husband, Steve.

Favorite Houston restaurant (or one of your favorites)?

Whataburger! What can I say? Red meat before donating helps keeps the iron up!

What is the #1 travel destination on your bucket list?

Always the Hawaiian Islands.

Do you have a life motto?

"In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND!" Life is Good!



Favorite community activity?

Our 23-year strong Women's Club, Christmas on the Lake, and our annual blood drive. Hope to see y'all on May 9th!

Be a good listener.

It makes the person who's speaking to you feel loved, cared for and worthy of being heard.

Wayne Dyer

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Celebrating the life of Merrell Greene
and sponsored by Bob Rugur



APRIL 25, 2026

Family Pool | 9015 Woodwind Lakes Drive

6:00 -10:00 P.M.

Opening band Holiday and Vine 6:00 - 7:30

Duderinos 7:30 - 10:00

Goode Company Food and Drink Truck

Dough Cone Ice Cream Truck 6:30 - 8:30

Caricatures by Bonnie Blue of Galveston

Bring your chairs, blankets, cushions, credit cards or cash for food trucks

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHT

Catch some B's at The Flying Biscuit Cafe

Nothing better than doing errands all morning and just pulling into the first place you see to stave off hunger pains and finding a quaint café with biscuits, beignets, benedicts and high-flying breakfasts.

As we settled into this artsy café, we were promptly greeted by Victor, a fun attentive server, who didn't hesitate to make recommendations, since we weren't feeling their famous biscuits and grits specialties. Each of their locations bakes almost 5,000 biscuits per week!



A southern-inspired menu filled with a variety of options lead us to choose "make your own" omelets allowing for four extra ingredients, avocado toast, biscuits (We had to try them, right? And they are goood), and

diced potatoes. Absolutely everything was piping hot, fresh and delicious. The avocado toast was better than any Tex-Mex guacamole we've had in ages. Brunch items include burgers, shrimp wraps,

salads and vegan/vegetarian options. You won't be disappointed with the collard greens and chicken sausage gravy. Great diner pricing in the \$11-\$16 range.

It's no wonder that this Atlanta-based chain as grown to over 34 locations since 1993. There are five locations in Houston. The Cypress location serves breakfast and lunch beginning at 7 a.m. each day.

We will be back to catch some "B" at 12020 FM 1960 Road, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77065. (346) 206-3656; cypress@flyingbiscuit.com

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

MIXED BERRY PAVLOVA

Pavlova Shell

8 egg whites,
at room temperature
Pinch of salt
2 1/2 cups superfine sugar
4 TBS cornstarch
2 tsp white wine vinegar
1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Draw an 8-inch circle on a sheet of parchment paper lining a baking sheet.

Using a stand mixer, with a whisk attachment, beat the room-temperature egg whites and salt on medium-high speed until peaks form, about 3 minutes. With machine on medium speed, whisk in a little sugar at a time, then turn machine back to high to fully incorporate.

Add the cornstarch and whisk to blend, then add the vinegar and, when incorporated, whisk in the vanilla.

Pile the meringue onto the parchment paper, using a spatula to spread the meringue around the circle, piling the sides higher than the middle. Place in the oven and immediately reduce the temperature to 275 degrees. Bake for 1 1/2 hours (if oven runs hot, shorten this time). When baked, just shut off oven and prop the oven door open (about 4 inches) until completely cooled down. When completely cooled, remove the parchment paper and place on a platter.

Whipping Cream

1 pint of heavy whipping cream
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 TBS powdered sugar

Pour cold whipping cream into the bowl of a stand mixer with whisk attachment. Add vanilla and powdered sugar. Whisk until soft peaks form. Place whipping cream in the center of the meringue.



Mixed Berries

2 pints strawberries
1/2 pint blueberries
1/2 pint blackberries
1/2 pint raspberries
1/2 cup sugar
1 TBS red wine vinegar
or Banyuls vinegar

Carefully rinse the berries. Hull half the strawberries. Place berries into a bowl with the sugar and vinegar.

Set aside to let it macerate for 30 minutes, gently stirring occasionally. Place macerated berries on top on the whipping cream on the meringue. Top with roasted, chopped pistachio nuts (1/4 c).

Serves 10 to 12. Thank you to resident, Elizabeth Blanchard, for sharing this recipe!

Do you have a great recipe to share? Send it to carahawthorne1@gmail.com to feature in a future newsletter.

It's getting to be that time when we'll start to see ants and/or termites swarming.

How to identify ant and termite swarmers

With warm temperatures being more regular, swarming insects will soon arrive on the scene. This is a common Springtime and sometimes Fall occurrence where reproductives emerge from their colonies and fly into the air in search of a mate. This most often happens on warm days after a significant rainfall event, but for some species like Formosan termites, they may swarm at night.

“Swarmer” or “alate” are terms used to describe the reproductive stage of ants and termites. Swarmers have wings when they initially leave the colony, but wings are either shed or chewed off once they land on the ground but before they form a new colony. So, how do you tell ant and termite swarmers apart?

There are three morphological characteristics to look for.

- 1 **Antennae**
- 2 **“Waist” – where the thorax and abdomen join**
- 3 **Wings – if the insect still has them**

What is an insect swarm?

When large numbers of winged insects suddenly appear in the home, it may be the result of an insect mating swarm. When insects produce a swarm, also known as a reproductive flight, it is part of the seasonal activity of certain social insects, most importantly termites and ants. The insects are leaving behind others in their old nest and form a swarm in order to form a new one.

Ant swarmers

Ant swarmers have antennae that are bent at a ninety-degree angle and are said to be “elbowed”. The “waist” area is constricted, narrowed, or pinched.

If you find a reproductive that still has wings – they chew off their wings once they have mated and land on the ground

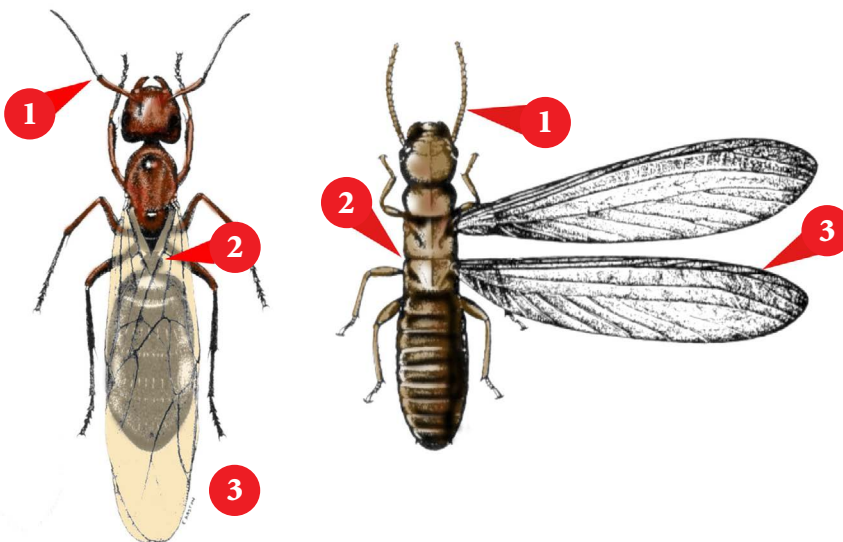
– the front wing will be larger than the hind wing. Ant wings will also have few wing veins. If wings are missing from the ant swarmer, there will not be a wing stub left on the thorax from where the wing was attached. Male ant swarmers retain their wings after landing on the ground, but they die after mating.

Termite swarmers

Termite swarmers have antennae that are straight and a thorax-abdomen area, or “waist”, that is broadly joined together. Termite reproductive wings are similar in size and shape and tend to have a lot of veins. Sometimes with termites you may find only wings that have been left behind due to shedding when the termites land on the ground or you may see the termites themselves with or without wings still attached. If you find a termite reproductive without wings, there will be wing stubs, called “scales”, left behind on the thorax. Male and female termite reproductives shed their wings after landing on the ground, pair up, and find a site to begin a new colony.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Serv. Program Specialist at ebrown@ag.tamu.edu.

KEY WAYS TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE



[Ant]

[Termite]

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The Women's Club Lunch & Learn: Kids' Meals Mission to End Childhood Hunger

The Women's Club met at Eats Mequite Grill on March 17. Christen Blackledge, Donor Engagement and Events Manager, shared how Kids' Meals, Inc. supports Houston's youngest residents. By delivering free, nutritious meals to hungry, pre-schoolers and providing family-based resources, the organization works to nourish children and break the cycle of poverty.



More photos on next page

More photos from The Women's Club March Lunch & Learn at Eats Mesquite Grill



The purpose of The Women's Club is to provide a fun social environment for members to meet other residents as well as a venue for interesting programs and field trips. The club also contributes to local charities, hosts neighborhood events and assists with neighborhood projects or other needs. Meetings are held September through May, typically the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

April Yard of the Month Winners

SECTION 1



9231 BRAHMS LANE

SECTION 2



7914 ALLEGRO DRIVE

SECTION 3



8703 GOLDEN CHORD CIRCLE

SECTION 4



8107 RONDO COURT

Congratulations!
And thanks for keeping our community looking its best!

