

WOODWIND LAKES

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES



Board and Committee Updates

The HOA Board met on Thursday, February 19. Committee members provided updates on activities and ongoing projects. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 19. 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

- Superior Landscaping submitted a Dead Tree Report identifying 101 dead trees. Twenty-six trees were removed during January outside the community wall on Windfern bringing the total to 29 removed to date. Superior will bid to remove 14 priority trees and propose phased removal of 58 moderate and low risk trees over time.
- Superior excavated both ends of the broken pipe under Woodwind Lakes Blvd., entrance to Section 1, so the vendors could get a better scope of work. All vendors have seen the site and bids are in process.
- Cul-de-sacs will be turned back on the week of March 23 by Mr. Irrigation.
- Work has started on repairing the stone wall at the entrance of Section 4 at the Windfern entrance. The wall was hit by driver in December.
- Superior will start their weekly schedule in March.
 - Spring seasonal flowers will be planted in March.

- The three layers will be Blue Daze, “Pink” Petunia and “Magellan Mix” Zinnias.

- Members of the Grounds Committee walked the property with Superior to identify areas that need attention and additional plant material. We are expecting bids quickly so the board can approve and planting can start in late March/early April.

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.

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

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee continues to work on creating content to inform and involve residents. This month we introduce new branding for the newsletter, with big thanks to Jay Michaels for his graphic design skills. Work is ongoing to improve website usability and expand social media presence. The social media survey

conducted at the end of February found that many residents would like to see a presence on Instagram.

Trees and Trails Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Superior Landscape has completed a comprehensive tree survey in Woodwind Lakes, identifying species and health of all trees on common grounds. The [tree report](#) can be found on the Woodwind Lakes website under the Community > Common Grounds section. Plans to address and replace trees that are in bad health or pose a danger are underway.

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.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported the following expenses for January.



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Welcome to New Residents!

The following residents are new to the neighborhood.



Kelly Galvis
Section 1



Jeffrey Fountain
Section 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

As the weather warms up, new activities for our residents are in the works! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and stay tuned for news of other events that are in the planning stages.



Turn your clocks forward one hour!
Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 28 at the Pavilion (watch for time announcements)



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



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



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

Notable Residents

Elizabeth Blanchard Women's Club Member

Profession: *Semi-Retired, Woodwind Lakes Resident since 2001*

What brought you to Woodwind Lakes?

After marrying Rick Stone – my partner in fun and crime – in 1994, we moved to Rolling Fork to keep Rick's three children in the same schools. The Woodwind Lakes subdivision was being developed and in 2001, we purchased our home in Woodwind Lakes. We loved the mature trees and feel of the subdivision.

Tell us about semi-retirement

I graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Animal Science and worked in the veterinary and pet industries for about 13 years. Following that, I became the Executive Admin for Core Laboratories, retiring from that position after 23 years. In 1997, I started a small dog training business called Leaps & Bounds Agility Center right on the outskirts of Woodwind Lakes. We train dogs and their

humans the skills needed to compete in dog agility. I also try to hit the golf course with Rick at least once a week. We are not good but love the time spent together and being outdoors on so many wonderful courses. Our grandsons have caught the golf bug and join us on course when they can.



What has been one of your greatest achievements?

I was inducted into the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) Hall of Fame in 2020 and have won five National Championships so far in my career.

Do you have a favorite Houston restaurant?

Piatto Ristorante in the Galleria area.

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

Europe.

Do you have a life motto?

Have fun. Enjoy people.

What astrological sign are you?

Cancer.

What are your favorite things about living in WWL?

I love the camaraderie and good work done by the WWL Women's Club. I also enjoy playing all sorts of games (Bunco, Mahjong, etc.) and cards with my neighbors.

PLEASE REMEMBER

The shared grounds surrounding the pavilion and park are meant for residents' use, and dogs must remain on-leash in these areas. The only space where dogs can be off-leash is within the fenced dog park next to the pavilion and tennis court.

Please be courteous to neighbors who wish to enjoy the pavilion and playground!



NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHT

Welcome to Lucio's Italian Grill Restaurant!

It was one of those cold, dreary nights that brought comfort food cravings. Remembering some good Nextdoor reviews, we journeyed out to a close, new Italian place on Hwy 249 (Fairbanks to Fallbrook, make a right and a right on 249, restaurant on the left).



The reviews were right!

We received a warm welcome with that personal friendliness you only feel in family neighborhood eateries. Menu is incredibly diverse as were the specials for brunch and evening entrees. Lucio's prides itself on authentic, fresh Italian flavors using locally sourced organic produce. Much of

the menu, such as ravioli, is home-made.

We weren't seated for long when a complementary green salad with bread arrived. Bread could have been our whole meal as it was luscious and piping hot.

A calamari starter was plentiful and nicely breaded. We chose a special of crusted soft-shell crab with shrimp and a horseradish cream sauce. Highly recommended as crab was tender, shrimp fried well and sauce was delicious (took some

home!). Our on-menu dish was chicken cacciatore with pasta shells tossed with mixed vegetables. Was good but more subtle in seasoning. Dessert was divine lime cheesecake.

Pricing is excellent with brunch (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) entrees \$11-20, daily specials \$20-30 and 12" pizzas \$9-13.

For great food, reasonable pricing and superior service, Lucio's Italian Grill located at 13726 Tomball Pkwy Ste A, Houston, TX 77086 is a good bet. (281) 760-1606; luciositalian.com.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Jalapeno* Popper Mushrooms



Provided by Ellen Michaels

Ingredients

- 2 slices bacon
- 1½ tsp olive oil
- 8 mushrooms, stems removed and chopped, reserve caps
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 serrano pepper, ribs and seeds removed, finely chopped
- 3 oz cream cheese, softened
- 3 Tbl shredded Cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a baking dish with cooking spray. Cook bacon in skillet over med-high heat until evenly browned – approx. 10 mins. Drain bacon on paper towel lined plate. Crumble and set aside.
2. Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in the mushroom stems, garlic and serrano. Cook and stir until mushrooms soften – approx. 10 mins. Transfer mushroom mixture to a bowl. Stir in cream cheese, cheddar cheese and bacon. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Spoon the cheese mixture generously into reserved mushroom caps and arrange on baking dish. Bake until cheese begins to brown – 15-20 mins.

The filling goes very far; fills more mushroom caps than 8. But don't cut stems from more than 8 mushrooms or you'll just make that much more filling, requiring more caps! Depending on the occasion, maybe think about using bite-sized mushrooms rather than large mushrooms.

** That's the name of the recipe, but I've always used serrano peppers!*

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

Transitioning Your Garden from Winter to Spring

This month, we turn the clocks forward in anticipation of spring. The daylight gets longer, flowers begin to bloom, and nature awakens from its winter slumber.

As we march towards the “season of new beginnings, renewal and rebirth,” many of our precious yards in Woodwind Lakes are still reeling from the effects of Houston’s wacky winter. We say, “Out with the brown, and in with the green!”

We’ve gathered some tips from the experts on how you can help return your gardens and lawns to their original glory.

Cleanup and inspection

- Remove fallen leaves, dead annuals, broken branches and any matted brown grass so sunlight and air can reach the soil.
- Check your trees, shrubs fences, edging and irrigation for winter damage and plan repairs before growth really starts.

Refresh your soil

- You’ll want to test your garden-bed soil, then topdress with compost or other organic matter to restore nutrients after winter.
- Lightly loosen compacted soil in beds and high traffic spots so roots, air and water can move more easily.



- Experts do warn to hold off using synthetic or fast-acting fertilizers until the soil is warmer and plants are actively growing, which is often late March into April. Fertilizing too early can feed weeds, encourage fungus and wastes money.

Wake up the lawn

- Rake gently to remove dead, brown thatch and expose green shoots underneath.
- Overseed bare patches and keep them evenly moist; a thin layer of compost over the lawn is an easy organic “green-up” that helps color return faster.

Prune and tidy plants

- Cut back dead or damaged stems on perennials, ornamental grasses and shrubs, but leave spring-flowering shrubs (such as lilacs or azaleas) until after they bloom.

- Divide and replant overcrowded perennials to fill thin spots and quickly turn brown gaps into fuller clumps of foliage.

Add mulch for a finished look

- After the beds are cleaned and soil is amended, add two to three inches of fresh mulch to instantly hide bare, dull soil and make plants pop.
- Keep mulch pulled a few inches back from trunks and stems to prevent rot while still suppressing weeds and holding moisture.

And now we plant...

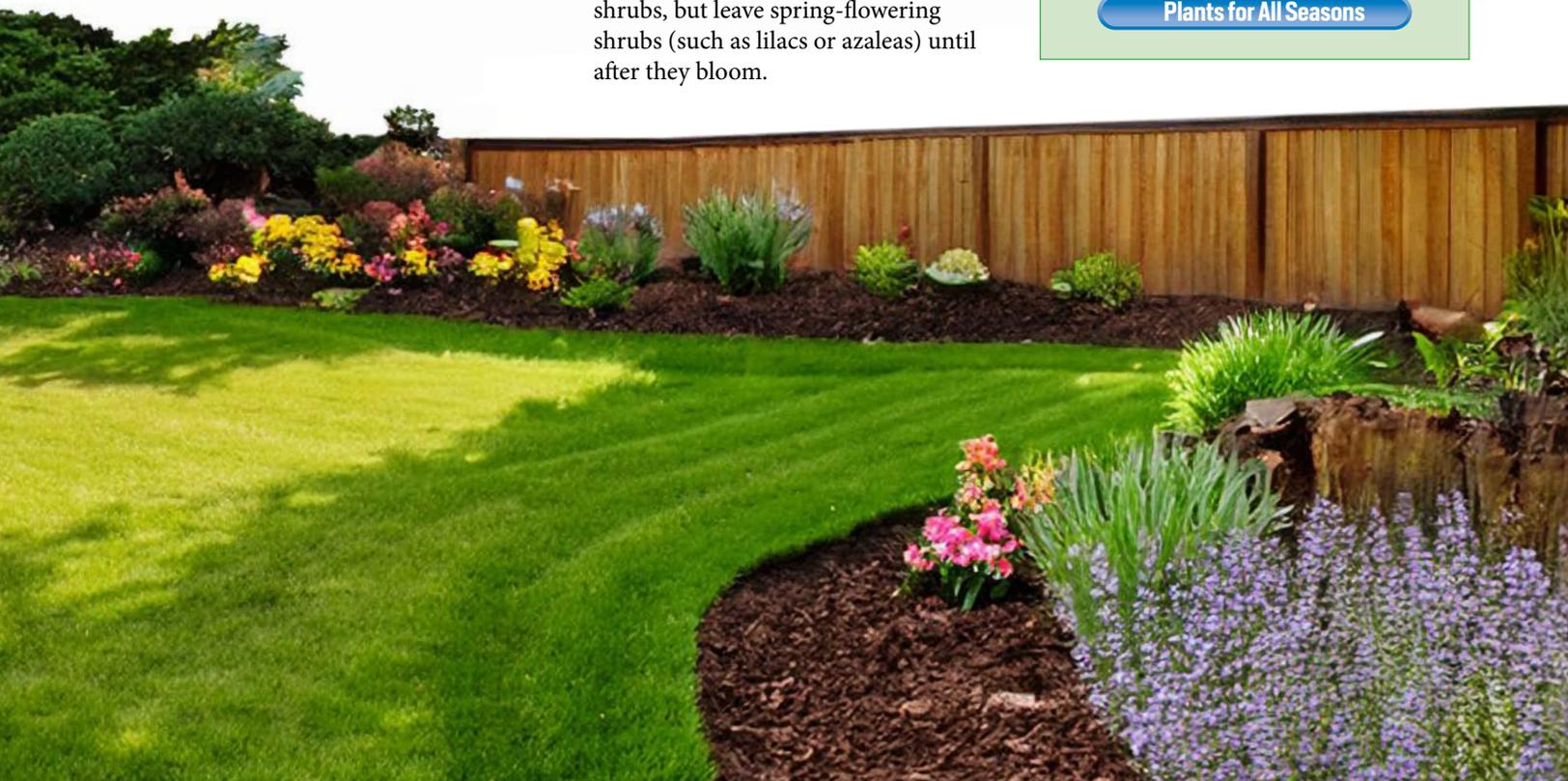
- Tuck in cool-season annuals such as pansies, violas and snapdragons to get fast color while warm-season plants are still weeks away.
- While spring is a beautiful time of year, we know that Houston’s spring is short, so plant warm crops like tomatoes, peppers and okra, before the May heat sets in.

For more information and tips, here are a few websites you can check out:

[Buchanan’s Native Plants](#)

[The Garden Guy](#)

[Plants for All Seasons](#)



The Women's Club toured KPRC Channel 2 studios

The Women's Club enjoyed a bus ride and a fun day at KPRC Channel 2, the oldest news station in Houston. They toured the facility and watched a portion of a live taping of Houston Live with Derek Shore followed by a delicious lunch at Pappy's.

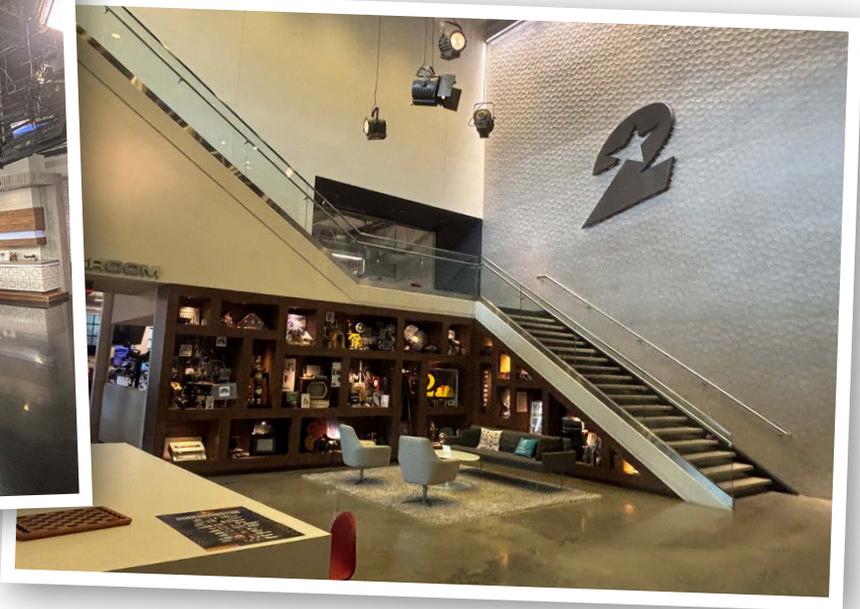


*Smiles abound when
The Women's Club
gets together!*



More photos on next page

More photos from The Women's Club trip to Channel 2 studios



Fun outings are usually followed with fun food and lively discussion.



March Yard of the Month Winners

SECTION 1



9114 WOODWIND LAKES DRIVE

SECTION 2



7727 MELODY CIRCLE

SECTION 3



8615 PRELUDE COURT

SECTION 4



9415 ORATORIO COURT

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

