

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

(Also, check out our website: www.clearlakeforest.com)

***** CLFCA TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 281-532-3447 *****

Answering machine with information on how to reach CLFCA Board Members.

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ City Hall OR the Scout Hut AT 7:00 P.M. CHECK THE ENTRYWAY SIGNS FOR THE LOCATION THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO EACH MEETING.

ASSESSMENTS FOR FY2005-2006 NOW PAST DUE

CLFCA collects yearly dues to fund our park, pool facility and entryways. Dues are specifically provided for in the deed restrictions meaning they are not optional. Our fiscal year begins on July 1 of each year and invoices are mailed out each year in mid-May. Your Board personally stuffs the invoices at our accountant's office. Assessments are due on July 1st. If payment is not received by August 1st, our accounting firm sends out a second notice to each resident that has not paid and that notice adds a \$25 late fee. (CLFCA Boards have historically taken the position that sixty (60) days is sufficient time to pay your assessment). A third notice is sent in early October with the statement that (1) if the account is not paid by October 31st, it will be given to our attorneys for collection, at which time legal fees are added and (2) if any resident needs a payment plan to contact any Board member or our accounting firm and we will be happy to assist you in setting up such a plan. However, if you do not contact us before October 31st, we are reluctant to be very accommodating. One reason for this detailed explanation of policy is to make you aware of the time line. It's also on our website. If on some rare occasion you do not receive your invoice prior to June 1st of each year, please contact CLFCA so we can correct the problem. The chances of you not receiving one of these three notices between June 1st and October 15th is virtually impossible and such an excuse for non-payment and waiver of any fees will likely fall on deaf ears. We don't mean to be heartless or uncaring, but everyone has to take responsibility for their business.

Our assessments are based on the size of each lot and on the average, they are quite low compared to any subdivision in the Clear Lake area with comparable facilities, but it is essential for all to pay their dues timely. We certainly welcome your suggestions on how to improve this system. We appreciate your cooperation and if by some accident you haven't paid yet, hope your check is "in the mail".

TLV MOM'S CO-OP GARAGE SALE ON OCTOBER 14 & 15

The CO-OP will be having a garage sale on these dates from 8:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. both days at the Pool Facility. All proceeds will help fund new Toddler/Preschool playground equipment at Baronridge Park. Community donations of clothing, furniture, working appliances, books or other items in good condition are needed. No broken or damaged items please.

There are two ways to make contributions:

1. **Saturday, October 1st**: We will pick up items from your home that are packaged in boxes and or large items. Prior to October 1, you will receive a flyer in the mail with a label for the goods and a pick-up schedule. Simply place your items at the curb (or visible from the street) and attach our label to them.
2. **Friday (Oct. 6th) and Saturday (Oct 7th)**. We will be accepting donations at the Pool Facility. Times for drop-off will be listed in the flyer mentioned above. There is no pick-up service.

We appreciate your support of our neighborhood children. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the fund, you may contact Jennifer Johnson @ 281-474-7262 or come to the garage sale.

RECONSTRUCTION OF KIRBY ROAD TO BEGIN

The City has advised that the long delayed reconstruction of Kirby Road is set to begin on or about October 1st. We are told the project will take about 14 months to complete so let's all keep a positive attitude and keep reminding ourselves that our Metro taxes actually can help our lives.

POOL SCHEDULE

The pool hours for the remainder of the season (September 25, 2005) are the following:

- Adult Lap Swim: Monday – Friday 6:00-7:30 A.M.
- Water Aerobics: Tuesday & Thursday 7:00-8:00 P.M.
- Open Swim: Saturday & Sunday 12 Noon – 8 P.M

POOL ISSUES MEETING – October 14

CLFCA seeks neighborhood input about pool issues and to help plan next year's swim season schedule. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting at the Scout Hut at 7:00 P.M. You may also call Diane Humes (see below) or e-mail comments through the website.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS (tape this to the refrigerator)

The 2005-2006 Board Members and home phone numbers are:

Alan Koelemay	281/474-2634	President/Park & Entryways
Rusty Stewart	281/474-9140	Vice President/Pool Facility
Diane Humes	281/532-1063	Treasurer/Pool Facility
John DeLapp	281/474-9140	Secretary- Park/Entryways
Harv Seeger	281/474-9607	Trustee/Deed Restrictions

EXTERIOR CHANGES TO HOMES

We have mentioned this in past newsletters, but we still are having issues with residents making exterior changes to their homes/lots that must be approved by the Association. Part I, Paragraph 3 in all versions of the deed restrictions state: "No building or improvements **of any character** shall be erected or placed, or the erection thereof begun, or changes made in the design thereof **after original construction, on any lot** until the construction plans and specifications and a plan showing the location of the structure or improvements have been submitted to and approved by Friendswood (now CLFCA) as to compliance with these restrictions and as to quality of materials, harmony of external design with existing and proposed structures, and as to location with respect to topography and finish grade elevation"(emphasis added). Most of the improvements are easily approved by CLFCA with little if any delay. If you ignore this provision of the deed restrictions and make changes that are subsequently found to violate other deed restrictions or a City ordinance, you could face legal action. It is the homeowner's responsibility to read the restrictions and comply. Remember, you live in a deed restrictions community which helps us all.

CLF WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

The CLF Women's Club will be having several activities this Fall, which include a Fall's Children's Party and a Halloween Party at Baronridge Park and Annual Christmas Party. Specific dates will be posted on the CLF website and signs in the neighborhood. New officers are: Laura Lumpkin, President (281-291-7207), Cheryl O'Rourke, V.P. (281-474-1145), Julie Pippert, V.P. and Trish Wilson, Treasurer. All CLF ladies are invited to join and get involved. Please call Laura or Cheryl for any questions.

FALL SPRUCE-UP/CAMPOUT: OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2005

Please mark your calendar now and help the neighborhood do a little upkeep. A Saturday morning for about four hours is really not a lot to ask twice a year. Some work in the Park and a little maintenance on the fence along Forest Lake Drive are tentative projects so plan accordingly. We'll meet at Baronridge Park @ 8:30. Can we count on YOU? Also, we'll do the campout the night before starting at 5-6 P.M.

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