

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 @ THE SCOUT HUT OR CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M. CHECK THE ENTRYWAY SIGNS FOR THE LOCATION THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO EACH MEETING.

CLEAR LAKE FOREST JOINS JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Effective immediately, all residents of Clear Lake Forest are now eligible for membership at the JSC Federal Credit Union. You are welcome to join the Credit Union and take care of all your financial transactions at any of their eight (8) area locations. As a member, you are eligible to enjoy a wide variety of financial services which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Savings Accounts
- No service Fee Checking Accounts
- VISA Check and Credit Cards
- Various Loan Types
- Investment Accounts and Financial Planning
- Automated Features such as telephone or online home banking

To join, all you need to tell the staff is that you are a member of the Clear Lake Forest Community Association. You may call the Credit Union at 281-488-7070, visit online at www.jscfcu.org or simply go to one of their locations. The main office is at 1330 Gemini, Houston, Texas 77058. They also have various accounts for seniors, children and students. Also, once you join, **any** member of your family is eligible to join. This is a great new service that we found was available to community associations, so don't delay in taking advantage of it.

FIRST ANNUAL CLF POLAR BEAR DARE - January 8, 2004

That's right you read that right! On the first Saturday after New Years, January 8, 2004, the CLFCA will host the **FIRST ANNUAL POLAR BEAR DARE**, (Sleet, Snow or Shine). You too can join the Clear Lake Forest Blue Bear Club. **The pool will open for swimming** (yes, we said **swimming**) **from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. CLFCA will serve hot chocolate and ice cream to those that attend the party.**

The first 50 swimmers (sans wetsuit) brave enough to at least jump in the deep end and swim to one of the pool stairs (or exit out anyway you choose) will receive a commemorative koozie you can use in the hot sun-imer to remind yourself of cooler and crazier times! Here's the chance for all you transplants from up north to strut your stuff or for those that seek to confirm their sanity to do something silly.

CLFCA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS WITH ELECTRICAL EXPERIENCE

If you are a licensed electrician (preferably) or experienced in electrical repairs, the CLFCA needs your help. As our neighborhood ages, we are continually needing an electrician to repair facilities.

Most is relatively minor stuff, but occasionally it is not. Many residents volunteer their time to help keep CLF looking good and we appreciate it. Each month, your Board trustees volunteer a great deal of their personal time to make sure our community functions properly. If you have this talent or know someone in our neighborhood that does, please contact a Board trustee. If you have other talents, such as plumbing or air conditioning/heating, roofing, we would like to initiate/maintain a list for future reference.

CCISD SCHOOL A REALITY

Land on Kirby Drive is now being cleared in preparation for construction of a new CCISD elementary school. Plans are available to be viewed at TVL City Hall and on our website. It will be a welcome addition to CLF, in particular and should provide a measurable boost to our property values. YAY!

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS?

If you want to be better informed on current issues, activities or important meetings, make sure we have your e-mail address. If it changes, notify us too. Contact our webmaster or a board member via our website.

DEED RESTRICTION FOCUS

(NOTE: In each newsletter, CLFCA will highlight a deed restriction issue in order to better inform residents.)

Since this is the last newsletter of 2004, the following is a list of Deed Restriction Reminders:

- Christmas decorations must be taken down by January 24th (Exterior Maintenance Guidelines)
- An extraordinary number of homes in CLF need to take action to remove mildew from the siding on their homes. It is a real problem as well as a pain to do or have done. Take a look at yours!!
- Please remember that CLFCA approval is **required** before building or placing storage sheds, lean-tos, green houses, covered decks/patios, batting cages or other similar structures in your back yard or side yard. You may also require a TLV or Pasadena City Permit as well. Getting that approval in advance will save you the expense of possibly having to tear it down.
- Storage piles or other “clutter” must be stored out of public view. Said items include woodpiles, bags of dirt or mulch or piles or stacks of lumber and bricks.

Again, thank you for your cooperation and have a happy holiday season.

CLEAR LAKE FOREST WOMEN’S CLUB –Next Meeting January 11th @ 4303 Meadowbank

The Clear Lake Forest Women’s Club has enjoyed delightful meetings and community interaction over the past few months. Over 100 residents attended the Neighborhood Potluck Dinner in October. Even though it poured rain all day, we were dry under the cover of the newly painted pool building and enjoyed greeting friends and neighbors.

December is busy as usual. Club members put up holiday decorations around the area and also sponsored the Christmas Open House on December 3rd. Homes this year were the Duncan’s at 607 Baronridge, the Rangel’s at 903 Forest Lake and the Grounds at 4142 Crownwood. The December meeting was held at the Bay Area Museum, where members brought items for adopted families as well as a fun auction of items created by members. The January meeting at Ruth Caroccio’s will feature a tour of Texas Wines. Guests are welcome and the fun starts at 7 PM. Call Marsha Staley at 281-532-1089. Future events include a **Spring Family Picnic** on April 19th at Baronridge Park and on May 15th, the annual **Pool Kick-Off**.

TREES IN CLF ARE IMPORTANT -HERE ARE SOME HELPFULE FACTS/GUIDELINES

Did you know that trees can add from 7-20% to a home's value? Trees improve our quality of life by reducing and filtering pollutants. They also shade and cool our homes lowering energy costs. Trees can reduce runoff in urban areas by up to 17%. An average tree produces about 23 kg oxygen and reduces atmospheric carbon dioxide by about 26kg. Removing trees is prohibited in CLF by the deed restrictions, unless the tree dies, becomes diseased or interferes with construction. The CLFCA is recommending a list of trees that are native or adapted to the Houston area and would add interest and diversity to our suburban habitat. Please view this list on our website or for fuller description of these trees, look at the WaterSmart website at www.watersmart.cc. Let's make sure we maintain our Clear Lake Forest oasis.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS (cutout and tape this to your refrigerator)

The 2004-2005 Board Members, home phone numbers and responsibilities are:

Alan Koelemay	281/474-2634	President/Parks & Entryways/Architectural
John DeLapp	281/326-3736	Secretary/Parks & Entryways
Diane Humes	281/532-1063	Treasurer/Pool Facility
Rusty Stewart	281/474-9140	Vice President/Pool Facility
Mary Bass	281/291-9619	Deed Restrictions

TLV MOM'S CO-OP

Any moms looking for a few activities with the kids or looking to share ideas with or how about a MOM's Night out once a month? There is a solution. The TLV Mom's CO-OP! Each month, this group meets for a planning meeting or a children's activity at local parks and homes. Anyone is welcome and the cost to join is \$5 per year which supports cookie and juice habits at our functions. Activities are posted on the CLF website. Contact Jennifer at 281-474-7262 or Dyana via email at chrisdyana@earthlink.net. The next meeting is January 10th @ Teresa Gay's home, 811 Forest Lake.

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