

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

(Published twice a year to inform residents what your Association is doing.)

***** 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.

SERVICE CHARGE ELECTION A SUCCESS

The election held on May 4, 2002 to continue the service charge (annual assessment) beyond July 29, 2003 was overwhelmingly approved. Funds from the service charge are necessary to care for the common facilities and enforce deed restrictions. A total of 749 homeowners voters representing 424 lots cast votes and 93% of those cast were in favor of the extension. This was an extremely important step in assuring the long-term stability of Clear Lake Forest subdivision. Thanks for your support.

FALL SPRUCE-UP DATE IS OCTOBER 19TH at 8:00 A.M.

Please mark **OCTOBER 19** on your calendar. Your subdivision really needs your help to do some repairs and maintenance to various areas of CLF. The Board is appealing to all residents and non-residents who use our facilities to take part in this activity. We are contacting any group or organization that uses CLF facilities (scouts, Indian guides/princesses, swim team) and asking for their help. If not done by **volunteers**, we will have to pay a contractor to do the work, which really shouldn't be necessary. We have too many residents in CLF that can step up and help. These are projects that the average homeowner could do. Volunteers will be divided into two groups, one group for the Pool Area and one for Baronridge Park. Projects planned for the Pool Area include painting in the bathrooms, power washing the brick wall exterior building, clean the kitchen area and trimming bushes, etc. Projects planned for Baronridge Park include cutting down brush along Mud Lake & Scout Hut, remove weeds/grass & repair landscape timbers around playground area and assemble & anchor new picnic tables. Are we begging and whining enough? Don't assume others will volunteer and you won't be needed. Please donate a Saturday morning to help the community accomplish needed improvements. As a bonus, The *Lake and Bay Log* has graciously agreed, to supply lunch and refreshments to those who volunteer. **Call one of the Board members (see numbers below) and sign up.** The more we know are coming, the better we can plan projects, obtain materials and plan for lunch. Come meet your neighbors!

CLEARLAKEFOREST.COM?

That's right! Thanks to the effort and expertise of CLF resident Steve Zobal, the CLFCA has launched our website. There are many areas that need To Be Done or "TBD". We'll have information such as deed restrictions, collection policy, exterior guidelines as well as community announcements. We are also including links to other sites such as HCAD, GCAD, CCISD, City of Pasadena and TLV (when available). We also want to post information for CLF organizations such as the Garden Club, Scouts, Indian Guides/Princesses, Tennis, Swim Team, etc. Check it out today. If you have information dealing with any organization or the TBD's, please contact Steve by email at szobal@pdq.net. Please reference CLFCA in the subject line to expedite the process.

BUDGET ISSUES

CLF is over thirty years old. As our subdivision gets older, the facilities needing maintenance/repair increase. One of the areas that require the most maintenance is the Pool Facility. Our pool maintenance company has recently brought to our attention several problems at the pool facility that require repair. We have had leak tests performed by a third party to verify some of their concerns. The fiberglass liners on all the pools are flaking or cracking, most of the skimmers are leaking and need replacement, the lifeguard stands need replacing/repair and the building itself will need a new roof soon and certain areas need painting and updating. The Scout Hut also needs some long overdue maintenance as well as other areas within Baronridge Park. We hope to take care of some of the maintenance at our **Fall Spruce-Up, Saturday, Oct. 19th**. What this should bring home to everyone is that at the current assessments, we are able to budget the small ticket items and sometimes put some money into cash reserves. The big ticket items are quite another story. Resurfacing and repairing the family pool is estimated to cost \$90,000, the lap pool \$70,000 and the baby pool \$5,000. As pool owners know, pools need to be resurfaced every ten (10) years or so, depending on how well they are maintained. We may need to increase assessments to accrue reserves for the big items that will come up or to enable us to consider financing. As some of you know, assessments have not been increased since **1984** and we have been fortunate that our facilities have held up pretty well. Get involved, come to a meeting to ask questions and get informed.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Effective July 1st, Evvie Gilbert joined the Board, replacing Al Smith who decided that he'd rather enjoy retirement. What a concept! Evvie lives at 4011 Elderwood and has been a resident for 12 years.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS (tape this to the refrigerator)

The 2001-2002 Board Members and home phone numbers are:

Alan Koelemay	281/474-2634	President/Park & Entryways
Carl Fontenot	281/474-7279	Treasurer
Diane Humes	281/532-1063	Trustee/Pool Facility
Rusty Stewart	281/474-9140	Vice President/Maintenance
Evvie Gilbert	281/326-4903	Secretary/Deed Restrictions

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Baronridge Park has been the target of vandalism. Foul graffiti and broken windows at the Scout Hut plus damage to the fence at the Tennis Courts. All CLF residents need to be vigilant and intercede if vandalism is observed. This is everyone's neighborhood so don't be hesitant to act. Names should be taken, parents notified and if necessary, police contacted. If you get information yourself or from your kids, contact any Board member with the details. Sadly, this may be caused by kids from CLF. It appears that some of the activity is taking place after school between 4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M. CLFCA has requested Lakeview and Pasadena Police increase patrols and become more visible at the Park. Some of you may not know that the Park is actually in Pasadena. **Parents, please discuss this subject with your kids.** If they see kids being destructive, tell them to tell you so the appropriate action can be taken. We need to put a stop to this. If the guilty parties can be determined, action will be pursued against the kids and/or parents.
2. Please pick-up after your pets throughout the neighborhood. "Dog Poop" is becoming a real nuisance at the Park and neighbor's yards. Also, control your dogs. They should not be allowed to roam. TLV has a leash law and problem animals can be reported to the City. Thanks for your cooperation.
3. Please bring whatever tools you have to help with the Spruce-Up. If anyone has a power washer, please be sure to volunteer as we can sure use several at the Pool Area. Also, if you have any electrical experience, we could use your help in replacing light sockets along Forest Lake Drive.

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