

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

(Check out our website: www.clearlakeforest.com for current information)

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 FY2006-2007 Past Due

If you have not paid your FY 2006-07 dues, they are past due and have been assessed a \$25 late fee. Assessments were due by July 31st. If your assessment is not paid by October 31st, which is only weeks away and you have not made arrangements for a payment plan, then on or about the 1^{0th} of November, unpaid accounts will be turned over to our attorney's for collection. Please contact a Board member or Sharon Bass & Associates at 281-488-1434 to discuss a payment plan. **Prior to an account being referred to the attorneys, a homeowner will have received no less than three notices regarding the account.** In a short period of time, the legal fees to collect delinquent assessments can easily exceed the initial amount due, so we urge residents to pay before the above deadline. High energy costs have really hit the budget hard as well as other maintenance costs. CLFCA is also trying to fund improvements in the neighborhood. If you need a payment plan, all you have to do is ask and we will accommodate you. But in order to **avoid**, your account being referred for collection and ensuing legal fees, you must work that out **before** they go to the lawyers. Afterwards, a payment plan is still available, but it will be agreed to with the attorneys handling the case and include legal fees. 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, for an average lot, they are quite low compared to any subdivision in the Clear Lake area with comparable facilities. It is, however, essential for all to pay their dues timely. We certainly welcome your suggestions on how to improve this system.

FALL SPRUCE-UP ON OCTOBER 28TH @ BARONRIDGE PARK plus a Campout

Mark your calendar now and help improve the neighborhood. This year we are going to try something a little different and have the event from 1 to 5 P.M. At the Spring event, we had a good turnout. Among items done, the benches on the pier at the Park were replaced and the wood planks on the bleachers at the pool were replaced. Please plan to help this time. Items we are planning involve some improvements around the south parking lot at the Pool Facility related to the school pathway and work at the Lake Grove and Willow Hill entryway. That evening, weather permitting, we'll have another campout around the Scout Hut. Contact a Board Member about questions (list below) and please volunteer. Meet a neighbor!

CARNIVAL AT BARONRIDGE PARK ON OCTOBER 28TH TOO!

A CLF member of the Girl Scouts is planning to have a Carnival at the Park on October 28th from 5 - 8 P.M. as her service project. Proceeds will go toward the new playground equipment project being sponsored by the TLV Mom's CO-OP working with CLFCA. It is being held after our Fall Spruce-UP and before the Campout later that same evening. CLFCA urges all residents to support this worthwhile cause. So far, the CO-OP has raised over \$3,000 from resident donations included in recent dues collections. CLFCA is hoping to get additional funding through the City of Pasadena's "Neighborhood Network Matching Grant Program". The CO-OP

is seeking funds from local businesses as well. CLFCA seeks input from all residents on the playground and park improvements. Come to a meeting to share your thoughts.

CLEAR LAKE FOREST Women's Club UPCOMING EVENTS

Next meeting is November 14th at Cheryl Grounds home, 4010 Rolling Green @ 7 P.M. (Wine tasting) and the next meeting is December 12th (ornament exchange). Information on the annual Open House on December 1st will be coming soon. For more information on the only neighborhood women's group, contact Linda Pearson, Secretary @ 281-474-3484. It's another great way to meet your neighbors.

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CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS (tape this to trefrigerator)

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

Alan Koelemav	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

DEED RESTRICTION TOPIC - "The Poop on Pets"

"No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats or other common household pets may be kept provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes." Yes, CLFCA deed restrictions allow household pets and the Board knows that sometimes animals are abandoned. However, a feral cat is not a household pet, unless you make it one, i.e. bring it in to live with you, feed and care for it, obtain vaccinations, etc. Kind-hearted folks will leave food outside for them and attract rats, but we urge you to find another solution. How many loose cats in CLF do we need? "Street" cats pose a health threat to pet cats. If you can't commit yourself to giving a stray cat a home, contact the authorities: Pasadena Animal Rescue @ 281-991-0602; Bay Area SPCA @ 281-339-2086 or Second Chance Pets @ 281-286-3535. For injured or orphaned wildlife call Wildlife Rehab & Education @ 713-643-WILD. Regarding "man's best friend", your neighbors would greatly appreciate it if all owners would please pick up your dog's poop from their lawns or the Park. CLFCA Board decided to remove the trash cans from Baronridge Park and at the court near the Pool. They are old, rusted, falling apart and nasty to empty. Remember the old backpacker's adage: "Pack it In, Pack it Out". The trash can issue can be revisited in the future if warranted.

CLEAR LAKE "FOREST" FOR A REASON

Our deed restrictions state: "No trees shall be cut except to provide for construction of improvements or to remove dead or unsightly trees". So what do you do when your 35 year old trees are dying or declining? Plant new trees, of course! Keep in mind that native trees are better adapted to our climate and can better withstand storms. A variety of species is preferable to a monoculture. Consider the Winged Elm, Red Oak, White Oak, Lacey Oak, Shumard Oak, Magnolia, Texas Hawthorn, Bald

Cypress, Viburnums, Hollies, Drummond Red Apple, Black Hickor and Black Gum. Never ever plant a Chinese Tallow, a noxious invasive plant and avoid the Arizona Ash or Cottonwood. In fact, it's a good idea to police your yard and remove baby Chinese Tallow trees. A few websites to check out are www.watersmart.cc and www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu Remember, you are required to get approval from CLFCA to remove a tree.

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