

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.

CLFCA ANNUAL MEETING MAY 24, 2005

Please mark this date on your calendar. Whether you have lived in CLF for years or are new to our neighborhood, your attendance is important. CLF is known throughout our area as a family oriented community with great facilities and a variety of quality homes. It is, however, an aging community that needs to be aware of its standing and appearance in order to attract and maintain quality residents. It is also important to remind all residents that CLF is a deeded community. That means that to do certain things to your home or lot, you need approval from the CLFCA. All residents are subject to the deed restrictions and your Association is concerned that many in our neighborhood choose to ignore them and ignorance is not a defense. **When you chose to purchase a home in CLF, you agreed to comply with all deed restrictions, not the ones that you think are important and ignore the ones that you don't particularly like.** That may sound harsh, but look around. Everyone that lives in CLF has an obligation to know their deed restrictions and comply with them. Also, it is not solely the responsibility of the CLFCA to enforce the restrictions and in fact, the owner of any lot can initiate action to enforce the deed restrictions. Your Board of Trustees is made up of residents of CLF and we are volunteers. We have the same interest in how our homes look as you do. It is becoming an increasingly overwhelming task, such that one person simply can no longer do. Among other things, we will be discussing this issue at the Annual Meeting and the formation of a Deed Restriction Sub-Committee made up of volunteers to assist the Board.

The restrictions also state that the Association, via an architectural control committee, must approve or disapprove plans and specifications, location of structures, construction contracts and all other necessary documents or approvals required by these restrictions. Any change to your home's exterior must be approved. Anything that is deemed to be a permanent structure on your property and it's location, i.e. storage sheds, green houses, playground structures, cabanas or tiki huts, all must get approval. There are also utility easements and restriction/ordinance setbacks that dictate where these things can be put. Failure to get approval can be very costly as the Association can and will, if necessary, force the removal or relocation of these structures.

SPRING SPRUCE-UP AND CAMPOUT SLATED FOR APRIL 15/16, 2005

It's that time again. Please join your neighbors on Saturday morning at 9 A.M. at Baronridge Park. We have a list of small projects to accomplish and your participation is needed. It's a great time to meet or get reacquainted with friends. Planting at the entryways, landscaping at the Park, cleaning up at the Pool Facility are some of the projects to do. Power washing the brick at the Willow Hill location is needed. **A**

call to let us know how many to expect is appreciated, but you can just show up too. Mark your calendar now! A campout the night before is becoming a popular event. If you want to join the fun, start showing up around 5 P.M and put up your tent. We'll cook hot dogs & hamburgers on a grill and have a campfire near the water. For those that stay for the spruce-up, we'll have a continental style breakfast.

CLFCA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS WITH VARIOUS SKILLS (Still need your help)

If you are licensed or experienced in electrical, plumbing, A/C & heating or carpentry, the CLFCA needs your help. As our neighborhood ages, we are needing individuals from time to time to help with the repair of our facilities. 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 any of these talents or know someone in our neighborhood that does, please call them or contact a Board trustee. We would like to initiate/maintain a list for future reference. Please don't be bashful.

FIVE YEAR PLAN UPDATE

As many of you will remember, the Board Trustees with the able help of volunteers generated a five year plan when we sought the assessments increase several years ago. We are in the process of updating that plan. If you have projects or improvements to suggest, please contact Board Trustee Rusty Stewart.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES -What Are They Anyway?

Spring has sprung and with it, plans to clean up our lots after a typical Houston winter. Did you know that the CLF Board of Trustees actually passed the "Exterior Maintenance Guidelines", a checklist of sorts, to help our residents determine what needs to be done around the exterior of our houses?

The Guidelines, first passed by the Board in 1984 and recently amended in September, 2004, are a statement of policy of how the Association enforces the deed restrictions, which require owners to keep their property maintained and in good condition. The deed restrictions, as well as the Guidelines are filed with Harris County and make up a legally enforceable contract. Not only the Association, but also homeowners can enforce this contract by seeking injunctions against member homeowners who do not comply with the standards. The Guidelines are on our website at www.clearlakeforest.com or request a printed copy from Mary Bass (281) 291-9619.

CLEAR LAKE FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB . SPRING FAMILY FUN EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th, 10 AM TO 1 PM PICNIC @ BARONRIDGE PARK. CLF residents are encouraged to bring your children and grandchildren for a fun time at the park. There will be games, face-painting, a moon walk, lemonade and other surprises for the children to enjoy. Bring a blanket or chairs, a picnic lunch and anything else you might enjoy at the park.

SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1 PM TO 4 PM -- ANNUAL POOL KICK-OFF. All residents are invited to celebrate the beginning of the 2005 pool season. It's a great time to visit with neighbors and newcomers to CLF. Margaret Frick will direct pool and water games and there will be food and drinks for sale. There will also be neat items for raffle to raise money for the Women's Club events. The pool complex was renovated last fall, so come see the new look.

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

FUN TO BE A FIN!

Get a head start on summer fun by signing up for the Clear Lake Forest Fins. Registration will be held at the Pool on Saturday, April 9th from 10A.M. to 1 P.M. and Wednesday, April 13, from 5 —7 P.M. At the Wednesday sign-up, a person from the Texas Swim Shop will be there selling swim suits, goggles & caps. The team is open to swimmers of all abilities from ages 5 to 18. Contact John DeLapp for details.

MISCELLANEOUS

- LOOSE/UNATTENDED PETS IN CLF – Over the past months, the Board has been fielding questions and complaints from residents about pets running wild in the neighborhood. CLFCA does not have any enforcement role in this area. This is a city issue for either TLV or Pasadena and there are ordinances in place that address this issue. Complaints should be made to the city whether it's a neighbor with a barking dog or one with a pet that roams around unattended. It has been our observation that the police department is willing and capable of responding to these complaints. Both cities also have pet control personnel and do respond.
- Three CLFCA positions are up for election, which would be held the same date as city elections scheduled for May 7, 2005. Anyone interested in serving on the CLFCA would need to give notice by April 8, 2005 according to our By-laws. Contact any Board member with questions.

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