

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ Scout Hut AT 7:00 P.M.

DOES ANYONE REALLY CARE? by CLFCA President Alan Koelemay

I am truly sorry to report that requests in the March newsletter for residents of CLF to step forward to run for a position on the Board have fallen on deaf ears. There are slightly over 800 homes in our neighborhood and it is incredibly disheartening that to date, there is no interest in serving on the Board to help manage our association. Overall, three of the five trustees have been on the Board for 10-12+ years each and a fourth has been on the Board for four years. I chose to run for a spot on the Board to have a voice in how funds were spent. I was unhappy that some of our facilities needed repair or updating. This association does not run by itself and we can't afford to hire a management company. Management companies are very costly (consider up to \$10 per lot per month) and often send harassing letters at a cost to justify their existence. No one wants their dues to increase, but without a certain level of volunteerism what is the alternative? We need volunteers to help control costs. CLF residents have historically volunteered their time to help out, whether it was to build the Scout Hut 30 years ago or level it 6 years ago, raise money for playground equipment and then help construct it. Where is that spirit to help or get involved? It's not all Pollyanna as there are always complaints about something, just not enough I guess to get someone fired up to join the Board.

I'm happy to say that most of our facilities are now in pretty good shape and our financial condition is sound. That didn't just happen. It was first accomplished by the Board proposing and residents agreeing to a dues increase in 2002. We'll always have projects to consider, prioritize and act on. TLV City Council might finally be warming to the idea that they need to be our back up when it comes to enforcing deed restrictions. See article on TLV Parking Ordinance. Aging neighborhoods need that tool when all other options fail. The Board meets only once a month and we communicate often by email. Contact one of the trustees with questions. This is important as the Association needs active participation. **We all have busy schedules. "YOUR" Association needs its residents to step forward and serve.**

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS DUE JULY 1ST - CHECK MAIL FOR STATEMENT

Does that look familiar to anyone? In an effort to publicize this fact, CLFCA had banners and signs made up and posted them in key areas throughout the neighborhood. This will eliminate the excuse of not knowing assessments were due or "I didn't get my statement" from reasons for not paying or paying on time. Also included in each statement was the new "Collection Policy" adopted at our April monthly meeting. The Policy is also on our website for review. The \$25 late fee applies to dues paid after July 1st but before October 1st. However, after October 1st, the late fee increases to \$100. If you are having problems, we will work out a payment plan with you. Late fees, however, will apply depending on when you call to seek a payment plan. We go the extra mile to avoid referring to the attorneys because it not our desire to make them money. However, once referred to the attorney for action, you'll be responsible for legal fees.

CAPITAL PROJECT WISH LIST

As we begin our new fiscal year, the Board is considering projects to take on. We are very interested in hearing from you. The parking lots on both sides of the pool complex need replacing and most of the tennis court lights need replacing. If you have a project that you think needs to be considered, please contact any Board Trustee on our website by email, call us or better yet come to a monthly meeting.

DOGGIE DOOLEY IS DONE by Diane Humes

We gave it a try, but the Doggie Dooley in Baronridge Park, intended to be a composter for doge waste, will be filled in. Evidence in the Park and near the Pool Facility indicates that dog poop is still not being picked up. Remember bacteria present in feces not picked up will be washed into Armand Bayou. Please pick up after your pet, bury it or dispose in the trash. Bayous have enough bacteria without adding more.

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The 2009-2010 Board Members and home phone numbers are:

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Diane Humes	281/532-1063	Treasurer/Pool Facility
Linda Pearson	281/474-3484	Secretary- Park/Entryways
Steve Zobal	281/326-1223	Trustee/Deed Restrictions

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING CLF LOOKING GOOD

The Board wants to take this opportunity to thank all the many residents that always keep their homes and yards attractive. Especially after IKE, it wasn't easy getting everything put back together again. Countless neighbors helping each other clear debris from the streets was a daunting task. What a pleasure it is to drive or walk through the neighborhood and see the transformation that has occurred. Keep it up!

TLV ORDINANCE TO BAN PARKING IN YARDS

By the time you receive this newsletter, TLV City Council will most likely have passed an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles in yards. Details are likely posted on the City's website. CLF has a similar restriction but no enforcement power other than to take a violator to court. This is a welcome step by TLV to help communities enforce deed restrictions and maintain property values.

CLF WEBSITE & EMAIL ALERT

Check out our website for activities, clubs, organizations or meetings taking place in CLF or to find copies of the deed restrictions or exterior maintenance guidelines. You can also contact members of the Board through the website. **Also, if you want to receive email alerts from CLFCA regarding neighborhood news, give us your email address through our website and don't forget to update your email address should it change.**

TLV CITY TRASH/GARBAGE PICK-UP POLICY

TREE LIMBS, ETC. MUST BE TIED UP IN BUNDLES, 5 FT X 18 INCHES AND WEIGH LESS THAN 50 POUNDS EACH OR IT WILL **NOT** BE PICKED UP. CURBSIDE PICKUP IS LIMITED TO 5 BUNDLES AND 10 TRASH BAGS PER PICKUP. Please put trash containers out only on designated pick-up days (Tuesday and Friday) or the night before. Ameriwaste is TLV contractor and can be reached at 281-331-8400. For those CLF residents in Pasadena, call 713-475-5566.

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CLF 2009 Calendar of ACTIVITIES

CLF (Women's Club) Holiday Open House December 4
POOL SUMMER SCHEDULE See CLF Website for specifics