

# **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

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\*\*\*\*\*CLFCA TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 281-532-3447\*\*\*\*\*

**Answering machine with information on how to reach CLFCA Board Members.**

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## **DEED RESTRICTION FOCUS**

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

**Storing Garbage Cans in Public View.** Please, do not store your garbage cans so that they can be seen from the street. CLF Exterior Maintenance Guidelines require us all to store garbage cans out of public view. Your CLF Board of Trustees makes an exception to enforcement of this rule on pick-up days only, Tuesdays and Fridays. But, please don't leave the cans out a day before and/or a day after trash collection day as that leaves only one day of the week when garbage cans are out of sight. If you use a screen or bush to hide them, make sure the screen is opaque or that the bush is full enough to completely obscure view of the cans. If you want to construct a screen, please contact Alan Koelemay, CLFCA President, for permission, first. If you have a screen which you haven't gotten approved, you can still contact Alan to get CLFCA permission and get "legal". This will improve the overall appearance of our neighborhood. We have also gotten complaints about bags of rubbish and branches left by yard services at the curb. Please make sure these bags are not left at the curb until the next trash day, but are stored so that they cannot be seen from the street. Thank You!

**Trash Collection Schedules and Rules.** The City of Taylor Lake Village is in charge of trash collection for CLF. According to the City's information, TLV will pick up an unlimited amount of household waste at your back door and will pick up "bulk" items at the curbside on Fridays. You need not drag household waste to the curb if you also have "bulk" items for pick-up. "Bulk" items include, for example, when you clean out your garage, tree branches or a large number of yard bags. Branches should be cut to a minimum of six feet in length and bundled. Likewise, paint, oil and other hazardous waste may not be included in your trash for pick up. A list of hazardous waste which the City cannot collect and how to dispose of it is posted in the protected bulletin board in front of City Hall. Hazardous waste includes batteries, used oil, latex paint, antifreeze, TV sets, auto tires and electronics. If you have any questions about "bulk" or hazardous items, contact the City at 281-326-2843. Watch your water bills early in the year for the notice when University of Houston - Clear Lake has its annual hazardous waste collection drive. It's usually occurs in March or April of each year.

## **FALL SPRUCE-UP/CAMPOUT DATE IS OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

Please mark these dates on your calendar. This will be our second campout on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> in tandem with our annual Fall Spruce-Up. As before, start showing up with your tent gear (no stoves or individual fires or cooking) at 4:00 P.M. in Baronridge Park and pick your spot. Beverages/Hot Dogs served around 6:30 and central campfire around 9:00 (lawn chairs too). We'll also provide a continental breakfast for those that help out with the Spruce-Up. **The Spruce-Up will start at 9:00 A.M.** so you can sleep late. Most

activities are landscape oriented so bring appropriate tools & gloves. If you have a gas powered power washer, please advise in advance. We had a better turn-out last spring which was encouraging. With a good turnout, we are usually done by 1 P.M. or sooner. Please donate a Saturday morning to help the community look better. **Please call one of the Board members (see numbers below) and sign up or simply show up at the Park by 9 A.M.** The more we know are coming, the better we can plan the projects, obtain materials and plan for refreshments. It's also a good way to come meet your neighbors!

### **RENOVATION IN STORE FOR POOL BUILDINGS**

The structures at the Pool facility are scheduled for a makeover starting immediately. We will be replacing the roof and repairing all the weathered areas of all the structures within the fenced area as well as replacing exterior siding which is exposed to the weather with Hardiplank. We will be repainting the main building including the bathrooms and game room. Funds to do this work are available due to the assessments increase approved by CLF residents. Vic Hegman, owner of Buccaneer Construction, was the low bidder on this project due to the fact he is doing this work at cost to show his appreciation to the community and we thank him.

### **CCISD SCHOOL ON KIRBY ROAD?**

CLFCA has been advised by TLV Mayor O'Neill that CCISD has purchased the Kirby Road site for an elementary school. At print time, we are still trying to confirm with Pasadena officials. Let's hope it happens as that will be great for residents of CLF and put to rest serious concerns about that property.

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### **HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL DECORATIONS**

CLFCA Board of Trustees has amended our Exterior Maintenance Guidelines to more clearly address the above issue. Holiday decorations may not be put up more than thirty (30) days prior to the holiday it celebrates and must be taken down within thirty (30) days after the holiday ends. If you plan to install outdoor Christmas decorations this year, don't start installing them prior to Thanksgiving day. And remember: Don't put up more decorations than you can have down by Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. This rule applies not only to Christmas, but to all seasonal or holiday decorations including Easter, Halloween, et cetera. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **CLEAR LAKE FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

The Clear Lake Forest Women's Club (formerly the CLF Home and Garden Club) welcomes present members, new ones and guests as their new year begins. This meeting will be held at 4322 Willow Hill. The name was changed to better describe its purpose. The organization will focus on encouraging communications and activities among CLF residents, and, working with CLFCA, provide many opportunities for neighborhood interaction. We also want to increase awareness of our local governments and the issues that affect our community. Email: [clfwomensclub@aol.com](mailto:clfwomensclub@aol.com) Plans for this year include:

- Enjoyable meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, mostly in homes. Programs will include a presentation regarding CLF Deed restrictions, a "Mad Hat" gathering, a survey of Texas Wines, a spring fashion show by Casanova's Downfall, a Maas Nursery program on "Color & Shade", a demonstration of massage techniques and a fun Christmas Auction.
- 4 neighborhood social events including a Fall Pot Luck Dinner, Christmas Open House, Spring Family Picnic at Baronridge Park and the Pool Kick-Off Celebration
- Christmas Decorations at the entrances to the subdivision & Christmas Decorating Contest

**NEIGHBORHOOD POT LUCK DINNER –SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 7 PM**

The CLF Women’s Club is sponsoring their first pot luck dinner. Bring lawn chairs, beverage of choice and a dish to share. The fun will be held at the CLF Pool Complex on Forest Lake Drive and this event will be **ADULTS ONLY**. Residents with last name beginning in A-I, please bring a side dish (salad, vegetable); J-R bring a meat or main dish; S-Z bring a dessert. Music, Fellowship, paper goods and utensil provided.

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

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS STUFF**

- 1. Pets at the Park** There is a growing number of residents that are bringing their dogs to Baronridge Park on Saturday and Sunday mornings to let them run in the open area north of the tennis courts. Please know that we will not allow Baronridge Park to become known in the Clear Lake Area as a “Dog Park”. It is a private park for residents of CLF and their guests. Due to the increasing number of dogs involved and the fact that these days are typically higher use days, CLFCA is seeking input from all residents about this activity as it may be a safety concern. Visit our website to email your opinion to the Board.
- 2. Movie Nights in the Park** Over the summer, Board member Rusty Stewart has spearheaded two movie nights in Baronridge Park. An “oldies-but-goodie” classic movie is featured that is suitable for all ages. Bring your blankets, snacks & beverage to the Scout Hut. The last one held was attended by 40+ residents. Publicity for the next one will be signs around the neighborhood as well as email blast from the Association. Do we have your email address?
- 3. E-Mail Addresses** If you want to be better informed on current issues, activities or important meetings, make sure we have your e-mail address. Contact a board member via our website.

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