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# CLEAR LAKE CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

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## MANAGER'S CORNER — *"State of the Association"*

It's been a year since I first came on board with Clear Lake City Community Association, and my how it has flown by. It's been a busy, busy year! As most of you are aware, we have made quite a few changes here at CLCCA.

There are a lot of fresh faces in our office and around the facilities. The facilities have received much needed attention and refurbishment. In my first year as General Manager, we have:

- Increased pool maintenance to a year round schedule - "bye, bye green pools!"
- Painted the interior of the entire Diana Campus with sponsorship funds (special thanks to Amoco Federal Credit Union).
- Brought all play structures and fall surfaces up to code.
- Worked on safety/code issues at all pools.
- Replaced a lot of failing mechanical equipment with more reliable and energy efficient equipment.
- Installed 2 new playground structures at Meadowgreen and Oakbrook West Parks.
- Began a series of Town Hall meetings to educate residents on what CLCCA is currently working on and to solicit feedback from residents.
- Began a door to door campaign with flyers and advertising.
- Solicited community feedback through a survey distributed online and door to door.
- Updated our website and created an email blast system to help increase communication.
- Revamped our facility usage pricing and developed our "Medallion Plan."
- Added additional events such as: Dive In Movies, Spring Fling, Fall Festival, Parents Night Out, etc.
- Added additional fitness classes including: Zumba, Kickboxing, additional Water Fitness Classes, and Year Round Swim Lessons.
- Began to clean up park and common area landscaping with extensive tree pruning.
- Applied for and received a grant from the City of Houston to assist in funding of the project to repair the Camino South sign at Thunderbay and El Dorado.
- Applied for and received our license from the State of Texas to operate a Camp Program.

This next year you will begin to see even more changes and improvements. My staff is committed to being budget minded while improving the level of service the residents receive. Thank you for your patience over the past year while we work through some of the "hiccups." I hope that the upcoming year will continue to see improvements in communication and maintenance. I have said many times that I expected it to take about 18 months to achieve the level of maintenance and service I would like to see, and we are on track to achieve this goal. Thank you for your support.

*Leslie*

## BAY AREA TURNING POINT

**Are your kids learning about sex and relationships from T.V., popular music, and magazines? Do they spend more time hearing about violence and abuse than communication and respect?**

**Talk to your kids about sex and relationships. If you don't, who will?**

For more information, call Bay Area Turning Point at 281-338-7600. Bay Area Turning Point can come to your church, business or school to discuss healthy relationships and effective communication styles.

### ***Topics discussed:***

Healthy Relationships  
vs.  
Abusive Relationships

Sexual Assault, Date Rape  
Drugs,  
and Safe Dating

Effective Communication

Bay Area Turning Point, Inc. provides recovery solutions services for survivors of family violence and sexual assault and facilitates violence prevention strategies for societal change in partnership with our community.

**24-hour hotline:  
281-286-2525**

## LARRY'S COURT: Fun and Fitness @ the Rec Center

by Larry Wilson, *Gym Supervisor*

Well it's that time again, time for our quarterly newsletter, the Communicator. I suppose the big news in Clear Lake City is the weather. Our nation and our community in particular have really suffered through a winter such as we haven't experienced in quite some time. I, for one, have been quite surprised at the frigid winter we are in the midst of, and have sort of become accustomed to the global warming theory.

As usual, everything is on the upswing around the CLCCA main facility. We are able to keep a warm and inviting place for all our youth and adults to enjoy the multitude of activities. For example, a successful "Holiday Camp" took place over the Christmas break and a "Spring Break Day Camp" was held from March 15th-19th.

We also had a "Spring Fling" on March 27th with an Easter egg hunt, magician, face painting, balloon animals, moonwalk, concessions, games, and many other activities. Upcoming events include "Parent's Night Out" in April, May, June, July, and August. Our "Second Saturday Sale" has also been a successful event and should really pick up after the bitter winter.

The CLCCA hosted a rather large Karate Tournament in February and expect other organized events to follow. Let's hope everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to their return in the future.

Finally, as always, we appreciate all our regulars, hope to provide the service they need and desire, and hope that they are with us for years to come.

Be on the lookout; it won't be long until summer and our pools will be open for fun and refreshing good times.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The Oakbrook subdivision is participating in the City of Houston pilot automated curbside recycling and placed second in a contest to see which neighborhood had the most participation in the City of Houston's curbside recycling program. Way to go, Oakbrook! Their efforts may help all of us get curbside recycling. For now, though, the rest of us must deliver our own recyclables to Ellington or a school/library paper collection container. Many people have asked what to do in Camino South, Oakbrook West, and Meadowgreen to get curbside recycling.

We need to request curbside recycling and when resources become available, neighborhoods that have shown enough support for the program should get it. To request curbside recycling, simply write a letter to the City of Houston Solid Waste Department and ask for your subdivision to be considered for curbside recycling. Be sure to provide:

- the subdivision name and garbage service day,
- the name, address, and phone number of a contact person (you), and
- a note that you are next to the Oakbrook subdivision which already has automated curbside recycling.

Mail your letter to the *Solid Waste Management Department*,  
611 Walker, 12th floor, Houston, Texas 77002 Attn: Curbside Recycling Program.

Visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling-faq.html>  
for more information.

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS at CLCCA

by Sherri Simmons, CLCCA Assistant Recreation Director

If you are looking for a place to bring your children during the summer break, look no further. The Clear Lake City Community Association is proud to offer a state licensed Day Camp filled with activities, games, recreation, and outdoor fun to keep the children of our community occupied and active during their time off from school.

Each two week session will have a different theme. All crafts, songs, and games relate to the theme with swimming included every day. Each Day Camp will run from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The fee for a two week session is \$150.<sup>00</sup>. (\*Please note: *Wet'n Wild* is one week).

### June 7-18 *Strings, Wings, and Flying Things*

We will make boomerangs, learn string games, and create our own butterflies, birds, and bees. Events include swimming, hiking, singing, and a field trip.

### June 21-July 2 *The Greatest Camp on Earth* (circus circus)

Here come the lions, tigers, and bears! Come learn how to be an acrobat, a tight rope walker, and even a clown. This camp will prove to be the greatest with a show on the last day of camp.

### July 5-16 *Can you dig it?* (scavenger hunts, dinosaur digs, mining for gold, etc.)

Digging has never been so much fun! Mine for gold and jewels then make yourself something. Be archeologists and learn about dinosaur digs and fossils.

### July 19-30 *Acting Out* (plays, costumes, mime, and more)

Curtain call for all actors and actresses! Learn how to act in a play, make your own costumes, create props, and put on stage make-up. The last day of camp will be acted out on the stage.

### August 2-13 *Day Camp Magic*

Now you see it now you don't! Magic tricks, magicians, and more.

### \*August 16-20 *Wet'n Wild* (people washers, slip n slides . . . anything wet)

This week long camp will prove to be the wettest and slipperiest one of all! Water games, hula dancers, swimming, people washers, and water balloons!

In the summer we are partnering with 5 Star Academy to offer Sports Camps for those children interested in learning some great fundamentals of the following sports: football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and lacrosse. The Sports Camps will be one week long starting the week of June 14, 2010 and will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. The fee for a Sports Camp is \$250.<sup>00</sup>.

Registration forms are available at the CLCCA office or online at [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org). Call Sherri or Shelly at 281-488-0360 for information on availability and discounts. Registration forms are available at the CLCCA office. Call Shelly at 281-488-0360 for more information.

# Local Recycling Centers

## Ellington Field

Open 7 Days a Week  
8 AM - 8 PM @ Ellington Field

Newspapers, Catalogs,  
Phone Books, Magazines,  
Cardboard, Plastic, Glass, Cans  
(steel, aluminum, tin, aerosol)  
For more information, call City of  
Houston Service Helpline @ 311

## Metal Recycling Center

1211 College @ I-45  
M - F 8:30 AM - 5 PM  
Sat - Sun 9 AM - Noon

(713) 943-8456  
Cans, Copper, Brass,  
Stainless Steel, Batteries

## Armand Bayou Nature Center

8500 Bay Area Blvd.  
Newspapers, Magazines,  
Paper Products

## Clear Lake Elementary

Newspapers, Magazines

## Freeman Library

Newspapers, Magazines

## Space Center Intermediate

Continuous Newspapers

## Clear Lake High School

Continuous Newspapers

## GOOD USED BOOKS

Freeman Library  
Friends Bookstore





## LIFEGUARD AND DAY CAMP COUNSELOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in being a lifeguard or day camp counselor? CLCCA has positions available this summer. Contact Shelly Haralson at 281-488-0360 to find out how you can obtain your training and certification and become a lifeguard or day camp counselor.

## DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement of deed restrictions is showing signs of improvement. From November 1, 2009 through February 23, 2010, approximately 39 letters were sent to commercial properties and 351 letters and postcards were sent to residential properties (Oakbrook-35; Meadowgreen-16; Camino South-42; Oakbrook West-258). Thank you for your help in identifying violations throughout the CLCCA properties.

## ADVERTISING

Advertising is now available in the Communicator. The following is a table of our rates.

SIZE	1 ISSUE	2 ISSUES	4 ISSUES
1/8 pg.	\$50	\$85	\$170
1/4 pg.	\$100	\$170	\$340
1/2 pg.	\$175	\$297	\$595
Full pg.	\$250	\$425	\$850

Specific details are described in CLCCA Policy 410-4. Contact the CLCCA office at 281-488-0360 for additional information and availability.

## 2010 POOL SEASON

The 2009 Summer Pool Season is quickly approaching! The Oakbrook West pool will be available throughout the pool season for pool parties, swim meets, and other rental activities (call Shelly at 281-488-0360 to make reservations). The Outdoor Recreation Pool will be open on weekends from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm starting on Memorial Day weekend, May 29th-31st. The Camino South and Meadowgreen pools will open following a rotating schedule on Monday, June 7th. The schedule for June and July will be as follows:

- Outdoor Recreation Center Pool will be open from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm, seven days a week.
- Camino South Pool will be open from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Meadowgreen Pool will be open from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Beginning in August, the Camino South and Meadowgreen pools will be open following the same rotating schedule from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The Outdoor Recreation Center Pool will continue to be open from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm seven days a week. All pools will close after the Labor Day Weekend.

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

The Board of Trustees of the Clear Lake City Community Association (CLCCA) offers a Community Spirit Award for recognizing members of our community who fulfill the CLCCA purpose of promoting the health, recreation, and well-being of the residents of our community and the residents of Clear Lake City.

We have now presented three Community Spirit Awards to members of our community:

1. The first Community Spirit Award was presented to Fred Swerdlin of Meadowgreen at the Board of Trustees meeting on August 11, 2009 for bringing a dog park to Clear Lake City and for volunteering within the community.
2. The second Community Spirit Award was presented to Gus Homann of Camino South at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 8, 2009 for diligence in supporting the CLCCA through serving on the Board of Trustees, keeping our neighborhood clean, reporting violations to our deed restrictions, and spreading community news to neighbors.
3. The third Community Spirit Award was presented to Clear Lake Church of Christ at 938 El Dorado Boulevard on December 8, 2009 for their "Impact Week" in August, which is coordinated by Mr. Jeremy Glover. Additionally, the church supports the COA Tutoring Program at the Bay Place Apartments, which is directed by Ms. Jana Layman. The church has also volunteered to water the landscaping at our new Camino South monument sign.

The Board of Trustees would like to encourage anyone who knows a friend or neighbor who has helped promote the health, recreation, and well-being of the residents of our community and the residents of Clear Lake City to submit a Community Spirit Award nomination. Help us find and honor the members of our community who make a difference in our community. Please be sure to include a member of the Board of Trustees who endorses your nomination on the Community Spirit Award Nomination form. The form is available in this newsletter and at [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org).

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD PRESENTATIONS



**August 11, 2009**

Recipient **Fred Swerdlin** of Meadowgreen was awarded for his efforts in establishing the Dog Park at Bay Area Park.



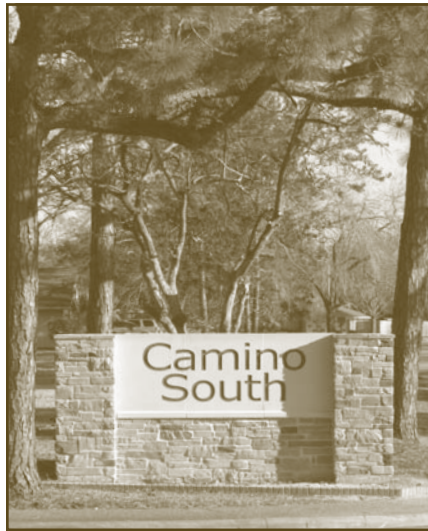
**September 8, 2009**

Recipient **Gustav Homann** of Camino South was awarded for his efforts in keeping our neighborhoods clean and preserving the beauty of our community.



**December 8, 2009**

Recipients **Jeremy Glover** and **Jana Layman** accept a Community Spirit Award for the Clear Lake Church of Christ and the positive impact of their ministries on our community and neighborhoods.



### Camino South Monument Sign

Thanks to the City of Houston for the grant to help build our new Camino South monument sign at El Dorado and Thunderbay.

## ELECTION TIME FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The CLCCA will elect new members for the Board of Trustees at our annual election on Saturday, May 1, 2010, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. The election will be for candidates from the Camino South, Oakbrook, and Oakbrook West areas for 3 year terms. The filing deadline for candidates is April 9, 2010 and the dates and times for early voting are April 19-23, 2010 and April 26-30, 2010. Hours for early voting will be posted at the CLCCA Office and on our website, [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org).



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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CLCCA - office

(281) 488-0360

CLCCA - fitness room

(281) 488-0239

City of Houston Service Helpline 311



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police, Fire, Ambulance

911

Poison Control Center

1-800-POISON-1



## NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Clear Lake Police Substation

(281) 218-3800

HPD Dispatch

(713) 884-3131

Constable Bill Bailey

(281) 488-4040

Sheriff

(281) 488-4717

Houston Fire Department

(713) 884-3143



## HOSPITALS

St. John

(281) 333-5503

Clear Lake Regional

(281) 332-2511

Memorial Southeast

(281) 929-6100



## UTILITIES

Reliant Energy

(713) 207-7777

Centerpoint Energy

(713) 659-2111

Clear Lake City Water

(281) 488-1164



## OTHER

Freeman Library

(281) 488-1906

Space Center Houston

(281) 244-2100

Armand Bayou Nature Center

(281) 474-2551

Harris County Courthouse Annex

(281) 486-7250

## YARD WASTE AND THE NEW CITY BAGS

By now we all know about the largely unpopular new city ordinance, effective April 5, 2010, to use only expensive, city approved biodegradable bags for our yard waste.

### Two simple solutions: **DON'T BAG IT! Or COMPOST IT!**

**DON'T BAG IT!** Why spend time and effort putting grass clippings into bags, when left on the lawn they provide valuable nutrients to the soil? The Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service has developed the "Don't Bag It" Lawn Care Plan.

#### Here's how it works:

1. You can use a standard mower without a bagging attachment, a mulching mower, or a kit to convert your standard mower.
2. Adjust the height of your mower to leave your lawn 2-4" high. Cut with a sharp blade every 5-7 days during the growing season.
3. Remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade.
4. Let your clippings fall to the ground as you mow.
5. Mow only when the lawn is dry to prevent the clippings from landing in clumps.
6. If your yard is professionally managed, ask your lawn service to leave the grass clippings on the lawn instead of bagging them.

#### Benefits:

1. Avoids thatch. Thatch is an accumulation of roots and stems on the surface of the soil caused by over fertilizing and incorrect watering. Finely cut grass clippings are 85-90% moisture. They break down very easily and do not cause thatch.
2. Promotes a healthier lawn which is more bug and weed-resistant.
3. Saves time and money on bagging.

Visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/grasscycling.html> for more information.

**COMPOST IT!** Recycling organic waste produced in our consumption of goods is the process we call composting. By Composting, valuable organic material is returned to soil. Composting in the participation in Nature's Cycle, and also reduces the amount of garbage that is sent to landfills.

#### What to Compost:

- Yard Trimmings (plants / flowers / small tree waste)
- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Vegetable and Fruit scraps
- Tea Leaves
- Wood Chips
- Paper-shredded newspaper and white paper. (No ink or dyes)

#### What to Avoid

*(with your backyard Compost)*

- Meats, Fish, Poultry
- Food Sauces
- Fats, Grease, Oils
- Feces
- Invasive Weeds
- Treated Wood
- Ashes and Charcoal
- Non-Organic Materials (Plastics / Metals / Glass)
- Placing on Utility easements

#### Benefits:

1. Reduces waste
2. Promotes healthy soil
3. Reduces water & fertilizer usage
4. Reduces erosion, runoff, and pollution

Visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/compost.html> for more information.



## COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Clear Lake City Community Association has the responsibility to promote the health, recreation, and well-being of the residents of the community and of the residents of Clear Lake City. We would like to introduce the Community Spirit Award as a tool for this purpose.

If you know of a member of our community who has promoted the health, recreation, and well-being of our residents and wish to have them recognized for their contributions, please complete the form below and submit it to the CLCCA business office.

Nominee:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Core/Address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Nominating:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Trustee Endorsing Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

How has the Nominee fulfilled our purpose?

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Add additional sheets as needed.

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Stay up to date on community events including meetings and events.  
Sign up for weekly email updates at [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org) or fill out the registration form below.

## EMAIL UPDATE REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Core: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Please "HIDE" my contact information from the community. I DO NOT wish to be included in the online resident directory at [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org).

Please clip out and return to the CLCCA office at 16511 Diana Lane.



## MEDALLION PLAN

<b>Gold Facility</b> <i>Choose Two:</i> <i>Swimming, Gymnasium or Tennis</i>  \$200 (\$140)  Includes: FAMILY tags for year round* use of your choice of any two (2) facilities. Additional guest passes** can be purchased for \$30 each.	<b>Silver Facility</b> <i>Choose One:</i> <i>Swimming, Gymnasium or Tennis</i>  \$150 (\$105)  Includes: FAMILY tags for year round* use of the facility of your choice. Additional guest passes** can be purchased for \$30 each.	<b>Bronze Facility</b> <i>OPTION A — Choose One:</i> <i>Swimming, Gymnasium or Tennis</i> \$100 (\$70) <i>OPTION B — Choose Two:</i> <i>Swimming, Gymnasium or Tennis</i> \$150 (\$105) Includes: INDIVIDUAL tags for year round* use of the facility of your choice. Additional guest passes** can be purchased for \$30 each for use at the pools, gymnasium and tennis courts.
<b>Gold Fitness Room</b> Includes: FAMILY tags for year round* use of the Fitness Room. \$400 (\$280)	<b>Silver Fitness Room</b> Includes: TWO (2) INDIVIDUAL tags for year round* use of the Fitness Room. \$350 (\$245)	<b>Bronze Fitness Room</b> Includes: INDIVIDUAL tags for year round* use of the Fitness Room. \$215 (\$150.50)
<b>Platinum — All Inclusive</b> \$450 (\$315) Includes: FAMILY tags for swim, tennis and gymnasium use, two (2) Fitness Room Memberships for household members, and two (2) guest tags. Additional and guest passes** for swim/tennis/gymnasium can be purchased for \$30 each. Additional Fitness Room Tags can be purchased for \$100.		

\*All tags are valid for one (1) year from date of purchase.

\*\*Guests using a "Guest Pass" are required to be with the "Tag Holder" upon entering the facility.

Corporate Discounts Available

CLCCA Residents receive an automatic 30% off.