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MANAGER'S CORNER

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2010 at Clear Lake City Community Association (CLCCA). We are looking forward to a year with a lot of improvements and an increased participation from the residents. Have you stopped by the CLCCA Recreation Center lately to see our improvements? We invite you to stop in for a tour. The facility has been given a facelift with fresh paint, renovated landscaping, freshly refinished wood floors, new security lighting, and many new programs.

In 2009 the CLCCA worked hard to improve our ability to communicate with you, the residents.

- We began a new "Town Hall Meeting" series in the fall. If you're core hasn't had one yet, be on the lookout for a flier on your door;
- We are hand delivering the Communicator, our quarterly newsletter, in an effort to ensure more timely delivery of the information contained within; and
- We updated and improved our website and included an email blast alert system to residents about meetings, events, and other important information. This new website also allows residents to electronically submit their complaints, requests for information, and architectural modification requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Deed restriction enforcement was a hot topic at the town hall meetings. We appreciate homeowners who are concerned about our community and contact us with items they see. You are never bothering us! It is impossible for staff to be everywhere and see everything all the time and we rely on you, the residents, to advise us of what is going on in the community. The CLCCA is here to protect property values through deed restriction enforcement on issues *within our control*. Sometimes issues are raised regarding violations that are not within the enforcement authority of the CLCCA. If this is the case, we will refer you to the proper authorities, usually 3-1-1 (City of Houston Help Line) or the Houston Police Department. Please do not think of this as a "brush off." Rather, the matter is simply not an issue the CLCCA has the authority or means to enforce and these other agencies do.

While no organization can please all the people all the time, we always accept feedback and suggestions. We can't guarantee your suggestions will be implemented, but you can rest assured that your comments will be considered.

Playgrounds were a hot topic during the summer, with many calls and emails to our office about the condition of two of our locations. We were able to address this with two major playground renovations last fall. Every time I drive past the new playground equipment in Oakbrook West Park and Krueger Park and see the many people using the equipment, I smile to myself and am happy that we were able to help improve these community members' recreational experience. Please be sure to stop in with your children or grandchildren for an afternoon picnic and enjoy the improvements.

Last, but not least, for those of you who have school aged children, the CLCCA has recently been licensed to operate its own camp!!! This last Christmas Break we started with our first camp, and plan to offer a Spring Break Camp as well as Summer Camps and several Specialized Sports Camps. Our camp program is priced competitively with other camps in the area and we look forward to being able to work with your child.

I hope everyone has a spectacular 2010 and look forward to seeing you around the CLCCA Recreation Center.

Best,

Leslie

2010

It is the beginning of a new year. Have you made any new resolutions? Maybe you'd like to work out more often or lose some weight. Well, the CLCCA Recreation Center on Diana Lane has been recently renovated and remains perfect for a budget minded person. Come in today for a tour of our facilities.

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.	\$ 1 <i>7</i> 5	\$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.

SPONSORSHIPS

The Clear Lake City Community Association would like to send out a special thank you to several local businesses that sponsored our 2009 Fall events. For the Fall Festival, Total Bodywork offered free spinal readings and 888 Bistro provided meals. For the Breakfast with Santa, Amoco made a donation and Jimmy's Egg provided breakfast.

CORRECTION

The Community Spirit Award Nomination form printed in the last newsletter was missing a place to designate the name of the Trustee endorsing the nomination. Please be sure to include the Trustee endorsing the nomination when submitting a Community Spirit Award Nomination.

ABOUT FACE!

by Larry Wilson, Gym Supervisor

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is doing well as we start the new year. There is a lot happening at the Clear Lake Recreation Center. As always, I will keep you updated with these quarterly articles.

The CLCCA has its eyes wide open and is working on improving our surroundings. Our pools, parks, and main facility have done an about face. Residents and visitors are enjoying our swimming pools more than ever. The same goes for our parks and playgrounds. Our main facility and recreation center have gone through a major makeover thanks to our General Manager, Leslie Alvarez, who has taken the ball and scored a touchdown for the CLCCA.

Our main office, classrooms, restrooms, fitness room, and gymnasium have been freshly painted and are definitely more appealing to the eye. I never realized what a variety of colors could do for a room and how they can change the emotions of the people who frequent an institution such as ours. We are also in the midst of replacing old and worn out playground equipment and are doing what is needed to spruce up the parks to make them more inviting. Our staff and maintenance crew have been working hard as they updated the landscaping with a more modern appearance.

This has been a monumental task, indeed! And it is all coming together. The changes have created a drastic improvement, making the Recreation Center and main office much, much more scenic, exciting, and inviting.

With the new year, I would like to welcome the Gulf Coast Volleyball Association, Clear Lake Boys Basketball, CLASH Basketball League, and each and every member, instructor, and all around visitor that spends time with us here at CLCCA.

I also want to thank all of the CLCCA staff and the Board of Trustees for the joint effort to create a wonderful, joyful, and positive place for all of us to work, play, and inhabit.

DAY CAMPS AT CLCCA!

by Shelly Haralson, CLCCA Recreation Director

If you are looking for a place to bring your children during Spring Break and Summer Vacation, 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.

The Day Camp activities will include indoor and outdoor games, swimming, crafts, movies, field trips, and fun-filled days. The Spring Break Camp will be held during the week of March 15-19, 2010. The Summer Day Camps will be held in two week sessions starting the week of June 7, 2010, with the last session ending August 27, 2010. All Day Camps will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. for children ages 6-12.

Additionally, in the summer we will be offering a Sports Camp in a partnership with 5 Star Academy for those children interested in learning some great fundamentals of the following sports: football, basketball, baseball, 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 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration forms are available at the CLCCA office. Call Shelly at 281-488-0360 for more information.

BAY AREA TURNING POINT: TIS' THE SEASON?

by Ashley McDonough, BATP Education and Events Coordinator

While the holiday season sets the stage for love, togetherness, and good-will, it can inadvertently create a false sense of change for some families. For those living with family violence, the holiday season may create a false sense of "family." Abuse may subside or lighten during the months of November and December, but if abuse has been the pattern in the home prior, don't let your guard down.

If you or someone you care about is living with family violence, please know that Bay Area Turning Point can help. Bay Area Turning Point provides recovery solutions services for survivors of family violence and sexual assault. Through residential (shelter) and non-residential services, Bay Area Turning Point offers group support and individual counseling, legal advocacy, safety planning information and much more.

All services are free and confidential and can be accessed through the agency's 24-hour hotline: (281) 286-2525. To access safety planning information from home, you can log onto Bay Area Turning Point's website at www.bayareaturningpoint.com. Click on the tab "Get Help." If you are sharing your home with the abuser, make sure to delete search history, temporary internet files, and cookies when you are through.

If you are among those who do not live with family violence but you would like to become involved with the agency, there are many ways you can be a part of the solution! Go to the Bay Area Turning Point website for donation and volunteer information. If you would like to speak to someone directly, please call the business line M-F 8:30 AM-5:30 PM at (281) 338-7600. If you would like to receive the BATP monthly e-newsletter, please e-mail Ashley McDonough at amcdonough@bayareaturningpoint.com.

WHAT IS A TRUSTEE?

by Carla Yager, Camino South Trustee

According to Article V of the CLCCA Articles of Incorporation, "The direction and management of the affairs of this corporation and the control and disposition of its properties and funds shall be vested in a Board of Trustees composed of such numbers of persons as may be fixed by the by-laws of the corporation."

So, what does this mean? A Trustee is a member of a Board that runs the CLCCA. The CLCCA is a business with a management structure much like that of large companies. A Board with executive officers oversees CLCCA operations. They plan for the future and make decisions based on recommendations from committees who have presented proposals based on an analysis of the company's goals, history, revenue, and expenditures. Every Trustee is responsible for making sound business decisions in the best interest of the CLCCA, the community, and the Clear Lake City area.

Since I have been on the Board of Trustees, I have learned a great deal about what it takes to run a multi-million dollar corporation. This is a serious and very important job and I am honored that the residents of Camino South had enough confidence in my skills and abilities to elect me to this position. I would like to encourage and challenge every resident and commercial property owner within the CLCCA to be a part of the corporation and consider serving on the Board of Trustees.

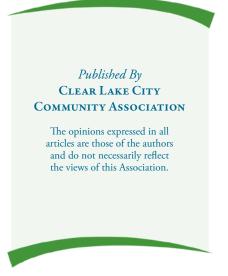
New Trustees from the Camino South, Oakbrook, and Oakbrook West cores will be elected for three year terms on Saturday, May 1, 2009. For residents of these three cores, take the challenge and apply at the CLCCA office to be a Trustee candidate for your core by April 1, 2009. For everyone in these three cores, come to the CLCCA polling place and vote on Saturday, May 1, 2009. Early voting will be available during the two weeks prior to the election.

I look forward to welcoming the next group of residents elected to carry CLCCA into the future.

BIO BAGS

On September 2, 2009, the Houston City Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 39, Article IV, of the Houston Code of Ordinances, Collection Services. This change requires residents to use "bio bags" for City collection of green organic material beginning 90 days from passage of the ordinance. Bio bags are made from bio-polymers or other renewable resources and decompose naturally like other organic materials. Regular plastic bags take over 100 years to break down. Bio bags begin decomposing in as little as three (3) months and leave no harmful residue behind. Residents are reminded that the organic material must be in biodegradable bags bearing the City of Houston logo that will be made available in retail stores throughout the city beginning November 1, 2009. For more information on bio bags or composting, log on to www. houstonsolidwaste.org.





PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

The current Programs and Classes offered at the Clear Lake City Rec. Center are listed below. For information and availability, call the CLCCA office at 281-488-0360.

Martial Arts American Karate

Christian Martial Arts Cha Yon Ryu Modern Arnis /

Filipino Stick Fighting

Health and Fitness

Kickboxing Personal Training

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Deep Water Aerobics

Dance

Ballet / Tap Hip Hop

Smooth Dance Latin Dance

Sports

Tennis

Swimming Lessons

Education

First Aid Training CPR / AED Training **Lifeguard Training English for Beginners**

TRASH TALK

by Glenda Stroud, Camino South Trustee

As residents of CLCCA, we all have one thing in common, garbage. As this new year begins, let's all make a New Year's resolution to improve our garbage habits.

- 1) Store our black garbage bins and green recycle bins (Oakbrook) out of sight by 10 PM on the pick-up day. For those of us in Oakbrook West, Meadowgreen, and Camino South-let's lobby to get one of those green bins-our goal is by St. Patrick's Day!
- 2) Place our bins at the curb no earlier than 6 PM before the pick-up day scheduled by the City of Houston Solid Waste Department.
- 3) Neighbors can help one another by sharing "empty space" in those giant bins with another neighbor.

Remember that your garbage bin has a number on it. Keep that number handy in case it is blown down the street or floats away during a thunderstorm.

There has also been confusion as to the Heavy Trash Days, especially Junk Waste versus Tree Waste. The Tree/Junk Waste schedule changes each month from Tree Waste to Junk. Tree Waste months are the odd numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November. Junk Waste months are the even numbered months: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

"Tree Waste" is defined as clean wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps (lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted). "Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Junk Waste will not be picked up during a Tree Waste Month. Please note that Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months, but it is only recycled during Tree Waste months.

If you have made arrangements for a charity to pick up your donated furniture, appliances, etc., please ask for back door/garage pick up. This protects your donations and also avoids littering your front lawn when Junk Waste is not scheduled.

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ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER LAUNCHES NEW EVENTS

Armand Bayou Nature Center is launching a new series of monthly events to celebrate its natural surroundings and provide more opportunities to connect with nature close to home. The nature center located at 8500 Bay Area Boulevard in Pasadena is the site for the new event called *Second Saturday*. The Board of Trustees Events Committee and ABNC Staff have created a calendar of fun, exciting, educational, and interactive programs that are sure to get everyone outside and engaged with nature. Each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, activities will focus on a different theme . . . some familiar, some brand new, and some presented in an entirely new way. December 12 was the launch date with a morning that was for the birds! This first event in the series was dedicated to the memory of John Tveten who passed away on October 12. John, a longtime supporter of ABNC, was the consummate naturalist, with a passion for all things wild. One of his many areas of expertise was birds, along with bird photography. John spent many hours both learning and teaching about birds at the nature center.

December's *Second Saturday* was a hit with the entire family. ABNC is one of the best birding locations in our geographical region. At 10 a.m., there was a guided hike along the center's forested trails to look for birds. At the Education Building, children discovered how to eat like a bird as they used special tools to simulate different birds' bills. At 11 AM visitors were treated to a presentation by ABNC naturalist and birding expert George Regmund. As always, George was entertaining and educational while providing tips on where and how to find our feathered friends. He also provided tips on how to attract birds to your yard and how to make your very own birdhouse to attract that special bird.

Representatives from local outdoor outfitters and birding and non-profit organizations were on hand to answer questions about birding equipment or groups to join.

January will be a month to hug a tree - literally - when we celebrate Texas Arbor Day with tree giveaways, children's activities, presentations by tree experts, demonstrations of wood crafts, and trail hikes. February will be devoted to the language of flowers as we discover the beauty and easy care of our enchanting antique roses. Glenn Shroeter, from the Antique Rose Emporium in Independence, TX is the guest speaker.

Admission to Second Saturdays is free to members and \$3 for non-member adults and \$1 for children 4-12 and seniors 60 and older. For more information, phone 281-474-2551 or visit http://www.abnc.org/.



GEORGE REGMUND



George with group of birders at ABNC

HURRICANE IKE CONTINUES TO TAKE A TOLL ON CLEAR LAKE'S TREES

Outbreaks of the Southern pine beetle started locally in the Houston Area in the latter part of 2009 because of weakened and damaged trees from Hurricane Ike and the drought. As a result, many businesses and residents within the CLCCA have lost pine trees. The CLCCA has already removed about a dozen affected trees from its parks and facilities.

Unfortunately, once an infestation has taken hold it is hard to stop. According to James V. Robinson, entomologist at Texas A&M University, "This is the most destructive insect pest of pines in the South. Outbreaks may cover many acres and kill thousands of trees. Pines of all sizes are attacked, and even healthy, vigorous trees are killed by this beetle during epidemics.

"All life stages of the Southern pine beetle winter in bark. When adults emerge in the spring, they do not attack healthy, living trees. Instead, they seek out and invade trees attacked but not killed the previous fall. Generally, they attack the middle and upper trunk first, and then continue down to within 5 feet or less of the ground. In the southern states, adults emerge in March and may attack the lower trunk first.

"The brown or black adult beetle is from 3/32- to 3/16-inch long. Its posterior end is convex and rounded in contrast to the concave, truncate, and spined posterior end of the Ips beetle. Winding S-shaped egg galleries are made by adult beetles beneath the dry outer bark. Larvae are white and legless with glossy, reddish brown heads; their bodies are wrinkled and curved. Under optimum conditions, the entire life cycle may be completed in 30 days and five to seven generations may occur each year."

The signs and symptoms of an infested tree can be difficult to detect at an early stage because the points of beetle entry are small, yellowish-white, or reddish-white masses of resin called "pitch tubes" and are often inconspicuous. In fact, during very dry weather, there may be no pitch tubes but only reddish boring dust in the bark crevices. The foliage of heavily infested trees changes from dark green to light green, yellow, sorrel, and finally reddish brown. These changes usually occur over a period of 1 ½ to 3 months. During the summer, initial fading may not occur until 3 or 4 weeks after the beetles have entered the trees, so that beetle emergence takes place about the time affected trees begin to fade. If trees are infested in late fall, they may remain green all winter and not fade until after insect emergence the following spring. Positive identification of beetle infestations is made by removing a square of bark. Exposed on its inner surface and on the outer surface of the tree are the characteristic gallery patterns of the beetles.

It is important that homeowners carefully and frequently inspect pine trees for signs of beetle activity. Be on the alert for any foliage color change as an indication of beetle activity. Remember that foliage color change in pines is a slow process and may not occur until 3 or 4 weeks after beetles have entered the tree, or until the following spring after a fall attack.

Please inspect your trees and have any beetle infected trees removed as soon as possible to help protect the pine trees in our neighborhoods.

Source: http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/fireant/OtherInsects/pinebarkbeetles.htm

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CLCCA - office (281) 488-0360



CLCCA - fitness room (281) 488-0239

City of Houston Service Helpline 311

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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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

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