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# CLEAR LAKE CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

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## REFLECTIONS

by Carla Yager, *Former Trustee*

During my term on the Board of Trustees (BOT), I learned what it really takes to run a multi-million dollar corporation such as the Clear Lake City Community Association (CLCCA). This corporation has a management structure much like that of large companies and the BOT plays a very important role in this corporation. There are several committees, made up of Trustees, who review plans for the future based on an analysis of the corporation's goals, history, revenue, and expenditures. Then the committees present these plans for the future to the BOT for approval at the monthly business meeting. Every member of the BOT is responsible for reviewing the proposed plans and making sound business decisions that are in the best interest of the CLCCA, the community, and the Clear Lake City area. This is a serious and very important job.

Over the past three years, the BOT has made improvements to the foundation of this corporation by placing more focus on the importance of the Trustee's jobs. It has generated many new policies and made changes to our bylaws and existing policies to focus on the goals and responsibilities of a Trustee. These changes also provide the tools needed by the Trustees to accomplish their goals and responsibilities.

The BOT has also been very proactive and approved many improvements at all of our facilities, including our parks and pools. The majority of these improvements were for the safety of the BOT, our CLCCA employees, and our community. The growth in the use of our facilities shows how these improvements have made a huge difference.

The CLCCA has also developed new approaches to increasing our revenue. The following is a list of some of these new approaches.

- Using grant programs to assist in implementing capital improvements.
- Establish fund raising programs and events to bring in additional revenue.
- Institute lease agreements with organizations willing to share in the overall maintenance and capital improvement expenses for our facilities.
- Involve members of our community in recreational programs through sponsorships and donations.

The CLCCA is your community association and your inputs and support are always welcome. We are continuing to look for innovative ideas and programs to help bring in additional revenue and improve our facilities. Be a positive influence in your community and support the members of the BOT, the CLCCA, and the Clear Lake City community.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CLCCA - office

(281) 488-0360

CLCCA - fitness room

(281) 488-0239

City of Houston Service Helpline 311



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Armand Bayou Nature Center

(281) 474-2551

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

by Leslie Alvarez, *CLCCA General Manager*

Recently, we held a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Randy Derr and Greg Countie from the Houston Police Department and representatives from the Harris County Constable's office were present to provide information to residents on how they can get involved. Crime in the Clear Lake area has been evolving and changing with the times.

Below is information from the police about our community:

- Graffiti and miscellaneous vandalism continues to be a problem;
- There are pockets of areas in the community where more serious crime occurs;
- There are 25 registered sex offenders in the 77062 & 77058 zip codes;
- Most crimes are crimes of opportunity;
- Most people are oblivious of crime until they become a victim;
- Motor vehicle break-ins have been the largest crime in our area; and
- Motor vehicle break-ins are in large part due to homeowners parking in their driveway or on the street and leaving valuables in plain sight. Purses, laptops, GPS's and other electronic devices should be removed from your vehicle when you exit.

The CLCCA Community Parks and Property are not immune to crime. In fact, we have increasingly become the victim. Recently our Diana Campus was tagged with gang graffiti. HPD is investigating the occurrence. Last summer, an employee was attacked at knifepoint when closing the Diana campus for the night. Our other locations continue to see vandalism and other crimes on the properties.

The only way management can limit crime in our neighborhoods is with community support. The Neighborhood Watch program is meant to help organize concerned citizens to be alert of what is going on in the community, and to report crime when it's in action! Oftentimes, the management office receives information regarding the crime MONTHS afterwards by way of a complaint ("Why don't you guys stop this from happening at the Parks?") The simple truth is, if we don't know it's happening, we can't work to stop it from happening. Additionally, when we institute further rules regarding the amenity usage in an effort to reduce the opportunities for crime, we are often met with negative community feedback. It is imperative that we have resident support and participation in the Neighborhood Watch program. Remember, it's YOUR COMMUNITY!

Be sure to join us at the Diana Campus (16511 Diana) on THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th at 7:00 p.m. for our NEXT Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

## TOASTMASTERS

Did you know a Toastmasters International group meets every week at the CLCCA Rec Center? Toastmasters is a self improvement effort enjoyed by many who would like to improve conversation and public speaking skills. Many Toastmasters have advanced in their career efforts, made new friends, and met interesting people. Join us to learn more. Spaceland Toastmasters meets every Wednesday morning, 7:00-8:00 am. Visitors are welcome! For information - call Therese at 281-280-0596.

## COMMUNICATOR CHANGES

You may have noticed this issue of the Communicator is for July through December. In April of this year, the BOT voted to reduce the frequency of publication for the Communicator to twice a year in an effort to reduce expenditures. For the latest information about current events in our community, sign up for email updates at [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org).



## SPLISHING AND SPLASHING!

by Alice Purcell, *Meadowgreen Trustee*

Why not keep cool this summer by hanging out at your neighborhood pool? Summer Pool Season is now in full swing. The Diana Campus pools are open daily from noon to 8:00 pm, while the Camino South and Meadowgreen pools are open 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm during the week and noon to 8:00 pm on weekends.

Meadowgreen residents appreciated sharing their facility with the Clear Lake City Stars swim team during June. In order to justify the considerable costs to maintain the pool and staff it with qualified lifeguards, residents must demonstrate their desire to keep the pool open by enjoying it themselves. The pools are open to everyone from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, but special activities allow residents to socialize with their peers. If the kids know their friends are there, they have even more reasons to hang out at the pool!

### Suggested Times for Special Activities:

- 4:00-4:30 pm Puddle Full of Ducks — TODDLER TIME  
4:30-5:00 pm Free Float in the Shallow End — PRESCHOOL  
(Bring your swimming ring / floaties)  
5:00-5:30 pm Sharks and Minnows - ELEMENTARY  
5:30-6:00 pm Teen Time  
6:00-6:30 pm Senior Swim  
6:30-7:00 pm After dinner relaxation!

## DIVE IN MOVIES

Are you interested in a movie? Join us at the Clear Lake City Recreation Center Outdoor Pool for our Dive In Movie Series! A movie plays on the big screen while you and your family enjoy a fun time at the pool. Gates open at 6:30 pm and the movie starts at dark. Entry to this event is free for those with pool tags or \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for the family. Concessions will be available for purchase. The scheduled dates and movies are:

**JULY 9 . . . . . Planet 51**  
**AUGUST 31. . . . . Astro Boy**  
**SEPTEMBER 17 . . . . . Up**

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## MEADOWGREEN FOURTH OF JULY BIKE PARADE!

by Alice Purcell, *Meadowgreen Trustee*

On Sunday, July 4th, plan on attending our First Annual Meadowgreen Fourth of July Bike Parade. Riders and walkers will meet at the parking lot at the Drill Site on Pebbleshire at 1:30 pm. The parade will begin at 1:45 sharp. The parade route will follow Pebbleshire to Woodcombe to Manorhill to Kelbrook, ending at the Meadowgreen Pool at Krueger Park. U.S. flags will be handed out. If you'd rather be a spectator, line the parade route and cheer on our riders and walkers as we celebrate Independence Day!

Email Alice Purcell at [apurcell@clcca.org](mailto:apurcell@clcca.org) to sign up. Include how many riders and/or walkers per family and the family name.

## MEMORIAL WEEKEND BASH

by Shelly Haralson, *CLCCA Recreation Director*

The Clear Lake Rec Center celebrated the opening of our 2010 Pool Season with our 2nd annual Memorial Weekend Bash on May 29th. We had games, a moonwalk, music, and activities for our patrons to enjoy. The turnout was great with many of our community members in attendance. Additionally, we had our first Dive-In-Movie of the summer. Patrons enjoyed a swim in the pool as they watched the movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. So stop by the office to purchase your pool tags, which are good at our three outdoor pools and our year-round, heated indoor pool and keep an eye out for our monthly Dive-In Movie and other family-fun events!

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## PARKS AND PARKING LOTS

by Alice Purcell, *Meadowgreen Trustee*

We appreciate residents' caution and patience with the Clear Lake City Stars and Little Leaguers when parking lots and neighborhood streets get congested during practice times. We want our facilities to be both available to our children and SAFE!

Last year the CLCCA adopted a policy of prohibiting parking in our facility parking lots after closing to prevent crime and vandalism. According to the Houston Police Department, vehicular burglary is the number one crime Clear Lake residents face.

Parked cars tend to attract more parked cars and give mischief-makers a place to conceal themselves. We have had many costly vandalism incidents from teens tearing up our park turf in four-wheel drive vehicles to spray painting our new playground equipment and even our brick walls at the Diana campus. All of this damage costs our residents precious resources that could be better used elsewhere. The parking lots also offer drug dealers and prostitutes opportunity to do business.

Please call Houston Police at (713) 884-3131 to report crimes in our parks and parking lots. Getting a license number will help us hold those who do the damage accountable for repairs. Call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies.

Our parks close at dark as do our parking lots. Please observe the no-parking after dark policy. Should you have a big party planned and desire to avoid street congestion by parking in the facility parking lots, please contact our office during business hours (281) 488-0360. Unauthorized parking is being enforced by towing.

## BASKETBALL

Meadowgreen Residents: Would you like to see the basketball court at Krueger Park on Kelbrook Drive restored? We especially want to hear from residents whose homes border the park. Email Shelly Haralson at [sharalson@clcca.org](mailto:sharalson@clcca.org) to voice your input.



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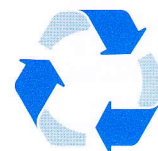
## Clear Lake High School

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## GOOD USED BOOKS

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*Friends Bookstore*





## 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.

## PARKING

Parking on lawns destroys the turf and makes our lawns unsightly. Please park on paved surfaces only.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

In May of this year, the BOT approved the creation of a Business Directory on the [www.clcca.org](http://www.clcca.org) website for the purpose of advertising local businesses. The directory will include the business name, address, phone number, website address, type of business, and any services and products. Any commercial property within the CLCCA boundaries will receive a directory entry upon request at no cost. Commercial properties outside the CLCCA boundaries may purchase a directory entry for a fee of \$25.00 a month, \$125.00 for 6 months, or \$250.00 a year. Resident owners within CLCCA boundaries owning commercial properties outside CLCCA boundaries will receive a 10% discount on website directory entries.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

New Trustees from the Camino South, Oakbrook, and Oakbrook West cores were elected for three-year terms on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Please welcome our newly elected Trustees, Jerry Gaff from Camino South and Kathy White from Oakbrook West. Returning for three more years is re-elected Roberta Toppin from Oakbrook.

Also, please join me in showing our appreciation to our outgoing Trustees Carla Yager from Camino South and Brice Hawley from Oakbrook West for their service to our community for the past three years.

On another note, Scott Otto from Oakbrook submitted his resignation from the Board of Trustees on May 2, 2010. At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, the second place candidate from Oakbrook, Hugh Joslin, was appointed to serve in the vacated position until next year's election.

# A Winning Team...

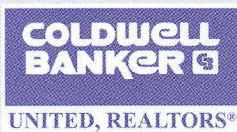


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