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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Carla Yager, *Camino South Trustee*

We have a lot of news to pass on in this issue, and for a change, it is all good. In the last issue, we introduced our new General Manager, Ms. Leslie Alvarez. One of our reasons for hiring her was because we knew she would hit the ground running. Ms. Alvarez has started with improving our look.

We have a new web site with many new and exciting features including the ability to receive alerts about our community and facilities. Alerts can be something as simple as a pool shutting down to take care of an emergency clean up or a request to help a neighbor who just lost everything in a fire. Also on our web site, you can submit forms for just about everything imaginable. Next on our list of improvements is to provide a way for scheduling and paying for classes and events on-line.

If you have visited our facilities recently, you noticed a definite change. They are brighter and more active and accommodating. We have changed our hours of operation to provide our community with more opportunities to utilize our indoor pool, gym, and fitness room. We have also implemented a new Medallion Plan for our facility usage fees. This plan offers more choices to everyone and includes a 30% discount for residents within our association. Details on our new hours and the Medallion Plan are included in this issue.

Also in the news is our recent Board of Trustees election. Please join me in welcoming our newly elected Trustees, Scott Otto from Oakbrook and Dr. Myron Heimlich from our Commercial/Industrial core. Returning for three more years are re-elected Leslie Eaton from Meadowgreen and Ray Banks from Oakbrook West. Also, please join me in showing our appreciation to our outgoing Trustee Ginger Kinzer from Oakbrook for her service to our community this past year. We are all looking forward to having a full Board of Trustees to take care of the Clear Lake City Community Association.

Stay tuned, there are many more projects and events to look forward to in the future as our new General Manager attempts to break the world record for a long distance race with a full Board of 9 Trustees eating her dust.



FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

INDOOR POOL — A minimum of 2 lap swim lanes will be available at all times.

Monday - Friday

5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. AND
3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday — 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday — 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FITNESS ROOM and GYMNASIUM
(must be 13 years old)

Monday - Friday

5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday — 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday — 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CHILLIN' OUT IN A NEW ERA

By Larry Wilson, *Gym Supervisor*

As some of you already know, there have been many changes as we try to make the CLCCA a fun and convenient place to enjoy. Recreation and swimming should be more exciting than ever. Our expanded staff have been working extremely hard as we are in the process of a major makeover.

As we are in the final touches of cleanup and repairs left from Hurricane Ike, our new General Manager and Board of Trustees have intensified an effort to make a cleaner and more beautified environment for all. Our main facility and outlying pools and parks will be maintained year round to have a welcoming presence at all times. This is made possible by adding an additional maintenance helper instead of having a one-man crew to see to all the laborious problems that occur regularly.

Everyone should notice an uplifting and remarkable difference in the personalities, attitudes, and experience of our lifeguards. Recreation Director, Sarah Oziomek, and Lifeguard Supervisor, Tim Winston, have spent many hours training our crew of lifeguards. The lifeguards are all courteous, outgoing, polite, and seem very eager to learn and to please. Sarah and Tim have been instrumental and outstanding in the way they have taken on the large task that has been placed upon them. They are a GREAT team, and I believe everyone will be pleased with what they have accomplished and been able to instill in our crew of lifeguards.

Our General Manager, Leslie Alvarez, has also been hard at work improving positive potential for all who use the CLCCA Recreation Center. Through the implementation of new policies, everyone should notice an improved ability to use the Recreation Center. The extended times for use of the pools will allow more time for more people to swim. Additionally, the new hours in the Fitness Room and Gymnasium are also extremely helpful and appealing to those with limited schedules.

Please take the time to go to our website at www.clcca.org, or drop by and pick up one of our new program fliers describing our Medallion Plan. This plan offers families an opportunity to customize their tag purchase and was designed based on community feedback.

Have fun . . . and we look forward to having all of you spend your summer with us.

**TO PURCHASE POOL TAGS come visit the
Main Office — Monday - Friday — 8 am - 5 pm**

Recreation Center Pool Opens:

May 23rd from 2pm-8pm

May 24th & 25th from 12pm-8pm

May 28th & 29th from 12pm-8pm

June 6th & 7th

Starting June 8th:

The Outdoor Recreation Center
will be open 7 days a week!

Hours for all pools for
May, June, and July are
12pm-8pm

Hours for all pools for August are
4pm-8pm



Camino South

Tuesday,
&
Thursday-Sunday

Oakbrook West

Monday
&
Thursday-Sunday



Meadowgreen

Wednesday
&
Thursday-Sunday



MEMORIAL DAY BASH

By Sarah Oziomek, *Recreation Director*

On Monday, May 25th, the Clear Lake City Community Association held its first ever Memorial Day Bash Event! With over 300 guests in attendance, we started our 2009 summer pool season with a splash!!!

The event was free to the public and included a fun-filled day of swimming and many events. The kids participated in an exciting array of games, such as Marco Polo, a Cannon Ball Contest, Water Relays, and the Limbo. The most exciting events of the day were the Doggy Paddle Contest, where children 10 and under had to race the length of the pool swimming the doggy paddle while barking. It was an extremely cute sight to see! Another extremely exciting activity was the Greased Watermelon Contest. We took a 20-pound watermelon, covered it in Crisco and had two teams compete to get it to their opponent's side and out of the pool. A lot easier said than done. This activity was such a hit for the onlookers, that we repeated it later in the day with the lifeguards of CLCCA competing against each other.

We gave out many prizes and goodies, including goody bags to all the children, prizes from our treasure chest for contest and event winners, and held drawings for over a dozen "Day at any of our Pools for a Family of Four." Along with all of our water activities, we also had face painting, a temporary tattoo booth, a snow-cone booth, and a bounce house slide.

We also had a number of sponsors that came out to be a part of our eventful day. These included A & Y Enterprises, Total Bodywork, The United States Army, Let's Dance, JLDzigns Screen Printing, Xpert Audio, and Pomodoros. The U. S. Army had free goodies and a football toss competition, A & Y Enterprises sold tasty treats at their concession stand and Total Bodywork offered free spinal readings and massages.

All in all, it was a very exciting and fun filled day! We want to thank everyone who came out to support our event! For those of you who could not make it this time around, there will be many more fun and exciting events coming soon! Check out our website for upcoming event details, www.clcca.org!

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP REMINDER

There seems to be some confusion about the City of Houston Heavy Trash Pick-Up schedule. Heavy Trash Pick-Up occurs once a month in the CLCCA subdivisions.

OAKBROOK	OAKBROOK WEST	CAMINO SOUTH	MEADOWGREEN
2nd Monday	2nd Tuesday	2nd Thursday	2nd Friday

Heavy Trash is divided into two types, Tree Waste and Junk Waste. Tree Waste only includes raw tree waste that is too large for the normal weekly yard waste pick-up. Junk Waste includes everything else. Heavy Trash Pick-Up alternates between Tree Waste only and Junk Waste as noted below. The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department web site, <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/>, provides full details on all aspects of the City of Houston trash services.

CONCRETE FENCE PANELS

In partnership with Ward Elementary, CLCCA has taken possession of their concrete fence panels that were removed when they replaced their fence. The fence panels are available to any community member of the general Clear Lake area that may have a need for them.

Panels will be available at the
Diana Lane Campus
16511 Diana Lane

Pick Up is During Business
Hours ONLY
Monday - Friday
8 am - 5 pm

Please note these panels are extremely heavy and CLCCA will not assist in loading or unloading the panels. You will need to arrange you're your own loading assistance and transportation for the panels.

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP 2009

July	Tree Waste Only
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste Only
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste Only
December	Junk Waste

For ALL trash related questions, contact the City of Houston at 3-1-1.

MEDALLION PLAN

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

***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.



Bay Area Running K9s is a not-for-profit organization with the State of Texas and 501©3 charitable organization with the IRS. We are dedicated to educating the public as to the benefits of green and open spaces for fenced, off-leash dog parks. Our principal goal is to work with communities in the Houston Bay Area that surround Clear Lake on the establishment and maintenance of such properties.

I hope all Dog Lovers and their canine companions have had a chance to visit and enjoy the new Fenced Dog Park at the Bay Area County Park. Bay Area Running K9s (BARK9) is now concentrating our efforts towards persuading the City of Houston (COH) in placing a Fenced Dog Park at the 111 Acre Sylvan Rodriguez City Park; 1201 Clear Lake City Blvd.

At present, Sylvan Rodriguez Park Master Plan calls for a 3-Acre Fenced Dog Park during Phase 2 Improvements, which would occur no earlier than 2013, if money is available. We at BARK9 would like to convince the city to start the project in 2011, since \$1 Million has already been set aside for the next phase of improvements to this city park, <http://www.bark9.com/files/SRP%20Master%20Plan.ppt>.



BARK9 would also ask that the size of the Dog Park to be increased to at least 10 Acres and possibly as large as 15 Acres, as defined in a white paper that was written by Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) in 2004 <http://www.bark9.com/files/Proposed%20Dog%20Park%20Sites.pdf>.

More information on past, current, and future projects can be found at <http://www.bark9.com/?email>.

Thank You

Fred Swerdlin
BARK9 President
www.bark9.com

DRYER SAFETY —

How to keep your dryer from catching fire

By Leslie Eaton, *Meadowgreen Trustee*

Now that it is time for summer projects, take time to inspect your home for hazards to make sure that fire doesn't stand a chance in your home. Surprisingly, many homeowners overlook a common cause of household fires: clothes dryers. Homeowners are often puzzled about why their clothes dryer takes longer to finish a load than it used to. The answer is usually a simple one, but it has some serious implications.

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

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



Heavy woolen and fleece clothes may help us survive Houston's cool winters and spring evenings. Many people don't realize that they also carry a hidden hazard: when tumbled in a dryer, they shed loads of lint that can pack into cavities and exhaust pipes and increase the risk of fire.

A build up of lint in the dryer or its vent pipe can not only reduce the efficiency of the dryer, but it can also be a fire hazard. The Consumer Products Safety Commission found that, in a single year, over 15,000 fires were attributed to the build up of lint in dryers or their exhaust vents. These preventable fires caused 15 deaths, 300 injuries, and about \$88 million US in property damage.

Tell-tale signs that your dryer is not properly ventilating:

- Clothes take a very long time to dry, especially heavy articles of clothing such as towels or jeans
- Clothes feel hotter than usual at the end of a cycle
- The flapper on the vent remains closed when the dryer is on

To help prevent fires:

- Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct is blocked. Do not operate the dryer without a lint screen or filter.
- Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct at least every spring. Check the outside dryer vent while the dryer is operating to make sure exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent or the exhaust duct may be blocked. To remove a blockage in the exhaust path, it may be necessary to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Remember to reconnect the ducting to the dryer and outside vent before using the dryer again.
- Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up. Have a qualified service person clean the interior of the dryer chassis periodically to minimize the amount of lint accumulation. Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter.
- Make sure the dryer is plugged into an outlet that is suitable for its needs. Overloaded electrical outlets can result in blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers.
- Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, which provides maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil type duct can more easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.
- Take special care when drying clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents, or finishing oils and stains. If possible, wash the clothing more than once to minimize the amount of volatile chemicals on the clothes and, preferably, hang the clothes to dry. If using a dryer, use the lowest heat setting and a drying cycle that has a cooldown period at the end of the cycle. To prevent clothes from igniting after drying, do not leave the dried clothes in the dryer or piled in a laundry basket.
- Have a functional smoke detector placed in the laundry room (somewhere near the dryer).

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.

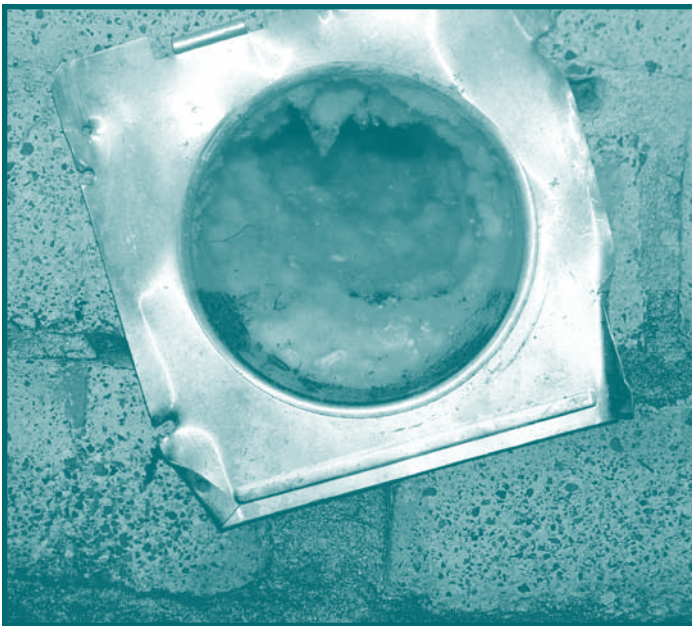
Please clip out and return to the CLCCA office at 16511 Diana Lane.



"Dryer Safety" continued from page 6 . . .

- Don't leave the dryer running overnight.
- Turn the dryer off when leaving home. You want to be home in the event that something happens to the dryer.
- Never put synthetic materials such as rubber, foam, or plastic into the dryer. These materials can overheat easily and cause fires or smolder in the drum.

A picture is worth a thousand words:



***Build up of lint in dryer vents can cause
fires and excessive heat in dryers***

REC CENTER REVIVAL

By Leslie Alvarez, *General Manager*

WOW! What a quarter! I started back in March and I sure hope you can see a difference. There is a lot to do here and we are well underway to getting ourselves on the right track.

We have made a LOT of changes in the past 3 months: staff changes, updated our website, created a mass email distribution list, implemented operational procedures, increased hours of operation for the fitness room, gymnasium, and indoor pool, added additional special interest classes, and most importantly increased our level of maintenance at the facilities. By no means are we done . . . so please be patient with us. Change isn't easy for some to adapt to, and it isn't always easy to implement. We appreciate you working with us.

We also hosted our FIRST event for the year at the Recreation Center Outdoor Pool on Memorial Day. And we are well underway in planning our *Summer "Dive-In Movie" Series*, which will kick off on July 3rd. If you haven't checked out our updated website, www.clcca.org, please do so as soon as possible. You can register online to receive email updates or return the registration form in this newsletter. Communication is KEY to building a SENSE OF COMMUNITY, and our WEEKLY email updates will help you feel more in touch with our office.

I am always open to feedback and suggestions, so please feel free to send them to me. My email address is clcca@birch.net.

I am so very excited to be here at CLCCA, and am thrilled to have such an awesome staff behind me. We are here to serve you, and look forward to doing so with a smile and enthusiasm.



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Clear Lake Rec Center

Presents Its First Summer
Dive In Movie Series!

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

THE WATERHORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

HOOK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

OVER THE HEDGE

Gates Open at 6:30 pm—Movie Starts at Dark

Cost:

Pool Tag Holders—FREE ENTRY

Non-Tag Holders—\$20.00 for a family of four
(\$5.00 per additional person)

*Concessions
for sale!!!*

16511 Diana Lane
CLCCA.ORG

OUTDOOR POOL HOURS

Recreation Center

open **7 days a week**

Oakbrook West

open **Monday &
Thursday - Sunday**

Camino South

open **Tuesday &
Thursday - Sunday**

Meadowgreen

open **Wednesday &
Thursday - Sunday**

JULY

All pools — Noon to 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST

All pools — 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.