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WELCOME ABOARD

On May 3rd, the annual election for CLCCA Trustee positions was held. Three members of our community were elected to the Board of Trustees, Virginia Kinzer, Glenda Stroud, and Alice Purcell. They will be seated at the June Board of Trustee meeting. The results were as follows:

| Oakbrook (1 year) | | Camino South (3 years) | | Meadowgreen (3 years) | |
|-------------------|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|
| Robert Jones | 24 | Anthony Le Cara Jr. | 19 | Alice Purcell | 29 |
| Virginia Kinzer | 83 | Glenda Stroud | 37 | Jessie Robinson | 5 |

The Board of Trustee meetings are held at the CLCCA facility at 7:00 p.m. in Room B on the second Tuesday of every month. The community is always welcome to attend.

TRASH MATTERS!

by Jim Keith, *CLCCA General Manager*

By now, most residents have had several months of service from the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department for your household trash and debris. You have gotten used to the big can, you have figured out that if you poke a hole in a bag to let the air out, more will fit in the can and the same is true of flattening boxes. You have even gotten the message to put your yard waste several feet from the can so "the claw" does not punch a hole in that bag of grass or leaves. Everything is going along relatively smoothly and this is not really so bad after all.

If you live in Camino South, all is good and there are no changes for you. However, if you live in Oakbrook, Oakbrook West, or Meadowgreen, **CHANGE IS COMING!**

Starting Monday, July 14, 2008, residents of these three subdivisions will see their household trash and lawn waste trash pick-up service change. Currently, you are on Monday, Tuesday, or Friday service but beginning that week, you will have your household garbage and yard trimmings and waste picked up on Thursdays. There will be a one week transition, then things will settle down to what will apply in the future, and no changes are foreseen after this.

To explain, the City picked CLCCA up "on the fly" fitting us in to an already fairly full schedule. They have done an outstanding job of serving us and the complaints the CLCCA office have heard number less than fifteen overall and most of those were handled the same day. However, when we first talked to them, they indicated this change to one common day of the week was coming after the start of the new Fiscal Year for the City, which is July 1, 2008. They did not want to start on a holiday week, thus the middle of the month start.

Now - for the part that all will have to be especially careful to keep track of. Your **HEAVY TRASH** pickup service **WILL NOT CHANGE!** It remains the same as it has been since February, as shown below:

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Oakbrook | 2 nd Monday |
| Oakbrook West | 2 nd Tuesday |
| Camino South | 2 nd Thursday |
| Meadowgreen | 2 nd Friday |

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Some of you have called to ask about curbside recycling, rather than having to take things to Ellington. The City has us ‘on the list’ but we have not worked our way up to the top yet. This is a function of having enough of the recycling trucks and manpower to serve this need and they have ordered more trucks and requested more manpower, but that is all contingent on City Council agreeing to their request for funds. Some funds have been approved, and hopefully we will see it happen for us sooner rather than later, but we will have to be patient and wait our turn.

Now for a couple of reminders:

When you put your large can out, be sure that the wheels are facing your house, the arrow on top is pointing toward the street, and the can is within about a foot of the curb. Some folks have put their can way back in the yard or on a sidewalk, set well in from the curb and the claw cannot reach that far, so some have not been picked up. Put it by the curb and it will be serviced.

Next, when you put other items out, such as bags or bundles of lawn waste, DO NOT put them right next to the big can. Put them several feet away, but along the curb. Also, on heavy trash day, do not put heavy trash in the can, or lean it against the can. Leave space for ‘the claw’ regardless of what else you are putting out.

Next, do not put extra items in a pile around the can on a weekly basis, expecting the driver to hop out and load it. Drivers have instructions to service the big can only, and not to get out and hand load additional items unless there are pre-paid tags on the items for extra service. You will find that you still have the items at the end of the day, and they cannot be left at the curb for a week, waiting for the next pickup. They have to be moved out of sight.

Next, after your trash can has been emptied, put it away, OUT OF SIGHT. Do not leave it out at the curb. It is a violation of City ordinances, and there are a number of our neighbors who are leaving their can out all week. It is unsightly, dangerous, and a violation of community home maintenance requirements. The trustees and office staff do not want to have to send letters reminding residents to put their cans away. Please help keep the neighborhood looking nice by moving your can out of sight as soon as possible, but no later than that evening.

The following is a copy of the current Houston City Ordinance related to when trash containers are to be placed at the curb for collection found at <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10123&sid=43>.

Chapter 39 SOLID WASTE AND LITTER CONTROL
ARTICLE IV. COLLECTION SERVICES DIVISION 2.
CONTAINERS, ETC. Sec. 39-67. Placement for basic collection service.

(c) It shall be unlawful to place or to allow to remain any materials at the curblin for basic collection service by the department prior to 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding a day designated by the director for basic collection service at that location. Basic collection service shall commence at 7:00 a.m. on the day designated by the director. It shall be unlawful to place or allow to remain any materials at the curblin on a designated collection day after department collection service personnel have passed the site for that day, and the department shall not have any obligation to return to collect items not present at the curb when the department vehicle serviced the site.

(Code 1968, § 20-19; Ord. No. 81-1524, § 1, 8-11-81; Ord. No. 88-1643, § 4, 10-12-88; Ord. No. 95-406, § 6, 4-12-95; Ord. No. 98-115, § 7, 2-11-98; Ord. No. 07-575, §§ 3, 4, 5-9-07)

FROM THE OFFICE

by Jacki Oliver, *CLCCA Bookkeeper*

It is that time of year again; your annual statements have arrived. Good News is that they are somewhat less than they were last year. Hurrah!!!! These monies are due by July 1, 2008. On August 1, 2008 a \$25.⁰⁰ late charge will be added to the amount. Then every month it is not paid interest will be added. We are open 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday and do not close for lunch. Call us or come in if you have any questions. Pool Tags are for sale again. The Board of Trustees has lowered the cost for guest passes. They are now \$25.⁰⁰ for each one you buy. Have a happy and safe summer!!!

POOL'S r COOL!

The summer POOL HOURS are out and the water is fine! Your Board of Trustees has expanded the hours at all of the pools and guaranteed that at least two pool complexes will be open every day.

From June 6 through August 3, the main Recreation Center pool complex in Oakbrook will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m., weather permitting, every day of the week. The three neighborhood pools in the other subdivisions will be open Thursday through Sunday from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

In addition: from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. every Monday, the Oakbrook West pool will be open; from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday, the Camino South pool will be open; and from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday, the Meadowgreen pool will be open.

The new Aquatics Director, Sarah Oziomek, is hoping to offer swimming lessons. For more information, call 281-488-0360 and ask for Sarah. You also may contact Sarah to arrange a pool party.



A BLISSFUL SUMMER

by Larry Wilson, *Gym Supervisor*

Summertime is upon us again and, for the next several months, the energy level around the Clear Lake City Recreation Center will increase dramatically.

With the hot, humid weather we experience in Southeast Texas, the swimming pools owned and operated by CLCCA become a haven for those wishing to stay cool, relax, swim, and have tons of fun.

As always, CLCCA anticipates an extremely active season. There are family get-togethers filled with barbecues and catered outings that keep residents enjoying the facilities all summer long.

There is a high volume of children and young adults from the community that use our swimming pools daily. Some spend hours upon hours at the pools, while others will use the pool a couple of times a day. And the best part of it is everyone has a blast and can't wait for the pools to open the next day.

The CLCCA has also taken steps to ensure a much safer and cleaner environment. We now have our own Aquatics Director and well trained Supervisors and I can not say enough about them. They are extremely courteous, professional, focused, and they will be a valuable asset to the staff we now have in place. Informally, I'd like to introduce Sarah, Patrick, and Joshua. Remember those names and if you ever find that you need something special, ask to speak with one of them, and I guarantee you will have a pleasant experience.

Within the rest of the Clear Lake City Recreation Facility, the energy level is equally high and we have groups utilizing the Gym throughout the summer. We are not having a Summer Day Camp this year for a variety of reasons. However, our Stroller Fit Program, designed for Moms and their young children, is expanding and they will be here Monday through Thursday each week. Gulf Coast Volleyball Association, which uses our Gym year round, will also be here several hours during the day all summer.

So, CLCCA is expecting a busy but enjoyable summer. And we sincerely hope all of our residents and members enjoy their summer while visiting us.

Finally, I would like to commend and applaud our General Manager, Mr. Keith, and the Board of Directors for all they have planned and accomplished over the past year. Mr. Keith has had certain visions he had planned and, I'm proud to say, that he has implemented many of those in the year he has been here. He is adamant toward a safety and service for our visitors, and I'm honored and proud to have him as our leader.

Our General Manager, Staff, and Board of Directors wish you all a happy and fun filled summer. We are here for the community and want to take the necessary steps to ensure you have a pleasant time with us.

HOUSE ADDRESS VISIBILITY

by Sharri Bronas, *CLCCA Assessment Coordinator*

If you had an emergency, would the emergency vehicles be able to find your house? During a drive through one of the subdivisions in our community, it was difficult to identify street numbers for many of the houses. The best place for street numbers is on your house and they need to be visible from the street. A second alternative is to paint them on the curb in front of your house. Remember, it would be easier for emergency personnel to find your house if your street numbers are easily visible.

SAFETY AT HOME

by Roberta Toppin, *Oakbrook Trustee*

There have been a rash of home break-ins along the golf course; therefore, it is recommended that everyone secure their homes accordingly. Most important is locking all doors and windows; e.g. glass sliding doors can be pinned top and bottom (a hole is placed at the top of the door and also at the bottom) you then place a very long nail or pin at both ends and this will secure the door. You can also place a length of wood at the base of the sliding door (this will block entrance). Lastly, you can install a metal bar that drops down and also locks the sliding door. Lighting is extremely important; keeping the back of your home well lit at night is deterrence. Vapor lights work well and are inexpensive. Motion lights are also another way to light your property. Please take heed and secure everything.



July

2008

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------|---|---|--|
| | 1 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup OW | 2 | 3 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup CS | 4 | 5 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup MG |
| 7 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O | 8 Trash/Yard Waste/Heavy Trash Pickup OW | 9 | 10 Trash/Yard Waste/Heavy Trash Pickup CS | 11 Trash/Yard Waste/Heavy Trash Pickup MG | 12 |
| 14 Heavy Trash Pickup O | 15 | 16 | 17 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 18 | 19 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 25 | 26 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | | |

August

2008

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------|--|---|-----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 8 Heavy Trash Pickup MG | 9 |
| 11 Heavy Trash Pickup O | 12 Heavy Trash Pickup OW | 13 | 14 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG Heavy Trash Pickup CS | 15 | 16 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 22 | 23 |
| 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 29 | 30 |
|  31 | | | | | |

September

2008

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|--|---|------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 5 | 6 |
| 8 Heavy Trash Pickup O | 9 Heavy Trash Pickup OW | 10 | 11 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG Heavy Trash Pickup CS | 12 Heavy Trash Pickup MG | 13 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 19 | 20 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 26 | 27 |
| 29 | 30 | | | O = Oakbrook OW = Oakbrook West CS = Camino South MG = Meadowgreen | |

October

2008

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|---|--|------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| | | 1 | 2 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG Heavy Trash Pickup CS | 10 Heavy Trash Pickup MG | 11 |
| 13 Heavy Trash Pickup O | 14 Heavy Trash Pickup OW | 15 | 16 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 17 | 18 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 24 | 25 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Trash/Yard Waste Pickup O/OW/CS/MG | 31 | |

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



TAG, YOU'RE IN

TAGS - What are they? Why do I need one? Where do I get one? How much do they cost? When can I get them? What do I have to do?

The CLCCA is a private organization. It is supported by the Mill Assessment paid by homeowners in the several subdivisions and commercial property owners. This is a significant part of the income of the organization. The remainder comes from charges for the various services and helps pay for all of the great facilities, the lifeguards, the parks, the pools, and all of the other available amenities.

The fee structure for tags, courses, and activities is based on residence. If you are a resident of Oakbrook, Oakbrook West, Meadowgreen, Camino South, University Green or any of the apartments, townhouses and condo's within those boundaries, or the apartments, townhouses and condo's down El Camino towards NASA Parkway, you are eligible to purchase pool tags, fitness room tags or gym tags at the IN AREA rate, since your annual homeowner association fees help to support the operations. Likewise, if you wish to take any of the several courses offered at the Recreation Center, they also are available to you at the lower of the two rates shown in the brochure. Residents of areas not included in the list above may also purchase tags, and take courses, but are considered to be Non-CLCCA Residents.

| POOL TAGS (Pools and Tennis Courts) | CLCCA Resident | Non-CLCCA Resident |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Family** | \$ 95.00 | \$ 175.00 |
| Guest Tags | \$ 25.00 each | \$ 25.00 each |
| Monthly Tag | \$ 40.00 | \$ 40.00 |
| Daily walk in - no tag | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 |

** "Family" includes Grandparents with Grandchildren

| FITNESS ROOM TAGS | CLCCA Resident | Non-CLCCA Resident |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| First Family Member | \$ 135.00 | \$ 175.00 |
| Additional Family Members | \$ 75.00 each | \$ 100.00 each |
| Monthly 1 person tag | \$ 40.00 | \$ 40.00 |
| Daily walk in - no tag | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 |

| GYM TAGS | CLCCA Resident | Non-CLCCA Resident |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Individual | \$ 50.00 | \$ 75.00 |
| Family | \$ 75.00 | \$ 100.00 |

All of the above tags are available at the CLCCA office located at 16511 Diana Lane. To get to the office, enter the large parking lot on Ramada, go through the gate, and into the office, the first door on the left. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., including during lunch.



HOME POOLS

- Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim--this includes adults and children.
- Never leave a child unobserved around water. Your eyes must be on the child at all times. Adult supervision is recommended.
- Install a phone by the pool or keep a cordless phone nearby so that you can call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- Learn CPR and insist that babysitters, grandparents, and others who care for your child know CPR.
- Post CPR instructions and 9-1-1 or your local emergency number in the pool area.
- Enclose the pool completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence with vertical bars. Openings in the fence should be no more than four inches wide. The house should not be included as a part of the barrier.
- The gate should be constructed so that it is self-latching and self-closing.
- Never leave furniture near the fence that would enable a child to climb over the fence.
- Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool and know how to use it. Pole, rope, and personal flotation devices (PFDs) are recommended.
- Keep toys away from the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children into the pool.
- Pool covers should always be completely removed prior to pool use.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom, and surface, as well as the surrounding pool area.

OCEAN SAFETY

- Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim--this includes adults and children.
- Stay within the designated swimming area, ideally within the visibility of a lifeguard.
- Never swim alone.
- Check the surf conditions before you enter the water. Check to see if a warning flag is up or check with a lifeguard for water conditions, beach conditions, or any potential hazards.
- Stay away from piers, pilings, and diving platforms when in the water.
- Keep a lookout for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants. Leave animals alone.
- Make sure you always have enough energy to swim back to shore.
- Don't try to swim against a current if caught in one. Swim gradually out of the current, by swimming across it.

CONCRETE FENCES

The Pineloch Association has offered to give the concrete fence panels they are removing to whoever will come and take them. The fences at the homes in the CLCCA are private property, so the CLCCA cannot legally spend money to replace or repair them. However, if homeowners wish to acquire those free panels themselves, it is up to them to do whatever may be necessary to get them and the CLCCA can not be involved with or held liable for those decisions. Be advised the panels weigh approximately 250 pounds each. The person to contact is Kathy Dooley, CMCA Community Management Solutions, 281-480-2563.

VANDALISM

Vandalism in our parks is growing rapidly and becoming very costly.

Please report vandalism to the local Constable (281-488-4040) or Houston Police at local substation (281-218-3800). Please help in protecting our communities!

Community Website www.clcca.org

Listed are available programs offered by the Center as well as schedules, costs and information on programs and instructors, dates on projects in the communities, minutes and agenda of the Board of Trustees meetings, Architectural Review forms for home improvements. There is also an email address for community feedback.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CLCCA - office
(281) 488-0360

CLCCA - fitness room
(281) 488-0239

City of Houston Service Helpline 311



EMERGENCY SERVICES



HPD Dispatch
(713) 884-3131

Houston Fire Dept.
(713) 227-2323

Poison Control Center
1-800-POISON-1

Ambulance
911

NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Clear Lake Police Substation
(281) 218-3800

Constable Bill Bailey
(281) 488-4040

Sheriff
(281) 488-4717

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

Waste Management (TRASH)
(281) 487-5000



OTHER

Freeman Library
(281) 488-1906

Space Center Houston
(281) 244-2100

Armand Bayou Nature Center
(281) 474-2551

Harris County Courthouse
(281) 486-7250



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LIFEGUARD

OPPORTUNITIES

**CATCH SOME RAYS! GET A TAN!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND EARN SOME BUCKS!**

If you have ever wanted to be a lifeguard, here is your opportunity. Contact Sarah Oziomek at the Clear Lake City Community Association office (281-488-0360) and find out how you can get your certification and become a lifeguard.