

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

(Check out our website: www.clearlakeforest.com for current information)

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (@, Scout Hut AT 7:00 P.M.

NEW TRUSTEES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CLFCA BOARD

If you interested in joining the Board, you need to notify the current Secretary, Linda Pearson by phone, email (note website above) or letter that you want to run for a position on the Board. According to CLFCA By-laws, your intention to run must be received 30 days prior to the election date or April 9th. Her phone number is noted in this newsletter if you don't have access to email. Three (3) positions are up for election and some existing trustees are not running for reelection. A short bio and issues important to you will be needed. An election will be held in conjunction with the TLV City election scheduled for May 9, 2009. Please strongly consider getting involved.

MOST CLFCA REPAIRS RESULTING FROM IKE DONE

Damages to CLFCA assets caused by Hurricane Ike are essentially complete. Water on Mud Lake rose to near the base of the Scout Hut wiping out both A/C units, which have been replaced. There was no structural damage to the building. The roof of the building has been replaced. One of the light poles at the tennis courts came down and was replaced as well as the lighting controls. Repair to the court surface caused by the pole is expected soon. The chimney on the main building at the Pool has been repaired as well as fencing in and around the area. Fortunately, insurance has covered all of these costs.

LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT AT BARONRIDGE PARK MOVING FORWARD

The Galveston Bay Foundation ("GBF") made a presentation to the Board to promote what they called a "Living Shoreline" at Baronridge Park. The project would be a way to better preserve the waterfront area at the Park by creating a barrier roughly 20 feet out from the shoreline and planting an assortment of plants to thwart erosion to the shoreline instead of expanding the bulkhead. A more detailed overview of this project is posted on our website. The good news is no CLFCA funds will be used.

UNPAID DUES TO ATTORNEY - AGAIN!

First of all, thank you to the nearly 96% of you that timely paid your dues. CLFCA sent 33 homeowner accounts to our attorney's office for collection. This, after repeated notices to all unpaid accounts from our accountant's office seeking payment but also advising that a payment plan is available, if there is a hardship. Last year that number was 21. The "average" CLF annual dues is \$179.76, which is quite low. A late fee of \$25 is added when thirty days past due, but once your account goes to the attorney; there is a minimum charge of \$120 which means by inaction on your part, your obligation increased by nearly 45% on average. What a waste! It can be avoided with a simple phone call to either our accountants or any Board member. We go the extra mile to avoid referring to the attorneys because it not our desire to make money for the attorneys. Please take care of your account promptly before the legal fees escalate. It's your call!

DEED RESTRICTION - FENCE HEIGHT

Many homeowners suffered damage to fences on their lots. Our Deed Restrictions written by Friendswood Development Corporation in the 60's & 70's provide for a height limitation of six (6) feet. Many of you have contacted CLFCA Board Trustees requesting a variance to the height restriction for various reasons. Over the years, multiple CLFCA Boards have not rigorously enforced this particular restriction unless it was an egregious violation. Many homeowners replacing a fence have asked the

Board for permission to put up to a 6 inch rot board along the ground to better preserve the fence and reduce maintenance costs and recognizing the benefit, we have approved those requests. Others have added a rot board without permission. We have consulted our attorney and they have stated that the best way for the Board to address this issue is to add to our Exterior Maintenance Guidelines which are filed with Harris County and reflected on our website. If you have questions, please contact a Board member.

CURRENT BOARD	(cut out & tape this to the refrigerator)
The 2007-2008 Board Members and home phone numbers are:	
Alan Koelemav	281/474-2634 President/Park & Entrvways. Editor-Newsletter
Rusty Stewart	281/474-9140 Vice President/Pool Facility
Diane Humes	281/532-1063 Treasurer/Pool Facility
Linda Pearson	281/474-3484 Secretary- Park/Entryways
Steve Zobal	281/326-1223 Trustee/Deed Restrictions

CLF WEBSITE & EMAIL ALERT

If you want to find out about activities, clubs, organizations, meetings taking place in CLF or find copies of the deed restrictions or exterior maintenance guidelines, check out our website. If you have any questions or comments for the CLFCA Board or want to publicize a community oriented organization, etc. please contact the Board by email through the website or by calling one of the Board members. **Also, if you want to receive email alerts from CLFCA regarding neighborhood news, give us your email address through our website and don't forget to update your email address via the website should it change.** We currently have about 180 active email addresses. Stay involved by signing up today.

TLV CITY TRASH PICK-UP

TREE LIMBS, ETC. MUST BE TIED UP IN BUNDLES, 5 FT X 18 INCHES AND WEIGH LESS THAN 50 POUNDS EACH OR IT WILL **NOT** BE PICKED UP. CURBSIDE PICKUP IS LIMITED TO 5 BUNDLES AND 10 TRASH BAGS PER PICKUP. Homeowners or their contractors are responsible for disposing of construction waste and anything outside the above guidelines. In order to keep the appearance of CLF attractive, please put trash containers out only on designated pick-up days (Tuesday and Friday) and put them back out of sight the same day. Ameriwaste is the current TLV trash contractor and can be reached at 281-331-8400. For those in Pasadena, call 713-475-5566.

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CLF 2009 Calendar of ACTIVITIES

- Spring Spruce-Up (morning)** April 18 (Movie and Campout on the night of April 17)
- CLF (Women's Club) BYOB Potluck Dinner "Adults Only"** April 25?
- CLF Pool Kick-Off** May 17
- CLFCA 2009 - 2010 Dues invoice mail out** May
- Friday Movie Night - 3rd Friday of each month - May 15 thru August 14**
- CLF (Women's Club) Holiday Open House** December 4
- POOL SUMMER SCHEDULE** See CLF Website for specifics