

Windermere Lakes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Where's the best fishing in the lake?

Years ago I watched with enthusiasm as Windermere Lakes was being built. As a Steeplechase resident I watched the lakes being dug, the bulkheads being built and the neighborhood actually come to life. I proudly became a resident of Windermere Lakes.

When the lakes were dug and began to fill, I noticed there was little structure or places for fish to hide from bigger fish. This lack of structure is by design. Structure in the lake can act as anchor points for aquatic vegetation and other ugliness that would detract from the lake beauty. Because the lake doesn't have structure in the middle, the docks in the lake and the culverts between the lakes act as fish magnets. These are definitely the best places to take yourself or your children to have a little summer fun fishing.

The lakes are stocked with fish that have been purchased as fingerlings from fish hatcheries which will grow into larger fish. The HOA purchases fish to balance the entire lake ecosystem which are low cost, yet big enough to ensure survival. Currently the lakes include catfish, sunfish and largemouth bass.

The ability of the docks to concentrate fish and the stocked fish factor could allow fishermen to take substantial value from the lake if fish were kept or damaged upon return to the lake. There are several steps which residents can take to insure the good fishing will remain after their fishing excursion.

Residents should return all fish to the lake as quickly as possible after catching. Reminder, all our lakes are catch and release only. The longer a fish is out of the water, the more the protective slime on the fish dries and is exposed to potential damage. This slime film protects the fish by keeping bacteria or viruses that might be in the water from attacking the skin of the fish. Fish should be handled as little as possible while extracting the hook. It is especially bad to allow the fish to lay on the dock or bottom of a boat while removing the hook. The best way to remove the hook is to wet your hands prior to handling the fish, and then extract the hook as gently as possible. Handling the fish with dry hands, letting the fish lay on the dock or handling the fish with gloves or a towel seriously damages the protective slime. Even the choice of fish hook can play a great part in protecting the fishing resources we have at Windermere Lakes. Circle hooks, as defined by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission are "a non-offset hook with the point turned perpendicularly back to the shank." These hooks don't require the angler to set the hook, and more than 98% of the time result in the fish being caught in its jaw. This type of hook eliminates deep hooking which can result in damage when the hook is removed from the fish. While these hooks look a little goofy, circle hooks will improve your catch ratio and almost guarantee the fish

will not be seriously damaged by the hook.

The best time to fish is whenever you can and we have great resources in the neighborhood for that fun. With a little thought and care for the fish in the lakes we can insure not only today's fun catches but bigger catches tomorrow!

Kevin Swicegood, President
Windermere Lakes HOA

Windermere Lakes - Fishing Rules & Regulations

1. Windermere Lakes allows only CATCH and RELEASE fishing.
2. Fishing is for WL Residents and their guests.
3. Guests should be accompanied by a WL Resident at all times
4. Compliance with Texas Parks and Wildlife licensing requirements, rules and regulations is required by all persons.
5. Circle hooks must be used for all live bait fishing and fish.
6. Absolutely no catching of fish by nets or any other such devices.
7. No exotic fish such as aquarium fish or fish caught in other rivers, lakes or ponds should be released in Windermere Lakes.
8. Dispose of all trash, bait containers, picnic materials and fishing line in a responsible manner.
9. Swimming and diving in the lakes is unsafe and strictly prohibited.
10. Children should be monitored at all times while fishing or near the lakes.
11. In case of emergency call 9-1-1.
12. If there are conditions on the lakes which should be corrected, please contact the HOA Board through windmerelakes.net immediately.

All Fishing Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced. Your cooperation is appreciated so everyone can enjoy WL Fishing!

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can be contacted at www.windmerelakes.net*

**We are in the process of establishing our Committees for 2007 and need resident volunteers! If you are interested in participating with us, please contact us at www.windmerelakes.net for more details. This is a great way to meet your fellow neighbors and to help make our Windermere Lakes community a better place to live.*

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LANDSCAPE FOCUS

Windermere Yard of the Month

Congratulations! The winner is... 12010 Newport Shores Dr.

This homeowner's landscaping impressed members of our committee for the best looking yard and was selected as the 'Yard of the Month' for May 2007

The homeowner receives a \$25 Gift Card from Home Depot, bragging rights to the honor AND our WL Yard of the Month sign remains in their yard during the month. Great job!

Thank you for all your efforts in making our neighborhood more beautiful.

We appreciate the time and participation by our volunteers during this selection process.

PS: Have you noticed the new Queen Palms at the front entrance of Windermere Lakes?? There were some pine trees that were really tired (actually dead!) so the BOD had them replaced with the palms. These palms really fit the image and logo of our neighborhood and as they grow will add a great look at the entrance.

Sreehari Gorantla

Landscape Committee



FROM THE BOARD...

REMEMBER THE DATE - WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND

SPECIAL 'SECURITY MEETING'

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007 7:00pm – 9:00pm

WINDERMERE LAKES CLUBHOUSE

Please be sure to join us and help begin the process to fight crime in our neighborhood. Knowledge and Awareness is critical to each of us in preparation to protect our homes and families. Your support is critical to the security of our neighborhood.

It is time for fun outdoors with the family so be sure to review the WL Fishing Rules and Regulations. There is more to come from your BOD regarding the security needed for fishing in our neighborhood. As you may have noticed, there are many unauthorized persons coming into WL to fish our lakes. This is prohibited and we will be finalizing the procedures for our WL Residents to help prevent these unauthorized visitors. It also appears that we have residents that may not know the rules and are not fishing properly. Watch for more information on this subject very soon, you can be sure we care about the future of our fish and our lakes!

Windermere Lakes Market Report

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07
\$400,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$350,000 - 399,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
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\$200,000 -	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	3	2	2	3	1	2
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Security Committee Update

Homeowners of the Windermere Lakes Subdivision:

For some time, the WL Board of Directors has been aware of the growing concern of Homeowners regarding the potential for home invasions and burglaries. In order to help separate rumor from fact and replace any fear with confidence, on Wednesday, June 13th from 7 to 9pm we have scheduled an interactive presentation by the Harris County Sheriff's "Burglary Apprehension Response Team" (BARS).

This group will discuss the statistical facts about burglaries and what is being done about it. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and address personal concerns with the experienced Deputies.

In addition, the Crime Prevention Task (CPT) Force will be presenting and discussing how to safeguard your individual homes with preventative measures to minimize the risk of being broken into or robbed. They will also inform the WL Homeowners on the option of having Deputies complete a Security Audit of your home. There are various premium credits available from many insurance carriers on Home Insurance policies if the proper security systems are in place.

Please join us, for the peace of mind that knowledge and prevention can bring to you and your family.

We need someone from your family represented at this important meeting!

WEDS., JUNE 13, 2007 7-9pm Windermere Lakes Clubhouse
David Petty, Security Committee Chairperson

Neighbor To Neighbor

Babysitters Needed.... We have received several requests from WL Residents for contact information for babysitters and other services! Unfortunately, we don't have any names to give them at this time! If you do babysitting, pet sitting, lawn mowing, etc. PLEASE send us your information so we can put you together with WL neighbors needing your services. Contact us at newsletter@windermere.net - we will contact you to obtain all the information so we can make it a win-win situation for everyone!

Windermere Resident offers you to bring your Kids, Dogs and Family to Zube Park and ride the trains. Free train rides the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 2pm. Zube Park is located on Hwy 290 at Roberts Road (towards Austin). It is only about 15 minutes from Windermere Lakes. Turn right on Roberts Road and go one mile to the track, park on the right. You can call Peter Bryan (Windermere Resident) at 713-939-8002 for more information.

WL Social Committee Corner

Hello fellow WL residents!

The Memorial Day Pool Party Celebration is over and what a great time we had! The delicious burgers/hot-dogs, summertime music, fun games and just visiting with each other simply cannot be beat! Special thanks to our DJ, Joe Sanchez for the music and to Fred & Carole Smith, Steel Eagle Cookers for once again serving up some really great food for everyone. WHAT A DAY!

We have a Social Committee break during June so you can enjoy the WL Pool on your own and try to get outside to meet your friendly neighbors. PLEASE mark your calendar to attend the special Security Meeting that is planned at the Clubhouse for Wednesday, June 13, 2007 7-9pm We have some real security issues facing our neighborhood and we need the support from all residents to get this under control and exercise preventative measures for the safety of all our families.

COMING UP in July is our Annual Windermere Lakes July 4th Pool Party... we are beginning plans now and it should be even bigger and better than last year! We look forward to again having our WL July 4th Parade so everyone should be getting their bikes, trikes, baby strollers and wagons ready to be decorated for participation in our parade! There are prizes for the best decorated and as always, we'll have good food, music, games and lots more FUN! Watch for the signs and we will soon have more information on the website at www.windermere.net.

School is out... enjoy your families and have a great summer!

I'll see you all there...

Bill Wentzell, Chairperson, WL Social Committee



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What's Happening on The Lakes...

Flamingo Lake Yacht Club: Their May party was held at Danny Jatzlau's home on May 19th. Everyone enjoyed Danny's newly designed patio area with lake view which is really great looking and even looked better as the evening progressed thanks to the margarita machine!! Seriously, the party was a huge success with friends, fun and great food. If you live on or around Flamingo Lake and want to get to know your Flamingo Lake neighbors, just contact us at newsletter@windermerylakes.net. We will put you in touch with their group so you can be invited to their next meeting. This is how great neighbors become great friends!

Is your Lake missing??? WE NEED YOUR NEWS!!

If you have some news or fun going on at your Lake, please let us hear from you! We'd like to share the news in our future newsletters. Any parties, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries or any other celebrations that may take place would be great shared with your other Windermere Lakes neighbors!

PLEASE SEND YOUR INFO TO US FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER TO: newsletter@windermerylakes.net

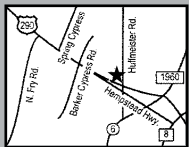
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