

Windermere Lakes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... Be Warm; Be Safe



Houston doesn't get many continuous days of cold weather, so when it does turn cold, we often are quickly trying to rush to get warm after enjoying a few days where even the air conditioner needed to be on to cool the house. This constant switching between warm and cold leaves us prone to accidents with fireplaces and space heaters.

February is one of the deadliest months for home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths. It's important to take extra precautions during the winter because of specific equipment being used during cold weather.

Thinking of buying a space heater? The NFPA recommends it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Install it according to the manufacturer's instructions or have it professionally installed. If you have an electric-powered space heater, plug it into an outlet with sufficient capacity. Never use an extension cord and verify the unit is plugged in fully when being used.

Turn off space heaters whenever the room is unoccupied or when manufacturer's instructions say they

should be turned off. Portable space heaters are easy to knock over in the dark. Turn them off when you go to bed, or at least make sure they're placed in lighted areas or out of high-traffic areas.

If you use a fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home-heating fires. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Consult with the fireplace's manufacturer before using artificial logs in wood stoves. Check the area in your attic where the flue travels to the roof to verify stored items in the attic haven't come in contact with the metal chimney duct and flue.

Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. If you use a wood fueled fire, after the ashes are cool dispose of them in a metal container. This container should be kept a safe distance from your home. Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and the exit point is properly sealed around the vent. This assures deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.

Other reminders from the National Fire Protection Association include:

- Don't use your oven to heat your home.
- Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary.
- Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm outside each sleeping area.

For more information, visit nfpa.org.

Clubhouse Pool, Patio 'n' Playground

(Recreational Facilities Committee)

If you are interested in being part of this committee to help make our pool and recreational areas more enjoyable, please contact Dianne by email at ldwentzell@gmail.com.

We hope to hear from you soon! Happy Valentine's Day!

Dianne Wentzell, Chairperson

WL Recreational Facilities Committee



Social Committee Corner

Hello Again WL Residents!

Nothing much going on right now with the Social Committee to report! Don't know about you, but we are just now rested up from the fun and festivities that we enjoyed during Christmas.

Still trying to recruit some new members for our committee... so, if you would be interested in working with a fun bunch of folks, please give me a call or email.

I'm looking forward to some more fun activities in 2008, but we must have your help. We need volunteers to assist us in planning, preparing and working our events.

Please contact me at Oldchristian@gmail.com or at the Windermere Lakes website www.windermerylakes.net

I'll see you next time...

Bill Wentzell, Chairperson

WL Social Committee

Windermere Lakes

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WE NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COMMITTEES!
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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If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Windermere Lakes Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information to newsletter@windmerelakes.net. *This information should include your name. All information should be received no later than the 9th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as space limitations.*

LANDSCAPE FOCUS *Windermere Yard of the Month*



Congratulations! The winner is... 12030 SUNRISE WAY

This winner's landscaping was great and impressed members of our committee as the selection for 'Holiday Yard of the Month' for December-January .

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. Our thanks go out to those that care about their homes and keep their lawns maintained.

All the Christmas Lights and Decorations added such holiday spirit during December. Thanks to all those that took the time to have beautifully decorated homes and yards for the holiday season for us to enjoy.

Don't forget to take the lights and decorations down on a timely basis..... the lights are really great looking in December, but especially when February comes, they just don't look as good!

Thank you for helping make our neighborhood more beautiful. We also appreciate the time and participation by our judging volunteers during this selection process.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OUR GREAT NEIGHBORS!

Sreehari Gorantla

Landscape Committee

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Windermere Lakes residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail newsletter@windmerelakes.net

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FROM THE BOARD...

We started our January 2008 Newsletter off with some positive feedback to all our Windermere Lakes neighbors. We thank you for your efforts during 2007 to keep our neighborhood the best in the area.

HOWEVER, it is now time to begin the major task at hand for 2008. In order for our community to be successful in the many recreational and social areas that our residents participate, we need many more volunteers involved with the neighborhood.

We always seem to hear, 'Just let me know if there is anything we can do'. Please understand that we do appreciate the gesture, but nothing seems to come to fruition. Unfortunately, if we cannot recruit some additional volunteers for the committees in 2008, we may have to discontinue or severely limit the activities and functions that we have enjoyed in the past.

There is a lot of personal effort by the volunteers going into each and every social activity or event that is sponsored by Windermere Lakes. We are of the opinion that most of our neighbors enjoy the activities and appreciate all the family participation. If we are incorrect about this, we would like some feedback so those few that have volunteered are not spending all their personal time and efforts needlessly.

Frankly, our (YOUR) budget does not include 'hiring' persons to assist at our parties or events to serve food, clean up after the event, decorate the event area, etc. During the holiday party we had to do that because we did not have enough assistance to undertake the labor of the events! So, to stay within our fiduciary guidelines, we either have to have some volunteers to assist with the events or we need to reduce/eliminate some of the events held.

Your feedback would be greatly appreciated at www.windmerelakes.net on this subject. If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact us. Volunteering is also a fun way to meet other neighbors and get to know the great people in Windermere Lakes.

WE SINCERELY NEED YOUR HELP FOR 2008!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW! (www.windmerelakes.net or call SCS with your name, number and best time to contact you!

Is your Lake news missing???

WE NEED YOUR INFO!!

If you have some news or fun activities 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@windmerelakes.net

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Gerri Rougeau, Windermere Lakes Resident

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The new rate for business miles compares to a rate of 48.5 cents per mile for 2007. For more specific information about when and how to use the deduction, go to www.irs.gov/newsroom to look for the announcement on 2008 standard mileage rates.

Federal 'Do Not Call' List Set to Expire: Registering your telephone number on the Federal 'Do Not Call List' isn't permanent. After five years, the ban on calling your number is lifted unless you renew your registration. If you were one of the early registrants, you will start hearing from the telemarketers again in the summer of 2008.

You can check to see when your registrations expire, add new numbers, or re-register at www.DoNotCall.gov. Currently 149 million phone numbers are on the federal list.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE LAKES...

Flamingo Lake Yacht Club - The Flamingo Lake Holiday Boat Parade was held on Sunday, December 23rd and was a big success. Santa did make a special trip back to Windermere Lakes so he could join in on the holiday boat parade! Special thanks to all those persons that were in their yards or at the windows waving and cheering the boats and crew members on! Seems like the kids enjoyed the singing on the boats and Santa even had a loud speaker that he used to wish them all a Merry Christmas!

We hear there is a Super Bowl Party being held at Dave & Debbie Krobath's home... sounds like the fun is just beginning for the Flamingo Lake group in 2008!

This is really a good group of neighbors and if you live on or around Flamingo Lake, they want to invite you to their next event. Just contact us at newsletter@windermerylakes.net and we will put you in touch with their group. This is how great neighbors become great friends!

We need your News!

If you have some news or fun activities going on at your Lake, please let us hear from you!

We'd like to share the news in our future newsletters. Are you or someone in your family running in a marathon, have a new member in your family, children accomplishments or something you'd like to share in the newsletter? Any parties, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries or any other celebrations that may take place would be great shared with your other Windermere Lakes neighbors!

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Due to the interest of those in attendance at the Annual Homeowner Meeting, a priority for 2008 will be the establishing a Neighborhood Block Captain program for Windermere Lakes.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Block Captain' for your street, please email us at www.windermerehomes.net so we can be sure you are contacted for the organizational meeting.

If you see any persons you believe to be suspicious and/or that do not appear to belong in our neighborhood, please report so they can be checked out by the proper authorities.

Emergency: 911

Sheriff's Dept. 713-221-6000.

Stay safe and keep a watchful eye on our neighborhood!

David Petty, Chairperson

WL Security Committee

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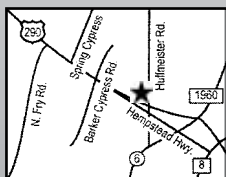
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The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

The First Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Palm Sunday) –

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death.

Cypress United Methodist Church is preparing for Easter and would like to welcome you to church during the Lenten Season. We are planning special Bible studies, worship services and events that will lead you to the cross. Visit our website, today, for our Lenten Season schedule at **www.Cypress-UMC.org**.

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MAKING THE CASE FOR GEN Y: WHY THEY SHOULD CHOOSE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Generation Y is the marketing term for children of the electronic age, born from 1981-1995. Media stories abound about ways in which they are reshaping the workforce, how they view life differently and the brashness they exhibit. Making the Aggie message relevant to Generation Y and attracting them to Aggieland is just one of the challenges facing Texas A&M University Chief Marketing Officer and Vice President for Communications Steven B. Moore. Moore will share his plans with Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms on Tuesday, February 12. He will also discuss what is on the horizon for communications at A&M.

Moore assumed the newly created position at his alma mater on August 1, 2005 with a charge to provide campus-wide oversight for marketing, media relations, internal and external communications, brand architecture and content for top-level Web site communications, along with market research and positioning and branding efforts. That daunting job description comprises much of the electronic world that is the core of Generation Y.

Having earned both a BBA in marketing in 1979 and an MBA in 1986 at Texas A&M, Moore understands the university's traditions and values. His experience in the corporate world

includes a stint as Senior Vice President at IMG, the world's largest sports marketing company and he served as Vice President of Worldwide Sports for the Coca-Cola Company. Moore's other experience includes corporate consulting regarding the role of sports in corporate development and he served as Vice President of International Marketing for Outback Steakhouse.

The February meeting is open to all Aggie Moms and will be held at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc., 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066. Refreshments and a casual social time begin at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

NWHC Aggie Moms will host a "Fabulous Fifties" Dinner and Auction Fundraiser at Wyndhaven Terrace, 12716 Cutten Road on Friday, February 29, 2008. Proceeds from this event fund scholarships and support Texas A&M organizations. The Aggie Moms will also host the Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert at Foundry United Methodist Church on Friday March 28th. Come join us for these events!

For more information about these and other upcoming events, check our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.com

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

- WL resident Alan Champagne is looking to get a used paddle boat to go out on the lake. Please contact him at alan_champagne@yahoo.com or 281-513-8109 if you have one available, or know someone who does.
- 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.
- Committee Members Wanted.... If you would be interested in working on the Newsletter Committee and providing reports, articles and news for your block or lake, please contact Gerri Eubank at newsletter@windmerelakes.net Have something to sell or want to give away?? The homeowners of Windermere Lakes can place their personal ads for free in our newsletter! Contact us at newsletter@windmerelakes.net and we will contact you to obtain all the information so we can make it a win-win situation for everyone!

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