

Woodlands' Homeowners Association

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2021 Fall Newsletter

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat., Dec. 11	East Side Fire Station's Christmas Parade	TBA
Sun., Dec. 19	Tentative Santa's Visit and Party (see below)	TBA
Mon., Jan. 3	Due date for 2022 HOA dues	
Tues., Jan. 11	HOA's Annual Meeting, East Side Fire Station	6:00 pm

2022 HOA Elections

Election of HOA officers will be held at the HOA's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the East Side Fire Station. Board elections are held in even years and board member terms are for two years. Please refer to Articles III, IV and V in the enclosed Bylaws or on the HOA's website at WoodlandsBR.com for a description of each officer and board member, their roles, responsibilities, and other information. There are currently a couple of vacancies on the Board of Directors, including the position of Vice-President. The board meets quarterly for typically no longer than an hour. If you have any questions or are interested in running for an office or an at-large position on the board, please email your name, address, and office you are interested in to woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com by January 1, 2022 so you can be on the ballot at the annual meeting.

Message from Your HOA President



I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the upcoming Christmas and holiday season. January is also the time of our HOA's Annual Meeting and I for one am looking forward to meeting in person after having to hold it virtually last year. I encourage you all to join us on January 11th. The Woodlands HOA is your organization. Come share your ideas on how to improve our neighborhood. I also encourage you to get involved in the HOA by running for a position on the board or volunteering for a committee (listed below). We can work together to make The Woodlands an even greater place to live.

January is also the month when our HOA dues are due. By owning a home in The Woodlands, you are required to be a member of the HOA and pay dues.

Unfortunately, not everyone pays. When one homeowner refuses to pay his/her HOA dues, it has an unfair impact on other homeowners who must pay more to cover for those who don't pay. Most of the dues ultimately go toward the beautification and maintenance of the community, which in turn, lead to higher property values. Your dues are deposited directly in the association's operating fund. The HOA has a reserve fund that has been built up over the past 40+ years for emergencies, but no funds have been added over the last five years because it has been difficult to keep annual expense under the amount collected in annual dues. Let's ALL do our part and pay our annual dues.

Craig Winchell

Committees

The HOA has many committees that need members and Chairpersons. We have a Yard of the Month Committee, an Architectural Control Committee, a Welcoming Committee, a Helping Hands Committee, the Information Sign Committee as well as a need for Street Reps. Please email your name and committee preference to woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com

Santa's Visit and Party

The HOA Board would like the HOA to host a children's party and adult social on Sunday afternoon, December 19th with a visit from Santa. But before going further with plans, we would like to gauge the interest of our homeowners in participating in this event. It would be held in a front yard in the subdivision and parents would drop off a wrapped present with their child's name ahead of time for Santa to hand out. **If you would attend this event, please reply to woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com by Sunday, December 5th so we can let everyone know and make final plans.** We are also looking for a volunteer to play Santa! We have the suit.

Extra Duty Police Patrol

The HOA Board has voted to hire an off-duty EBRSO Deputy to patrol throughout the subdivision again this holiday season. This will consist of patrols four days per week for four hours per day. These will be random patrols on random days throughout the week.

Christmas Decorating Contest

The HOA will be holding its Christmas Decorating Contest again this year. Houses and yards must be decorated by Sunday, December 19th to be judged and only homeowners current on the HOA dues are eligible to win.

Reminders

3 Ways to Pay HOA Dues:

- Send \$50 check to HOA, P. O. Box 77382, Baton Rouge, LA 70817
- Drop off cash, check or money order at Tammy Freeman's house, HOA Treasurer, 15413 Woodmoss
- Pay \$52 through PayPal at @woodlandsbrtreasurer@gmail.com.

Regardless of your method of payment, please include your name, address, and email address.

Comments, Suggestions?

Your HOA Board welcomes suggestions to improve our association and neighborhood. Send your comments to the HOA's email address. Let's work together to improve our community!

HOA Website

Find the neighborhood restrictions, bylaws, newsletters and more at www.WoodlandsBR.com

Streetlight and Road Repairs

To report a broken streetlight or a pothole, please call 311 or go to 311.BRLA.gov.