

# **Woodlands' Homeowners Association**

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## **2022 Fall Newsletter**

### **Message from Your HOA President**



I'm pleased to announce that as of mid-August, we have an off-duty Sheriff's Deputy patrolling our neighborhood two hours per night, seven days per week. **These are your dues at work!** Your dues also paid for the beautiful new landscaping at our O'Neal Lane entrance. Thanks again to David and Patti Fougousse for their volunteer labor on this project. Let's ALL do our part and pay our annual dues to see more projects that improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

In other news, Chris Hine and Vicki Ferstel resigned from their board positions of Vice-President and Secretary due to other commitments. Chris was a long-serving board member, and we truly appreciate his years of service. Vicki was new to the board, but we quickly appreciated her talents, and we hate to lose them both. The Board of Directors met on August 16<sup>th</sup> and appointed April Ziffer as the new Secretary. A new Vice-President has not yet been appointed. I know you all join me in thanking Chris and Vicki for their service and welcoming April to her new position.



The board also decided that since contact information is needed on all homeowners, I would request this information via email and Facebook. Volunteers will soon go door-to-door to request this information from those who have not responded. If the HOA has this contact information, we can ensure all homeowners receive timely notice of the HOA's Annual Meeting, HOA sponsored social events, our newsletters, and any other announcements. **This information can also be used for communication during or after natural disasters.**

The board also discussed homeowners who are in violation of various neighborhood restrictions and action the Architectural Control Committee is taking to ensure the violations are corrected. One of the most common complaints I receive is about cars parking on the street and I address these as they come in. Parking on the street is a safety issue, so I urge all of you to park in your driveways (not on your lawn!) and keep our neighborhood safe.

The HOA Spring Social last April in my driveway was a success and gave neighbors an opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. The board hopes to make this an annual event, as well as plan additional social events, such as the Christmas Party discussed below.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/Holiday season.

Craig Winchell

## Trick-or-Treat Socializing

Halloween is just around the corner. We encourage you to invite a couple of your neighbors to bring their bowl of candy and a tailgate chair and join you in your driveway. Seize this opportunity to connect with your neighbors and have a great time handing out candy to the little princesses and superheroes.



## HOA Christmas Party

The HOA will host a Christmas party on **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m.** in David and Tammy Freeman's driveway, 15413 Woodmoss Drive. Neighborhood adults and children are invited. More details will be on Facebook and emailed closer to the event but mark your calendars now. Last year's party was enjoyed by all, and you don't want to miss out!

## Halloween/Fall and Christmas Decorating Contests

The HOA will be holding its Halloween/Fall and Christmas Decorating Contests again this year. Houses and yards must be decorated by the deadlines below and only homeowners current on their HOA dues are eligible to win. First, second and third prizes winners will receive a Walmart gift card.

Halloween: Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Christmas: Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

## HOA Annual Meeting and Dues

The HOA's annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 6 p.m.** at the East Side Fire Station. All homeowners will be mailed a notice of this meeting along with a reminder that HOA dues are due each year on January 1<sup>st</sup>, but please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

## Making Bears for Sick Kids

One of our neighbors, Alice Hondzinski, has been leading a volunteer team that makes and donates 2,000 – 3,000 Huggable Stuffed Bears annually to local hospitals, urgent care clinics, and other organizations to provide to children in their care. Alice's dedicated group of ladies meets every Wednesday to sew the bears, but fabric is constantly needed to continue the project. If you would like to donate fabric, please leave it in a bag by the front door at 1113 Shadybrook. The fabric should be fun with bright colors or prints that children would enjoy. Plain, plaid, or other prints are also fine. No clothing or scrap fabric please.

# Reminders

## HOA's Website

The HOA's bylaws, neighborhood restrictions, newsletters and more can be found at [www.WoodlandsBR.com](http://www.WoodlandsBR.com). Check it out!

## 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 [@woodlandsbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:@woodlandsbtreasurer@gmail.com).

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

## **Streetlight and Road Repairs**

To report a broken streetlight or a pothole, please call 311 or go to [311.BRLA.gov](http://311.BRLA.gov).

## **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!