

# **Woodlands' Homeowners Association**

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## **Winter Newsletter and Dues Notice**

This newsletter will be disseminated electronically in the future. To ensure you receive the newsletter, send your email address to [woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com) or join the Woodlands Facebook group if you have not already done so.



### **New HOA Officers**

The HOA elected its 2020 Officers at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pictured from left are Craig Winchell, President; Tammy Freeman, Treasurer; Jeannie Rube, Secretary; and Lois Bender, Vice-President.

### **2020 Dues and Treasurer's Message**

I look forward to serving our Woodlands HOA and Woodlands neighbors this year. I love our neighborhood and neighbors and am honored to serve. Please be patient with me and offer assistance and advice anytime! As your treasurer, it is my duty to keep records of our funds, pay bills as they arise, collect dues and keep accurate records of dues paid. I plan to have a complete financial record available at our next association meeting.

**Speaking of dues, your 2020 HOA annual dues are due now.** I would like to thank those who have already paid their 2020 dues. For those who haven't paid yet, I am excited to announce we now have a Pay Pal account that is linked to our bank account. There are 3 ways to pay your \$50 annual dues:

- Mail a check or money order in the amount of \$50 to Woodlands HOA, P.O. Box 77382, BR, LA 70817
- Drop off your cash, check or money order at my house 15413 Woodmoss Dr
- Send money via PayPal. There is a \$2 fee added if choosing this route. Send \$52 to [woodlandsbrtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbrtreasurer@gmail.com). Please email me if you would like a PayPal invoice.

Regardless of the method you use, please include your name, address, and email address with your payment.

I'm looking for others to serve on the Finance Committee. If you are interested or have ideas, please reach out to me. Tammy Freeman 225-907-3426

### **Message from the President**

Thank you for your confidence in me to serve another term as your HOA President. With your help and involvement, I hope we can continue to improve our neighborhood and make it one we are all

proud to call home.

The purpose of our subdivision restrictions is to maintain a uniform high quality in the homes in the Woodlands and to protect property values for all homeowners, present and future, in this subdivision. We can all agree that we want to live in a well-maintained neighborhood and get the highest dollar amount when/if we need to sell our homes. Letters will soon be sent to homeowners who are not in compliance with the subdivision restrictions. Some of the most common violations include:

- Sidewalk has overgrown grass, dirt/sand, or fallen branches/limbs
- Sidewalk is blocked by bushes/shrubs or low hanging tree branches
- Sidewalk is blocked by parked cars
- Vehicles are parked on the street
- Vehicles are parked on the lawn

I encourage our homeowners to take this opportunity to correct any of these violations now before the letters go out to individual homeowners who are not in compliance.

### **Helping Hand Committee**

The HOA has a committee of volunteers willing to assist our neighbors in need of a helping hand with a physical task they are unable to complete in their yard due to age, disability, or extenuating circumstances. If you are in need of assistance with a lawn/garden task, please submit your request to [woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer to lend a helping hand, we could always use more volunteers! Express your desire to join the committee via email to [woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com).

### **Yard of the Month**

Congratulations to the Drew family at 15525 Woodmoss who are the winners of February's Yard of the Month! In addition to bragging rights, they received a \$50 gift card to Lowe's! Spruce up your yard to be in the running for next month's award. *(Only homeowners who are current on their dues are eligible to win.)*



### **Want to Volunteer to Improve Our Neighborhood? Here's how!**

The HOA has several committees (Helping Hands, Welcoming, Yard of the Month, Finance, Architectural Review), but we are still in need of committee members and street reps. Help shape the future of YOUR neighborhood. You choose how much time you can contribute – if you're only able to

volunteer a few hours, we will gladly accept your participation. **Why Volunteer?** You have a vested interest! By becoming involved in your neighborhood association, you can take an active role in maintaining property values and ensuring your community's quality of living. Serving also allows you to get out and network with your neighbors. Talk to your street rep or email [woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbrhoa@gmail.com) to sign up or get more information.

### **Tips for Keeping your Home and Property Safe**

- Always lock your vehicle
- Don't keep valuables in your vehicles
- Keep outside lights on throughout the night
- Keep garage and shed doors closed
- Call police if your home or vehicle has been burglarized

### **Streetlight and Road Repairs**

If a streetlight is out or is not functioning properly or a street needs repair, please call 311 or go to 311.BRLA.gov to report the issue. You will need the address or cross street(s) for the report.

### **Dog Reminders**

- There have been numerous reports of dogs running loose in the neighborhood. We have also had a report of someone being bitten. PLEASE be sure to keep your dogs securely fenced in or on a leash to avoid other people or animals being attacked and injured.
- We have also had complaints of dog walkers not picking up their dog's poop! Picking up after your dog is YOUR responsibility! It is also your responsibility to dispose of the bag of waste, which means not throwing the bag in the storm drain or your neighbor's trash can.

### **Slow Down!**

Homeowners, please remember the speed of the roadways in the Woodlands. This is especially important with all the children playing in the area. Please use extra caution and slow down to avoid collisions with each other, pedestrians, animals, signs, etc.

### **Lawn Service Bids and Contract**

The HOA received three bids for our lawn services contract for 2020. We want to thank the companies that submitted their bids and the homeowners who recommended them. Rube's Lawn Service submitted the lowest bid and was awarded the contract.

### **Comments, Suggestions???**

Your HOA officers welcome your comments and suggestions to improve our association and/or neighborhood at any time. Send your comments to the email address below. Let's work together to improve our community!

### **New mailing address and email account**

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