

NOVEMBER 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

With the upcoming Annual Meeting and Election of Directors, it is extremely important for each and every homeowner to be aware of what is going on in the neighborhood. There have been recent correspondences circulating in the neighborhood which have created confusion.

Bylaw Amendments

In 2011, the 82nd Texas Legislature passed many new laws regarding property owners associations. With regards to the Election of Directors, the legislation states that the position of any board member whose term has expired must be filled by an election by the members of the property owners' association not by appointment to the position by the board. A board member may be appointed by the board only to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation, death, or disability for an unexpired term. A board member appointed to fill a vacant position shall serve the unexpired term of the predecessor board member (Section 209.00593(a) of the Texas Property Code ["Code"]). So that our Bylaws are in compliance with the Texas legislation, the Glen Laurel By-laws were amended in March 2012 as provided by Section 209.00593(b) of the Code, which states "*The **board** of a property owners' association may amend the bylaws of the property owners' association to provide for elections to be held as required by Subsection (a).*" In essence, this Bylaw amendment establishes a process for electing directors by a mail balloting process, in the event a quorum cannot be established at the annual meeting (as has been the case since 2008) – all in compliance with the said Section 209.00593 of the Code.

The current proposed amend to Section 7.06 (to be voted on at the 2012 Annual Meeting) makes it clear that all three of the positions of the current board members are up for election at the 2012 Annual Meeting (due to Section 209.00593 of the Code), but to keep the positions staggered the amendment provides that one position will be for a one year term, one position for two year term and one position for a three year term. This amendment is more "housekeeping" than a substantive amendment.

The best way for members of the community to know what is going on in the neighborhood is to attend the monthly meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month, to get a first-hand account and not a second-hand narrative.

Moving forward, as stated in our last newsletter, there are several issues that we are working diligently to resolve.

Annual Assessment/ Amendment to Declaration**Article IV, Section 1**

For the past **seven plus** years, we have paid in annual assessments of \$425 per lot per year. At this point, \$425 per lot per year is the maximum amount that can be assessed regardless of the rising cost to maintain the neighborhood. These costs include landscaping and lawn maintenance of the common areas, the pool operations and maintenance, lake maintenance, fountain maintenance, the cost for utilities, irrigation,

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IN THIS EDITION***NOTICE*
Annual Meeting**

Glen Laurel's Annual Meeting will be held on November 8th 2012 at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held at Sugar Land First United Methodist Church, located at 431 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478 (at the corner of Eldridge and Rolling Mill). The meeting room is "The Venue".

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SCHOOL NEWS

Kempner High School

Web site:

<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campus/khs/default.cfm>

Phone #:281-634-2300

Kempner Brigade Drop 'N Shop

The Kempner Brigade will be having a holiday Drop 'N Shop on Saturday, December 8th, 9:00AM – 1:00PM, at the Kempner High School Auditorium. The event is open to children aged 4-11 (must be potty trained). Register by November 30, 2012. Cost is \$20.00 for the first child, \$10.00 each additional child. The fee includes a fun filled day with a craft, a movie, and lunch. Late registration will be held the morning of the Drop 'N Shop from 9:00-9:30AM in the auditorium foyer. Late registration will be \$25.00 for the first child, \$15.00 each additional child. For more information and the registration form, contact Gloria Nino at ogndesign@yahoo.com (281-460-1374) or Carrie Gutierrez at carrieag@entouch.net (281-725-1015).

Texas College Information

As we move toward the submission time for university admissions for the Fall of 2013, FBISD has created a one page document that might be helpful in selecting a college. The document compares 25 Texas Universities that are targets for seniors and is available at fortbendisd.com. Please feel free to use this as another source of information to guide you and your student as you make future decisions. This information is not meant to point you to one university, just helpful information from the district.

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administration fees, legal fees, collection fees, and more. Unfortunately, these costs have not been stagnant like our dues. Imagine, if you have not received a raise from your job for seven years, would you be able to afford your standard of living with the ways costs have risen?

If passed, the proposed amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Glen Laurel will reset the dues to \$475 per lot per annum for 2013 with allowed increases of up to 10% over the previous year's annual assessment. However, please note that this **does not** mean that there will be an automatic 10% increase every year. The amendment only allows for annual increases for up to a *maximum* of 10% to meet community needs, if required. Any increases greater than 10% per year will require a majority approval from 2/3 of the Members of the Association that vote in person or by proxy, absentee ballot, or electronic ballot in an annual meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of increasing the annual assessment by more than 10%.

Article IV, Section 4

In addition to the removal of the Annual Assessment cap and moderate allowed increases, the proposed amendment to the Declaration will fix the quorum requirement for meetings called for the purpose of increasing the annual assessment by more than the maximum annual rate of increase allowed under the Declaration (i.e., if approved, 10%), and (iii) to levy a Special Assessment for capital improvements.

The purpose of amending the quorum requirement is to provide an equitable solution that will enable the Association to conduct business and provide all lot owners the opportunity to vote on any actions at a meeting called for the purposes outlined above. If this amendment is approved by a majority vote of the Glen Laurel owners, the quorum requirement for a meeting called for the above specified purposes will be amended from 60% of Membership to 20% of Membership. Since 2008, the Association has not had a quorum at an Annual Meeting. The quorum requirement to conduct business at an Annual Meeting is 10% of Membership, or 72 lots. The proposed amendment provides for a much more realistic quorum requirement for a meeting called for the above specified purpose; yet, it remains more stringent than that required for an Annual Meeting.

Aging Assets

Over the past several years improvements have been made to the community's amenities. Investments have been made at the pool area including a renovation of the pool itself; additional deck area; added shade covers; a new and working slide along with the replacement of the aging, broken and missing pool furniture; and additional parking.

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TRASH REMINDER

Reminder! The new poly carts delivered by the City of Sugar Land must be stored behind the fence or in the garage so that they are not visible to the public.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As of 09/30/12, 98.49% collected with \$131,015.12 total assets.

TOP 4 DEED RESTRICTIONS:

1. Lawn Maintenance
2. Mildew
3. Miscellaneous Items
4. Lawn debris

CRIME PREVENTION-THINK LIKE A BURGLAR

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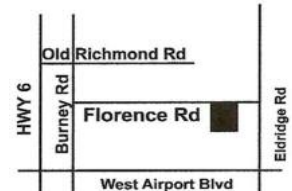


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SCHOOL NEWS

Sugar Land Middle School

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Phone #: 281-634-3080

Sugar Land Middle School Lanyards

In order to keep parents informed the school began a pilot program for student ID badges. The week of 10/17 during 7th period class, all students received a complimentary ID badge and a Sugar Land Middle School Lanyard for their ID badge. All students must wear their ID badge while at school or school related events. The use of the ID badge was implemented for safety reasons for the arrival and dismissal of students on campus, access to issuing textbooks accurately, membership to clubs, checking out library books and to designate grade levels among the student population. If your child loses his/her ID badge a replacement ID badge will be given to your child free of charge through the front office staff. Beginning second semester January 8, 2013, if your child loses the second (2) complimentary ID badge then a replacement ID badge can be purchased and reissued for a fee of \$5.00.

Reminders

As a reminder to all, please do not leave unattended cars in the red emergency fire lanes, the front circle drive or the bus ramp. Fire lanes are designated for emergencies and possible citations will be issued as well as towing enforced. As an additional precaution students should never be dropped off or picked up on
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD (CONTINUED)

The old playground equipment that was not up to today's **safety** standards was replaced with a new playground for our community's children to enjoy. Additionally, in the park area, picnic table and BBQ pits were added so that our residents can better utilize the area for their enjoyment.

Funding for the improvements completed over the past years came from reserves that we had saved over the last 10 years. As time passes, the community's two main assets will require additional repairs and/or replacements.

Additional Expenses Relating to the Replacement and Maintenance of the Perimeter Fences Located Along W. Airport Boulevard, Burney Road, Mason Road, and Florence Road.

Over the past several months, the issue regarding the perimeter fences has been a frustration for all. As evidenced in the final surveys, the perimeter fences specified above are within the common area reserves and are the Glen Laurel Homeowners Association's responsibility. With legal responsibility established, the Association must come up with solutions to fund the replacement of the fences as well as ongoing and future fence maintenance.

It is imperative that we come together to keep our neighborhood running and enhance our neighborhood's appeal.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE. MAKE IT COUNT.

Glen Laurel Homeowners Association, Inc.
Board of Directors

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Sugar Land to Spread Hope During Holiday Season

The City of Sugar Land will host its annual food drive at the new T.E. Harman Center, 226 Matlage Way, on Dec 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The City's partnership with KTRK Channel 13's Share Your Holidays Food Drive is intended to make sure families in Fort Bend County have a meal on the table during the holiday season. To ensure the most nutritious food possible, citizens should donate canned goods, beans, dried fruit, flour, rice, sugar, powdered and canned milk, baby formula and other non-perishable food items. Diapers are also needed. Cash donations or checks made payable to East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry will also be accepted. For more information, contact the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2825 or visit the City's website: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Deck the Halls with the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra

Experience the magic of the season as the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra presents its popular holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Stafford Centre. Deck the Halls features seasonal favorites like Sleigh Ride and Frosty the Snowman, as well as classic selections from The Nutcracker. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will also be on hand to spread holiday cheer and pose for photographs. Purchase tickets early at fbso.org or call 281.276.9642. Reserved seats for adults begin at \$12 with discounts for students, seniors 55 and over, military and groups of 10 or more. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult, but need a reserved ticket.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK MONDAY 10/22/2012

October 19, 2012 was the 25th anniversary of BLACK MONDAY. Monday, Oct. 19, 1987 was a unforgettable day and a major landmark in the history of the stock market. I was a young rookie Financial advisor, but the memories from that day will never be erased. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) dropped from a value of 2247 to 1739. This was a loss of 508 points (23%). In the present situation, this would be equivalent to a 3,000 point drop in the DJIA. There was total chaos and panic on Wall Street. So, this day is called BLACK MONDAY. Most mutual funds in the category of growth funds also suffered a proportionate loss of value. Growth fund account values of some of my clients dropped from \$100,000 to \$77,000 in one day. It took 1 year and 3 months for the DJIA to recover the loss. Friday, Oct. 19, 2012 was not a good day on Wall Street. DJIA lost 205 points and closed at 13,343. However, 25 years after Black Monday, the DJIA has grown by 6,673% (6.67 times).



Now let's take a trip down memory lane. In the 25 years since Black Monday, the DJIA soared through the 1990s and reached 11,722 on Jan. 14, 2000. This was followed by the bursting of the dot com bubble, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, collapse of ENRON and a few corporate scandals. On Oct.9, 2002 the DJIA had dropped to 7286 (loss of 38% since 1-14-00). This was followed by a bull market which lasted exactly 5 years. On Oct. 9, 2007, the new all- time high for the DJIA was 14,164 (gain of 94%). Then came the collapse of the housing market and one of the worst financial crisis in US history. On Mar.9, 2009 the DJIA closed at 6,547 (loss of 54% since 10-9-07). Oct.9, 2012 was the 5th anniversary of the highest level of DJIA. During this 5 year period DJIA has lost 4.88%. But during the 10 year period ending 10-9-12, the DJIA has gained 85%. Are you feeling dizzy! This is the market roller coaster!

Through all this market volatility, Growth funds or stock funds have experienced wild fluctuation in account values. Several Bond funds and Fixed annuities have performed well in the last 5 to 10 years. Dividend distributions from Corporate bond funds and Govt. Securities funds are taxable but those from Municipal bond funds are exempt from federal income tax. None of these bond funds offer safety of principal or guarantee of future returns, however during the most volatile stock market conditions the fluctuation in their share price is minimal. Interest earned on Fixed annuities is tax deferred until partial withdrawals are taken or the annuity is fully surrendered.

For any questions or clarification you can call:

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Sugar Mill Elementary

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Phone #: 281-634-4440

Barrington Place Elementary

Web site:

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Grandparents' Day

During the month of November, Barrington Place Elementary will be honoring grandparents on GRANDPARENTS' DAY! Grandparents, come join on Friday, November 16 for the Thanksgiving parade highlighting 2nd grade students' successes followed by lunch with your grandchildren. Lunch times will be adjusted on Grandparents Day. Enjoy mingling through the Book Fair that Friday morning.

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Fort Bend ISD invites long-standing fans and supporters to see District athletic games and cultural events for free. The District offers free membership to the Gold Card Club for all Fort Bend ISD residents 62 years of age and over. For more information about the card, visit www.fortbendisd.com.

AVOIDING HOLIDAY WEIGHT GAIN

That fall fifteen. It seems to happen every holiday season. We attend parties and office gatherings to share a few festive moments with family, friends, colleagues and lots and lots of food. But when the holiday season is finally over, the bathroom scale reveals a few extra pounds. Here are some tips for avoiding holiday weight gain.

Aim for seven-a-day

Making sure you eat seven or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day is a great way to help fill-up your stomach but not your calorie level. When compared to other snack foods like chips, crackers and cookies, gram for gram, fruits and vegetables contain fewer calories and tons more nutrients. What's more – the fiber in fruits and vegetables fill you up faster than traditional snack foods. Pack your refrigerator with bags of cut-up vegetables and whole or cut-up fruits. Grab a bag while on the go or at work. Make a pact with yourself that you'll eat your five-a-day before you snack on any cookies or other holiday treats. You're sure to take in fewer calories overall.

Control the risk for temptation

Controlling even the slightest chance of coming in contact with 'tempting' foods is one way to effectively reduce

your intake. While you won't be able to control all situations, focus on the many ones you can. For example, do you keep candy or cookies at your desk or workspace? Do you frequent the dining room table or pantry where you store all your holiday goodies? Make a mental note of tempting places and try to control them. For example, make a pact with co-workers that goodies will be kept solely in the break room, not at the front desk or in various offices.

Limit to one-a-day

While you can't control every situation, you can control how much food goes into your mouth. If you are constantly bombarded with holiday parties and displays of desserts or candies you can still effectively help prevent overeating and weight gain. One way is the one-a-day method. Allow yourself one small serving of a cookie or piece of candy each day during the holiday season.

Remember, the holidays are meant to celebrate good times with family and friends. Enjoy the holidays and plan effective strategies to help you achieve your weight loss goals. Achieving what you sought out for will give you one more good reason for holiday cheer!

Happy Holidays!

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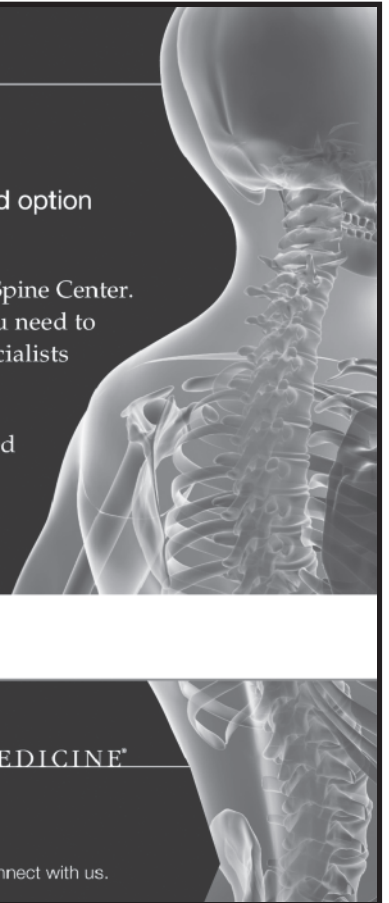
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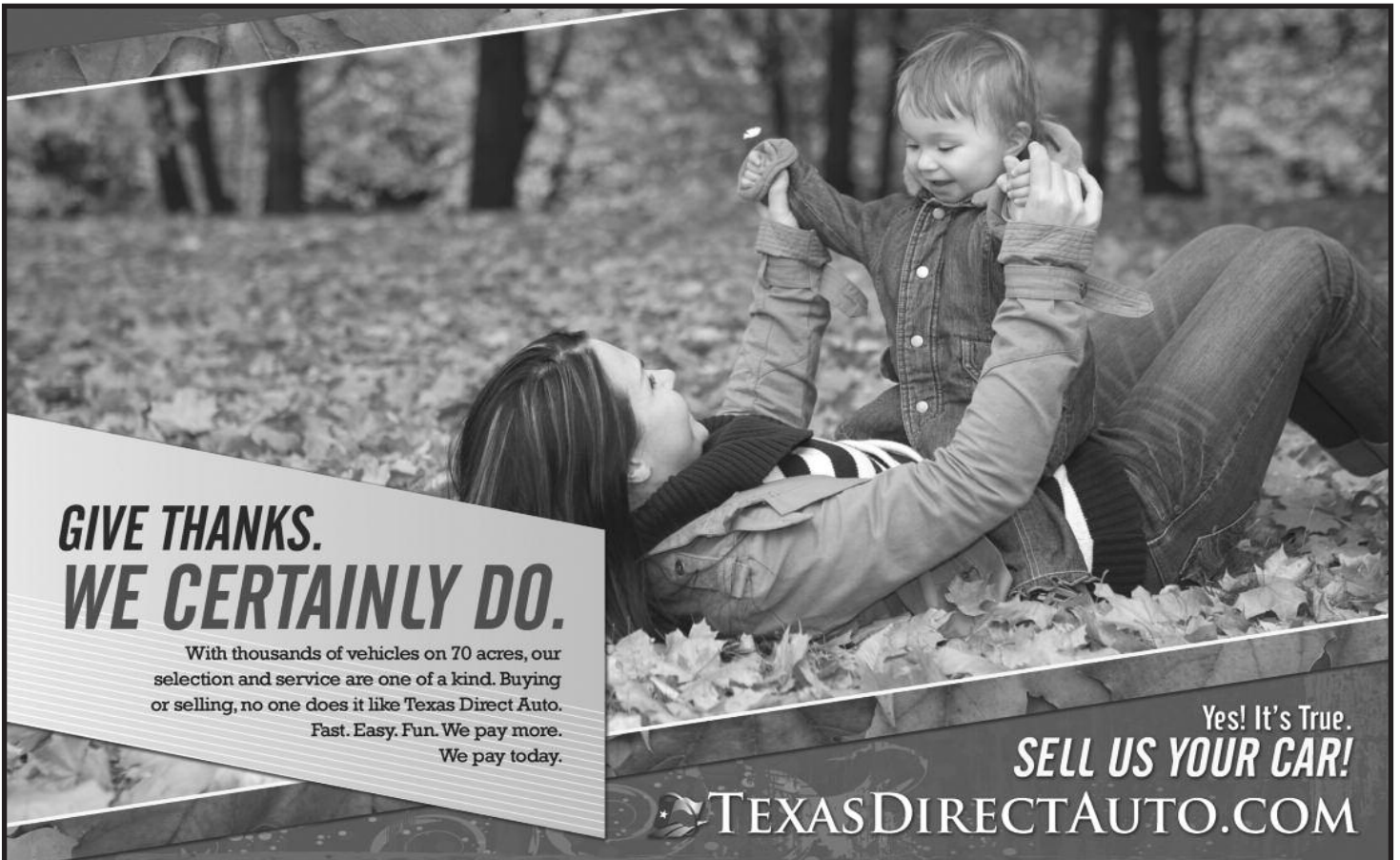
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