

THE FOREST NEWS

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HOA Board Meeting

*Wednesday,
February 6, 2019
MUD Building
5302 Old Lodge - 7 PM*

Annual Meeting & Election

*Sunday
February 17, 2019*

Voting is at 3:00 PM

Meeting starts at 4 PM

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Thank You

*to all the volunteers who
helped take down the
Christmas decorations at
the clubhouse.*

✧ Annual HOA Meeting ✧

This month may be small in number of days, but has a big event for our subdivision. The annual meeting of the Greenwood Forest Homeowners will be held. This meeting will include reports from each of the current Board members to provide you with an update on our subdivision and a forum to ask questions and make suggestions. Additionally, the election of HOA Board of Directors officers for the open seats will take place.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17, at 4 PM. The Clubhouse will be open at 3:00 PM to allow time for homeowners to vote and to visit with friends and neighbors.

Once the meeting is called to order there will be no additional votes accepted on candidates for the Board with the exception of nominations for Board members from the floor. If you cannot attend the meeting or wish to vote before the meeting, you can do so by mailing your ballot/proxy so that it arrives no earlier than February 13 and no later than February 15, or you may drop your ballot/proxy at the Clubhouse ballot box outside the office from February 12 through 15. The election results will be reported at the end of the meeting.

By the time this Newsletter is delivered, all homeowners should have received a letter from the HOA notifying you

of this annual meeting, the details of the election as well as biographical information on those individuals who have currently announced their interest in running. Included with the letter is a ballot which will also provide you with the option to assign a proxy to vote on your behalf. If you have not received the letter about this meeting and the ballot, and would like one before the meeting, please contact the Clubhouse Office to obtain another one. The biographical information on the current candidates is contained in this newsletter. Again, in addition to any candidates who have currently expressed an interest in joining or continuing their work on the Board, nominations may be made and voted upon from the floor.

Your HOA Board hopes that every eligible homeowner in Greenwood Forest will attend this annual meeting and vote. A number of items will be discussed and presented, representatives from the Precinct 4 Constables have been invited, and if there are any prospective changes to the HOA By-Laws either from the HOA Board or from the floor, these will be presented and voted upon by the homeowners in attendance.

So mark your calendar and save the date! Sunday, February 17, 3 pm to vote and meeting at 4 pm at the Clubhouse!

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Fire Department

CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE!

- **In this case, 100 beats 1,000:** Using thermal imaging cameras, researchers found that closed-door rooms on both floors during the fire's spread had average temperatures of less than 100°F versus over 1000°F in the open-door rooms.
- **Carbon Monoxide is a killer:** A bedroom with its door left open has about 10,000 PPM CO (parts per million of Carbon Monoxide), which is extremely toxic. A bedroom with a closed door has approximately 100 PPM CO.
- **Fire is getting faster:** 40 years ago, we had 17 minutes to escape our homes in the event of a fire. Today, due to synthetic materials, furniture, and construction, we now have **3 minutes** to escape our home.
- **Fire danger doesn't sleep:** About half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 PM and 7 AM, when most people are asleep.
- **Breathe easier:** In closed door rooms, oxygen levels are at a breathable 18%, while open door rooms oxygen levels are at 8%, which is extremely low.
- **Life or death:** In experiments done by FSRI, a victim in the closed bedroom was survivable and able to function well through every experiment and well after fire department arrival. In the open bedroom, potential victims would be unconscious if not deceased prior to fire department arrival or as a result of fire ventilation actions.



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- **Slow down:** A closed door can slow the spread of fire, reduce toxic smoke levels, improve oxygen levels and decrease temperatures dramatically – and that could make a life-saving difference in your home.
- **Close the door when you're leaving:** When exiting a burning structure, don't forget to close the door! It will cut off the fire's oxygen supply and may stop the fire's growth.
- **Check those alarms monthly:** It's important to take other safety precautions as well - roughly 3 out of 5 deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms at all.
- **Plan your escape:** Having a fire escape plan for your home is also important to stay safe during a fire. Visit every room with your family and decide on a designated meeting spot at the front of the house.

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Monday, February 11th

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Leticia Villareal

Election News

The following are the Biographies of the two (2) Greenwood Forest residents running for the two (2) positions on the Board Directors of the Greenwood Forest Homeowners Association at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 18, 2017 at 4:00 PM. Voting is between 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Ballots must be turned in by 4 PM. Please plan to attend the meeting.

Ken Latimer

I was born and educated in what was formerly known as The Golden Triangle of Texas: Beaumont, Port Arthur, & Orange. While earning my degree from Lamar University, I worked as a Police Officer with the Beaumont Police Department. After graduating from Lamar University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government & History, I spent the following 3 years serving in the U. S. Army and was Honorably Discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in Military Intelligence.

After leaving military service I began a career as Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, soon becoming Resident Agent in Charge of a Houston office.

I retired from B.A.T.F. after 28 years and immediately began doing consulting contract work for the U. S. Department of Homeland Security where I managed the Federalization of all airports in the southern half of Texas. That assignment was followed by consulting contracts with the U. S. Department of Justice and U. S. Postal Inspectors.

I have now fully retired from salaried positions but have remained active in my community. My wife Jo and I have been residents of Greenwood Forest since 1977.

I currently serve as an elected Commissioner of Harris County Emergency Services District 29 (Champions Fire Dept.) and serve as V.P. of Security on the Greenwood Forest Homeowners' Association Board. I hope to serve another term on the Greenwood Forest HOA and will appreciate your vote.

Maya Ho

I have lived on Pebble Springs drive for a little over 5 years. Although I'm considered a junior resident in this subdivision, my husband has lived here since 1992.

I was a new immigrant, before I moved into this country; I was born, raised and lived in Taiwan for entire of my pre-USA life. Mandarin is my native language, however, I use English more than my Chinese in my work environment. At my leisure time, I love to travel. I have traveled to a lot

of major cities in Asia and Europe. I hope this international exposure will also bring in a fresh pair of eyes to the HOA.

Talking about my profession, I was a professional hotelier for more than 18 years. I worked as a receptionist all the way to executive committee member in an international 5-stars hotel. This experience has trained me to be a customer-service-oriented person. I believe this experience will make me a unique candidate to service the residents and board members in this subdivision.

Also, as a full time real estate agent now, I will have a more flexible time to participate in the subdivision general affairs. Working with people is always fun and I looking forward to working with all members soon.

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FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2019
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Join your Greenwood Forest neighbors for a Mix and Mingle on the Patio as we shake off the work week and prepare for the weekend.

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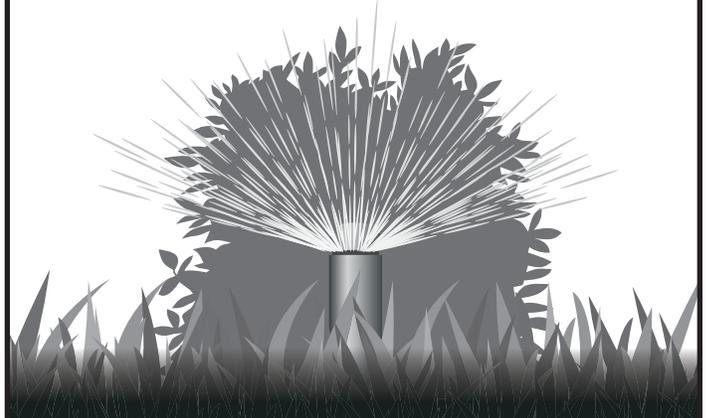
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Women's Club

Happy Valentine's Day! On February 14th, the Women's Club will meet at 9:30 AM for social time and have our monthly program at 10 AM.

The speaker will be Art Elder, the head docent at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. He will be reviewing the history of the Pearl, the recent recovery from the disastrous flooding from hurricane Harvey, and the importance of the museum to the community and future exhibitions.

Its never too late to join one of the Women's Club special interest groups. They are a great way to learn about antiques, discuss good books, play bridge, quilt, or enjoy a pleasant evening with friends.

The Greenwood Forest Women's Club welcomes new members throughout the year. If you are new to our neighborhood, recently retired, or just looking for a great way to spend your free time, we encourage you come and get to know your neighbors.

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The next meeting of the Greenwood Forest Home & Garden Club is Thursday, February 28th. First VP of Programs, Barbara Brent, has a wonderful program scheduled—Unusual and Ornamental Texas Natives, Suitable for Gardens, presented by Adam Black, Director of Horticulture, Peckerwood Garden. Come and learn the how-to's from an expert! Barbara will also be providing an update of our Spring Trip, scheduled for March 28th.

Congratulations to Robbie Pukler, 5819 Queensgate, for January Yard of the Month. Thank you for your efforts in keeping Greenwood Forest such a beautiful neighborhood!

Shirley Darrow, Horticulture Chairperson, offers the following tips for your February gardening:

- Keep an eye out for insects on cool-season vegetables and annuals. Use an organic solution or horticultural spray while it is still cool.
- Apply pre-emergent to lawns to stop spring weeds.

- Keep suet feeders filled for hungry winter birds; their natural food sources can be slim right now.
- Keep an eye on the weather for night time lows and wrap tender plants to ensure proper insulation.
- And last, prune back perennials that have frost damage, add spring annuals for spring color, and prune flowering shrubs following their spring bloom cycles.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting on the 28th. Social time starts at 9:30 with the meeting called to order at 10:00.



YARD OF THE MONTH
Robbie Pukler
5819 Queensgate

Yard of the Month for January was selected from homes on the west side of Champion Forest Drive.



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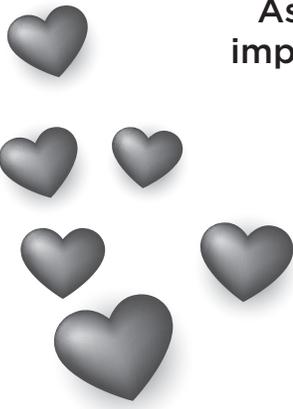
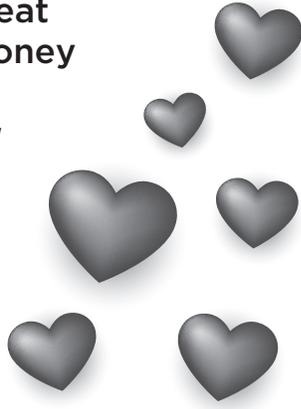
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Safety & Security

FIREWORKS

- Fireworks in our portion of unincorporated Harris County are NOT prohibited.
- Our HOA has no regulation against fireworks and, if we did, enforcement of the regulation would be futile.
- Fireworks in the City of Houston *are not* legal but fireworks in unincorporated areas of Harris County—such as Greenwood Forest—*are* legal.
- While there is a prohibition on when fireworks may be commercially sold within the unincorporated areas of Harris County, there is no such prohibition on when or time of day they may be ignited.
- Precinct 4 Constables have stated if those individuals igniting the fireworks are blocking roadways or are causing a dangerous situation to neighbors or property, the Constables can intervene.
- PC4 adds they will also respond and attempt to resolve the matter if you have a noise or disturbance issue.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

We have on a number of occasions been the recipient of a special group of Precinct 4 deputies entitled Special Operations Group. They have been assigned for brief periods when needed on both criminal and traffic matters and Greenwood Forest has not incurred a cost for this benefit. These special assignments have been very successful and Constable Herman and the deputies of Precinct 4 deserve our thanks.

SUPPORT

Several nearby areas have entered into security contracts with Precinct 4. This provides added support and faster backup to our own Deputies.

PARKING

Our Deputies have noted an increase in parking violations in Greenwood Forest. Following are prevalent issues addressed by our Deputies:

- Parking in a “No Parking” zone.
- Blocking a fire hydrant – closer than 15 feet.
- Blocking another’s driveway or mailbox.
- Parking closer than 20 feet from an intersection.
- Parking too far from the curb. Note: When parking on a 2-way road, vehicles must be parked with the passenger side tires parallel to and within 18 inches of the curb.
- Vehicles parked face into the curb on a cul-de-sac. Note: Vehicles parked on a cul-de-sac must park parallel to the curb – not perpendicular to (or nose into) the curb.

DECEMBER 2018 PATROL STATS

| Type of Activity | Incidents |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Burglary of a Habitation | 0 |
| Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | 1 |
| Theft from a Habitation | 0 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 0 |
| Theft - Other | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 |
| Assault | 0 |
| Sexual Assault | 0 |
| Criminal Mischief | 0 |
| Disturbance - Family | 4 |
| Disturbance - Juvenile | 0 |
| Disturbance - Other | 1 |
| Alarms | 14 |
| Suspicious Vehicles | 16 |
| Suspicious Persons | 12 |
| Runaways | 0 |
| Telephone Harassment | 0 |
| Citations | 119 |

Community News

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN GREENWOOD FOREST

Please join your neighbors in planning the *It's a Beautiful Day in Greenwood Forest* 2019 Community Event. A group of your neighbors has started meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. at the Greenwood Forest Clubhouse. Please join in the planning process.

Many have asked, what is this event? This event is taking the place of the yearly event, National Night Out (NNO). National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police, fire, community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors, law enforcement, and fire departments while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

On the first Tuesday in August, (Texas celebrates on the first Tuesday in October,) millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits, and much, much more.

Why has it changed? The reason for the change revolves around feedback from Greenwood Forest homeowners

from, "The kiddos bedtime will not allow us to participate, too many activities and homework during the week, no one on our block wants to host the event" and many other comments along that line. Over the years, the number of blocks participating in NNO was 3 or less. Greenwood was missing the mark as a whole. This is our small attempt to bridge the gap. We are trying to make this a more inclusive community event instead of one in which just 2 or 3 streets are involved.

Additionally, a few neighbors gathered to see how Greenwood Forest could improve participation in the event and agreed that a change in date would help tremendously. With the demands of the typical work week, moving the event to the weekend seemed like a good choice.

We would like to make It's a Beautiful Day a festive atmosphere, with lots of fun, music, games, and vendors. We hope to get residents to share their gifts and talents such as playing in a band, singing, face painting, and providing other fun activities.

Right now, before your calendar becomes full, start off the year by reserving Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 2:00–5:00 PM to celebrate It's a Beautiful Day in Greenwood Forest at the Greenwood Forest Club House.

Join us at the Club House at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday each month take part in the planning.

SCHOOL ATHLETES CAN REGISTER FOR CLUB TRACK

Now in its 32nd year, the Northwest Flyers Track Club is accepting registrations for all middle and high school athletes for the spring and summer 2019 season.

The team is sanctioned by USA Track & Field, and offers a full program of *track* events such as sprints, hurdles, middle- and long-distance running, and relays, in addition to *field* events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, shot put, javelin and pole vault. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The team was founded 32 years ago by local Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. In July, 2018 the Northwest Flyers had one of its most successful competitions ever at the Junior Olympics in Greensboro, NC.

In order to register, athletes must first attend one of the orientation sessions in March or April, which are listed on the team website at northwestflyers.org. For additional information about the team, email linette.roach@sbcglobal.net or join our Facebook group at facebook.com/northwestflyers.



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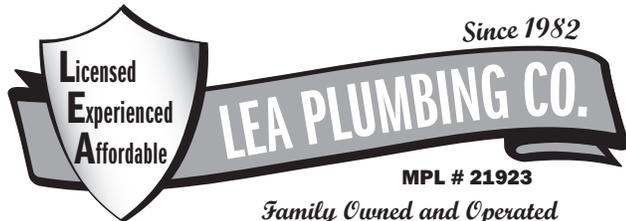
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Avg Days on Market 34.5
Avg Sales Price \$215,200
Average List Price vs Sales Price Ratio 97.95%
*Data is from HAR for 12-1-18 through 12-31-18

As of January 11th, 2019:

Homes on the Market 22
Price Range \$180,000 - \$385,000

Homes Under Contract 9
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February 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | 6 Quilters – 9 AM Women's Book Club – 9:30 AM Bridge – 1 PM HOA Board Meeting – MUD Building – 7 PM | 7 Women's Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Women's Club Bridge – Adult Room – 9:30 AM WCID 109 Board Mtg – MUD Bldg – 7:00 PM | 12 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | 13 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM | 14 Women's Club General Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 1-3 PM Thurs. Night Dup. Bridge Adult Room – 7 PM | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Greenwood Forest Annual Meeting & HOA Officer Election Voting – 3:00 PM Meeting – 4:00 PM At the Clubhouse | 18 | 19 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | 20 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM | 21 Garden Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 WCID 109 Board Mtg – MUD Bldg – 7:00 PM | 26 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | 27 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM | 28 Garden Club General Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 1-3 PM | | |