

Westwood News

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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

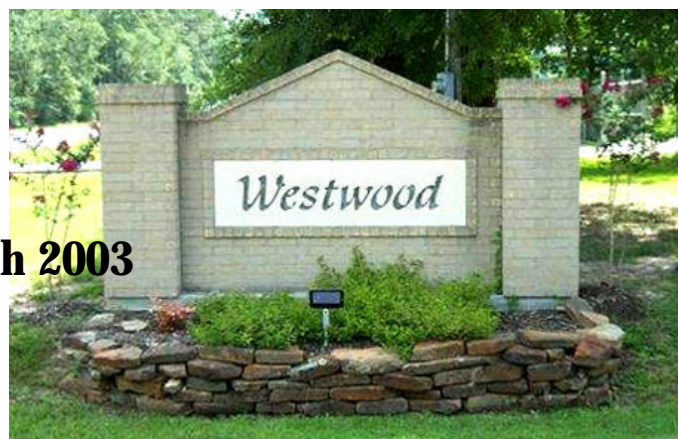
We would like to welcome all of the new residents to Westwood. We hope that you enjoy living in the Westwood Community. If you have not received your residential vehicle stickers or pool tags, please come by our office at 406 Mackintosh in Section 3 behind the pool to pick those up. Normal business hours are Monday - Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, closed between 12 and 1 pm for lunch.



SLOW DOWN!!!

WESTWOOD LOVES IT'S CHILDREN!

Residents would greatly appreciate it if everyone would honor the posted speed zone signs. If you have a driving teenager, please talk to them about speeding in the subdivision. We do not want anything to happen to any child in Westwood. Our patrolling constables are writing tickets to anyone violating the speed zones. If you see anyone speeding, please contact our office to report the license plate number, vehicle description, date, and time of the incident.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

WESTWOOD QUARTERLY MEETING

March 13, 2003 @ 7:00pm

Westwood Office Conference Room
406 Mackintosh Dr.
Magnolia, TX

Main Subject: Pyle
Lane & Mahogany Way



Westwood has a website!

www.westwoodloa.org

Please be patient, we are still in the process of getting it set up.

Many Thanks to one of our land-owners, Mr. George Allen for his assistance in getting it set up!

Westwood North Water Supply Corp.

Westwood 3 & 4 Subdivisions

Surely Spring is just around the corner. Hopefully we will start seeing a little bit warmer weather and the flowers and greenery will start springing up. By summer we expect to have the new plant up and running. Currently we are waiting on approval from TCEQ to go ahead with the finalization of the plant. Westwood North is continually looking to the future to be able to meet TCEQ requirements and serve you good potable water at a reasonable cost.

We want to remind you that water is a precious commodity and be mindful of how you use it. Try not to waste any more water than is possible. Water is costing us more to produce because of the increase in electricity and chemicals as well as other charges such as the fee we have to pay Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District. We are being assessed a fee of \$.05 per thousand gallons of water pumped. In order to keep costs down it is more important than ever to conserve water.

REMEMBER—EVERY DROP COUNTS!

Westwood North WSC held their annual meeting in February. Nine people were in attendance. Patrick Webster was elected to serve a three year term as a Director to replace Dean Duckett. We want to welcome Pat and to thank Dean for a job well done.

I am currently working on updating our member files to include telephone numbers. We are hoping to be able to notify members when there is a **planned** water shut down. Of course, this would not include accidental breaks and etc. that we do not plan for. Please send in your telephone number when you pay your bill or call me so that the records can be updated. This would facilitate your being notified when the water will be shut down.

Have a nice Spring and take time to smell the roses.

Martha Sparks
Office Manager

ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET

This year's annual meeting has been set for **Jun 21st, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Oak Bluff Basketball Pavilion. Notices and RSVP tickets will be mailed with the annual billing in May. Please be sure return your RSVP tickets for the luncheon. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Anyone interested in sitting on the Election Nomination Committee for the Annual Meeting, please contact Diane at the office to be set for a meeting with the Westwood Board of Directors. This committee will assist the Board in contacting those wanting to be nominated at the annual meeting's elections.

This year's seats open for election are:

- **Vice-President, currently being held by Dennis Stanfield**
- **Secretary, currently being held by Slade Swanner**
- **Member-at-Large, open due to ineligibility of last year's candidates.**

PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS

Please remember that vehicles should be parked in driveways and not on the lawns or roadways. Our applications for residential homes and improvements states "All driveways must be paved from the point which County pavement terminates and include all locations where vehicles may normally be expected to travel."

Vehicles parked in the roadways are a roadway hazard. We continually speak to the builders regarding this matter, and the deputies give them tickets if they do not abide by the laws. Residents are asked to do the same.

Paragraph on Economic Development Committee at Magnolia High School

A number of people including the Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce held a meeting at the Magnolia High School on FM 1488 at 7:00PM on 2/20/2003 to discuss a proposal for a "Southwest Montgomery County Improvement District". Individuals who presented/facilitated the meeting were as follows:

- Tom Ainsworth
- Gene Mentin
- Vicky Rudy
- David Whitaker
- Anne Sundquist
- Barney Barnwell
- Ann Anderson
- Craig Doyal

The proposed district would include a large area surrounding Magnolia on all sides and most of the areas on both sides of 1488 all the way to I45. The above group had done a survey of the area to get an idea about many factors including economic development, quality of life, roads, schools, parks, facilities, etc. The main point was that the area is one of the fastest growing areas in Texas and that growth is already happening to us. However, it would be much better if we could get growth to happen for us. The real worry is that if the district is not created, we will eventually get swallowed up by Houston and no one wanted to see this happen.

The committee is already working with the state to get the legislature to approve the creation of the "Southwest Montgomery County Improvement District". However, such a district will also have to be approved by the people within the proposed district and this was just the first of many meetings to get the word out in the hopes of creating a belief that it is critical that the district be formed. To fund the effort, the committee is proposing a 1% sales tax but emphasized that there is no property tax increase being proposed.

The committee also emphasized that they want community involvement in making decisions as to what things are wanted most by the majority of people in the area. They hope that more people will come to future meetings and stated that ideas/suggestions could be emailed to either Vick Rudy (dcom100@aol.com) or Barney Barnwell (rsbarnwell@cs.com). Notice for next meeting will be available through the 1488 Community Association.

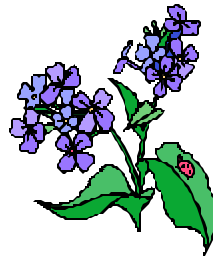
WARNING OF INCIDENTS AND VANDALISM!!

Please be cautious to two items of recent concern and incident -

1. Recently one of our residents on Mesquite Dr. had an incident of vandalism to his vehicle and gasoline was siphoned. Please keep your vehicles locked. Also, in speaking with one of the Westwood Deputies, we have discovered that with the rising cost of gas, theft of gasoline becomes a growing problem. You may want to consider getting a locking gas cap for your vehicle.
2. Another concern of the deputy was that spring is coming upon us, and during this time of the year is when more lawn mowers are stolen. Please be sure to keep them locked away.

Be sure to report items of theft or vandalism to the Sheriff's department, but also, please contact our office because we are trying to keep track of the incidents as well.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



Everyone has changes in their busy lives, and we would like to update our list of volunteers. If you would like to continue to volunteer or become a new volunteer on the Beautification Committee, please contact our office to be put on the list.

E-MAIL AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

We would like to update our records with the most up to date information about our landowners.

Please submit the following information to our office so that we can contact you if our Courtesy Patrol or a neighbor sees anything unusual.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____

Daytime or Emergency Contact # _____

E-mail _____

If you would like to receive information from our office by e-mail, please provide us with your e-mail address. Many residents are already on our list, and they enjoy receiving up-to-date community information.

DEED RESTRICTION REMINDER

4. GARBAGE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

Garbage and trash shall be disposed of at least once a week. No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste. All garbage or trash accumulated from day to day shall be kept in covered sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and not visible from any road or right-of-way.

COUNTYWIDE CURFEW!

Please be aware that Montgomery County has a curfew law. Children ages 17 and under are not to be out on the streets after 12:00 midnight any day of the week. If you see children wandering our streets after this hour, you can call the sheriff's department to report it as a non-emergency call. Please be aware of this and keep your eyes open. Thank You.

- Miles logged on patrol 1311
- Illegal signs 76
- Documents hand delivered 21
- Architectural Control signs posted
 - Residential Homes 6
 - Residential Storage Buildings 1
 - Residential Shed 1
 - Commercial Signs 0
 - Commercial Buildings 0
 - Residential Fences 5
- Road and street problems reported 31
- Street sign missing reported 13
- Deed restriction violations reported 29
- Clarence Neumann
- Westwood Courtesy Patrol

3-WHEELERS, 4-WHEELERS AND MOTORBIKES

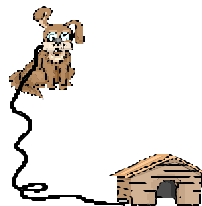


Please be aware that the utility easements are **private property**. You cannot ride your three-wheelers, four-wheelers, or motorbikes down these easements unless you have permission from the landowner. We suggest that if you have permission, they obtain such in writing. Many of our landowner's that own empty lots do not wish for someone to ride on their property. The easements belong to the property owner, and the utility companies have the only rights to use that easement when necessary. If you are caught on someone else's property you may be cited with trespassing.

Also, there have been reports of residents riding these recreational vehicles on the roads. It is against the law for these vehicles to be on the roadways. You will be cited, and the vehicles impounded.



ANIMAL CONTROL



Please do not let your animal run loose in the subdivision. There is a leash law in Montgomery County. All animals that are outdoors must be on a lease or behind a fence. We have been advised that any animal(s) found outside of their yards or in the street will be picked up, and those owners whose animal(s) are in their yard but not in a fence or on a lease, will receive a violation notice from the county.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION NUMBERS

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Westwood LOA Office
936-321-1414
Fax 936-321-1425

ELECTRICITY

Texas Electric Choice
866-797-4839
Reliant Energy Res. Service
866-222-7100
Reliant Energy Bus. Solutions
866-660-4900

POWER OUTAGE
HL&P 713-207-2222

TELEPHONE

TXU
New Service 936-539-7222
Repair 888-800-1611 or 611
After hours 936-524-5000

Southwestern Bell
New Residential 800-464-7928
New Business 800-499-7928
Repair 800-246-8464

WATER

Westwood North WSC
936-321-7766
**(24 Hour Answering Service
Westwood North WSC)
936-760-6176**
AquaSource 866-773-5566

GAS

Natural Gas
Universal (UniGas) 281-252-6700
Liquid Petroleum Service
Automatic Petroleum 936-756-3389
Bowman-Sharp Butane 936-756-1667
Gas-Tec 281-356-4143
Hughes LP 281-356-8241

CABLE TV

Charter Communications
281-367-8900
Time Warner Communications
713-462-1900

TRASH

McDaniel Garbage Service
281-356-2995
Republic Waste
800-899-4064
Waste Management Trash
800-553-1902

NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Conroe Courier 409-756-6671
Houston Chronicle
281-689-2032 or 409-756-2355

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Animal Control 936-538-8299

COMPLAINTS TO:

Precinct 5 (Sect 1 & 2)
Constable 281-356-3883
Precinct 3 (Sect 3 & 4)
Constable Tim Holifield
Chief Deputy, Jeff McLaughlin
936-539-7813
Game Warden 281-842-8100
Commissioner 281-356-4156

Fire 911

Non-Emergency
281-356-3288 or 281-259-7156

Sheriff 911 or 0

Non-Emergency
First Call 936-760-5871 or
281-353-9791-11
No Answer 281-443-0689-0

Montgomery Youth Council

281-292--6471

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Magnolia Post Office
281-259-0744
Internal Revenue Service
Teletax Info 800-829-4477
Forms 800-829-3676
Assistance 800-829-1040
TDD 800-829-4059

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213

Texas Drivers' License Office

936-539-3754

Texas Dept of Transportation

Highway Road Conditions
281-592-3601 or 713-802-5074

County Phone Numbers

*All Montgomery County services may be reached
through the switchboard at 281-353-9791*
Tax Assessor-Collector 936-539-7897
License Plates 936-539-3754

Libraries

Magnolia 281-259-8324
Conroe (Central) 936-539-7814
Voter Registration
936-539-7843

Better Business Bureau

713-868-9500

Magnolia Chamber of Commerce

281-356-1488

AREA SCHOOLS

Magnolia Independent School District

829 S. Magnolia Blvd. 281-356-3571

Bear Branch Elementary

8909 FM 1488 281-356-4771

Bear Branch 6th Grade Campus

8040 Ken Lake 281-252-2031

Bear Branch Junior High

31310 FM 2978 281-356-6088

Magnolia High School

14350 FM 1488 281-356-3572

Transportation

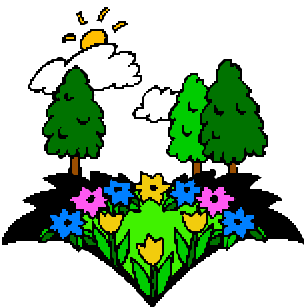
281-252-2221

Note: The Constable's Office has jurisdiction in MISD Schools

THE BOARD NEITHER ENDORSES NOR RECOMMENDS ANY OF THE ABOVE BUSINESSES, BUT ONLY PROVIDES THE OBVIOUS CHOICES FOR SERVICES IN THIS AREA FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THESE BUSINESSES WERE CHOSEN FROM THE YELLOW PAGES AS ANYONE MIGHT FIND THEM AND COLLECTED TOGETHER IN THIS FORM FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF WESTWOOD RESIDENTS.



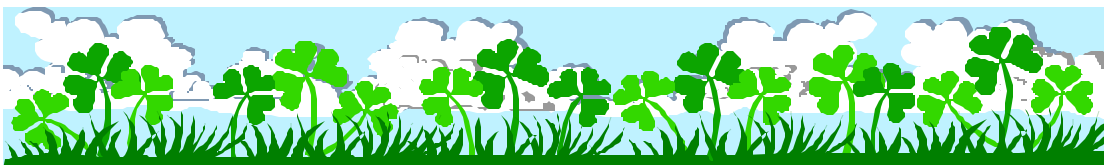
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Magnolia, TX 77354



THINK GREEN!

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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