

Westwood Shores Neighborhood Watch

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THE NEWS LOG

Thankfully, we have lived to turn our calendar to another year. Seems like only yesterday we moved into the 2000's, the Millineum!

Like time, life never slows down in Westwood Shores! The Civic Association hosted a Thanksgiving "Members Only" Dinner with 80 members attending. Our 19th Hole prepared a great traditional dinner consisting of turkey and dressing, green bean casserole, cranberry salad, roll and a choice of pumpkin or chocolate pie. The 2024 Civic Board was introduced and voted on. Events like this make for good reasons to join the Civic Association.

Several volunteers came on November 20th, to decorate the clubhouse. The beautiful Christmas tree in the clubhouse lobby was gifted by the Civic Association in 2020.

After many weeks of practice, the Westwood Shores Theater group, had two performances, of "The Gift". Both performances had great attendances. The actors and dancers caused many belly laughs. One of our residents, Karolyn Berhow, put a Westwood spin on a few of well known Christmas songs. This was a great way to kick off the Christmas season with the true spirit and meaning of the season. The Spring performance, "Made in the America" is already on the calendar for May. If you like to sing, dance, or act a ham, contact Terry Weaver.

Monday, December 4th, a Westwood Shores tradition, Christmas caroling to shut ins, was carried out! Approximately 30 residents showed up to go caroling. The event was started with a picnic of finger foods on the clubhouse patio. Hot chocolate and wassel were furnished by the Civic Club. There were 22 homes on our caroling list . We divided into two teams, by drawing colors, and hit the road in golf carts or cars. I hope people we sang to got as much of a blessing as our carolers did.

The News Log is sent to any resident that has signed up for Neighborhood Watch. The first News Log of 2024 is being sent to all Westwood residents. If you are not already receiving the bi-monthly log, but interested in recieving it, please fill out the form on pg. 9. You may take a picture of the filled out form and text to Susan Keel 281-450-6550. If you already receive the Log, no action is needed.



LADIES' MONDAY COFFEE

Jan 1st- No Coffee- Happy New Years

Jan 8th-Teresa Baranowski
112 Westpoint

Jan 15th- Janie Zimont
84 Westwood West

Jan 22nd- No Coffee POA Meeting

Jan 29- Shary Martin
199 Westwood East Dr

Feb 5th-Susan Keel 99 Heather Lane

Feb 12th- Terry Weaver
277 Coral Gables

Feb 19th -Libby Rhoden 85 Lakeway

Feb 26th-No Coffee POA Meeting

March 4th-Dana Erdman
177 Clear Springs

May 1990 was the first mention of Ladies' Coffee found in the archives. You could say this is another Westwood tradition!

All Westwood women are invited to attend Monday coffee. Ladies that host the coffees are asked to have coffee and juice. This is a great way to meet new acquaintances and keep up with the neighborhood events.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

2ND Monday ACC meeting at 9:00 at the POA office. (MUST HAVE APPLICATION IN BY 8:00 WED BEFORE MEETING)

3rd Monday MUD meeting 9:30 Watch for location

4th Monday POA Board of Trustees meeting 9:00 at the clubhouse

TRASH SCHEDULE

REGULAR HOUSEHOLD TRASH PICKED UP TUESDAY & FRIDAYS. **Must use flip lid trash can, all garbage in a bag. Break ALL boxes down after removing the packing material.**

VEGETATION DROP OFF IS WED. & SAT 8:00 - Noon Location is on Coral Gables by maintenance barn. **Please do not drop other items in this designated location.**

HEAVY TRASH DROP OFF: 8:00-Noon

Wed - Jan 3rd & Sat - Jan 6th

Wed - Feb 7th & Sat - Feb 10th

Upcoming Events

Jan 7 SUNDAY: LAST PHOTO SHOOT FOR DIRECTORY 10:00-2:00 **WILL BE BY WALK IN ONLY/NO APPT NEEDED**

Jan 18th Thursday: CIVIC MEMBER ONLY DINNER Watch for details. RSVP will be required

Jan 27 Saturday: 1:00 Bluebird box training

Feb 17th SATURDAY: Civic Club dinner RSVP will be required Details to come 2.



“Reason for the Season”

Each year the manger is set up as we enter through the gates to the subdivision, a reminder of the true meaning of the season. The manger was bought by the Westwood Shores Garden Club in 1995. The original pieces are 29 years old!

With the leadership of Barbara Mareth, the barn part of the manger was rebuilt by Randy Bonnette, Alan Sipanka, Bill Elliot, and Ray Ruth Wheeler in 2020. Two replacement characters were bought in 2020. Hopefully, we can still get replacements.

Brent Liedtke for his brother and resident, Garrett

Brenda Land for the passing of her father

Gisele Bleakney for the passing of her brother, Stanley

Deborah Bailey for the passing of her husband, James

Doug Roeber for the passing of his wife, Emily

Jed Dees for the passing of his father.

Cindy Alford for the passing of her father and resident, Robert (Bob) Corley

Dean Ellsworth for the passing of his wife and resident, Bebe Ellsworth

Gene Marshall for the passing of his wife and resident, Jeannie



CIVIC MEMBERSHIP TIME

“Where the fun things happen!”

The Civic Association, often referred to as the Civic Club, was formed in September 1978. The minutes in our archives go from being handwritten, typed with a typewriter and now a computer.

Throughout the years the Civic Club has sponsored many fun events. Originally their main event was monthly civic dinners, often having over 100 in attendance. The meals were catered by various restaurants.

After the Recreational facilities were purchased by the POA, many things had to be fixed and cleaned up. While cleaning out the old kitchen getting it ready to become the workout room, which had become a storage area, the idea of a garage sale on the tennis court parking lot was formed by the Civic Board. Along with treasures found in the storage room, the neighbors also donated unwanted goods to be sold by the Civic Club.

Every year since 2016, fundraisers and membership dues have made it possible for the Civic Association to purchase many things for the common good of the neighborhood. Chances are if you sit in a chair at the pool, patio, or large dining area it was bought by the Civic Club. Some other purchases include the sound system, 3 patio sets, 2 benches on the golf course, refurbished putt-putt course twice, extended patio at clubhouse, new safety rail in clubhouse, new flooring on dance floor, the Christmas tree and much more. The Association also donates to the Independence Fireworks Show and the Beautification Buddies. All their funds go back into the neighborhood. The club also furnishes stamps for the cards the Ladies' coffee send.

Three years ago, Terry Weaver formed the Westwood Theater group, under the Civic umbrella. The theater puts on an average of two performances a year. Not only are these entertaining performances an asset to our community, but they also contribute to the Civic Club funds that go back into the community.

Many thanks for all the work of the outgoing 2023 Civic Board. President-Janice Evans, Vice President-Chris Williams, Treasurer-Terry Heinrich, Secretary-Karen Matuszewski, Membership-Teresa Baranowski, Events- Terry Weaver, Linda Dolecki & Pat Waguespack.

We welcome the 2024 Civic Board: **President- Karen Matuszewski, Vice President- Brenda Kreitzer, Treasurer- Sherrie Neilsen, Secretary- Denise Brown, Membership- Laura Aulenbacher, Events-Paula Holcomb, Theater-Terry Weaver**

All Westwood residents are invited to join the Civic Association for \$10 per person for a year's membership. The new board has several fun activities on the agenda for 2024. Being a Civic member gives you an open invitation to attend all Civic events. All events require volunteers to put them on. A great way to get involved in the community is to volunteer!

2024 Westwood Shores Civic Association Membership Form

New Member

Renewing, no changes needed. Fill out name(s) only.

Member #1

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Member #2

Name _____

Address same as above

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please include mailing address if different from above :

Comments, questions, ideas for events:

Return completed form and \$10 per person to:

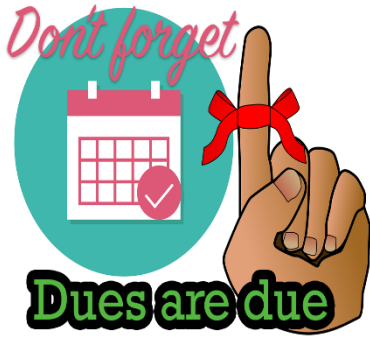
Mail to: Westwood Shores Civic Association

PO Box 302 Trinity, Texas 75862

Give to a board member or turn in to the 19th Hole (sealed envelope with Civic Club 2024 on front)

Cash Check # Amount _____

FEW REMINDERS and INFORMATION:



Your yearly billing was mailed in November. If you did not get your statement, please check with the POA office that your correct address is in place.

Our POA Annual Dues are due the first of January! Our budget is set in October to pay for our wonderful neighborhood. You may pay online with a credit card. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact the POA office.



As cold weather approaches, take the time on a warm day to check your water meter. Amazing how much dirt gets in them. **BE SURE YOU CAN GET TO YOUR TURN OFF VALVE!** Turn off valve, in picture has a yellow square drawn around it. Ours is up against the edge inside the meter. As you can see, there is a lot of dirt in meter box but the valve is still assessable.

Best to be sure it is assessable before you really need it!



Westwood has a leash law!

Please don't open your door and let your dogs out to do their business on someone else's property. No dogs allowed on golf course, cart paths, or clubhouse patio.

While outside dogs should be on a leash! Never running loose! If they go on common ground, please pick up the poop!



2024 Neighborhood Pictorial Directory

Westwood Civic Association & Neighborhood Watch joined together to do a directory. All Westwood residents are encouraged to participate. **THE LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WILL BE SUNDAY, JAN 7TH 8:00-2:00 IN CLUBHOUSE LOBBY.** No appts, just walk in! Takes 2 minutes! If you are disabled and need a picture taken from your house contact Sally, 281-467-8626.

If you didn't have your picture taken but would like to order a directory email Terry Heinrich, terryh89@windstream.net



ADVANTAGE OF MULCHING YOUR LEAVES

- *Mulching your leaves adds nutrients to your lawn!
- * Helps prevent our vegetation dump from being over stocked!



Beginning in January:

Competitive Group Play- Mondays at 4:00 for advanced players.

Laidback Pickleball Players- Mondays 1:00-3:00- Beginning Jan 8th. This time is for beginners and those folks who just want to have fun and/or get some exercise.

Weather permitting- consider wind, temps & precipitation.

For more information contact :
Judy Linville 281-797-0416



NO GO KARTS or BICYCLES
on the golf paths or course!



BABY JESUS WAS TAKEN FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD MANGER!

If you have seen Jesus from the manger, please return Him!
Someone took the BABY from the manger and replaced him with the Grinch.

Not sure when it happened but we would like him returned!



THE RETURN OF BABY JESUS! This box appeared at Marina Village Access gate. Inside is Baby Jesus from the manger!

Some day He will return!



BEAUTIFICAN BUDDIES : We thank everyone who supported our pecan fundraiser. Hope you enjoy the pecans and the common flowerbeds. The money will help buy flowers and mulch. We raised \$1294.00.



WESTWOOD SHORES FALL CLASSIC 2023 RESULTS

Hello Everyone,

I want to apologize for the lack of communication with the following results. I have been going nonstop since the end of the tournament and have neglected to sit down and finalize all the information and share with everyone the tournament's results. Again, thank you everyone for being so patient. We had a beautiful day, an amazing turnout with loads of fun! I want to thank Planet Ford Spring and Carolyn Muskeit (resident) for always being such a huge part of the Fall Classic/ Pavin the Path tournament success. Thank you, to Terry Heinrich and her volunteers for always having such a great tournament day Raffle/ Silent Auction. We appreciate everything you do. This year's tournament will be able to donate over \$20,251.36 to local charities and Westwood Shores Recreational Dept. Thank you everyone for always giving and helping to make our event so successful.

Sincerely
Tracie Kmiec

Trinity County Veterans Wall of Honor \$2500.00
 Trinity Knights of Columbus Student College
 Scholarship Fund \$1500.00
 Fentanyl Awareness Coalition \$2500.00
 Trinity County VFW \$500.00
 Westwood Shores / Marina Village / Fall Classic Playground Equipment project \$5000.00.
 The balance of 8251.36 on a future Westwood recreational improvement project.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

<u>1ST PLACE TEAM</u>	<u>2ND PLACE TEAM</u>	<u>3RD PLACE TEAM</u>
BRADLEY SULLIVAN	JOHN SMITH	CARRIE BAKER
LANE SIMMONS	COLE SMITH	MIKE BAKER
AL ALANIZ	MIKE SMITH	MIKE EVANS
STEVE WRIGHT	SETH EDMUNDS	DALLAS DIXON

TOURNAMENT 2ND CHANCE DICE ROLL WINNERS

ROBERT SEE	PATTI RAU	JUDY GOODMAN
SUE SEE	MIKE WORTHINGTON	RON AUVENSHINE
LARRY THOMPSON	HARRY CROXSON	DAVID EVANS
JAMES JOHNSON	ERNIE HEINRICH	JIMMY WHITE

Please complete form and email to sqk2012@yahoo.com or take a photo and text to 281-450-6550.

Westwood Shores Neighborhood Watch Resident Data Sheet

Street Address: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Resident #1 Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(mobile)** _____

Email Address: _____ **Social Media:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Resident Name #2: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Phone: (mobile) _____

Email Address: _____ **Social Media:** _____

Resident Name #3: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Phone: (mobile) _____

Email Address: _____ **Social Media:** _____

Does anyone outside of your household have a key to your home? **Y** **N**

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Home Alarm Company Name (if any): _____

Does your home have a whole-house generator? **Y** **N**

Does anyone in your household have any medical equipment that requires a power source at all times? **Y** **N**

Please list resident vehicles.

Make	Model	Plate	Color

Please list any skills you would be willing to share in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Please list any medications or allergies we may need to be aware of in case of emergency.

DISCLAIMER: This information is regarded as private and will not be shared to anyone or any company outside of Westwood Shores POA or Westwood Shores social groups. A copy of your data sheet may be obtained at any time from your designated block captain or from the current Neighborhood Watch Chairperson.

WESTWOOD SHORES ON-GOING ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

LADIES MONDAY COFFEE HOSTED BY RESIDENTS
MOST MONDAYS 10:00-11:00 am Sally Harrington
281-467-8626 Watch Facebook and emails for
location

LONO Ladies Night Out Only
Every Third Monday 4:30-watch for location Judy
Goodman 936-594-5588

GONADS Guys Only Night Out
3rd Monday of the Month 5pm Meet at the
Clubhouse Go to Various Restaurants
YOGA-9:00 am Wednesday at Clubhouse on dance
floor Carol Beck 818-437-7887

LADIES PONYTAIL CANASTA
Wednesday-12:30 Clubhouse
Sally Harrington 281-467-8626

LADIES' GOLF SCRAMBLE
Thursday 8am-Summer, 10am-Winter
Laura Giffen 281-744-8762

MEN'S GOLF Daily
Ask for more info in Pro Shop

EUCHRE
2ND Thursday 2:30 @ Clubhouse
Laura Klosterman 936-718-2507

QUILTERS GROUP
3RD Friday @ 10:00 @ Clubhouse
Joyce Welton 940-300-7303

THIRSTY THURSDAY 1ST Thursday of the Month
Ladies' Half Price Drinks 4-7 @ 19th Hole

BRIDGE MIXED GROUPS
1ST & 3RD Fridays @ Clubhouse 6:00
Laura Klosterman 936-718-2507

TEXAS HOLD'EM 2ND & 4TH Friday Clubhouse
5:45 Billy Sheffield 713-205-5530 \$10 Buy in

MEXICAN TRAIN Sunday 2:00 @ Clubhouse
Sally Harrington 281-467-8626

QUARTERLY GAMBLING BUS TRIP TO PARAGON
Billy Sheffield 713-205-5530

Water Aerobics Tuesday--Friday When pool is open 8:00
w/ Polly Snyder, 808-291-0900 10:00 w/ Linda Hassell
713-247-9035

CIVIC ASSOCIATION Where the Fun Things Happen!
Yearly Membership- \$10 per Person

BEAUTIFICATION BUDDIES
Taking Care of the Flowerbeds and other outdoor
aesthetics Jo Matthew 713-515-7835

SHANGHAI Friday @ clubhouse @ 10:30 Bring 4
quarters, 2 dimes, and 1 nickel
Janie Zimont 832-264-4589

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PICKLEBALL Monday 1-3 laid back or new players 4:00
competitive players Watch for time
Judy Linville 281-797-0416

SUNDAY GOLF SCRAMBLE
Pro Shop for details

WESTWOOD SHORES GOLF ASSOCIATION
Men and Women members
\$40 Fee which includes GHIN handicap
David Evans 281-229-0273

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-Receive News Log by filling
out Neighborhood Watch form! Susan Keel 281-450-
6550

WESTWOOD SHORES BLUEBIRD SANCTUARY
The group that oversees the Bluebird boxes.
Annette Banks 936-649-2231

BOOK CLUB Second Tuesday of the Month-3pm
Karen Taylor 936-661-3300

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Morning -7am at 19th
Hole Gary Rowe 936-577-4109

WORKING WOMEN BREAKFAST OR LUNCH
Fourth Saturday of the month, Watch for location and
time. Joan Towers 503-569-7508

Seeking people interested in forming a Personal
Gardening Club Joan Towers 503-569-7508

FACEBOOK GROUPS

Neighborhood Watch-Kirby Mackey, Group Admin
WWS Civic Association-Karen Matuszewski, Group
Admin
Trinity Friends of Westwood Shores(New)-Susan Keel,
Group Admin
Westwood Shores Trinity Bluebird Sanctuary, Trinity, TX-
Annette Banks, Group Admin
Neighbors Helping Neighbors-Joyce Welton-admin
Westwood Shores WSGA-Maja Linderman, Admin
Disclaimer: Most Neighborhood Facebook Groups
require answer to questions

Beautification Buddies-Jo Matthew-Admin

Important Numbers:

*POA Office-936-594-3805

*Precision Utility 281-456-9825

*Access Gate-936-594-0700

*Mark Cole (Constable) 936-581-0303

SIGN UP FOR GATE SENTRY APP-Allows you an easy way
to notify the gate for entrance of your friends, family,
and scheduled workers. Call the POA office if you need
help signing up.

Got questions for POA board send email to:

poaboard@westwoodshorespoa.com

**EACH GROUP NEEDS TO CHECK WITH
TRISTA FOR NEXT YEAR'S CALENDER**

HOUSE NUMBERS:

DO YOU HAVE A NUMBER ON YOUR HOUSE? Every house needs to have a visible house number! There is an abundance of houses in Westwood with NO house numbers! If there is an emergency, it can kill precious time trying to figure where to go if the numbers are not easy to see or worse not there at all! Our neighborhood is hard to navigate. Let's all do our part!

Call 936-642-3904 to see if you have your up to date 911 house number.

**9-1-1
FOR FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE
-PLEASE POST YOUR 9-1-1 NUMBER-
ON YOUR MAILBOX
ON YOUR HOUSE/DOOR
ON A DRIVEWAY SIGN**

In an emergency time is critical. Responding emergency units must be able to locate your resident or place of business quickly. Protect yourself, your family, and your coworker, follow these simple rules.

- **Post your house or building numbers on your front door and at the entrance to your property. (mailbox or sign)**
- **Numbers must be at least 4" in height, use plain black lettering and made of reflective material for night viewing.**
- **Do Not place numbers on subdivision signs posts.**
- **Additional guidance and confirmation of your physical address may be obtained by contacting the Trinity County 9-1-1 Addressing Office.**

**TRINITY COUNTY 9-1-1 ADDRESSING
162 W 1ST ST-2ND FLOOR
P.O. BOX 484
GROVETON, TX 75845
936-642-3904**

911map@co.trinity.tx.us

Huck's Heroes

In late November, Norene Finn and Char McWilliams set out to continue a tradition started by our resident and friend, Mike Finn.

Mike had a passion for helping people in need throughout the year, but especially during the holidays. He wanted to make sure everyone was able to enjoy a nice meal on Christmas.

Last year, with the help of their friends, lovingly referred to as the Lake Crew, they all pitched in and helped provide Christmas Dinner Baskets to sixteen local families that were selected by Mickey's House. While they were extremely happy with this, Mike wanted to go bigger for Christmas 2023. Mike passed away on June 15, 2023, but Norene and Char wanted to see Mike's vision come to life. They hoped they would be able to help just one more than last year.

Char spoke of Mike's passion for giving and this endeavor during his Celebration of Life Ceremonies in Indiana and Trinity. Several friends and family expressed their interest in joining the cause going forward. They decided that because it would be more than just the Lake Crew donating this year, a new name was needed and this is where Huck's Heroes was created, in honor of Mike's nickname, Huck.

Char posted the cause on family members personal Facebook pages and donations poured in from Texas, Indiana, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

In just under one month, a total of \$3,635 was collected from generous friends and family and allowed a tremendous number of families to be blessed this Christmas. Forty-three, forty-three families to be exact!

Forty-three families received a basket of food consisting of an 8-10 lb. ham, 5 lbs. of potatoes, 6 cans veggies, a large can of yams, a bag of apples or oranges, a pie, a package of cookie dough, and a package of rolls. They each also received a pancake mix, a pound of bacon, and a bottle of syrup. Then, each basket received either a 5-6 lb. pork loin, a 4-5 lb. chuck roast, a beef roast pack, or a pork roast pack. (It is a mixture because we bought all the quantities, they had of each). AND to top it off, each basket also received a \$25 grocery store gift card! Baskets that were going to larger families received two hams, and two pounds of bacon.

Norene and Char spent a few days shopping for all the basket items and thankfully, some great friends around the 'hood had fridge space to hold forty-six hams, 46 pounds of bacon, and the other meat until it was time to deliver the baskets.

Norene and Char would like to thank Susan Keel, Monet Lasater, Bev Ross, Loretta Tyler, Jen Rogers, and Mike and Maklisha Smith for their assistance with assembling the baskets. They would also like to thank Jason McWilliams and Mike McDonald for all the heavy lifting loading and unloading the truck for delivery to Mickey's House. Also, thanks to Mike for using his van.

This will be a tradition that continues for many years to come! If you are interested in being one of Huck's Heroes next year, be sure to let Norene and/or Char know, and they will make sure you have the information.

And last but certainly not least, Norene and Char are so incredibly grateful and thankful for your donation and support. This could not have been accomplished without each one of you. Mike would be honored to know how many of you participated and on behalf of him and the family, we sincerely thank you. You are, and forever will be, one of Huck's Heroes!



HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE READ!



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