

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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NOVEMBER -DECEMBER 2024

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News Log

Welcome to the cooler temperatures! Fall is in the air and holidays are on our heels!

We ended September with the huge neighborhood garage sale. Apologies for the map, we did not realize the street names were not on the google map. This is always a fun time in Westwood to shop and visit with our neighbors at the same time.

Deer hunting season has started. Beware, it is against the law to bother a hunter. Before hunting in the neighborhood started around 2014, our deer were skinny and often had growth type tumors hanging from them. The culling of the deer every year has improved the herd tremendously. Have no fear! There are plenty of deer although they seem to disappear when the camouflage comes out.

Thank you to all that came to Neighborhood Night Out. Lots of good information was presented. The PHI Air Medical helicopter was there along with a representative that could tell you about their membership program. Hopefully by now you have heard about the Neighborhood Watch website, www.connect.com. If you haven't checked your information or signed up, please do so! Several groups had representatives there: a booth to register for voting, information on the local Elf Station, Quilters Club, Civic Association and the new Pet Crematory. For the children: there was a hopscotch and sidewalk chalk. Thanks to George and Theresa Gallagher for donating the hotdogs and buns and the Civic Association for donating the condiments. Thanks to the awesome cookie bakers that made the "Cookie Contest" a success! Brenda Newbury won the favorite cookie and won an embroidery towel made by Terry Heinrich! This event was hosted by the Neighborhood Watch committee.

The ELF Station Hamburger Social was well attended. The ELF Station enables over 400 children to receive gifts for Christmas. By giving a donation, you could have a grilled burger, bingo cards, raffle tickets, and participate in a silent auction. All monies will be used to support the ELF Station to purchase gifts for Trinity children. They also supply gifts for the children to pick for their parents

The Civic Association hosted "Trick or Treat" on the clubhouse patio. Lots of candy was given out by members of the community to the little goblins. There was a great turnout!

The actors and musicians are busy practicing every Monday for the upcoming Christmas program, to be presented on December 5-7 at 6:00. The name of the show is "Angels Amongst Us". The first act will be a Christmas musical comedy called "Christmas at Pine Mulch Haven". Tickets will be available by texting or calling Denise Brown 210-413-6565.



LADIES MONDAY COFFEE

Nov 4th- Donna Bonnette 16 Westpoint

Nov 11th- Janice Evans 53 Mockingbird

Nov 18th- Sally Harrington 33 Lakeside

Nov 25th- No Coffee POA

Dec 2nd- Maria Fuentes 73 Coral Gables

Dec 9th – Cookies for Caroling- Bring 2 dozen cookies to package to give out to the homes we carol to that evening. Please bring an extra snack for ladies' coffee.

Dec 16th- Teri Lowry 77 Lakeside

Dec 23rd- No Coffee POA

Dec 30th- Karen Matuszewski 95 Lakeway Dr

All Westwood ladies are invited to attend coffee. A great way to start your week fellowshiping with friends! Hostesses only required to have coffee and juice.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH: ACC
Meeting at POA Office 9:00 am (Must have application in by 5:00 Wed before the meeting.)

3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH: MUD
Meeting at 9:30. Watch for location. Usually at the clubhouse.

4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH: POA
Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 at Clubhouse

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: A Westwood Tradition

Every Christmas season we have volunteers to go caroling to some of our residents. We make a list of residents that life makes it not so easy to be out and about.

If you have anyone you would like to put on the list text Karen at 281-546-2831. Carolers will gather at the clubhouse patio at 4:00 pm to have a little tailgate party before heading out. Please bring a finger food type snack. We then will divide into two groups with our list of homes. You may take your golf cart or car. We plan to leave the clubhouse parking lot at 4:45

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/9-NIGHT GOLF (REFER TO PG 6)

11/21-THURSDAY- CIVIC MEMBERS ONLY THANKSGIVING DINNER CHECK IN 5:00 DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 RSVP A MUST WATCH FOR RESERVATION EMAIL.

11/22-BAKER BEATS KARAOKE 6-9 @ CLUBHOUSE (PG. 6)

12/2- 11:00 AFTER MONDAY COFFEE CLUBHOUSE CHRISTMAS DECORATING

12/5-7 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 6:00 AT CLUBHOUSE (REFER TO PG 3)

12/9-CHRISTMAS TAILGATING AND CAROLING 4:00 ON CLUBHOUSE PATIO LEAVE FOR CAROLING AT 4:45 (PG.2)

12/14- ALL WELCOME 10-12AM MAKE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND, SING ALONG CHRISTMAS CAROLS, VISIT AND PICTURES WITH SANTA @ CLUBHOUSE

12/14 CHRISTMAS PARADE/FOOD DRIVE 5:30 (REFER TO PG 6)

1/6 TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 10:00 BRING SNACKS TO SHARE. ALL WELCOME INCLUDING MEN



2.

WSCA THEATER GROUP PRESENTS

Act I: Musical Comedy

Christmas at Pine Mulch Haven



Act II: Christmas Show



Angels Among Us

December 5, 6, and 7, 2024

6:00 pm at the Westwood Shores Clubhouse

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Tickets are \$15 per person

Call or Text Denise Brown for Tickets 210-413-6565

Enjoy a 10% discount at the 19th Hole when you present your ticket on any show day!
[No alcohol or tabs. One time use only.]



3.

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE: Tuesday and Friday until emailed new schedule. Have out by 7:30 am in **MANDATORY** flip lid can. **ALL GARBAGE MUST BE BAGGED!** Please remove packing material from boxes, break them down flat and tape them together for easy pickup.

VEGETATION DROP OFF: Wednesday & Saturday 8:00 to 12:00 past maintenance barn on the left. Maintenance barn is on Coral Gables. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP ANYTHING EXCEPT VEGETATION IN THIS AREA!**

HEAVY TRASH DROP OFF AT MAINTENANCE BARN: November 6 & 9, December 4 & 7, 8-12 (Always 1st Wed & Following Sat)

FLIMSY PLASTIC IS BEING COLLECTED AND RECYCLED

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

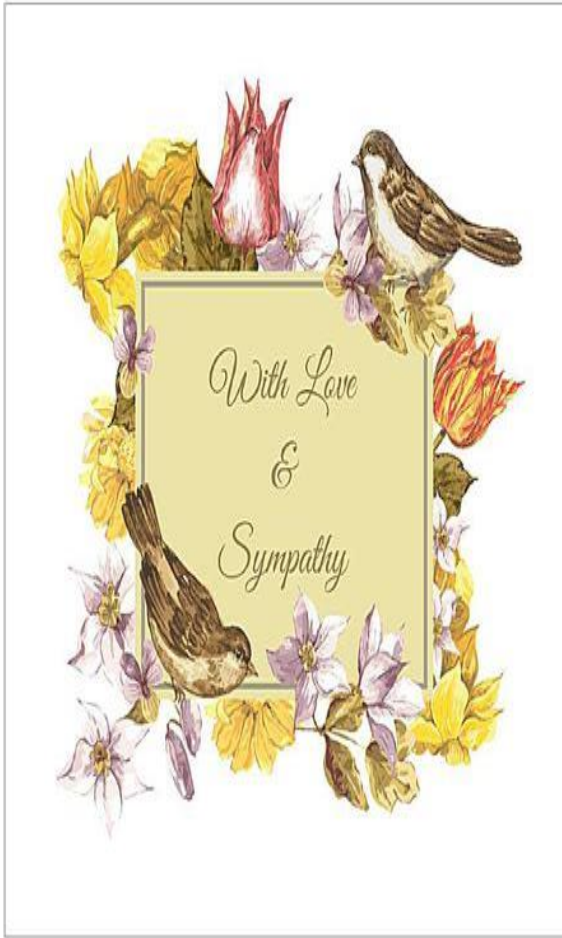
FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Recycle clean, dry and free of food and organic residue

Take your grocery bags, cereal bags, bread bags, ice bags and anything from list above and deposit in box behind the screen in ladies' old locker room (now) conference room at clubhouse! One year to get 1000 pounds to receive a **FREE** Trex bench!

300 DAYS TO GO, 317 POUNDS COLLECTED, 673 POUNDS TO GO!



Family of long time resident, Betty Lou Brown, on her passing

Erin Hansen on the passing of her mother

Linda Schlittenhardt on the passing of her husband and long time resident, Al

Ron and Linda Auvenshine on the passing of their son-in-law

Dotti Hurtle on the passing of her mother

Missy Atkinson on the passing of both her parents and long time residents, Jim and Karen Atkinson

Sue and Robert See on the passing of Sue's father

Janie Zimont on the passing of her sister

PHI Medical Emergency Helicopter
AIR AMBULANCE
POINTS OF INTEREST

- ✔ Trinity County provides for 2024 air ambulance membership to all residents of Trinity County transported by PHI or one of their partners, from within Trinity County or an adjacent county for FREE.
- ✔ Upgrade the coverage area to include everywhere they fly in 11 states.
- ✔ Extend this upgrade for 1, 3, or 5 years.

UPGRADE/EXTEND COVERAGE AREA
www.PHICares.com/Michelle-Chaisson / 985-688-0441



EMBRACING NEIGHBORS

Westwood Shores held its annual Neighborhood Night Out on Saturday evening. Residents were able to meet their neighbors and learn about activities to get involved in. The highlights of the evening were the Trinity Fire Department with its equipment and the PHI helicopter, which landed by the clubhouse for the crew to give the residents a show and tell. COURTESY PHOTO



PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT FOR SENIORS 70 PLU AT WALDEN. **LUIS FUENTES**, ON LEFT, ONE OF WESTWOOD'S RESIDENTS GOT 2ND IN SINGLES AND 3RD IN DOUBLES

**FOURTH OF JULY AD HOC COMMITTEE
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLAN THE
WESTWOOD CELEBRATION OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

5.



BEAUTIFICATION BUDDIES ARE TAKING **PRE-ORDERS** FOR

FRESH PECANS HALVES

Straight from the Orchard!

\$14 a pound

\$13 a pound when you buy 5 pounds or more

To reserve your order:

Text - Susan Keel 281-450-6550

If you call, please leave a message.

ORDER SOON!

WE WILL BE PICKING THEM UP THIS WEEKEND!

IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING!

If you didn't order, we will have extra!

WESTWOOD SHORES
COUNTRY CLUB

NIGHT GOLF

WINGS AND WAFFLE FRIES SERVED BETWEEN 9'S

\$50 PER PLAYER

3 GLOW BALLS INCLUDED

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

9 HOLES IN THE DAYLIGHT FOLLOWED BY 9 HOLES IN THE DARK

NOV. 9TH, 2024
SHOTGUN AT 4 PM
WESTWOOD SHORES

WWW.WESTWOODSHORESPOA.COM



HALLOWEEN FUN ON THE PATIO!



A NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

HOSTED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE
FOOD DRIVE & CHRISTMAS PARADE

AN EVENT FOR GIVING
AND HAVING FUN!

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
AND COME OUT
FOR A
CHRISTMAS PARADE!

DECEMBER 14
5:30

DECK OUT THOSE GOLF CARTS
OLD CARS & SPECTATORS NEEDED

WILL BE THE SAME ROUTE AS JULY 4TH PARADE
LINE UP STARTING AT MAILBOXES

pageborders.org





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

employee of the month

SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



MARTIN KIZER/ MAINTENANCE

OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



LENA EWART/ACCESS CONTROL

BAKER BEATS KAROKE

**FRIDAY, NOV 22
6PM-9PM
AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

(TIPS APPRECIATED)

SEEKING HELP: LOOKING FOR SOMEONE THAT CAN DO VECTOR ARTWORK AND WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH ARTWORK FOR A BLUEBIRD SIGN

Text:
281-450-6550



**WESTWOOD
SPEED LIMIT
WATCH FOR CHILDREN
WALKERS AND CYCLIST**

HUCK'S HEROES

Many of you know Mike Finn, one of our residents who passed away in June 2023. Mike is the beloved husband of Norene and father of Char and Jason McWilliams and this initiative, Huck's Heroes, is a tradition started by Mike and carries on through Norene and Char.

Mike had a passion for helping people in need throughout the year, but especially during the holidays. He combined this passion with his love of food and wanted to make sure everyone was able to enjoy a delicious meal on Christmas day.

In 2022, with the help of their friends, lovingly referred to as the Lake Crew, they all pitched in and helped provide Christmas Dinner Baskets to 16 local families that were selected by the Elf Station and 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, hoping they would be able to help just one more family than they did the previous Christmas.

In December of 2023, because of Mike's vision and passion for helping, he was honored post humously by the Elf Station with the Top Elf Award.

Char spoke of Mike's passion for giving and this endeavor during his Celebration of Life Ceremonies in Indiana and Trinity and many 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, 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, 43 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 of 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, no one had 43 packs of one thing, so a mixture was purchased instead. AND to top it off, each basket also received a \$25 grocery store gift card! Some 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 46 hams, 46 pounds of bacon, and the other meat until it was time to deliver the baskets. Then came time for stuffing the baskets and a great group of friends and neighbors gathered one night for a stuffing party and another group helped deliver them the following day to Mickey's House, where they took over distribution to the families.

This is a tradition that will continue for many years to come! If you're interested in being one of Huck's Heroes this year, be sure to let Norene (765.430.8343) and/or Char (317.517.4570) know, and they will make sure you have the information. Payments are accepted through cash, check, Venmo (@CharleneMcWilliams), PayPal (@char2334), and CashApp (\$char2334). Please mark your payments "between friends" so that fees are not incurred and label it for Huck's Heroes. The size of your donation does not matter, every little bit helps and goes directly to feeding families in need. A weekly accounting of donations (no names included, only amounts) will be shared on Facebook to see the progress we are making towards our goal to feed at least 43 families again this Christmas. All funds are used and never held over.

Please join us in being one of Huck's Heroes and know that Norene and Char are so very grateful and thankful for your donation and support! Below are some images of the food purchased last year and the baskets at delivery.



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 5:00-Judy Goodman 713-515-
2406

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 golf Ask 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 5-7 @ 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 Susan Keel 281-450-6550 \$10 Buy in

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

QUARTERLY GAMBLING BUS TRIP TO PARAGON For
Details 281-450-6550

CIVIC ASSOCIATION Where Fun Things Happen!
Yearly Membership- \$10 per Person Karen
Matuszewski-President 281-229-0274

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

SHANGHAI Friday at the clubhouse at 10:00
Bring 4 quarters, 2 dimes, and 1 nickel
Janie Zimont 832-264-4589

PICKLEBALL Monday Evenings Watch for time Judy
Linville 281-797-0416

SUNDAY GOLF SCRAMBLE inquire in Pro Shop

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! Cheryl
Savage 281-795-7988

WESTWOOD SHORES BLUEBIRD SANCTUARY

The group that oversees the Bluebird boxes.

Connie Khymaera Grimm 804-854-3006
LADIES BOOK CLUB Second Tuesday of the Month-
3pm
Karen Taylor 936-661-3300

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Morning -7am at 19th
Hole

WATER AEROBICS-when pool is open Polly Snyder
808-291-0900

FACEBOOK GROUPS:

Disclaimer: Most Neighborhood Facebook Groups require
answer to questions

Neighborhood Watch-Group Admin Peggy Caldwell
WWS Civic Association-Karen Matuszewski, Group
Admin

Trinity Friends of Westwood Shores(New)-Susan Keel,
Group Admin

Westwood Shores Trinity Bluebird Sanctuary, Trinity,
TX-Connie Grimm, Group Admin

Neighbors Helping Neighbors-Joyce Welton-admin

Westwood Shores WSGA-Maja Linderman, Admin

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

19th Hole Hours: Tues Bar & Grill 7am-7pm, Wed-
Thurs Bar 8am-7pm & Grill 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat Bar
8am-8pm & Grill 10-7, Sun Bar 8am-7am & Grill 9am-
4pm

PLEASE TREAT ALL STAFF WITH RESPECT. THERE IS NEVER A REASON TO TALK UGLY TO THEM. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM PLEASE CONTACT OUR COMMUNITY MANAGER.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS AND BE SAFE

