

**Summer 2016 Newsletter****Financial News**

For the first six months of the year the following expenses have been incurred:

Taxes \$550.60.  
 Betterments/Improvements \$15,325.00  
 Office/Violation/Repairs/Meeting Site \$6,781.68  
 Insurance \$3,628.00  
 Utilities \$1,551.83  
 Mowing/Landscape/Tree Removal \$12,135.00  
 Attorney \$3,666.09  
 Well permit \$4,270.00

We have budgeted for additional betterments/improvements which includes extension of the sidewalk and additional playground equipment.

If you have not paid past due HOA fees contact the board to make arrangements to become current.

**Semi –annual Garage Sale**

To take place October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Rain date of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The HOA will advertise the sale on web sites and by placing signs out. So take advantage of the sale to fall clean and get cash for all those treasures. As a reminder, garage sales are held twice a year and are not to be held except during the semi-annual garage sales.

**Violations**

We have had numerous complaints of cars being parked on the street with little to no movement. We want to remind our residents that this is not an issue the board can write violations for, but rather a City of Houston issue. The city has a non-emergency phone number that you can use to report this. (713) 884-3131

**Entry sign**

We continue to work with vendors and the insurance company to repair the entry sign which was damaged during a car accident.

**HOA meetings**

The Lakewood Cove HOA board has scheduled monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at RC's Pizza on Kingwood Dr. The address and more information about these meeting can be found on our website [www.lakewoodcovehoa.org](http://www.lakewoodcovehoa.org). At times, these meetings have and will be cancelled due to not enough board members being able to be present. If we know in advance of the day we will post to website and remove or never place the signs around the neighborhood. Remember that the board consist of volunteer homeowners like yourself, and that we also have jobs and families. Residents are encouraged to attend.

**Complaints**

It has been brought to the boards attention that unsupervised children are running through the yards of residents living around the park. This is not only causing damage to the flowers and landscaping of these homes, but is also a safety hazard for the children. When these residents are trying to leave their garages and children are running through their driveways (or in one instance sitting) the residents may not see them in time to avoid hitting them. Furthermore, it is against the rules for unsupervised children to be playing at the park.

**Architectural Control Committee**

All changes to the exterior of your home be it an addition, a new garage door, roofing, or painting must be approved by the architectural control committee prior to making the changes. Please follow the directions on the website on the DEED RESTRICTIONS page under Architectural Control Committee.

**Reminder:**

Be a good neighbor - when you mow and the grass clippings get the street and along the sidewalks, please sweep or blow these up rather than waiting for them to move along and become your neighbors mess to clean up.

Most experts state that cutting the grass to short can lead to disease and burned yards during the heat, so think about not cutting the grass too short to prevent yard problems later.