



Lakewood Cove Newsletter

September 2007

Texas Law

Texas law states garage sales are limited to two per house per year without paying sales tax to the comptroller's office. Limit your garage sales to only two or you will pay!

The Yard of the Month

The board votes to choose the best maintained yard each month. Winners display the yard sign and receive a \$25.00 gift certificate. Please work hard to win this award!

Upcoming Projects

We are in the process of putting in a new fence to secure the playground area.

Projects Completed Since the Last Newsletter

As you have hopefully noticed, your board, along with friends of the board, has been very hard at work continuing to make improvements to our fine neighborhood. Many of you have stopped and commented on the results. Thanks for a super job done by Debra McGee and Dinah and Hurley King for all their back-breaking planting in the playground and in the medians on Laurel Springs. The more work that is being done in the common areas, the more you are improving your properties, too. That is great!

A pretty winding sidewalk has gone in along Trail Tree Lane.

The first major improvement to Lakewood Cove has been the installation of the playground. It is wonderful to see all our neighbors enjoying it in the evenings. We have no janitorial service, so please take your trash with you when you go home. No children under the age of 12 are permitted in the playground area unsupervised.

Also in the area of the lake, be aware that our insurance prohibits boating and/or swimming in the lake. There are NO exceptions to this rule!

Lot Maintenance

Lot Maintenance is covered in section 14 of the deed restrictions. In short, it says that the owner / resident shall keep a neat and sanitary lot. If a property is not maintained, after notice, the LCHOA will mow or clean the property and the owner will be billed. Also the city, under ordinance 10-451b, requires homeowners to maintain 14 feet in front, back and sides of their property line. This means all the way to the curb, not just to

the sidewalk.

Homeowners' Questions

What is your e-mail address?

board@lakewoodcovehoa.org

Are ATVs allowed on the streets?

No, not at all! ATVs are STRICTLY prohibited on all common areas and police do ticket those in violation of this law.

How do I win Yard of the Month?

Some tips for winning Yard of the Month are to mow and edge all the way to the street and keep your trash can away from the front of you house. Maintain an attractive and clean yard, one that looks like you care about Lakewood Cove. Remain current on your Homeowner Association Fees.

The tree in my front yard died because of the homebuilder. What should I do?

Many of the trees planted by the builders were staked by cords that are now cutting trees in half and killing trees. Check your trees and remove the cords.

Somebody told me I can't ride my bike and let my dog run with me on the streets. Is that true?

Yes, Houston has a leash law and ALL dogs must be leashed when not in your back yard.

Presidents' Notes:

If you see illegal activity in Lakewood Cove, **Please do not waste time notifying board members!** Please call the Houston Police Department (713-844-3131). This is **not** a matter for the HOA, it **is** a matter for the **police who are trained and equipped to handle these sensitive situations.** Calls need to be made by those who witness the illegal activities.

Fortunately, the Houston area was not in the path of Hurricane Dean. Be prepared for future hurricanes. Decide whether or not you need national flood insurance as flood damage is not covered by your homeowner's policy. Speaking of hurricanes, be aware of the dead trees on your AND your neighbor's property. Your homeowner's insurance also may not cover damage caused by fallen dead trees. Get these dead trees cut down before they damage property in Lakewood Cove and you find yourself responsible.

As Lakewood Cove grows and improves, we need more and more volunteers to head up and serve on various committees, such as a Neighborhood Watch program. Sadly, there have been break-ins in Lakewood Cove and a Neighborhood Watch program is needed to put a stop to that kind of activity! Meet more of your neighbors and make some great new friends by serving on a neighborhood committee!

Also, we are looking for a volunteer who can translate and type our newsletter and violations warnings in Spanish.

Parents, you need to be vigilant about Houston City curfews. **Police can and are being called if your children are out after curfew hours. We encourage everyone to call the police when you see children breaking curfew.**

While many streets are looking much better, some are not. Clean up your yard, get your trash can out of sight, and mow your grass and edge your sidewalks and curbs in the front of your house.

Remember there are laws about maintaining a business out of your home and the proper authorities are being notified of violations.

Be advised that our mailing address has changed. It is now Post Office Box 62270, Houston, TX 77205-2270

Your Homeowners Association board members:

President:	Allen Kassner
First Vice-President	Phil Lindner
Second Vice-President	Gunther Rasch
Secretary	Ed Norris
Treasurer	Debra McGee
Volunteer	YOU !