

# Woods Garden Club HOA 2015 Newsletter

Happy New Year from your Woods Garden Club HOA Board! We've had a very busy and productive year and want to share some of those activities with you. We also wanted to share some of our plans for 2016.

## 2015 Highlights

### Entrance Signs

- After almost two years of design, planning, and implementation, our new entrance signs at the Eastwood and Southwood entrances have finally been constructed

### Pool Area

- All pump plumbing was re-plumbed to improve water flow throughout the entire pool system
- Sand filter was replaced
- Various lighting and electrical improvements were made to pool house
- Additional safety signage was installed around the pool
- A new pool management company, Whitehouse Pools, was hired to take care of the pool

### Landscaping

- Landscaping and lighting were installed around the new entrance signs
- Irrigation and landscaping improvements were made at Eastwood entrance
- Complete overhaul of electrical systems at Woods Blvd entrance was done
- Bi-monthly program for greenbelt fertilization and weed control was initiated
- Several trees were removed from the greenbelts
- Broken sprinkler system timers and sprinkler heads were replaced
- New and improved LED Christmas lighting was installed at entrances

### Financial Management

- Collected over \$2500 in delinquent dues from 2013 and 2014
- Income and expenditures for the year were in line with the 2015 budget and we should complete the year with a surplus exceeding \$8,000 (final 2015 numbers will be available at the annual meeting)

### Website

- The WGC website (<http://www.thewoodsgardenclub.com>) was redesigned to make it more user-friendly and informative and to give it a more modern look

## Planned 2016 Projects

- Install new LED up lights in median and on trees along Woods Blvd at the University Blvd entrance
- Complete landscaping and irrigation installation at Southwood entrance

## Woods Garden Club HOA Annual Meeting

Our annual homeowners meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Ornelas Activity Center on Old Omen Road. The Annual Meeting is held for the purpose of informing the property owners of HOA activities performed during 2015, electing the Board of Directors for 2016, and conducting any necessary business requiring action by the property owners. The Board would like to invite you to attend the meeting.

## Board Member Nominations

Three board positions are up for election for 2016. If you are interested in serving on the 2016 HOA board or would like to nominate another homeowner to the board, there are two ways to do this: 1) make the nomination on the WGC website at <http://www.thewoodsgardenclub.com/2016board.htm>, or 2) complete the nomination form on the attached page and mail to Woods Garden Club, P.O. Box 131987, Tyler, Texas 75713. All homeowners in Good Standing are eligible to be nominated for the board. The deadline for nominations is Monday, January 25, 2016.

## Dues

The annual homeowner's assessment for The Woods Garden Club members remains at \$300.00 for 2016. If paid in full by January 31, 2016, the assessment is only \$270. If you choose to pay monthly, the assessment is \$25 payable by the first of each month. **Direct Debit Payment** is available for residents to pay their association dues. You can find more information about this free service on our website at <http://www.thewoodsgardenclub.com/assess.htm>. **If you choose to mail in your annual payment, please use the form on the attached page and mail to Woods Garden Club, P.O. Box 131987, Tyler, Texas 75713.**

## Email Addresses

This year we were able to construct an email address database of WGC homeowners with addresses for over 80% of the members. We would like to have as close to 100% of member addresses as possible. We use this database to send email announcements regarding pool closings, special events, and information for the HOA. We promise not to inundate your inbox with useless emails. Also, our email database is private and is not shared with anyone. If you have not provided your email address, have recently changed it, or simply are not sure whether we have it or not, go to the bottom of the home page on our website at <http://www.thewoodsgardenclub.com> and fill in your information in the **Stay In Touch!** section.

## Covenant Reminders

One of the goals of the Woods Garden Club is to ensure compliance with the architectural standards detailed in the Covenants and Deed Restrictions for The Woods neighborhoods. We need your help and cooperation with these regulations to maintain the beauty and integrity of The Woods. As a reminder, please remember to submit an Architectural Control Committee Request Form for ANY exterior changes you wish to make to your home or property, including removal of any trees. This form and additional information about the Covenants can be found at <http://www.thewoodsgardenclub.com/hoadocs.htm>.

One of the responsibilities of our property manager is to follow-up on covenant violations that are either called in or emailed to their office. We would ask that if you receive a violation notice, please address the issue immediately. The three most common violations encountered are:

- 1) Vehicles being parked in the driveway or on the street. Our covenants require that your vehicles be parked overnight in your garages. They can only be parked in the driveway if you have more vehicles than garage bays. Garages cannot be used for storage in lieu of parking a vehicle in the

garage. Oversized and commercial vehicles are prohibited from being parked overnight in driveways. Also, overnight street parking is not allowed. If you have overnight guests, please ask them to park overnight in your driveway.

Our security patrol is now ticketing cars parked overnight in the street. Multiple parking tickets will result in violation notices being sent. Repeated violations can result in fines per the Enforcement Policy noted in the WGC Bylaws.

- 2) Blowing grass and/or leaves into the street is strictly prohibited. Not only do our Covenants prohibit this, but it is also a violation of the City of Tyler ordinances.
- 3) Garbage cans cannot remain on the curb past "collection day." The garbage cans should not be placed at the curb more than 24 hours prior to pickup and must be removed within 12 hours after pickup. As a reminder, the covenants also require that garbage cans be stored out of view from the street. Please keep them either in your garage or behind your house.

We appreciate your compliance to the covenants. With an association of over 525 homeowners, we have relatively few covenant violations.

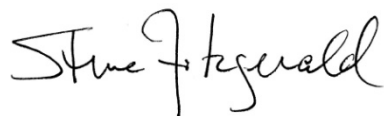
## Homeowner Involvement

We continually seek input from the community so that we're doing the work the homeowners want us to do. We would like to invite you to our monthly meetings. They are normally held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the ReMax Properties office on University Boulevard. If you're unable to attend, we hope you'll keep up with us by reading the minutes of each meeting. They can be found at <http://www.thewoodsgardenclub.com/minutes.htm>.

We are always looking for homeowners to be involved with our pool and landscaping committees. When we're able to use committee members to assist with projects, we don't have to spend as much WGC money to hire the work to be done. That's one reason it's important for homeowners to be involved. If you'd be interested in serving on the pool or landscaping committees, or if you have questions about them, please let us know of your interest via the WGC website and a member of the board will contact you.

Thank you for the support you provide your board. We're looking forward to another great year in 2016!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Fitzgerald

President, Woods Garden Club HOA

## 2016 Board Nomination Form

Complete form below and mail to Woods Garden Club, P.O. Box 131987, Tyler, Texas 75713.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have permission from the nominee to submit their name (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2016 Woods Garden Club HOA Dues

Complete form below and mail form and dues to Woods Garden Club, P.O. Box 131987, Tyler, Texas 75713.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_