

Forest West Newsletter

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F.W.C.I.A. News David Ojeman

The annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Tuesday February 4th. Location of meeting is Advent Lutheran Church at 7 PM.

Please plan on attending the meeting; we would like to see a large crowd, as we will be discussing a lot of neighborhood news. If you cannot make the meeting, please fill out the attached proxy in this newsletter, and follow the return mailing instructions at the bottom of proxy. Please note that this proxy is more current than the proxies previously mailed by Beacon Management; new prospective board members have been included in this new copy.

Garden Club News Phyllis Herrington

The Forest West Garden Club has judged The Annual Forest West Christmas Lawn Decoration Contest for 2013. The categories were "Best Traditional", "Best Original" and "Best Religious" themes, and the winners are as follows:

Tammy Trevett of 6014 Autumn Forest was the winner of **Best Traditional** category with her display of candy canes, carousel and Santa.

Dani and Brandi at 6306 Spruce Forest used Santa's Whack a Penguin display to capture the **Best Original** award.

Best Religious was captured by Pat and Tim Bircher of 6026 Autumn Forest where angels and nativity scenes were spotlighted.

Congratulations to our winners. Thank you all for your creativity, ingenuity, and hard work!

If you have an interest in attending a Forest West Garden Club meeting, please call Mary at 281-955-2001.

Civic Committee News Elizabeth Tuma

Residents gathered in December for our annual Cajun Christmas dinner and party. Thank you to everyone who donated, attended, and helped make our Cajun Christmas party and holiday fundraiser a success! The food was delicious, and we had a special visit from Santa. Photos from the event have been uploaded to our Facebook page, "Forest West Neighborhood".

The next Civic Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st, at 11am. The meeting will be held at the Forest West Pool & Clubhouse.

The Forest West Park, located at 5335 Lost Forest, will now be open on the first Saturday of every month, from 11am to 1pm. Food and beverage will be provided, and children ages 1 to 11 are welcome to play!

Residents may have noticed the signs at our beloved Pinemont Park and Ride, which have announced the Park and Ride's permanent closure. At this time, there are no plans to reopen this location, and there are no plans to use this site for any other purposes ever again – nor to sell the property. Any patrons to the corresponding bus routes, be they business commuters, college students, or medical center patients, must now attempt to either: cram into the overflowing Northwest Transit Center, walk to Antoine Dr., or drive away from downtown to park at the West Little York Park and Ride. Of large concern is the effect this closure will have on our property values. Read the following statements, according to METRO's website, regarding bus routes 216 and 219:

“Due to the reconstruction of S.H. 290 and the demolition of the ramp to the HOV Lane, the Pinemont Park & Ride lot will close. In conjunction with this closure, the 216 & 219 Routes will no longer serve the Pinemont lot. Trip times will be adjusted.” Again, there are no plans to use or sell this lot for any purpose. There were once plans to use the Hempstead highway as an express route, but those plans have been abandoned. I found that several employees still regurgitated this outdated information when questioned about Pinemont.

Please join us in expressing your concerns, and ask METRO to continue providing services for this location! Contact METRO at 713-658-0180.

Heavy trash (waste + yard) pick up is scheduled February 27th. Heavy trash (yard only) pick up is scheduled March 27th.

The Forest West Art & Merchant Fair is returning this year! Artists, Hobbyists, and Food merchants are all welcome to participate. Merchants are asked to donate one item for our silent auction, valued at \$50, in exchange for booth space. Two weeks prior to the fair, online photos of contributions will be displayed on the Forest West Neighborhood Facebook page for consideration. Please see the attached Fair rules, and contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.fwcc@gmail.com with any questions. A flyer for the event will be emailed to merchants after they have registered. Please return registration

forms to the aforementioned email address.

Quarterly Calendar Events:

Civic Committee Meeting

Saturday February 1st 11:00am

Open Play at the Forest West Community Center

Saturday February 1st 11:00am

Annual FWCIA Board Election Meeting

Tuesday February 4th 7:00pm

Open Play at the Forest West Community Center

Saturday March 1st 11:00am

All Civic events will be held at the Forest West Community Center and Pool, located at 5335 Lost Forest. The annual board meeting will be held at Advent Lutheran Church.

Citizens Patrol Program



**Houston
Police Department
Citizen Patrol – VIP
Volunteer Initiatives
Program**

Attention Citizen Patrol Volunteers
North Division Area

February - 2014
Certification Training Class

- **When:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014
- **Where:** 9455 W. Montgomery, North Command Station
- **Time:** 7:00 pm

***All new volunteers living in HPD North Division Area wishing to participate with the Citizen Patrol – Volunteer Initiatives Program must fill out the application forms, turn it in by **February 4, 2014**, one week prior to the training date and take part in the training session to be certified. Application forms can be found on our website at [Houston Police Department.Org](http://HoustonPoliceDepartment.Org)

For More Information Call 281-405-5341



Important Contacts

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| HPD Non Emergency | 713-884-3131 |
| Houston 311 | 713-837-0311 |
| To Report a Street Light Outage or Malfunction
(record 6 digit light number) | 713-207-2222 |
| City of Houston “Rat on a Rat” Hotline
Report illegal dumping, water pollution, chemical or gas odors in Houston | 713-525-2728 |
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