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*Happy
Holidays*

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| January 1 | Happy New Year! Association Fees Due |
| January 11 | POA Board Meeting |
| January 15 | Newsletter content due |
| January 31 | woodglen.org relaunch |
| February 1 | Vol 6 Issue 1 out |
| February 8 | POA Board Meeting |
| February 14 | Valentine's Day |

A word from the President...

Dear Community Members,

As the year closes I hope that all is well in your family. The Wood Glen Property Owners Association ends the year in good shape. There are several dedicated community members that are working to make Wood Glen a better place to live. However, we need help. We need to fill the representatives from sections 3, 6 and 7 and we need a Vice President. We need leaders for the Pool Committee, Neighborhood Clean-up Committee, and many Block Coordinators for our crime watch program. If you are interested in helping the current volunteers, please contact me at bharkins@austin.utexas.edu or call me at 244-9989.

As you will see by this newsletter we have changed the way we are doing the newsletter. The Board believes that this will help us communicate better with you. Thanks to Dawn Welch for all of her hard work in the past. Thanks to Suranji for all of her work on the web site. The web site has been super for a long time. Now we move forward. I know that everyone welcomes Gigi. We all are looking forward to the newsletters and improved web site.

Chris will also explain what we have done to address the green belt issue. Lots of work is going into this area and community lawn maintenance. You will like the results. And while we are discussing things outside, Chris will also report on what we have done since we closed the pool. You'll be able to tell the difference as we get to warm weather.

The Board has been discussing over the last few months what capital projects we wish to take on. You may recall that in the past we had discussed fencing issues, but did not reach a consensus. The Board is now investigating how we can build a community events or amenities center near the pool. The sensing from the last couple of Board meetings is that we really need is a place to be able to hold events, meetings, and provide some shade at the pool. That is what we are working on. Additionally, we will try to remove the gravel from the play area and swings to make it more friendly to the young children. Chris will have more information as we move along. So come join us and help us make Wood Glen as better place to live.

Bob

Working together

Officers:

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| President | Bob Harkins |
| Vice Pres. | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Treasurer | Joseph Fields |
| Secretary | <i>Vacant</i> |

Board Members:

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|-----------|-----------------|
| Section 1 | Michael Cumming |
| Section 2 | Joseph Fields |
| Section 3 | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Section 4 | Chris Behier |
| Section 5 | Bob Harkins |
| Section 6 | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Section 7 | <i>Vacant</i> |

Committee Chairs:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Modification | Sam Myers |
| Safety | Robert Banks-Morgan |
| Pool | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Landscape & Green Belt | Karen Fisher & Chris Behier |
| Neighborhood Cleanup | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Social Comm | Denise Hoss |
| Newsletter/Web | Gigi Behier |



Get involved!

As we head into the new year, our community will begin new initiatives to make our neighborhood an even better place for our families. Unfortunately, we can't do this without everyone's involvement.

We need volunteers! There are several posts on the board, committees and in the Neighborhood Watch program that remain vacant. If you have couple of hours to spare per month, please volunteer for one of the vacant spots. Contact one of the board members listed above with your interest.

Our town in the news

Greetings:

I wanted to take the opportunity to share with each of you some good news we received yesterday. The City of Round Rock was identified as the 8th safest city in the United States. No other Texas City was chosen for the top 25. I think this speaks volumes about our strategic partnership with each of you. No police department or city can achieve such things without having strategic community partnerships. Each of you also shares in this achievement because it is a "team" accomplishment.

I would like to thank each of you for your continued support and dedication in helping us make the City of Round Rock a safe community.

The below links are the CNN article and the Morgan Quitno ranking of the top 25 cities.

<http://www.morganquitno.com/xcit06pop.htm#25>

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/11/21/camden.crime.ap/index.html>

Thank you again,

Bryan Williams
Chief of Police
Round Rock Police Department



Neighborhood Watch:

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| Coordinator | Robert Banks-Morgan |
| Becca Teal Place | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Berwick Drive | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Brunston Court | Michael Cuming |
| Chatelle Drive | Dawn Welch |
| Christine Rose Court | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Donner Path | Steve Heinrich |
| Dylan Garrett Cove | Mike Sheppard |
| Falkirk Cove | Robert Banks-Morgan |
| Falkirk Drive | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Henley Drive | Kathy Brock |
| Inverness Drive | Gary Grant |
| Loyaga Drive | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Plantation Drive | Kathy Wood |
| Resnick Drive | Mark Xavier |
| Vaquera Court | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Whitehurst Drive | Joyce Osborne |
| Wood Glen Drive | Lou Bailey |
| Woodston Drive | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |



WARNING



Neighborhood Watch

Remember to report suspicious people, vehicles, and activities to the Round Rock Police Department by calling 911 or 218-5500 for non-emergencies.

We need Block Coordinators! Please see page 2 for contact and areas of need.

A Reminder About Our Furry Friends



Article X, Section 3 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Wood Glen states the rules for allowable pets within the subdivision. Any allowable pet must be confined to the owners lot by fence, leash or confined in the home. No animal is permitted to run freely. This includes cats! Animals allowed to roam are subject to seizure by the Round Rock Animal Control. Please refer to this section for additional information regarding pets.

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Neighborhood updates

Pool Committee update:

Upon review of the past summer in September, we identified a couple of maintenance issues to remedy. The first was the cloudiness that occurred in the hottest days of summer when the pool reached capacity. The key main issue with the cloudiness was excess of suntan oil/sunblock mixed into the water. Skin cancer being a big concern, it is understandable to have creams and oils for protection. However, it is to the detriment of the water quality.

There are some suntan lotions that are water resistant, and we recommend the use of these types since they don't dissolve so easily. To improve the quality of the water, new filtration has been put into place, replacing the sand with a new compound based on volcanic ash – trapping more particles. This with the pump upgrades, we should have a better system for faster water recovery from the sunblock/tan oil residues.

The second issue was the baby pool – being a small body of water, it was hard to regulate the chlorine level. Either too much or too little chlorine was present even though it was checked 3 times a week and adjusted. We have installed an automatic chlorine level checking system so it corrects the levels as needed. This should keep the baby pool chlorine at the right levels and safer for the young ones to enjoy.

The pool has closed for the winter and will be off limits until we reopen in the spring. The water is dangerously cold for anyone to fall in. As mentioned by our president, we are looking for a new volunteers to drive the Amenity Center activities, especially now that we are investigating a "remodeling project" to enhance the Amenity Center experience – see the other article for details. Please email Chris Behier at chris_behier@sbcglobal.net for your interest in joining the Amenities Center committee.

Amenity Center Initiative:

Our neighborhood has grown and is at full capacity. The current amenity center which consists of the tennis courts, a basketball court and a pool are not very well tied in and not too inviting for spectators or parents wanting to watch over their children in the playscapes.

The initiative defines a new community center that ties in these areas together, providing shelter for neighborhood events and making it available to residents for small events. The facility will allow events to be held irregardless of weather, and would provide a nicer venue with a multi-function room complete with a sink, basic appliances, chairs and a table with plenty of outlets. This room will be accessible by the pool, tennis courts and the playscape area where a porch with fans will be a natural extension of this room. Additional storage area for seasonal events, and for the pool furniture that needs storing will be part of the requirements.

With the recruitment of Amenity center leaders, this project can be well defined to suit as many needs we can cater to. Our intent is to have the use of our website (to be launched on Jan 31) to show various design ideas so that you

Neighborhood updates continued...

can email us with your thoughts and feedback. As we refine the requirements one design will emerge for everyone to see and comment. We have the plans of the current site where an architect will be able to consider the integration of the current building, electrical, water and sewage for a well engineered result. Please email Chris Behier at chris_behier@sbcglobal.net for your interest in joining the Amenities Center committee.

Greenbelt Fire Maintenance and Greenbelt Committee kick-off:

This is a notice to all residents that border the greenbelts and are adjacent to a small bridge over the dry creek. The Fire Marshall has made a point that these areas are susceptible to brush fires since moisture present in these dry creeks helps the vegetation grow and dry out, making fuel ready to be lit up by a driver's cigarette or anything else that might ignite it. Given that homes are in the immediate vicinity, we must be conscientious of this fire hazard. The homeowners association will twice a year comb through and cut back up to 20 feet of brush (and remove the debris) into these greenbelts to avoid having an issue. However, if you believe you would like to maintain such an area in between times, it is encouraged that you or your lawn service aim towards these guidelines:

1. Area affected is 20ft from the sidewalk back into the greenbelt.
2. Any brush over 4ft needs to be cut down. Goal for this area is 1ft or less.
3. The shorter you maintain this area, the more the grass will spread and avoid erosion, and the greener it will be.
4. Plantings – Please email the Committee with your intentions so we can make sure what you plant does not harm the natural existing environment (Bamboo is an example of what NOT to plant). Native Bluebells or grass seeds that is appropriate for this area will most likely be approved.

The goal is to have the greenbelts natural and wild, and untouched. We will be inspecting the greenbelts behind homes for any disturbances (yard clippings, trash, etc...) and any fallen limbs on your properties. It is important for us to keep Wood Glen with healthy trees, and green areas while making the area safe. Your cooperation is appreciated. Anyone wanting to join the Greenbelt committee is welcome to contact Christian Behier at 797-2940.

Website makeover

Our website is getting a makeover! www.WoodGlen.org is getting a new look and fresh content for the relaunch. Much thanks to Suranji for her work as the Webmaster. Now she has exchanged her role as Webmaster to being a new mommy. (Congratulations, Suranji!)

If you'd like to contribute content to the site or have some ideas for added functionality, please email me at gigi@gorfmedia.com.

A special thanks...

A big thank you to Dawn Welch, Suranji Niemyjski, Foy Watson and all the volunteers who are retiring from their posts.

This community wouldn't be what it is without volunteers like you!

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Issues or concerns about the neighborhood?

Contact the board member in your section, or contact **Marilyn Childress** at:

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2005 Wood Glen, Round Rock, TX: Satisfaction Survey on Effectiveness of the Community-Wide Fire Ant Management Effort implemented in March 2005

Your input is very valuable to Texas Cooperative Extension. Please take a brief moment of your time to help us make our programs more effective for you. Please place an X before the letter next to your answer.

1) Did you participate in the community-wide fire ant management effort?

- a. yes
 b. no
 c. was not aware of a fire ant management effort
 d. new to the neighborhood

2) Whether you participated or not, indicate how big a problem fire ants are now in the following areas of this neighborhood since the fire ant management effort began:

| | no problem | slight | moderate | severe |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Around your home | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In playground | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In parks, green belts or common areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3) Prior to the implementation of the community-wide fire ant management effort in 3/2005, were fire ants causing problems or concerns on your property?

- a. no concern
 b. some concern
 c. great concern/problems
 d. fire ants not present to my knowledge

4) Before the community-wide fire ant management effort, what were you doing to try to control this pest?

- a. mound treatments only (this includes baits, dusts, liquids or granules)
 b. spreading "contact insecticide" (spray or granules) across yard
 c. both a and b
 d. contracting a pest control professional
 e. other _____
 f. nothing

5) If you did try to control your fire ants prior to the implementation of the community-wide fire ant management effort, how much do you guess you spent/year on their control?

- a. <\$10
 b. \$11 - \$25
 c. \$26 - \$100
 d. over \$100

Please continue to the next page!!!

6) Following the implementation of the community-wide fire ant management effort, do you still need to spend time and money to improve control even more?

- a. yes (approximate dollars spent _____)
 b. no
 c. not sure

7) Do you feel that the dollars and effort spent by your Community Association implementing this community-wide management effort is cost effective?

- a. yes
 b. no

8) Do you support your Community Association continuing this community-wide fire ant management effort?

- a. yes
 b. no

9) Do you believe that this fire ant management effort promoted by the Texas Cooperative Extension has had an impact on you, your family and your property?

- a. very positive
 b. somewhat positive
 c. neutral
 d. no impact

10) Were you aware of the Texas Cooperative Extension before this project began?

- a. yes
 b. no

11) We would appreciate any other comments on the Wood Glen Community-Wide Fire Ant Management Effort and how it has affected your outdoor activities since its launch. Please feel free to add any comments below (use back of page if needed).

Thanks for your time!!!

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