

Longview Lake Estates September/October 2007



Monthly Newsletter of Longview Lake Association, Inc.

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From the Board...



At the September meeting, we were fortunate to have as a guest speaker Mr. John Fitzpatrick from the Citizen's Police Academy.

Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke on several topics, which included restarting our Neighborhood Watch programs and also how to improve the security of your home and your neighborhood (see pages 5 and 6 for a copy of a security checklist you can use).

In order for us to restart the Neighborhood Watch programs, we will need approximately 20 "Block Captains" - these are homeowners who will help with keeping track of who lives in the neighborhood, reporting suspicious activity to the police, etc.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch for your block, <u>please</u> attend the next LLA meeting (October 8, 2007).

Annual Meeting Notice

PLEASE READ!

The annual meeting of the Longview Lake Association Homeowner's Board will be held Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Pool office (location subject to change).

This meeting will be a very important meeting because, among other topics, we will be deciding what will be done about our neighborhood pools.

During the past several months, your board has received many comments—both positive and negative—about the pool situation. We want to do what you, the homeowner, wants...but we need to hear from you, and, more importantly, have your vote recorded at the annual meeting. Remember, the homeowners that attend the meeting will be the only homeowners that decide what to do about the pools! If you don't vote—your voice will not be heard—WE MUST HAVE A QUORUM!

Why are the pools so important to us?

- Many of you purchased homes in our neighborhood because one of the selling points was the availability of nearby, well-run, safe, and lowcost swimming facilities.
- Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise, and can be enjoyed by everyone, from the very youngest to the young of heart (if not of body).

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The Longview Lake Association, Inc. is composed of all homeowners in the Longview Lake Estates. The Association is governed by a Board of Directors which are elected at large by all members on the second Thursday of November each year. The Covenants, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Minutes of all meetings and Financial Statements are available to all members upon request. All Board meetings are open to members of the Association.

2007 LLA Executive	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	Restrictions/Security
Board Officers	Mickie Brooks	All but Mowing	LLA Office
<u>President</u> Steve Deason	663-8319 mbrooks16@cox.net	All <u>but</u> Mowing Robbie Thames 663-6666	622-6421 lla@longviewlakehoa.com
632-0907	Committee Chairs	Mowing	Bylaws/Telephone
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LONGVIEW LAKES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DIRECTORY					
Air Conditioning Servi	<u>ce</u>	Home Appraisals		Performing Arts	
Geraldo Pena	951-1263	Tyler Manke, Broker	834-2130	Free Clog Dancing Performan	ce
<u>Avon</u>		<u>Housekeeping</u>		Laura Heaver	627-0067
Amanda Moody	810-0121	Jan Florence	592-4361	Pet Sitting	
Baby Sitting		Lawn Care		Jan Bellan	282-6794
Jacqui Bernhagen	627-2471	Charlie Angell	664-7925	Rachel Weese	289-7912
Brittney Brown	728-4861	Byron Brown	810-5697	Real Estate Consultants	
Rachel Weese	664-4313	Jeff Marlin	663-8283	Anne Loretti	663-5687
Flower Planting		Daniel Nichols	639-6268	Tyler Manke, Broker	834-2130
Robbie Thames	663-6666	Mike Rutledge	665-2486	Jennifer Smith GRI,	
	000 0000	Leaf Removal		Realtor®	855-1668
Fund Raising		Robbie Thames	663-6666	Leo Voss	639-3330
Susan Winn	663-8666	Manufface		Reverse Mortgages	
<u>Gifts</u>		Mary Kay Joyce Fuller	665-6627	Leah Schwarz	622-6119
Norma Hughes	Judesgifts4U.com	Joyce Fuller	000-0027	Tile	
Handyman/Home Rep	air	<u>Painter</u>		Scott Mangel	663-4668
Carl Officer	691-3412	Daryle Blanck	734-6267		322 .230
Larry Williams	627-3773	Pampered Chef Consultant			
		Jane Smith	280-9971		

Do you want to be listed in this directory? There is no charge to be listed, but you MUST be a member of Longview Lakes. Please call the office at 622-6421 to be included.

Closing Balance

\$ 37,515.72

Important Phone Numbers

Knight Watchman Security 451-0032 Tulsa Police 596-9222 Non-Emergency **Crime in Progress** Call 911 **Animal Control** 669-6280 Mayor's Action Center 596-2100 Code enforcement 596-7698 596-9777 Large trash pick-up 627-1595 East Pool

2007 Christmas Lighting Contest



It's that time again...to untangle those lights, get out the ladders, imitate Chevy Chase (just kidding!) and win first prize in the annual Christmas lighting contest.

Contest details and rules will be published in the November newsletter.

Financial Report for August 2007 Beginning Checking Balance \$ 45,345.55 Deposits \$ 7,220.00 Expenses \$ 15,050.79

Financial Report for Septe	mber 2007
Beginning Checking Balance	\$ 37,515.72
Deposits	\$ 2,886.00
Expenses	\$ 17,834.81
Closing Balance	\$ 22,566.91

The next meeting of the Longview Lake Board of Directors will be held on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Pool Office.

Have You Lost Your Ferret?

A ferret was found on the Mayo Elementary School grounds...if you have lost a ferret, please contact the school at 925-1500.



Longview Lake Association Pool Costs for 2005-2007

	2005	2006	2007*
Pool Income	\$ 30,071.22	\$ 24,780.56	\$ 16,487.28
Expenses	105,553.88	41,314.60	17,110.61
Payroll	29,108.26	29.804.16	17,417.29
Loss	\$(104,590.92)	\$(46,338.20)	\$(18,040.62)
Approximate cost per household**	\$143.87	\$ 63.74	\$ 24.82

^{*}Not all bills are in yet.

^{**}Paid from dues collected. Assumes 727 households in LLA.

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But...

- The pools have <u>always</u> been operated at a loss. Since the <u>only</u> sources of funding for the association are dues and the pool fees, this means that <u>your</u> dues are subsidizing the operation of the pools (for details on the costs for 2005-2007, please see page 3). This is not unusual; most non-profit pools do not recover their costs from memberships.
- Pools are high-maintenance facilities, requiring expensive mechanical repairs. This is why the West Pool was not open for 2007—the pool has a serious leak that will cost us thousands of dollars to repair; in addition, it must be replastered and retiled to bring it up to Tulsa city codes. Finally, the East Pool has a leak that must be fixed before we can open it for 2008.

So, what will we be doing at the annual meeting? We, the board, and you, our members, will be listening to, discussing, and voting upon what the fate of the pools will be for 2008... and beyond.

Trash Talk

We continue to have homeowners and renters that insist on putting the trash out much too early...please don't put it out more than one day in advance!

Please note that you can take your household pollutants to Expo Square on October 27th & 28th (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for both days). It is free for Tulsa-area residents.

Please see <u>www.metrecycle.com</u> or the September 2007 insert in your water bill for more information.

Don't Park on the Grass!

We've said it before...it's illegal to park on anything but an all-weather surface (asphalt or concrete). Please help us keep <u>your</u> neighborhood looking great...don't park in your front yard!

Be SAFE for Halloween!

(Courtesy of the Los Angeles Fire Department)

 Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping or entanglement.



- Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non
 - toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their rounds.
- By using a flashlight, children can see and be seen by others.
- Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean the others will.



- Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
- No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an Adult at home.

Sign Ordinance

We'd like to remind everyone that the fine for violation of the ordinance is \$500...and it seems that warnings are <u>not</u> being issued! You've been warned!

Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

Exterior Doors	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it's just for a few minutes.		
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.		
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.		
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.		
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.		
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.		
Garage and Sliding Door Security		
The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.		
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.		
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.		
The sliding glass door has a strong, working key locks.		
A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.		
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.		
Protecting Windows		
Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.		
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.		
Outdoor Security		
Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.		
There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.		
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.		

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Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.		
Outdoor lights are on in the evening—whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.		
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.		
Security When Away From Home	Yes	No
At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.		
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.		
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/ friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.		
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.		
Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property	Yes	No
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