

# WLCA NEWSLETTER



## Woodlawn Lake Community Association

*Keeping Woodlawn Wonderful*

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### **MARCH MEETING CANCELLED; APRIL MEETING UNDECIDED**

WLCA's March 31st meeting has been cancelled. This is in line with the City's Public Health Emergency Declaration that has closed public facilities and barred public gatherings. It is also in consideration of our members to keep them safe and healthy in time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Current City closures extend to April 18th, which could be extended. We will notify our members after that date as to whether our scheduled April 28th meeting will take place. Notice will be through the same method as the delivery of this newsletter.

### **EARTH DAY AT PARK POSTPONED**

Earth Day San Antonio was to take place on April 18th at Woodlawn Lake Park. As an Official Fiesta San Antonio event, it has been postponed along with the rest of Fiesta. Fiesta will take place from November 5th through 15th. A date has not yet been set for the Earth Day event.

This year's celebration is particularly noteworthy as it commemorates Earth Day's fiftieth anniversary. Begun in 1970, it is observed world-wide on April 22nd. Environmental concerns had begun long before. Our larger cities had been dealing with air pollution and many had become concerned with acid rain. In 1962 Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, describing how the use of pesticides was destroying our landscape. On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed on the moon and for the first time man was able to look back at the Earth and reflect on its fragile state.

Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-WI) sponsored the enactment of Earth Day. 1970 also gave us the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Clean Air Act. These were followed in 1972 by the Clean Water Act and in 1973 by the Endangered Species Act. Although San Antonio will not officially celebrate Earth Day next month, we can remind ourselves of its goals and do our part in protecting our planet.

#### **COVID-19 Resources**

Hotline is 210-207-5779

Updates are at [sanantonio.gov](https://sanantonio.gov) [metropolitan health district-novel coronavirus (COVID-19)], or follow @COSAGOV on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

### **CROWDS, COURTESY, CREDITS**

*Alejandro Soto, WLCA President*

This edition of our newsletter is a two-sided single sheet. As we have no meetings on which to report, the news factor is reduced. When the pandemic crisis ends, we will return to our normal routine concerning our meetings and our newsletter.

Many of us are now homebound because of closing of worksites, businesses, and social settings. Aside from trips to the stores that stock groceries and household essentials, we can keep busy at home. I have sent in my 2020 Census response and am completing my income tax return (we now have an extra 3 months). My vegetable garden went in just before the rains fell. I am also enjoying the park that is the centerpiece of our community.

The city's "Stay Home, Work Safe" rule does not keep us from recreating. The only rule is that we keep a safe social distance from other individuals. We can go for a walk or a run, work at the Centennial Garden (reverse page), or watch the ducks (but do not feed them). We do have to avoid team sports and group gatherings. In this vein, there should be no overnight camping or picnicking at Easter (April 12th) unless a system is found to keep park visitors apart. The same can be said for the 4th of July, should the pandemic emergency extend until then.

Crises as this have us rely more on one another and to observe rules and guidances put in place to deal with the situation. We have seen the best and the worst. Food stores are working to keep shelves stocked. Unfortunately, several shoppers are taking more than they need or can reasonably use in two weeks or even a month. There are some reports of some merchants unreasonably raising prices. [Report price gouging to the Attorney General Office of Consumer Protection at [consumeremergency@oag.texas.gov](mailto:consumeremergency@oag.texas.gov) or by calling 800-621-0508.]

First responders and other city workers are on the job. Our trash and recyclables are being picked up; maintenance of streets, parks, and buildings continue. Although the offices are closed to walk-ins, District 1 and 7 City Council staffs remain accessible by telephone and email. Medical care workers are on the job and many individuals are voluntarily helping others. Our schools and other agencies are getting groceries and meals to those in need. We appreciate all these efforts. Stay safe and healthy.

**This is your LAST NEWSLETTER if you have not renewed your membership.**  
Your 2019 membership ends on April 18th. Please renew now.

## Woodlawn Lake Community Association--Membership 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB Mo & Day: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$5 per year) \_\_\_\_\_ Family/Household (\$10 per year)

(please check) \_\_\_\_\_ School, \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit, or \_\_\_\_\_ Business (each \$10 per year)

Make your check payable to the Woodlawn Lake Community Association

CLIP OR COPY

If your member information has not changed, send your payment (only) annotated "2020 dues." If it has changed (or if a new member), please send the Form above with your dues to WLCA, P.O. Box 28374, San Antonio TX 78228.

### Scheduled 2020 WLCA Meetings

Apr 28, May 26, Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sept 29, Oct 27,  
Dec 1; all at 6:30 pm; Woodlawn Lake Park Wi-Fi Room

### CENTENNIAL GARDEN

On March 21st, Mary Ann Contreras, Marcy Gutierrez, Vicki Wright, and Alejandro Soto spent the morning removing may weeds at the Centennial Garden. Recent rains made pulling out the invaders by their roots easier. Bluebonnets in bloom are now more easily seen. We have scheduled another garden day for Saturday, April 4th, from 9 am to noon. This is in line with the city's "Stay Home, Work Safe" edict. Our garden days promote fresh air, sunshine, and moderate exercise, and observe safe social distancing from fellow gardeners.

### RUNOFF ELECTION MOVED

The runoffs for the Joint Primary Election, originally set for May 26th, will take place on July 14th. Early voting will begin July 6th. As of this writing, the local school elections and Pre-K renewal is still set for May 2nd.

### WLCA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Alejandro Soto.....485-6168  
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Vice President: Sally Avila.....734-2093

Secretary: Ester Soto

Treasurer: Elia Reyna.....279-7204

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Charles Oisten.....702-234-0604

Vicki Wright.....286-7222

JD Morales.....885-7146

### GRADUATES

If you or a member of your family is graduating or receiving a degree this year, or recently received the honor, please let us know. Tell us who it is, your relationship to the person, the accomplishment and where it is being (or was) received, and the honoree's next step (school, job). We will recognize the graduate in our next newsletter.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE POSTPONED

WLCA's spring membership drive has been postponed. Each year, in conjunction with Earth Day, we distribute our membership drive newsletter to all residents within the WLCA boundaries. We do it by hand delivery, walking door to door, leaving the one page flyers by the front doors of the 3,000 homes in our area. We let the residents know that we will be at the Earth Day event at Woodlawn Lake Park should they wish to visit with us.

The Earth Day event has been postponed (page 1). We also support efforts to keep residents home as much as possible. We will have a membership drive later in the year, either tied in to a delayed Earth Day or to a National Night Out event. In the meantime, if you get a new neighbor or know of someone interested in WLCA let us know and we will send our membership flyer.

### WLCA Birthdays

March: flower - jonquil; birthstone - aquamarine

Matthew Boerger, Diane Bertrand, Arturo Galindo, Bertha Diaz, Gilbert Gonzales, Justin Holley, Richard Holgin, Vivian Olmos, Yolanda Santos, Rosemary Shear, Derek Wauson

April: flower - sweet pea; birthstone - diamond

Alice Almaraz, Humberto Guerra, Chuck Harvey, Ignacio Carreon, Isabel Herrera, Dina Saad, Ronald Shaffer, Pelham Spong, Gloria Torres, Oralia Torres