

# WLCA NEWSLETTER



## Woodlawn Lake Community Association

*Keeping Woodlawn Wonderful*

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### **NOVEMBER MEETING (DEC 1st) CANCELLED**

The WLCA meeting scheduled for December 1st has been cancelled. This would have been the November meeting, postponed one week so as to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving week. Our last WLCA meeting was on February 25th. Our association has continued to function, weighing in on matters affecting our park and neighborhood, keeping our members informed on these matters, and participating in online meetings of functions of which we are a part.

Other neighborhood associations have held online meetings, but we have to now chosen not to do so. A major reason is that a large number of our members do not have internet access, or at least have not provided us with an email address. If you received this newsletter by US mail but have email, please let us know at [wlca@att.net](mailto:wlca@att.net). This will help us decide on whether to have a virtual meeting and will also save us on future printing and mailing costs in sending out our bimonthly newsletters.

As of this writing, it appears that a coronavirus vaccine is imminent. After priority immunizations, the general public is expected to be inoculated by April of next year. Following these predictions, our next physical meeting might not occur until May. We cannot know for sure how all this will play out. Much will depend on the City's reopening of its facilities and our own sense of wellness and safety.

### **WLCA NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Elections for WLCA Executive Board will take place at our first open meeting following the pandemic closures. To facilitate an early election, nominations for these offices opened on November 1st. Nominations can be by letter, email, or telephone. The offices are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and four board positions. Any member can self-nominate or nominate another member. Email and telephone numbers for making nominations are on the next page. The mailing address is WLCA, PO Box 28374, San Antonio TX 78228. There will be a final opportunity for nominations before we vote. Those elected will take office immediately and will serve in 2021 and 2022. [Election Rules are in the July-August 2020 Newsletter.]

### **EMAIL & PHONE SCAMS**

Scammers are taking advantage of COVID-19 to get your money, credit card and bank information, and social security number. Often done on the internet, they advertise items as home testing kits and miracle cures, and offer hard-to-find items as masks and hand sanitizers. They pretend to be a health provider for one of your family members in order to gain your insurance information.

There are other types of internet scams. Often the victims are senior citizens and others not fully tech-savvy. Scammers use offers of redeeming cash prizes, discounts on brands, and other goods, to get personal information which is then used for theft. They offer discounts on prescription medications but you never get the medications you ordered. They offer fake, attractive investment opportunities that don't really offer a return but end up depleting you of your savings in just a few moments.

Scammers can make up a really sad story to get you to give to a charity. Simply by being compassionate, you can lose your savings along with faith in a desirable cause. Just like charity scams, there are help scams that give fake information about your loved ones being in dire need. You may get an unexpected call on your phone or in an email. The scammer uses a fake emergency situation to get some big money out of your pocket. You feel that you have no other option but to share your personal information or to forward a payment to the person in need.

- Never share your personal or financial information via email, text messages, or over the phone.
- Be cautious if you're being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Remember that government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money.
- Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers, or any others that appear suspicious.
- Always check on a charity (for example, by calling or looking at its actual website) before donating.

If you think you have been a scam victim, contact law enforcement, your bank, and your credit card company immediately.

**Best Wishes for the Holidays and the New Year!**

## Woodlawn Lake Community Association--Membership 2021

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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)

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**TIME TO RENEW** your WLCA membership for 2021. If your member information has not changed, just send your payment annotated "2021 dues." If it has changed, please send the Form above with your dues to WLCA, P.O. Box 28374, San Antonio TX 78228; or bring the Form and your dues to our next WLCA meeting. If the envelope for this Newsletter shows that you have paid for 2021, or if you get an email saying that you have paid, please disregard this reminder.

### BACK, BROADBAND, BIGGER

*Alejandro Soto, WLCA President*

As we end 2020, we look back at an unusual year. Other than saving money on haircuts and restaurant meals, I cannot say that it has been beneficial or pleasant. Nonetheless, we do what we have to do to keep ourselves and our families safe. Even though WLCA has not been meeting regularly (page 1), we are still active. As our City functions, we continue to play a role whenever our neighborhood is involved or is impacted. It is now time to renew our memberships for the coming year. We will be holding meetings again and we will continue to be a voice for Woodlawn Lake Park and its surrounding community. We hope that our current members continue to be a part of it.

There are three sign-up groups on Facebook for communities in our area. These are Monticello Park Neighborhood Association; Jefferson Neighborhood Association; and Jefferson, Monticello and Woodlawn Lake. By the messages found in each, they all appear to largely have the same members. A message on one is often repeated in one or both of the others. The messages most often are about lost and found dogs, area sales and services, and complaints about neighbors or concerning the neighborhood.

There is also a sign-up group for the Woodlawn Lake Community Association. It is, for the most part, inactive. There is another WLCA Facebook entry in the small business section. It carries news about the association but does not allow for dialog between members. I would like to activate our sign-up group and maintain it for news that is not repetitive of the other area posts. We can do this by having our members join the WLCA group and publish information unique to our park and our community.

There is an activity of building in our area, and the new homes are getting bigger. This is not unexpected. As the City grows, the new developments are farther out, bringing longer commutes and more distance from what gives San Antonio its flavor. That brings new focus to the more central, and older, neighborhoods. The newer residents still want their dream homes along with a central or historic location. While not restricting McMansions or other mini-palaces, we ask that our historic and neighborhood conservation district standards be strictly observed. Too often we have seen these standards tweaked or bypassed depending on the status of the requesting party or by sympathies on City boards. It is by conscientious and uniform application that the character of our neighborhood will be maintained as it welcomes new residents.

### WLCA EXECUTIVE BOARD

*President:* Alejandro Soto.....485-6168  
[wlca@att.net](mailto:wlca@att.net)  
*Vice President:* Sally Avila.....734-2093  
*Secretary:* Ester Soto  
*Treasurer:* Elia Reyna.....279-7204  
*Board Members:*  
 Marcy Gutierrez.....313-8296  
 Charles Oisten.....702-234-0604  
 Vicki Wright.....286-7222  
 JD Morales.....885-7146

### WLCA Birthdays

*November: flower - chrysanthemum; birthstone - topaz*  
 Fred Ayers, Carol Chincanchan, Beatriz Garcia, Eleanor Garza, Aleida Gomez, Ester Soto, Francesca Torres  
*December: flower - narcissus; birthstone - turquoise*  
 Kenneth Beanland, Antoinette Cadena, Jesse Castillo, Rufino Hernandez, Anna Perales, Raymond Reyna

**Next WLCA Meeting: Dec 1st cancelled**  
 Following Meeting: Jan.26, 2021 @ 6:30pm  
 Woodlawn Lake Park Wi-Fi Room in Gym Bldg