



# Woodshire Word

Woodshire Civic Club's Neighborhood Newsletter

## Hospitality, the Key to Community

The WCC's Hospitality Committee has been hard at work

Mary Shapiro, the Civic Club's Recording Secretary, Membership Chair and Hospitality Chair, along with other active participants have done an amazing job bringing our community together and welcoming our newest neighbors.

**Neighborhood Night Out** in the fall was a great success. After weeks of planning, around 200 of Woodshire residents and invited city officials came out to enjoy the two hour event. Festivities included live music, pot-luck & pizza, games, prizes, and all around fun.

**Welcome Baskets** are provided to new folks moving into Woodshire. Baskets may include items such as a warm and welcoming note, fragrant handmade candle, a plant, relevant emergency contact numbers, Woodshire branded item, and information about the civic club.

**Door Prizes and Sweet Treats** offered by this committee have become expected perks of attending a WCC General Meeting. Prizes raffled have ranged from a \$50 Lowe's gift card to a Woodshire logo water bottle.

**A Plant Giveaway** will take place in the neighborhood in celebration of Earth Day, Saturday, May 22. These plants are being grown from seed in varieties spanning from sun loving zinnias to edible basil. Time and location to be determined.

**The More, the Merrier.** If you would like to join these efforts, please do! Email [info@woodshirecivicclub.org](mailto:info@woodshirecivicclub.org) or text/call Mary at 225-362-2986.



Handmade candle by Mary Shapiro included in "Welcome Baskets"

## Yard of the Month

RECIPIENTS

February



4142 Glenshire with well manicured bushes that withstood the freeze

March



4114 Mischire with fresh boarder plants, blooming bushes, and a lovely magnolia

## Let's "Due" It!

After three years in the red, we are now back in black!

Let's keep it going.

Woodshire Civic Club dues go directly to funding security patrol, mosquito spraying, esplanade maintenance, and other services and initiatives from which we all benefit. Dues are paid annually. There are a variety of payment options available...

### Pay by Check

Made payable to Woodshire Civic Club. Hand deliver or mail to 4115 Leeshire Dr.

### Pay by Zelle

Electronic payment available at most banking institutions using [woodshirecc@gmail.com](mailto:woodshirecc@gmail.com)

### Pay by PayPal

Send payment to [woodshirecc@gmail.com](mailto:woodshirecc@gmail.com)

### Pay by Credit Card

Scan the QR code to the right or go to our website, [woodshirecivicclub.org](http://woodshirecivicclub.org) and choose the PayPal credit card option

Scan QR Code to Pay Dues



Choose amount: \$200, \$300, or \$500

## BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN WOODSHIRE

## Thank You!

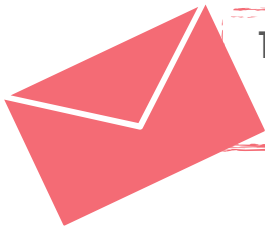
Our records indicate the following residents have paid their 2023 WCC dues: \*

<b>Bassoon</b>	9102	9118	9122	9126	9130								
<b>Breakwood</b>	4103	4106	4111	4130									
<b>Fordshire</b>	9109	9211	9307										
<b>Glenshire</b>	4002	4006	4009	4013	4018	4029	4034	4106	4110	4114	4125	4130	4141
<b>Leeshire</b>	4003	4006	4007	4011	4015	4019	4023	4030	4034	4043	4051	4058	4062
	4063	4102	4103	4106	4111	4115	4122	4126	4139				
<b>Levonshire</b>	4002	4003	4007	4014	4015	4026	4031	4038	4039	4042	4043	4102	4111
	4114	4115	4118	4122	4126	4134	4139	4147	4154				
<b>Martinshire</b>	4006	4018	4019	4034	4043	4102	4103	4107	4115	4118	4131	4147	4151
<b>Mischire</b>	4010	4026	4027	4031	4038	4042	4046	4051	4102	4107	4110	4114	4130
	4135												
<b>Newshire &amp; Lakeland</b>	4002	4006	4022	4030	4033	4045	4049	9106					



\*If you believe you have paid civic club dues for 2023 and your address is not listed above, please contact us.

A supporter sign will be placed in your yard soon after dues are recorded.



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**NEXT CIVIC CLUB MEETING**

**ELECTIONS**

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM

Linkwood Community Center

**SLATE**

President: Christian Gubitx

Vice-President: Jonna Hitchcock

Treasurer: Shawn Jackson

Recording Secretary:  
Mary Shapiro

Corresponding Secretary:  
Liane Lacour

Deed Restriction Committee:  
Paul Johnson & Norris Moseley

Nominations will also be  
accepted from the floor

**Eyes and Ears of  
the Community**  
Security Committee Updates

Jon Le Grand, our Civic Club’s Treasurer and Chair of the Security Committee, has made keeping our neighborhood’s crime rate low a top priority.

**New Signage** indicating there is an active neighborhood watch program in place and that this is a solicitation free neighborhood have been placed at both entrances.

**A High-Resolution Camera** capable of reading front and back license plates has been installed at the Latma entrance.

**Citizens on Patrol**, a City of Houston crime reducing program, is forming in Woodshire with an upcoming training program scheduled for spring. A current security team consisting of Woodshire and Townhouse Manor residents work together to monitor and report suspicious vehicles, people, and activity.

**GardaWorld**, a security service, makes unscheduled patrols of the neighborhood.

**See Something, Say Something.** Be vigilant. Report instances to authorities and share with your neighbors and the WCC Security Committee. Store these numbers in your phone: HPD non-emergency 713-884-3131 and WCC Security Committee Chair, Jon Le Grand, 832-596-8137.

**Crime Deterrent Tips:** Use exterior nighttime lighting, avoid parking vehicles on the street, and inform a trusted neighbor when you will be out of town. Visit [WoodshireCivicClub.org](http://WoodshireCivicClub.org) for more info.

**Join the Team.** The more eyes and ears, the better. Call/Text Jon Le Grand 832-596-8137 or email [info@woodshirecivicclub.org](mailto:info@woodshirecivicclub.org).



**New signage placed at Latma and Leeshire entrances**



**Camera installed at the Latma & Fordshire/Glenshire intersection**

**D**istrict K Youth, ages 16-24 years old, are encouraged to apply for summer jobs through the Hire Houston Youth Program. Apply early! Application screening begins March 27th. For City of Houston internships, scan the QR code. For non-city opportunities visit [HireHoustonYouth.org](http://HireHoustonYouth.org). Good Luck!





# Trash Talk

## Protect Our Pipes

At the January Civic Club meeting, guest speaker, Karly Stelzer of Houston Public Works educated us on the city's "Protect Our Pipes" campaign. - *Who knew salad dressing was such a danger?!*

Here are a few highlights:

In Houston, 70% of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) are caused by clogs from fats, oils and grease (FOG) that are poured down the drain and wipes flushed down toilets. This often causes untreated wastewater to back up into our streets and homes, harming the environment and our health. (Yes, this has happened several times in Woodshire over the past year.)

Each year, when temperatures decrease, Houston Public Works responds to twice as many SSOs due to blockages caused by grease, oils, and fats. This is attributed to two main causes: 1. During the holiday season there is a significant increase in cooking large meals for family and friends. As a result, more grease is generated compared to other times in the year. 2. The colder weather causes grease to quickly solidify while in the pipes. This means that even a little bit of grease poured down your drain can cause a bigger issue.

To prevent SSO's, whether you are cooking tamales or turkeys, it is important to remember to put grease in its place - the trash. Follow these three easy steps: 1. Pour fats, oils and grease into a safe container 2. Cool in the fridge 3. Toss in the trash

And remember - only flush the 3 P's: Pee, Poo and (Toilet) Paper! ALL Wipes clog pipes!

### Stella Link Sweeps:

- March 11
- April 8
- May 13

### Heavy Trash Dates:

- March 21, TreeWaste
- April 18, Junk Waste
- May 16, Tree Waste

LEARN MORE AT  
**ProtectOurPipes.org**