

2024  
WINTER



NEWSLETTER

# THE Greenwood Forest NEWS

## CALENDAR OF MONTHLY EVENTS

### HOA MONTHLY MEETINGS

GWF Clubhouse/Doors Open 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21st

Wednesday, March 20th

Wednesday, April 17th

### QUILTING

2nd & 4th Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.

### WC BRIDGE

Every Wednesday – 1:00 p.m.

2nd Monday – 1:00 p.m.

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

2nd Thursday – 6:30 p.m.

Contact Pat Jacques @ 281-587-2585 if interested.

### WC HAND & FOOT

4th Tuesday – 1:00 p.m.

### WC BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesday – 9:30 a.m.

### WOMEN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING

1st Thursday – 10:00 a.m.

### WOMEN'S CLUB SOCIAL GATHERING

2nd Thursday – 9:30 a.m.

### WOMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

2nd Thursday – 10:00 a.m.

### WCID #109 WATER BOARD MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Monday's

at MUD Building – 5302 Old Lodge

[www.Crest-Management.com](http://www.Crest-Management.com)

## *Safety and Security*

### See Something Say Something

The safety of each and every member of our community should be our number one priority, and for that reason we are asking all of you to come together and look out for each other.

If you witness any suspicious behavior or anything or anyone who appears strange or out of place, we encourage you to report it immediately to the:

**Constable's Office Non-Emergency/Administrative: 281-376-3472**

**Champions Fire Dept: 281-444-2014**

**Emergency Only!!!! Fire/Medical/Police: 9 1 1**

To know what's happening in our neighborhood, our best resource is YOU! Each and every member of this community is a valuable and intricate part. We need to hear from you so that the best needs of your community are protected and met. By reporting what you observe, we can begin to watch for trends in activities, adjust patrols as needed, offer education, and continue to provide Greenwood Forest with the high level of service it deserves. So, if you see something, please, say something. If you observe an emergency or a crime in progress, call 911. If you observe that a crime has occurred, suspicious activity, call our Non-Emergency dispatch at 281-376-3472.

As a reminder, posting suspicious behavior or crimes in progress on social media is not an effective way to report suspicious or criminal activity.



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## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Postings of lost and found dogs throughout the area have become commonplace as have incidents of aggressive dogs approaching walkers, joggers, and bikers. Pet owners bear the responsibility to restrain and care for their pets.



Pet proof your yard and keep gates closed or locked to prevent pet “escape artists.”

Harris County Animal Control advises: “All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris, County, Texas. The custodian of a dog or cat is not allowed to allow any dog or cat to become a stray. Restraint is by a leash, in an enclosed vehicle or on the premises of the custodian and the animal does not have access to the street or sidewalk.”

Nothing good happens when pets are allowed to run loose. Your pets can be lost, stolen or injured. You can be cited and incur expenses. If your pet injures someone you can be fined, incur civil liabilities from the injured persons and your pet can be seized and euthanized.

*Take care of your animals. Be a responsible and caring pet owner.*

## THE UNWITTING CRIMINAL

***You might be breaking the law and not even know it!***

According to the Texas Transportation Code, it is illegal to park over a sidewalk. The sidewalk is considered a thoroughway for pedestrian traffic and not to be constricted. It also violates local ordinances that state that sidewalks and pedestrian thoroughfares cannot be blocked by motor vehicles.

Does this mean that you cannot block the sidewalk, even if you are parked in your own drive way? *Yes*. If you are parked in your driveway, but blocking the sidewalk, you are in violation. You can receive tickets resulting in fines.

Not only is blocking the sidewalk illegal, it's also discourteous. Be a great neighbor and keep our sidewalks clear of your vehicle.

# LUNAR NEW YEAR

The Lunar New Year is an event celebrated by millions of people across the world on the first new moon of their calendars. The festivities are held by numerous cultures in various ways on diverse dates. This year the celebration starts on Feb. 10 and ends on Feb. 24.

Known in non-Chinese culture as the Chinese New Year, its history can be traced back to more than 4,000 years ago. Between 202 BC and 220 AD, an ancient Chinese writer described the celebration this way: “Children, wife, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all serve pepper wine to their parents, make their toast, and wish their parents good health.” It is usual to have a family dinner together.

All cultures are rich in traditions. Although historians differ on whether the art of paper folding originated first in Japan, where it is known as “origami,” or in China where paper folding, called “zhezhi” (摺紙), was practiced during medieval times.

Each year in the lunar calendar is named after an animal, derived from Chinese folklore. The zodiac animals follow one another in an established order and are repeated every twelve years: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon.

The dragon is the fifth animal in the Chinese zodiac. In the Chinese culture, the dragon represents good luck, strength, and health.

*Seven lucky foods to eat during Lunar New Year are:*

- Yú (fish), said to bring an increase in prosperity.
- Jiaozi (dumplings), for wealth.
- Chun Juan (spring rolls), for wealth.
- Tang Yuan (glutinous rice balls), for family togetherness.
- Good Fortune Fruit, for fullness and wealth.
- Nian Gao (sticky rice cakes), for a higher income or a higher position.
- Chang Shou Mian (Longevity Noodles), for happiness and longevity.



## 2023 PATROL STATS

Categories	Oct	Nov	Dec
Burglary of Habitation	0	1	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	2	3	1
Theft from a Habitation	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	1
Theft – Other	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Assault	1	1	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	1	1	0
Disturbance – Family	5	3	3
Disturbance – Juvenile	0	1	0
Disturbance – Other	4	0	4
Alarms	5	1	10
Suspicious Vehicles	9	14	10
Suspicious Persons	2	6	8
Runaways	0	0	0
Telephone Harassment	0	0	1
Other Calls	145	185	414
Citations	139	167	149

## CREST MANAGEMENT WEBSITE FOR GREENWOOD FOREST FUND, INC.

Looking for something on the Crest Website and you're not sure where to go or if you need to login to see it? See below for some helpful Crest Website navigation tips to finding what you're looking for!

### *Open to the Public (not behind login)*

- Management Team Contact Information for Community Manager, Dana, Assistant Community Manager, Kirsten, Deed Restriction/ACC/Club Reservation Onsite Assistant Manager, Denise, and Accounting Assistant, Maria.
- Copy of prior newsletter issue is provided under the Meetings/Forms Tab under Public Forms
- Copy of the Posted upcoming or previously held Board Meeting Agenda
- Copy of the Deed Restrictions or Architectural Guidelines
- Contact Information for Services such as Trash Company, Water Company, and County Precinct 4
- Amenity Information

### *Behind Login and Requires Registration*

- Receive Emailed Notices about important events or news going on in the Community.
- Copy of the prior approved and signed Board Meeting Minutes
- Monthly financials, Audits, Budget, Reserve Study
- Community Calendar
- Community News/Announcements

Please see registration instructions below:

Visit the website at [www.Crest-Management.com](http://www.Crest-Management.com). Click on Homeowner Login, then on the "Not Registered Yet" link. To request a temporary password, you will be prompted to select to have your temporary password sent to you by either regular mail or by email. Once all the steps are followed for one of those choices, and you receive your temporary password, you will then login using your email address and temporary password to then be prompted to personalize your password and access your account. If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Kirsten at 281-945-4648 or

[KirstenSA@Crest-Management.com](mailto:KirstenSA@Crest-Management.com).

# STREET PARKING

Whenever possible, it is recommended that homeowners park their vehicles and their visitors vehicles in their driveways. Parking in the street if done excessively, or illegally can have several negative aspects and consequences:

- Street parking makes it difficult and unsafe for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians to navigate.
- Vehicles parked on the street make it easy for thieves walking the street to open doors and help themselves in mere moments.
- Vehicles blocking driveways is not neighborly and angers neighbors.
- Vehicles blocking mailboxes is grounds for a mail carrier to not deliver mail to the box that is blocked.
- Vehicles parked facing the wrong way on a street is illegal and can result in a ticket being issued.
- Vehicles parked straight in on a cul-de-sac is illegal and can result in a ticket being issued.
- Blocking a fire hydrant is illegal and can result in a ticket being issued.
- Vehicles parked too close to an intersection is illegal and can result in a ticket being issued.
- Street parking gives a cluttered look and takes away from the beauty of the neighborhood.

Please remember to respect your neighbors and follow the local and state laws.



## HOUSE & PET SITTING

Long-time  
resident of  
Greenwood  
Forest

**Robbie Pukler:**  
**281-880-9598**

*References  
available upon  
request.*

## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

### GREENWOOD FOREST ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, February 28th, 2024**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Place: Greenwood Forest Clubhouse**

*For Candidate Bios and Q&A's:*

Please refer to the Annual Meeting Notice that was mailed out in January or you may log in to [www.Crest-Management.com](http://www.Crest-Management.com) website to view under Community News.

\*Must be registered to view information\*

## GWF 1ST SUNDAY MARKET SCHEDULE

**The Greenwood Forest 1st Sunday Resident Market will return in 2024 starting on Sunday March 3rd located at the Greenwood forest clubhouse.**

The market will feature businesses owned and operated by fellow Greenwood Forest residents selling items such as jewelry, crafts, woodworking, home décor and numerous other types to choose from.

*Shop local and enjoy the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors.*

We are always looking for new and interesting vendors to join the market. For new vendor signup please contact [gwf1stsundaymarket@gmail.com](mailto:gwf1stsundaymarket@gmail.com) .



# Greenwood Forest Women's Club



GFWC ended 2023 with a delicious Holiday luncheon provided by Pierre's New Season Catering and with piano entertainment provided by our very own Jerry Sue Greenhill. Former employees, **Caroline Roberts** and **Chano Ornelas** were invited as **Special Guests** and were honored by GFWC for the years of service they provided to residents of Greenwood Forest. Caroline began her association with Greenwood in 1986 and Chano in 1987. Both of them are irreplaceable and GFWC members were proud to honor them in a special way.

An impressive number of homes and yards were decorated for Christmas in 2023, making it a challenge to select only three winners. Following were the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners:

## **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

5606 Havenwoods Dr. – Eran Malone & Fletcher Denton

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

5118 Lodge Creek – George & Terra Ali

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

5926 Pebble Springs – Cory & Melanie Jackson

## **2024**

**2024 is off to a good start** with many interesting programs as well as scheduled outings and events planned. All women of the subdivision are welcome to join, so if you're not currently a member we hope you'll consider becoming one. There are a wide variety of special interest groups that exist within the membership and we contribute to the community in a number of meaningful ways. A Membership Application Form for the 2023-24 Women's Club is available on line at [www.Crest-management.com](http://www.Crest-management.com).

Another good start to the New Year is the beautiful yard selected as **January's Yard of the Month**. Please take time to ride by and admire this beautifully landscaped and well-maintained yard:

**12022 Indian Wells – George and Vicki Bigham**

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## IT'S TIME TO ADD "CLOSE YOUR DOOR" TO YOUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of a fire. But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before.\*

\*NIST Technical Note 1455-1, February 2008



**MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE** - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.



**TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH** - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 PPM versus 10,000 PPM if the door is left open.



**TAKE A BREATH** - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.



**DOZE SAFELY** - 50% of home fire deaths happen between 11pm and 7am. Closing your doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.

Learn more at [closeyourdoor.org](https://closeyourdoor.org)

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 Main Phone Number: 281-579-0761

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### Community Manager – Dana

[Dana@crest-management.com](mailto:Dana@crest-management.com) 281-945-4643  
 I handle communications with the Board of Directors and coordinate meetings, oversee contracts, and maintain the Association's common areas/amenities.

### On-Site Office Representative - Denise

[DeniseD@crest-management.com](mailto:DeniseD@crest-management.com) 281-444-3522  
 I handle deed restrictions and architectural control matters, clubhouse reservations and access cards to amenities.

### Accounting Assistant – Maria M.

[MariaM@crest-management.com](mailto:MariaM@crest-management.com) 281-945-4706  
 I handle all accounting matters, assessment questions, payment plans, and accounts payables and receivables.

### Assistant Manager – Kirsten.

[KirstenSA@crest-management.com](mailto:KirstenSA@crest-management.com) 281-945-4648  
 I handle homeowner registrations, Crest website questions, and any other general HOA related questions.

### Non-Emergency Constables Office 281-376-3472

- Report Suspicious persons, activities, or vehicles
- Loud music from a neighboring property
- Vehicles blocking entry or exit to a home
- Unprovoked harassment by fellow property owners
- Other non-emergency items or events
- Vacation

Watch [www.cd4.hctx.net](http://www.cd4.hctx.net)

***For Emergency Only - Fire / Medical / Police, please call 911 IMMEDIATELY.***

Champions Fire Dept.	281-444-2014	Water - Billing & Service "EDP"	832-467-1599
Harris County ESD 11	281-524-7660	Harris County Public Health Services	713-274-6300
Trash & Recycling/Best Trash	281-313-2378	Harris County Community Assistance	281-353-8424

\*\*Trash is paid through the Water District, please contact water district for service interruptions or issues\*\*

Greenwood Forest Elementary School	832-484-5700
Wunderlich Intermediate	832-249-5200
Klein Forest High School	832-484-4500

Centerpoint Energy	713-207-2222
<a href="http://www.centerpointenergy.com">www.centerpointenergy.com</a>	
* Report Street Lights Out	* Report Outages

Greenwood Forest Swim Team	<a href="mailto:gwfbreakers@gmail.com">gwfbreakers@gmail.com</a>
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### ***About Greenwood Forest***

The development of Greenwood Forest was begun back in the 1960's by the Kickerillo Development Corporation in conjunction with two local builders of that time, Don Hand and Earnest Rowe. As part of the development of the neighborhood, these two builders constructed the Greenwood Forest Residents Club in 1972.

At first, it was a private club where local residents could buy shares for membership. In 1999, it merged with the homeowners' association creating the amenity package we have today for all owners, current on assessments, to enjoy. Greenwood Forest has stood the test of time and will continue to be a strong community that takes pride in achieving a small town atmosphere within a major metropolitan area.