



Greetings Wood Glen Neighbors!

I'm sure that most of you have seen that Viking Fence Company is in the process of replacing the original fencing along Plantation Dr., north of the Amenity Center. The project encompasses 1700' on both sides of the street to Chatelle Dr.

I was able to personally contact several of the property owners affected by the fence replacement project and came away very impressed with these folks. To a person they were very cooperative and supportive of our project even through the inconvenience.

It sure helps when our residents have that kind of attitude and show that kind of support. Reminds one very quickly how great our neighborhood really is and the wonderful people who live here!

I have been checking on the Viking crew and their work and progress 2 to 3 times/day to insure that they are respecting our residents property and doing quality work. So far, so good. I will continue to make unannounced visits to the site to make sure this trend continues.

As a reminder, we will follow up fence completion with the same Classic Seal application that we used for the new fence at the entrance to the neighborhood last year. That should happen within 3 to 4 weeks (after fence completion) and should be a very minor inconvenience to affected residents while they apply the seal. I can't imagine they would need to be in anyone's back yard more than a couple of hours at most.

Just to keep you updated, the Board formally approved adoption of short sections of fence on Loncola Court and Henley Drive during the December meeting. Both of these fences border the power easement that runs through that section of the neighborhood.

Also adopted was the 90' section of Gate next to the railroad tracks on the north end of Becca Teal. None of these fences border private property and otherwise wouldn't be maintained in the future. We felt like it was in our best interest to assume responsibility for these fences in so they don't fall into disrepair.

The Board also approved permanent adoption of last year's annual assessment rate of \$389.00. I think there was a bit of confusion around the rate of \$360.00 in 2010 and the 8% increase to \$389.00 for 2011.

The previous Board had intended the new rate to be in place for one year only. As we got into budget planning for 2012 it quickly became apparent that we needed to make the new rate permanent to meet budget forecasts going forward.

Sorry for the confusion that may have arisen around that issue, especially in this economy. Believe me, we are sensitive to that but costs of services are going up and we are on the hook for the common area fences, Greenbelt maintenance, pool maintenance, and of course landscape services.

I'll talk more in detail about the 2012 budget in next month's newsletter. I believe it's important that our residents know where they're money is going and how it's being managed. I'll make this commitment as well; any resident who desires access to our budget may absolutely have that access. Just email me in February (when it's completed and approved) and I'll be happy to make those arrangements. If you do request a copy I'd only ask that you don't share it with anyone outside the neighborhood. It's in our best interests to not let vendors know how

much we have budgeted for various services. We can't have our leverage in negotiations compromised and still get the best deal for the neighborhood.

I'd like to discuss an issue that came to light during the fence replacement project and that is the lack of current contact information for our residents.

Viking Fence had notified me that they could start the job earlier than expected and we were eager to take advantage of that. Once I asked our management company to send out emails to specific property owners we discovered that they had very few. I then asked for phone numbers and the same thing occurred; either we didn't have a phone number of record or the information was outdated. We had to settle for letters through "snail mail" which, of course, were not going to arrive in time to give adequate notification. And that led to me going house to house in an effort to notify folks.

I asked the management company why we had so little information and was told that, even though there is a requirement that contact information be sent to us at the time of closing, we only got those updates about 5% of the time.

It occurred to me that not only do we need that information for quickly notifying property owners of (planned or unplanned) contractor activities that may be taking place on or around their homes but also that we have no emergency notification process in place.

Last year's drought and subsequent fire dangers immediately came to mind. What if we experienced a fire in the Greenbelt area and needed to get in touch with folks quickly?

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Missing or lost child, break in, or other criminal activity or emergency situation. Wouldn't you want to be notified if an major event occurred in the neighborhood?

One would think that we could simply ask the police to use their 911 service database to help us get in touch with residents but that information most likely wouldn't be released to us because of privacy laws and secondly, a lot of people have gotten rid of their traditional landlines and use cell phone services almost exclusively. Unless cell phone users have registered their number with Wireless 911 services it wouldn't be available to even the police.

What I'm encouraging here is that all Wood Glen residents consider updating their information at <http://www.woodglen.org/> to the "Join our Email List" section in the middle of the page. It's basic stuff: name, address, phone number, etc. And it's private information. None of that data is accessed by

anyone outside of our Association.

We understand that some folks are hesitant to give out personal contact information or that they simply don't want excessive emails or neighborhood "eblasts" as we call them.

As a consequence, I'd like to propose that we simply add some options to the online sign up form that allows residents to select what services they want to receive and how they want to receive them (email, phone, text, etc.). Maybe an option for "eblasts", one for "emergency notification" only, one for "activity affecting my property", "Board meeting dates", etc. This approach would provide residents with some measure of control over what they receive, how they receive it, and the circumstances under which they would be contacted.

I'd really like to hear some feedback from our residents on this proposal. Email me if you're for or against it or have suggestions that might be more effective.

Couple of reminders about recent legislative changes affecting HOA/POA groups that went into effect January 1st.

All Association Board meetings are open to all residents. Notice of Board meetings must be a minimum 72 hours in advance and may be posted in a common area or communicated via email or through letter via U.S. mail. Posting notices at the Amenity Center doesn't make sense because not everyone's mailbox is located there and the posting would be subject to vandalism. Mailing letters would simply drive our postal expenses up so our "common area" going forward will be the website <http://www.boardmeetingnotices.com/> with backup notices sent by email (for those that have registered their email address).

Another statutory change makes it the responsibility of the resident to maintain current email addresses and contact

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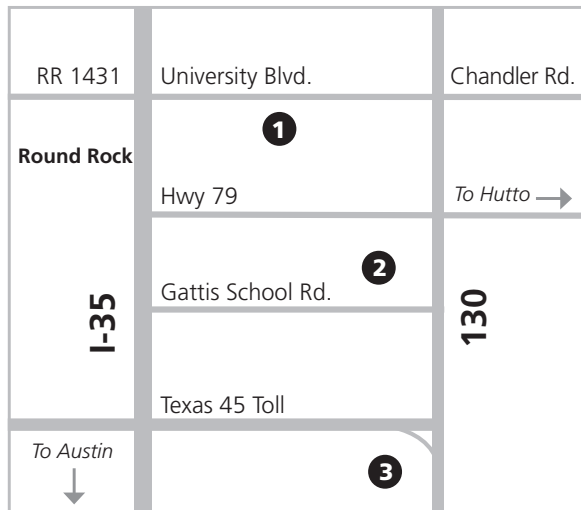
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information. We've made that as easy as possible via the <http://www.woodglen.org/> website.

We covered these and other changes mandated by the legislature during the October annual meeting and have posted those documents on the <http://www.woodglen.org/> website if anyone wishes to reference them.

Well folks, I think I've about run out of room for my column for this month. I'll get the Board meeting agendas posted on the web site above so you can monitor what the Board is doing every month and of course I'll report decisions and outcomes here in the newsletter.

One last item that might be of some concern to our seasonal residents, those on ex-pat assignments or those who travel extensively where the home is unoccupied for long periods of time. Apparently there is an arcane Texas law that some unscrupulous people have been taking advantage of whereby "squatters" claim ownership through a concept called "adverse possession". I don't have permission to reprint the article here but can provide the website <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/01/05/squatters-in-texas-town-use-arcane-law-to-claim-vacant-homes/?test=latestnews> so you can review it for yourself. Quite interesting but I can't say I'm surprised at the lengths some people will go to get something for nothing. Take a read. I think you'll be amazed!

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about things specific to our wonderful neighborhood. I'm always happy to help if I can.

Let's hope this economy improves and everyone has a prosperous 2012!
Eric

WOOD GLEN CARES!

We Care Calendar for Wood Glen. What is it: The Care Calendar is an online calendar. If you have a special need (for example, you have a new baby and few meals would be very helpful) you would contact me either by phone (671-8467) or my email dferguson@austin.rr.com. I would then set up the calendar with your needs (meals) and the times/dates that the meals would be needed. Families in our neighborhood would be made aware of your need. Families who are able to help would then go online, pull up the calendar and fill in the date and the meal they would be providing. Or you could call me with the information and I would be happy to fill in the calendar with the information. Very easy! If you have any questions please call me.

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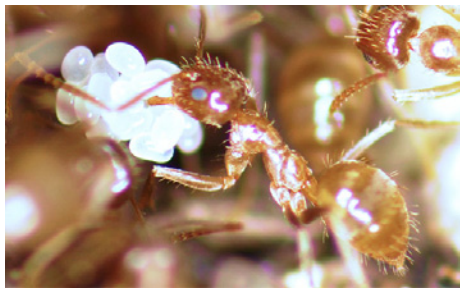
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RASBERRY CRAZY ANT

In 2002, the Raspberry crazy ant, *Nylanderia* sp. near *pubens*, was found in the Houston area. It began to spread and can now be located in 21 counties, mostly around the Houston coastal area. The ants have been recently positively identified in both Travis and Williamson counties.



(photo by Tom Rasberry).

Rasberry crazy ants are reddish-brown, but color and darkness may vary. Workers have long legs and long antennae and bodies that are about 1/8 an inch long.

In the Gulf Coast region, colonies of these ants are massive (millions of ants); it remains to be seen as to what size colonies will be in Central Texas. Colonies, or nests, can be found under or within almost any object- tree stumps, soil, potted plants, mulch, concrete, etc. Nests are primarily found outside, but the ants may move indoors looking for food and water.

Since Rasberry crazy ants can nest within in numerous objects it is possible that they can be transported to new locations through gardening material- mulch, soil, potted plants, etc. Before transporting gardening material, it is very important to thoroughly inspect the item(s) for infestation.

Treatment for Rasberry crazy ants consists of creating buffer zones using pesticides. Buffer zones may last about 2-3 months.

Products for specific management of Rasberry crazy ants are not available over the counter, but you can locate a product with “ants” on the label. Another option is to hire a pest management

professional who has access to chemicals that are unavailable to unlicensed homeowners. Dead ants should be removed from the area after treatment otherwise a “carpet” of ants may form. It may be possible for new ants to walk over the dead ants to avoid contact with the pesticide treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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I have had a blast chairing the Social Committee for almost 4 years but It is time for me to step down as Social Chair and hand the baton to another or several willing individuals. I have met so many of the amazing residents in Wood Glen. We truly have a fantastic neighborhood!. The wine tasting in February or March will be the last event for me...might as well go out with a bang!

*All my best,
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Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in 2012, specifically targeted to metastatic breast cancer research. SO WE are excited to announce that www.pinktober365.com launched January 1. This new website will profile 365 pink warriors -- survivors, walkers, researchers, and advocates. We want to hear your story, whether you are a fighter, survivor, family or friend affected by breast cancer. Go to www.pinktober365.com to share your story or obtain more information. Team Tiara would be honored to hear from you.

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