

LAKEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Incorporated LAKEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION Incorporated



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# Lakewood Civic Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 7:00 PM **Baytown Fire Training Facility** 7022 Bayway Drive

Guest Speakers:
City Manager Jason Reynolds and
Councilman Kenrick Griffith
and Aaron Stryk - ExxonMobil Public Affairs

### May 2022- May 2023 LCA Board of Directors

Randee King, President
Steve Poirot, Vice President
Dell Cantrell, Treasurer (term ending 5/2023)
Joy Huntington, Secretary (term ending 5/2023)
Tammy Calaway, Boat Club (term ending 5/2023)
Bobby Bonds, City Liaison
Renita Price, Civic Pride (term ending 5/2023)
Randy Dickey, Deed Restrictions

Please feel welcome to contact us with any concerns

### **Lakewood Civic Association**

We believe Lakewood is the best place to live in Baytown. Lakewood is a historic neighborhood of approximately 900 homes. Protecting our neighborhood's character and quality of life is a charge and challenge of the Lakewood Civic Association (LCA). A strong neighborhood is made possible in a great part by a strong neighborhood association.

When people search for a special place to live and raise their families, it is about more than the single-family house they find; it is about what makes a community unique. We offer that in Lakewood — a truly unique and diverse community located on Burnet Bay, with convenience to key amenities, a private boat ramp and a private community pool. Much of that legacy is due to the LCA. To be successful we need your support as there is strength in numbers.

## Please join today Membership is only \$30/year

Board Ballot and Membership form included in this newsletter – Please join and vote. First 50 people who join will get a \$5 gift certificate courtesy of El Toro!

### **How the Civic Association Benefits Lakewood**

The LCA is always looking for ways to maintain Lakewood as a great place to live. Over the last year the LCA has:

Continued to recognize some outstanding residents who make Lakewood a better place to live with our Good Neighbor Award.

Coordinated a Holiday Parade while collecting food donations from the neighborhood to be distributed by the Helping Hands.

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Halloween Decorating contest and also sponsor two Community Garage Sales each year.

Collected clothes for a church school-age drive. This effort provides clothes at no cost to school age children.

Worked with the City to have a park built for the Lakewood area. The City has now budgeted \$220K for this park.

Piloted growing oyster in Burnet Bay to help clean the water.

Received a City grant for two solar speed radar signs which soon will be installed in Lakewood. Studies show that speeders slow down 80% with speed reduction of 10-20% when alerted.

Sent Welcome Letters with community information to new homeowners in Lakewood.

Increased nighttime visibility at the Lakewood Boat Ramp.

Coordinated with Harris County and had decades old racist language removed from the deed restrictions.

Worked with GCCISD to keep the school gates open to allow access to the park, track & tennis courts on non-school days.

Provided funds to help support:

- The Lakewood Pool
- Upkeep of the Boat Launch property
- Maintenance of the Lakewood signs and water bills
- National Night Out



Dr. & Mrs. Price and Mrs. Claus (Lynda Nelson) with some of the food donations collected during the Holiday Parade.



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#### 2023 District 3 Council Corner

Greetings Baytown's District 3 residents,

I pray and hope all is well. Thank you for the vote of confidence to serve as your councilman. With God's help and direction, I believe I will serve and represent the citizens of District 3 to the very best of my ability. It is a privilege to serve and give back to a city that has been good to my family and I for the past 40 years. I look forward to being part of great things coming our way as Baytown moves boldly forward. My purpose and mission are to champion the citizens of our city and to inspire and empower them to take a vested interest in the prosperity of Baytown.

My term started off with a crash course in emergency management during January's tornado that impacted residents in Wooster and across District 3. Miraculously, despite a number of homes being damaged and destroyed, there was no loss of life. Numerous businesses, churches, & fellow Baytownians volunteered with the clean-up and provided food, water, tarps, etc.

I have been coordinating with the city to address and resolve concerns in Lakewood. There was a school zone traffic sign that was blocking drivers' vision when entering onto Bayway from Pin Oak. The City relocated the traffic sign to eliminate this safety hazard. I also worked with the City to address the "bandit signs" being posted around Lakewood. The Baytown Clean Team has responded and is working to keep signs off our streets to help keep Baytown beautiful.

A Survey for a Lakewood Neighborhood Park was completed in November. The results showed a desire for a park in the wooded area next to the Lakewood Pool. The feedback is being reviewed while considering site logistics and amenities. The Municipal Development District (MDD) previously approved a \$220,000 budget for economic and park developments. The city will soon be issuing a Request for Proposals for selection of an engineering firm to conduct an environmental/feasibility study.

I want to remind residents of the "Better Baytown App" that allows residents to submit concerns to and receive status updates. It's a great tool to empower our residents to address and track their issues. This app also helps me to follow up on outstanding issues and efficiently address those concerns. Download the app at www.baytown.org/1063/Better-Baytown-App

I want to conclude by expressing what a great learning and growing adventure this has been for me, serving you as your District 3 Councilman. I look forward as we strive together to keep Lakewood and Baytown a great place for all to live. There is so much more to talk about, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Be Blessed Lakewood! Ken Griffith District 3 City Councilman City Phone: 832-984-4858 Email: District.3@baytown.org



The LCA and Lakewood Neighborhood Watch have continued our "Good Neighbor Award" program for the Lakewood subdivision. Lakewood is a wonderful place to live and we have so many residents that go out of their way to make it even better. Acts of kindness and good deeds will be recognized on the LCA website and an award will be given quarterly to an outstanding "good neighbor". For more information and to make a submission for this award please visit the LCA website at:

http://www.lakewoodcivic.org/?page\_id=2404

We thank these recipients of our Good Neighbor Award.







Gary Beltz

James Springer <

Lynda Nelson

# Keeping in touch with our neighbors is important to us.

Whether it's updates about the status of our operations or news on what our employee volunteers are doing in the community, we want to make sure you are in the know!



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To receive operational updates directly to your phone text "UPDATES" to 88841-EMBTA



### **LAKEWOOD BOAT CLUB NEWS**



It's Boat Club KEY Renewal Time Again! Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Baytown Fire Training Facility 7022 Bayway Drive

Keys will be distributed 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Bring your filled out application, **required** to receive a key

The old key will not work after the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting Resident Lakewood Boat Club dues are \$70 per year (\$30 civic association dues & \$40 boat club dues) Must be a Lakewood Resident - 1 key/member Lakewood Estates Boat Club Dues \$75/year

Membership Agreement and Application are at <a href="http://www.lakewoodcivic.org/?page\_id=60">http://www.lakewoodcivic.org/?page\_id=60</a>



or scan this QR code to go to the fillable form

### Reminders

**PARKING** – It is **illegal** to block sidewalks while parked in your driveway per the Texas Transportation Code and you can be ticketed. It is also illegal to park on your front lawn.

**BRUSH** – The City **will not** pick-up brush that also has mixed household trash or building materials.

**LOOSE DOGS** - Be a good neighbor and don't intentionally let your dog roam the neighborhood.

**PET MICROCHIPPING** – required by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Baytown will host a free microchipping event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## **Lakewood Pool Update**

233 Greenbriar – Baytown
Like us on Facebook for more info

Open weekends starting Memorial Weekend May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Free Swim & Summer Kick-off Party Family Memberships are only \$199 for the summer!

Call/text James @ 832-541-3505 for more info and pool availability for party rental

Pool Work Day – May 13<sup>th</sup> (come out & help!)

Scan this QR code to go to the fillable form



### Lakewood Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it starts with *you*. What can you do to make your neighborhood a safer place? Here are some simple tips:

- \* Make friends with Neighbors you can mutually watch after one another.
- ★ Keep up your yard trimmed foliage offers fewer places to hide and fences can keep out unwanted visitors.
- ★ Exercise caution when out of town have a neighbor keep watch and pick up your mail and newspapers.
- ★ Close windows and blinds at night a big screen TV is less enticing to steal if no one knows it's there.
- ★ Install a security system and/or video doorbell
- \* Report all potential incidents to police this includes possible gunshots, fireworks and suspicious people. The police use reports to justify increased patrols.
- \* LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DOORS and DO NOT leave guns in an unsecured vehicle. Also do not leave anything of value like money (including coins), computers, phone charges, etc. visible. Thieves go for a quick grab & run.

For info on Neighborhood Watch visit: http://www.lakewoodcivic.org/?page\_id=56

If you have an emergency, please dial x911

The non-emergency police number is 281-422-8371

# **Lakewood Civic Association Membership Application Form**

Any Lakewood Resident, whether a property owner or renter, can join the Lakewood Civic Association.

Annual dues are \$30 per household, payable to the Lakewood Civic Association.

If joining the Lakewood Boat Club, total memberships dues are \$70 (\$30 civic association & \$40 boat club dues)

Please enroll me as a member of the Lakewood Civic Association. (Check one.)

I have included payment of \$30 for the Civic

Association only	Association and Boat Club memberships
Contact Information	
Primary Member First Name	Primary Member Last Name
Street Address	Email
Home Phone	Cell Phone

Mail the completed form with payment to: Lakewood Civic Association, P.O. Box 2078, Baytown, TX 77522-2078

All information provided will be kept confidential and will not be sold, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed.



The Lakewood Garden Club was organized in 1950 with the following goals: to acquire more knowledge of plants and their cultivation, to cultivate plants and friends, to improve our surroundings, and to create beauty. The club meets once per month from September through May.

"Yard of the Month" awards are given by the club to recognize residents for the beauty of their landscaping, and "Light-Up Lakewood" awards are given by the club in recognition of outstanding Christmas decorations. Also, the Lakewood Garden Club is responsible for the upkeep of the flower beds around the subdivision entry signs located at the intersections of Post Oak at Bayway and Lakewood at Bayway.

If you are interested in joining the Lakewood Garden Club, please contact one of the Garden Club Officers listed on the LCA website under 'Organizations'.

Membership Volunteer Opportunities / Interests	
Check all areas in which you have an interest:	
Neighborhood Watch	
Block/Street Captains	
Lakewood Boat Club	
Lakewood Pool Club	
Communications/Newsletter	
Event Planning	
Membership Drive	
Other (please describe):	

I have included payment of \$70 which includes Civic