WOODS EDGE SECTION 3 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. Winter 2021 Michele Carte, Editor Volume 3, Issue 4

#### **Officers and Board Members**

COODS

President – Jay Weatherwax Vice President/Treasurer – Jennifer Taylor Secretary – Betty Knott

If you have any suggestions or issues concerning Section 3, feel free to contact us: <u>Board3@woodsedgeestates.org</u>

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www.woodsedgeestates.org

## **NEWS FROM YOUR**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## Section 3 Website

#### www.woodsedgeestates.org

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Deed Restrictions Reminder
- Betty Knott appointed to Section 3 Board
- HOA Assessments Mailed
- Annual Meeting Notice
- Making a Difference Keely Knipling
- In Memoriam
- Around the Neighborhood
- Christmas in Woods Edge

#### SECTION 3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The IT Committee oversees the website and advises the Board on Information Technology issues.

Jacqueline Blankenship Betty Knott David Rennie Jim Rinn Jay Weatherwax

#### **SECTION 3 ACC**

If you have plans to renovate, construct, or redo, contact the Architectural Control Committee Members for the guidelines and approvals you may need. ACC application is on the website.

#### ACC3@woodsedgeestates.org

Betty Knott Mary Rennie Jennifer Taylor Keith Witty Michele Carte

## **WOODS EDGE BOARD NEWS**

# DEED RESTRICTIONS & BYLAWS

**REMINDER:** Most homeowners moved into Woods Edge because of its beauty. The deed restrictions insure that the beauty is maintained. Some homeowners are not adhering to the deed restrictions. When property is purchased in our neighborhood a copy of the deed restrictions and bylaws is provided. These are contractual obligations property owners assume. A copy of each section's deed restrictions is available on the Woods Edge website: <a href="https://woodsedgeestates.org">https://woodsedgeestates.org</a>

The HOA Boards are given the task of making sure the restrictions are followed in order to maintain the beauty of the neighborhood and protect the financial interests of the HOA. The HOA Boards prefer to work with homeowners to keep our neighborhood beautiful and a wonderful place to live, instead of dealing with violations and using HOA funds for legal fees. Deed restriction enforcement is necessary to maintain our property values and quality of life.

If everyone adhered to the deed restrictions they agreed to, there would be no need for an HOA to deal with violations, less money would be spent, and the beauty of our neighborhood would be protected.

Please do your part and comply with the deed restrictions so that Woods Edge stays a peaceful, friendly, and beautiful place to live.

## SECTION 3 DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

There are currently 2 active deed restriction violations that we are working to resolve. The violations are pending pre-litigation. As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, our attorneys will be able to move forward to resolve these violations.

# BETTY KNOTT APPOINTED TO SECTION 3'S BOARD

Section 3's HOA Board has appointed Betty Knott to serve out Shannon Smith's term as Secretary. Shannon moved from the neighborhood. Section 3's Board wanted to include representation from the south side of the creek since both current Board members live on the north side of the creek.

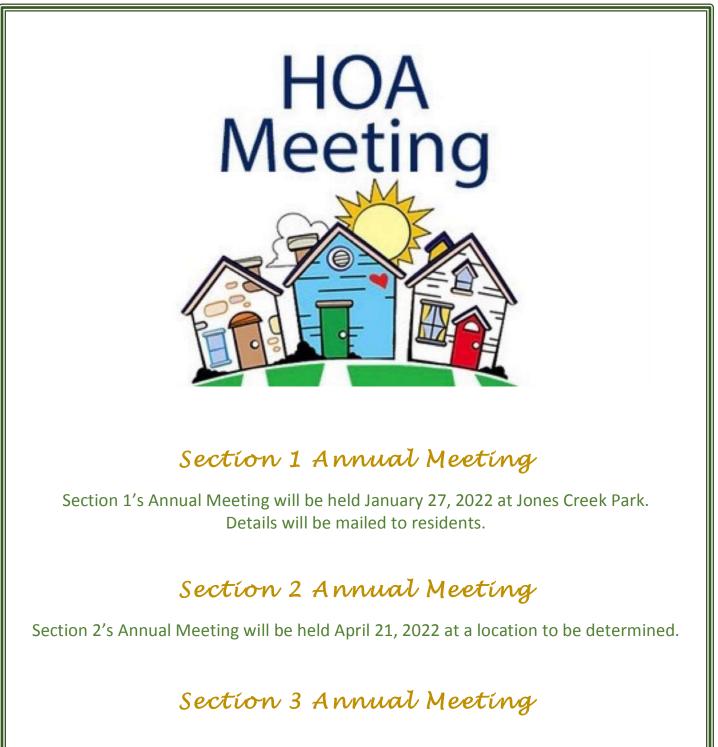
Betty has served on the Board previously. She has worked tirelessly to make Woods Edge a better place to live. We appreciate Betty agreeing to serve again. Betty's term will expire in May, 2023.



Assessment Invoices for 2022 have been mailed. Please contact your Board if you did not receive yours.

Each Section has different assessments and late penalties. Please contact the Woods Edge website for your particular section. <u>www.woodsedgeestates.org</u>

Section 3's dues must be paid by January 31, 2022 to avoid a penalty.



Section 3's Annual Meeting date and location is to be determined.

# 2022

Woods Edge welcomed several new families into our neighborhood as well as a few new babies in 2021. Unfortunately, we also had a few neighbors pass away last year.

Reflecting on the challenges of 2021, we hope 2022 is a better year.

May 2022 bring joy, peace, good health, and happiness to you and your family.

# NEW FRONT ENTRANCE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR



We have a new landscape maintenance contractor for the front entrance of Woods Edge. Contour Landscapes located on FM359, will maintain the landscaping and mow the front entrance.

## **CRAPE MURDER**

What is Crape Murder, and How Do You Avoid It

#### By Southern Living Plants Staff

#### • <u>August 6, 2019</u>

Crape murder is a term credited to a 1997 article in Southern Living magazine that refers to the needless late fall and winter practice of cutting crape myrtles down to stubs.

#### Why Crape Murder?

Many people commit crape murder because they think it promotes better blooms in the coming year. Still others commit crape murder because their crape myrtle has outgrown the spot where it was planted. Regardless of the motive, crape murder is not only unnecessary; it is detrimental.

Severe pruning or topping of crape myrtles removes strong, viable limbs and encourages the growth of weak and flimsy shoots that often aren't strong enough to support the blooms come spring and summer. It also keeps crape myrtles from forming the unique and lovely bark that makes these trees spectacular additions to the landscape even when the leaves are off in winter. And the cuts made at pruning can allow disease and rot to enter a crape myrtle, which can eventually result in its untimely demise.

#### Selective Pruning

Prune only selectively in late winter to clean up random shoots or open up the canopy a bit. Late winter is the best time to do this type of pruning before the trees leaf up so you can really see those random shoots. It's also fine to cut back any crossed or dead branches and to trim side branches from the trunk so the growth is higher. The goal in crape myrtle pruning is to do it discretely so it's barely obvious that you pruned at all

#### Healing Process

If you've got crape myrtles that have suffered from past crape murder attacks, all is not lost. Simply stop cutting them back this year and selectively prune shoots that emerge from the base of the trunk and larger branches. For truly severe cases of crape murder, try cutting them back to within a couple of inches of the ground and letting them regrow. As they remerge, snip away almost all the shoots except for the straightest, strongest ones and let them establish new structure for the tree.

If all else fails, go ahead and put damaged crape myrtles out of their misery by digging them up and replacing them with just the right crape myrtle for your setting.

## WINTER BIRDING



Feeding birds in the winter can be a rewarding way to enjoy seeing a variety of birds. Cardinals, Blue Jays, Carolina Wrens, Mockingbirds, Doves, Eastern Bluebirds, Woodpeckers, etc. are seen year round, but during the winter we have a lot of different avian visitors such as Goldfinches, Tufted Titmouse, Warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Phoebes, Pine Siskins, etc.

One of the best seeds to feed wild birds is black oil sunflower seed. Most birds will eat it. Cardinals also like safflower seed. Goldfinches eat thistle (nyjer) seed, which requires a special feeder. A few varieties of birds like suet cakes, which can be hung in a wire holder.

Some hummingbirds spend the winter here too, especially the Rufous Hummingbirds. We recently had our first freeze which nipped the flowers that are their source of nectar. If you have a hummingbird feeder, consider putting it out during the winter.

If you decide to help our feathered friends during the winter months, provide clean seed and clean drinking water for them. They will appreciate it and provide you the enjoyment of watching them.

# **MAKING A DIFFERENCE ~ KEELY KNIPLING**



A love of history and the Richmond community, brought Section 3's Keely Knipling to the Fort Bend History Association. The FBHA operates the newly renovated Fort Bend Museum, the Greek revival Moore Home, the George Ranch Historical Park, and the Dew House in Missouri City.

Keely said volunteering in various capacities with the Fort Bend History Association was a perfect fit for her. Her kids had gone to school and she wasn't quite ready to go back to work. The FBHA offered so many ways she could get involved: everything from coordinating various events, helping to shape the look and feel of the new Museum renovation, and serving on the board. She has done everything from scrubbing mildew to stuffing envelopes.

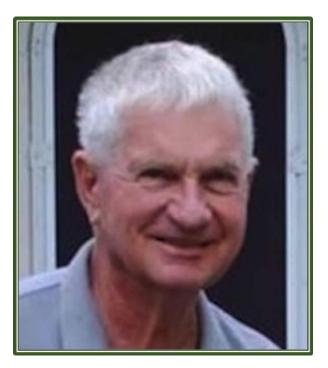
Keely says she had no idea how interesting the stories of Fort Bend were when she moved here with her husband Brian (a Richmond native). She said: "On my first trip to visit his parents, he took me to Morton Cemetery as part of a grand tour, and I sensed something special. But learning all of the stories of the various characters who at some point called Richmond home has been a true joy. Everyone should go visit the Fort Bend Museum and learn more - it is so fascinating," encouraged Keely.

While Keely's two junior high aged kids keep her fairly busy for now, she hopes to always be serving the FBHA in some capacity. Her daughter, Reagan also volunteers at the Museum, getting service hours for National Junior Honor Society.

If you want more information on how you can get involved, Keely is happy to talk with you about all the options - from artistic and academic to parties and fundraising. Her email is <u>kmknipling@gmail.com</u>.

Keely contributes to making Woods Edge a special place to live. Thank you Keely for making a difference.

# Roger Berger



Section 3's Roger Berger passed away January 10, 2022. Roger enjoyed gardening and woodworking. He loved spending time outdoors and visiting the family farm in Schulenburg. He was also a big Astros and Texans fan.

Roger was retired from HL&P where he worked as a supervisor.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, two sons Ronald and Brian, Brian's wife Amy, and granddaughter Emily (husband Drew), and grandson Trent.

Those of us who lived near Roger have missed seeing him working out in his yard the past couple of years. He was a kind man and had a wonderful sense of humor. You always came away smiling after chatting with Roger.

He will be missed by his family, friends, and neighbors.

# Jane Gunnels



Section 1's Jane Gunnels passed away November 12, 2021.

Jane had a passion for teaching, applying her patience and creativity to help children learn and grow. She loved gardening, traveling, nature, and all animals, especially her pets. She was always first to lend a helping hand.

Jane is survived by her husband of 47 years, James, three children: CJ, Jessica, and Amanda, their spouses, and five grandchildren.

Jane will be missed by her family, friends, neighbors, and her many pets.

# Emíl Pampell



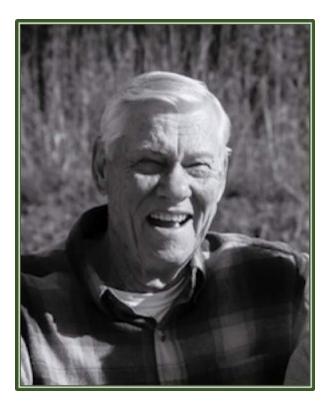
Section 2's Emil Pampell passed away October 22, 2021.

You may have spotted the many Purple Martin houses in Emil's backyard. He was a Purple Martin expert, wood craftsman, master organic gardener, and beekeeper. He also loved to hunt and fish.

Emil was preceded in death by his wife of over 60 years, Betty Jo and their infant daughter Kelly Jo. He is survived by his daughter, Annette and son, James as well as three grandchildren.

Emil will be missed by his family, friends, neighbors, and the Purple Martins he was so enthusiastic about protecting.

# Don Sander



Section 2's Don Sander passed away October 22, 2021.

Don was an avid gardener, accordion player, Astros fan and ruthless Scrabble and Domino player.

Don retired from Southwestern Bell in 1998. He was also a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy, daughter Stacie, son Brian, their spouses, and four grandchildren.

Don will be missed by all who knew him.

## **AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**



This beautiful poinsettia is growing in Section 2's Gail McIntire-Stotler's backyard. It wows us every year unless we get an early freeze. Gail had two huge poinsettias, but sadly one drowned during Harvey.



Pipevine Swallowtail Caterpillar before becoming a butterfly.

# **CHRISTMAS IN WOODS EDGE**

















#### Profit and Loss Statement - 2021

1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021 (Cash Basis)

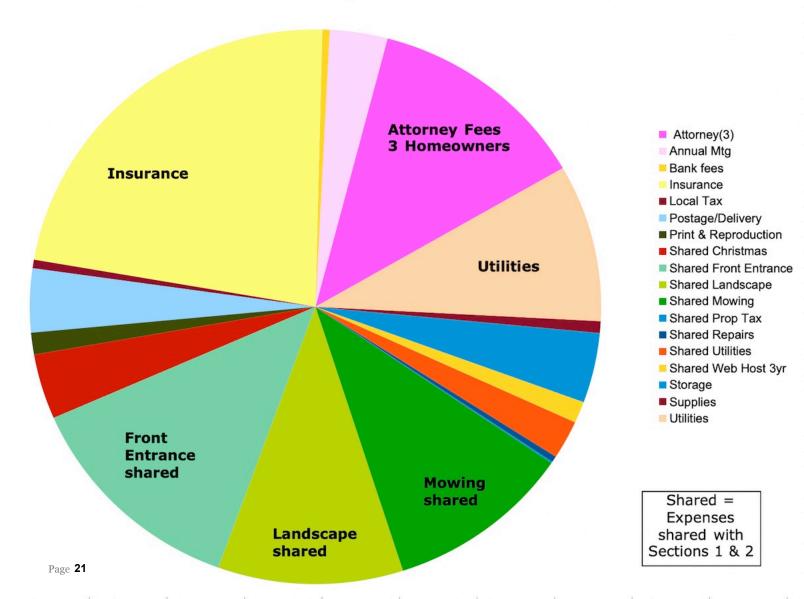
Category	1/1/2021- 12/31/2021
INCOME	
HOA Dues	10,359.66
HOA Dues Late Fee	71.89
TOTAL HOA Dues	10,431.55
HOA Transfer Fee	125.00
TOTAL INCOME	10,556.55
EXPENSES	
Annual Meeting	250.00
Fees & Charges	
Bank Fee	31.95
TOTAL Fees & Charges	31.95
Insurance (Business)	1,736.00
Lawyer Fees	
HOA Member 1	220.00
HOA Member 2	335.00
HOA Member 3	410.00
TOTAL Lawyer Fees	965.00
Postage and Delivery (Business)	285.00
Printing and Reproduction (Business) Shared Cost	96.94
Christmas Decorations	291.00
Front Entrance	989.09
Landscaping	803.08
Mowing	805.00
Property Tax	7.00
Repairs	26.54
Utilities	172.25
Web Hosting	95.88
TOTAL Shared Cost	3,189.84
Storage	312.24
Supplies (Business)	52.09
Taxes (Business)	
Local Tax (Business)	37.97
TOTAL Taxes (Business)	37.97
Utilities (Business)	701.90

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	1/1/2021-
Category	12/31/2021
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,658.93
OVERALL TOTAL	2,897.62

#### Expenses 2021



# **SECTIONS 1 and 2 OFFICERS and BOARDS**

#### Section 1 Officers and Board Members

President - Kevin Naivar ~~~ Vice President - Doug MacDonnell ~~~ Treasurer - Pat Hearn Secretary - Josiane Ginestra

Director - Jeff Haley, Aaron Ellisor (non voting)

If you have any suggestions or issues concerning Section 1, contact Kevin Naivar: kevinnaivar@ricetec.com

#### Section 2 Officers and Board Members

President - Dwayne Weenk ~~~~ Vice President - Doug MacDonnell ~~~~ Treasurer - Blaine Self Secretary ~~~~ Gail McIntire-Stotler

Board Members- Candace Seger (non voting)

If you have any suggestions or issues concerning Section 2 contact Dwayne Weenk: dwayne.weenk@snclavalin.com

#### NOTICE

This Newsletter is available through email and the Woods Edge website. If you know of a Woods Edge neighbor who is not receiving it, please encourage them to send their email address to their Section Board Contact. Notify us if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter.

## FEATURES

If you have news or a neighbor who should be featured in our newsletter, please contact:

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