

Sky Lakes Community News

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Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving, make every day a holiday and celebrate just living.

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Treasurer open position.

Save the Date – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Sky Lakes Section II Successor Building Committee will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Hockley Community Center at 7 pm. Please plan to attend.

Open position – Submit candidates for election

If you are interested in serving on the Sky Lakes II Successor Building Committee or know someone that would be a good candidate, please contact Carla Kopech to discuss further. Candidates will be presented at the annual meeting in January.

Holiday Traveling

If you are planning to travel over the holidays. Please follow these tips to reduce stress and make the time with your family more enjoyable.

1. Plan your route and your schedule. Consider downloading an app to your phone like TripIt, TripAdvisor or TripCase.
2. Check the weather and road conditions so you can limit obstacles and delays. Plan an alternate route through areas that commonly have road closures this time of year. Google Maps or Waze are navigation apps you can download and monitor traffic conditions on your phone.
3. If driving, have your car serviced and pack an emergency kit and don't forget blankets, water and snacks.
4. If flying, leave for the airport at least an hour earlier than normal to manage traffic, parking, and security checkpoints.
5. Pack as light as possible.
6. Consider shipping gifts to your destination and wrap them once you arrive.
7. Communicate your plans to one or two neighbors so they can collect your mail and packages to prevent burglaries.
8. Hold your mail or have a neighbor check your mail if you will be gone for an extended period of time.



Sky Lakes Social Club

The Ladies Night Out (LNO) is held on the first Monday of the month. Email skylakesocial@aol.com to join and get the latest community news and notices. Check www.skylakes.com or Facebook page to find out more details.

Get Connected

Get the latest news about the community through the following social networking options:

- Visit our website at www.skylakes.com
- Like our page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wallerccskylakes>
- Email us at contact@skylakes.com

Important numbers:

For Emergencies, dial 911

Waller Police Dept
Phone: (936) 372-2525

Waller County Sheriff
Phone: (979) 826-8282

Waller County Constable
Phone: (281) 934-3055
Precinct 3 Constable Scott Green
Phone: (281) 808-1673

Waller County Animal Control Phone: (979)
826-8282 ext 4046

Trash Dumpsters

The dumpsters on Club Drive/Planeview Drive at the apartment complex and near the golf cart shed are provided for the apartment complex residents and for private use only. Please do not discard your trash into these receptacles. If you do not currently have a trash pickup provider, please refer to the skylakes.com website under SkyLakes II Utility Providers.

SkyLakes II Acreage Property (Former Golf Course)

The acreage property formerly used as a golf course in SkyLakes Section II is private property. The new owner is working on cleaning up the property and has no plans to reopen the golf course at this time. Please do not access the golf course with carts, 4 wheelers or by walking until further notice without permission from the owner.

Need a shortcut for Christmas treat of gift? Try this quick cookie recipe.

Cake Mix Cookies

1 cake mix – any flavor
2 eggs
1/3 c Oil

Directions:

Heat oven to 375. Mix ingredients. Roll into balls and place on cookie sheet one inch apart. Cook 7 to 10 minutes or until edges start to brown.

Optional ingredients:

Frosting or icing
Sprinkles, nuts, chocolate chips or Candy (mixed in the batter or on top of frosting after cooled)
Powdered sugar (roll balls before baking)
Hershey's kisses (add to center after pulling out of the oven)
Almond bark or melted chocolate (dip or drizzle over cooled cookies)

Variations:

Red velvet cake mix, roll in powdered sugar before baking.
Chocolate cake mix, add Hershey's kiss to the center after taking out of oven, drizzle with melted white almond bark.

Flooding Recovery Assistance

If you have suffered damage from the recent floods, you may qualify for assistance.

1. FEMA is still taking applications in case someone had flood damage. Even if you had insurance, you may be eligible for some assistance through FEMA or the SBA low interest loans. You can visit the FEMA disaster area in Hempstead - located at Road and Bridge across from DiLorio's Produce. FEMA 1-800-621-FEMA, Disasterassistance.gov
2. Any donations - moneywise can be sent to United Way - Waller County in Brookshire. If it is marked for Waller County Flood Relief for April Floods, it will go only to that purpose. We have over 100 homes that were completely destroyed by the flood and almost 450 more that have filed claims. United Way phone number is [281-822-4200](tel:281-822-4200).
3. IMPORTANT - Anyone who volunteered in any way - fixing food for neighbors, helping to clean up for people in their neighborhoods, rebuilding or replacing carpet, etc. can fill out a form through United Way showing their volunteer hours. These hours are turned in to FEMA and there is a "monetary amount" assigned to it. When it is all calculated, then Waller County and their Disaster Relief Board - which has been in effect since the fires in 2011 - would get the money to continue to assist with disaster relief.
4. They stated they are in need of volunteers to assist people - moral support, money, labor, etc. and that the actual time frame for having this disaster be completely cleaned up and resolved is about 2 years.

It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters but who is around it.