

The Woodlands Of Plano

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Give Us Your Input...

The HOA newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis going forward. Let us know what you would like to know more about. Whether it is suggestions for playground rules, questions about current neighborhood rules or info on how you can be a part of the HOA send us your thoughts. Send an email to – board@woodlandsofplano.com we will respond and possibly include your thoughts in our next newsletter. **Newsletter Classifieds** – We would like to share with our neighborhood any services offered by our neighbors. If you would like your services (ie babysitting, handyman, yard, etc.) included in future issues, please send your info to the board using the above email address.

Fall Festival Recap

Every year the HOA puts on a neighborhood block party. Over 30 neighbors came out for this year's festivities that lasted from 4:00 – 6:00 on Saturday, November 12. This year's event included a DJ, a bounce house, a clown and some great food. The Fall Festival is a great time to get out and meet some of your neighbors and get to know the HOA Board Members. Don't be left out next year, plan on attending the 2006 Fall Festival and meeting some of your neighbors. To see more pictures please go to the HOA website at www.woodlandsofplano.com.



New Park / Playground Update

One of the amenities promoted to homeowners in our neighborhood has been a playground for our children. There are three areas of land set aside for neighborhood use on Gerber, Hosington and Rickshaw. The HOA has finally negotiated an agreement with DART to use the largest block of land on Rickshaw to build the promised playground. Bids have gone out and the Board has voted on equipment to be purchased for the playground.

The park / playground will have an area devoted to children ages 2 – 5, an area designed for ages 5 – 12 and a ½ basketball court for use by all ages. In addition the area will have picnic tables, benches and a barbecue grill. Construction activity has already begun and we hope you enjoy watching the playground takes shape. Weather and construction issues will dictate the final completion date for the park with a **proposed opening date of February 18th.**

The goal is for our property values to be increased by having a fun, clean, safe, well-designed park / playground for all of us to enjoy. Pictures of equipment are provided to give you an idea of what the finished park will look like. Color pictures and blueprints are available to view on our neighborhood website at www.woodlandsofplano.com.

Playground Costs:

5-12 year old structure	\$19,000
2 – 5 year old structure	\$11,500
Swing sets for both areas	\$4,500
Basketball court	\$550
4 Benches	\$1,600
2 Picnic Tables	\$1,800
Grill	\$350
Trashcans	\$500
Installation and concrete Pads	\$45,000
Fence for backside of park	\$7,500
Irrigation and hydromulch	\$13,000
Electricity Connections	\$5,000
Land grading	\$5,000
Total Cost	\$115,000

The HOA will pay \$67,000 in cash and finance approximately \$48,000 through Community Association Bank.



Equipment for Ages 5 - 12



Equipment for Ages 2 - 5

Website Upgraded

The Woodlands of Plano has recently upgraded its website at www.woodlandsofplano.com. The Board would like to give special thanks to Tom Watson for his donation of time to improve our website. The updated website contains the following areas:

- Home Page with current news
- Upcoming Events Page that lets everyone know when meetings and events are scheduled
- Photo Galleries Page that lets you see recent events that happened in our neighborhood
- Newsletters Page where copies of past newsletters can be viewed
- HOA Forms Page that gives you access to directory forms, and the ACC form required for any exterior improvement or addition to your property
- City Sites Page that provides links to neighbor cities home pages
- School System Page that shows links to all local area public schools
- Grand and Mercedes pages that link to homebuilders outside websites
- Contact Us page where you can contact the HOA Board members, Premier Communities and Newsletter/Website contact info.

We hope to continue to expand the website to include information relating to the annual budget for the HOA, minutes from HOA Board meetings and other services available from people in our neighborhood. Please contact Tom Watson at tombuktu@netzero.com with any ideas or input for the website.

New Board Member Added

Maeli Dang has joined the HOA board. She will be serving in the role of Treasurer alongside Kristina Mudd, President and Melissa Standeford, Secretary. The HOA would like to thank Maeli for offering to serve in order to help us improve the neighborhood for all of us. If you are interested in finding out more about ways you can serve our neighborhood, please send an email to board@woodlandsofplano.com or come to the next HOA meeting on December 20 at 5625 Sabetha Way from 6:30 – 7:15.

HOA Budget Highlights

Total Income	71,009
Utility Expenses	3,275
Landscape Maintenance	14,360
Comman Area Maintenance	1,300
Administrative Expenses	15,850
Insurance and Taxes	3,640
Reserve Fund	7,542
Total Expenses	<u>-45,967</u>
Total Surplus / Deficit	<u>25,042</u>

For a detailed look at the 2005 and 2006 budget please see the HOA website at www.woodlandsofplano.com.

Reminder –

The next HOA Board Meeting will be held on December 20th, Tuesday night from 6:30 – 7:15 at 5625 Sabetha Way. All homeowners are invited to attend.

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