



# Oak Leaf

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## President's Message



I'm told that it's winter, but you wouldn't know if from the weather around here. While other parts of the country are getting their fair share of the snow, we're sneaking through it with weather in the 40's and 50's. While this is just fine with our delivery boy who will have to walk this newsletter and the 2012 Oakwood Directory to 457 homes, I'm still hoping for a White Christmas this year.

There are only a handful of updates this time that I want to make you all aware of. First, we're feeling a little social, but also not as social as we have been. The OHA now has a Facebook page that we're using in conjunction with our e-mail distribution list in order to get the word out on events, happenings, and relevant news for the neighborhood. For those of you on Facebook, come Like us at Oakwood Homeowners Association to stay in the loop. We've found already that the use of the page will go up and down, but we'll work to keep it useful.

On the less social side, many have noted that we are not holding our annual Winterfest party this year. This was a very hard decision, but while our other events have had increasing attendance each year, the Winterfest party was decreasing. Part of

this is undoubtedly due to the hectic schedules many of us maintain this time of year, but with declining attendance, the Halloween Party being just weeks prior, and a shortage of volunteers, it was elected to remove this event from the calendar and allocate the resources to the gatherings with bigger draws. This was not an easy decision, and we know that many people will be disappointed. We are already not budgeted to have a Winterfest party in 2013 either, and whether it is to happen in 2014 and future years will be dependent on the number of people voicing interest, and just as importantly, the number of people volunteering, specifically to coordinate the event.

Next, as mentioned prior, you should be receiving this newsletter with your bi-annual 2012 Oakwood Membership Directory. Many thanks to Monika Rodriguez for all of her hard work compiling this book, which we know is one most homeowners hang on to well past the two years between being issued.

Also in this issue is a copy of our budget for 2013, which the Board finalized at our December meeting. Thank you to all the Board Members and Committee Heads for their hard work in balancing the budget and having it together on time, and especially our Treasurer, Lynette Tuggle for all the actual legwork on the project.

That's about it for now. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season, and I'll see you in 2013!!

-Matt "bring on the New Year" Johnson  
OHA Board President

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# Oakwood News

## Discounted Plowing Services Offered to Oakwood Residents (UPDATE)

Given our long term relationship with TJ's landscaping (the landscape contractor that services the Oakwood common areas), I reached out to the owner to see if he could provide a discounted rate on plowing given he already does a significant amount of work in the area. I was able to negotiate the following pricing grid which offers OHA residents very economical prices for plowing services.

The more residents that sign up, the better the pricing we get. If you'd like to sign up, please e-mail TJ's landscaping at [tjlandcare@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjlandcare@sbcglobal.net) and be sure to copy me on the message at [mneon79@hotmail.com](mailto:mneon79@hotmail.com) so I can keep tabs on how many people are signing up to ensure we get the best pricing. Make sure to note you are an OHA resident in the e-mail so you'll count towards the volume discount and everyone will benefit.

Service	< 6 In.	6-11 In.	≥ 12 In.	Salt
Plow <15 houses	\$ 18.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 15.00
Plow 15-24 houses	\$ 14.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 12.00
Plow 25-49 houses	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 10.00
Plow 50 + houses	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Shovel front walk/stoop	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00

Regards,  
Mark Nelson  
OHA Landscape Chair

**UPDATE:** At current tally, we have 12 homes that have expressed interest in this service. If we have just 3 more sign up, we will hit our first 20% discount level! As noted above, if you want to sign up, contact TJ's direct, and please be sure to copy Mark.

## Memorial Park Bench Installed and Dedicated to Roger Westman

Over the past several months a collection was taken for donations to be allocated to the installation of a new park bench on the Eastern Shoreline in the memory of our friend, Roger Westman. Several weeks ago, a number of residents hit the Eastern Shoreline to assemble and "plant" the bench, and it looks great! Thanks to Ken, Lou, Bob, Mark, and Brad for all the hard work, and thanks also to John and Vito for the refreshments, and to Laura for the moral support!! It looks great!!

Note: These images and more can be found on the Oakwood Homeowners Association Facebook page



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## Update on Ash Tree Replacement in Oakwood

Westmont Village Forester Jon Yeater reached out to the OHA in October to help spread the word regarding the tree replacement program underway following the massive Ash Tree removal this past year:

“All the trees that were removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer will be replaced this coming fall and next spring. Due to the sheer number of replacement trees, we will be splitting this up into two plantings; one this October and the other next May. Because we are doing it this way I know there will be a lot of questions this fall about why certain people received trees and others did not. I just want to get the word out that all of these trees will be replaced, if not this fall, then next spring. I will be selecting the tree species for each individual site, and am trying to promote the greatest amount of diversity as possible. Locations will depend on many factors including surrounding vegetation, utilities and available space.”

The trees to be planted in 2012 are of course in place already, so we will not see more action on this effort until Spring, and we will post any new information through our Facebook site and future Oak Leaf newsletters as relevant. Thank you to Jon Yeater for the update.



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## Meet the Board

Name: Mark Nelson

Board Member Since: 2009

Favorite Quote: “Life is only as good as the perspective you take on life.”



About Mark: “I graduated from University of Iowa in 2001 with a BBA in Accounting and Finance. I received my CPA in 2005 and MBA in 2007. I work at Denali Capital which is an asset management company that invests in corporate debt. I have been married for eight years to my wonderful wife (Truc) and we have three kids (Annabelle- 5; Austin- 2; Emily- 9 months). I am an avid fisherman, and still play in a men’s basketball and softball league trying to pretend I’m still 20 even though my body says otherwise sometimes. I also go to a golf course every so often and swing a club at a ball, but I can’t call it golf as most days it feels more like a nature walk through the woods looking for my golf balls. In general I loved to stay active and try new things.”

Why is Mark on the OHA Board of Directors?: “I plan to live in the Oakwood community for a long time and I want to live in a community I’m proud of. I have a very busy life with three kids and my wife and I both working full time, but I think it’s still important to get involved. It’s the community my kids are going to grow up in. Do I really just want to assume someone else is going to take care of it...that’s the attitude that leads to undesirable communities. Volunteering has also been an opportunity to meet others in the community. I have formed a lot of friendships over the years from volunteering for Oakwood. I hope to continue to meet new people in the neighborhood that are interested in volunteering to help make Oakwood even better.”

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# Oakwood News

## Oakwood Concerns

It is with some disappointment that an article like this is necessary. First, vandals broke portions of the OHA sign board on the Eastern Shoreline along Lake Charles. While our thanks go out to Lou Ricciardi and Ken Brennan for taking the initiative to repair the sign (and they did a GREAT job), this is time and money that should not have had to be spent.

With the holidays, we have also had reports again of thefts from resident's Nativity scenes in their front yards. While those stealing the items undoubtedly think there's no harm in what they're doing, this is a hurtful act, and a violation in several ways.

Oakwood is a great community, but vandalism and theft hurt a neighborhood. They damage our sense of pride and security in our homes and our surroundings, but this doesn't have to happen. If you witness an event like this, report it. The OHA offers rewards for information regarding vandalism to common area property, and the Westmont PD would very much like to enforce the fact that small crimes are still crimes.

As for the current missing Nativity pieces, if you come across them, please contact us at oha@oakwoodha.org and we will try to reconnect them with their owners.

Thanks!  
Matt Johnson

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The newsletter is distributed quarterly to over 450 homes, and is distributed electronically and posted to the OHA Website, giving great local advertising exposure at a low cost!

## Update to Oakwood Dock and Lock Program

The Oakwood Dock and Lock is a program set up for homeowners who would like to use their paddleboat, kayak, canoe, or row boat frequently on Lake Charles, but find it a hassle to bring the watercraft back and forth to the lake. The OHA has set aside eight mooring spots where non-lake side homeowners can keep their boat on the shoreline from April 1st through October 31st. See the Oakwood Homeowner's Association Rules for Common Areas for specific information.

Applications for the Dock and Lock program can be submitted after January 1st to the Lake Management Committee by mail at 4 East Ogden Avenue, #313, Westmont, IL 60559.

Due to a few watercraft owners who did not adhere to the rules, we are implementing a major program change this year:

A one hundred dollar refundable \*registration deposit will be required to be submitted along with the application form. This registration deposit will be refunded in full, provided the watercraft owner complies with the Rules for Common Areas. We want to keep this effort a positive experience for all, and are hopeful that this will encourage all participants to be responsible with their watercraft.

The updated excerpt pertaining to the Lock and Dock area from the Oakwood Rules for Common Areas is provided on the following page, and the rules themselves are available in both the Oakwood Directory, and on the Oakwood website at [www.oakwoodha.org](http://www.oakwoodha.org).

Best Regards,  
Lake Management Committee and OHA Board



# Oakwood News

## 7. Lock and Dock Area

The Dock and Lock Area has been established on the southern end of the Eastern Shoreline to provide off-lake residents (Oakwood Residents whose property does not have a common border with the lake) with similar boat accessibility convenience as on-lake residents. The following rules are applicable to the use of this area:

- a. Boats in the Lock and Dock Area must have an annual "Lock and Dock Area Space Request Form" approved and on record with the OHA. This form (Attachment 1) must be provided to and approved by the Chairman of the Lake Management Committee. Space in the Lock and Dock area will be allocated on a first come first serve basis or in a manner that provides fair access to the eight spaces available. The allocation process shall be published each year in the December issue of the Oak leaf
- b. All boats in the Dock and Lock Area (or anywhere else on the lake) must be registered and tagged with an OHA Boat Identification Tag per paragraph 8 below. (See Attachment 2 for form)
- c. Boats are to be launched onto Lake Charles from the designated launch area on the east side of Westman Beach.
- d. Boats must be secured to the OHA provided locking rings with a marine grade lock (to avoid lock jams/failures due to water, corrosion or rust in the mechanism) with a secure cable or chain. Please note this is a safety requirement more than a security requirement, as we would not want someone's mischief to turn into tragedy.
- e. Boats are to be positioned on the shore to avoid damage to other boats. Boats must be moored no closer than three feet from each other.
- f. The owner is responsible for keeping the watercraft in safe operating condition. Any boat not completely seaworthy or in disrepair will not be allowed to participate in this program. In addition, watercraft that becomes a hazard will not be allowed to participate in this program. It will be the decision of the Lake Management Committee to determine if a boat is in safe operating condition.
- g. Boats shall be stored in such a manner that water is not permitted to collect in any cavity of the watercraft that will allow for breeding of mosquitoes. Water that collects in the boat is to be removed by the owner each week. If notified by the LMC of water in the owners boat, the owner will be given three days to empty the water or forfeit the registration deposit.
- h. All boats must be removed from the Lock and Dock Area no later than October 30.
- i. After acceptance into the Dock and Lock Program, boats may begin using the area after March 31
- j. The OHA accepts no responsibility or liability for boats moored in this area. Boat owners are fully responsible and liable for their boats or incidents involving their boats when in this area or on Lake Charles.
- k. Abandoned boats will be disposed of according to paragraph 9 below.
- l. Compliance with the "Association Rules for Common Areas" is required to use this area.
- m. Failure of the owner of the watercraft to comply with the rules for this program will result in the owner having his Dock and Lock privileges revoked and forfeiture of the registration deposit. In addition, the owner will be required to remove the watercraft from the Dock and Lock Area within 15 days of notification. Submittal of the Lock and Dock Space Request Form and use of the Lock and Dock Area signifies agreement with these rules. Failure to remove a boat from the Lock and Dock area after October 31 or if after fifteen days after notification that privileges have been suspended will result in the boat being disposed of per paragraph 9 below.
- n. The 01-1A Board of Directors directs the Lake Management Committee to act in their behalf in administering the Dock and Lock rules.
- o. A One Hundred Dollar Refundable Registration Deposit is required to be submitted to the OHA with the Lake Charles Lock and Dock Space Request Form. The Deposit will be returned at the end of the season or when the boat is removed from the OHA Dock and Lock area provided that the owner has followed the OHA Common Area rules that apply to the Dock and Lock program.



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## From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission

While we have seen a slight uptick in economic development, most agendas have been slow. The exception will be ahead in December.

Our September meeting featured two interesting items. First was a request by McNaughton Development to subdivide an existing lot off 56<sup>th</sup> Street into 8 buildable lots. This request is of note as there are few buildable tracts left in Westmont and also, it the first larger scale development we have seen since the recession began. Next up was a request by Julian electric to increase the size of their building and parking lot near 400 Plaza Drive. As this property directly touches Oakwood homeowner property, I was expecting a large turnout. While we did have 2 homeowners in attendance, it seemed most of their concerns were mitigated by the end of the hearing. The item was then sent to the full Village Board. I have not seen the results if any of this.

October brought a request to re-establish an Asian restaurant on Pasquinelli under the name of Yu's Mandarin Restaurant. It's at 665 Pasquinelli and owned and staffed by experienced restaurant folks from the Schaumburg area. The new site has already opened and seems to be drawing nice crowds. They have also has several coupons in our local coupon packs.

November was a quiet month, but December, as I indicated above had two of the more interesting proposals we have heard. First was a request to create an automobile enthusiast's center in the defunct and in foreclosure Chevrolet Dealership at 150 West

Ogden. Modeled after a similar set-up in Joliet, this private Club would allow auto enthusiasts to display, sell, trade and work on their cars. A higher end restaurant would also be a part of the plan. The commission had not had a proposal along these lines before. It will be interesting to if it progresses.

Next up, a proposal to create a live music venue downtown in the 11 West Quincey building. The pair of commercial offices at 9 and 11 West Quincy is directly west of Taco Express. Plans call for a maximum 300 person venue with liquor license and a changing floor plan to rotate between music, meetings, theater, poetry, etc. The focus would be on musical acts ranging from jazz to rock, to blues, etc. We spent 2 hours on the public hearing with most folks in favor of the potential to attract people to our downtown area through this business.

After both sides stated their positions, the commission voted unanimously to recommend this idea to the full Village Board. We'll see where it goes in January as it continues the process.

Westmont continues to attract restaurant ventures with the Chin family of Bob Chin fame opening Jimmy's Island Grill in the St. James Crossing site formerly occupied by Guava and Cucina Roma. Opening is slated for early 2013. Also coming soon, NEAT, in the former Brickyard location in downtown Westmont immediately south of Bishop's Chile. Featuring an American menu, this restaurant also projects an early 2013 opening.

Several changes have occurred or are coming to downtown as the shuffle of smaller businesses continues.

The Village of Westmont Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. All meetings are televised live on local cable access channel 6 and then replayed at 10:00am Monday through Friday. Agenda items are then sent to the Village Board with the comments of the Commission for final disposition. You can also view the agenda on the Village website – [www.westmont.il.gov](http://www.westmont.il.gov). The next meeting will take place January 9<sup>th</sup> – tune in!

Gregg Pill – Oakwood Resident

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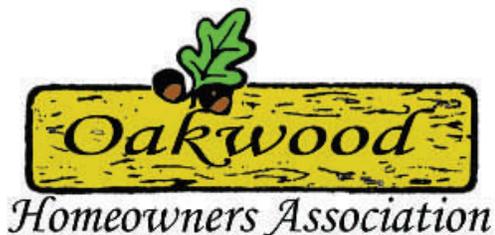
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# School District 201 News



Wow!! It is difficult to believe that the first half of the school year is almost over. We hope it has been a great start for all. I'm sure many of you were able to see the blue ribbons lining Oakwood Dr. at Westmont High and Junior High Schools the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>. The

ribbons were in recognition of Bullying Awareness Week. This was the first year District 201 dedicated a weeklong educational effort to this important issue. There were activities meant to highlight the detrimental effect bullying has at the social/emotional level as well as the negative impacts on academic performance. Students throughout 201 participated in activities and attended assemblies to reinforce the importance of being a "Defender" when they see a classmate becoming a victim. WJHS Principal, Mr. John Jonak, leads the District's Climate Committee where plenty of opportunity exists for parents and community members to get involved and ensure our schools provide the best and most compassionate learning environment. Planning has begun already for next year, and the hope is to have the week's activities include more community involvement.

In November, the School Board approved a new three year contract with the Westmont Teacher's Association. This is a "first of a kind" contract that links the rate of salary increase to a percentage of the yearly consumer price index (CPI). Because the largest portion of revenue growth for the school system is dependent on the CPI, this is a very important contractual element that allows greater stability in educational costs and more effectively links expenditures to revenues. With the difficult economic environment, it was important to achieve a contract that best serves the current needs of our entire 201 community.

Plans are already beginning to come together for the 2013-14 school year, and our WHS Principal, Mr. Jack Baldermann, is discussing substantive changes to our high school curriculum. He is proposing a number of changes that will add additional academic rigor, benefiting all our students. Proposed are five new AP course offerings, additional Honors courses and College Readiness or Academic Supports courses for students needing additional instructional interventions. Mr. Baldermann's recommending the development of a course titled "Changemakers". It is truly part of District 201's

Small Giants initiative!! In it, students will have the opportunity to experience creative project based learning, either as an individual or part of a larger team. Look for further information from Mr. Baldermann about this exciting new student experience. With sights on our children's success in their post high school life, it is believed that a more rigorous, challenging and supportive high school culture will allow significant choice and opportunities for their futures.

No need for the winter doldrums in the upcoming months as there are many activities at Oakwood's neighborhood schools. On January 17<sup>th</sup> the District-wide Fine Arts Festival will take place. This is a great chance for all community members to come and see the many talents of our students. Numerous art projects will be on display, and there will be performances by the various choirs and instrumental musicians. Always a wonderful event.

Winter also brings a host of athletic competitions. Please come and support our student athletes and see some superior sporting talents during any numbers of events this season. Also, please remember to support our student athletes by attending the annual Westmont Athletic Booster Club's Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 4:30 on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> continues the long tradition of excellence in Fine Arts with the WHS spring musical "Big", a musical adaptation of the very funny Tom Hanks movie. March 13<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Choral concert and March 21<sup>st</sup> is the Battle of the Bands, all very inexpensive and family oriented entertainment. Hope you are able to take in some of these great opportunities this winter, right in your own backyard!!

Additional information is available at [www.cusd201.org](http://www.cusd201.org). Please check frequently for updates.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of Oakwood the Happiest of Holiday seasons, Merry Christmas and all the best for 2013 New Year!!!

Joel Price  
School Board Vice-President, District 201

# Let's Not Forget - Past Oak Leaf articles worth seeing again

## Oakwood Advantages

(Reprinted from the March, 2005 Oak Leaf, available at [www.oakwoodha.org/files/oakleaf/2005-03.pdf](http://www.oakwoodha.org/files/oakleaf/2005-03.pdf) )

In 1975, my wife and I lived in a small one bedroom apartment on the 23rd floor of a high rise in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago. One beautiful early fall weekend, we decided to drive out to the western suburbs to look at home models. After stopping at models in Darien and Downers Grove, we were heading down Ogden Avenue to get to I-294 when we saw the sign for models in a place called Oakwood in Westmont. Of course we had to stop! We walked into the first model, the Lyncroft, and it caught our attention. The model had four bedrooms, of which the master bedroom was huge. A large sit-in kitchen, nice family room and a first floor laundry room all caught my wife's attention. The large basement caught my attention along with a vision of a nice workshop I always wanted. We proceeded to check out the other models and then walked around the neighborhood, walking by the lake and looking at the houses in Phase 1. Something about Oakwood in general appealed to us, something that we liked.

To cut to the chase, we bought a house in Phase 2 of Oakwood. We took the four bedroom Lyncroft we had initially looked at, telling ourselves that it would be great for a starter home and we would find something better in a couple of years. Well, here we are, twenty-nine years later, and we are still in Oakwood. I suppose we could have moved to Hinsdale or Clarendon Hills or any of the other towns around as we became financially more stable, but somehow it never seemed necessary. Over the years, we have watched Oakwood grow and mature into what I believe is one of the best places to live in the western suburbs.

Things do change and improve. One of the key advantages of Oakwood now was its major disadvantage in its early days – playgrounds and parks. When our children were small, we had to drive to playgrounds in Western Springs or Downers Grove, since there was nowhere close for them to play. Now Oakwood residents are fortunate in that they are within walking distance of the best recreational facilities of any subdivision in any town in the western suburbs! Oakwood Park is located in the middle of Oakwood with a playground that is ideal for small children. Blackhawk Park, on the edge of Oakwood, has facilities for older children and adults, including a modern basketball park and sand volleyball courts. Next to Blackhawk Park is Ty Warner Park, the largest and best

park for miles around. Thirty-five acres of picnic areas, two playground areas, ballparks, soccer fields, horseshoe pit, splash park, sledding hill, skating rink, tennis courts, paths for walking, jogging, or roller blading, and beautiful flower beds are all at our doorstep. In addition, Westmont's junior and senior high schools provide additional ballparks, a running track and an indoor Olympic size swimming pool, all of which are available to the residents of Oakwood. Last, do not forget Lake Charles, Westman Beach and the Eastern Shoreline which provide fishing and boating for all.

Parks are only one of many advantages of Oakwood. If you have a favorite advantage, share it with us. Email it to me at [OHA@oakwoodha.org](mailto:OHA@oakwoodha.org) or use the "contact us" page on the OHA web site at [oakwoodha.org](http://oakwoodha.org). Let me know if I can use your name, and I will include "your advantage" in the next issue of the Oak Leaf. If you are shy, just send me the advantage, and I will include it in the next column on the advantages of Oakwood. Let's Talk!!

Jerry Harlow

*Editor's Note: Another gem from Jerry Harlow! I would very much like to incorporate a "Your Advantage" section in the next Oak Leaf, so do drop me a line (same way as Jerry mentioned above) to let me know what YOU like about living in Oakwood. I'll compile whatever responses we get in to share with our neighbors.*

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# OHA 2013 Budget

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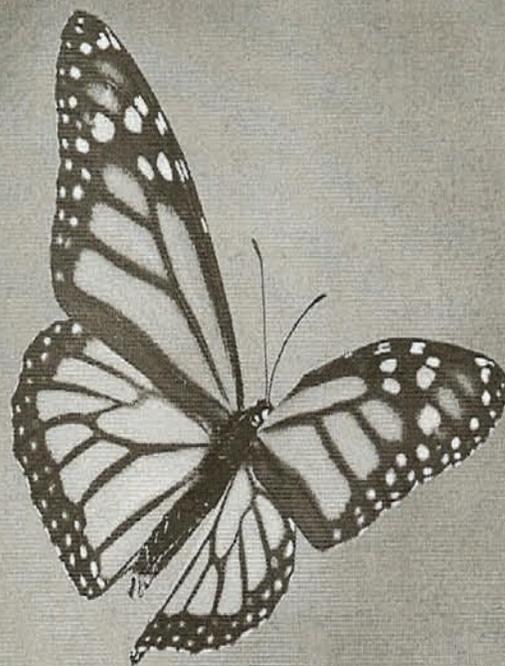
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6011 - Dues 2013	52,600	80201 - Beach Maintenance	2,500
60110 - Late Fees	1,000	80205 - Geese Clean up	1,500
6012 - Assessments Previous Year	1,000	80510 - General Landscape	11,400
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>54,600</b>	80520 - Annual Plants	500
		80521 - Water North Entrance	750
<b>Advertising</b>		80522 - Water South Entrance	750
60402 - Advertising Oak Leaf	1,300	80523 - Maint Irrigation System	1,000
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		80524 - North Entrance Maint	200
		80535 - Cul de Sac Improvements	200
<b>Communications</b>		<b>Total Landscape</b>	<b>19,050</b>
81420 - Newsletter Printing	1,500		
81430 - Newsletter Delivery	560	<b>Board of Directors</b>	
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>2,060</b>	8110 - Mail Box	275
		8130 - Events Other	200
<b>Financial</b>		81301 - Annual Mtg Notificatons	330
82101 Audit & Tax Prep Fees	2,900	81302 - Annual Mtg Refreshments	30
8340 - Bank & Filing Fees	160	81303 - Annual Meeting Raffle	100
8401 - Postage	400	81362 - Garage Sale	70
8402 - Financial Admin Supplies	350	81311 - Legal Services	500
80710 - Data Back Up	60	82311 - Corp Registered Agent	205
<b>Total Financial</b>	<b>3,870</b>	83301 - Insurance	6,500
		8180 - Web Site	190
<b>Lake Management</b>		<b>Total Board of Directors</b>	<b>8,400</b>
80302 - Water Testing	110		
80304 - Fish Restocking	1,200	<b>Social Committee</b>	
80307- Aeration Program	200	81341 - Childrens Halloween Party	1,375
80308- Aeration Electrical	2,350	81343 - Childrens Easter Party	1,000
80309 -Algae Control	1,795	81361 - Oakwood Family Picnic	1,250
80310 - Algae Control Chemicals	6,250	81370 - Fishing Derby	1,375
80312 - Inlet Improvement	500	<b>Total Social Committee</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Total Lake Charles Maintenance	12,405		
		Bad Debt Write Off	1,500
80601 - Eastern Shore Cleanup	200		
80602 - Mulch Eastern Shore	50	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>55,030</b>
80603- Emergent Plants	400		
80604- Weed Control	1,500	Assessments & Advertising	55,900
Total Eastern Shore Maint	2,150	Interest on Bank Accounts	315
83021 - Training & Books	250	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>56,215</b>
83022 - Volunteer Appreciation	145		
83023 - Administration	200	<b>Total Revenue Less Total Expense</b>	<b>1,185</b>
Total LMC Administration	595		
<b>Total Lake Management</b>	<b>15,150</b>		

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- William Lake, Burgess Square patient

*"All the nurses and staff do a wonderful job. Everyone here is so pleasant, kind and caring. I am a repeat customer."*

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