# WELCOME to WALDEN ON LAKE CONROE

We are glad you decided to join the Walden community. We hope this resource will make your transition easier and help you get the most out of your new Community.

Since 1972, Walden's tree-lined peninsula has been home to people from all over the world. While Lake Conroe embodies natural splendor, its origins are actually man-made. Construction of the 21,000-acre lake began in January 1970 and was completed in 1973. Five thousand acres of the lake are located within the Sam Houston National Forest.



In addition to the lake, 16-court tennis facility, swimming pools, children's playground, and "hike and bike" trails are among the many recreational amenities available to Walden residents. Privately owned 536-slip marina, a breathtaking 18-hole golf course are also available. Social activities, community events, athletic competitions and volunteer opportunities occur year-round, guaranteeing an active schedule for those who want to get involved.

Walden on Lake Conroe is planned for 5,238 dwellings. There are estate homes, single-family houses, patio homes, townhouses, condominiums and a variety of commercial and institutional facilities including the Walden Yacht Club, Racquet Club, Golf Club and Marina.

Deed Restrictions (or Use Covenants) were adopted to protect the residential integrity of the entire community. Uniform plans for the sale, development and improvement of properties aim to preserve the image and character of Walden – to the benefit of both present and future property owners.

We hope you will find this community information guide helpful as you make your new home here. Whether this is your home or your weekend property, on behalf of all your neighbors, WELCOME TO WALDEN! Please visit our web site at www.waldenonlakeconroe.com.

## AMENITIES

Two boat ramps are available for the exclusive use of Walden property owners. The north boat ramp is located at the end of Aspen Drive (the first left after entering Walden). The south boat ramp is located off Poe Drive, near Walden Road and the Racquet Club. For more information on ramp access and rules, please refer to the BOATING SERVICES section.

#### **BREAKWATER PARK**

Young ones needing to expend some energy will enjoy Breakwater Park. Located next to the Yacht Club swimming pool, the park's playground equipment is always a favorite.

## **CHILDREN'S BALL PRACTICE FIELD**

Looking for a place to play catch, practice batting with your kids, hold youth football practice, or host a softball or soccer game? Walden has a children's baseball/soccer/football practice field, which is available to Walden residents by reservation only, located at the intersection of Windswept and Raintree. Madeley Ranch Elementary has a new baseball/soccer field on their property that can be reserved by Madeley Ranch parents ONLY. For more information or to reserve the field, please call 936-582-1622.

#### **FITNESS CENTER**

If you are looking for an indoor workout, Walden has facilities for the fitness-oriented. Located at the Racquet Club complex, the Walden Fitness Center features state-of-the-art cardio equipment, strength equipment, and free weights. The facility also includes restrooms and showers. A variety of fitness programs are also available for a nominal fee. A current Walden Property Owner Access Card, issued by the WCIA, is required to access the Racquet Club and Fitness Center. Check the current newsletter or call the Fitness Center at 936-582- 2953 for business hours.

#### **FLAG PLAZA**

Built in 1997 to commemorate Walden's 25th anniversary, the Walden Flag Plaza is both a special and spectacular site. Located at the Yacht Club's Breakwater Peninsula, the plaza displays giant flags representing the United States, Texas, and Walden. Engraved stones, purchased by former and current Walden residents, form the base of the flag plaza. The stones, and the messages they contain, serve as a scrapbook – memorializing Walden's past and honoring its future. Needless to say, the view of Lake Conroe is spectacular. Call 936-582-4222 to reserve your family's paver. The Walden Flag Plaza may be reserved for special events by calling a Yacht Club coordinator at 936-582-4222.

#### **GOLF COURSE**

Designed by Bruce Devlin and Bob Von Hagge, the 18-hole Walden Golf Course is annually ranked as one of Texas' top ten courses by the Dallas Morning News. With challenging holes and spectacular scenery, it is a golf lover's paradise. For more information on golf memberships, please call the Walden Golf Club at 936-582- 5045. Additional information on golf activities can be found in the ACTIVITIES and RECREATION sections. Walden Golf Club is privately owned and operated, it is not an amenity of Walden. Separate membership dues and use fees are charged for this facility.

#### **HIKE-AND-BIKE TRAIL**

A paved "hike-and-bike" trail runs along Walden Road, Emerson, and Melville. For your safety, we urge all pedestrians and cyclists to use the path instead of Walden Road.

#### MARINA

Walden's 536-slip marina is located in one of the largest private inland harbors in the Southwest. In addition to boat slip rentals, the Marina offers boating safety classes and features a Ship's Store stocked with supplies for sailors, water-skiers and pleasure boaters. For more information, please refer to the BOATING SERVICES section.

## **RACQUET CLUB**

The Walden Racquet Club, located at 11800 Walden Road, is a beautiful 16-court tennis facility nestled amongst the tall pines. Of the 16 courts, ten courts are lighted, including four covered courts. By paying annual maintenance fees to the Walden Community Improvement Association, every property owner is a member of the Racquet Club. The club, which is managed by a certified tennis professional, features a full-service, fully stocked Pro Shop, restrooms and showers, and a fitness center. A current Walden Property Owner Access Card, issued by the WCIA, is required to access the Racquet Club and Fitness Center. For more information on tennis activities and services, please refer to the ACTIVITIES and RECREATION sections, or call the Racquet Club at 936-582-1022.

#### **SWIMMING POOLS**

Looking for a refreshing escape from the summer heat? Take a dive at the Yacht Club Swimming Pool. Overlooking Lake Conroe, there is a junior Olympic-sized pool and two kiddie pools with certified lifeguards. The pool is open and lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. During the summer, one can snack poolside, thanks to the Breakwater Grill. Carry-in drinks and coolers are not permitted and proper swimming attire is required. A current Walden Property Owner Access Card, issued by the WCIA, is required to access the swimming pool area. Offseason pool use is through reservation by calling the Walden Yacht Club Banquet Department at 936-582-4150.

Residents in Sections 5 and 6 can also take advantage of pools within their section. Since section dues pay for pool maintenance, access is limited to Section 5 & 6 residents and guests. Access is obtained from your Section Association.

## **YACHT CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Yacht Club is the hub of Walden social activity. The 17,000 square-foot building contains the spectacular Commodore Dining Room, as well as superb service staff and full-time banquet coordinators. The Yacht Club boasts an award-winning executive chef, and smaller rooms for meetings and private parties. Providing full service, the Yacht Club also offers in-home catering and take- out service.

# **ACTIVITIES**

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Every month, the WCIA publishes a community newsletter, Walden News, which contains a calendar of the month's social, recreational and civic activities. If you do not receive your monthly newsletter, please contact the WCIA office at 936-582-1622.

#### **BRIDGE GROUPS**

If you're quick with the cards and looking for some action, you've come to the right place. Men's Bridge, Ladies' Bridge, Couples and Duplicate Bridge groups are open to all Walden residents. For more information, please contact the bridge chairperson listed in the monthly *Walden News*.

#### **MEN'S DOMINOES**

Looking for some tile action? The Men's 42 Domino Club meets once a week. For more information, contact the domino chairperson listed in Walden News.

#### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Walden is not only a wonderful place to retire, it is also a terrific place to raise a family. So, with both children and grandchildren in mind, Walden sponsors several annual events guaranteed to entertain the younger crowd.

Throughout the year, the Yacht Club hosts holiday parties for the kids. The annual Easter Egg Hunt, complete with a visit from the Easter Bunny, is always a crowd-pleaser. Games, prizes and a costume parade are the highlights of the annual Halloween Party. Of course, Christmas wouldn't be complete without a visit from Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Party.

The Property Owners Association hosts an annual summer fishing tournament for Walden kids age 14 and younger. Prizes, bait and lots of fun are supplied. The POA "4th of July Parade" is fun for children of all ages! Families decorate their vehicles, golf carts, bicycles, mopeds, rollerblades and even themselves! All imaginative forms of transportation are welcome! The parade winds its way through Walden and ends with a party and prizes at the Yacht Club.

Playgrounds at both the Yacht Club and the Walden Community Church are great places for kids to let off a little steam. Adult supervision is required. Stop by and play – anytime...any day. It's a great way to meet other families! Also featured every other month in our newsletter, a youth is spot lighted to brag on with a short article about them and their photo. If you would like to bring to light your youth's achievements, email <u>waldenwave@gmail.com</u>.

For more information on youth and children's activities in Walden, consult The Wave, our Walden youth news. It can be found bimonthly in your Walden News.

#### THE LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF WALDEN

The Ladies' Association of Walden, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote social activities among its members. All ladies who are property owners or residents of Walden on Lake Conroe are eligible for membership. Membership entitles one to participate in the numerous annual activities of the Ladies' Association. The Association meets for a luncheon and entertaining program the first Friday of each month. The Association also publishes a monthly newsletter that keeps members up to date on the various activities in Walden and in the Association. Luncheon fees and annual dues are nominal.

Current activities and/or committees of the Association include the following: Arts and Crafts (meets twice a month), Bridge (Marathon Ladies' and Marathon Couples' Bridge), Book Review Club (open to all Walden residents), Avid Readers, Door Prizes, and, in the summer season, Water Exercise Classes, Hospitality, Membership, Needlework, Newsletter, Publicity Scrapbook, Reservations, Special Outings, Table Decorations, and Telephone. For an updated listing of the current chairpersons, please refer to your monthly Ladies Association newsletter or Walden newsletter. Please feel free to contact any chairwoman for additional information. The ladies of Walden look forward to meeting you at the next luncheon! Reservations are required. Consult your monthly Walden News for the current Reservations phone number for all Ladies' activities. In addition to these activities, the Ladies' Association of Walden is the sponsor of an annual blood drive held at the Yacht Club in early October. All of the blood donated is used within three days by patients at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. As the importance of this event is realized, it has grown by the year.

## **MENS' ASSOCIATION**

The Men's Association of Walden holds a monthly luncheon on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club. In addition to great food and camaraderie, the luncheons feature guest speakers covering various topics of interest. For more information, please contact the current chairman listed in the Walden newsletter.

#### **SILVER BELLES**

Silver Belles is an organization for ladies 55 and older who like to meet for a covered dish lunch, visiting, games and socializing. The meeting is at the 18th at Walden Condominium recreation room at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Please check the Walden newsletter for more information.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The Walden Community Improvement Association (WCIA) and Walden Social Network (WSN) host several annual events guaranteed to keep you feeling festive. The social events include: a romantic Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance; the spring Newcomer's Party; a spectacular Easter buffet brunch followed by the annual Yacht Club Easter Egg Hunt; an unbelievable Mother's Day buffet brunch; the Ugly Tie Father's Day Brunch, Fourth of July buffets, breathtaking fireworks and the Fourth of July parade; an autumn Sunset Party; the WCIA Children's Halloween Party, a Halloween Dinner/Dance for the grown-ups; a Cocktail Christmas Party; the WCIA Children's Christmas Party, and last but not least, the WCIA New Year's Eve Gala.

#### WALDEN FOLLIES

A very special event occurs the first weekend of every March. It begins with performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as a show at the Ladies Association Luncheon. It's called the Walden Follies, and the entertainers are all residents of Walden. They tell jokes, sing, dance, and the show is great fun for both the audience and performers. This is a "don't miss" occasion. Please refer to the monthly Walden newsletter for details and information on reservations.

#### WALDEN GOLF ASSOCIATIONS

The Walden Men's and Ladies' Golf Associations are the hubs of tournament activity and social interaction for Walden golf members. Both associations feature weekly activities and require annual dues. For more information, contact the respective current presidents listed in Walden News.

#### WALDEN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Walden Tennis Association seeks to promote tennis participation within the Walden community, and lends support to the many sanctioned USTA tournaments and other tennis events that occur in Walden. From sponsoring social events to garnering an interest in tennis amongst Walden's youth – the Walden Tennis Association is all about enthusiasm for the sport. For more information, contact the Racquet Club at 936-582-1022.

## **BOATING SERVICES**

#### **BOAT RAMPS**

Two boat ramps, maintained by the Walden Community Improvement Association (WCIA), are available for use by all Walden property owners. A current Walden Property Owner Access Card, issued by the WCIA, is required to access the ramps.

The North boat ramp is located at the end of Aspen Drive (the first left after entering Walden). The South ramp is located off Poe Drive, near the Racquet Club. Boats and/or trailers cannot be left at the ramps for over 24 hours. Please note: It is against deed restrictions to store boats and/or trailers in your driveway or in public view.

#### WALDEN MARINA

Walden's 536-slip marina is located in one of the largest private inland harbors in the Southwest. The marina offers electricity, water and storage lockers for each of its covered and uncovered slips. Motorboats and sailboats of all lengths can be accommodated. In addition to boat storage, the Marina features a store stocked with supplies for sailors, water-skiers and pleasure boaters. The marina also offers boating safety classes. For a schedule of upcoming classes, please call 936-582-1060. Walden Marina is privately owned and operated and is not an amenity of Walden CIA.



#### LAKE AREA CIVIC & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to the many activities inside the confines of Walden, there is multitude of activities in the larger lake-area community. Several organizations offer diverse opportunities to get to know the community better. Whether you're a business leader, a retiree, a homemaker or just someone who wants to participate, there are opportunities for everyone. Some of the following organizations may be of interest to you:

٠	Assistance League of Montgomery County	936-760-1151
٠	Chamber of Commerce	936-756-6644
٠	The Friendship Center	936-539-3538
٠	Habitat for Humanity	936-441-4663
٠	Lions Club	936-760-1666
٠	Masonic Lodge	936-597-6927
٠	Montgomery County Democratic Party	936-756-3367
٠	Montgomery County Performing Arts	936-760-2787
٠	Montgomery County Republican Party	936-441-5621
٠	Rotary Club of Lake Conroe	936-447-4688
٠	Salvation Army	936-760-2440
٠	United Way	888-844-6289

#### WALDEN ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

## WALDEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (WCIA)

The Walden Community Improvement Association (WCIA) is the governing body of Walden. Its administrative offices are located at 13301 Walden Road. The office can be reached at 936-582-1622, Monday – Friday, between 8:00 & 5 p.m. As a property owner, you are automatically a WCIA member and thus, entitled to use the amenities owned by the WCIA. These include the Yacht Club, the Yacht Club Swimming Pool, the Racquet Club, the Fitness Center, the North and South Boat Ramps, two park areas (one at the Yacht Club; the other on Windswept Drive) and several other common area parcels.

The WCIA administers roadway and grounds maintenance, street lighting, deed restrictions, animal control, trash service, and the daily operation of the community. The WCIA also publishes the monthly newsletter, Walden News.

A board of trustees, elected by the property owners, governs the WCIA. The board holds an annual members' meeting

every January or as determined by the Board of Trustees; furthermore, all board meetings throughout the year are open to the public. For a complete schedule of meetings, contact the General Manager at 936-582-1622 or consult our web page <a href="http://www.waldenonlakeconroe.com">www.waldenonlakeconroe.com</a>

In addition to the main WCIA office number, 936-582-1622 the following WCIA departments can be accessed directly:

Deed Restrictions	936-582-2922
Maintenance Fees	936-582-2911
Racquet Club	936-582-1022
Fitness Center	936-582-2953
Roadway & Grounds	936-582-6363
Yacht Club Reservations	936-582-4222
Special Events	936-582-2477
<ul> <li>Montgomery County Animal Control</li> </ul>	936-442-7738

#### WALDEN SOCIAL NETWORK

Walden Social Network is community gathering of our residents to celebrate holiday events. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and develop relationships.

We are pleased to announce effective January 1st, 2016, Walden Social Network (WSN) will become a committee under the Walden Community Improvement Association (WCIA). WSN will no longer collect membership dues. The WCIA committee will provide a social framework for all who live in Walden.

Every property owner in good standing will be able to attend all of the functions/social events throughout the year; such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Festival, Independence Day Parade, Fall event, Halloween Dinner/Dance, Children's Halloween Party and the Christmas Dinner Dance.

Projects the WSN has funded include: the cement park benches on Walden Rd., dog waste stations, a sound system for the use of the WSN and Walden Follies, a large number of tables and chairs to loan out to members, Redbud trees along Walden Rd., Bocce Ball and Shuffle Board courts at the Racquet Center complex, and many other donations to our community in the past.

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is comprised of Walden residents who have the necessary skills and backgrounds to ensure that the building guidelines and policies of the Walden deed restrictions are applied fairly and consistently. Administered by the general manager and the ACC Administrator, the committee meets every week to review plans which are submitted for approval.

<u>When building a house or making any repairs, alteration or additions to your property, you must submit your plans for</u> <u>ACC approval, 936-582-2910</u>. If you have a background in architecture, construction or engineering and would like to volunteer your time to the ACC, please contact the General Manager at 936-582-1622.

#### WALDEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTION TEAM (WEMAT)

The Walden Emergency Management Action Team (WEMAT) is a WCIA Board-approved committee with a mission statement of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The purpose of WEMAT is to help our neighbors in a disaster situation when normal Emergency Service Providers are unavailable to help. As of September 1, 2006 WEMAT has 50 certified members and 118 Section Leaders and Block Captains who have volunteered their equipment and time. They also attend training classes, compile special-needs medical information, pre-plan emergency assistance and assist in search and rescue operations after a disaster. After a disaster, communications will flow from Section Leaders and Block Captains to WEMAT field volunteers in one of five WEMAT teams and be relayed to the Operations Center located near the Racquet Club where the Incident Command Team will coordinate rescue and assistance with all members.

You are encouraged to view the Walden Emergency Management Information at www.waldenonlakeconroe. com to learn more about WEMAT training and recommendations for family disaster preparation. WEMAT also operates a community-wide radio station as WOLC (1600 AM). This radio station will be used for distributing information in a disaster situation, as well as other appropriate community information. If you have an interest in joining WEMAT or the Section Leader/Block Captain program, please contact the WCIA General Manager for additional information.

Emergency service providers are trained to respond to the majority in a disaster. Higher population areas will be the areas first served by agencies such as FEMA. The population in Walden may not be considered dense enough to merit immediate attention. Should you choose to stay in the area during a disaster situation such as a major hurricane, you should be prepared to be self-sustaining for at least 10 days in a very harsh environment with little to no comforts.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER

Every month, the WCIA publishes a community newsletter, Walden News, which includes the following:

- Board of Trustee meeting updates
- Calendar of social and recreational activities
- Phone numbers for officers of all social, recreational and service-oriented associations
- Phone numbers of Walden departments, amenities and services
- Yacht Club dining specials, hours of operation and dress code
- Tennis in Your Court newsletter and The Wave newsletter for youth activities
- Pertinent information affecting all Walden residents

If you do not receive your monthly newsletter, please contact the WCIA office at 936-582-1622. You can also download monthly newsletters from the WCIA website, <u>www.waldenonlakeconroe.com</u>.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Are you looking for the perfect venue to host your special event? The Walden Yacht Club has exactly what you need. Weddings and receptions...pool parties...style shows...dinner parties...charity and political events... whatever the occasion, the Yacht Club is the area's premier facility for hosting special events and meetings. Choose from the spectacular views of the Commodore Dining Room, the lakeside splendor of the Promenade Room, the picturesque lakeside gazebo, the spectacular Flag Plaza or – hold your party poolside. Whatever the locale – you can count on superior service and unparalleled cuisine. And if you're hosting an event at your home or place of business, let the Yacht Club do the catering. For more information on banquet services and special event facilities, contact our special events coordinator at 936-582-2477 or 936-582-4222.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL & PET POLICY**

The WCIA Board of Trustees' Pet Committee established the following rules to encourage sensitivity between neighbors so that all may reside in harmony. Only normal household pets of reasonable and limited number may be kept on any property and never for commercial purposes. All pets are to be leashed or under firm control when the pet is off the owner's property. Animals found wandering through the neighborhood will be picked up by Animal Control. Adherence to the Montgomery County Health Department's animal restraint and rabies control ordinance is mandatory. For the safety and comfort of all Walden residents, no owner shall allow his/her pet to become a threat or nuisance to others. For this reason, Walden offers a pet grievance review. Walden residents wishing to report a complaint against another resident's pet must do so in writing by filing a pet grievance form. Grievances are reviewed by WCIA management. For a complete copy of the Walden Pet Policy or grievance form, contact the Deed Restrictions officer at 936-582-1622.

In the event that your pet disappears, or if you discover a lost pet in Walden, please contact the WCIA office at 936-582-1622. We will put you in touch with our Animal Control Officer. Also, pet information (pets missing or taken to the animal shelter) is placed on the bulletin board in the information booth at the entrance to Walden. While Walden has its own Animal Control Officer 936-582-1646, certain situations may necessitate that you contact Montgomery County Animal Control. They can be reached at 936-442-7738.

#### WALDEN COMMUNITY CLOSET

The Walden Community Closet has a hospital bed, wheelchairs, crutches, medical in-home care equipment, and baby accessories available for short-term use at no charge. For more information, please contact the Walden Closet at the number listed in the Walden Newsletter or online at waldenonlakeconroe.com.

# DINING

#### **COMMODORE ROOM**

If you're in the mood for a candlelight dinner overlooking Lake Conroe, dancing to live music, and enjoying unparalleled food and service, then evenings at the Yacht Club are what you need. Reservations are recommended and children are always welcome. A special menu for children under age 10 is available. Appropriate club dining attire is required (no shorts or jeans), after 6pm for reservations or to go orders call 936-582-4222.

#### Nightly specials are as follows:

WEDNESDAYS: 6pm-9pm Happy Hour 5pm-7pm (free hors d'oeuvres) Menu changes weekly. Get a three-course meal for the price of an entrée. Dine and enjoy live entertainment and dancing featuring live entertainment and dancing.



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#### FRIDAYS: "SEAFOOD NIGHT" 6pm-10pm

Happy Hour 5pm-7pm (free hors d'oeuvres) A la carte menu with fresh seafood specials featuring live entertainment and dancing.

#### SATURDAYS: Chef's Special 6pm-10pm

Exceptional cuisine, excellent service and outstanding entertainment are yours to enjoy in the elegant ambiance of the Yacht Club. Come dine and dance the night away!

#### SUNDAYS: BRUNCH BUFFET 10:30am- 2pm

The Grand Buffet features a carving station of specialty meats, boiled shrimp, smoked salmon, plus a variety of vegetables, salads, soups and desserts. Also includes a complimentary glass of champagne. The Breakfast Buffet features homemade waffles, omelets, eggs benedict, sausage, bacon and hash browns. The Lunch Buffet includes several salads, soup, all you can eat boiled shrimp, smoked salmon.

#### **BREAKWATER GRILL**

For those summer days at the pool, the Breakwater Grill is ready to quench your thirst and satisfy your appetite. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Breakwater Grill is open 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. most days. The Grill features a casual menu and a full bar famous for its frozen drinks. The Grill staff will serve you poolside, or you can take a break from the sun inside the Breakwater Grill, located next to the Yacht Club Swimming Pool. There is also lakeside dining available at the Breakwater Grill Lakeside Patio.

## **CAFÉ ON THE GREEN**

Overlooking the 18th hole at Walden, Café on the Green offers casual dining with a varied menu of American and Southwestern favorites. It is located in the Walden Golf Clubhouse and is open to the public Tuesday thru Sunday. For more information, please call 936-582-1111.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

## FIRE – 911 – WALDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Montgomery Fire Department, Emergency Service District #2 has a fire station located in Walden is staffed 24 hours per day / 7 days per week.



MEDICAL – 911 – LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES

In the event of a medical emergency, call 911. A First Responder Medical Unit is based at the Walden Fire Station.

If you have a non-emergency medical situation, the nearest medical facilities are the following: Sadler Clinic: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm 19560 Hwy. 105 W, 936-582-1998

Lake Conroe Medical Clinic: Monday-Friday 8am-8pm & Saturday-Sunday 8am-6pm, located in Western Hills Plaza on Highway 105 in Montgomery, 936-582-2852

Lake Conroe Urgent Care Clinic: Monday-Saturday 8am–8pm & Sunday 10am-6pm 18057 Highway 105 West, Suite 230 Conroe Regional Medical Center Hospital South Loop 336 before I-45, 936-539-1111

#### WALDEN SECURITY 936-760-5800

Walden is patrolled 24 hours a day by Montgomery County Sheriff's Department officers. If you need non- emergency assistance, call the Dispatch Office at 936-760-5800, and the dispatcher will contact our on-site deputy. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

In addition to providing 24-hour patrols of Walden, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department also provides a Lake Patrol Officer. To report unsafe, suspicious or unlawful watercraft activity, please contact the Sheriff's Department dispatcher at 936-760-5800. The same non-emergency number can be used to reach the officer(s) on duty within Walden. For emergency on lake or land, please call 911. The District 5 Sheriff's Department sub-station is located in Walden on Walden Road near the Tennis complex.

#### PRECINCT ONE CONSTABLE

The Precinct One Constable also provides a Lake Patrol Officer, under contract with the San Jacinto River Authority. To reach the Constable's office, please call 936-539-7821.

#### PARKS AND WILDLIFE

If you have concerns about waterfowl, suspicious activities such as net fishing or night activity, or if you need to register your boat, please contact the Parks and Wildlife Service at one of the following numbers:

Local Dispatch Office	281-842-8100
Austin	512-389-4848 or 800-792-1112

#### SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY

The San Jacinto River Authority is the regulatory body governing Lake Conroe. All rules and regulations regarding Lake Conroe come from the SJRA. For questions about the laws of the lake or to get a permit for your boat slip, please contact the SJRA at 936-588-1111.

#### **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

COUNTY

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provides boating safety training programs and volunteer lake patrols. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Communication Center is located at the Lake Conroe Dam off of Highway 105; the phone number is 936-588-3322.

#### GOVERNMENT

Precinct One	
County Commissioner's Office	936-539-7815
Constable's Office	936-539-7821
Justice of the Peace	936-539-7801
Animal Control	936-442-7738 or 281-689-3133
Appraisal District	936-756-3354

Building Permits/Inspections	936-539-7386
Vehicle Registration (936) 539-7897	

#### **Montgomery County Library**

Central Branch	936-788-8377, 104 I-45 N (Conroe)
Charles B. Stewart West Branch	936-788-8314, 202 Bessie Price Owen Dr. (Montgomery)

## STATE

Walden is located within State Senatorial District 3 and State House of Representatives District 16. The names and phone numbers of those currently holding these posts, as well as all other state agencies and phone numbers, are listed in the Conroe telephone directory and Conroe Courier.

Driver License Registration Texas Dept. of Public Safety 936-539-2221

#### FEDERAL

Walden is located within U.S. Congressional District 8. The name and phone number of the current District 8 U.S. Representative, as well as the names and phone numbers of Texas' U.S. Senators, are listed in the Conroe telephone directory and Conroe Courier.

#### **POSTAL SERVICE**

The Montgomery Post Office, 936-597-8099, is located at 20821H Eva Street in the Montgomery Trace Shopping Center in Montgomery. The Post Office's hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. – Noon on Saturday. Walden's mailing address is Montgomery, Texas 77356.

## MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The MISD Administration Office, 936-276-2000, is located in Walden at 13159 Walden Road. Walden children attend the following five campuses:

Madeley Ranch Elementary School (PK-4)	936-276-4600
Montgomery Intermediate School (5)	936-276-4700
Montgomery Middle School (6)	936-276-3700
Montgomery Junior High School (7-8)	936-276-3300
Montgomery High School (9-12)	936-276-3000

School closings due to bad weather will be announced on Channel 2 (KPRC- TV), Channel 4 (KRIV-TV), Channel 11 (KHOU-TV) and Channel 13 (KTRK-TV), as well as the following radio stations: KIKK (96 FM), KSTAR (103.7 FM) and KTRH (740 AM).

#### **VOTING INFORMATION**

Walden residents cast their ballots at Voting Box 63, located at the Montgomery Independent School District Administration Office (13159 Walden Road). Absentee voting takes place at the West County Courthouse Annex located in Western Hills Plaza on Highway 105. During special elections, the polls are located at the Cape Conroe Fire Station. For additional voting information, please contact the Election Administrator's office at 936-539-7843.

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

#### WALDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Founded in 1983, the Walden Community Church boasts a membership representing different Christian denominational backgrounds. In addition to Sunday school classes for both adult and children, the church offers weekly bible study classes, men's and women's fellowship gatherings and summer vacation bible school. For more information, call 936-582-6696.

#### **MONTGOMERY CHURCHES**

• • • • •	April Sound Church (Interdemoninational) First Baptist of Montgomery Hope Tabernacle Lakeside Bible Church Lone Star Cowboy Church Montgomery Cowboy Fellowship Montgomery United Methodist St. John's Interfaith Christian Church	<ul> <li>67 ½ April Wind South</li> <li>Highway 105 West</li> <li>18961 Freeport Dr.</li> <li>18940 Freeport Dr.</li> <li>1627 Eva St.</li> <li>1131 Eva St.</li> <li>22548 Hwy. 105 W</li> <li>2615 St. Beulah Chapel Rd.</li> </ul>	936-588-2832 936-597-4230 936-449-6794 936-582-1977 936-449-5749 936-597-6162 936-597-5757
•	The Church at Lake Conroe Fellowship of Montgomery	16283 Hwy 105 W 12681 FM Road 149	936-582-4976 936-597-3949
CONRO	DE CHURCHES		
•	Church of Christ	200 Longmire Road	936-756-0207
•	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1516 Wilson Road	936-756-2488
•	Conroe United Pentecostal Church	1612 Oddfellow St.	936-441-8600
•	First Babtist Church of Conroe	600 N. Main	936-756-6601
•	First Presbyterian	1126 N. San Jacinto	936-756-8884
•	First United Methodist Church	207 W. Phillips	936-756-3395
•	Grace Lutheran Church	13123 Hwy. 105 W	936-588-1944
٠	Iglesia Del Pueblo	17290 Royal Coach	936-264-2330
•	Jehovah's Witnesses	FM 1485 West	936-689-3544
•	Living Faith Church	13850 FM 1314	936-231-2863
•	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	109 N. Frazier	936-756-8186
•	St. James Episcopal Church	1803 Highland Hollow	936-756-8831

For additional denominations or churches, please refer to the Montgomery County Yellow Pages.RECREATION

## **CHILDREN'S SPORTS**

#### BASEBALL

The Montgomery Youth Sports Association sponsors children's t-ball and baseball teams for kids age 5 to 13. The season starts in the spring, but registration notices are sent home with Montgomery students in January. For more information on MYSA, please call 936-449-4817 or go to www.montgomerylittleleague.com.

Little League baseball programs are also offered by the Conroe Parks and Recreation Department 936-525-4783.

#### BASKETBALL

Youth basketball programs are offered by both the YMCA (936-441-9622) and the Conroe Recreation Center (936-494-3820.)

#### **FISHING**

The Youth Bass Club of Texas is an exciting new fishing club for boys and girls aging from 7 to 17. The club was established as a way to teach kids how to make fishing a fun, rewarding, and lifelong past-time. For more information, please go to <a href="https://www.youthbasscluboftexas.bravehost.com">www.youthbasscluboftexas.bravehost.com</a>.

## FOOTBALL

Kids ranging from age six to twelve can learn and play tackle football through the YMCA. For more information, call 936-756-9345.

The Montgomery Youth Football Association (MYFA) is a non-profit competitive youth football and cheerleading organization with a home base in Montgomery, Texas. The goals of MYFA are to educate our youth on the fundamentals of Football, Cheerleading, and Drill Team to promote good sportsmanship, instill a sense of self-worth in all participants, and prepare our youth for competitive Football, Cheerleading and Drill Team at the Jr. High and High School levels and

beyond. For more information please call 936-539-1037, email <u>info@montgomeryfootball.com</u>, or visit the website at <u>www.montgomeryfootball.com</u>

## **GOLF CAMPS**

Walden offers four-day junior golf camps each June, as well as annual junior golf tournaments. For more information, contact the Golf Shop at 936-448-4668.

## SOCCER

Montgomery offers competitive youth soccer leagues. For more information, call 936-588-2440 or visit <u>www.montgomerysoccerclub.org.</u> Youth soccer leagues are also offered through the Conroe Youth Soccer League 936-756-0604 (www.conroeyouthsoccer.org) and the YMCA 936-441-9622.

## SOFTBALL

Girls' softball leagues are offered through the Montgomery Girls Softball Association. For more information, please contact 936-597-8065.

## SWIMMING LESSONS AND SWIM TEAM

The Walden Yacht Club pool features summer swimming activities for kids of all ability levels. For beginners, swimming lessons are available. For those able to swim at least one length of the pool, summer offers swim team workouts that emphasize proper stroke technique and conditioning in a fun environment. For more information, please call 936-499-5050.

A wide range of youth aquatics programs are also available through the Conroe Recreation Center 936-494-3830 and the YMCA 936-441-9622.

## **TENNIS CAMPS AND CLINICS**

Kids of all ages and levels of experience can participate in summer tennis camps and year-round clinics offered by the Walden Racquet Club. Those wanting more individualized instruction may take private lessons. For more information on youth tennis programs, contact the Racquet Club at 936-582-1022.Walden Racquet Club also hosts the Lake Conroe Junior Open in July. Entry forms are available at the Racquet Club.

## VOLLEYBALL

The YMCA offers volleyball instruction and league play for kids age 8 through 15.

## **ADULT RECREATION**

## GOLF

During Daylight Saving Time, the Golf Shop is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 7:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. During the winter months, the Golf Shop closes at 6:00 p.m. Throughout the year, the practice range hours are 8 to 6 p.m.

Members must schedule tee times by calling the Golf Shop at 936-448-4668. Guest fees and cart fees do apply. In addition to equipment sales, the Golf Shop also rents clubs. If you are starting from scratch or merely looking to perfect your swing, private instruction is available by Walden's PGA-certified golf professionals. To set up a lesson, call the Golf Shop at 936-448-4668. If you are looking for competition and camaraderie, the Walden Golf Club hosts tournaments, golf outings and charity events annually.

#### SWIMMING

The Yacht Club Pool is open to property owners from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Reservations for offseason pool use may be made by calling 936-582-4150.



## TENNIS

To use the Racquet Club facilities, everyone must first register in the Pro Shop. A guest fee policy is in effect. The Pro Shop is open seven days a week, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. year round. Schedule your evening play ahead by calling 936-582-1022.

Open play is available to all property owners on a space available basis. Reservations are required. Please check the Walden News calendar for scheduled events at the Racquet Club.

Tennis lessons with Walden's USPTA/USPTR certified tennis professionals are available by reservation. Private, semiprivate, groups, clinics and seasonal adult and junior classes are available. For information on rates or scheduling, call 936-582-1022.

If you are looking for camaraderie and light-hearted competition, join one of Walden's Tennis Leagues. From ladies' leagues to men's leagues to mixed doubles' leagues – from day leagues to night leagues – there is room for players of all levels. For those with a competitive spirit, Walden Racquet Club offers monthly club social mixers, fun tournaments benefiting the Humane Society, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Toys for Tots, and other charities, as well as USTA National, Major Zone and Junior tournaments.

#### **BOY SCOUTS & CUB SCOUTS**

The George Strake District serves over 1,000 Scouts in 45 units supported by over 700 adult volunteer leaders. For further information on Scouting, in Walden go to <u>cubscouts@waldencomm.church</u> or call the church office at 936-582-6696. The website <u>http://www.scouting.org/</u> will give additional information.

## **CONROE FAMILY YMCA**

Located off Loop 336 at 10245 Owen Drive, the Conroe Family YMCA offers fitness facilities and a wide range of youth and adult-oriented programs. In addition to fitness and martial arts classes, the YMCA hosts both youth and adult leagues in football, volleyball, basketball and softball. For more information, call 936-756-9345 or visit www.ymcahouston.org/conroe.

#### **CONROE RECREATION CENTER**

Located at 1203 Callahan Avenue in Conroe, the Conroe Recreation Center offers a variety of recreational programs for both children and adults. From aquatic programs to exercise classes to adult softball, basketball and volleyball leagues – the "Rec" center offers a variety of options. For more information, call 936-494-3820

#### **GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is a community-based organization with an adult membership of more than 18,000 serving more than 64,000 girls. Membership is open to all girls ages 5 through 17 and to adults, both women and men, who subscribe to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. For membership information, please contact any MISD school or visit www.gssic.org.

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES**

Montgomery County Youth Services provides individual, group and family counseling as well as crisis response teams, runaway hotline, and the Camp Watsitumi and Healthy Supports projects. These projects have been developed to focus on positive intervention from programs and activities that help develop self- esteem. For more information on their programs and services, please call 936-856-9602, email mcyskids@ txucom.net, or visit the site www.youthmc.org.

## UTILITIES

#### **MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUD)**

Walden contains two municipal utility districts, MUD 8 and MUD 9. Each MUD has a board of directors responsible for the operation of water wells and the sewer treatment plant. MUD 8 and MUD 9 levy taxes on real estate within their districts to pay for operations and debt service for the installation of the water and sewer distribution system. Hays Utilities 936-588-1166 provides maintenance services for both districts and is located at 1028 Lake Meadows Drive.

The WCIA hires a private contractor to provide biweekly garbage pick-up for Walden residents. Trash is picked up on Mondays & Thursdays or Tuesdays & Fridays, depending on what section of Walden your residence is in. Trash must be placed in plastic garbage bags inside garbage cans not exceeding 40 pounds in weight. Please place the containers on your driveway near your garage, where they are visible from the street, before 7:00 a.m. Obviously, it takes time for the garbage truck to travel through the entire subdivision; however, an approximate timetable will become apparent within a few collection days.

"Heavy" or bulk trash, such as branches and tree trimmings, old furniture, appliances, Christmas trees, etc., is collected curbside. Please place your "heavy" items at the curb in bundles that are not more than three feet in length or 40 pounds in weight. Items that will not be picked up include the following: hazardous waste such as motor oil, batteries, garden chemicals,

etc., non-disposable waste such as tires, paint cans, or construction waste. DEED RESTRICTIONS PROHIBIT BURNING IN WALDEN. Trash service is automatically initiated when you activate your water service. Your water bill will contain a monthly charge for garbage service. If your home is accidentally missed, please call the Walden CIA office at 936-582-1622 before noon on the day of garbage pick-up. The driver stops by the CIA office on the afternoon of trash pickup days to pick up the list of any houses they may have missed. If you do not call on the same day as scheduled pick-up, you will have to wait until the next collection day. The trash contractor observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If a holiday falls on pick up day, garbage will not be collected until the next regular collection day.

#### RECYCLING

BAK Recycling offers recycling to individual residents for \$25 monthly fee plus \$10 sign-up. IF you are interested, please contact Mr. Ken Farrar 731-836-2596 or <u>Kenneth.farrar@bakrecycling.com</u>. Please check our website for any updates.

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS:**

٠	CABLE/INTERNET/PHONE Consolidated Communications	936-756-0611
٠	Suddenlink Communications	877-423-2743
٠	ELECTRICITY Entergy Utilities	800-368-3749
٠	NATURAL GAS CenterPoint Energy	936-756-4431
•	PROPANE TANKS Automatic LP Gas Co.	936-756-3389
٠	WATER/SEWER Hays Utility	936-588-1166

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA MONTGOMERY COUNTY: Literacy tutoring is one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you can have. When you help someone learn to read, or to speak and read English, you enable that individual to take advantage of a new world of opportunities. Simply put: Literacy changes lives. For more information, please contact Literacy Volunteers of America Montgomery County located at 509 N Main #134 Conroe, TX 77305 or call 936-494-0635. You can also contact Linda Ricketts at Iricketts@ cebridge.net or literacymc@yahoo.com

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIBRARY**: The Montgomery County Library system provides the perfect volunteer opportunities for book lovers. For more information, call the Charles B. Stewart West Branch in Montgomery at 936-788-8314 or call the Central Branch in Conroe at 936-539-7814.

**MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**: The six campuses that constitute Montgomery Independent School District always need volunteers and paid substitute teachers. For more information on both, contact the MISD Administration office at 936-582-1333. For a complete listing of campuses and phone numbers, please refer to the GOVERNMENT section.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTYWOMEN'S CENTER**: The Women's Center provides free face-to-face counseling, a rape crisis hotline and program, a family violence outreach program, safe shelter for battered women and children, legal advocacy to women and children, and educational programming for the community. The Women's Center needs volunteers to assist with programs serving the victims of family violence and sexual assault in our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 888-844-6289 ext. 231.

**THE SALVATION ARMY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CONROE**: In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun. They are truly The Positive Place For Kids. For more information call 936-760-2440, contact Michelle Henry at 832-201-8018 or mechelle Henry@uss.salvationarmy.org, or visit www.sabgchouston.org.

**TRI-COUNTY MHMR:** We are a community mental health and mental retardation center serving the residents of the three Texas counties of Montgomery, Liberty, and Walker. We offer a diversified array of service options including: contracted psychiatric hospitalization, outpatient psychiatric and nursing services, counseling, supported employment, vocational training, supported housing, care management, crisis intervention, home- based therapies, parent/child training, day treatment, and residential living. Volunteers giving their time to our programs receive tremendous rewards in smiles, the looks of pride and hope, the achievements of those they help and the knowledge that they make a difference in helping others work toward brighter tomorrows. Volunteers plan, promote, participate, and work all events held to benefit programs of Tri-County. For information call Carol George, Volunteer Coordinator at 936-756-8331. We will match your unique talents and abilities with the services our consumers need.

**UNITED WAY**: The Montgomery County chapter of United Way serves as the umbrella agency for over thirty service organizations. A complete listing of United Way organizations and their phone numbers is listed on their web page at <u>www.mcuw.org.</u> For more information on United Way and its agencies, or to learn how you can get involved, call 888-844-6289.