

# The Woodlands Homeowners Association Newsletter www.woodlandsmccall.org



#### **Woodlands Bears & Poisons**

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#### **BEAR CAUTION & CONTAINER REPAIRS**

Homeowners have reported seeing bears several times recently in the neighborhood. One particularly troubling event was a bear huffing and foraging near the pool, most likely attracted by scraps of food on the pool deck. This time of year they are looking for food to sustain themselves for the winter. Please be alert and do not leave pet food or bird feeders out, especially at night. If you have food products in your bear proof containers keep them inside your garage until scheduled pickup if at all possible.

Above all do not confront any bear -- they are generally not afraid of people and may seem harmless, but they certainly are not harmless.

If the latch in your bear proof container does not seem to catch and release solidly as it should, we understand that Waste Connections will stop by your home to repair it. Just phone them about the situation. Homeowners have reported a faulty latch that caused a can to be compromised and the company adjusted and repaired the latch.

If we all work together in these ways to discourage the bears in our neighborhood, they should learn to forage elsewhere. Thanks for your support in this effort.

## **RAT POISON, DOGS & CHILDREN**

Earlier this year Patti lost her dog after it got into rat poison. There have also been other reports of rat poison issues in McCall. Please use extreme caution if using such a product and be alert and very careful with your own pets and children too.

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