

# THE NORTH VIEW NEWS

North View is more than a nice neighborhood, WE ARE A COMMUNITY. The key words are COMMON and UNITY. Hurricane IKE has shown us that we have more similarities than differences. Our community has a variety of races, cultures and religions. Even with our diversity, residents of North View joined together and helped each other. While the electricity was out, residents shared generators, food, ice and fellowship. This is something that needs to continue. We encourage you to prepare yourselves as families to be able to sustain yourself in the event a similar incident occurs. But we also would like for you to extend your family into the North View family. Join with another family or more, there is power in numbers. Meet your neighbors again for the first.

A good place to start is with our annual National Night Out Event:

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



This year we will hold National Night Out at the North View Community Center (Pool) from 6:00pm-9:00pm. There will be refreshments from 6:00pm-8:00pm that include hotdog plates for \$2.00 from James Coney Island with a bag of chips and your choice of soda or water along with chili sauce, cheese, onions and condiments. Drinks sold separately are .50 cents each. (Please bring correct change!) There will also be free snow cones, cotton candy and free gifts for the kids. Enter a drawing for two Hurricane Supply Baskets.

All we need are plenty of smiling faces to come out and meet the board, our neighbors, the Constables and the Ponderosa Fire Department. We look forward to seeing all of you!

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Join in this North View community event Tuesday, October 7th, 2008 at 6:00pm at the North View Community Center (Pool)



## TOWNHALL MEETING

6:30 pm OCTOBER 16, 2008  
at Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Station #63  
21455 Imperial Valley Drive.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Precinct 4 Lieutenant Escobar &  
Precinct 4 Detective Spurger – Cyber Crimes Unit

### TOPICS:

- How to protect you and your family against local scams
- How to protect your children from internet predators
- How to get free Home security inspections
- Vacation watches – how they work
- Are You OK? Program will be provided
- Citizen Police academy Information will be provided

SPANISH AND ENGLISH

**Fall Festival**  
October 25th 2008  
3:00pm-5:30pm  
*North View Community Center*

Join us for food, fun, games and prizes while we celebrate Fall. There will be cotton candy, popcorn and candy bags for all the kids. Win prizes for the:

- 🍂 No hands pumpkin race
- 🍂 Donut eating contest
- 🍂 Sack Race
- 🍂 Costume contest

We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming fall together with our all of our North View neighbors!

### Put Your Keys Beside Your Bed At Night:

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, Remember: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Carry your car keys with you in case you accidentally fall outside and no one hears you. You can activate the car alarm and then someone will know there's a problem and come looking for you. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep sounding until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This could save your life and should be shared with everyone. This is a great idea for seniors as well.



### Did You Know...

The Harris County Constable's office will come out to your home and conduct a security check for free?

They will check your entire house including windows, doors, locks and even your yard to see if your home is burglar proof. They will advise you of any changes or improvements that need to be made to keep you and your family safe, and when you make those changes you will be eligible to get as much as 10 percent off your homeowners insurance.

Contact Precinct 4 today and have them come out and give you peace of mind.



### IF YOU SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING!



Too often we see something that looks strange, not quite right, or is just downright suspicious. If you do, please, contact THE PRECINCT 4, CONSTABLES OFFICE at 281 376-3472. Let them know you are a North View resident and that you are suspicious of a vehicle, person, or something that you've seen. You may also let them know you want to remain anonymous and that you do not want them to contact you or come to your house. They will respect your wishes.

REMEMBER! We are their eyes and ears. Call them! If we all work together we can keep crime out of North View.



### The Curfew Ordinance

provides: It shall be unlawful for any minor (child) to knowingly remain, walk, run, stand, drive or ride about, in or upon any public place in the city between the hours of 12:00 A.M.(Midnight) and 6:00 A.M. on any day of the week or between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The 9:00A.M. to 2:30 P.M. provision does not apply to children on vacation or on a holiday as scheduled and observed by the school in which the child is enrolled. Violators shall be fined up to \$500 and required to appear in court with a parent or guardian.

### WHAT TIME DO I HAVE TO BE HOME?

Harris County Commissioners Court initially approved the Harris County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in late 1995 and has subsequently made other amendments to the ordinance. The Harris County Curfew Ordinance includes all unincorporated areas outside the city or town. The Ordinance applies to children under 17. The curfew is from Midnight to 6:00 A.M. seven day per week. Children under the supervision of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department should verify their curfew time with their assigned Juvenile Probation Officer or check their court orders.

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### SEX OFFENDERS

**PLEASE BE AWARE!! WE DO HAVE SEX OFFENDERS in our neighborhood.**

Although we can not list them in our newsletter, you can access info at <http://www.co.harris.tx.us.\pct.4> or call HARRIS COUNTY PCT #4 at 281-376-3472.



CERT is an integral part of Citizen Corp, the grass-roots movement that actively involves everyone in making our communities stronger, and better prepared. All over America, communities have organized Citizen Corps Councils to inspire people to take action and get involved. To learn more about CERT go to our website [northviewnews.com](http://northviewnews.com)

JUVENILE CURFEW



## JUVENILE CURFEW THE PARENTS CAN BE ISSUED CITATIONS

### ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

Parents and guardians should provide supervision to children and assist them in abiding by the curfew ordinance. A parent or guardian can be issued a citation if they knowingly allow a child to violate curfew. If a child is taken into custody, he or she may be transported to a juvenile processing center. There, the child's parent or guardian will be contacted and asked to pick up the child, regardless of the time of day or night. If the child is not picked up by the parent or guardian, he or she will be transported to the Youth Service Center, which is operated by Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults. Exceptions to the ordinance include: When a minor is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian, or by an adult designated by his/her parent or guardian.



### PEDISTRIANS and VEHICLES CAN BE TICKETED FOR OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.



### PARKING RESTRICTIONS

If you observe a vehicle or pedestrian obstructing traffic **REPORT IT.** We all enjoy taking a nice evening stroll, however, pedestrians should use the sidewalks when available. If you observe a pedestrian or group of pedestrians obstructing traffic resulting in vehicles having to go around them, call PCT 4, report the number of pedestrians, and give a description of them. If you have to maneuver around vehicle while driving and they are obstructing traffic. Vehicles

#### HIGH SCHOOL STROLL

Those of you who have students that walk to school **MCKanney**, the new High School, or the new Elementary school. Please instruct them to walk on the sidewalks and in the streets. There is a lot of traffic and early in the morning the view is limited.

#### IF YOU SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING PLAYGROUND BANDITS.

We are experiencing an increase in vandalism around the playground/community center. Please keep your eyes open as this vandalism affects us all



**BUS STOP BLUES** We have received complains regarding cars passing school buses while unloading or loading. Especially on North Bend. This is against the law. Homeowners are encouraged to take the license plates of these vehicle and call Precinct 4. We are randomly monitoring the bus stops.

**TRAFFIC SENSE** Please obey all traffic laws. Many complaints have been received about the speeding along the residential streets through the neighborhood. Additionally, drivers are running stop signs. Come to a complete stop, look, then proceed. Please observe all traffic laws for our children's and everyone's safety.

**ACC, WHAT IS THE PROCESS?** It is important that we adhere to the requirement of an ACC Form when modifying or improving our homes. The ACC form must be COMPLETED & APPROVED PRIOR to all modification, additions or deletions to your home.

**DEED RESTRICTIONS;** The first time that a homeowner receives a deed restriction violation letter, the homeowner must either fix the problem or respond to Chaparral Management within 10 days. If a homeowner does not fix the problem, or contact Chaparral Management within this time frame, a second Letter is sent via certified mail. THIS SECOND LETTER CARRIES WITH IT A \$30.32 FEE which is charged to your account. Needless to say, it benefits the homeowner to take care of the problem, or notify Chaparral Management of their intentions, prior to receiving the second letter. A prompt response to an ACC related letter will prevent your account from being charged.

should not park in front of a stop sign and should not have

### COMMUNITY CLUB



*Don't let North View become just another neighborhood. Make it a place to call home!*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 13: Christmas Caroling and Home Decorating Judging. Join us for caroling in the neighborhood!

Day Light Savings Time  
preventing the smooth flow of traffic



NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Change Your Clock –  
change Your Smoke Detector  
Battery. Visit our website at  
[www.ponderosavfd.org](http://www.ponderosavfd.org)

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
1200 CONGRESS HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002  
RESOURCE DIRECTORY

**United Way** of the Texas Gulf Coast 2-1-1

Texas Department of **Family and Protective Services** 1-800-252-5400

**Youth Service Center** 713-295-2600

**Communities in Schools** Houston 713-654-1515

**ESCAPE** Family Resource Center 713-942-9500

The Houston Council and **Alcoholism and Drug Abuse** 713-942-4100

The **Houston Police Department Juvenile Division** 713-731-5353

The **Mental Health and Mental Retardation** Authority of Harris Count 713-970-7000

**Victim Assistance** Center.....713-755-5625

**North View HOA**  
**P.O. Box 681007**  
**Houston TX 77268-1007**

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Chaparral Management**

**Community Manager**

**Gloria: 281 537-0957 x24**

**Betty:** ACC Applications, and to report park or pool area maintenance problems.

**Gloria:** Deed Restriction violations

**Susan x21:** Questions Regarding your statement.

**Centerpoint Energy:**

[www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/)

713 207-2222 or 1 888 572-4399

Choose option 1 for English, option 4 for street light outages.

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

**NORTHVIEW**

[www.northviewnews.com](http://www.northviewnews.com)

**Precinct 4 - Community Assistance:**

[www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index/html](http://www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index/html)

**Precinct 4 – Constable Department:**

[www.co.harris.tx.us/pct4/](http://www.co.harris.tx.us/pct4/)

**Harris County Health Department:**

[www.hd.co.harris.tx.us/Display.html](http://www.hd.co.harris.tx.us/Display.html)

**Harris County Vicious Dog Info:**

[www.countypets.com/webbad.html](http://www.countypets.com/webbad.html)

(713 767-1147)

**CCFCC:** [www.cfcc.org](http://www.cfcc.org)