

North View News

May 2009

Pool Opens May 23rd!
12:00pm - 8:00pm

The 2009 North View pool season begins May 23rd, Memorial Day Weekend & is scheduled to be open weekends May 23,24,25, 30th & 31st 12:00 noon - 8:00pm.

Beginning June 6th the pool will be open Tuesday –Sunday from 12:00 Noon-8:00pm and will close on Mondays for cleaning. The only exception to the Monday closing is during holidays that fall on a Monday. In that case, regular hours will be Observed on the Monday Holiday and the pool will Be closed on the following Tuesday.

Have a great summer!

**Come and Join Your Friends and Neighbors On
June 6th from 12pm-5pm**

When we celebrate the pool opening with a North View Barbeque!

Bar-b-que Plates will be served from 2-4pm

Your choice of Hamburger, Hot Dog, or 1 other meat with a side dish & beverage: \$2 per person
(Please Bring Correct Change!)



Plus: Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, Moon Walk, Entertainment & Good Times
Enter a Drawing to Win a Hurricane Basket!

Kids Choo Choo Train Rides: \$1 per person

Bring your own lawn chair or beach blanket and come out and have some fun!



Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. was founded on three principles: safety, customer service and cleanliness. With safety as our # 1 priority, we spend a great deal of time, energy and money making sure that every GHPMI team member has the right tools to be successful. We feel it's important that when you visit the pool, you're greeted by a smiling, friendly, & professional lifeguard team. Also important to us is the cleanliness of your facility. Clear and properly maintained pool water, clean & pleasant smelling restrooms, & a debris free pool deck are qualities that top our expectation list.

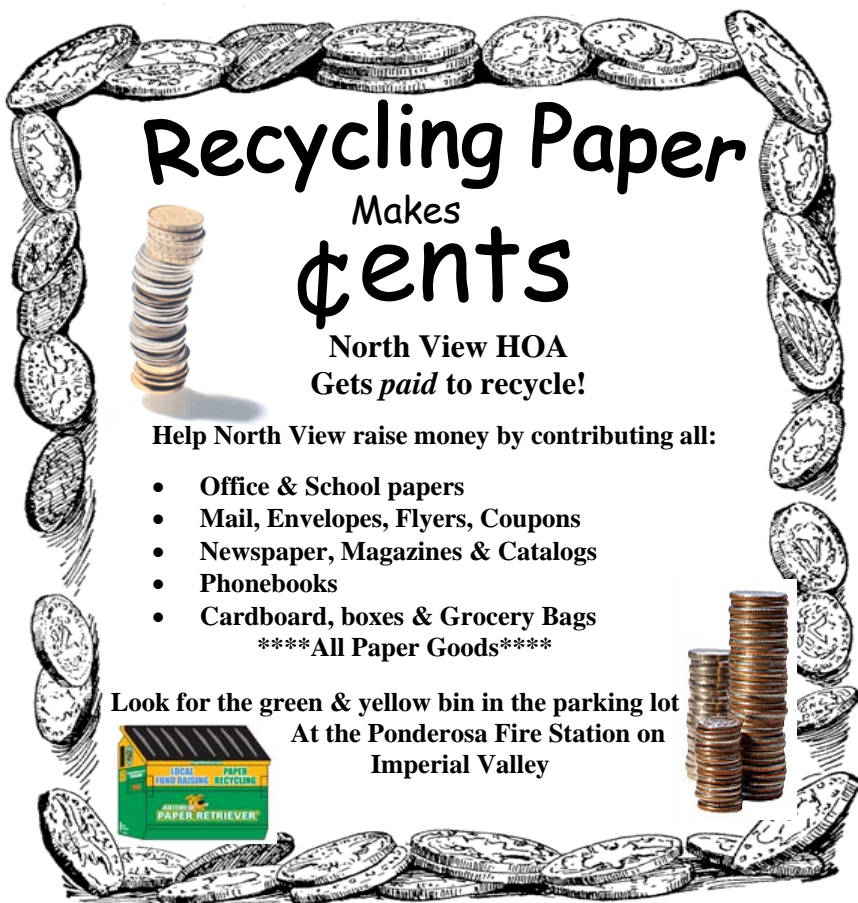
Our team has worked hard in the off season to provide a facility you can proudly visit. Our Activities Department is excited to offer programs such as: group & private learn to swim classes, Guard Start, water aerobics, pool parties & more. For a detailed list of what's available at your facility please visit us at www.takeaswimlesson.com for classes, & www.haveapoolparty.com for pool parties. If something is not offered at your facility, please let us know. We make every effort to accommodate all requests & we want your visit to the pool to be a safe and positive experience.

Communication plays an important role in the success of the swim season & we understand that it's a two way street. We appreciate any questions, comments or concerns that you have during the summer, so please don't hesitate to contact us at 713.771.7665 or online at www.greaterhoustonpool.com. Take time to introduce yourself to our lifeguards. We enjoy knowing people that we serve.

Finally, for your safety, below are some valuable reminders. With your support the 2009 swim season will be safe & positive for all.

- Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. Remember, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.
- Don't dive in areas marked "NO DIVING". Nearly 90 percent of all spinal injuries occur in the shallow end of the pool.
- Breath holding games can be very dangerous and may cause cardiac arrhythmia or seizures. Games like who can hold their breath the longest, and swimming the longest distance underwater should be avoided at all times.
- Don't allow children to play with or around the main drain. The main drain suction can be very powerful, and has been known to cause severe injuries, and in some cases death.
- Safety of children in the baby pool are the parents/guardians responsibility. Lifeguards will enforce pool rules throughout the facility, but children who can't swim must have an adult within arms reach at all times even, if wearing floatation device.
- Define a safe zone for your child where they can always touch bottom. One of the most common saves a lifeguard makes is when swimmers stray to an area too deep for them to stand.
- Access rules to the facility will be enforced & is the responsibility of each member to understand & follow. It's an awkward & uncomfortable situation for everyone when a lifeguard must ask a member to go home to get the appropriate access tag.
- Remember there are many different types of people who like to use the pool. Both young & old want to have a good time.
- If you should ever have a question about the pool rules, ask a lifeguard or manager. It is better to be safe than sorry!
- Help educate you community & guests on water safety. A team approach toward safety offers a safe swimming environment.

We're excited to be servicing your community this season & look forward to a safe, relaxing environment for you & your family.




Recycling Paper
Makes
cents
North View HOA
Gets paid to recycle!

Help North View raise money by contributing all:

- Office & School papers
- Mail, Envelopes, Flyers, Coupons
- Newspaper, Magazines & Catalogs
- Phonebooks
- Cardboard, boxes & Grocery Bags

****All Paper Goods****

Look for the green & yellow bin in the parking lot
At the Ponderosa Fire Station on
Imperial Valley



PROTECT YOURSELF IN THE SUN

Sun exposure is the main reason for the occurrence of non-melanoma skin cancer. The American Cancer Society says that a few common-sense practices will greatly reduce the chance that a person will develop skin cancer:

- Avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when ultraviolet (UV) rays are most intense.
- Wear a hat with a brim wide enough to shade your face, ears, & neck, & clothes that cover as much as possible of the arms, legs, & torso.
- Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps because they also are sources of UV radiation.

Slip on some protective clothing, *slap* on a wide-brimmed hat, & *slop* on sunscreen for skin that's still exposed & you'll be doing the most important things that you can to protect yourself against skin cancer. Then get wrap around sunglasses & look for shade in the middle of the day.

Slip, Slop, Slap & Wrap!



The North View Social and Recreational Committee could use your help. If you would like to volunteer to help during one of our community events please call Belinda at 832 229-1443

It's a great way to help your community, meet your neighbors & have lots of fun. It takes only an hour or so of your time every few months. Make a difference in your community. Be North View Proud!

Can You Help?



If you live in a cul-d-sac North View

Could use your help. During our hot Houston summer the young trees that were planted in your cul-d-sac last year need water. If you live in one of these cul-d-sacs & would like to help, just take your hose & water the tree nearest you every few days. All it takes is a few minutes every couple of days & a few people to keep our neighborhood looking good.

Thank You Soldier

No, Freedom Isn't Free

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

Please
Remember to Thank a Soldier
Memorial Day



SCHOOLS OUT!



With summer vacation at hand North View

streets will soon be full of our young people again. Please be careful when driving around the sub-division And watch out for playing children! speed limit within North View is 20 miles per hour, and if you forget that, our friendly and helpful Constable Patrol will be happy to remind you!

Harris County Precinct 4 Curfew Ordinance

If your child is under 17 years of age and is outside between the hours of 12AM midnight and 6 AM he or she will be detained and could be fined as much as \$500. In addition the parent or guardian could also be fined if they knowingly allow the child to violate the curfew. Keep them home and keep them safe.



Yard of The Month

May winners of the North View Yard of the Month program are:



16410 North Cross
906 North Bright

Congratulations and Thank You for helping make North View a great place to live!

Yard Of The Month winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Cornelius Nursery.



Timely Tip For June Gardeners

Spring flowers become a memory as summer heats up but our desire for a colorful landscape can still be achieved. From annuals to perennials to shrubs to trees, color is found in blooms, foliage & plumes of ornamental grasses. The distinct pattern of Caladium leaves & textured foliage of Coleus adds interest to shady gardens. Dazzling Daylily & drought tolerant Lantana provides splashes of blooms for full sun. Crape Myrtle gives sprays of blossoms & Esperanza displays clusters of bell shaped flowers. Use Calloway's premium soil & mixes when planting, water well with Root Stimulator & add a few inches of mulch to conserve moisture, help keep the soil cool & prevent weeds from growing.

North View Proud!

Attend the North View monthly meeting
Thursday, May 28th at 6:30pm
At the Ponderosa Fire Department
On Imperial Valley Dr.
Know what's going on in your community!

Grass Clippings & Leaves:

With hurricane season here, please remember that debris dumped or blown into the drainage system can clog the storm sewers and could cause problems with flooding in the neighborhood. Please use lawn bags to gather grass and leaves for trash pickup.



GOING ON VACATION THIS SUMMER? Did you know that you can let Harris County Constables know when you'll be on vacation and request extra patrol for your home while you're gone? Just go online at www.cd4.hctx.net and click Vacation Watch. Or call 281-401-6205.



Building Safer and Better Neighborhoods Through Community Involvement

Neighborhood Watch Works!

Got Trash? Please be a neighborly neighbor & don't litter. If you find litter on the street or at the curb in front of your house pick it up & toss it in the trash. We all benefit when North View looks good.



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

If Ike taught us anything, it was that we must be prepared for the worst and hope for the best. Take some simple steps BEFORE a storm & keep your family & home safe:

- Keep your radio tuned continuously to News Radio 740 KTRH. Make certain the batteries are fresh in your portable radio. Listen for advisories and updates.
- Stay away from beaches and other low-lying areas, which may be swept by high tides or storm waves. Leave early! Roads to high ground may become impassable hours before the hurricane hits land.
- Store anything that could blow away: garbage cans, garden tools, furniture, and plants. Remove tree limbs that could fall on your house or power lines.
- Lock garage doors. Tie awnings securely or take them down. Board up windows.
- Do not drain your swimming pool. Turn off all electrical pool equipment. Add extra chlorine to avoid contamination.
- Boats should be hauled out or moored strongly. Don't secure boat in rough water.
- Make certain your car is safe-preferably in your garage and ****Fill your gas tank.****
- Keep your flashlight in good working order. Be very careful if you use candles and/or portable cooking equipment.
- Fill clean containers with drinking water. Put large water containers in the bathroom. Toilets will not flush if your water supply is interrupted. Fill Bathtub.
- Be sure to have plenty of non perishable food on hand.
- Fire can be a serious problem. Have a good fire extinguisher (for A, B, & C type fires) nearby. The alternative is to keep a bucket of sand handy.

DURING:

- Keep your radio tuned to News Radio 740 KTRH for updates.
- Stay inside! Leave only if instructed to evacuate.
- If you must drive, watch for fallen trees and electrical wires and flooding.
- Keep one window slightly open on the leeward side of your house. If a window breaks, go to an interior room to avoid injury from flying glass.
- Use your telephone for emergency calls only.
- If the eye of the storm passes over your house stay inside! The winds will return suddenly-possibly with even greater force.

AFTER:

- Many precautionary steps must be taken after a hurricane passes. News Radio 740 KTRH will provide the necessary information.
- Stay away from disaster areas! Stay away from broken and low hanging power lines. Notify police or the utility company of damage.
- Stay Home! Do not drive!
- Open freezers and ice chests only when necessary until power is restored.
- Make a list of storm damage in your home. Take pictures of damage.

North View HOA
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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.

Precinct 4 – Constable
Department:
Emergency: 281 376-3472

Centerpoint Energy:
www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/
713 207-2222 or 1 888 572-4399
Choose option 1 for English, option 4 for street light outages.

Harris County Vicious Dog Info:
www.countypets.com/webbad.html
281 999-3191

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

NORTHVIEW
(www.northviewnews.com)

Precinct 4 - Community Assistance:
www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index/html

Precinct 4 – Constable
Department:
www.co.harris.tx.us/pct4/

Harris County Health Department:
www.hd.co.harris.tx.us/Display.html

CCFCC: www.ccfcc.org

"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of
Us And Say, For Their Tomorrow,
We Gave Our Today."

- The Kohima Epitaph

