

# North View News

May 2010

## ***Pool Opens May 29th!***

**The 2010 North View pool season begins May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>  
Memorial Day Weekend  
12:00 Noon – 8:00pm**

**The pool is scheduled to open on a regular basis beginning  
June 5<sup>th</sup> - August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday - Sunday: 12:00 Noon to 8:00pm  
(Closed on Mondays for cleaning)**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup> Weekends Only  
and Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day Weekend)  
12:00 Noon to 8:00pm**

***Have a great summer!***



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

**To celebrate the pool opening with a North View Barbeque!  
Bar-b-que plates served from 2-4pm. Your choice of hamburger,  
Hot Dog, or 1 other meat, a side dish & beverage: \$2 per person  
(Please Bring Correct Change!)**

**Plus Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, Moon Walk, Music & Good Times**

**There will be a raffle for prizes!**

**Kids Choo Choo Train Rides: \$1 per person**



## Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc.

Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. was founded on three guiding 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 appropriate tools to be successful. We also feel it's important that when you visit the swimming pool, you are greeted by a smiling, friendly, and professional lifeguard team. Equally as important to us is the overall cleanliness of your facility. Clear and properly maintained pool water, clean and pleasant smelling restrooms, and a debris free pool deck are qualities that top our expectation list.

To help ensure that your visit to the pool is a safe one, we are excited to announce the addition of the lifejacket loaner program. Because GHPMI feels so strongly about this program, we offer it to your community at our expense. We will provide your swimming pool a station where lifejackets will be kept. These lifejackets will be available for you and your community members to check out and use during your visit to the pool. The station will be equipped with a range of lifejacket sizes, which should accommodate the needs of most size children. While the availability of a lifejacket should not replace learning to swim, we feel that this program will aid you and your child as they transition into a more water safe individual. We understand that this transition happens at different ages for children, therefore, we feel it is necessary to offer a program that reaches out to several age groups.

The GHPMI Activities Department is excited to offer your community programs that will help enhance your family's summer experience. GHPMI provides a variety of programs, such as: group and private learn to swim classes, Guard Start, water aerobics, pool parties, and more. For a detailed list of what is available at your facility please visit us at [www.takeaswimlesson.com](http://www.takeaswimlesson.com) for classes, and [www.haveapoolparty.com](http://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.

We all feel that communication plays an important role to the overall success of the summer swim season. By taking preventative measures, we feel that you & your guests will have a sense of real comfort while visiting your swimming facility. We understand that communication is a two way street & appreciate any & all questions, comments, and/or concerns you may have throughout the summer. Please don't hesitate to contact our office anytime, 713.771.7665. You may also visit us online at [www.greaterhoustonpool.com](http://www.greaterhoustonpool.com). Further, introduce yourself to your lifeguard team. We enjoy getting to know the members we serve.

Finally, allow us to start the swim season off on a positive note by providing some valuable safety reminders. *It is very important to remember that ultimately you, as the parent/guardian, are the first line of defense for a safe trip to the swimming pool. It is imperative that your non-swimming or newly swimming children are always within an arms length of a parent/guardian.* With your support, we are confident that the 2010 swim season will be a safe and positive experience for all.

- Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. Remember, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.
- Do not 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.
- The safety of a child in the baby pool is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The lifeguards will always enforce the pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult within arms reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a floatation device.
- Define a safe zone for your children where they can always touch the bottom. One of the most common saves a lifeguard must make is when a swimmer strays to an area that is too deep for them to stand.
- Access rules to the facility will be strongly enforced and are the responsibility of each member to understand and follow. It is a very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone when a lifeguard must ask a member to go back home to get the appropriate access tag.
- Remember that there are several different types of people who like to use the pool throughout the summer. Both young and old, everyone wants 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 your community members and their guests on water safety. A team approach towards safety will offer a safer swimming environment.

We're excited to be servicing your community this season and look forward to operating your pool in a safe & relaxing environment.



### **HIS SUPER POWERS DON'T WORK IN WATER.**

Keep your little heroes safe this summer by following these water-safety guidelines.

- \*Always supervise children when swimming or playing near water.
- \*Non-swimmers should wear Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices.
- \*Children should never drink water from pools, lakes or rivers.
- \*Teach kids to swim – it's the best way to stay safe in the water.



### **LIGHTEN UP!**

Did you know just one blistering sunburn could double your child's risk of getting the most dangerous kind of skin cancer? UV damage begins with a child's first exposure to the sun & it adds up each year. So play it safe in the sun & don't plan to tan.

- \*Use a sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher.
- \*Cover up with a wide-brimmed hat, UV protective clothing and sunglasses.
- \*Use extra caution during peak sunlight hours between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

## So...What is Memorial Day?

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day, and many children were never taught that it is not just a day for picnics, backyard bar-b-ques with family or friends and the day that the pool opens, but a day of remembrance, to honor those who pay the ultimate price for our many freedoms.

During World War II an American, after reading the poem "In Flanders Fields", adopted the tradition of wearing a red poppy in memory of the sacrifices of war.

A French woman visiting the United States learned of the custom and took it one step further. When she returned to France she decided to hand make the red poppies and sell them to raise money for the benefit of the orphaned and destitute women and children in war torn areas of France. This tradition spread to the United States, Canada and Australia and is still followed today. Money collected from the sale of poppies goes to fund veterans programs.

We need to teach our children the day's meaning and show others by our actions that we will not forget. You don't have to believe in war to honor our family, friends and neighbors who died in service to their country.



So, wear a poppy, fly the flag in their honor, and spend a moment in silence with your children remembering those that have given their all so that you could gather with friends and family on this day.

Teach your children that...

...Memorial Day is a day of Remembrance



## Would You Give Fireworks To A Child?

Probably not. But if you're shooting off fireworks this 4<sup>th</sup> of July & not cleaning up the debris afterward that's exactly what you could be doing. Handing fireworks to a child. You already know that many times a string of fireworks, when lit, doesn't set off all the firecrackers. Any youngster walking by a day or so later will think it's pretty cool if he or she finds fire crackers that are still "good". Any youngster lighting one of those firecrackers could be seriously hurt. Would you give fireworks to a child? Would you give fireworks to *your* child? Be responsible this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Clean up your fireworks after the fun. Thank You!



The North View  
Social & Recreational Committee  
Could use your help!

If you can volunteer a few hours  
of your time to help out at our  
"Pool Opening" and bar-b-que

Please contact:  
Belinda at: 832 229-1443

It's a great way to  
meet your neighbors  
and help your community.

## Neighborhood Watch

Be the "Eye's on the Street" for our Precinct 4 Constables. Report ANY Suspicious activity that you see in North View to 281 376-3472  
If you see something-Say Something!

## North View Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 24th  
6:30pm

Ponderosa Fire Station  
on  
Imperial Valley

Remember: YOU are the  
North View  
Home Owners Association

Attend A Meeting!  
Be North View Proud!

## School's 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! The  
speed limit in North View  
is 20 miles per hour, and if  
you forget that, our friendly  
& helpful Constable Patrol  
will be happy to remind you!



- The flag of the United States is always raised first and lowered last. No other flag or pennant should be placed above the United States flag or to the right of the flag except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea.
- With the exception of displaying the flag at half-staff, the United States flag should always be placed at the peak of the staff.
- When flying at half-staff, the flag will first be hoisted to its peak, then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be raised to its peak before being lowered for the day. On Memorial Day, the flag is flown at half-staff until noon, then raised from noon to sunset.
- If the flag is being displayed in a manner other than being flown from a staff, it should lay flat and the union (stars) should be at the flag's right (observers left).
- When the flags of two or more nations are flown, they should be equal size, flown at

## Flag Etiquette

### How To Fly The United States Flag



The flag is a representation of  
Freedom and liberty.

Flag Day is June 14th

- The same height on separate poles and lowered simultaneously.
- The flag never touches anything beneath it. It should always be lowered to waiting hands.
- The flag should never be used as drapery, coverings, cushions, uniforms, scarves, etc.
- The flag should only be flown from sunrise to sunset unless properly illuminated.
- The flag should not be flown during inclement weather, except when an all weather flag is displayed.
- Fold the flag neatly when not in use.
- Clean or mend the flag when necessary. When it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be burned in a dignified manner. Many VFW or American Legion Posts conduct decorous burning ceremonies.



## IT'S HURRICANE SEASON AGAIN!

Take some simple steps **BEFORE** a storm to keep your family and 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  
P.O. Box 681007  
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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Chaparral Management  
Community Manager  
Gloria: 281 537-0957 x27

Betty: ACC Applications

Gloria: Deed Restriction Violation  
Report park or pool area  
maintenance problems.  
Questions regarding your  
statement and accounting.

Precinct 4 Constable Department:  
Emergency: 281 376-3472

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.

Harris County Vicious Dog Info:  
[www.countypets.com/webbad.html](http://www.countypets.com/webbad.html)  
281 999-3191

## 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)

Cypress Creek Flood Control  
Coalition: [www.ccfcc.org](http://www.ccfcc.org)



**Yard Of The Month Winners**  
Congratulations May Winners!

16015 North Place Dr.  
814 North Bright

Yard of the month winners will receive a \$50 gift  
certificate from Houston Plants & Garden World