



# North View News

October 2010



## WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT? *It's America's Night Out Against Crime!*

The "27th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW), has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th, 2010. We cordially invite you and your family to [be a part of our North View NIGHT OUT 2010 team.](#)

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. Over 36 million people participated in National Night Out 2009.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

**North View is having a "Get Rid Of Crime" Party!**

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**National Night Out will be held at the North View Community Center (Pool)**

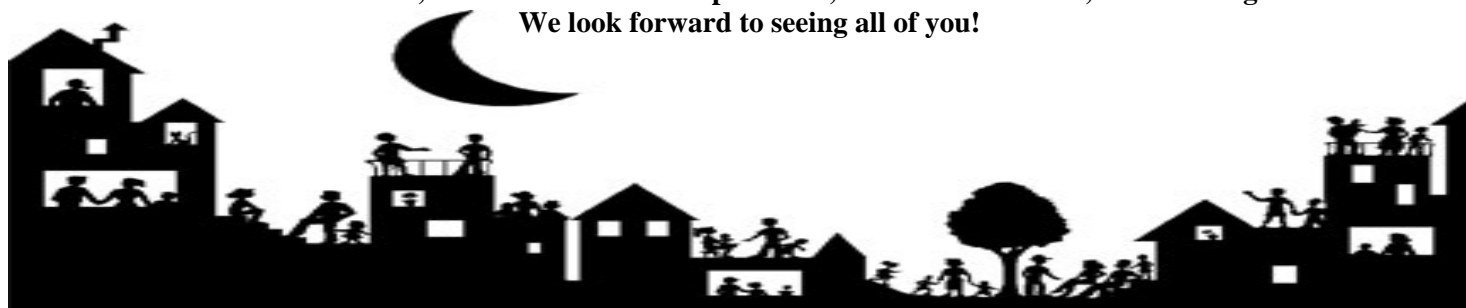
**October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm.**

There will be refreshments from 6:00pm-8:00pm that include hotdog plates for \$2.00 from James Coney Island with chili sauce, cheese, onions & condiments, a bag of chips, & your choice of soda or water. Drinks sold separately are .50 cents each. (Please bring correct change!)

There will also be free snow cones, cotton candy and a moonwalk for the kids, and prizes & give-a-ways for both kids and adults, plus lots of good information on how to keep you and your family safe.

The only other thing that we need for a great time are plenty of smiling faces to come out & meet our Constables, the Ponderosa Fire Department, the NVHOA Board, and our neighbors.

We look forward to seeing all of you!



**Turn on your lights, lock your doors, and come outside to meet your neighbors!**

## KIDS Let's Be Safe at Home

Take these tips from McGruff,

Home should be a safe place for kids to be but it can be a dangerous place if you're not careful. There are accidents just waiting to happen if the right precautions aren't taken.

Kids should always remember these tips:

- If home alone, never answer the phone or door unless you know a family member or close family friend is on the other end.
- Never tell anyone that you're home alone.
- Never try to use the stove, oven, washing machine, dish washer or other appliance without the help of a parent.
- Never leave the house or yard unless a parent or guardian says it's ok and knows where you're going.
- Always wear a helmet and other protective gear when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or when using roller blades or roller skates.



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween can be a howling good time, with ghosts, candy and friends, as long as you play it safe. Remember that there are some people who want to play mean tricks on kids, so here are a few tips to have a fun, safe time this Halloween:

- \* Trick or Treat in your own neighborhood. Plan your route ahead of time with your parents.
- \* Remember to bring your older brother or sister or an adult that you trust with you.
- \* Keep a flashlight or glow stick with you so that you can find your way and so that cars can see you. It'll also help show off your costume!
- \* Don't eat your treats as you go. Instead, save them until you get home and your parents have had a chance to look through them.
- \* Stop only at houses that have lights on.
- \* Don't go into a stranger's house for any reason. If a stranger invites you inside, say "No!" Then get away and tell a trusted adult.



Have A Ghoulishly Good Halloween!

## Did You know...?

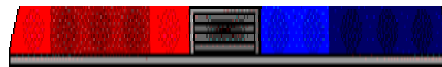
According to the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's office 50% of all items stolen from homes and cars are recovered. The reason: Most end up in pawn shops and the original owners have the serial number or model number on them, or they are engraved with the owner's driver's license number.

The lesson here is **ID YOUR VALUABLES!** Hand engravers are very inexpensive, some as little as \$12.99 in local stores. Your driver's license number on a TV, computer, stereo or whatever could save you a lot of money.

**LOCK YOUR DOORS....CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS...IT'S TIME FOR... SHOCK THEATRE!!!**

If you're old enough to remember that scary TV program that, if you behaved, your parents would let you stay up late and watch, then you know that was good advice! Spooky stuff! You always made sure that you went around locking doors and checking to see if windows were closed when that program came on. But it's good advice now, too. A lot of home burglaries occur because people just don't lock their doors and windows when they go out and...even when they're at home.

Please be sure to lock up your home when you leave AND when you're inside. Close the garage door when you're in the house or working in the yard and remember to **LEAVE OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON** at night to deter anyone from taking your stuff or harming your family. Don't be a victim of .....**SHOCK THEATRE!**



## 911...What's your emergency?

Hopefully you'll never have to hear those words, but if you do, will those that respond be able to find your house? Homeowners should go out and look to see if emergency responders can find your house. Many homes in North View have addresses hidden from view, missing numbers, or don't have street numbers on them at all. This can be a problem for emergency vehicles trying to find your home in the event of a police, fire or medical emergency. City ordinance requires house numbers be clearly visible from the street. Please check your house and see if you could find your house address during both day and night.

## Security Check: Is Your Home Safe?



Did you know that the Harris County Constable's office will come out to your home and conduct a security check for free?

You can request to have your home inspected by a Home Inspection Deputy. The Deputy will point out & offer solutions for potential security problems related to your residence. They will check your entire house, including windows, doors, locks & even your yard to see if your home is burglar proof & will advise you of any changes or improvements that need to be made to keep your home and family safe. When you make those changes you will be eligible to get as much as 10 percent off your homeowners insurance. Contact Precinct 4 today at 281 376-3472 or go to the Precinct 4 website:

[http://www.cd4.hctx.net/online\\_forms/inspection.php](http://www.cd4.hctx.net/online_forms/inspection.php) and have them come out & give you peace of mind for free!



North View participation in the Crime Stoppers program has proved to be a valuable investment in the safety of our community. In 2009, tips to Crime Stoppers resulted in the arrest of 825 felons and solved 970 criminal offenses. For that information, anonymous tipsters were paid more than \$793,000 in cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers 713-222-TIPS telephone tip line allows information about criminal activity to be received & transferred to law enforcement for immediate action. Callers are promised anonymity & cash rewards of up to \$5,000 in exchange for accurate crime tips. The organization provides a safe forum for citizens to report crime in their neighborhoods without fear of retaliation. They are the eyes & ears of law enforcement in the community.

To report crimes anonymously call: **Crime Stoppers at: 713 222-TIPS.**

To check the Precinct 4 "Most Wanted" criminal list in our area go to: <http://www.crime-stoppers.org/pct4fugitives.html>

## IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!

If you see something or someone suspicious please contact Constable Precinct 4 office at **281 376-3472**. Tell them you're a *North View resident* & that you're suspicious of a vehicle, person or something you've seen. You **NEVER** have to give your name & you can ask the officer not to contact you or come to your house. They'll respect your wishes. **REMEMBER!** They can't be everywhere! We are their eyes & ears. Together we can keep crime out of North View.

# Fall is Here!

*It's time for the North View  
Fall Festival  
at the North View Community Center (Pool)*

*Fall Festival*

*Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

## **Join Us For Fun, Food & Friendship!**

There will be Cotton Candy,  
popcorn and Snow Cones. Plus  
candy and prizes for all the kids &  
contests and games for kids and adults:

No Hands Pumpkin Race ~ Sack Race  
Donut Eating Contest ~ Face Painting  
Carnival Games ~ Train Rides ~ Bingo

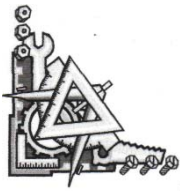
Have your picture taken with  
"The Great Pumpkin!"

**Come out  
& Celebrate Fall  
Saturday  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
3:00 pm**

*3:00pm- 6:00pm*

*Saturday*

*October 23<sup>rd</sup>*



## ASK SQUARE CORNER ©

THE NORTH VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WILL BE RUNNING A QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT ABOUT REMODELING AND MAINTENANCE TIPS AROUND THE HOUSE; "ASK SQUARE CORNER"© IN OUR NEWSLETTER. ASK SQUARE CORNER WILL OFFER HOMEOWNERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT MAINTENANCE AND REMODELING. YOUR ANSWERS WILL COME FROM A LIFETIME IN THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FIELD OF CONSTRUCTION OF OVER FORTY YEARS. DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO [asksquarecorner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:asksquarecorner@sbcglobal.net)

### A Few Words About Parking...

Curb appeal comes in many forms and one of those forms is properly parked cars. Please do not park on the lawn on your property or the lawn in any common areas within North View. It makes our neighborhood look shabby and costs North View residents money in the form of higher HOA fees when those grassy areas require extra maintenance.

Please be aware that parking a disabled or abandoned vehicle in your driveway or on the street is a violation of North View deed restrictions.

#### Illegal Parking:

Harris County law requires that :

- \*Parked cars be at least 10 feet from fire hydrant.
- \*Parked vehicles be at least 10 feet from a corner.
- \*Parked vehicles do not block any public sidewalk.

**Constables will ticket all parking violations!**

## Doody Calls

According to a Houston ordinance, known as "The Pooper Scooper Law" (Section 6-24) pet owners must remove all fecal material deposited by their pets on property that they do not own, including neighbors' yards, city parks, school property, public rights-of-way, etc.

#### Defecation by dogs or cats

□ A person in control of a dog or cat must promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by their dog or cat, when walking outside of your own yard with their pet.

□ Each person in control of the dog or cat must have materials to remove feces left by their dog or cat when they are off their own property.

Violation of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75 or more than \$500. Each violation is a separate offense.

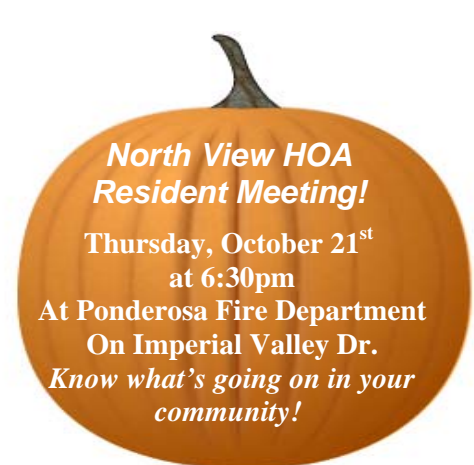
For more information go to:

[www.houstontx.gov/health/BARC/scooperlaw.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/health/BARC/scooperlaw.html)

*Pick up after your pet! It's the law!*



Please..... be a good neighbor and do not tape signs for garage sales or any other event to the stop signs, light poles, or any other pole in North View. When the signs are removed the tape usually remains and this makes our neighborhood look messy. If you live by a stop sign, or any other pole, and you have noticed cardboard signs on them, please remove the sign and as much of the tape as possible. Thanks!



### North View HOA Resident Meeting!

Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 6:30pm

At Ponderosa Fire Department  
On Imperial Valley Dr.

*Know what's going on in your community!*

Would you like to get North View Information & newsletters by email?

Do you have an idea for our newsletter?

Are you interested in advertising in the North View News?

If so please email Barbara at [northview.barbara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northview.barbara@sbcglobal.net)

### North View Neighborhood Watch

Like any large city, Houston has its share of crime. No city or area is completely free of crime. To help combat this problem North View residents have joined together to form a Neighborhood Watch program. We currently have 14 residents that are on the Neighborhood Watch Committee and drive through our community at different times of the day and night looking for suspicious activity. They then contact the Constables office if they notice anything unusual. If you're interested in getting involved in Neighborhood Watch contact Sharon at [mshermic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mshermic@sbcglobal.net)

### Veterans Day:

A celebration to honor all of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. It is a day to thank all military personnel who have served the United States in all wars.

Veterans Day, also known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, is celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the day that fighting formally ended during World War I, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

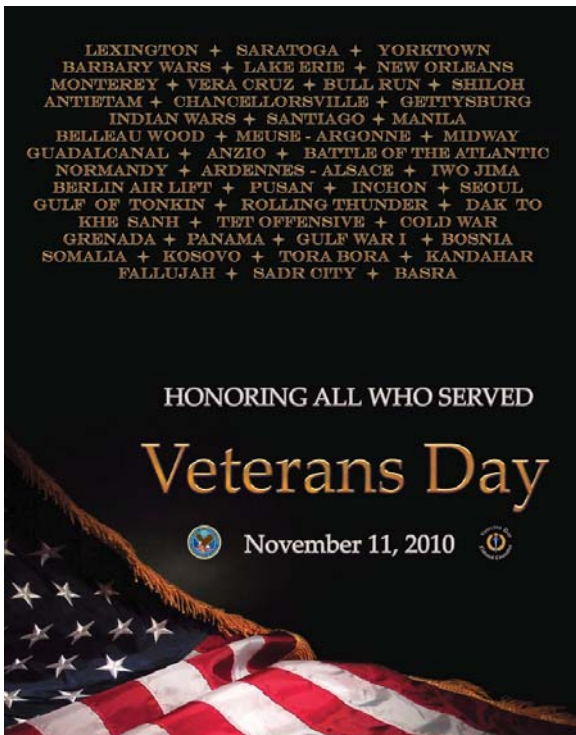
#### Are You A Veteran?

If so, North View would like to honor your service. Do you know a veteran that Lives here in North View? Please let us know by contacting us at [northview.barbara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northview.barbara@sbcglobal.net) so that we can honor and thank each of our North View veterans this year.

-  Drusilla Clark
-  John Franks
-  Derick T. Fuselier
-  Walter Kingsley
-  Michael Levand
-  Jim Luplow
-  Leonard Manos
-  Michael Newbern
-  Stephen Simmons
-  Derrick Walker
-  Rever White
-  Raqai White

*A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life." That is Honor, and it is something that we must never forget.*

*Thank A Vet!*





## Congratulations Yard Of the Month winners!

June: 15811 North Bend Ct.  
15915 North Place Dr.

July: 915 Vista Bend  
15907 North Trace

August: 15810 N. Bend Ct.  
911 N. Bright

September:

### THANK YOU

For making North View such a great place to live!  
Yard Of The Month winners will receive a \$50 gift  
certificate from Houston Plants & Garden World.



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

Please volunteer an hour of your  
time to help out at our  
National Night Out  
or  
Fall Festival event.  
th your help we can make  
these North View events even  
more fun and it's a great way to  
meet your neighbors! Please  
call Belinda at 832 229-1443

## 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)



## Join us this Sunday!

Come join us for church this Sunday at  
Spring Woods UMC!

We hope you will discover that we are about people .  
We are a diverse church with people from different  
backgrounds, different cultures, married and single,  
young and not so young. It is our hope that you will  
find a warm and comfortable place to belong and  
experience Spring Woods UMC for yourself.

Traditional Service: 9:30 am  
Praise & Worship Service: 11:00 am

We are located between Kuykendahl and Ella at:  
1711 FM 1960 West, Houston, Texas 77090  
281-444-6468 [info@sw-umc.org](mailto:info@sw-umc.org)

## Neighborhood Watch Works!

If you would like to know more about the North View Neighborhood Watch program  
Contact Sharon at: [mshermic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mshermic@sbcglobal.net)



Building Safer and Better Neighborhoods Through Community Involvement

Take a stand against crime! Join the North View Neighborhood Watch!

## October

"Just before the death of flowers, and  
before they are buried in snow, there  
comes a festival season, when nature  
is all aglow." - Author Unknown



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