



# North View News

May 2011

## ***Pool Opens May 28th !!***

### **Pool Hours:**

**May 28-June 3rd:** Saturday & Sunday only: 12:00noon-8:00pm  
Exception: Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day.  
Open: 12:00noon-8:00pm

**June 4<sup>th</sup>- August 21<sup>st</sup>:** Closed Mondays  
Tuesday-Sundays: 12:00noon-8:00pm  
Exceptions: Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: 12:00noon-8:00pm  
Closed Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

**August 22-Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday & Sunday only: 12:00noon-8:00pm  
Exception: Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)  
Open 12:00noon-8:00pm

### SWIM LESSONS

GHPM offers swim lessons during open hours by a certified instructor, which will not interfere with the normal operation of the pool. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Judith Larkin at Greater Houston Pool Management: (713) 771-7665





**Celebrate Independence Day  
June 25th  
At The North View Independence Day Picnic!**

**Join your North View Friends and Neighbors on**

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**From 12:00noon – 5:00pm**

**at the North View Community Pool**

**For an old fashioned “Americana” Picnic!**

**Hot Dog Plates (From James Coney Island) will be served from 2-4pm for \$2 per person and will include chili sauce, cheese, onions, condiments and your choice of chips. There will also be nachos for \$2 per person, and drinks will be sold separately for .50 each.**

**(Please Bring Correct Change!)**

**Throw in a Moon Walk for the kids, great music, free snow cones and cotton candy and we are all ready to celebrate Independence Day!**

### POOL PARTY INFORMATION

Summer is here, and what better way to celebrate than a pool party? Below is information regarding the usage of the pool for resident pool parties. For more information please contact Greater Houston Pool Management at (713) 771-7665 or go to [www.greaterhoustonpool.com](http://www.greaterhoustonpool.com)

Greater Houston Pool Management will handle the scheduling of all pool parties. Residents can contact them by filling out a form on their website: [www.greaterhoustonpool.com](http://www.greaterhoustonpool.com)

- All annual HOA dues must be paid in full in order to have a pool party. GHPM will confirm with Chaparral Management that the resident is current in their dues.
- Lifeguard fees are \$22.50 per hour per lifeguard, (2 Lifeguards are required for 1-40 people, & 1 life guard is added for each 20 people after that.) There is a \$30 non refundable administration fee for all pool parties. GHPM will collect all payments, forward pool use fees to Association, schedule the lifeguards, send confirmation of scheduled party to Association, etc.
- The American Red Cross recommends that there be 1 lifeguard for every 20 patrons in the pool. If the number of people in the pool exceeds this ratio, GHPM has permission to bring in extra lifeguards. The resident will be billed for additional lifeguard hours at a rate of \$16.75 per hour.

### AFTER HOUR PARTIES (parties that occur outside of the normal pool hours)

1. Do you allow after hour parties for the residents? **YES**
2. What is the maximum amount of people allowed during an after hour party? **AT GHPMI'S DISCRETION.**
3. How late do you allow after hour parties to take place? **11:00PM**
4. Do you require a refundable deposit for after hour parties? **YES**
5. If yes, how much is the deposit? **\$250.00**
6. Do you charge a pool use fee for after hour parties? **NO**
7. Is Alcohol permitted **YES**
8. If yes, is the resident required to hire a constable to be present during the party? **YES**
9. What is the name and contact of the constable: **Sgt. Schultz or Sgt. Keys 281-446-1196**

### MUSIC FOR AFTER HOUR PARTIES **Is Allowed: Music must not go past 10:30pm.**

- Do you allow DJ's at parties? **YES, it must end by 10:30pm**

GUEST POLICY is **TWO GUESTS PER ACCESS CARD.**

OPEN HOUR PARTIES are **NOT** permitted during regular opening hours of the pool.



## So...What is Neighborhood Watch Anyway?

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest, most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities like North View safer.

Neighborhood Watch traces its roots back to colonial settlements, when night watchmen patrolled the streets. Modern Neighborhood Watch was developed at the request of Sheriffs & police chiefs looking for a crime prevention program that involved citizens & addressed increasing crime.

Neighborhood Watch counts on citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities, while demonstrating their presence at all times of day and night.

Neighborhood Watch works because it reduces chances for crime to happen & doesn't rely on changing the criminal's behavior or motivation.

### How Can I help?

- **DO SOMETHING!** It's as simple as that. When you see or hear something that doesn't seem right, don't mention it to your neighbor 2 days later. Call the police!
- **Get in your car and drive through the neighborhood a few nights a week.** Yes...this takes a little effort. Yes...It takes a little time. Yes... It takes a little gas. But you don't get to just sit around and complain about crime. You have to DO SOMETHING.
- **If you see streetlights out at night, jot down pole numbers & the address** that the pole is in front of. Darkness is not your friend. It's the criminals friend. DO SOMETHING. Report streetlights to [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/) or call 713 207-2222.
- **Take the long route into or out of the sub-division during the day or night** when you go somewhere. If you see suspicious vehicles cruising around, people acting strange, or any odd behavior or activity, DO SOMETHING. Call the police.
- If you see graffiti anywhere in the neighborhood. Paint it out, power wash it out, or if it's on "common" property, email our Graffiti Response Team to take care of it. It will only get worse if you leave it there and don't DO SOMETHING.
- **If you see cars speeding through the streets, call the police.** If you want speeders to slow down you have to DO SOMETHING.
- **Pass through the playground area & see what's going on.** If you see people that don't look like our neighborhood kids or residents & look like they're up to no good. DO SOMETHING. Call the police.
- **If you live near the playground/pool area & you see people in there late at night,** DO SOMETHING. The playground is for YOUR KIDS. It's not a "make out" place for couples, a hangout for gangs, or a place of business for drug dealers. (And yes, you see them and sometimes you turn a blind eye to them.) The playground closes at dark. DO SOMETHING. Call the cops.
- If you see people walking down the middle of the street that don't move for traffic, it's a form of intimidation on their part. DO SOMETHING before the intimidating gets worse. Call the cops.
- **Be a "window watcher".** If you hardly ever leave your home, be a lookout for any unusual activities & keep an eye on kids playing or waiting for the school bus. One neighbor caught a car thief just by looking out the window. DO SOMETHING.
- When you drive around be sure to have your cell phone, the phone number of the police programmed into your phone, (281 376-3472) & paper & pencil with you so that you can jot down license plate numbers, vehicle & person descriptions and street lights that are out. DO SOMETHING. Make a call.

Neighborhood Watch groups are not vigilantes & should not take on the role of police. Our duty is to be alert and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.

You'll be surprised how fast "undesirables" realize they can't be in North View because people are watching. That's what it's all about.

Neighborhood Watch is all about working together to keep our home and family safe. We can't do that if we don't all DO SOMETHING.

**North View Homeowners Meeting!**  
**Thursday, May 27th at 6:30**  
**At Ponderosa Fire station On Imperial Valley Dr.**

**Attend a meeting & be North View Proud!**  
**Remember! Without you North View is just a bunch of houses. With you we are a community of friends and family that care about our neighborhood!**

*Schools Out!* Summer vacation is at hand & North View streets are full of our young People again. Please be careful driving around the sub-division & watch for playing children! The speed limit in North View is 20 miles per hour & if you forget that, our friendly & helpful Constable Patrol will be happy to remind you!



### Congratulations Yard Of The Month

April: 15803 North Place  
15815 North Trace

May: 16402 North Cross  
15806 Sky Land

Yard Of The Month winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Houston Plants & Garden World.

### Ponderosa Fire Department News:

Thank You!

Voters approved the 1% sales tax 61 to 17 during an election on May 14, 2011 that included early voting May 2-10. Although it was a poor voter turnout, it allows your fire department to continue our highly regarded service, which was in danger due to reduced property evaluations. Remember, the effect on you is minimal since most of our fire district is already at the 8.25% maximum due to Strategic Partnerships between the water utility districts & the City of Houston. Our mission remains to provide you with the highest fire, rescue & EMS First Responder services that you deserve.

Summer is here! Please attempt to hydrate yourself as much as possible to prevent heat stroke or worse. Water is still the best thing for you. Take breaks while working outside & try to keep out of direct sunlight. Have air conditioning checked to assure it's working properly, which will also save you money.

The new fire station located on Louetta at Sorrel Ridge is being constructed at a fast pace due to the favorable weather. We have tentatively scheduled dedication for Saturday, September 10 & hope to see you there to celebrate the service improvement.

Responses for our area increased this year about 6% & Cypress Creek EMS responses increased about 9%. We're dealing with the FM1960/Cypress Creek Parkway medians & have experienced several delays during peak times. We're still waiting (patiently?) for the various entities to allow us to install the high tech traffic signal control systems.

### A Stroke Doesn't Have to Happen! Did you Know...

- Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death in the US
- 4 out of 5 people who have suffered a stroke had no apparent warning signs
- 80% of all strokes can be prevented

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke. Participate in the Life Line Screening that will be at Ponderosa Fire Department at 17061 Rolling Creek Friday, July 1, 2011. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. This event is also sponsored by Memorial Hermann. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package ranging from only \$129.00 - \$159.00, and includes 4 screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) to schedule your appointment. Join in the fight against vascular disease!



## HELP STORM-PROOF YOUR HOME

**Batten Down The Hatches!** It's spring! Along with spring's balmy breezes come not-so-welcome outbreaks of violent weather. Spurred by fluctuating temperatures, tornadoes and thunderstorms can erupt with little warning. Help protect your home from destructive winds, lightning, hail and rainfall with these preemptive measures.

**Halt potential hazards.** Remove dead or rotting trees and limbs that could fall on or be blown into your home by high winds. Trim overhanging branches so they don't damage your shingles or roof.

**Thwart moisture.** Don't let water get in your home. Clear debris from gutters and downspouts, and make sure all guttering is properly aligned and connected. Direct water away from foundations by placing splash blocks or extensions at the end of your downspouts. Use adjustable, retractable, or flexible downspout extenders in tight spaces. Replace damaged caulk around windows and doors to further block moisture from entering.

**Protect against outages.** Wind and lightning frequently trigger power outages and surges that can destroy electronic equipment. Install lightning rods and surge protection systems to protect your home and property. Unplug all unnecessary electronic appliances when a severe storm is forecast.

**Buffer high winds.** Block wind damage by caulking cracks or holes where cables, pipes and wires enter your home. When high winds are forecast, move inside any garbage cans, patio furniture, grills, plants and other items that could become airborne.

**Weatherproof roofs.** Well-maintained roofs stand up to wind and block out rain, so it's important to have your roof inspected each spring. Look for damage in roof valleys. Check attic ceilings for leaks around flues, plumbing vents and chimneys where damage to flashing on the roof may be allowing water to enter. Replace missing, curling or cracked shingles. If you're due for a roof replacement and live in a region where hail is common, consider installing impact-resistant roofing materials—which may even save you money on insurance premiums.

### Going On Vacation This Summer?

Did you know that you can let Harris County Constables know when you'll be on vacation & request extra patrol for your home while you're gone? Just go online at [www.cd4hctx.net](http://www.cd4hctx.net) and click on Vacation Watch or call 281-401-6205 .



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 Independence Day Picnic, please contact Belinda at: 832 229-1443. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and help your community. Lend a hand! Be North View Proud!

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

## 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.cfcc.org](http://www.cfcc.org)

*"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me, and I'll proudly stand up next to them to defend her still today. 'Cuz there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA". ~Lee Greenwood*

*Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.*

