



North View News

October 2011



National Night Out 2011

America's Night Out Against Crime!

Community-Wide Kickoff Event

Tuesday, October 4th, 2011

6:00PM -9:00PM

North View Community Pool

Don't miss the opportunity to see an amazing array of law enforcement and public safety vehicles and to meet the men and women who keep us safe. Come experience an exciting family-friendly day filled with food, fun and public safety demonstrations.

The "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the [National Association of Town Watch](#) (NATW), has been scheduled for all of Texas on October 4th, 2011. We cordially invite you and your family to [be a part of our North View NIGHT OUT 2011 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. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2010.

Almost 200 North View residents attended National Night Out in the fight against crime.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness in North View;
- 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 North View is organized and fighting back.

Come and join us at the North View "Get Rid Of Crime" Party!

There will be refreshments from 6:30pm-8:30pm that include hotdog plates for \$2.00 from James Coney Island with chili sauce, cheese, onions & condiments, bag of chips & your choice of soda or water. Drinks sold separately: .50 cents each.
(Please bring correct change!)

There will also be free snow cones, cotton candy and a moonwalk for the kids, Face Painting and prizes & give-a-ways for 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 and meet your neighbors!

North View Fall Festival!



*Join Us To Celebrate Fall
Festival Fun, Food & Friendship!*

Saturday, October 8th 3:00pm - 5:00pm

*There will be Cotton Candy, popcorn & 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!"



Texas State Legislature, The HOA, and You

The Texas State Legislature has passed several new laws that will affect how the North View HOA does business. We will highlight a few of those new laws with each newsletter. A detailed description of each law will be posted on the North View website at www.northviewnews.com

Effective June, 2011

- HOA's must permit owner to display the US, Texas, or military branch flag, with limitations.
- HOA's must permit owners to install solar panels with certain permissible limitations.
- HOA's must allow owners to install shingles of certain materials made to resist wind and hail, and provide heating/cooling efficiency or generate solar energy.
- HOA's must allow an owner to display religious items on his front door or doorframe, with certain permissible limitations.

An ACC deed restriction form must still be Filed with Chaparral Management for These items, as there are restrictions and Guidelines pertaining to these laws.

For a more detailed description of each law go to www.northviewnews.com.

Flag and Flag Poles...the fiber of our freedom, Yes! But please be considerate when thinking about installing a flagpole in your yard.

Recent legislation was passed that allows us all to express our freedom of flying the US Flag, the Texas Flag or any US Military flag.

However, there are also certain guidelines the Board would like for you to consider that is permitted by the recent legislation:

Height-May be no more than 20' tall.

Size of Flag-Should be appropriate for the height of the flagpole-there are guidelines for flag size versus flagpole size.

www.flagetiquette.com

Lighting-The lighting, if the flag is staying up around the clock, should illuminate the flag only. Please be considerate of your neighbors and watch the light trespass from the lighting.

Halyard Noise-If you have an exterior halyard, please secure it so it does not create noise for your neighbors in the wind.

We can all fly the flag and still be considerate neighbors!

Kindest regards,
Pamela D. Bailey, Chaparral Management

Window Peepers Wanted!

No Experience Necessary

Job Requirements:

- Good Neighbor
- Concerned Citizen
- Good Eyesight
- A few extra minutes a day to look out your window.

Job Benefits:

- Flexible hours
- Work from home
- Personal satisfaction
- Crime Free work environment

Whether you're home all day, or up all night, be a Window Peeper!

If you see something...

Say Something!

Drought Tips:

In light of the severe drought affecting Houston, Cornelius Nursery offers these gardening tips during this dry weather.

Water timely—every four to five days giving your lawn and shrubs 1-1 ½ inches of water at a time. A tried & true way to determine watering time, is to set an empty tuna or cat food can at the farthest reach of your sprinklers and track how long it takes to fill the can up.

Water early—before 9 in the morning to give plants optimum time to absorb water & prevent evaporation by the sun.

Sprinkle compost on lawns—works into soil & helps retain moisture at soil level.

Raise mower blades—Cut lawn on a high setting to shade roots and prevent water from evaporating so quickly.

Deep water—Use soaker hoses for plants that need more water, for less run-off.

Easy to use water timer- Prevent waste.

Don't overwater—It will only make your plants more tender and less resistant to the heat & sun. Practice "tough love" by only watering every four to five days instead of every day. Water deep.



Help Your Neighbor's In Disasters!

Volunteer Today

The role of Harris County Citizen Corps is to create opportunities for people to volunteer to help our community prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The primary goal is to have all citizens participate in making our neighborhoods safer by providing them the tools & training needed for preventing & handling threats of terrorism, crime, and disasters of all kinds.

For More information go to our North View website: www.northviewnews.com

It is a violation of the deed restrictions to put up signs in the common areas of North View. In Addition, the county Can levy a \$500 fine for each sign that they pick up! Please do not put up signs or tape signs for garage sales or any other event to

STOP

the stop signs, light poles or any pole in North View. When the signs are removed the tape usually remains, making our neighborhood look messy. If you live by a stop sign, or pole and you notice signs on them please remove the sign and as much of the tape as possible. Thanks!

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 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.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry

<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPSWEB/Sor/index.aspx>



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 and Fall Festival Please call Belinda at: 832 229-1443

Be North View Proud!

"Are you OK?"

Precinct Four Constables office offers an "Are You OK?" telephone reassurance program to seniors & home-bound persons of any age in the community.

The "Are You OK?" Program is a free service to senior citizens or disabled individuals living independently within Precinct Four jurisdiction in Harris County. The program provides a daily phone call made by a computer to the homes of those persons subscribing to the program. If the telephone is answered, the computer "knows" that the person may not require emergency services. If the telephone is not answered, assistance is dispatched to the subscriber's home.

"Are You OK?" Works to maintain or improve services for senior citizens and disabled persons by allowing them a feeling of security and, in turn encouraging growth and community participation.

Information & applications for the program may be obtained by contacting the Victim Assistance office at 281-401-6250 or the Dispatch office of the Constable at 281-376-3472. Applications may also be obtained through the Constable's web site located at <http://www.cd4.hctx.net> When you get to the home page of the site, follow the link in the middle of the page, where it provides you with information and applications for the program.

URGENT!

North View HOA is now required by state law to give homeowners notice of all meetings at least 10 days prior to any meeting. Please send your email address to northview.barbara@sbcglobal.net or call 281 443-0550 so that we can add you to our database for these, and other important notices.

Stay Informed
Sign up for e-mail



Street Light Out?

Call Center Point Energy
713-207-2222

Give the operator (or answering machine) the street address that the pole is in front of & the pole number on the pole. Or go to the website:

CenterPointEnergy.Com/Outage/
Light is an enemy of criminals!



Cooler weather also means that the days are getting shorter, and daylight is over much sooner. Remember to turn on your outside lights earlier in the day to deter criminals and mischief makers!

DANGER!

The region is constantly in High Danger Fire Alert due to EXTREME drought conditions. Please! Don't discard smoking materials along the road, be very careful with barbecue pits, and pay attention when using any flame/heat source.

Ponderosa FD is responding to a record number of emergencies including standard responses. Our staff is doing great but we need your constant awareness to commit to being extremely careful. We have experienced several smaller fires along curb & gutter streets that are obviously caused by carelessly discarded smoking materials.

Sunday September 11, we & many other county fire departments assisted Houston FD at the north end of George Bush airport's north runway along Aldine Westfield & Birnham Wood. That fire started from a truck/transport trailer that contacted the roadway & sparked from metal contact to concrete. It caused a huge fire & should be a lesson to understand the extremely dry conditions.

Please do your part. Be extremely careful.

Thank you
Fred C. Windisch, Fire Chief

Neighborhood Watch Works!

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



Building Safer and Better Neighborhoods Through Community Involvement
Take a stand against crime! Join the North View Neighborhood Watch!

Honoring All Who Served

Veterans Day:
November 11th 2011

The North View HOA, Board of Directors and Residents would like to say "Thank You" To all of our Veterans, and a special thanks to all North View Veterans:

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| Drusilla Clark | Judy Eckerle | | |
| Daniel Filip | John Franks | | |
| Derick T. Fuselier | Walter Kingsley | | |
| Michael Levand | Jim Luplow | | |
| Leonard Manos | Michael Newbern | Leonce Pierre | Ronald E. Rowand, Sr. |
| Stephen Simmons | Derrick Walker | Raqai White | Rever White |



Join Us! Sunday, November 6th, 2011 at 2:00pm when we will be dedicating our new flag pole and flag in honor of our North View Veterans at the North View Community Pool. Come out and join us to raise the flag for the first time, and tell a Vet "Thank You!"

What the hell are you doing?
Texting and Driving...

Slim Chance Of Surviving!



Congratulations
Yard of The Month
Winners!

Thanks for keeping North View Beautiful!

June: 910 North Sky **July:** 16335 N. Trail
710 Northaire 939 N. Sky

August: 16003 Northmark
15902 N. Place

September: 15831 Sky Land
806 N. Sky

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

**SAVE A LIFE
STOP A CRIME
REPORT A FIRE**

**CALL
911**

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING!**

GOT INK? If you have any type of printer ink jet, ink cartridge, or toner that you usually throw away when they are empty **STOP!** We're collecting printer cartridges & recycling them to help pay for the cost of our newsletter. If you would like to donate empty ink jets or cartridges please contact Barbara at: northview.barbara@sbcglobal.net

IT IS EASY BEING GREEN AFTERALL!

The North View paper recycling program is a huge success & continues to make money for our North View Social Committee events. Please remember that you can recycle ALL PAPER PRODUCTS in our green and yellow Abitibi recycle bin located at the Ponderosa Fire Station on Imperial Valley.

Where You Can Recycle!

Paper products: Fire Department on Imperial Valley.

Cans & bottles: Take to recycle bin behind West Marine store on I-45 feeder between 1960 & Bammel

Waste oil: Take it to Mr. Car Wash on FM 1960 between I 45 and Imperial Valley Dr.

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/
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

Cypress Creek Flood Control
Coalition: www.ccfcc.org



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Need a Baby Sitter???**

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Mckayla
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- *References available on request
- *Week Nights & Weekends Day or Night

Spring Woods Church
1711 FM 1960 West, Houston TX 77090
281 444-6468 www.sw-umc.org

Join us for Sunday worship
9:30am Traditional Service
or
11:00 am Arise! Contemporary Service



*October gave a party. The leaves by
hundreds came. The Chestnuts, Oaks, and
Maples, and leaves of every name. The
Sunshine spread a carpet, and everything
was grand. Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band. ~George Cooper~*



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