



# The North View News

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



**What is National Night Out?**

**It's America's *Night Out* Against Crime!**

The "24<sup>th</sup> 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, August 7, 2007 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the North View Community Center (Pool). We cordially invite you to be a part of our NIGHT OUT 2007 team.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved residents, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in National Night Out in 2006.

**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.

This year we will hold National Night Out at the North View Community Center (Pool) 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 Hotdogs with a bag of chips, and your choice of soda or water along with chili sauce, cheese, onions and condiments. There will also be snow cones, and popcorn. We will have a DJ



## HURRICANE

### BEFORE:

- ? 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. Awnings should be tied securely or taken 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. Do not try to secure your 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.

- ? 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.

### HURRICANE TERMS:

- ? **Tropical disturbance:** A moving area of thunderstorms of tropical origin that maintains its identity for more than 24 hours.
- ? **Tropical Storm:** A rotary circulation at the surface of water with sustained winds of 38 MPH or less.
- ? **Tropical Storm:** A rotary circulation at the surface of water with sustained winds between 39 and 73 MPH.
- ? **Hurricane:** A tropical cyclone with sustained winds of 74 MPH or more
- ? **Hurricane Watch:** The first alert given by the National Weather Service when a hurricane poses a possible, but as yet uncertain, threat to a specific coastal area. Small craft are advised to stay in port.
- ? **Hurricane Warning:** A Hurricane

### EVACUATION TIPS:

#### IF YOU PLAN TO EVACUATE:

1. Take along valid identification, insurance documents, and property inventories and personal papers in a waterproof box.
2. Take along personal toiletries, blankets pillows, any medication and an AM radio tuned to News Radio 740 KTRH.
3. Turn off main gas valve to house.
4. Sterilize, then fill water containers, sinks and bathtubs then turn off main water to house and drain lines.
5. Close drapes and lock all windows and doors.
6. Take your pets with you. If that is impossible leave a two week supply of food and water for your pets. Make sure all pets have proper identification.
7. Turn off electricity at main box.

**Stay alert!**  
**Stay informed!**  
**Use common sense!**  
**Stay calm!**

#### SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE INTENSITY SCALE

CATEGORY:	WIND/MPH:	DAMAGE
1	74-95	MINIMAL
2	96-110	MODERATE
3	111-130	EXTENSIVE
4	131-155	EXTREME
5	156-UP	CATASTOPHIC

#### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

**CONSTABLE-EMERGENCY:**  
301 376 2473

## YARD OF THE MONTH



As an added incentive, we will have six Yard of The Month winners this year. From April-September each Yard of the Month winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

If you would like to help pick the Yard of the Month winner please attend the monthly meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> or contact our Community Events Director, Belinda, at 281 229-1443.

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**YARD OF THE MONTH GIFT  
CERTIFICATES ARE PROVIDED BY  
SUMMIT LANDSCAPE**  
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### School Starts August 27<sup>th</sup>



It's that time again. We only have a few weeks before we will be reminded about school zones and school busses. Those of us with school age children will need to start thinking about school supplies, bus schedules and sometimes...new schools.

This is the time of year when there is more activity on the streets of our neighborhood. Be mindful of our kids

281 821-

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## ANDY DEKANEY HIGH SCHOOL

Dekaney High School represents the first 5-A school built in Spring ISD in almost 30 years.

The school will open this August with 1200 students in grades 9-10.

According to Mr. Phil Eaton, principle at Dekaney, the first and primary objective of the school is student success. Dekaney will be dedicated to student learning in a positive and safe environment. Instructions will be tightly connected to preparation for college and career pathways that will prepare the student for life after high school.

The 480,000 square foot building on an 82 acre site is designed around 4 houses, or small learning communities. Students will spend the majority of the school day within their "house" where they will attend core academic classes of Math, English, Science and Social Studies. Students will leave their "house" for elective studies, allowing teachers, principles and school counselors to work together to personalize learning for the student.



**Dekaney - A  
World Class  
School!**

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, you can contact Mr. Eaton at 821-952-1600.

**SEX OFFENDERS**

### **HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS:**

**Chaparral Management**  
281-537-0957

**Contact: Betty x29** for ACC Applications, and to report park Or pool area maintenance problems.

**Sandi x23** for deed Restriction violations

**Susan x21** for questions Regarding your statement.

**Centerpoint Energy:**  
[www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/)  
**713 207-2222 or 1 888 572-4399**  
**Choose option 1 for English and Option 4 for street light outage.**

### **OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES/LINKS:**

**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)

**Harris County Vicious Dog Information:**  
[www.countypets.com/webbad.html](http://www.countypets.com/webbad.html)  
(713 767-1147)

**Low Flying Airplane Noise:**  
[www.houstonairportsystem.org](http://www.houstonairportsystem.org)

**CCFCC:** [www.cfcc.org](http://www.cfcc.org)



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE DEED RESTRICTIONS TO OPERATE A BUSINESS OUT OF YOUR HOME.**

**ACC...WHAT IS THE PROCESS?**  
Remember there are strict guidelines if you decide to build on to or modify your homes. These guidelines are in place to increase and/or maintain the value of our homes and of our community.

It is important that we adhere to the requirement of an ACC Form when modifying or improving our homes. The ACC form must be **COMPLETED AND APPROVED PRIOR** to all modification, additions or deletions to your home.

**THE PROCESS...**  
The first time a homeowner receives a deed restriction violation letter, the homeowner must either fix the

**Problem or respond to Chaparral Management within 10 days. If a homeowner does not fix the problem, or contact Chaparral Management, within this time frame, a second Letter is sent via certified mail. THIS SECOND LETTER CARRIES WITH IT A \$29.69 FEE which is charged to your account. Needless to say, it benefits the homeowner to take care of the problem, or notify Chaparral Management of their intentions, prior to receiving the second letter. A prompt response to an ACC related letter will prevent your account from being charged.**

*If you know of a deed Restriction violation, report it.*

*If you are violating a deed Restriction; take care of it.*



**ATTEND A MEETING!**  
Monthly meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at The Ponderosa Fire station at 6:30pm.

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**THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
At the Ponderosa Fire Department on Imperial Valley Drive  
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**COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Community Club has been in Existence for more than 12 years and has accomplished many of its Goals to better our neighborhood and make North View a fun and Happy place for families to live. The Club members find satisfaction knowing the children enjoy the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt in the Spring, the barbecue plates and snow cones at the pool opening in May, and the Christmas caroling and beautiful Christmas Light decorating contest in December. This month's National Night Out is no exception!

Soon, however, if we do not get more volunteer involvement, these activities will have to end.

Do you have 2 or 3 hours to spare a few times a year? If so contact Belinda at 281 229-1443.

