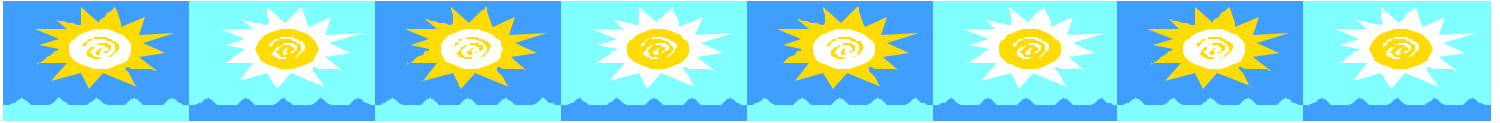


THE NORTH VIEW NEWS



IT'S TIME TO SAY THANKS FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



It is never too late to say thank-you to all the hard-working, law-abiding, considerate, regular folks that live here. We have a great neighborhood and we wanted to thank your for helping to make it a nice place to live.

We wanted to thank you for:

- Mowing your lawns
- Weeding and edging
- Picking up the newspaper off your neighbor's drive from time to time
- Putting away the kids toys instead of leaving them out in the front yard
- Parking in your garage whenever you can
- Moving your trash can out of view
- Sprucing up your house when it needs it
- Planting some "color" just for fun

If you weren't doing all those things, our neighborhood would be in poor shape and you probably do it just because it is the right thing to do. Without you our neighborhood wouldn't have "curb appeal" and our property values would be affected. Thanks a million for doing all the little things that count!

We also wanted to thank you for:

- Paying your annual maintenance assessments on time
- Coming to meetings or sending your proxy
- Participating in neighborhood events
- Volunteering for an occasional association project
- Working with kids teams, buying Girl Scout cookies or wrapping paper from a school kid in the band
- Checking up on the older couple across the street when you don't see activity for a while

If weren't for you, we would be short on that mysterious secret ingredient called a "sense of community". That's the ingredient that makes us happy to come home to our neighborhood at night. It's the sense that we are all in this together and that we care for each other in that great old American traditional way. Thanks a million. You are this neighborhood's unsung heroes.

That's all. We just wanted to say thanks.

PRESIDENT.....Sharon Morris
VICE PRESIDENT.....Mike Jones
TREASURER.....Pat Hennesy
DIRECTOR.....Mindy Coward
SECRETARY.....Ronald Rowan
CHAPPARALL MGMT...Tally Jenkins

Welcome aboard Ron!!!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board member Ron Rowan. Ron will be focusing on the restructuring of the Community Club. He began with heading National Night Out this year, which was held on Tuesday August 3rd. Although we did not have the quantity of people we normally have, it was definitely a quality affair. Thanks Ron..... glad you joined the team

Sharon

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
COORDINATOR - Ronald Rowan
VOLUNTEER - Mindy Coward
VOLUNTEER - Sharon Morris
VOLUNTEER - Evie Wilcox
CONSTABLE - Garab

Hello, this is Ron,

I'll like to thank everyone who participated and attended National Night Out. It was a pleasure meeting each and every one of you. I look forward to meeting those of you who were unable to attend the event. For those of you who that I've yet to meet, I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I'm originally from New Orleans, Louisiana and have resided in North View for over twelve years. I graduated from Westfield High School in 1996 and am currently attending The University of Houston. I've been married for 4 years and I have a son who is now 2 years old. I've come to appreciate serving our community and everyone who resides in it because it's a place I call "home." I look forward to hosting many events and activities in which we all have a community involvement basis. I welcome your suggestions, comments and concerns in regards to North View. I also want to hear about the things in North View that you appreciate. My objective is to ensure that your voice is heard in order to serve you better as a board member. This place I call home is one in which I share with you. To me that means that outside of my front door is a welcoming gesture of me to you in becoming friends. Let's become friends and not only neighbors. Again, feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas to make our community a place that we all look forward to coming to each and every day. Best Regards, -Ron

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The "21st Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), was held on **Tuesday, August 3, 2004**, at the North View pool at 6:30 p.m. There was a moonwalk jumper and moonwalk slide, snow cones, popcorn and plenty of smiling faces.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

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

You can obtain more information on National Night Out from

www.nationaltownwatch.org



Well the dog days of summer are here!!! And it appears they will be with us for a while. Nevertheless, lets not forget that right around the corner is the

beginning our school year.



Yup, we only have a few weeks before we will be reminded of the school zones and school buses. Those of us with school age children, will have to think about getting those uniforms, school supplies, bus schedule etc.... and on and on an on. All of us will have to be reminded of the **SCHOOL ZONES** and school bus stops. Around this time, there is more activity in the streets and we need to be mindful of this.

School begins on August 16, 2004

Meyer Elementary School
A Recognized School
in Spring ISD
281-586-2680

Home of the Meyer Mustangs



Lenny Hardoin, Principal
Deborah Klemcke, Assistant Principal
Diane Sconzo, Assistant Principal

Meyer is a standardized dress school: blue and khaki colored pants, shorts, skirts, and jumpers. Shirts are solid colors with no stripes or logos, etc. (red, white, blue, green, and yellow. All styles of shirts are acceptable except tank tops and sleeveless.

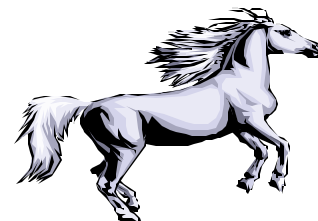
School hours: 8:00 - 3:00. Students arrive between 7:40 and 8:00. Breakfast served until 8:00 daily. Students are tardy after 8:15. Lunch and breakfast prices are available at the school. Students may enroll For free/reduced lunch program based upon family income. **Buses** will arrive daily between 7:00 and 7:35. SISD transportation Phone # is 281-355-3070 for more info. Class lists will be posted on the front doors of the school beginning the week of Aug. 9th. **School folders** will be sent home the first day of school with parent paper work and required forms for all students. PTO membership is available and will be sent home within two weeks.

BAMMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Patriots

281 586 2600

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Bill Lakin – Principal
16713 Ella Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77090-4298
(281) 586-1300



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 a garage. Fill your tank with gasoline.
- ❑ 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. An alternative is a bucket of sand.

DURING

- Keep your radio tuned continuously to News Radio 740 KTRH for frequent hurricane 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 necessary information.
- Stay away from disaster areas! Stay away from broken and low-hanging power lines. Notify police or the utility company of the damage.
- Stay home! Do not drive!
- Open freezers and ice chests only when necessary until power is restored.
- Make a list of storm damage to your home. Take photographs of the damage.

HURRICANE TERMS

- Tropical Disturbance - a moving area of thunderstorms of tropical origin that maintains its identity for more than 24 hours.
- Tropical Depression - 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 during a Hurricane Watch.
- Hurricane Warning - A Hurricane Warning is a notice to act. It means that a hurricane is expected to reach a coastal area within 24 hours with sustained hurricane force winds and dangerously high waters and/or waves.
- Eye - The relative calm area in the center of a storm. Winds are light in this area and the sky is often only partly covered by clouds.
- Flash Flood Watch - A flash flood is possible in the area. Stay alert and stay tuned to News Radio 740 KTRH.
- Flash Flood Warning - A flash flood is imminent. Take immediate action.

HURRICANE DANGERS

STORM SURGE This is the number one killer in all hurricanes. A storm surge is a rise of water caused by the forward motion of a hurricane toward the coast. The water level at the threatened coast will start to rise gradually as the hurricane approaches, then as the eye wall approaches the water level increases rapidly like a bulldozer shoving dirt. The rise in the water is also dependent upon the slope of the continental shelf. The steeper the slope the greater the storm surge for a given storm and speed. The highest surge is located just to the right of the "eye". A storm surge can range from a few feet to 25 feet.

STORM TIDE This is the height of the normal astronomical tide plus the storm surge.

WINDS The second most dangerous aspect of the hurricane. A doubling of the wind speed increases the destructive force four times! Shallow rooted trees can be blown down more than 100 miles inland and flying debris can cause considerable damage as large objects become airborne. The highest winds are generally just ahead and to the right of the "eye". In many storms, pressures fall and winds increase briefly just after landfall. This is caused by the enhancement of convection due to increased low-level convergence in the eye wall region.

INLAND FLOODING All tropical systems, including hurricanes, can cause torrential rainfall and widespread flooding at inland areas. This is particularly true with slow moving systems.

TORNADOES The cyclonic turning of the winds in and around a hurricane or tropical storm can spawn numerous tornadoes. In some cases the damage caused by the tornadoes can exceed the actual damage by the hurricane itself.

EVACUATION TIPS

IF YOU PLAN TO EVACUATE

1. Take along valid identification, insurance documents, property inventories and personal papers in a waterproof box.
2. Take along personal toiletries, blankets, pillows, any medications 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. Leave a two-week supply of food and water for your pets (shelters do not accept pets). Make sure all pets have proper identification.
7. Turn off electricity at main box.

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	CATASTROPHIC

Ponderosa VFD Round Up

A big thank you is in order for your support during the Emergency Services District #11 vote to create the district. The specific purpose is to create an emergency medical services district funded by a three-cent tax rate. That equates to \$30 per year for a \$100,000 valued property. The current method of donations on water usage bills will disappear in early 2005 and your taxes may be less than the donation. Our fire district voters approved the district with 71% in favor. Thank you.

Back to school time! Please drive safely and observe school zone speed limits.

Have you checked your smoke detector lately?

Ponderosa VFD Round Up

Hurricane season is here (again). Have a family meeting so that all understand the dangers and what you can do to prepare for long-term power outages and the potential for a lack of food supplies. Your plans should include at least three days of supplies. We believe our water systems are very reliable. Our citizens run our water districts and they have installed generators and inter-district emergency connections to maintain constant water supplies.

If there is an evacuation for any reason, you need to know how to turn off your main electrical breaker (if you do not have a main breaker, turn off all circuit breakers), and you should turn off the natural gas meter. There is a 90-degree valve at the gas meter inlet. When you return, you should turn on circuits one at a time, and if you don't know how to re-light pilot lights – Don't.

In the event the 9-1-1 is not working for any reason, our direct emergency number is 281-444-FIRE (3473). www.ponderosavfd.org

West Nile Virus General Information Fact Sheet



What Are The Symptoms Of West Nile Virus (WNV)?

Most people infected with WNV will not show symptoms. Some, however, may have a fever, headache, body aches, and swollen lymph nodes. A small number may develop encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the spinal cord). Although rare, death can occur.

How Is It Spread?

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no recorded proof of it being passed from person-to-person, animal-to-animal, or animal-to-person.

Can animals be infected with WNV?

Yes. However, the only domestic animals that appear to be harmfully affected by WNV are equines, such as horses. Wild birds can also develop severe symptoms and may have large die offs.

Where Has It Been and Where Is It Going?

West Nile virus is commonly found in Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia, and the Middle East. It was first detected in the United States in 1999, during which time there was an outbreak of it in New York. By mid-June of 2002, it had traveled to the eastern portion of Texas. Since then, it has been reported in mosquitoes, birds (such as blue jays and crows), horses, and humans in Texas. There has also been a continued westward movement of the virus.

Can It Be Treated?

There is no specific treatment for WNV infection. In a serious case, a person may have to be hospitalized and given supportive treatment along with good nursing care.

How Can I Reduce My Chances Of Being Infected?

1. Stay indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening.
2. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
3. Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent may contain 35% DEET. Repellents may bother the eyes and mouth, so try to not apply them to the hands of children.
4. Spray clothing with insect repellents containing permethrin or DEET, as mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.
5. Whenever you use an insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the directions for use that are printed on the product label.
6. It does not appear that a person can get WNV from handling live or dead infected birds. However, use gloves or double plastic bags when handling any dead animals, including birds.
7. If you leave your house windows open, make sure they have screens.

Do not allow water to stagnate in old tires, flowerpots, trash containers, swimming pools, birdbaths, pet bowls, etc.

REMEMBER THE "FOUR D'S" TO DEFEND YOURSELF

DUSK/DAWN are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active

DRESS in long sleeves and pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.

DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-oluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions, and always wear repellent when outdoors.

DRAIN standing water in your backyard and neighborhood – old tires, flowerpots, and closed rain gutters. These are mosquito-breeding sites.

PLEASE BE AWARE!!

NORTH VIEW COMMUNITY
DOES HAVE SEX
OFFENDERS IN OUR AREA.

Information can be accessed via email at
HYPERLINK

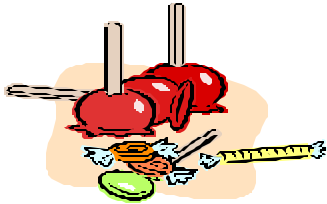
<http://www.co.harris.tx.us.\pct.4>

Or you may contact

Harris County Precinct #4 at 281-376-3472.

HOLIDAYS

HALLOWEEN



How to have a safe Halloween

Ages 5 to 8

by Donna Bozzo

Goodies. Goblins. Goofy and ghoulish costumes. Grade-schoolers love Halloween — but nothing turns fun into [fright](#) faster than an accident. A few things to keep in mind before you take your little monster out on October 31:

Practice fire safety. Look for costumes and accessories labeled "flame resistant." According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), such products not only resist burning but also snuff out quickly if they get too close to a flickering jack o' lantern.

To avoid contact with flame, don't dress your goblin in a costume with baggy sleeves or flowing skirts. In 1997, a Texas girl died of severe burns when her costume made of burlap strips caught fire from a lighted jack o' lantern. Regardless of what your child wears, make sure she stays clear of pumpkins that contain lighted candles. These fire hazards are a magnet for curious kids, who may try to touch, pick up, or peek inside them. (At home, snuff out the candles in decorative jack o' lanterns when you leave the room.)

Keep your child on her feet

When choosing or creating a costume, make sure it's short enough to allow your child to walk with ease. If you've borrowed a costume that's too long, sew or tape a quick hem at the bottom, or hike up the costume with a secure belt. Be on shoelace alert, too, and double-tie them before going out. Remind your child to watch out for pumpkins and other decorations on neighbors' steps and porches, since these can also pose a tripping hazard.

Make sure she stays visible.

If you and your child will be out after dark, it's a good idea to decorate her costume with strips of bright reflector tape (available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores). The tape will make her visible to cars and help you keep her in sight when she's thronged by trick-or-treaters.

Carry a small flashlight, too — it'll come in handy for negotiating long walkways and dimly lit doorways.

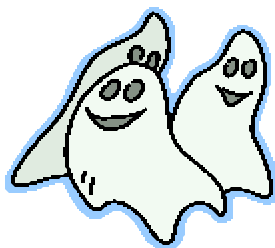
If your schedule permits, consider hitting the trick-or-treat trail while it's still light outside. Some communities have designated times for Halloween carousing, which may include early hours for grade-schoolers.

Give masks a pass. Masks can make it hard for your child to see and to breathe, so paint her face with nontoxic makeup instead. Vicki Lansky, author of *Another Use For...101 Common Household Items*, suggests making your own safe, inexpensive greasepaint at home: Mix 2 teaspoons of white shortening (such as Crisco) with 5 teaspoons of cornstarch and 1 teaspoon of flour. Add a little water or glycerin to thin the mixture, then whisk in a few drops of food coloring. It shouldn't run, but like any commercial makeup this homemade brew will smear if your child rubs her face. If you suspect she'll have trouble keeping her hands away, apply makeup sparingly.

Treat candy with care. Before letting your child dig into her Halloween haul, scrutinize the treats for evidence of tampering

Carefully examine each wrapper to make sure there are no pinpricks or signs of opening. In addition, accept homemade treats only from neighbors you know, and cut up fruit before serving it.

To avoid candy glutony, consider combining the entire family's goodies in a communal collection at the end of the evening. This works well if you have older and younger children, because the Halloween loot gets distributed more evenly. Keep the collection bowl in a high cabinet or some other hard-to-reach spot, and give out just a few pieces at a time.



Remember there are alternatives to the traditional Trick or Treating. For those of us who prefer not to go house-to-house, the Mall and many grocery stores distribute candy and goodies. Many churches have dress up parties and/or you may have one your own.

NOT TO SOON TO THINK ABOUT



Yes. Symptoms like sneezing, congestion, red eyes, scratchy throat, headaches, and drowsiness that last throughout the late summer and fall are most likely due to allergies (hay fever).

Fall allergy season officially starts in mid-August in most parts of the country and lasts through the end of October. (**The deep South may be a week or two behind.**) This is because most fall allergies are due to the pollination of low-growing weeds like the ragweed, a stubborn weed that grows along roadsides and in vacant lots all over the U.S. Each ragweed plant may produce a billion tiny pollen grains that travel on the wind and into the noses, eyes, and throats of the 36 million Americans (including 6 million children) who are susceptible to hay fever.

Mold spores are also afloat in the air at this time, picked up by the wind from the soil, vegetation, or rotting wood. Outdoor mold spores reach their peak in July in warmer states and in October in colder states.

Here's what you can do to limit the exposure to fall allergens:

- Use an air conditioner and a dehumidifier to keep your indoor air cool and dry.
- Keep the windows closed in your home and car.
- Don't let your child play in the yard when you are raking leaves or mowing grass.
- Bathe your child each night, especially after outdoor play, and wash his outdoors clothes in hot water.
- Don't hang sheets or clothes up to dry outside since pollen can accumulate in them.

If your child is highly sensitive, you can plan to avoid the outdoors altogether when the pollen levels are at their worst, usually in hot, dry, or windy weather. You can get updated pollen and mold spore counts in your area several times a week by calling:

(800) 9-POLLEN <http://www.aaaai.org/nab>
the [National Allergy Bureau's Web site](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a website to register your low flying airplane noise complaints.

It is www.houstonairportsystem.org



FACILITY CARDS (Pool/Tennis Court Entry Card)

If you have not applied for or received your Facility Card contact Suzanne Nurre at Chaparral Management for information on how to obtain your card. Chaparral Management Co. charges a \$10.00 processing fee to issue the cards.

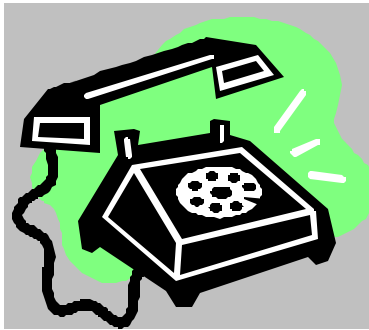
In addition, the first card issued to any address is at no charge for the card itself. Additional or replacement cards (1 per household) are \$20.00 each.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CARDS ARE ISSUED TO AN ADDRESS, NOT AN OWNER, IF YOU MOVE, THE CARD SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE NEW RESIDENTS. IF NOT, THEY WILL BE CHARGED FOR A REPLACEMENT CARD.



ACC

Prior approval is necessary for all exterior modification or additions. This includes Basketball goals and fences.



Chaparral Management 281-537-0957

Contact::

Betty x29 for ACC applications, and to report park or pool area maintenance problem.

Kendall x23 for deed restriction violations

Susan x21 for questions regarding your statement.

Constable-Emergency: 281-376-3472

Sheriff's Office: 713-221-6000

Fire & Ambulance: 911

Poison Control: 1-800-764-7661

Animal Control: 281-999-3191

Other helpful websites/links

Center Energy (formerly HL&P) at 713-207-2222 or 1-888-572-4399; you will choose option "1" for English, then option "4" to report the street light outage. The website is <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/>

Precinct 4 - Community Assistance
<http://www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index.htm>

Precinct 4 - Constable Department
<http://www.co.harris.tx.us/pct4/>

Harris County Health Department
<http://www.hd.co.harris.tx.us/Display.htm>

Harris County Vicious Dog Information
713-767-1147 (Pager)
<http://www.countypets.com/webbad.htm>



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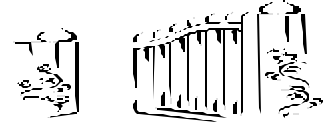
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