

THE NORTH VIEW NEWS



NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CLUB

TO DO OR NOT TO DO?

We need volunteers for the North View Community Club.

The Community Club has been in existence for more than 10 years. It 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 that over 60 children enjoy the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt in the spring. They help prepare for the annual BBQ cook-off and serve refreshments and snow cones at the pool opening in May. We show appreciation and give incentive to our hard working homeowners by offering and choosing the Yard of the Month in the spring and summer months as well as judging the Christmas decorating contest in the winter. We look forward to meeting our neighbors, Constables and Saluting our Firefighters during National Night Out in August and Christmas caroling in December.

Many of these events would not be possible if it weren't for the time, talent of the unselfish Community Club members. Of the over 500 homes in North View, there are only 2 active members, which are also the President and the Vice President of the HOA.

If you have had the opportunity to experience the dedication of Community Club to our Sub-Division by participating in any of the events listed above and would like to be a member or just help out with particular events, please call us.

Unlike most Community Clubs, this club is not very demanding. Meetings are held only eight (8) times a year and mainly just prior to a special even Our most recent event was the Easter Egg hunt, which had record attendees. Our next event is the Our Annual Garage Sale on May 8th and the yard of the month.. If you can volunteer just 10 hours a year to the community we all call home, the rewards are tremendous, Men and/or women are encouraged to join and participate. Please feel free to contact Mindy Coward or Sharon Morris at 281-233-9846 .

*Don't let North View become just another neighborhood.
Make it a place to call home!*



Home Owners Association



The North View Home Owners Association is a group of volunteer homeowners who represent the interest of the North View homeowners and serve as liaisons between the homeowner and Chaparral Management.

We invite you to participate in our monthly meetings which are held every 4th Thursday of each month at the Ponderosa Fire station on Imperial Valley. At this time you may offer suggestions, express concerns and get a feel of what we do, how and why. Feel free to come to our meetings and see the board at work. At the present time, we have a vacant board position. If you are interested please contact Tally Jenkins Chaparral Management (281)537-0957

2004 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held on March 25th at the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department on Rolling Creek. We were glad to see a lot of new homeowners at this meeting. The proxy's that were turned in were placed in a box and a drawing was held for three door \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00. Homeowners did not have to be present to win.

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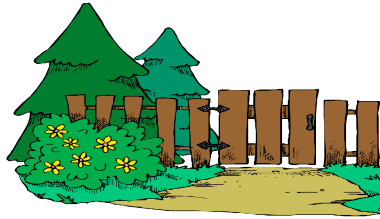
BRUCE NAVE.....1ST PRIZE \$100
JOAN PRATT..... 2ND PRIZE \$ 75
PATRICE STEPNEY...3rd PRIZE \$ 50

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO
IMPROVE OUR IMAGE.**



OUTSIDE HOME INSPECTIONS

We at North View strive to keep our neighbor image toe to toe with the best. What are you doing as an individual to help keep our subdivision looking good and the values of our homes up? Here are a few tips and reminders.



FENCES - Homeowners are encouraged to inspect their fences for any needed maintenance of fence pickets. Several homeowners are notified each month with deed restriction violation letters regarding broken, loose and missing fence pickets on their property. Preventative maintenance can help keep you from losing that pet or from causing more damage to the fence or your property. Ownership is not merely determined by the way the pickets face. Neighbors usually cooperate on improvements or projects involving a shared fence. Check your survey to determine where the fence is built to determine who owns the fence.



GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES - Have you seen a neighbor sweeping the gutter by the curb and removing the grass clipping to make the neighborhood look nice? Has this neighbor swept these clipping and leaves down the storm drain? **THIS IS ILLEGAL AND HOMEOWNERS COULD BE FINED.**

Debris in the drainage system can clog the storm sewers and could cause a major problem with flooding in the neighborhood. Use lawn bags and gather grass and leaves for the trash men to collect. Thanks for you help.



TRASH IS OUT OF SIGHT - Homeowners should place trash out for pick up the evening before or morning of scheduled pick up days. Please be sure to remove your trash cans from the driveway after service. Trash cans should be stored out of sight from the street those non-trash service days to keep t. Thanks.

STOP SIGNS



Please do not tape any signs to the stop signs in the neighborhood. When the signs are removed the tape usually remains and this makes the neighborhood look messy. If you live by a stop sign and you have noticed this, could you be a good neighbor and remove as much of the tape as possible. If you place a sign on the stop sign, take the tape and sign down at the end of the day.

IN-HOME INSPECTIONS



Have you walked around your house lately? If not, you may not have noticed some of the things our inspector may find in riding through the community. Homeowners should take a few minutes and walk around your house. Look closely at doors, windows, paint, siding, fascia boards, roof shingles, bricks and other areas. You may notice signs that indicate maintenance or repairs are needed. In many cases, if you see an area of concern, a contractor can inspect and provide their professional opinion at no cost to you. Check to see if your home needs any of the following:

- ⚡ **Doors** - check trim, seals and paint or stains. Many doors receiving exposure to the sun or elements are faded and may need attention
- ⚡ **Windows** - check trim, seals and paint or stains. Look for areas of leaks and/or rotten wood.
- ⚡ **Paint** - check home to see if paint is fading, peeling or cracking.
- ⚡ **Siding** - check to see if it is secure, cracking, soft or flaking.
- ⚡ **Fascia boards** - check paint and wood to make sure it is in good condition.
- ⚡ **Roof** - loose or damaged shingles.
- ⚡ **Bricks** - check for loose or cracked bricks.
- ⚡ **Garages** - look for damaged siding, and faded or dented garage doors

Additional home inspection suggestions from the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department Round-Up.

- ☞ Check the **smoke detector** every month; mark your calendar, or better yet, put a reminder in your computer.
- ☞ Purchase a **fire extinguisher** and inspect it regularly to assure the gauge is in the "green".
- ☞ Clean your home **heating unit**.
- ☞ Do not store **chemicals/cleaners** where kids can reach, and never mix products.
- ☞ Never burn anything other than logs in your **fireplace**.
- ☞ Never use gasoline or other **flammable liquids** as a cleaner.
- ☞ Use ladders safely, never work off the top of a step ladder.
- ☞ Repair electrical problems immediately.
- ☞ Candles – use a large plate, never place near anything, always extinguish when you leave.
- ☞ Never allow yourself to leaving cooking unattended.

Visit our website at www.ponderosavfd.org

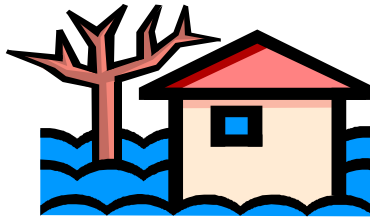
Emergency Assistance & House Numbers

Homeowners should inspect and look to see if you can find your house. Many street numbers on the houses are either not there or missing numbers. This can be a problem for emergency vehicles trying to find your home in the event of an medical, police, or fire emergency. City of Houston ordinance requires street numbers to be clearly visible from the public street. Please check your house and see if you could find your house numbers during the day or night.

SPECIAL NOTE:



There has been a mass mail out to North View and Willow West subdivisions that is in error. **Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services is your ambulance agency.** The brochure you may have received indicates that you are being served by another agency. The Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department continues to work with Cypress Creek EMS to deliver the highest quality service that you deserve.



Flood damage reduction plans - Cypress Creek Watershed

Rapidly growing urban development is continuing to accelerate in the Northwestern sector the Cypress Creek Watershed as new subdivisions, shopping centers, schools, highways and streets break ground each month. You may have questions: What are the Harris County plans for timely integrated building of flood damage reduction infrastructure to offset the tremendous increase in storm water runoff being created due to forests and pastures being replaced with asphalt and concrete? Is there a consensus of opinion within the engineering community on workable methods for achieving levels of flood reduction, which the taxpayers want? Has the volume and peak of floodwaters been technically calculated? And what is being done to determine the consequences if this infrastructure is not constructed ahead of urban development? Is there a lack of sufficient funds for purchasing land and constructing regional detention basins? Are Commissioner Steve Radack and Commissioner Jerry Eversole supportive in the quest for avoiding delays in timely construction of flood protection in the Cypress Creek Watershed? What is the current status and what are the plans for the "Home Buy-out Program" in the Cypress Creek Watershed?

Information on monthly meetings, flood insurance, flood maps, flood projects, events, membership and more is available on the CCFCC web site, www.ccfcc.org. by e-mail floodalliance@ccfcc.org or telephone 281-469-5161.



During an emergency, you do not have time to ask questions, and you do whatever is necessary to correct the situation. If you are sick or injured you call an ambulance. If you are robbed or assaulted you call the police. If you have a fire, you naturally call the fire department. As a matter of fact, people call the fire department for many other reasons besides just fires. When there is a crisis, the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department is there for you.

There is a saying in the fire service that when people need help for anything they call the fire department.

Many people are also curious about the basic background of their community based fire department. The Ponderosa VFD is a 65 member primarily volunteer fire department. The volunteers are at three fire stations, Ponderosa, Cypressdale, and North View in a 13 square mile area. The fire chief directs the departments' operations in conjunction with six elected officers. All volunteers are in constant communications with the Cypress Creek EMS dispatch center via a radio pager. Five personnel assist the force and are paid an hourly rate Monday through Friday to provide staffing during our volunteers' work time.

Visit the website www.ponderosavfd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



EARLY POOL OPENING

Due to many requests, the pool season is starting early this year opening on weekends from 12pm - 6pm, May 15,16, 22, and 23rd. The official summer opening day will be Saturday, May 29th.

YARD OF THE MONTH



As an added incentive, we have decided to have **six yard-of-them** months this year April – September. Each yard of the month winner will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate.

If you'd like to assist with upcoming events that the Community Club sponsors, please attend the Annual Meeting on March 25, @ the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department On Rolling Creek. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please e-mail Mindy Howard or Sharon Morris via the North View website



Classics Soccer Club
"Strive for Excellence with the Best"

Classics 91 White Lightning

www.classics91w.org



DECEMBER 15, 2003 PRESS RELEASE

The Classics White Lightning-U12 boys team takes both Eastern District and South Texas State Championships. As the fall season came to a close with an 8-2-0 standing, the excitement from the team grew. The anticipation of progressing to the district finals spread from the boys to the sidelines, where siblings, friends and parents cheered, rang bells and blew whistles of encouragement at every game. The mix of parents, players, coaches and trainers bred enthusiasm and desire, which was unmatched by all other opponents.

As the team continued to improve their comprehension and execution of new positioning and strategies during the fall season, they sustained convincing wins to finish the fall season with a thirst that still needed quenching. Only one thing would satisfy that thirst, winning the STYSA Championship, but to do that they had to finish in the top two of the Eastern District Championships.

The first two games in the Eastern District against the Extreme Gold and the Gulf Coast Elite were hard fought victories with strong goals scored and even stronger defense keeping the opponents scoreless. The third game against the Friendswood Force looked, at the start of the game, to be the teams undoing when an early goal was allowed. But they wouldn't and couldn't be stopped. With the early odds against them, they fought back with strong defense that shut the opponent out for the rest of the game. Strong midfield and forward play put the ball in the net. The end result: 3 wins-0 losses-0 ties and First Place in the Eastern District Championships.

With the first place in the Eastern District in their pocket, there was only one more step to satisfy their thirst. Win the STYSA Championship Finals. If someone thought their power over the teams in the Eastern District Championships was impressive, then in the STYSA Championship Finals only words such as UTTER DOMINATION on defense, COLOSSAL CONTROL of the mid-field, and PURE POWER on offense describe these games.

The State Play-Offs, this year, were hosted at Zube Park, just outside Tomball. Besides freezing temperatures, both teams in the early morning had to deal with wet, muddy fields due to heavy rains during the night. But all the hard work and commitment was on display as the White Lightning exhibited control, power, and finesse in the games against the El Paso Desert Rats, Hays Fusion, and San Antonio Bulls, all combined into a phenomenal display of TEAMWORK. Not a single goal was scored on the White Lightning in the Finals, while the ball continued to find the back of the opponents' net to secure their victories. All of this was testament to the effort and drive this team has put forth.

So at the end of a long fall season, and two colossal weekends of championship games, who are they ---

T H E S U P E R I I
EASTERN DISTRICT and STYSA STATE CHAMPIONS
CLASSICS U12 WHITE LIGHTNING!!!!

Congratulations to

- ?? Scott, Andrew, Jose, Josh, Wil and Jacob for their defensive play,
- ?? Jonathan, Austin, Luis, Emilio, Jorge, Johan for their midfield play, and
- ?? Matt, Shakeel, Brian and Marcos for their forward play.

Coach Bob Decker, Assistant Coach David Otazu, and Trainer Mark Castillo

TIDBITS


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.



AIRPLANE NOISE

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

www.houstonairportsystem.org

You can complete a noise complaint form found under Contact Us (lower left corner). Residents are advised to complain as frequently as you can justify. This will help build "mass" in their database.

Deann Simmons 281.443.6975



DON'T MISS OUT, READ THE OBSERVER

So you say "What is the Observer"? The Observer is the little newspaper that you find in your driveway. It has been rained on, driven, on and evened thrown away. But should we continue to let this misunderstood paper get by without being observed? Take a good look at it. It has a lot of good community information and guess what.... It is free. So take the time to find out what is happening and developing in and around our neighborhood.

Important Notice

Regarding the Spraying for Mosquitoes



Its time to start spraying for mosquitoes.

Did you know that the spray used during the mosquito fogging has to be applied while the mosquitoes are flying?

Did you also know that mosquitoes are most active around dusk?

The Board recently became aware that since mosquitoes are most active around dusk, that spraying during that time of day, will kill the most mosquitoes. As a result, Cypress Creek Pest Control will begin spraying the neighborhood during that time of day.

The insecticide stays in the air 3-4 hours; however, the concentration begins to diminish once it dissipates in the air and is almost unnoticeable within 30 minutes after the truck has passed.

The change in the spraying times will begin within a week after the newsletter is delivered. Notice of the change will be posted on the events board at the entrance.

CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

The Ponderosa VFD has a limited supply of FREE smoke detectors. Smoke detectors DO wear out, some models in 10 years or less. Stop by Ponderosa VFD Headquarters at 17061 Rolling Creek for a free smoke detector (donated by Loew's Home Improvement).



Ponderosa VFD Round Up

The PVFA. is a non-profit corporation with five civilian members, the fire chief, and a fire fighter representative. This board of directors sets the direction for the organization and expects the fire department to operate effectively and efficiently. The Emergency Services District board of directors is comprised of five individuals appointed by Harris County. The District has a tax rate of six cents per hundred dollars of evaluation (an \$80,000 property pays \$48 per year). The District contracts with the Association to provide the necessary resources within budget constraints.

The quality of our service is considered quite good; the Insurance Services Offices "rates" the department at a 3 - within the top 4% of our nation's fire departments. **This service level reduces most of our residents and businesses insurance costs, a value added benefit for everyone every year.**

May 2004 Ponderosa VFD

Round Up

May 15, 2004 is a very important vote for the residents of our fire district. The Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department is asking for your support to vote FOR the formation of Emergency Services District #11. ESD 11 will be for the sole purpose of funding emergency medical services within our fire district within a total of about 240 square miles of unincorporated Harris County.

ESD 11's area is served by the Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services Association (CEEMS). Our working relationship since 1975 has been nothing less than phenomenal, and it is time to make the step change of donated funds to a minimal impact ad valorem property tax.

Under the current funding, CEEMS asks residents to donate on their monthly water bills. This method is unstable and does NOT include the many apartment complexes and businesses in the CEEMS service area. The tax rate is capped at three cents that equates to a \$100,000 property paying \$30.00 per year. If ESD 11 is created, CEEMS will drop the donation requests, and in many cases the tax will be less than what you donate.

We appreciate your support and we need your vote on May 15, 2004. Regular and early voting places will be announced in the media

Car Seat Inspection Stations

CEEMS has recently been assigned as one of only 6 Houston Area Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations by the SAFE KIDS Greater Houston organization. Inspection Stations educate parents on child passenger safety, inspect car seats and booster seats, and assist with seat replacement when possible. Certified Car Seat Inspectors from CEEMS and local law enforcement agencies will be manning the inspection station in the FM 1960 area. There is no cost for this service.

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Check your phone bill

It appears that some telephone bills may have a Texas Municipal Fee of \$1.54 per month. That fee should not be on any telephone bills within the Ponderosa VFD district. Contact your telephone service provider to have the fee removed

EVERY PENNY COUNTS

ADVERTISE!!!!!!!

You may advertise in our newsletter and/or on our Subdivision Sign. For more information, guidelines, restrictions and cost, please contact us via our website

WEBSITE: WWW.NORTHVIEWNEWS.COM



TEENAGE BABYSITTING CLUB

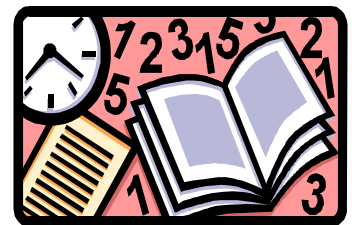


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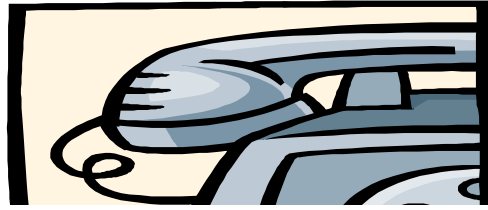
Having problems in math?

Sixth Grade to College



For help call Joel & Anne Charles
At (281) 209-9612 or e-mail
Mcandace00@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



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

NOTES:

Other helpful websites/links

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

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>

Low Flying Airplane Noise Complaints
www.houstonairportsystem.org

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www.ccfcc.org.

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