

# THE NORTH VIEW NEWS



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2007, seems like we just went through Y2K!!!!

Things have been fairly quiet over the past month. Some of us were closing out the old and preparing for a new and better beginning; but it has mainly been due to the cold and wet weather we've been having. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. On that note, all holiday decorations should be down by now. If yours are still up, please take them down.

### challenge

DRIVE UP TO YOUR HOME AND LOOK AT IT. Then ask yourself, would I like to live next to this home?

Most potential homeowners drive around and are attracted to certain neighborhoods; these neighborhoods, look clean, kept, friendly and warm. Owners don't allow their dogs and cats to roam freely. These same neighborhoods normally have very strict deed restrictions and homeowners that adhere to them. Very seldom do you see a nice neighborhood where everyone is doing their own thing. When you do, a good name for that is "eye sores" which decrease property values.

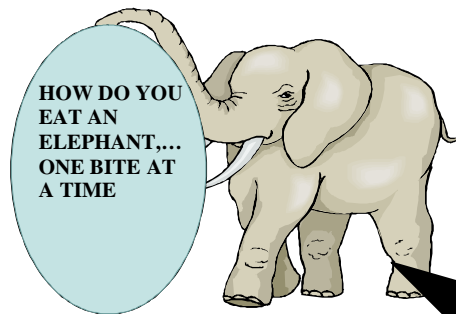
THE SAME MINDSET IT TAKES TO GET IT, IT TAKES TO KEEP IT.

If you are not adhering to the North View

I would like to take this opportunity to go over the process for notifying residents of deed restriction violations. The first time a homeowner gets a deed restriction violation letter, the homeowner must either fix the problem or respond to the Chaparral Management concerning the problem.

If a homeowner does not fix the problem, or does not contact Chaparral management within the time frame allowed, a second letter is sent via certified mail. THIS LETTER CARRIES WITH IT A \$29.32 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. If it is ACC related, it is required that an ACC from is completed and APPROVED PRIOR to making any outside modifications to your home. If you do receive a deed restriction violation letter, please read it carefully. If you can not fix the problem right then, call Chaparral and "touch base" with them. This will prevent you from getting a second letter, and also prevent your account from being charged.

### LET GET AND KEEP NORTH VIEW UP



#### New house vs. Nice home

You don't have to have to have a **new house** have a **nice home**. Some of the nicest houses are the older ones, "well built" large rooms, large closets and most of all, large yards. So although we have new houses in the neighborhood, don't be intimidated, we are all one. We can offer the freshness of new houses

## Homeowners Association



The North View Home Owners Association is a group of volunteer homeowners (we do not get paid). 5 homeowners are elected by the residents to represent and protect the interest of North View. The Board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large positions. We are all homeowners so we have a heart for North View.

We invite you to participate in our monthly meetings which are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Ponderosa Fire station on Imperial Valley at 6:30pm. 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 be a part.

### 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on March 22, 2006 at the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department on Rolling Creek. Please keep an eye out for your proxy and turn it in. There will be a drawing for three door prizes: \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00. Homeowners do not have to be present to win, but must be current on the annual assessment.

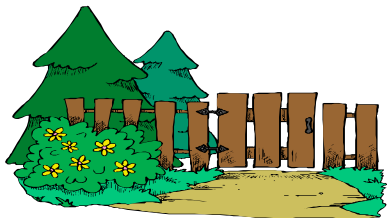
The Community Club is off to a great start. I have some new ideas and have support from some great volunteers. Barbara Franks, Avis Budd and Silvia Bonilla. THANKS from your Community Club president

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO IMPROVE OUR IMAGE.



### OUTSIDE HOME INSPECTIONS

We at North View strive to keep our neighborhood 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. At present staining is a violation of the deed restrictions, however, we are looking at some stains that can be approved.

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.



## STOP SIGNS



We have asked in the past that advertisements not be taped to the stop signs in the neighborhood. When/if the signs are removed the tape usually remains and this makes the neighborhood look messy. It is also illegal to place signs on County property. 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?

## 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 while 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.

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](http://www.ponderosavfd.org)

### Emergency Assistance & House Numbers

Homeowners should inspect and look to see if others can find the address for 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 a 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.

## 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

### 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.



## 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.

## Classics 91 White Lightning

[www.classics91w.org](http://www.classics91w.org)

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## Classics Soccer Club

"Strive for Excellence with the Best"

# TIDBITS



PLEASE BE AWARE!!

## 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?

**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 Lowe's Home Improvement).



**Ponderosa VFD Round Up**

The PVFD. 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 (CEMS). Our working relationship since 1975...

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**

CCEMS 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 CCEMS 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](http://WWW.NORTHVIEWNEWS.COM)



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

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## 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

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

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[www.ccfcc.org](http://www.ccfcc.org).

**North View Subdivision**

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