NEWPORT NEWS

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BOARD SETS 2015 ASSESSMENT

The 2015 monthly assessment will remain at \$40 per month.

Coupons will be mailed before Thanksgiving break. If you are on direct debit you will not receive coupons. MARK YOUR CALENDARS December 7, 2014 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Winter Celebration Gazebo Area Newport Boulevard



- two snow areas
- Mr. & Mrs. Claus
- hot chocolate and cookies



Please bring an unwrapped toy to be distributed by the Crosby VFD Ladies Auxiliary to families in need in our area.

> January 8, 2015 Annual Meeting Election of Directors

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

All improvements to the exterior of your home are subject to ACC approval. Please make sure to submit a Home Improvement Request for all exterior improvements, including without limitation:

- Painting (color paint chip must be submitted)
- Roofing (must have at least 25 year shingle)
- Fences (new or replacement in whole or part)
- Removing trees from your property**

Please refer to the Guidelines for all exterior improvements. A plot plan showing the location of your improvement must be submitted with your HIR.

If you have any questions regarding what is required to make exterior improvements to your home, please contact Michelle at mparisher@newportpoa.com or call (281) 462-4199 ext 14.

For a copy of the ACC Guidelines please go to our website www.newportpoa.com. Copies are also available in the Management Office. The ACC normally meets on the first and third Friday of each month (exception - five Fridays in month or holiday falls on a Friday). HIR's must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday before the meeting for review.

** Approval is not required for the removal of dead trees

STREET LIGHTS The Association is currently performing an audit of street lights in Newport. The purpose of the audit is to report street lights that are out and also to determine areas that are dark and need additional street lights. If you would like additional street lights in your area considered, please send an e-mail to cjones@newportpoa.com.	LARGE YARD DEBRIS PICK-UP We will be having large yard debris (cut up trees and limbs) picked up during the week of November 10-14, 2014. Please call (281) 462-4199 ext 10 to schedule a pick-up. Debris must be at curb.
MANAGEMENT OFFICE	THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN
WILL BE CLOSED	TO JAN COX AND
November 27 & 28 (Thanksgiving Holiday)	CENTURY 21 LIFECHANGERS
December 25 & 26 (Christmas Holiday)	FOR MAKING OUR

NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB'S YARD OF THE MONTH

September 1746-28 Cloister Charley Lenderman

October 16402 Porpoise Drive the Guidrys



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Please be respectful of your neighbors. We have received numerous complaints of loud music and noise into the late hours of the night.



LAKE & RIVER PERMITS BOAT LAUNCH PERMITS

Permits are available in the management office. The cost per permit is:

Lake & River Permit—\$10 each (separate permit required for each person over 16 yrs of age) Boat Launch—\$50 Permits are annual and expire December 31st of the year issued; however permits issued from October 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014 will be good through wookady pepts December 31, 2015.

> Cost to have key issued is \$30 (this is a one-time fee) Lost key replacement \$100



CAMPING IS PERMITTED AT BOTH LAKE AND RIVER PARKS



CRIME WATCH

A meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, November 6, 2014 at Newport Golf Center for all residents of Newport interested in participating in a Neighborhood Watch Program.

PROPERTY TAXES

If you owned and occupied your property on January 1st of 2014 and did not file for a residential homestead exemption with Harris County Appraisal District you can still file for this tax year. Go to hcad.org/ forms/affidavits to download the residential homestead exemption affidavit.

If you or your spouse will be 65 years of age or older before December 31, 2014 you qualify for the over 65 exemption. You use the same form to apply for this additional exemption.

Both exemptions result in considerable tax savings on your property taxes.

If you purchased your property during 2014 you should file your exemption affidavit before April 30, 2015.



Ingredients for each Oreo Turkey

2 Oreo Double Stuff cookies 1 malted mill balls (whopper) 4-6 candy corn icing (optional)

- 1. Take one oreo apart. This will be the base.
- 2. Place the whole oreo on its side on the base, so that it sticks to white of the oreo.
- 3. In front of the oreo on its side, place a malted milk ball for the turkeys head.
- 1. Place candy corn, points down, in between the oreo cookie that is standing on its side. Use icing for eyes and waddle if you want.

VETERANS DAY Did you know???

Veterans Day is an American holiday for honoring war veterans. It is celebrated on the same day as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, falling on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. It is both a federal holiday and a state holiday in all states. All major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

NEWPORT'S AMENITIES

Our community has many amenities available to its residents:

Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts

Walking Trails along Gum Gulley Park w/ splash pad located on Port O'Call Pocket parks on South Diamondhead and Flying Bridge (walking trails and parks are maintained and operated by Newport MUD)

Access to both Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River Beach at the river area and boat docks at both the river and lake areas Picnic areas Camping permitted (Lake & River permits and Boat Launch permits required) (Lake & River permit fee \$10 per permit - Boat Launch permit fee \$50 per permit)

Stables with riding arena - \$60 per month per stable

Boat and RV Storage 20, 25, 30 and 40 foot covered storage (contact the management office for prices and availability)

TRASH PICK-UP

Questions regarding trash pick-up should be directed to Aggressive Waste (713) 631-1900 or www.aggressivewaste.com



ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH

Assessments received after the last day of the month in which they are due are subject to a monthly late fee of \$5.00 plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum. Payments more than four months late are subject to an additional collection fee of \$15.00 per month.

For complete collection procedures, please visit our website at www.newportpoa.com and go to resident documents.

MOBILE VET CLINIC

December 10, 2014 4-6:30 pm - Newport Blvd parking lot

Dog and Cat Vaccinations and Health Clinic Rabies Vaccination \$9.95



ATVS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND COMMON AREAS IN NEWPORT

Newport MUD does not permit ATVs on the hike and bike trails or along Gum Gulley.

San Jacinto River Authority does not permit ATVs along the canal.

Centerpoint does not permit ATVs and other vehicles on the Highline right of way.

Deputies have been hired by the various entities to stop the ATV traffic.

You could be fined and your vehicle towed for trespassing on these various properties.



The name of a Newport Property Owner is scrambled somewhere in this edition. If you find your name please call Courtney (281) 462-4199 ext. 10 to receive your \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.

HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUT

Every street light in the community has a five or six digit identification code on the pole (about eye level) and address.

Write down the number and go to <u>www.centerpointenergy.com/outage</u> to file a report.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call 713-207-2222



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Crosby Antique Mall (Old Commerce Building) 5611 S. Main St/ FM 2100 Crosby, TX 77532

NEWPORT GOLF & CONFERENCE CENTER

Monthly Golf Memberships Inquire at Pro Shop



Weddings and other events call (281) 328-3576 or go to newport-tx.com



DANGEROUS DOGS

Dogs that meet the following criteria <u>may</u> be declared dangerous:

A dog that makes an unprovoked attack on a person that occurred in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept; or

A dog that commits an unprovoked act in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept and that act would cause a person to reasonably believe that the dog will attack and cause bodily injury.

All dogs and cats, whether considered dangerous or not are prohibited from running loose in Harris County. Owners of loose dogs and cats may be cited by Harris County Sheriff's Deputies or Animal Control for failure to restrain your pet(s) at all times. Fines could run as high as \$500 for this offense.

HOW TO RESTRAIN YOUR PET

- 1. Keep your pet in your house;
- 2. Keep your pet in your fenced in yard;
- 3. Keep your pet on a leash led by a person capable of controlling your pet;
- 4. Keep your pet attached to a line not longer than 6 feet that will keep your pet from entering a public walkway or street. You know your pet isn't dangerous but the person walking past your house doesn't know that.

PLEASE OBEY THE LEASH LAW AND KEEP YOUR PET(S) RESTRAINED AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF A TICKET RESULTING IN A FINE.

NEWPORT FITNESS CENTER

5:00 AM - 9:00 PM -Monday-Friday 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM -Sat, Sun and Holidays

\$25 per month first person

\$12.50 each add'l family member in same household

Go to Pro Shop to join







THANKSGIVING TIDBITS

- 1. The first record of an American Thanksgiving Day occurred in 1621, when Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared a harvest feast in the area we now know as Cape Cod.
- 2. George Washington, early in his presidency, proposed a day of "thanksgiving and prayer."
- 3. Abraham Lincoln employed the holiday in an attempt to hold the divided house together at the height of Civil War. In 1863 Lincoln announced that going forward the final Thursday of each November should be a day of national thanksgiving and thereby fixed Thanksgiving in its familiar place in the calendar.
- 4. In similar dark times, in December of 1941 only a few weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Franklin Roosevelt provided some much needed national comfort and made Thanksgiving an official public holiday.



McGruff's Corner Aug/Sept Crime Stats		В		
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Hang Up	7			•
Accident/FSGI	1	A		
Accident Minor	2	L		
Accident Major	1			
Accident Injury	0	E		
Alarm Local	39	л		
Animal Humane	2	R	IMPORTANT NUME	BERS
Animal Aggressive	1	Т		
Animal Livestock	0	-		
Arson	4 2		NPOA WEBSITE	
Assault/Family	2	R	www.newportpoa.c	om
Assault Aggressive Assault/other	1 5			
	5	E	Manager - Carol Jor	nes
Burg/Hab Burg/Motveh	6 3	Р	(281) 462-4199 ext	11
Burg/Motveh Burg/Other	3			
Check School/Park	2 119	0	<u>cjones@newportpoa</u>	.com
Contract Check	119			
Crim Mischief	1830	R	Sheriff (non emergency)	713-221-6000
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Disch Firearm	4	-	(non emergency/information	281-328-2300
Dist/Family	4 29		Crosby EMS – Emerg	
Dist/Juvenile	1	A	(non-emergency information)	281-328-6810
Domestic Prevention	18		Crosby/Huffman Chamber	281-328-6984
DWI	6	N	-	1-800-275-8777
Dist/Loud Noise	18	Y	Crosby Post Office	
Dist/Other	17	_	Newport MUD	281-324-9803
Drug/Od/Poss	2	Т	Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
Follow Up	14	_	Harris County PCT 2 (trees in road;	713-274-2300
Fraud ID	3	H	dead animals in road)	
Indecent Exposure	1	Ι	Harris County Pollution Control	713-920-2831
In Progress	4		Harris County Attorney	713-755-5101
Illegal Dumping	1	N	Health Department – (Environmental)	713-439-6016
Meet Officer/Citizen	45	G	Center Point Customer Service	713-207-2222
Nuisance Abatement	0	U	Commissioner Morrman	713-455-8104
Prop Lost/Found	1		Aggressive Waste	713-631-1900
Missing Person	2	S	Parks & Trails	281-324-9803
Runaway	1		Crosby Community Center	281-462-0543
Road Rage	1	$oldsymbol{U}$	Senior Adult Program	281-893-3726
Sex Offender Verify	2			
Solicitors	1	S	Newport Golf Club	281-328-3576
Ref'd/Internal/External	264	Р	Sweetwater Pools	281-988-8480
Susp Persons	33		Environmental Division of Public Healt	
Telephone Harrah	5	Ι	(To Report Abandoned Houses to Harris	s County)
Terroristic Thrt	4	С		
Theft/Residence	1			
Theft/Other	3	0		
Traf Hazzard	5	$oldsymbol{U}$		
Traffice stops	124			
Unk Medical Emergency		S		
Veh Abandoned	5	. –		
Veh Repossession	5			
Vacation Watch	89	(713) 221-6000		
Veh Suspicious	34			
Vehicle Stolen	6			
Welfare Check	14			

2015 ELECTION

Two (2) volunteer director positions will be up for election in January, 2015. If you would like to place your name on the ballot please complete the questionnaire below and place it in the drop box, return to the management office or e-mail to cjones@newportpoa.com no later than November 20, 2014.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
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WISHING EACH NEWPORT FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

NPOA Board and Staff