

NEWPORT NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING

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STONEBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

At our Annual Meeting on January 10, 2019, two full term director positions will be available and one director position for one year of an unexpired term. The following candidates have submitted applications to run for these positions:

JERRY COSSEY
TOMMY CRAFT
GERALD KELLEY
NORMAN OUTLEY

Bios for each candidate shown on pages 2 and 3. Ballots will be mailed on or before December 28, 2018. Those ballots will include instructions for voting. If you choose, you may vote at the Annual Meeting.

NPOA AMENITY CARD

Your 2018 Amenity Card expires on December 31, 2018, however, there is a grace period until March 31, 2019. Please make arrangements to come to the management office to renew your card(s) during that period. To renew your card for 2019 if you can bring your current card with you, it will help us to speed up the process. The cost of the card will remain the same for 2019 - \$25 for the first card and \$5 for each additional card.

STONEBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

Stonebridge is now under the management of Billy Casper Golf. As many of you are aware, this decision was made by the Board of Directors in October 2018. If you have visited the Club recently, you would have seen many new faces who were interim members of the Billy Casper Golf team. They have now selected a permanent general manager. Tim Maginley is the General Manager and in meeting with him, there are awesome plans for the future of the Club.

This is your Club and the Billy Casper team want to make it exciting for the entire community. Recently they had us send out their flyer which contained a survey link, to get a feel for what events we, as a community, would like to have at the Club. The survey link is www.golfersurvey.org/d/ybq42p. Please take a moment to fill out the survey.

Billy Casper Golf is in the process of scheduling a meet and greet in January to introduce their team to the Community. Once the date is scheduled it will be placed on the NPOA website and social media.

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JERRY COSSEY – NEWPORT RESIDENT 8 YEARS

Professional background: Retired from Royal Dutch Shell US. Positions of responsibility in descending order -

- Laboratory Pacesetter; Shell Global Solutions (9 years)
 - Global Manager for Standardization activities involving ASTM, ISO and EI for Shell Refineries.
 - ✦ Subcommittee representative on SC 8 for physical testing properties and SC 25 for statistical analysis practices.
 - ✦ ISO 9001 lead auditor for laboratory quality audits.
- ✦ Laboratory Manager; Shell Galena Park Packaging Plant (2 years)
 - Managed 15 employees for the packaging plant manufacturing over 1 million gallons per year of consumer lubricating products.
 - Refinery Standardization Chemist; Pennzoil Shreveport Refinery. (11 years)
 - responsible for all standardization, calibration and maintenance activities for the laboratory.
 - Field Chemist; Halliburton Services. (8 years)

Engineering services for southern regional industries for the Power, Chemical, Pulp, and Refinery industries.

Community Organizations you have belonged to as well as any past accomplishments: Newport POA Deed Restriction Committee member.

Why would you like to be a Director of the New Property Owners Association of Newport? I would like to become a board member to stimulate more community member involvement in the activities of the association. My experience with Shell's standardization activities has given me a unique insight into the dynamics of populations and a respect for the detail required to achieve a consensus that meets the needs of the community.

TOMMY CRAFT – NEWPORT RESIDENT 8 YEARS

Professional Background: I worked at the University of Houston for fifty years retiring in 2015. While at the university, I worked in the Printing Department as a supervisor and then Assistant manager of printing for the university. During my years at the university, I served on committees for the hiring of some personnel for the university. Also, I helped in proposing the budgets for the Printing Department. I was involved in purchasing equipment for the department.

Community Organizations you have belonged to as well as any past accomplishments: United States Army veteran, Director, New Property Owners Association of Newport

Why would you like to be a Director of the New Property Owners Association of Newport? I want to continue to help Newport be a quality community, to protect values and to make sure expenditures and assessments and fees are used in the best interests of all homeowners. Being retired, I have plenty of time to devote the NPOA.

GERALD KELLEY – NEWPORT RESIDENT 28 YEARS

Professional Background:

Employed with CenterPoint Energy for 39 ½ years; working my way up to a supervisory level, managing people, projects and job inspection, coordinating through different departments to complete all assigned projects on time and within budget.

Community Organization you have belonged to as well as any past accomplishments:

Working with the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo for 15 years, worked on many different committees, Rodeo operations, Setting up, Maintaining Inside of NGR Stadium, tearing down of the rodeo, currently working with the transportation of Director's, International Dignitaries & all special needs visitors, participating judge in the National/International Lineman's Rodeo, volunteering with many different causes thru CenterPoint Energy and other foundations.

Why would you like to be a Director of New Property Owners Association of Newport?

After living here for 28 years I would like to be involved in the decision making of this great community. This is where my wife and I have raised our sons and they now live here with their children. I have seen an abundance of growth since living here. I would like to help what has already started making this community a place where people want to come and be a part of the Newport family. Giving back to my community and being a part of the continued growth that is taking place in Newport is why I want to run for the Board of Directors. I have spent 39 years with the same company. I have lived here 28 years and this is where I plan on retiring. I have a great loyalty to this community and will do whatever it takes to make it better.

NORMAN OUTLEY – NEWPORT RESIDENT 41 YEARS

Professional Background:

Retired from ExxonMobil after approx. 45 years. During this period, worked in the following positions:

First Line Supervisor, Materials Coordinator, DCO Assistant, Training/Operations Coordinator, Chemical Plant Safety Coordinator, Chemical/Refinery Safety Coordinator of 5 Plant Laboratories, Safety Lead in Sakhalin Russia, Safety Lead at Oil Sands Project.

ExxonMobil afforded work assignments and travel to many places in the world (Russia, Japan, England, France, Holland, Belgium and Canada).

Training Coordinator for the Industrial Safety Training Council Baytown, Texas

Community Organization you have belonged to as well as any past accomplishments:

Vietnam Veteran

Chairman of Deacons Shiloh MBC 23 years

David H. McNerney Post 658 American Legion member. Service on the Executive Board

Chairman of Boys State for David H. McNerney American Legion Post 658.

Board Member of the Barrett Station Evergreen Cemetery

Why would you like to be a Director of New Property Owners Association of Newport?

My family and I have lived in Newport since 1977. We purchased property in 1972 when there were no roads in section 4 where we live. We thought it was a beautiful place to live and raised our family. Over the years, we have seen the good and the ugly. Newport is growing and will continue to grow in the future to ensure we do the things to ensure our community continue to grow and prosper. The other side of Lake Houston is growing in leaps and bounds. It is just a matter of time before our side of Lake Houston will do the same. Being on the board will allow me the opportunity to ensure what's needed for continued growth in the future for Newport.

PROPERTY TAXES

HOMESTEAD YOUR PROPERTY AND SAVE

If you owned your property on or before January 1, 2019 and you occupy your property, you are eligible to file for a homestead exemption. A homestead exemption provides an average savings of \$300 on your property taxes. Homestead exemptions must be filed no later than April 30, 2019. If you or your spouse will turn sixty-five (65) years of age any time this year you can file for an Over-65 Exemption. This exemption will freeze your school taxes from this year forward and give you a large savings on your county tax. Over-65 Exemptions may be filed any time during the year, however it is better to file them as early as possible. Veterans and other persons on disability may also qualify for exemptions. Form 11.13 is available online at www.hcad.org and we also have them available in the management office. If you have questions about the form or need assistance in completing the form, please stop by the management office and our manager will assist you.

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PROTESTING YOUR PROPERTY VALUE

In the next couple of months, you will receive a notice from Harris County Appraisal District setting forth the 2019 value of your property. If you feel the value is too high, you have the right to protest the value. This can be done by completing the form you receive in the mail and sending it to HCAD or following the instructions for filing a protest online. Again, you must own your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you purchased your home in 2018 in an arms' length transaction and the appraised value is higher than the purchase price, you should be able to have the value reduced to the purchase price. You will need, however, to file the protest.

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OUTDOOR WORK HOURS

Daylight to Dusk

For outdoor work performed by builders and builder's contractors,
work hours are from daylight to dusk.

LOOSE PETS

Please remember your pet must:

- be on a leash no longer than six feet [6'] and
- led by a person capable of controlling the dog or cat at all times unless they are in a confined area such as a fenced area or enclosed run.

You can obtain a complete copy of Harris County Animal Regulations from our website at newportpoa.com

**Please protect your pet
by obeying the leash
law.**



HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

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



To file a report, write down the number and go to

www.centerpointenergy.com/outage

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

MANAGEMENT OFFICE

CLOSED FIRST WEDNESDAY

OF EACH MONTH

FOR IN-SERVICE WORK DAY

January 2nd

February 6th

March 6th

The NPOA staff attempts to answer each call as it comes in, however, if we are on another line or helping another resident at the front desk, we kindly ask that you leave your name, number and a brief message. We cannot return your call if we do not have your information.

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



**REMINDER
OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
AND DECORATIONS
MUST BE REMOVED BY
JANUARY 14, 2019**

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL



All improvements to the exterior of your home are subject to Architectural Review. 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 shingles)
- Fences (new or replacement in whole or part – must include plot plan showing location of fence)
- Driveway (must include plot plan showing location of driveway and materials being used)
- Sheds – please consult Architectural Control Guidelines (available online)

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

ACC Guidelines are available on our website.

www.newportpoa.com

[Click on Documents](#)

[Click on Resident Documents](#)

TRASH PICK-UP

Heavy trash days are
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Aggressive Waste at 713-631-1900

or

Newport MUD at 281-324-9803



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VIEW

except on trash days

TRASH PICK-UP ON
MONDAY & THURSDAY

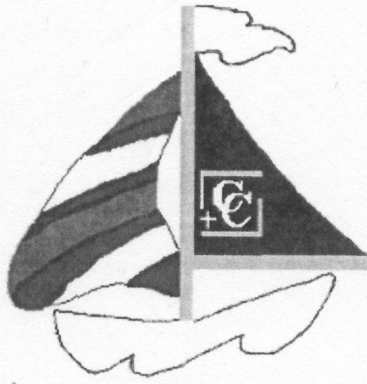
UPCOMING 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spring Celebration
Saturday, April 13th

Summer Celebration
Sunday, June 30th

Fall Celebration
Saturday, October 26th

Winter Celebration
Sunday, December 8th



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City of Houston Animal Control: (713) 837-0311

Houston S.P.C.A.: (713) 869-7722

Harris County Animal Services does not handle wildlife issues. They handle problems with domestic animals, namely dogs and cats. If you have a complaint about a barking dog or a dangerous dog, or have any questions about lost pets, stray cats, pet adoptions, leash laws, etc., give the county a call. It is a free county service for domestic animal issues. The county will not take care of the raccoon in your yard, the squirrels in your attic, your rat infestation, or anything like that. For wildlife help, please call 281-509-9653 or go to our [Houston wildlife removal](#) home page.

Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 16, 2019

SAVE THE DATE

Info to be posted on Facebook and Social Media

The History of Valentines Day

Saint Valentines Day - February 14th

Little is known about the original Saint Valentine, in fact, there were several saints known as Valentine. The holiday of Saint Valentines Day was originally a day to celebrate 2 Saint Valentines, Valentine of Rome, and Valentine of Terni, both martyred in the early second and third centuries.

Distinction between these two saints no longer exists, but many stories exist explaining the original saint. One such story explains that Valentine (no proof as to which one) was arrested and interrogated by Roman Emperor Claudius II, who tried to get Valentine to convert to Roman paganism. Valentine refused, and tried to convert the emperor to Christianity, he was then executed, but not before healing his captors blind daughter.

No romantic association originally existed, but according to modern created legends, Roman Emperor Claudius II made a law stating that all men must remain single. Valentine performed marriage ceremonies for couples secretly anyway. He was eventually discovered and arrested, but before he was killed he wrote the first valentine to his captors daughter and his true love, who he had healed. It was signed, "From your Valentine"

In Ancient Rome, a holiday called Lupercalia was celebrated from February 13th - February 15th, promoting fertility. Some believe that Valentines day began as a Christianized version of Lupercalia.

In 1400, Paris established the "High Court of Love" on February 14th to protect women. This is believed to be when Valentines day began to be celebrated as a loving day.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Somehow, thank you does not seem sufficient when you volunteer countless hours to a project. Jim Bailey joined the NPOA Board of Directors in January 2013. He stepped right in to oversee the pool and tennis courts and serve on the Deed Restriction Committee. When we decided to purchase the golf course he, along with the other directors, worked very hard in making repairs and assisting in any way he could to get us up and running. During his tenure on the Board, his decisions have always been for the betterment of the entire community. Thank you, Mr. Bailey for six great years.



**NEWPORT
GARDEN CLUB**



JANUARY 4, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING 10 a.m.

Stonebridge Golf Club in the NPOA Community Room

Horticulture Happenings by Annette Graham and Program/Workshop by Sylvia Lind and Judy Shafer - we will make items to sell at the Chamber Expo in February.

FEBRUARY 1, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING 10 a.m.

Stonebridge Golf Club in the NPOA Community Room

Horticulture Happenings by Annette Graham and Program/Workshop by Sylvia Lind on how to make your own "Flowerbeds Garden book" – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15, 2019

COMMUNITY PROJECT WORK DAY

The community Project will be providing yard maintenance to a needy homeowner.

MARCH 1, 2019

BUSINESS MEETING 10 a.m.

Stonebridge Golf Club in the NPOA Community Room

Horticulture Happenings by Annette Graham and Program by Corrie Ten-Have "flower show designs"

All meetings and events are on our Facebook page —

www.facebook.com/newportgardenclubgroup

Please visit our website for more info www.thenewportgardenclub.org

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Manager - Carol Jones

(281) 462-4128 Direct

cjones@newportpoa.com

Sheriff (non-emergency)	713-221-6000
Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept.	Emergency 911
<i>(non-emergency information)</i>	281-328-2300
Crosby EMS	Emergency 911
<i>(non-emergency information)</i>	281-328-6810
Crosby/Huffman Chamber	281-328-6984
Crosby Post Office	281-462-8429
Newport MUD	281-324-9803
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
Harris County PCT 2 <i>(trees in road; dead animals in road)</i>	713-274-2300
Harris County Pollution Control	713-920-2831
Harris County Attorney	713-755-5101
Health Department – (Environmental)	713-439-6016
Center Point Customer Service	713-207-2222
Commissioner Adrian Garcia	713-455-8104
Aggressive Waste	713-631-1900
Parks & Trails (Newport MUD)	281-324-9803
Crosby Community Center	281-462-0543
Senior Adult Program	281-893-3726
Newport Golf Club	281-328-3576
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