## NEWPORT NEWS

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## \*\*\*\*\*\* 米 米 **SPRING** \*\* \*\*\*\*\* **CELEBRATION** \*\*\*\*\* Saturday, April 4th, 2020 11 am - 2 pm **Pool Area Easter Egg Hunt** (begins at 11:15 am) \*\*\*\*\* **Easter Bunny** 米 (bring your camera) \*\*\* Dance and play games with our DJ **Face Painting** \*\*\* **※ Free Hot Dogs** and Drinks \* \*\*\*\*\*

## QUARTERLY MEETING STONEBRIDGE THURSDAY, APRIL 9th 7:00 P.M.

Review Annual Meeting Minutes
First Quarter Financial Review
President's Report
Security Report

**Question and Answer Session** 



# COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

April 4th (rain date April 11th)

via Facebook Messenger or newportgaragesales@gmail.com with a list of major items you are selling along with your address.

Deadline to submit your address and list is Noon, Wednesday, April 1st

You may place signs in the neighborhood.

Please remove your signs
by 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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## **ELECTION RESULTS FROM JANUARY 9, 2020**

There was a total of 514 votes cast, comprised of the following:

Absentee ballots for quorum only representing 198 votes

Ballots counted for quorum only – not signed or dated – 4 votes

Absentee Ballots representing 225 votes

Ballots representing 91 votes

#### **CANDIDATE RESULTS**

Mike Duke—205 votes
Becca Sharp—158 votes
Jeff Stillwell— 73 votes
Kathleen O'Toole—3 votes
Raymond Bell—withdrew

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Kim Davilla – President Gerald Kelley – Vice President Mike Duke – Secretary Becca Sharp – Treasurer

#### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS**

<u>Architectural Control Committee</u>
Nancy Gaudet – Chair / Eileen Fashoro – Co-Chair

<u>Deed Restriction Committee</u> Kim Davilla - Chair / Becca Sharp - Co-Chair

Fitness Center and Community Room
Becca Sharp – Chair

<u>Lake/River, Storage and Stables</u>
Gerald Kelley – Chair / Nancy Gaudet – Co-Chair

Security
Kim Davilla – Chair / Mike Duke—Co-Chair

Swimming Pool / Tennis Courts
Kim Davilla - Chair / Becca Sharp - Co-Chair

## **MANAGER'S UPDATE**

#### **Social Media**

If you have a question pertaining to something having to do with the Homeowner's Association, please call our office or send us an e-mail as opposed to asking it on social media. Sometimes the answer you get may not be the correct one, especially having to do with Architectural Guidelines. If you have a concern of any kind, you may call the manager (281) 462-4128 and she will be happy to discuss it with you to the best of her ability. Please note that we are not permitted to discuss any property or account with you other than your property.

Since we no longer have the electronic signs, we are trying to place up-coming events on both Nextdoor Newport and Newport Residents. We will also be updating our website newportpoa.com/news/updates weekly and encourage you to visit our page.

Our newsletter is published bi-monthly and is available on our website. If you would like to have the newsletter mailed to your home, please call our office Ext. 10 to be placed on a mailing list.

#### **Communication**

The most common complaint is that phones are not answered when you call. Our office has three incoming lines. There are two team members working the front office. They, in addition to various other duties, assist homeowners coming into the office and answer the general numbers. If your call goes to voicemail, please leave a message. We check our messages several times a day and our policy is to return the call no later than 24 hours (week-end exception). Following is a list of extensions for specific matters:

Accounting / Assessments – Teresa, Ext. 13

Architectural Control / Stables & Storage – Michelle, Ext. 14

Deed Restrictions – Courtney, Ext. 16

Spanish Speaking – Maria, Ext. 17

General Inquiries – Cindy, Ext. 10

Manager – Carol, Ext. 11





## **MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS**

Monthly assessments are \$55 for 2020. Assessments are due on the <u>first</u> day of each month. Assessments not received prior to the first day of the following month in which they are due, will be charged a late fee of \$5 plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum. Accounts that are four months delinquent will be charged a monthly collection fee in the amount of \$15 per month for every month thereafter. Amenity access will be revoked until the account is brought current.

If you currently have a delinquent balance on your account, you have the option of setting up a payment plan with the Association. Once a payment plan is in place, all future late fees and collection fees will be waived during the plan provided payments are made timely.

To set up a payment plan, please contact Teresa in the management office at tplatt@newportpoa.com or (281) 462-4199, Ext. 13.

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

All improvements to the exterior of your home are subject to Architectural Review. Please make sure to submit a Home Improvement Request Form 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 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

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.

For a copy of ACC Guidelines, please go to our website www.newportpoa.com, click on Documents, go to Resident Documents and scroll down to to ACC Guidelines.

The HIR Form is available in the Management Office and online.

#### **VACATION WATCH PROGRAM**

A <u>Vacation Watch</u> is a service provided by the Harris County Sheriff's Office for citizens residing in the unincorporated areas of Harris County.

Citizens may request a <u>Vacation Watch</u> by going to the following link and completing the online form.

https://www.harriscountyso.org/Programs/programs\_VacationWatch.aspx

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR AMENITY CARD



## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Begins at 2 a.m.
Sunday, March 8th
Ends at 2 a.m.
Sunday, November 1st

Set your clock forward one hour







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Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated

## ON STREET PARKING

We are getting reports of on-street parking from your neighbors. Parking in your driveway and garage is not only less disruptive to your neighbors, but it creates a safe neighborhood and helps prevent car thefts.

## Here are a few parking tips to live by:

- Use your driveway and garage.
- Do not block mailboxes. If mailbox is blocked, the U.S. Postal Service will NOT DELIVER MAIL.

Be sure to park in a way that you are not blocking sight or traffic. Park in front of your own home and have your guests do the same. Please do not punish your neighbors adi namassos

- by blocking their home and spaces for their visitor parking.
- Be sure the vehicle you are parking on the street is a regular day-to-day use vehicle. It must move on a daily basis like going to and from work or school.



#### **NEWPORT'S AMENITIES**

Our community has many amenities available to its residents:

**Fitness Center, Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts** 

Walking Trails along Gum Gulley
Park with Splash Pad located on Port O'Call
Pocket Parks on South Diamondhead and Flying Bridge
(Walking Trails and Parks are operated by Newport MUD)



Access to Lake Houston
Boat dock available at lake and river areas
( boat launch permits required )
Picnic areas
Camping permitted at River



Stables with riding arena
Boat and RV Storage
20, 30 and 40 foot covered storage
(for prices contact Michelle at 281-462-4199, Ext. 14)

#### FRONTIER WASTE SOLUTIONS

#### **SERVICE DAYS**

MONDAY/THURSDAY for the <u>SOUTHSIDE</u> of the San Jacinto River Authority Canal TUESDAY/FRIDAY for the <u>NORTHSIDE</u> of the San Jacinto River Authority Canal

Please have your household waste to the curb by 7 am to ensure service that day.



#### YARDWASTE DAYS

#### FIRST COLLECTION DAYS OF THE WEEK (MONDAY/TUESDAY)

- Trees, shrubs, brush trimming and fencing (no greater than 4 feet long, no branches exceeding 4 inches in diameter, bundled and tied in bunches of no more than 50 pounds)
- Yard Waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc.) must be in bags or trash cans not exceeding 50 pounds a piece

#### **HEAVY TRASH DAYS**

#### SECOND COLLECTION OF THE WEEK (THURSDAY/FRIDAY)

Heavy trash are items that fall under the categories of "furniture and/or appliances".

#### **HEAVY TRASH IS NOT:**

- Construction and demolition waste
- Concrete, wood, brick storm debris
- Home improvement projects, roofing material
- Unbundled branches

PLEASE STORE TRASH CANS OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW

**Except on trash days** 

Email:	NewportMUD@frontierwaste.com
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Website: www.frontierwaste.com

1936-258-9035

# 2020 GOLF MEMBERSHIPS AND GREEN FEES Effective March 1, 2020

### **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **NEWPORT RESIDENTS**

Individual - \$140.00 + tax

Couple - \$175.00 + tax

Includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, GHIN handicap

(Must have current NPOA Amenity Card for resident rates)

#### **NON-RESIDENT**

Individual - \$200.00 + tax

Couple - \$250.00 + tax

Includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, GHIN handicap

#### **GREEN FEES**

	<u>Mon-Thurs</u>	<u>Fri-Sun</u>			
Newport Resident	\$25 + tax	\$25 + tax			
(Must have current NPOA Amenity Card for resident rates)					
Non Resident	\$30 + tax	\$40 + tax			
Twilite (after 2:00 pm)	\$25 + tax	\$30+ tax			

For Reservations and Information call

Pro Shop (281) 328-3576 ext. 1



## STONEBRIDGE AT NEWPORT

# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Effective March 1, 2020

## **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS**

## NEWPORT RESIDENTS Individual - \$39 + tax

Includes:
Unlimited Range Balls
Discounted Green Fees – Monday thru Sunday
After 12 pm- \$20 – After 4pm - \$10
(Must have current NPOA Amenity Card for resident rates)

#### **NON-RESIDENT**

Individual - \$50.00 + tax
Includes:
Unlimited Range Balls
Discounted Green Fees – Monday thru Thursday
After 12pm \$20 – After 4pm - \$10
Friday thru Sunday
After 2pm - \$27 – After 4 pm \$12

For Reservations and Information call

Pro Shop (281) 328-3576 ext. 1



## Newport Municipal Utility District Bond Authorization Election Information

The Newport MUD Board is pleased to announce the \$52,960,000 bond authorization election for the May 2, 2020 election cycle. The board has responded to our neighbors' comments, concerns and requests expressed at the Community Meetings, Saturday morning "Coffee & Conversation" gatherings, countless individual meetings and telephone conversations. The Board listened and made these adjustments to respond to our voters:

The Board directed the District Engineer to reduce the timeframe of the MUD's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) from 10 years to a 6 Year CIP. This reduced the amount of the proposed bond authorization from \$70,000,000 to \$52,960,000. This plan takes the MUD through the mandated expansion of the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) and the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) in 2025 and takes care of all the MUD's anticipated capital needs for the next six years.

As a result, the Board anticipates that we will need to call another bond election at a future time to complete the necessary district work listed on the last four years of the original 10 year CIP.

Community Meetings will continue at least once a month for further discussion. The next meeting will be March 24, 2020, 6:30pm in the Community Room next to the Fitness Center at 16401 County Club Drive.

In addition, two MUD Board Directors can be available for "Coffee & Conversation" on Saturday mornings, at Stonebridge. It is greatly appreciated if neighbors interested in the Saturday morning meetings would RSVP by utilizing the **Contact Us Form** on the <u>District's website at **www.newportmudtx.org**</u> ahead of time to make sure we have adequate accommodations. Look for these notifications on Newport Resident Facebook page and Nextdoor Newport.

The Newport MUD Board would like to thank all our neighbors for your comments, participation and thoughtful recommendations. The Board looks forward to continuing this open dialogue, reporting on district progress on all projects, and completing the CIP on time and on budget.

To ensure that the residents of the District have accurate information regarding the proposed bond authorization and the Board's goals for the District, we have put together answers for our residents' common questions. The FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) will be posted on the Districts website for easy viewing. To review a copy please log onto <a href="https://www.newportmudtx.org">www.newportmudtx.org</a> or if you would like to receive a copy by mail please contact the District's Operator at 281-324-9803.

In an effort to inform the Residents of Newport ,the Board of Directors welcomes the chance to address any questions or concerns the residents may have regarding the Bond Election.



#Chipin4children

# Chip in 4 Children

Raising money for excellence in education.

Crosby Education Foundation
9th Annual
Golf Tournament



www.CrosbyEducationFoundation.org



## Open to the Public

Friday, March 27th at 1:00pm

11:30 Registration and Lunch 1:00 Shotgun Start



\$75 per person, or \$300 per four-person Includes green fees, half cart, lunch, two beer/wine tickets, dinner, Team and Individual awards.



#### \$100 HOLE SPONSORSHIPS

GAMES: Hole in One, Closest to the Pin Longest Drive, Mulligans, a 50/50 split, Raffle Tickets, and more will be available for \$20















#### **AMENITY CARD**

( Pool ... Fitness Center ... Lake & River ... Resident Golf Rates)

The Amenity Card is your pool pass and i.d. to use all amenities in Newport. Your Amenity Card will list everyone living in your household. You may also list on the card the name(s) of caregiver(s) watching over your children during the summer who will be taking them to the pool or one of our other amenities.

There is an <u>annual</u> (January 1st through December 31st) \$25 fee per household for the Amenity Card. One Amenity Card may be shared by the entire household or you may elect to purchase up to four additional Amenity Cards at an additional fee of \$5 each.

If you have a boat, there is an additional annual \$25 launch fee.

To access the fitness center, there is a <u>one-time</u> fee of \$20 to purchase the key fob. [ maximum of two key fobs per household at \$20 each ]

To access the lake and river, there is a <u>one-time</u> fee of \$30 to purchase the key. [ only one key per household]

#### THE GRACE PERIOD FOR 2019 AMENITY CARDS WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2020.

To obtain an Amenity Card, you will need to complete a Usage and Indemnification Agreement. This Agreement may be found on our website <a href="newportpoa.com">newportpoa.com</a> under Resident Documents or you may stop by the management office (across from the pool) to get one. The management office will be open the following Saturdays to accommodate residents who are unable to come in during normal work hours:

Saturday, March 7th & 28th— 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Saturday, May 2nd — 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

You may also complete the form and place it in our drop box along with your check in the amount of \$25.

## LARGE YARD TREE DEBRIS PICK UP

Spring is just around the corner and we will all be cleaning up from winter.

Large yard tree debris pick up begins **MONDAY**, **MAY 4TH**.

We will pick up large limbs and trees that have been cut and placed at the curb.

Dead trees may be removed without consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

You will need ACC approval to remove any live trees from your property.

To schedule your pick up, please contact the management office at (281) 462-4199, Ext. 10.

## **ON OR BEFORE MAY 1ST**

We will not pick up anything other than tree debris.

## NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB

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Newport Garden Club Business Meetings are the first Friday of the month at 10am in the Newport Property Owners Community Room.

March 6, 2020 and April 3, 2020

**The Newport Garden Club Flower Show** 

Saturday, March 21, 2020.

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Stonebridge Country Club.

Any amateur gardener may exhibit in this show. Please contact a Garden club member for more information. Exhibits will be open to the public from 1-4pm. Admission is FREE.

**Newport Garden Club Second Annual Garden Tour** 

Saturday April 18, 2020 from 10am-4pm

Tour 4 homes, Raffle, Bake and Plant Sale.

All meetings and events are on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/
newportgardenclubgroup
Or you may call or text

Ann Stiefel at 281-389-8364

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## Creative Corner Child Development Center

Outstanding Infant and Toddler Program Preschool and Pre-K WE OFFER A HIGHLY ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Exciting after school program Fun and exciting summer program with Academic Enrichment to keep students prepared for the school year.

#### YOU'VE TRIED THE REST, NOW COME SEE THE BEST!

Contact us to schedule a tour:

HOURS: 6:30-6:30

PH: 281-462-7403 Email: ccnewport@gmail.com 119 S. Diamondhead Blvd. Crosby, TX.

Tour our website for more details: www.CreativeCornerNewport.net



First Day of **Spring 2020** 

First Day of **Summer 2020**  Thurs. — March 19th Sat. — June 20th



## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to clean up from the havoc this winter threw on us.

We will begin writing deed restriction violations for landscape beds beginning March 16, 2020. If you get a letter and cannot correct the violation within ten (10) days, please call Courtney in our office at (281) 462-4199, Ext. 16 to get an extension and discuss the matter further.

# HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

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

Write down the address and i.d. number and go to www.centerpointenergy.

com/outage
to file a report.

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

#### **2020 NPOA BOARD MEETINGS**

STONEBRIDGE AT NEWPORT AT 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH
THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

The name of one
Newport Property Owner
is scrambled somewhere in this edition.
If you find your name, please call
281.462.4199, Ext. 10 to
receive your \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.

(Happy Hunting!)

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- 1. How can we stop people from Parking on Street?: Although there are laws against leaving abandoned or unused vehicles along the street, parking along a roadway is not prohibited (except where specifically prohibited, for example: on a highway, in front of a fire hydrant or a driveway). However, we do recognize that this can be a nuisance. Therefore, the Newport Architectural Control Committee will approve widening driveways to an additional car width when it can be accomplished within the other rules and constraints of our community restrictions so as to allow for an extra car off the street.
- 2. Can't the Association do more about Loose Dogs?: Loose dogs are a challenge for many communities mainly because it is unsafe for a resident (or employees of the association) to approach a loose dog on his/her own and within minutes of law enforcement being called, the animal has slipped away. The best course of action is for each resident to make sure their animals are secure and when strays are spotted to call Harris County Animal Control at 281 -999-3191.
- 3. **My Neighbor's Dog Barks All day and All Night. What Can I Do?** Speak directly with your neighbor, follow up with a letter (along with a certified letter), contact the Sheriff non-emergency 713-221-6000, and lastly, contact Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191.

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE AT NEWPORTPOA.COM UNDER CONTACT, COMPLETE THE CONTACT US FORM.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 4—Office Closed [In-Service Work Day] March 7—Office Open [9:30 to 2:00] March 28—Office Open [9:30 to 2:00] April 1—Office Closed [In-Service Work Day] **April 4—Community Garage Sale April 4 - Spring** Celebration [11:00 to 2:00] **April 9—Quarterly Meeting In Community Room** April 10—Office Closed

May 2—Office Open [9:30 to 2:00]

[Good Friday]

KNOW YOUR MARKER FLAGS
Texas811.org

White—Proposed excavation

Pink—Temporary survey markings

Red—Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables

Yellow—Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials

Orange—Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit

Blue—Potable water

Purple—Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines

Green—Sewer and drain lines

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#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

NPOA WEBSITE

www.newportpoa.com

Manager - Carol Jones
(281) 462-4199 Ext. 11
cjones@newportpoa.com

Sheriff (non emergency)	713-221-6000		
Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept.	Emergency 911		
(non emergency/information	281-328-2300		
Crosby EMS	Emergency 911		
(non-emergency information)	281-328-6810		
Crosby Post Office	281-462-8429		
Crosby/Huffman Chamber	281-328-6984		
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191		
Harris County PCT 2 (trees in road; dead animals in road)	713-274-2300		
Newport MUD	281-324-9803		
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 - Pct. 2	713-455-8104		
Aggressive Waste	713-631-1900		
Crosby Community Center	281-462-0543		
Senior Adult Program	281-893-3726		
Sweetwater Pools	281-988-8480		
Newport Golf Club	281-328-3576		
Environmental Division of Bublic Health 712 420 6270			

713221-6000 Environmental Division of Public Health 713-439-6270 (To Report Abandoned Houses to Harris County)