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2022 ANNUAL MEETING

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THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF NEWPORT, INC.

RESULTS OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- 1. Gerald Kelley 55 votes
- 2. Norman Outley 72 votes
- 3. Quorum Only-205 votes
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NPOA AMENITY CARD

Your 2021 Amenity Card expired on December 31, 2021, however, there is a grace period through March 31, 2022. Please make arrangements to come to the management office to renew your card(s) during that period. To renew your card for 2022, please bring your current card with you. Having your card with you will speed up the process. The cost of the card will remain the same for 2022 at \$25 for the first card and \$5 for each additional card.

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FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

2021 COMPLETED

Repaved parking lot at Stonebridge Replaced a portion of deck at pool Purchased new pool furniture (ordered beginning of May – arrived at end of season) Added lighting at gazebo on Newport Boulevard Replaced large portion of bulkhead at Lake Park Added picnic tables, benches and grills to lake and river parks New telephone system for management office Added new equipment and weights to fitness center

2022 PLANS

Replace remainder of bulkhead at Lake Park Add tables, benches and grills to lake and river parks Purchasing additional tables, chairs and lounges for pool Purchase additional equipment for fitness center Design new landscaping and/or monuments for entrances to Newport Obtain inspection and bids for tennis court updates Obtain bids to add dog park Add 1600 feet of additional space to management office – (when we became self -managed less than 2,000 homes in Newport – we will have over 5,000 properties in next 18-24 months.

PROJECT LIFESAVER® Bringing Loved Ones Home

ABOUT PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver is a 501 (C)(3) community based, public safety, nonprofit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive conditions who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The organization was founded in 1999 in Chesapeake, Virginia.

The necessity of this program was determined through the correlation between cognitive conditions and the act of wandering.

PROJECT LIFESAVER TRAINING

When an agency decides to implement the program, Project Lifesaver International equips them with the necessary technologies and provides training. The training includes the use and implementation of the equipment, information on cognitive disabilities and wandering, and use of the Project Lifesaver International database.





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Project Lifesaver pioneered this technology to help locate individuals who wander. It is the most widely used and most effective program of its type in the nation.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Citizens enrolled in **Project Lifesaver** wear a small transmitter on their wrist or ankle that emits



an individualized frequency signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency and a trained emergency team responds to the area where the person went missing. First responders use the client's individualized frequency to locate him/her.

Search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from hours, and potentially days, to minutes. Recovery times average 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard searches without **Project Lifesaver**.

HOW DO I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

Go to: http://www.harriscountycit.org/project-lifesaver-jump-page-2-2/

There is information on the program, criteria for enrollment, and at the bottom of the page, a link to an online application.



Or scan this code:

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ProjectLifesaver@sheriff.hctx.net



PROJECT GUARDIAN FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM

This is a free, voluntary, and confidential database offered, managed, and maintained by the Harris County Sheriff's Office for Harris County residents in the unincorporated areas of the county patrolled by the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Interested family members enroll their loved ones with autism into the program by providing information on the person via an online application on this website: http://www.harriscountycit.org/auto-draft-3/

Or scan this code:



Information is key in helping deputies respond safely and effectively

Information on how to best communicate with the individual

Information on behaviors to expect, e.g., kicking, biting, hitting, spitting, etc.

Information on triggers to avoid and ways to approach the individual

1 in 54

Children has been identified with an autism spectrum disorder

4 Times more common among boys than girls



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This information is available to deputies through dispatch should they receive a call for service to the person's residence.



Once enrolled, patch stickers are available for issuance to family members.

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are need for the following committees:

Architectural Control Committee ("ACC")

The ACC meets every other Thursday at approximately 3 pm. The purpose of the committee is to review Home Improvement Requests ("HIR") sent in by property owners for exterior improvements to their property. The ACC must review the HIR to make sure the requested improvement conforms to the restrictive covenants, ACC Guidelines and other recorded guidelines. The ACC also ensures the improvements are atheistically cohesive.

Deed Restriction Committee ("DR")

The DR meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at approximately 4 pm. The purpose of the committee is to review violations that have not been corrected after all required letters have been sent to determine if there is sufficient evidence to pursue a court procedure.

If you would be interested in serving on either of the above committees please contact Carol Jones, Community Manager at (281) 462-4128 or e-mail to cjones@newportpoa.com.

Snap Shot for Newport Resident Community Room Rental

\$150 for 4-hour rental either 8 to Noon OR 1 to 5 *(includes time to set up & break down)* Nine 8' rectangular tables Three 5' rectangular serving tables 50 chairs Fridge and Sink available Room Dimensions: Width 34' x Length 43' with 9' ceiling

\$100 cleaning/damage deposit (If there is no damage to the Community Room or related facilities and the area is clean and all trash is bagged and placed in receptacle and tables & chairs returned to storage, the deposit shall be returned to the member. In the event trash and debris is not removed from the Community Room at the end of your event, and tables & chairs are not returned to storage, you may forfeit all or a portion of your cleaning/damage deposit.) NO GLITTER. NO CONFETTI. NO ALCOHOL.

Please complete a Rental Agreement, attach your \$100 cleaning/damage deposit check (will not be cashed at this time, but will be attached to agreement) + either a non-refundable deposit of \$50 to hold the date or \$150 total payment, and drop off in the NPOA office (make checks payable to NPOA). If only making the \$50 hold the date deposit, the remaining \$100 will need to be paid two weeks prior to your event. Once your agreement + checks are received, your event will be placed on the calendar.

To reserve the Community Room, please call Cindy at 281-462-4199, Ext. 12 or you may send an email to cmoffitt@newportpoa.com.

Have a great day!

January 2022



Newport M.U.D. Community Newsletter

The Newport MUD Board of Directors would like to update all residents on Frontier Waste Solution 2022 Holiday collection Schedule. In addition to the Collection schedule, we would also like to take this time to send out a reminder of what will be collected and what will not be collected along with a few frequently asked questions.

2022 Holiday Schedule

Trash service will **NOT** run on the following days in 2022.

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

All other Holidays, trash will be collected

Regular Household Trash

Regular Household Trash will be collected on BOTH collection days. All trash must be placed by the curb no later than 7:00am to ensure service that day.

Types of Trash that will NOT be collected

- Batteries
- Prescription & medications
- Paint & paint cans (with liquid)
- Used motor oil and filters
- Construction Debris
- Dirt
- Tires

For a complete list of guidelines for trash collection please visit <u>www.Newportmudtx.org</u>



Heavy Trash Collection

Heavy trash is collected on the 2nd collection day of the week.

Items that WILL be collected

- Furniture
- Appliances

Items that will NOT be collected

- Construction or Demolition waste
- Concrete, Brick, or Storm Debris
- Roofing Materials
- Unbundled Branches

Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste is collected on the 1st collection day of the week.

Items that WILL be collected

Trees and Shrubs

(no greater than 4 feet long and no branches exceeding 4 inches in diameter. Branches must be bundled and tied in bunches no more than 50 pounds)

• Yard Waste

(Grass clippings, leaves, and weeds. Must be in bags or trash cans and cannot exceed 50 pounds)

Frontier Waste Solution

Contact information

If you have a specific collection question, please call Frontier Waste.

Phone (936) 258-9035

MAKING ANY CHANGES TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR PROPERTY?

Please do not forget to obtain approval first!

<u>ALL</u> improvements to the exterior of your home are subject to Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval.

Please make sure to submit a Home Improvement Request (HIR) form

for <u>ALL</u> exterior improvements (form found at www.newportpoa.com—red button at top of page).

Listed below are items that require ACC approval. This list is NOT all-inclusive:

- ~ Painting (color paint chip must be submitted)
- ~ Roofing
- ~ Fences (new or replacement in whole or part)
- ~ Removing live trees from your property
- ~ ANY addition to an existing building ~ Flagpoles

- ~ Installation/Replacement of walkways/driveways
- ~ Replacement of windows, gutters, wood, siding
- ~ Construction/installation of ANY building, including sheds
- ~ Construction of ANY patio ~ Addition to an existing patio
- ~ Permanent Generators

Please refer to the ACC Guidelines and Guidelines for Fences and Security Cameras for <u>ALL</u> exterior improvements.

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



To obtain a copy of ALL Guidelines, please go to our website www.newportpoa.com. Copies are also available in the Management Office from Michelle. The ACC normally meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

HIR FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW BY 5:00 PM ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING

TRASH PICK-UP

Heavy trash days are the second collection day of EACH week

> Frontier Waste Solutions at 936-258-9035

> > or

Newport MUD at 281-324-9803



PLEASE STORE TRASH CANS OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW except on trash days

Service Days:

Monday/<u>Thursday</u> for the SOUTHSIDE of the San Jacinto River Authority Canal

Tuesday/<u>Friday</u> for the NORTHSIDE of the San Jacinto River Authority Canal

2022 NPOA QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

STONEBRIDGE AT NEWPORT AT 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

THURSDAY, JULY 14TH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH



PROPERTY TAXES HOMESTEAD YOUR PROPERTY AND SAVE

If you owned your property on or before January 1, 2021 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, 2022. 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 general 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 2022 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 2021 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

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.

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.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Security Cameras may be affixed to a dwelling or outbuilding located on a privately owned lot in Newport Subdivision provided the camera does not illuminate the interior of a dwelling or outbuilding on an adjacent lot and does not invade the privacy of an adjacent property owner.

Thank you to Newport MUD for obtaining 80 trees for homeowners and the Newport subdivision as well as the planting of trees along North Diamondhead and South Diamondhead.

IF YOU HAVE A DOG OR CAT PROBLEM

Harris County Public Health: (281) 999-3191

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

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

<u>Harris County Animal Services does NOT handle wildlife issues</u>. 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 http://www.houstonanimalcontrol.org.

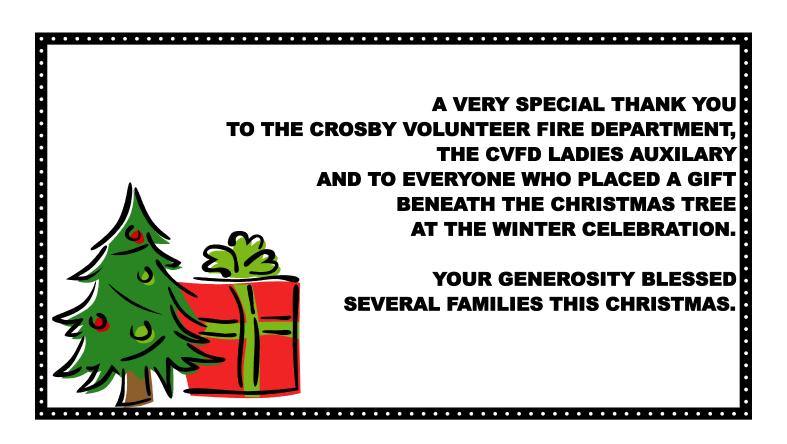


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DELL WEALTH MANAGEMENT

832-794-2358 nadlip@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

NPOA WEBSITE <u>www.newportpoa.com</u> Manager - Carol Jones (281) 462-4128 *Direct* <u>cjones@newportpoa.com</u>

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/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 (trees in road;	713-274-2300
dead animals in road)	
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
Frontier Waste Solutions	936-258-9035
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
Sweetwater Pools	281-988-8480
Environmental Div. of Public Health	713-439-6270
(To Report Abandoned Houses to Har	ris County)

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REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS

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visit our website at www.newportpoa.com and go to Resident Documents then Collection Procedures.

NEWPORT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

2102 Country Club Drive (across from the swimming pool) Hours 8:30—5:00 Mon to Fri (closed for lunch each day from Noon to 1 p.m.) 281.462.4199 www.newportpoa.com

STAFF

Pam, Ext. 10 Carol, Ext. 11 Cindy, Ext. 12 Teresa, Ext. 13 Michelle, Ext. 14 Courtney, Ext. 16 Maria, Ext. 17 Customer Service General Manager Administrative Assistant Accounting, Title Companies ACC, Horse Stalls, Storage Units Deed Restriction Violations Habla Español; Amenity Cards

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