# **NEWPORT NEWS**

"Working Toward A Positive Future"

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### ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2014
7:00 pm - Newport Conference Center
Election of Two Directors
Candidate Bios on Page 2

# A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Somehow, thank you does not convey the appreciation for the three directors retiring their positions.

Charley Lenderman began his "career" as an NPOA director in 2002. Charley was very active in the capital improvement committee and dedicated many hours to improving the pool and tennis courts. He served as secretary to the board and was on both the deed restriction and architectural control committees. Charley retired his position in 2008 but remained active on the architectural control committee. In 2011 he again was elected to the Board and once again provided many hours of service. He claims this time is for real!

Sandy Hayes joined the Board in 2007. We can thank Sandy for our beautiful fireworks display every year. Sandy has been instrumental and spent endless hours putting together our community events, but her claim to fame is the beautiful gazebo that graces the entrance to our neighborhood. Sandy has decided to now spend those endless hours with her grandchildren.

Dennis Pilkington was elected to the Board in 2007. He has served as President of the Board for the past two years and was vice-president prior to that. When running for the board in 2007 his goal was to cut spending and put more money into the neighborhood and was very instrumental in us becoming self managed and achieving that goal. Dennis was also behind our latest capital improvement movement to update our amenities and entrances to enhance our community and increase our property values. Dennis has recently moved from the community to be closer to work.

It goes without saying that these three individuals who have contributed so much will be missed.

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# **CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS (2)**

### **BRYAN LOUQUE** – Newport Resident – 3 months

I am a new homeowner in Newport and want to be an involved contributing community member. As a father of two sons, it is important to me for Newport to be a safe, family oriented place to live. Therefore, volunteering my time as a willing participant interested in the community is a desire for me.

I have a high school degree and training in railcars, welding and hazardous chemicals. I served in the Navy on an AEGIS Cruiser as a boatswain, pilot for small craft and a second class swimmer. I have worked in the chemical industry as an operator for twelve years.

### **AMANDA SHAW** – Newport Resident – 4 years

I would like to help the board and the NPOAN to continue to improve our community as well as preserve the peaceful, serene and secluded feel of Newport that attracted me to the area. Given my professional background, I would be available to provide legal assistance, as needed, to the board and the NPOAN at no charge.

I have been an attorney at Jackson Walker L.L.P. since September 2009. I have experience handling general corporate matters, corporate governance, entity formation and dissolution, asset sales and acquisitions, commercial lending and general contract matters. Prior to practicing law, I was a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 8 years.

I have been a Young Leader for the United Way of Greater Houston and a member of the Young Friends of Ronald McDonald House for 4 years. I have provided legal advice with respect to various non-profit governance matters to Recipe For Success Foundation, a non-profit organization formed for the purposes of fighting childhood obesity, at no charge.

### **DAN WEBB** - Newport Resident - 17 years

With my experience, training and education in Law Enforcement with Nationwide contacts I believe would be an asset to the board when it comes to security and law enforcement procedures. My understanding of the problems associated with keeping our community safe led me to place this request to be on the Board of Directors.

Lieutenant Criminal Investigation Division Organized Crime Unit Texas Department of Public Safety (Retired). During my more than 33 year career as a police officer I worked 15 years in Patrol and 18 years as an Investigator. 10 years in the Crosby-Baytown area as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper. 18 years as a Criminal Investigator for major crimes and narcotics investigation.

I have received several national awards for involvement in law enforcement programs including the CANDID, NHTSA National Merit Awards, Citizen of the Year Award from Texas Department of Health and others. I am a United States Coast Guard veteran and active in Crosby American Legion and youth baseball coaching in the Crosby area.

# LAKE & RIVER PERMITS BOAT LAUNCH PERMITS

LAKE & RIVER PERMITS ISSUED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2013 WILL BE VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.

THE COST TO HAVE A KEY ISSUED WILL INCREASE TO \$30 TO OFFSET THE PRICE INCREASE FOR KEYS.

PERMITS AND RENEWALS OF PERMITS WILL REMAIN AT \$10 PER YEAR.





# 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.

### **WELCOME**

Margarette Chasteen has been appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dennis Pilkington.

January Board Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:00 p.m. Newport Golf Center

# **NO BURNING IN NEWPORT**

Burning of anything, other than recreational fire pits or chimineas is prohibited in Newport. If you see someone burning please call (713) 920-2831

### NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB



### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WINNERS

1st place—17018 Scuttle Way - The Hills 2nd place - 17615 Marl Way - The Cummings 3rd place - 1423 Chart - The Courvilles

To join the garden club contact Dian Demma (281) 235-2038 or diandemma@verizon.net Visit group Facebook page - Newport Garden Club

### **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. 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





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 www.centerpointenergy.com/outage to file a report.

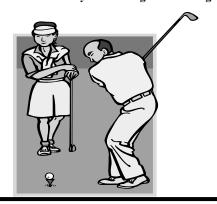
If you do not have access to the internet you can call 713-207-2222

# NEWPORT GOLF CLUB OFFERING MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS TO NEWPORT RESIDENTS ONLY \$99 PER MONTH PER HOUSEHOLD

(household includes owner or tenant, spouse and children 18 years and younger unless enrolled in college and residing at home)

Does not include cart
Cart fee \$8 per person per round
Trail fee—\$25 per month for owned cart
Applications available at Pro Shop

Must have proof of residency and be in good standing with NPOA



### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

ACC GUIDELINES WERE AMENDED ON AUGUST 13, 2013

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 shingle)
- Fences (new or replacement in whole or part)

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

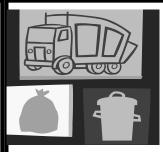
If you have any questions regarding what is required to make exterior alterations to your home, please contact Michelle at mparisher@newportpoa.com or call (281) 462-4199 ext 14.

For a copy of ACC Guideline please go to our website www.newportpoa.com
Copies also available in the Management Office

## 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 addition collection fee of \$15 per month.

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



### TRASH PICK UP

Questions regarding trash pick-up should be directed to Aggressive Waste (713) 631-1900

www.aggressivewaste.com

PLEASE PLACE TRASH CANS OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW EXCEPT ON TRASH DAYS



# Craft & Consumer Expo



Door Prizes
Inflatables for Kids
Craft Vendors
Local Business
Promotions & Giveaways
Local Entertainment
Food Vendors



# Crosby High School Saturday, February 1st 10:00 am — 3:00pm

For more information
Call 281-328-6984
Facebook, or www.crosbyhuffmancc.org

### McGruff's Corner Oct/Nov Crime Stats

Hang Up	14
Accident/FSGI	2
Accident Minor	6
Accident Major	1
2	0
Accident Injury	
Alarm Local	48
Animal Humane	2
Animal Aggressive	11
Animal Livestock	0
Arson	4
Assault/Family	1
Assault Aggressive	3
Assult/other	6
Burg/Hab	5
Burg/Motveh	8
Burg/Other	1
Check School/Park	87
Contract Check	1017
Crim Mischief	17
Credit card	3
Disch Firearm	3 7
Dist/Family	15
Dist/Juvenile	1
Domestic Prevention	9
DWI	1
Dist/Loud Noise	20
Dist/Other	10
Drug/Od/Poss	1
Follow Up	13
Fraud ID	1
Indecent Exposure	0
In Progress	3
Illegal Dumping	0
Meet Officer/Citizen	47
Nuisance Abatement	1
Prop Lost/Found	1
Missing Person	0
Runaway	0
Road Rage	1
Sex Offender Verify	2
Solicitors	1
Ref'd/Internal/External	167
Susp Persons	21
Telephone Harrah	
Terroristic Thrt	2 5
Theft/Residence	5
Theft/Other	9
Traf IHazard	10
Traffic Stop	29
Unk Medical Emergency	3
Veh Abandoned	1
Veh Repossession	4
Vacation Watch	93
Veh Suspicious	24
Vehicle Stolen	2
Welfare Check	12

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(713) 221-6000



# **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 – E	mergency 911	
(non-emergency information)	281-328-6810	
Crosby/Huffman Chamber	281-328-6984	
Crosby Post Office	1-800-275-8777	
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	
<b>Health Department</b> – (Environmental)	713-439-6016	
Center Point Customer Service	713-207-2222	
Commissioner Morman	713-455-8104	
fax	713-755-8801	
Aggressive Waste	713-631-1900	
Parks & Trails	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 Division of Public Health713-439-6270		
(To Report Abandoned Houses to Harris County)		



### **NEWPORT'S AMENITIES**

Our community has many amenities available to its residents:

**Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts** 

Walking Trails along nerf vogler Gum Gulley Park w/ 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 both Lake Houston and San Jacinto River
Beach at river area Boat docks at both areas
Picnic areas
Camping permitted
(Access permits and boat launch permits required
Annual permit fee \$10 per permit - Boat Launch \$50)

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

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