

NEWPORT NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING

Election Results

**The following were elected to the
Board of Directors for a three year
term:**

**EARL BOYKIN
NANCY GAUDET**

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION A HUGE SUCCESS

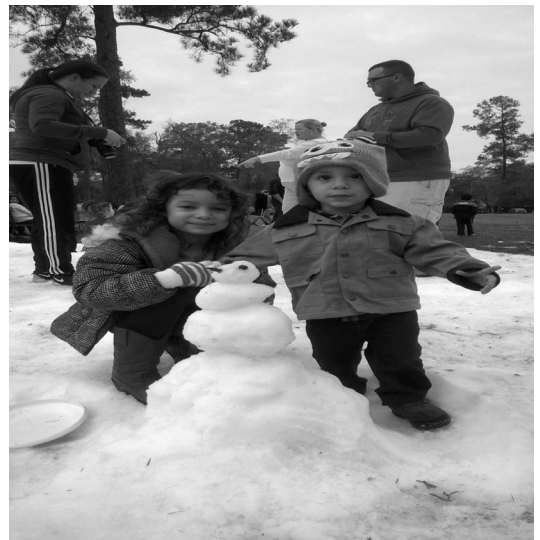
Special thanks to:

Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule
to come and see us again this year;

Crosby Volunteer Fire Department for giving them a ride from
their sleigh to our park;

Ladies Auxiliary of Crosby VFD for the distribution of gifts;

And to Newport residents for their generosity in
bringing toys to be distributed in the true spirit of Christmas.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

WALTER THOMAS

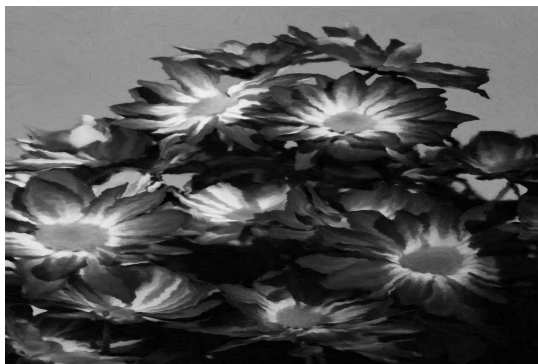
In November, Walter Thomas resigned his position as NPOA director because of health reasons. Walter joined the Board in 2006. His background as a CPA and Director of Finance for West University got him elected as Treasurer which he served as through 2013. He was very instrumental in getting us through the self management transition. We will miss him and ask for your thoughts and prayers as he combats his health issues.

DAN KASPRZAK

In 1996, Newport was in a turmoil and a group of residents got together to take control of the HOA away from Newport Partners, the developer at the time. Among that group was a young attorney who gave his time to help in this endeavor. They were successful in getting 47% of the subdivision and forming The New Property Owner's Association of Newport as it is known today. For the next eighteen years this same attorney would give his time and knowledge to assist in getting control of 100% of the subdivision and making Newport what it is today. Dan and his family moved from Newport to the country during his last term which ended this month.

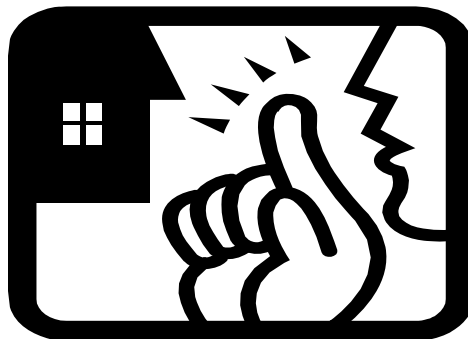
**NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB'S
YARD OF THE MONTH**

**November
16406 Porpoise Drive
Mike Hargrave**



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**

**Lake & River permits and Boat Launch permits expire December 31st of
the year issued.**

Grace period to renew through March 31, 2015.

**Permits & renewals are available in the management office. The cost per
permit (renewal or new issue) is:**

**Lake & River Permit—\$10 each
(separate permit required for each person over 16 yrs of age)
Boat Launch—\$50**

**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

Crime Watch Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 7 pm

Newport Golf Club

CRIME DETERRENT TIPS

1. Alarm system.
2. Surveillance cameras.
3. Dog barking.
4. Leave car in driveway during day.
5. Keep garage door closed.
6. Leave TV or radio on during day.
7. Leave light on during day.
8. If you do not have viewer in door, install one.
9. Be sure outside lights are off during day.
10. If gone for extended period of time get neighbors to pick up newspaper from yard; take in your mail or make arrangements for post office to hold; set lights on timers; and notify sheriff's office for vacation watch.
11. Unattended trash cans (upside down) are an indicator that no one is home. Suggestion: If the trash is not picked up before you leave for work, you might consider putting your trash out in bags before you leave.
12. Keep vehicles locked while in driveway.
13. Remove all valuables from your vehicles.



CRIME STATS

November crime stats were the lowest in over two years. There were no residential burglaries; one motor vehicle burglary; and seven criminal mischief incidents reported. Neighbors watching out for neighbors and increased patrol have contributed to these incredible stats. Please remember to report suspicious persons, deporting and vehicles to the non-emergency number (713) 221-6000.

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



**PLEASE
STORE
TRASH CANS
OUT OF
PUBLIC VIEW
EXCEPT ON
TRASH DAYS
(Wednesday and
Saturday)**

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.**

Annual Meeting

Nancy Gaudet, Association President gave the following recap of 2014:

- The Association finished the year \$139,000 under budget after paying an additional \$40,000 down on the principal of the capital improvement loan.
- The Association completed the fence on the south side of Newport Boulevard this past year, remodeled the rest rooms at the pool, purchased additional pool furniture and added picnic tables, grills and fire pits to the lake and river parks.

Plans for 2015

- The Board voted to allocate \$100,000 of the funds for additional street lights in the Community in a continued effort to make it more secure.
- Construct a fishing pier at the lake.

**WISHING EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

Upcoming Events at Newport Golf Club

**Steak Night and Texas Hold-emEVERY THURSDAY AT 6pm
Starting Jan 29th....it's a fun night for everyone**

**Feb 7 Crawfish Boil.....Zydeco Music.....Dancing
Doors open at 5:30, reservations recommended**

**Feb 18 Seafood Buffet.....fried shrimp, catfish, boiled shrimp
Clam chowder, crab legs, cole slaw, fries
DJ music and drawing for prizes all night
Reservations please**

More info and reservations at 281-328-3576 x1

**MANAGEMENT OFFICE IS CLOSED
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOR IN-SERVICE DAY**

NEXTDOOR NEWPORT

**Nextdoor Newport is a private online network. On our Nextdoor site,
neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime reports,
ideas about how to improve our neighborhood and more.**

**Currently, there are over 350 residents signed up. It's a great avenue to keep up with lost and found
pets, items for sale and other information.**

**Nextdoor is also linked to the Harris County Sheriff's Department where the Sheriff's Department
can send out blasts regarding happenings and news but they cannot access our private messaging.**

To join, go to nextdoor.com

THE GRAPEFRUIT TREE

(a true story by Irene Cook)

When Bill and I married, he brought me breakfast in bed every morning until his health failed. Being a former Marine, he was an early riser, and he would set up the tray the night before. He bought me a little bell to keep by my bedside, and he would either wake me at the time I had requested, or wait for me to ring the bell for him to bring my breakfast tray. One morning, probably in the mid 90's, we had either been to the Valley or someone had brought us some grapefruit from the Valley. On my tray was a half grapefruit as part of my breakfast. One of the seeds in the grapefruit had a sprout on it, so I planted the seed; kept moving it to larger and larger pots as it grew, and finally, planted it in the middle of my back yard. It is now about 25 feet tall, and really is a beautiful green tree. I never knew if it would ever produce fruit, having been started from a seed, and apparently one never knows if the fruit will resemble the parent plan.

In late January 2012, just a couple of weeks before what would have been our 20th Anniversary, I looked up and there were 3 large grapefruit on the tree - the first it had produced. This was like a special anniversary gift from Bill! My cleaning lady checked with one of her neighbors and advised that, if you do not pick the fruit the first time it produces, it will not produce again for 2 years. I had my yard man pick the fruit (it was too high for me to reach even from a stepladder). The grapefruit were very sweet and pink and juicy - some of the nicest grapefruit I have ever eaten. Later in the spring it was loaded with fragrant blossoms, and in early April, I was delighted to see small cherry sized green fruits forming. They are growing nicely and the tree is just loaded with fruit. I have no idea how long it takes them to mature, but if they all ripen, I will become the "Grapefruit Fairy" who leaves grapefruit for everyone as there is such an abundance of them. As I write this in the middle of May, 2012, they are still very green and are about 1 to 2 inches in diameter. I have counted over 40 of them recently - and know that I cannot see all of them on the upper branches and hidden by the green foliage of the tree. This is just one more way that my dear Bill has enriched my life.

Epilogue: November 2012 - The grapefruit are now ripe and ready for picking a bountiful harvest. The tree is loaded with fruit, and I worried that some of the branches might break off from the weight. One cluster has 9 grapefruit on it. A total of 399 grapefruit were picked in that year. Only 172 were picked in 2013 and as of the beginning of December this year, 140 have been picked. It is a very special tree for me, and reminds me every day of the wonderful person who was my husband.

HISTORY TIDBITS

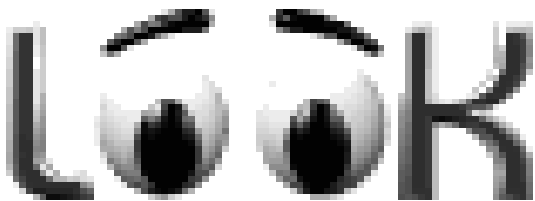
January 19 - Martin Luther King Day

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., - August 28, 1963

Martin Luther King day celebrates the life and accomplishment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK promoted Civil Rights through nonviolent civil disobedience. He was assassinated in 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. day became a federally recognized holiday in 1983. The first year this holiday was observed was 1986, and not by all states. In 2000 it became a nationally observed holiday in all states and takes place on the third Monday of January each year.

February 16 - President's Day

President's Day or Washington's Birthday as it is still legally known, was originally designed as a celebration of George Washington's birthdate. In 1880, Congress voted to make this the first national holiday which honored an individual. In 1968, Congress enacted the Uniform Monday Bill, to give workers as many long weekends as possible. This moved as many holidays to a standard Monday each year. Many states were already honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, and this celebration was combined with George Washington's birthday, for one federal holiday. It is observed on the third Monday in February each year. President's Day never falls on Washington's actual birthdate (February 22). The third Monday in February can never be any later than February 21st. Since 1888, Washington's Farewell Address has been read aloud in the U.S. Senate on February 22nd.



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.

DEPUTIES TAKE NO NONSENSE APPROACH TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND LOOSE DOGS

The precinct deputies as well as our contract deputies are taking a no nonsense approach to traffic violations which include speeding, failing to stop at stop signs, and no seat belts. Citations are also being issued for residents who fail to keep their dogs on a leash or in an enclosed area. Listed below are the *average* fines for these citations:



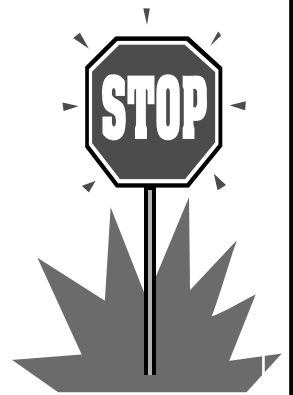
Speeding - \$165 - \$185

School Zone - \$185 - \$225

Failure to stop at stop sign - \$165

No seatbelt - \$130

Loose dog - \$125



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.

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

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



DANGEROUS DOGS

Dogs that meet the following criteria may 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**

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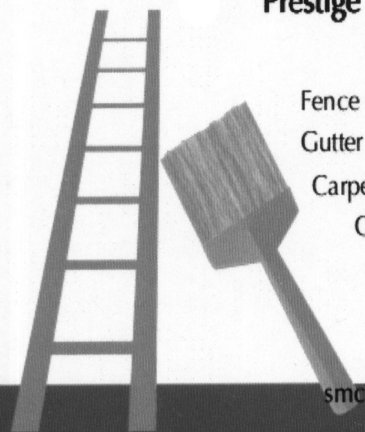
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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

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 ACC 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**

McGruff's Corner
Oct/Nov Crime Stats

Hang Up	4
Accident/FSGI	5
Accident Minor	2
Accident Major	2
Accident Injury	1
Alarm Local	68
Animal Humane	3
Animal Aggressive	5
Animal Livestock	0
Arson	3
Assault/Family	2
Assault Aggressive	0
Assault/other	6
Burg/Hab	2
Burg/Motveh	5
Burg/Other	1
Check School/Park	117
Contract Check	1595
Crim Mischief	12
Credit card	5
Disch Firearm	4
Dist/Family	21
Dist/Juvenile	2
Domestic Prevention	14
DWI	6
Dist/Loud Noise	24
Dist/Other	20
Drug/Od/Poss	6
Follow Up	12
Fraud ID	4
Indecent Exposure	0
In Progress	6
Illegal Dumping	0
Meet Officer/Citizen	44
Nuisance Abatement	0
Prop Lost/Found	2
Missing Person	2
Runaway	6
Road Rage	0
Sex Offender Verify	11
Solicitors	0
Ref'd/Internal/External	244
Susp Persons	42
Telephone Harrah	2
Terroristic Thrt	5
Theft/Residence	4
Theft/Other	8
Traf Hazzard	2
Traffice stops	81
Unk Medical Emergency	9
Veh Abandoned	7
Veh Repossession	10
Vacation Watch	76
Veh Suspicious	31
Vehicle Stolen	5
Welfare Check	9

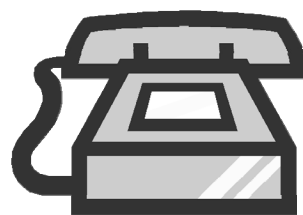
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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/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; dead animals in road)	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 Morrman	713-455-8104
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 Health	713-439-6270
(To Report Abandoned Houses to Harris County)	



FEBRUARY 14th

Valentine's Day History

The idea of Valentine's Day seems to have originated during the Middle Ages, somewhere around the 14th or 15th century. The holiday is named after Saint Valentine who was martyred. Chaucer, a famous poet wrote about "Seynt Valentyne's day" in his famous Parliament Foules. Other historians attribute the holiday as a celebration of the life of Saint Valentine who lived in Constantinople 150 years after Constantine turned the city into a Christian one. There was a pagan celebration on February 15th where lots of unmarried men chose a bride and were married on this day. Married men didn't want to go to war, so Roman Emperor Claudius II forbade young men to marry. Valentine ignored the decree and was executed on February 14, in the year A.D. 270.

Facts about Valentine's Day

- Symbols for Valentine's Day include hearts, chocolate, flowers, and Cupid - the Roman God of Love
- 52% of US consumers will send out at least 1 Valentine's Day card, 47% will send candy, and 34% will send flowers

NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB

Meetings - first Monday of Month (Jan-May)

Feb 6, 2015 - Annual Arbor Day - Fire Station

Dutch Treat Lunch

*To be-
member*



*come a
call*

**NPOA OFFERING
FOLLOWING REWARD**

**\$1,000 for information
leading to arrest and conviction of
persons shooting out windows
with pellet guns**

**\$1,000 for information
leading to arrest and conviction of
persons who burned a hole
in concrete deck at lake
between December 31, 2014
and January 7, 2015**

**All information will remain confidential
Please call (281) 462-4128 or send
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