

WORTHAM  
VILLAGES



# THE WORTHAM VILLAGES

OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER

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# BRIEF

## Splinters from the Board, By Stan Schoen, @ sschoen@worthamweb.org

Over the years, the most common concern we hear from you is about security. We've been pretty fortunate over the years to have low crime statistics in Wortham but when anything happens to 'your' property it is a big deal and to all of us. Harris County has seen an increase in crime and we must continue to look for ways to keep everyone in our community safe.

Recently we have had some issues, specifically car break-ins and theft of a vehicle which seem to come in waves as thieves target certain neighborhoods when the pickings are good then move on to find their next neighborhood to pray on. We may not be able to eliminate crime but we are trying to make Wortham Villages a place that thieves don't want to visit.

Here is what we can all do to make Wortham safer for everyone:

### 1) Become a Deputy!

As you know we have dedicated patrols by Harris County Sheriff's Deputies that covers all of MUD 222 to include Wortham Villages, Wortham Grove and the commercial property in front of the neighborhood. These deputies are contracted to spend 70% of their time patrolling our streets but even they can't be everywhere at once – and crooks will always try to avoid being seen.

We have heard requests to add more deputies and have around the clock patrols – but even if we could afford 5 deputies in overlapping shifts there still would be times when your street isn't being watched. So, what can you do? Be the eyes and ears of our Sheriff – call to report any crime, no matter how small you think it may be, and call to report suspicious behavior. When you call, the contract officer will check it and take action.

You do NOT have to wait for a crime to be committed to report a concern or something that looks fishy. Just provide the details and explain what the situation is to the Sheriff's office. We pay for them to be here so please let them know if you see something.

For non-emergencies call **713-221-6000**, and for an emergency call **911**.

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# Splinters from the Board, continued

## 2) New Cameras

Now you and our Deputies have another way to fight crime – new cameras at the entrances to the neighborhood. These are license plate readers and the cameras are recording cars coming into our neighborhood. The Deputies and the camera company will be able to go back and review footage to identify suspect vehicles. New signs have been installed to warn about the cameras and hopefully act as a deterrent to any criminal activity. Here is how you can make this new program successful:

If you experience a crime to your property:

- a. Call the Sheriff's office and provide as much detail as you can (timeframe, type of vehicle, etc.). As before, they will come by to get the info and will provide a case #.
- b. The Deputy will determine if reviewing camera will help and get with the camera company to obtain the footage.
- c. The camera company can put suspicious vehicles on a 'Hot List' and provide notifications when that vehicle reenters the neighborhood.

If you witness suspicious activities (for example you see someone following the UPS truck and walking up to the house, or someone driving around at night with car parts hanging out): Call the Sheriff's office to report the details at their non-emergency number, unless you feel it is an emergency then call 9-1-1.

## Other community news:

The freeze of 2021 is over and 98-degree weather is upon us! That week in February was an awful time for our city with power outages and water issues all over. In our community there were some folks that lost power but it sounds like the majority of us were fortunate to never lose power. Likely our proximity to the hospitals and major highways helped keep us lit. A number of you still had broken pipes but not nearly as many if the power had been lost!

Much of Houston had issues with water but our MUD kept the water flowing throughout with no need to boil water. Remember that our MUD is separate from the City of Houston supply so when you see something on the news about the Houston water system don't panic. Our water comes from a well and is very good quality.

By the way, if there was an issue with the water how would you find out? Did you know MUD 222 has a website? [www.mud222.org](http://www.mud222.org) They post info there and you should also sign up for emergency alerts to be notified in an emergency. See more information below.

Speaking of electricity: the construction on Wortham Center by the power lines is a new CenterPoint substation. It will connect to the big overhead power lines and deliver more reliable electricity to our area. The folks at CenterPoint said this has been long overdue in our area because of the growth, so it should give us even more consistent power in the future. As a bonus, CenterPoint provided funds for new landscaping to provide some cover when you are at the lake and to somewhat camouflage the plant from line of sight.

I'm an optimist, I see things as getting even better, the economy is moving, our property values are on the rise, there are help wanted signs all over and it remains to be seen as to how our jobs are impacted by changes we've all witnessed over the past 2 years. Work at home vs going into the office, how that will look is anyone's guess at this point but change is always certain.

In closing, as our economy continues to pick up steam you may have experienced some frustrations with service at restaurants and local businesses. I encourage you to remember that all of these have suffered a very difficult year and a half with some having to close their doors and the rest are struggling to find staff and supplies. Please be patient and remember that many of our Wortham neighbors are small business owners or have been serving on the front line as public servants with the police, fire and healthcare workers during uncertain times. If you use the Wortham pool, please also be mindful of our lifeguards, these are kids (young people – everyone anymore are kids to me). Please don't yell or tell them what to do, they have supervisors and deserve our friendship, they are helping saving our pool users. We're all adjusting and we could all use some patience, understanding and love.

We are Wortham! We're looking good. Wishing you all the best!

## MUD 222 messaging and Emergency Alerts

Residents in MUD 222 should sign up to receive messages from our new alert system. These will include notices such as emergency alerts, important water/sewer updates, trash collection, security, and occasional community interest items. Sign up at [www.mud222.org](http://www.mud222.org). The service is provided by Classic Messaging to ensure a secure system and contact info will remain confidential. Informational messages will be by text and/or email. Emergency notices will also include automated voice messages.



**BEAT THE HEAT!!**

**ADULT POOL PARTY!!**



**COME JOIN THE FUN!!**

**Wortham Villages**

**Adult  
Pool Party**

**Sept. 11, 2021  
7-11PM**

**Wortham Clubhouse  
Pool**



**\$5 for Early RSVP  
\$10 at the Door**

**Food, Adult Drinks and More**

**HOA Residents**

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Sheriff's Department.....911  
Poison Control.....800.222.1222

### NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance.....713.466.4073  
Sheriff's Department.....713.221.6000  
Harris County Health Dept.....713.439.6000  
Animal Control.....281.999.3191  
Gas - Centerpoint .....713.659.2111

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# BE IN THE KNOW: SUMMER SUN SAFETY

Ultraviolet radiation (UV) comes from the sun and tanning beds. Less than a handful of sunburns can increase you and your child's risk of skin cancer later in life.

### Prevention:

- Avoid sun exposure between 10 am - 4 pm. You are still at risk on cloudy days.
- Pick a sunscreen that has the words, "BROAD SPECTRUM" to block both types of UV rays.
- Look for a SPF of at least 15. SPF 30 or more is better.
- Apply sunscreen generously 15 minutes before outdoor activities, and reapply every 2 hours and after swimming.

### Heat Exhaustion

Summer heat waves are dangerous. Children under 5 and adults older than 65 years of age are at the highest risk. Warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke include:

- Oral temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit
- Dizziness, throbbing headache, confusion, or unconsciousness
- Muscle cramps or muscle twitching
- Nausea or vomiting

If you see these signs, you might be dealing with a life threatening illness. Get medical help asap.

### Prevention:

- Drink more fluid than your thirst indicates. Water is the best choice.
- Encourage your family members to drink fluids throughout the day.
- Take breaks while working outdoors.
- Choose lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting clothes.

