

SEPT/OCT 2014

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From the PRESIDENT.....

The kids are now back in school and cooler weather is right around the corner. Please slow down and watch out for kids walking to the bus stops, especially the older kids that are out before the sun is shining.

The Board has a few projects in the works that I'd like to mention. As you have likely read here and heard discussed at the annual meeting, former Board members - two are attorneys – spent considerable time reviewing legal documents related to Fleetwood's annexation into the City of Houston. They also consulted with an outside attorney experienced in this field. The consensus was that the City is responsible for alley maintenance just as they are responsible for street maintenance. However, a decision was made that an expensive legal battle that ended in the City's favor would exhaust resources that we could use to fix our alleys NOW, to our standards. We are currently soliciting bids to do quality permanent repairs of the worst sections. We anticipate commencing work this Fall.

Also in the alleys we soon be undertaking a big cleanup to remove leaves, volunteer "trees", and debris. This will be done along the Memorial wall and fences adjacent to other neighborhoods. Please note that each homeowner is responsible for cleaning up and maintaining the area adjacent to their own fence – *including areas around utility boxes* - and keeping these areas free of leaf pile-up, weeds, etc. Our management company does inspect the alleys and will be sending notices for areas that need attention. Also be sure your lawn crew is not blowing your grass cuttings and leaves toward the wall, your neighbors' fence, or into the alley or street where it is unsightly and can impede drainage.

We are also in the midst of building a new website with updated features, including a password-protected section for residents only which will include security information and an online directory.

I'll end with a request. In January, the two-year term of several Board members is ending. Please consider whether the time is right for you to take your turn on the Board. Perhaps you can't commit the time now to serve in a Board position. There also are opportunities for you to serve in other ways. Call me and we can talk about the various ways you can help with whatever amount of time you have available. One more plea: I mentioned the Holiday decorations in the last newsletter but unfortunately have had no response. If any enhancements to our decorations will be made, now's the time to plan for it before the demands of the holiday are upon us. If you have some time and ideas and would like to help out with our holiday display, please contact me. I can always be reached at (832) 229-8839 or pgweller@gmail.com.

Phyllis Weller President, Fleetwood POA



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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST,2014

Patriot Day September 11, 2014

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.







Justin & Danielle Foley
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702 Crossroads Dr. 706 Daria Ct. 811 Ivy Wall Dr. 939 Ivy Wall Dr.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST FLEETWOOD RESIDENTS AND HELP THEM TO GET TO KNOW OUR GREAT AREA!

(AUG 2014)

We're Going Back To School



THINK
WHEN DRIVING
IN FLEETWOOD!!



So *SLOW DOWN* near schools and in Fleetwood! Kids are playing outside and adults walking the streets.

THANKS!!



Fleetwood Neighborhood Nextdoor

This is a great way to keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood. It is a great place to discuss topics of concern or interest to the neighborhood, find contractor recommendations, and to share upcoming events.

To join, visit:

https://fleetwoodneighborhood.nextdoor.com/join

or send an email to

fleetwoodnextdoor@gmail.com

This is a separate website from the official website:

www.fleetwoodpoa.com

where you will find Board meeting notices and minutes, Architectural Control forms, Deed Restrictions, By-Laws, and other forms and documents.



Fleetwood Security

We have been fortunate to not have any reported criminal activity recently.

School is back in session. Please use caution while driving in the neighborhood. Here are some School Bus Safety Tips:

- Walk with your kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Tell kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time.
- Teach kids to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and never to walk behind the bus.
- If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Instruct younger kids to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Be careful of straps or drawstrings that could get caught in the door. If your children drop something, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.
- Drivers should always follow the speed limit and slowdown in school zones and near bus stops. Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus.
- Slow down and stop if you're driving near a school bus that is flashing yellow or red lights. This means the bus is either preparing to stop (yellow) or already stopped (red), and children are getting on or off.

Reminders:

Since we do not have 24 hour a day security it is important we look out for each other. If you see something or someone unusual please alert security or HPD. A few basic tips are: do not to leave any valuables in your vehicles, lock your doors, set your alarms, and get to know your neighbors. Thanks for using the little stickers on your vehicles. If you need stickers please let me know. I will get them to you.

Please contact me via email <u>wjahome@yahoo.com</u> or private message on "Nextdoor" if you have any questions or concerns.

You can sign up for Nextdoor at https://fleetwoodneighborhood.nextdoor.com/login/

Thanks,
James Ainsworth
Fleetwood Security

Memorial Super Neighborhood 16 Council Minutes June 23, 2014

(MSN Police Department Security Update)

II. Law Enforcement Update – Houston Police Department HPD Senior Police Officer Michael D. Prause

Office Michael Prause provided an overview of the change in crime statistics from the previous month as follows:

	4/24/14 -	5/24/14 -	
Crime	5/23/14	6/22/14	% Change
Murder	0	0	+0%
Sexual Assault	0	1	+100%
Robbery	4	5	+25%
Aggravated Assault	3	3	+0%
Total Violent Crime	7	9	+29%
Burglary Habitation	20	9	-55%
Burglary Building	5	5	0%
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	120	77	-36%
Theft	82	66	-20%
Auto Theft	11	6	-46%
Total Non-Violent Crime	238	`63	-32%
Grand Total	245	172	-30%

Officer Prause suggested hiding belongings from view in a vehicle. The most reported crime is burglary of a motor vehicle (BMV). There were 33,000 BMVs reported last year in Houston.

Glad to see that burglary of habitation dropped 55%. If you leave for vacation, please notify as the police will keep an extra eye.

Year-to-date violent crimes dropped 47.8%; however non-violent crimes have risen 13.7% over last year driven by burglary of habitation and BMV.

A question was asked about Twin Peaks establishment. Officer Prause stated that Twin Peaks has moved the happy hour to at least an hour after school is released, valet parking has been added and outlined other accommodations that have been made.

Officer Prause encouraged the MSN community to attend the Positive Interaction Program (PIP) monthly meetings held at Westside Command Center, 3203 S. Dairy Ashford, the 3rd Thursday at 7pm – a program designed for the community to interact with local police and gain knowledge on crime and safety in the area. CM Pennington stated that the community can talk directly with HPD police forces and particularly with those that do not have constables. The PIP is an opportunity for the police to show information of where crime occurs and discuss prevention. The command staff typically attends and CM Pennington attends.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE



It's been awhile since we've contributed any comments to the Newsletter. Recently we've noticed a few residents starting, or even completing projects without prior approval and hope this is simply due to not knowing or understanding the rules. We'd like to remind residents that the Architectural Control Committee, or ACC created by the Deed Restrictions at Fleetwood's inception, exists to help our neighborhood maintain or improve the attributes that influenced each of us to purchase our homes here.

To learn more about how the ACC functions, please go to the neighborhood web page, Welcome to Fleetwood, at www.fleetwoodpoa.com. Go to "Documents", then to the PDF files for Architectural and Landscape Guidelines and ACC Application forms. The Guidelines were revised and adopted in January 2014 and incorporate recent changes to laws of the State of Texas. Copies of these revised forms were mailed to each resident of Fleetwood in February 2014. Please read the Overview to the recently revised Architectural and Landscape Guidelines to better understand our purpose and the necessity for submitting improvement proposals to the ACC for review and approval PRIOR to beginning said project. After reviewing the Guidelines, you can download the PDF file for the application forms which you can complete and submit per instructions, along with any required surveys, sketches, samples of paint colors, brochure pictures of planned new windows, roofing tiles, etc. Scan and email to the current Assistant Community Manager at Crest, Surron Stokes at surron@crest-management.com, who will review and forward to me to share with the rest of the Committee

As pointed out in the Overview, all proposed improvements to your property's exterior that are subjected to public view must be first submitted in writing to the Committee ("ACC") for approval prior to starting any construction. Backyard landscaping is not visible to the public and doesn't require Committee approval, however, construction of patios, shade structures, pools, etc., although not seen by the public must be approved prior to construction to assure that easements are observed, materials employed are suitable, no adverse effects to drainage ensue from the project, etc. Major altering to landscaped beds in the front should be submitted for approval, primarily because of easement and drainage concerns. But seasonal changes of landscaping materials do not require approval, as the beds, it is assumed, we have already been approved. It may sound confusing but if you are in doubt, just call us and we'll be glad to answer your questions, and work with you to complete the form in a way that accurately reflects your goals and intentions.

Again, if in doubt, call or email us. We are here to help you achieve your planned project without violating any deed restrictions while complementing the rest of your neighborhood.

Lourez Bullock, Chairman, Architectural Control Committee

Email: lourez bullock@sbcglobal.net

FLEETWOOD FUN EVENTS!



Wine Tasting Event

You are invited to a Wine Tasting on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
At the home of Dean Herr and Connie Stein 834 Daria Drive



Cost per person in advance: \$15.00
Remit by Thursday, October 9th, 2014 to
Adriana Vargas, 15827 River Roads Dr., Houston, TX 77079

To RSVP or for more information contact Adriana at 281-497-6001 or adri vargas007@yahoo.com

Please bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre to be enjoyed with the wines.

We look forward to seeing you!



Fleetwood Fun Ladies Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 7, 2014, 12 noon

"Shop till you Drop"

Get ready for the Holidays! Fleetwood Ladies join us for the Fleetwood Fun Fall Luncheon

> Sally Craig's home 15731 Foxgate Rd

Details to follow!



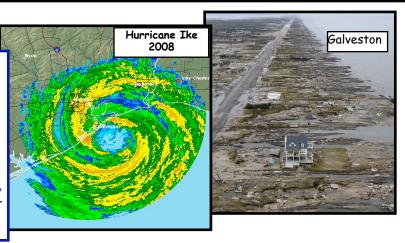
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Making Memories together!
Sunday, October 26, 2014
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Silvergate Court

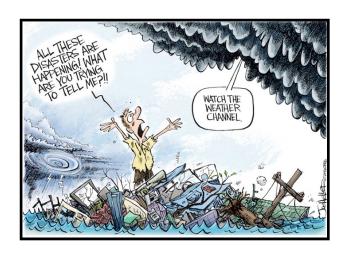
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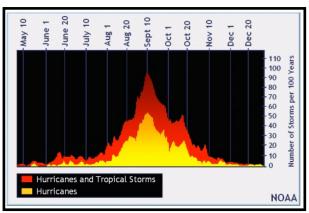
Atlantic Hurricane Season PEAKS IN SEPT/OCT!!

June 1st to Nov. 30th Be prepared! Have a plan!!

Link to National Hurricane Center: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ ready.php







As seen in the graph above, the peak of the season is from mid-August to late October. However, deadly hurricanes can occur anytime in the hurricane season. (National Hurricane Center)



Autumnal Equinox Day Tuesday, September 23, 2014

The Autumn equinox signals the beginning of Fall. It is the point where there is exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness at the equator. If you live anywhere else, however, you will see a little bit more or a little bit less than 12 hours of daylight. The daylight hours are dwindling and will continue to do so until we reach the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year and the start of winter.



FLEETWOOD NEWSLETTER INFORMATION



Please see our website (<u>www.fleetwoodpoa.com</u>) for current news and alerts. The Newsletter is also available on the website and back issues are posted there.

If you have any information for the newsletter, send to me, Suzanne Smith at smithsb0929@gmail.com.

Please help your next door neighbors and make a copy for those that have no access to a computer. You are always welcome to email me and we can make further arrangements.



HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!
Monday, October 13th, 2014

Federal Holiday/Observance
Public School Holiday/Observance





THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st



Fleetwood Garden Club

Opening Fleetwood Garden Club!.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 @ 10am at the home of Sonja Cleary, 1007 Fleetwood Place Dr,

Janet Miller, Ph.D janet1465@sbcglobal.net

Memorial Super Neighborhood 16



Fleetwood is in Memorial Super Neighborhood 16, which meets monthly, every 4th Monday of the month, to discuss important issues relative to our neighborhoods. Currently we have 26 Home Owners Associations present at these meetings. We have monthly updates and input on crime from Houston Police Dept. and local Constables, City Council Representatives, along with reports on drainage, infrastructure and beautification. Next, meetings are:

Monday, September 22nd, 2014 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Monday, October 27th, 2014 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

13194 Memorial Drive MDUMC "The Gate" (on the west end of the TJ Maxx shopping center) For more information on Memorial SN 16, go to: www.memorialsn.org For more information on our district, go to: www.houstontx.gov/council/g/

MaryAnn Sterrett-Russell Fleetwood Super Neighborhood Representative (volunteer)



Neighborhood Family Play Group!

Join the fun and get to know your fellow neighbors! Did you know our playgroup consists of 71 families with 127 kids primarily from Barker's Landing and Fleetwood?

The current kid age group breakdown is: 31% Infant to 3 years old 36% Ages 4-6 30% Ages 7-10 2% Ages 11-17

We have activities for "Littles" (3 years and younger) and "Bigs" (4 years+) in addition to Playgroup dinner get together and even a Girls Night Out. Our playgroup is a great way for families to get to know one another. With so many of our kids attending different schools, it's a great way for kids to grow up knowing other kids in our neighborhood, enriching our community. You can join us by searching for us on Facebook under "BLF Neighborhood Family Group" or emailing our Coordinator Anna Vargas at susanna512@yahoo.com



of making memories together!

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Making Memories Sunday, October 26, 2014 * 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm * Silvergate Court

NEW Roving Magician Kyle Ryan! **NEW** Live music! **NEW** Photo Booth! Back by popular demand: Face Painting! Animal balloons! Rock Climbing! Café Benedicte & Carmelo's, Door Prizes, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Lemonade and more!

Sponsors for the event invited (see reverse for specifics)

(100% of all contributions pay for the food, drinks, activities, and event expenses.)



Platinum \$300 Gold \$200 **Silver \$100** Bronze < \$100



It's back! Dessert Bake-Off with 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes! Only one batch required to enter - contact Julia Valder (832) 368-0701

Live Music by the Energy City Dixieland Jazz Band

Play for fantastic door prizes – get a FREE door prize ticket at the entrance! **Relax and Be Merry**: watch the parades, fire trucks, police cars, and so much more

DOOR PRIZES! (Seeking donated New or Gently Used items.) To donate Door Prize items, please contact: Julia Valder, (832) 368-0701 or jjvalder@gmail.com

ENTER THE Wing-Ding PARADES! Contact: Richard Golden, 281-920-0203 A. Costumes or B. Wheeled Vehicles (bicycles, floats, etc. - Not motorized) or C. Costumed Pet Parade

Other Children's Activities: Jelena Clement, 281-556-5958, JelenaClement@yahoo.com

For additional information or donations, please contact co-chairs: Judith Bruni 281-556-1908 jbruni@sbcglobal.net or Ilsa Bonham 832-276-2727 ilsa.preciosa@gmail.com

* *For Fleetwood and Fleetwood West Residents * *

The event is underwritten by Fleetwood/Fleetwood West Residents' contributions and neighborhood sponsors Fleetwood / Fleetwood West Neighbors run events; Volunteers for the event are invited to participate. \$2 per person/\$5 per family donation appreciated at the entrance.

Fleetwood Fall Festival – 10th Anniversary of Making Memories! 3:30pm - 6:30pm Sunday, October 26, 2014



Thank you for your generous support!

Please make checks to: Fleetwood Festival

Mail Community Support Form to: 1006 Riverlace Drive, Houston, Texas 77079

Or email to: jbruni@sbcqlobal.net

For additional information, please contact co-chairs:

Judith Bruni 281-556-1908 jbruni@sbcglobal.net or Ilsa Bonham 832-276-2727 jlsa.preciosa@gmail.com

Fleetwood Fall Festival Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

The 2014 Fleetwood Fall Festival is celebrating its 10th Anniversary of Making Memories! All ages are included in our expanded events! Come to Silvergate Court on Sunday, October 26, 3:30pm – 6:30 pm!

NEW this year is Roving Magician Kyle Ryan, a photo booth, and live music by Energy City Dixieland Jazz Band. The Dessert Bake-Off has changed to just one batch this year for the judging. Include your favorite recipe, if you are willing to share! There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners. Start planning now! (If you want to judge, let us know that too!) See flyer to sign in.

Please join us and volunteer the day of the event. We have discovered that making the event happen, the setup of the event, and taking down the event are as much fun as the event itself, and help us connect even more than the event itself. Please contact the committee if you want to make a difference. Spots are available!

The event will include Café Benedicte and Carmelo's fare, our popular free lemonade, hot dogs, three children parades: Costume, Pets, and Wheeled Vehicles (no motorized), the Rock Climbing Wall, and additional games/activities for young ones. Make animal or flower balloons, enjoy the police cars and fire trucks, and play for our crowd-pleasing door prizes. It is a great way to meet your neighbors outside.

Neighbor Sponsorships, entry donations, and playing for the delightful door prizes raise the necessary funds to cover the event expenses. Donated items are requested for our fabulous Festival Door Prizes! Currently, we are seeking sponsors and suggest items for category baskets: Girls, Boys, Men, Women, Teen, or Restaurant certificates – other items are also welcome (see attached flyer for donor sheet).

To Enter the Wing-Ding Parades in advance, please contact: Richard Golden, 281-920-0203 or enter at the event. For questions on other children's events, please contact: Jelena Clement 281-556-5958.

Participating in the Festival is a way to meet your neighbors, get to know the neighborhood groups, have a great time, and support your neighborhood.

Other questions? Please contact co-chairs; Judith Bruni, 281-556-1908, <u>jbruni@sbcglobal.net</u>, or Ilsa Bonham, 832-276-2727, ilsa.preciosa@gmail.com.

See you at the 2014 Fleetwood Fall Festival to celebrate our 10th Anniversary of Making Memories.

Judith Bruni Co-chair Fleetwood Fall Festival 2014