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# From the President.....

# Neighbors,

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful holiday season and having the opportunity to take a break, spend time with family or friends and enjoy everything that this time of year has to offer.

2016 seems to have flown by in a blur and it can be easy to forget all that's been achieved in the year, but I'll try and recap on a few key developments which you may have spotted in the neighborhood;

- During the year Chris Culberson completed upgrades to our security camera system network giving us a more robust system and improved accessibility to the footage recorded by the cameras, thank you for all the hard work Chris.
- Our regular night guard, Rhoan, departed for pastures new and we had a few temporary guards in the neighborhood through the middle part of the year. I'm pleased to advise that Rhoan decided he was happier in Texas and even happier in Fleetwood so he is back on patrol in the neighborhood. It's great to have him back working alongside Nancy.
- The crumbling wall at the end of Crossroads was removed and the planter given some much needed TLC and some new plants. I hope you all agree that this is an improvement over the old crumbling wall.
- A portion of the North West entrance monument at Crossroads decided to take a lean after a series of bad rains, that's now repaired and back where it should be.

These projects are all above and beyond the general day to day maintenance that takes place in the neighborhood and there will be more to follow in 2017

Projects like the ones mentioned above, and indeed all the regular maintenance can only be undertaken if we collect the annual POA dues from all homeowners in Fleetwood. If you haven't yet paid your dues to Crest Management please take a moment to do so to avoid receiving late penalties. If you have misplaced your bill please contact Crest Management directly.

## Continued....

# From the President..... Continued

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who volunteers their services in Fleetwood, whether it be on the Board, maintaining our security systems, handling annual tasks in the neighborhood, running groups and events or carrying out behind the scenes tasks. It's the passion, enthusiasm and friendliness of the residents in Fleetwood that make it a great place to call home.

Happy New Year everyone, I hope that 2017 is happy, healthy and prosperous for you all.

Sincerely, Elaine Dyson Fleetwood Board President

# HAPPY NEW YEAR! Sunday, January 1st 2017



In 45 B.C., New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 for the first time in history as the Julian calendar takes effect.

Soon after becoming Roman dictator, Julius Caesar decided that the traditional Roman calendar was in dire need of reform. Introduced around the seventh century B.C., the Roman calendar attempted to follow the lunar cycle but frequently fell out of phase with the

seasons and had to be corrected. In addition, the pontifices, the Roman body charged with overseeing the calendar, often abused its authority by adding dates to extend political terms of interfere with elections.

In designing his new calendar, Caesar enlisted the aid of Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, who advised him to do away with the lunar cycle entirely and follow the solar year, as did the Egyptians. The year was calculated xto be 363 and ¼ days, and Caesar added 67 days to 45 B.C. begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than in March. He also decreed that every 4 years a day be added to February, thus theoretically keeping his calendar from falling out of step. Shortly before his assassination in 44 B.C., he changed the name of the month Quintile to Julius (July) after himself. Later the month Sextile was renamed Augustus (August) after his successor.

H www.history.com/this-day-in-history/new-years-day



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#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2017

According to historians, Mardi Gras dates back thousands of years to pagan celebrations of spring and fertility, including the raucous Roman festivals of Saturnalia and Lupercalia. When Christianity arrived in Rome, religious leaders decided to incorporate these popular local traditions into the new faith, an easier task than abolishing them altogether. As a result, the excess and debauchery of the Mardi Gras season became a prelude to Lent, the 40 days of penance between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Along with Christianity, Mardi Gras spread from Rome to other European countries, including France, Germany, Spain and England.

# www.history.com/topics/holidays/mardi-gras

# Memorial Super Neighborhood 16



Fleetwood is in Memorial Super Neighborhood 16, which meets monthly 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, January 23rd, 2017 Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at

MDUMC "The Gate" 13194 Memorial Drive (on the west end of the TJ Maxx shopping center) Memorial United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Dr.

For more minutes of the meeting or additional information go to: www.memorialsn.org

For more information on our district go to: <a href="https://www.houstontx.gov/council/g/">www.houstontx.gov/council/g/</a>
For summary of Memorial SN minutes go to <a href="https://www.memorialsn.org">www.memorialsn.org</a>

Regards, MaryAnn Sterrett-Russell Memorial SN representative volunteer m.sterrett2@att.net

#### **Neighborhood Family Play Group**

We have a wonderful community of families in Barker's Landing and Fleetwood who have organized a play group. We get together periodically for different events such as play dates in the Barker's Landing Park, visit to our neighborhood Fire Station as well as dinners out. We occasionally have an organized Girls Night out as well.



Join us today by searching for us on Facebook under "BLF Neighborhood Family Group" or email Anna Vargas (<a href="mailto:susanna512@yahoo.com">susanna512@yahoo.com</a>). Contact Anna Vargas for upcoming events.

<u>Do you babysit?</u> We are always looking for great babysitters in our neighborhood. If so, please contact Anna Vargas (susanna512@yahoo.com) and she will add you to our list of babysitters.



Happy Valentines Day! Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>



Happy St. Patrick's Day! Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>



# FLEETWOOD NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please see the Fleetwood website (www.fleetwoodpoa.com) for current news and alerts. The Newsletter is posted on "Nextdoor website" and the Fleetwood POA website along with back issues.

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





Inauguration Day Friday, January 20th 2017



Happy Groundhog Day!
Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

# DEFECATION BY DOGS OR CATS (POOPER SCOOPER LAW)



The text of the ordinance is as follows:

"Section 6-24, Defecation by dogs or cats"

It can cost you \$500 dollars!

www.houstontx.gov/health/quicktips/scooperlaw

# Spring forward

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

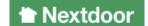
Daylight Savings Time!
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2017
(You loose an hour of sleep! ⊗)

#### **Fleetwood Board Meetings**



The Fleetwood Board Meetings are scheduled the Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at Crest Management Offices 17171 Park Row, Suite 310 Houston, TX 77084





### Fleetwood Neighborhood Nextdoor

To join (its free!), or visit:

https://fleetwoodneighborhood.nextdoor.com/joinccs or send an email to fleetwoodnextdoor@gmail.com

The Fleetwood POA official Website is: <a href="www.fleetwoodpoa.com">www.fleetwoodpoa.com</a> The Fleetwood Newsletter will be on the Fleetwood POA website as well as Nextdoor.



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Isn't <u>20 MPH</u> worth keeping our neighbors and kids safe?

THINK ABOUT IT!



Presidents Day (Originally Washington's Birthday!) Federal Holiday Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2017

Washington's Birthday was first declared a federal holiday by an 1879 act of Congress. The Uniform Holidays Act, 1968, shifted the date of the commemoration of Washington's Birthday from February 22 to the third Monday in February (between February 15 and 21, meaning the observed holiday never falls on Washington's actual birthday. Because of this, combined with the fact that President Lincolns birthday falls on February 12, many people now refer to this holiday as "Presidents' Day" and consider it a day honoring all American presidents. However, neither the Uniform Holidays Act nor any subsequent law changed the name of the holiday from Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day.

W https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal\_holidays\_in\_the\_United\_States

### Christmas Gifts for Wolf Elementary Students in Need

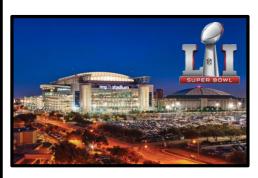




Twenty-five bags of needed gifts, from Fleetwood, were delivered to Wolf Elementary councilor, Sharon Takahashi, for students and their families in need. (Suzanne Smith, MaryAnn Sterrette-Russell and Jelena Clements.

We wanted to send out a <u>huge</u> thanks to all our neighbors who donated gifts and gift cards to our neighborhood charity for students in need at Wolfe Elementary. We delivered 25 large gift bags, filled with toys, books, clothes, treat bags and each bag received a \$25 gift card too. Your gifts are very much appreciated by the children and their parents/guardians. This definitely made the holiday season merry for these wonderful children and parents.

Thank you Fleetwood/Fleetwood West and Tracewood!



Super Bowl LI
Houston Texas
Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

When: Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017 Where: NRG Stadium,

Houston

Time: Kickoff is 6:30 p.m. ET

TV: Fox



www.nj.com/sports/index.ssf/2017/01/when\_is\_super\_bowl\_51\_date\_kickoff\_time\_

# Fleetwood Fun Ladies Fall Kickoff Luncheon



On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Fleetwood Ladies Fall Kick off luncheon was hosted at MaryAnn Sterrett-Russell's house. "ClaudiaG", presented a variety of merchandise, her fall collection for family and friends. The ladies in attendance signed up to sponsor a child in need for the Wolfe Elementary, Christmas/Holiday project. Thank you to everyone who helped by donating time, toys, clothes and gift cards.

Pictured (left to right) Ginger Howell, DJ Beer, Pat Ramsey, Sojna Jourbert, MaryAnn Sterrett-Russell, Mary Ann Clark and Suzanne Smith.



#### **Fleetwood Yards of the Month**

NORTH NOV 15703 Fleetwood Oaks
DEC 15758 Fleetwood Oaks

SOUTH NOV 802 Crossroads Dr. DEC 911 lvy Wall

#### Fleetwood Garden Club Luncheon

Wednesday, February 14th, 2017
Teme Sappenfields @ 10:00\_am
803 Walkwood
Speaker: Gloria Herbert
Topic: How to grow Tomatoes & care for

For More info call: Janet Miller 281-493-3615

citrus trees



Maureen Quirk & Lesley Ann Harris Karen & Rajeev Pillai Edgel Sereno Jeffrey & DeLisa Strege

1030 Daria Drive 827 Daria Drive 15906 Fleetwood Oaks Dr. 1030 Ivy Wall Drive

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST FLEETWOOD RESIDENT AND HELP THEM TO GET TO KNOW OUR GREAT AREA! (THROUGH NOVEMBER - DECEMBER)

# Martin Luther King Jr. 1929—1968

Monday, January 16th, 2017 National/Federal Holiday

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. King, both a Baptist minister and civil-rights activist, had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States. beginning in the mid-1950s. Among many efforts, King headed the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference). Through his activism, he played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the South and other areas of the nation, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors. King was assassinated in April 1968, and continues to be remembered as one of the most lauded African-American leaders in history, often referenced by his 1963 speech, "I Have a Dream."



### **Martin Luther King Jr. Awards:**

Nobel Peace Prize 1964
Time's Person of the year 1964
Presidential of Freedom 1977
Congressional Gold Metal 2004
Grammy Hall of Fame 2012
Springarn Metal 1957
Grammy Award 1971
Margret Sanger Awards 1966
Jawaharlal Nehru Award f 1966
Anisfield-Wolf Book Award 1959



#### Dog's walking People

Strangely, and by accident, you meet up with people when your dog socializes. This seems to be their favorite corner. Get out and walk with or without a pet. You never never know what two or four legged friend you will meet!

#### Left to right:

Ozark Starbuck Bear Cooper Shaggy Pumpkin

Maggie



# Terry Hershey Park Temporary Closure Information

Due to concerns for public safety, a portion of Harris County Precinct 3's Terry Hershey Park is temporarily closing while Harris County Flood Control District work to repair bank failures on Buffalo Bayou continues. Effective immediately, Terry Hershey Park will be closed on the north side of Buffalo Bayou between Beltway 8 and Kirkwood Drive. The remainder of Terry Hershey Park will continue to be open to the public. Park goers are encouraged to access trails and park space that will remain open by using the existing parking areas located west of the closure.



Terry Hershey Park will be temporarily closed on the north side of Buffalo Bayou between Beltway 8 and Kirkwood Dr.

For many weeks, the Harris County Flood Control District and construction teams have asked park visitors to stay out of construction areas. Unfortunately, dangerous situations involving pedestrians and bike riders continue to occur on a daily basis. Officials monitoring the situation report that some members of the public are taking undue risks and that the park closure, a last resort, is the safest way to protect the public from potential accidents.

Closure in the repair area will last until bank stabilization repairs are complete.

Harris County Constables will be patrolling the closed area and issuing citations to trespassers.

#### About the THP Repair Project

Due to severe flooding in 2016, several bank areas have eroded, resulting in dangerous conditions and washed out trail segments in this area of Terry Hershey Park. The Harris County Flood Control District and Harris County Precinct 3 are working diligently to finish the repairs.

Questions? Contact 713-684-4040 or ProjectCommunications@hcfcd.org
For more information visit www.hcfcd.org/THPRepairProject



The Fleetwood Dinner Group is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and develop lasting friendships. Whether you are new to the neighborhood, lived here for years, young or old, married or single, all are welcome to attend.

Everyone who has an interest in learning more about this neighborhood activity should come to the annual STARTER SOCIAL to be held at the home of Keith and Teme Sappenfield. There is no obligation to join. Just come, meet your neighbors and enjoy the party.

All those attending the Starter Social are requested to bring a bottle of wine and a plate of hors d'oeuvres.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 18 to Teme at teme@aol.com or call 713-899-3667.

If you are unable to attend the party but want to participate in the 2017 dinner group, please contact Carolyn Haynes at 281-497-7338 or <a href="mailto:chaynes82@hotmail.com">chaynes82@hotmail.com</a> no later than January 23, 2017.





#### 2017 Fleetwood Fall Festival – Seeking volunteers

#### **SAVE THE DATE!** October 22, 2017, Sunday – 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Many thanks for all you have done to create a great neighborhood Festival over the years!

The Fleetwood Fall Festival began in 2005 by Fleetwood neighbors like you for Fleetwood neighbors, as an opportunity to connect with neighbors in a fun way and create a sense of community. It is the largest event for our neighborhood, with around 500 attending in all age groups.

To happen, the Festival <u>needs you</u>. Please let me know if you are willing to contribute your skills, talents, or ideas for this year's Festival, or willing to contribute in other ways: the day of the event activities, sponsorships, door prizes, passing out flyers in the neighborhood, or other ideas. It's a great way for Teens to gain community service points. Even if it feels small, it is worth every bit to the Festival!

We have recent openings. We're seeking new leadership skills to:

- 1. Chair the Children's Parade. A great team is in place.
- 2. Take photographs.
- Establish a website.
- 4. Chair the Door Prize collections.
- Chair the Door Prize wrappings.
- 6. Chair the Door Prize table.
- Solicit Sponsors
- 8. Volunteer at any of the events in one hour time slots.
- 9. Volunteer with setup and/or tear down
- 10. Volunteer to handle the trash take out.
- 11. Chair/volunteer for the Storage Retrieval/Return
- 12. Run/volunteer for the hotdog stand
- 13. Pull the ice cream wagon.
- 14. And more!

Planning generally begins in June, let me know now if I can count on you. Our goals are to keep it simple, fun, and for all ages to enjoy, while providing a positive influence in the neighborhood. For more specifics on the planning or other activities, or if you have questions, please email or call me at your earliest opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Judith Bruni

Festival Founder/Co-chair

bruni@sbcglobal.net; 281-556-1908