



Northfield I & II Monthly Newsletter September 2012 Release

Our Homes, Our Neighbors, Our Community

Northfield I & II Board Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2012
7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse



Pick up

5

Our neighborhood will thrive,
if we all pick up five.
Everybody, every day,
stop and pick up
five pieces of litter.

- Jan Rose



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Dear Community Members

Riceville Baptist Church in partnership with Marian Park, is seeking volunteers for the City of Houston After-School Program to help with homework, tutoring, arts and crafts, mentoring and monitoring kids.

Volunteers are needed for:

TIME & DATE

Monday - Fridays
3:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Marian Park & Community Center
11000 South Gessner
Houston, TX 77071

Interested in volunteering?

Contact:

Rev. Louis Morris
Riceville Baptist Church, 832-606-6039

Shawn Gay,
Marian Park, 713-773-7015

City of Houston
Solid Waste Management
August Collection Schedule



Trash Pick Up

Every Thursday

Heavy Trash Pick Up; Junk Waste

October 18th 3rd Wednesday

You can legally put your tree waste or junk waste out at **6:00 pm the Friday before** the collection date. Junk waste will not be picked up on days designated tree/yard waste. Resident's will be fined for violations.

Curbside Recycling Pick Up

October 4th & 18th Every Other Thursday

For Architectural Control Issues, See Jerry Selzer;
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Jose Rocha

Month

10822 Valley Hills



**Put the phones down
while driving 'round town.**



Greeting Neighbors,

2 points and I want to get straight to those points; YOU WILL NEED TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER TO DECIDE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SEVERAL STATE WIDE LEADERS. In this month's issue we will discuss things YOU need to do to prepare yourself to vote. For those who need to update and validate your voter registration PLEASE HANDLE YOUR BUSINESS. There is much information in this newsletter which discusses how to handle these urgent issues. Most of you have watched and have formed opinions about the two main political parties' conventions that took place a couple of weeks ago. There are clear cut choices on the direction of how you want the United States to be govern over the next four years. In many races, the voting decisions that you will make will affect the local, state and federal process over the next several years. Please become educated about the voting process and your election choices. It is very important to the **Brays Oaks District** future that we get out and VOTE. There are also bond referendums in November for the City of Houston, Houston Community College (HCC), the Houston Independent School District (HISD) and METRO. Remember, your vote gives **YOU POWER!!!** In the October newsletter, we will provide a nonpartisan Voter's information education guide to assist you in your voting selections.

We in Northfield I & II have as a high priority to maintain a **SAFE** subdivision. One way to accomplish this objective will happen with our 8th annual participation in National Night Out (NNO). NNO will occur on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012** at our Community Clubhouse. It's the perfect time to get together and meet your neighbors. If you have never heard of NNO, it is a national event celebrated in October here in Houston.

National Night Out is an event designed to celebrate neighbors and to learn more about safe neighborhoods.

Nationally, last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **37 million** people participated in National Night Out 2011.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and

Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Many of you have attended the Northfield I & II NNO events in previous years and expressed what a great time you and your family had in meeting so many great neighbors. Look for details about our NNO in this newsletter and announcements around the neighborhood. Let me reiterate, **we are looking for volunteers to help with NNO.** Please call Victoria Cummings (832-640-0743), Mishell Johnson (713-771-1303) or me (713-995-5079) if you are interested in helping out. Remember it takes a **TEAM** to make anything happen.....

Let's have a GREAT TURNOUT and I hope to see many of you on October 2nd.....

Young Leaders' Group Sponsoring "Thanksgiving Baskets for Community Families"

Sticking It To Hunger



Location: 8888 West Bellfort Ave. 77031

Start Date: September 15, 2012

End Date: November 3, 2012

Delivery: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday-10:00 to 12:00

Food and personal Items: Non-perishable

Baskets will be delivered to local families

Collection Items: Non-Perishable Food Items

Needed Items

Non-Perishable Food Items Needed:

- Canned vegetables & fruits
- Canned and boxed meals (i.e., soup, chili, stew, macaroni & cheese)
- Canned or dried beans and peas (i.e., black, pinto, lentils)
- Pasta, rice, low sugar cereals
- Peanut butter
- Baby formula & baby foods (check expiration date)
- Holiday foods during the holiday season (cranberry sauce, dry stuffing mix, cake mixes & frosting, etc.)
- Instant mixes like potatoes, gravies and sauces that add a little something special to a holiday meal.

• Canned meats (i.e., tuna, chicken, salmon) that do not require refrigeration before opening.

• 100% fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed)

To ensure food safety, we cannot accept:

- Open or used items
- Homemade items
- Items with no labels
- Perishable items
- Glass containers
- Expired items
- Rusty cans
- Non-commercial canned or packaged items (packaged in something other than it's original container)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Soda

Household Items Needed:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Soap



Community Partners

Chatina De Rousselle
Editor In Chief



I have often wondered if our neighbors take the time to read the newsletter. I work very hard to make certain that the information included is directly related to our neighbors and our community. It is intended to serve as a method for community members and businesses alike to share their information about activities, events, and services. Neighbors are also encouraged and supported in their efforts to include personal accolades and other information about family, community concerns and the services that will be most beneficial to us all. It is really hard to gauge the benefits, or objections for that matter, because there is at best, very minimal community involvement and I am trying to figure out a way to combat this. I hear from the few community members that attend the monthly board meetings. They elaborate on some of their issues, but the unfortunate things is that all too often, they have only made an appearance to seek assistance or register a complaint as it pertains to their dispute with neighbors. Defined, a community is a group of people living together in one place practicing common ownership.

Jonathan Davis, another community member will be assisting me with the Northfield I & II website. I greatly appreciate his contributions because my only reward in this is the dissemination of information that is relative and often times vital to all of us. To have someone else step up and be willing to devote a portion of their personal time to the strengthening of our community through the timely relay of information regarding issues and developments, I can not say thank you enough. So on that note, with this year's National Night Out quickly approaching, please do away with all of your preconceived notions about past experiences with our board members, or the disturbances with your neighbors. Do not be influenced by the negative way that you might have been received in the past, or the lack of information that you received in your efforts to get resolve. We must continue with a determination that reflects our love of our community. Come out to the National Night Out this year. Take just a moment of your time and call Victoria Cummings (see Block Captains, page 7) and ask her how you might contribute, because if we all give a little, a lot can be accomplished for the sake of our homes, our neighbors, our community.



*Silk
road
Festival*

October 4-7
STAFFORD CENTRE
 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, TX 77477
silkroadfest.org

Enjoy the food, arts, crafts, dances, and live international music!

- Giant Replicas of Historical Landmarks
- Authentic Mediterranean and Oriental Cuisine
- Shopping: Souvenirs, Arts, Crafts, Books
- Dance Performances
- Live Concerts
- Majestic (7 story high) Dome
- Endless Fun at Kids' Land

**Buy Tickets online www.silkroadfest.org or at the gate.
 Single Day \$10, Multiple Days \$15, Free for kids under 6**

**Admission is FREE for school students*
 on Thursday and Friday!**

Register your school visit here: www.silkroadfest.org/schools

Teachers: If you plan a field trip and bring your students* to the festival on Thursday, October 4 or on Friday, October 5 we provide FREE admission for you and your students.

Students: Do you want to explore a whole new world? Let your Teacher know about this offer today!

* Only for K12 students. * Minimum number of students must be 5 (five).





REMINDER...REMINDER...REMINDER

Hello Neighbors! IT's that time again!!!!
 We are already planning for a magnificent National Night Out on **Tuesday, October 2, 2012.**
 There are several areas where we can use help:

Have a product or service you'd like to donate for a door prize at the National Night Out celebration? Contact us. A great way for more neighbors to know about your business!

We will gladly accept a 6 pack of water for our beautiful October evening which we can't quite recognize as autumn in Texas. [Let any of us know if you'll bring one along.](#)

Did some well-meaning person give you a gift card that you'll probably never use? We will gladly "re-purpose" it for you during National Night Out and use it as a door prize.

We cordially invite you to volunteer and [be a part of our NIGHT OUT 2012 planning team.](#)

If you can help in **any of the ways above**, please contact, Victoria Cummings, vrgc2000@yahoo.com or at 832-640-0743.

Q. What do all those signs about a parking ordinance mean?



A. As of August 27, 2012 our participation in Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area was completed. For most of you nothing will change. However parking is now restricted on front and side lawns. Paved drives are acceptable. Parking on the grass is not. You can no longer park cars, vans, trucks, trailers, boats, campers, RVs, backhoes or any other vehicle on your front or side lawns. Violators may be fined up to \$150 per day.

Note: All driveway additions must be approved by Home-owners Association and City of Houston before work begins.



Fight the Bite! – Reduce your Risk

BBQs, gardening, swimming pools and hikes...and mosquitoes. Enjoy the outdoors, but remember to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus. Your best defense against being bitten is simply to be prepared. Help Fight the Bite!

- When outdoors, use an insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to reduce exposure to mosquito bites. Always apply as directed on the label. Do not allow young children to apply repellent to themselves; have an adult do it for them.
- If possible, wear long-sleeved clothing and long pants when outdoors at dawn and dusk which are peak mosquito biting times.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- Don't feed the storm drains. Sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs from sidewalks and driveways.
- Remove/empty containers that can hold water such as flowerpots, buckets, tires, toys and plastic swimming pools. Birdbaths and pet water bowls should be changed at least twice a week.
- Cover your boat or store in a covered place. Drain any standing water and make sure the bilge pump is working. Turn over canoes, kayaks and small boats to store upside down.
- Keep rain gutters clean and draining and repair any outdoor household leaks.
- When watering the lawn, be aware of any excess water that may accumulate. Fill in low areas around the yard.
- When mosquitoes are noticed in your yard, spray with an outdoor mosquito spray. Be sure to use according to directions on the label.
- To control mosquitoes in your house, use a "flying insect spray". Be sure to use according to directions on the label.
- Household pets can be exposed to West Nile Virus (WNV). Contact your veterinarian for more information.



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Election Day, Election Day, November 6, 2012 is drawing near and in Texas an individual must vote at the voting location for the precinct in which he or she is registered to vote and has been designated to vote. **In Precinct 525, AA Milne Elementary School** is the current polling location for those who plan to

vote on Election Day. "In creating the polling list for each major election, the County Clerk's office begins with the same locations used previously" explains Hector de Leon, director of communications and voter outreach for the office of Stan Stanart, Harris County Clerk. "The Clerk's office has to amend the polling locations list when it is notified that a site is not available for use during an election cycle. If a polling location change has to take place, it is done with the assistance and content of the Harris County Commissioner's Office in which the precinct is located."

Early voting in person is highly encouraged and a time saver. Voting begins on Monday, October 22 and ends Friday, November 2. In 2008 62% of voters in Harris County voted prior to Election Day. You may also vote by mail, but don't wait. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is September 7 and it must be received no later than October 30.

Special modifications are made for the disabled or individuals who are physically unable to enter the polling location. Just notify the presiding precinct election official that someone needs to vote outside and a voting machine will be brought to the curb.

Up-to-date information will be available in September by calling the Harris County Clerk's office at (713)-274-9550 or accessing www.harrisvotes.com and clicking on "Election Calendar".



REGISTER. VOTE THIS IS YOUR AMERICA

All citizens who want to vote must be registered in their county of residence. Registration is permanent. You do not need to register before every election but you should notify the Voter Registrar if you change your or address or have not voted in the last four years. The deadline for registering to vote in the November 6, 2012 General election is **October is 9, 2012.**

You may register to vote in Harris County if:

- You are an American citizen and
- You are at least 17 years, 10 months of age (you must be 18 in order to vote) and
- You are a resident of Harris County and
- You have not been declared mentally incapacitated without the right to vote by a court and you have not been convicted of a felony. If you have been convicted of a felony you can vote if you have completed all terms of your sentence or have been pardoned

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Registration is quick and easy.

Voter registration applications are available at every office of the Harris County-Assessor-Collector/Voter Registrar, at many state agencies, at Libraries and community centers or by calling 713-368-8683. You may also download an application at www.hcvoter.net Completed voter registration applications may be submitted in person to any office of the Harris County Tax assessor/Voter Registrar or submitted in person to any Deputy Voter Registrar. Completed applications also may be mailed to the Voter Registrar's Office.

PLEASE NOTE: ID Required to Vote in the Nov. 6 Texas General Election Unchanged--Photo ID NOT Required

Bring your voter registration certificate to the polls. If you do not have your voter registration certificate, other forms of acceptable identification include:

Drivers license

Personal identification card issued by the Dept. of Public Safety

Another form of identification containing your photo-graph

Birth certificate

United States passport or United States citizenship papers

Official mail addressed to you from a governmental entity, government check, or other government document that shows your name and address

Pay check that shows your name and address, current utility bill or bank statement

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**THE GENERAL ELECTION IS NOW
LESS THAN TWO MONTHS OUT...
ARE YOU REGISTERED
TO VOTE????? THE DEADLINE
TO REGISTER IS MONDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2012**



Northfield I & II CIVIC CLUB
BOARD MEMBERS

(2012)

Officers and Responsibilities

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number. Includes roles like President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large, Architectural Control, Clubhouse, Deed Restrictions, Insurance, Property Management, Neighbor Relations, Newsletter, Pool Cards, Security, Website, Yard of the Month & Beautification.

Block Captains

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number. Includes roles like Captain Coordinator, Bankside, Braes Forest, Hummingbird, Kitty Brook, Paulwood/Portal, Paulwood/Creekbend, Portal, Rollingbrook.

Helpful Phone Numbers

NEIGHBORHOOD:

Table with 2 columns: Service, Phone Number. Includes Security, Dispatch, Brays Oaks Management District, Crime Stoppers, Northfield I & II Pool Telephone, Fiesta Mart, Wal-Mart Grocery.

UTILITIES:

Table with 2 columns: Utility, Phone Number. Includes Reliant Energy, Non-working street light, Center Point.

HISD

Table with 2 columns: School/Police, Phone Number. Includes A.A. Milne Elementary School, HISD Police.

CITY, STATE & FEDERAL SERVICES:

Table with 2 columns: Service, Phone Number. Includes Houston Services Helpline, Trash/Recycling, City of Houston, Major's Citizens' Assistance Office, Animal Control, SPCA, Texas Poison Center Helpline, Houston Police, Houston Police Storefront, Houston Fire & Ambulance, City Council District K, Constable Pct 7 May Walker, Department of Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Protection Corps, State Representative 131 Alma Allen, State Senator Rodney Ellis, County Commissioner Pct 1 El Franco Lee, Congressman Al Green, Houston Graffiti Hotline.



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"Northfield I & II Email Publication Request."

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77096



The Brays Oaks Towers are two centrally located five story office towers in the very active Brays Oaks Management District in Southwest Houston. It is conveniently located less than 10 minutes away from Beltway 8, the 610 Loop, and Highway 59. This is a short distance away from Meyerland, the Medical Center, and Galleria

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