



# Woodforest Gazette

July 2015

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 6-9pm. WCA is hosting the event at our office to encourage residents to gather and get to know one another. This night encourages neighborhoods nationwide to increase their own awareness of neighborhood protection. Come join us for great food and refreshments, prize drawings, local speakers, activities and a moonwalk for the kids. Last year we were able to distribute over \$1,050.00 in gift cards for prizes. All residents will be registered to enable us to monitor the attendance. Anyone interested in donating items or gift cards from local area businesses, please contact the WCA Office.

## **HURRICANE SEASON STARTS**

June 1st is the start of hurricane Season

### Preparing for a hurricane

Get a plan. The most important step is to identify your hurricane risk. You will need a plan on where you and your family would ride out a storm in the event of an evacuation. Once you understand the risk for hurricane impacts, an appropriate disaster safety plan should be developed to help ensure you and your family's safety. A disaster plan is a comprehensive plan that identifies all the steps a family needs to take to before, during and after a disaster to ensure maximum personal safety and property protection. For a step-by-step guide on creating a family disaster plan please follow the link: <http://www.readyhouston.tx.gov/>.

## **CRIME AND SAFETY**

**Below are tips to keep yourself from becoming a victim:**

**Lighting** is one of the most cost-effective deterrents to burglary. For example, installing landscaping lighting or motion detector lights at front and rear entryways.

**Alarms** are recommended. Use those monitored by a UL approved company, install both interior and exterior sirens or install sensors on all exterior doors and windows.

**Windows** should be secured by secondary locking devices.

**Vehicles** should be locked and secured when not in use and visible enticements eliminated. Park vehicles in a well lit area, keep valuables such as cash, loose change, purses, wallets, CD's and tools out of sight, secure vehicle with auto alarm, and avoid leaving vehicles running while unattended.

For a free home security survey call the Harris County Sherriff's Community Services Division at 713-759-9454, or visit the link provided below and fill out the form, it could save you up to 5% on your homeowners insurance!

**Link:** <http://www.harriscountysos.org/documents/Home%20Inspection%20Application.pdf>

## NEXTDOOR WOODFOREST

Nextdoor Woodforest is a private online network. On the Nextdoor site neighbors share community events, recommendations, crime reports, ideas on how to improve our neighborhood and more. Nextdoor is also linked to the Harris County Sheriff's Department where they send out blasts regarding happenings and news.

To join please visit: [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)



## 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.

### FINE NOTICE:

Fee for fines has been changed from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Fines will be issued for repeat violations.

## GARAGE SALES

Each resident in good standing with the Association is entitled to hold two (2) garage sales per year; **SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS ONLY**. Residents must come to the Civic Association office before 5:00 pm on Thursdays prior to the requested date and provide a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 that will be refunded on the following Monday when the garage sale permit sign is returned to our office. Additional garage sale signs are allowed to be posted in the vicinity and must be removed on Sunday no later than 5:00 pm.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS AT GARAGE SALES

Garage Sales are not for the sale of new merchandise that has been purchased to be resold to the public. This would constitute conducting a retail business in a residential area, which is prohibited by our deed restrictions. These sales are for personal household items only and exclude the following items:

- ◆ Cars & Trucks
  - ◆ Boats
  - ◆ RV's
  - ◆ Food
- ◆ Animals of any kind
- ◆ Tractors (except normal lawnmowers, not exceeding 12 HP)

## VIRTUAL CRIME WATCH

**iWatchHarrisCounty** is a virtual crime watch that you and your neighbors can use to report behaviors and activities that make you feel uncomfortable or do not look right.

Over 40 million crimes are committed every year and the number is still growing. There can't be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat this social crisis.

**You** are the eyes and ears of your community. Your awareness of suspicious behaviors and activities and reporting it to the police can help solve crimes or prevent crimes.

For more information please click on the link provided: <http://www.iwatchharriscounty.com/>

## NEIGHBORHOOD VENDOR REFERRALS

The WCA office has a reference book of local companies the residents can voluntarily use for projects at home.

These vendors provide services such as landscaping, painting, plumbing, tree removal, roofing and general contractors. If you have had a project done and would like to refer a company in good standing, please contact the WCA office to include in our records. If you own a local business and would like to refer your company you can also complete the reference paperwork and return it to the WCA office.

## WCA Monthly Financial Report

Deposits— \$ 15,755.19

Disbursement- \$ 66,473.41

Office/Utilities- \$ 2,650.61

Utilities, telephone & internet, copy machine, postage meter, alarm monitoring, software, document control , building insurance, system updates, internal training, office supplies, security.

Street lights- \$ 9,999.51

Garbage- \$ 37,068.00

Payroll- \$ 6,912.96

Landscape/Maintenance - \$ 1,345.00

Attorney Fees—\$ 5,169.35

Overpayment Refund—\$1,838.19

Newsletter- \$ 1,489.79



## ILLEGAL SIGNS

Illegal signs are being posted in our community. The hardboard signs that state “Will buy your Home”, “Home for Sale”, “Earn High School Diploma.”, “Tax information” are not allowed.

It is a Class C Misdemeanor Offense with a \$500 fine to post signs in our community. We can work together and take care of our street corners and light poles. If you see the signs, please take the time to stop, pick up the signs, and drop them off at the WCA office.

## Deed Restriction/ACC:

There were 102 violations corrected, 303 new letters and 724 violations are open.

**ACC home improvements**— 8 request for review

Approved— 8

Denied— 0

If you would like to address the Deed Restriction/ACC Committee, please contact the WCA office prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

## ASSIGNMENT OF PROXY

The 2015 Annual Meeting and Election for the 2016 Board of Directors for the Woodforest Civic Association, Inc. will begin at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015** at the Woodforest Civic Association located at 314 Freeport St. Houston, TX 77015 (location of this meeting subject to change at the discretion of the Woodforest Civic Association).

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this form only if you want someone who will attend the meeting to vote on your behalf as he or she deems worthy. You must write that person’s name on the line below. Give this form to that person to carry to the meeting, **or drop it off at the WCA Office.**

**PROXY ASSIGNMENT:** I, the undersigned, appoint, direct and authorize \_\_\_\_\_, or his/her designee, as my agent and proxy to vote and otherwise represent me on any business at the meeting specified above and any adjournment or rescheduled meeting thereof with the same effect as if I were present.

[This Proxy may be revoked by me at any time, prior to the conclusion of the voter registration portion of the meeting, if I personally attend said meeting or upon receipt by WCA of a written revocation of Proxy signed by the undersigned.]

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Hours:**

Mon—Fri (8:00a.m—5:00p.m)  
closed from 12p.m-1p.m.

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**Monthly Board Meetings are held  
at the WCA Office on the second  
Tuesday of every month at 6:30  
p.m.**

**2015 COMMITTEE CALENDAR:**

**D/R Committee - first Mondays,  
monthly @ 6:30 pm at WCA Office.**



**We're on the Web!**

[www. WoodforestCivicAssociation.com](http://www.WoodforestCivicAssociation.com)

**CREDIT CARD AND BANK CARD  
(5.00 convenience fee per transaction)**

**STREET LIGHT OUT?**

To report street light outages you can  
contact Reliant direct at 800-332-7143  
or visit:

[www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage).

For location purposes, they will ask for  
the vertical pole number. The average  
response time is 5 to 7 days.