Greatwood News

The publication of the Greatwood Community Association, Inc. December 2012

Year in Review

Greatwood is a neighborhood of 4,227 homes. The task of maintaining a community of this size is what keeps your Board of Directors and Management Company extremely busy throughout the year.

Your Board of Directors thought it would be of interest to Greatwood residents to know how we have done during this past year to maintain the community that we are proud to call home.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Greatwood is an older community with an ageing infrastructure. All common area walls, fences and sidewalks are under constant repair. This year alone, 75 brick wall panels and many sidewalks have been replaced or repaired. We have had to remove and repair the brick on several of our bridges due to vandalism. Knoll Park received a major clean up after years of apparent neglect.

PLAYGROUNDS

Did you know that Greatwood has 13 playgrounds? There are a lot of children in our community that use our playgrounds so it is a priority to keep them structurally safe.

This year the playground in Brooksmill was completely replaced as it had become unsafe. Review of all Greatwood playgrounds is ongoing. Slides at the playground at Rec 1 were also replaced but these were under warranty.

"Kiddiemulch" has been replaced on all playgrounds and a program has been established to maintain the integrity of the surface using our existing landscape contractor.

We rely on our residents who use these facilities to keep us apprised of any problems as they occur. Please contact the Management Company to report a problem so it can be addressed in a timely manner. As in any other area, early detection of an issue can be repaired for a lot less money than something that goes unreported over time.

FLAG POLES

A 35-foot flagpole with an 8x12 ft. flag was erected in front of Rec Center 1. Similar flagpoles will be erected in front of Rec Centers 2 and 3 giving each section of the Greatwood community a beautifully displayed American flag by year-end.

POOLS

The pool at Rec 1 was re-plastered this year. All other pools were changed to a liquid chlorine system and the pumps in all pools were upgraded resulting in greatly improved clarity and conditions of the water.

Rec 3 pool and water features will undergo major refurbishments by the end of the year. There are plaster conditions in this pool, which are under warranty and will be corrected. The sand filters will also be upgraded.

Rec 2 will be getting a double water slide. This feature should make this pool more family friendly.

All pools in Greatwood will be almost like new and should last for many years to come, with proper and timely maintenance.

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Your Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish our Greatwood residents a joyous and blessed Christmas/ Holiday season and to thank the many residents that have worked with us this past year to make Greatwood a wonderful community in which to live.

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**** The Board Meeting has been moved to the second Thursday due to the Christmas Holidays.***

ACC meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 at Rec Center #2.

Board meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. At Rec. Center #1

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No social, club, service organization news (unless directly connected to a Greatwood event), political advertising or church news will be accepted.

All information and articles submitted to the Committee become the property of the Community Association, which publishes articles at its' sole discretion.

All submissions to the Newsletter must be in WORD format.

Article submissions and suggestions:
Email only to
gwcomm@yahoogroups.com

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- January – December 1
- February – January 1
- March – February 1
- April – March 1
- May – April 1
- June – May 1
- July – June 1
- August – July 1
- September – August 1
- October – September 1
- November – October 1
- December – November 1

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New Greatwood Office Hours:
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Putting Out Your Trash

By Judy Holy

A couple of weeks ago, when my husband was putting out our trash at about 6:30 am, he came back into the house and said that obviously animals had gotten into our neighbors' plastic bags that had been put out the night before because trash was all over the street. He then walked out in the back yard and came in and said that someone had thrown several bags of trash all over the greenbelt behind our house.

We did the neighborly thing and picked up the trash in time for garbage collection, which in our neighborhood is about 7:00am. I like the idea of putting out plastic bags because I don't have to worry about a trash can sitting on the curb all day, but this is definitely the down side. If you put your trash out in bags instead of cans, it's probably a good idea to put them out in the morning instead of the night before. Picking up nasty garbage in your neighborhood is not the way to start your day!

Constable's Bulletin

By Constable A.J. Dorr

The participation of National Night Out by neighborhood sections was great. We were able to attend 10 parties that called in their plans to our office. We also reminded residents that every section can have get togethers like that, anytime they want to and we will be happy to attend. Getting to know your neighbors is one of the best crime prevention tools any neighborhood could have. The more neighborhood parties we have, the better.

Christmas will be here soon. Be alert to those scammers who come to your door wanting to sell you something. The first thing on your wish list should be a shredder if you don't have one already. If you are going to take a trip to visit relatives, or friends for this Holiday Season, please contact our office to set up a house watch. You may call us M-F, 8AM-5PM at 281-341-4536, or register online at www.fortbendcountygov.com.

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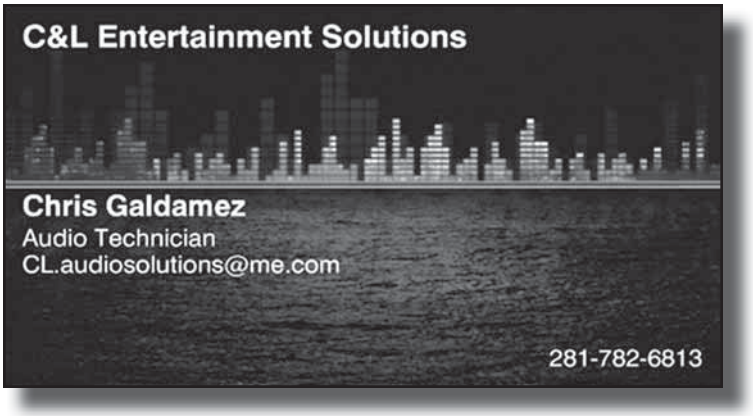

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Telemarketers And The Do Not Call List

By John Bowen

It seems to me and my wife that the number of telephone calls from so called telemarketers is on the increase. It is bad enough that we are inundated with a high volume of political campaign messages, political polls, and messages from various party campaign headquarters asking for donations, but the number of carpeting company offers, air duct cleaning offers, car warranties, and other commercial services, are also on the increase. Added to this is the amount of charity donation callers received each month.

Nearly a decade ago, amid a fanfare from consumer advocates, the federal do-not-call list was created to help limit telemarketing sales calls to people who did not want to receive these calls. To date, this registry has more than 209 million phone numbers on it. That represents a significant percentage of the total phone numbers used in this country. Statistics confirm there are about 84 million residential customers with traditional landline phones, as well as a large number of cell phone owners, who can also be put on the registry.

Federal laws require that telemarketers check the list at least once every 31 days for a list of those numbers they are not supposed to call. The problem is that some are calling these numbers anyway, and complaints about phone pitches are climbing even as the number of telemarketers checking the registry has dropped dramatically. Government numbers show monthly "robocall" complaints have climbed from about 65,000 in October 2010, to more than 212,000 this past April. Complaints from people asking a telemarketer to stop calling them also rose during that period from 71,000 to 182,000.

The evidence also shows that fewer telemarketers are checking the FTC list to see which numbers are off limits. In 2007, more than 65,000 telemarketers checked the list. Last year, only about 34,000 checked the list. Despite those numbers, the FTC claims the registry is doing an effective job fighting unwanted sales calls.

Lois Greisman, Associate Director of the agency's Marketing Practices Division, stated, "It's absolutely working." However she also stated, "The proliferation of robocalls creates a challenge for us. Prerecorded messages weren't used as a major marketing tool in 2003, when the registry began, in part because of technology and in part because of the greater competitiveness in the marketplace. They have since become the marketing vehicle of choice for fraudsters."

To clarify her statement, for people trying to scam people out of their money, it's an attractive option to use. Robocalls are hard to trace and cheap to make. With a so called "auto-dialer" millions of calls can be dialed in a matter of hours, bombarding people in a struggling economy with promises of debt assistance and cheap loans. It should be noted even if a consumer does not have a phone number on the do-not-call list, **ROBOCALLS ARE ILLEGAL!** A 2009 rule specifically banned this type of phone sales pitch unless a consumer has given written permission to a company to call.

It should be noted, however, **POLITICAL ROBOCALLS AND AUTOMATED CALLS FROM CHARITIES, OR INFORMATIONAL ROBOCALLS, SUCH AS AN AIRLINE CALLING ABOUT A FLIGHT DELAY, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE BAN.**

It should be noted that those exceptions are being abused since consumers are complaining of getting calls that begin as a legitimate call, say from a charity or survey, but then switch to an illegal telemarketing sales pitch.

Robocalls can be highly annoying to consumers because they're hard to stop. Fraudsters use caller-ID spoofing so that when a person tries to call the robocaller back, they get a disconnected number or something other than the source of the original call. **THE BEST THING PEOPLECAN DO WHEN THEY GET AN ILLEGAL ROBOCALL IS TO HANG UP. DO NOT PRESS "1" TO SPEAK TO A LIVE OPERATOR TO GET OFF THE CALL LIST. IF YOU DO, THE FTC SAYS, IT WILL PROBABLY JUST LEAD TO MORE ROBOCALLS. THE CALLER WILL KNOW YOU'RE THERE AND WILLING TO ANSWER, AND MAY CONTINUE TO CALL.**

What you can also do is contact your phone provider and request they block the number, but be sure to ask whether they charge for that service. Telemarketers change caller-ID information often, so it might not be worth paying a fee to block a number that will soon change.

Jerry Cerasale, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs at Direct Marketing Association, a trade group, says the do-not-call list has resulted in telemarketers making far fewer cold calls to random people. Instead marketers have shifted to other methods of reaching people, such as mail, email, or targeting advertisement on websites. The FTC is stepping up efforts to combat robocalls. An October summit was held to examine the problem and explore the possibility of emerging technology that might help trace robocalls and prevent scammers from spoofing their caller ID.

The FTC has brought cases against about a dozen companies since 2009 that have yielded $5.6 million in penalties. Some of these were large well known companies. The agency will be mailing out refund checks to more than 4,000 consumers nationwide who were caught up in a scam where the telemarketer used robocalls from names like "Heather from card services" to pitch worthless credit card rate reduction programs for an up-front fee. Compensation checks will range from $31 to $1,300.

To file a complaint with the FTC, you can go online to www.ftc.gov or call 888-382-1222.

The best thing a resident can do is use caller ID to tell who or what number is calling. Also, some TV services transmitting on fiber optic phone lines show incoming calls on television screens. Rule of thumb is that if you don't recognize the caller, or if the caller is shown as "private, unknown or unidentified," don't answer the call. Let it roll over to your answering machine. Nine times out of ten, they will hang up once they hear an answering machine respond to the call.

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Vicki Latham 281.384.4006
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The Ladybugs:

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The Ladybugs

The Ladybugs helped spread Halloween cheer at the Caring People Society. They brought all types of games and goodies to help make the visit even more fun.

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Children's Programs at University Branch Library In December

Fort Bend County Libraries' University Branch Library, 14010 University Blvd in Sugar Land, presents a variety of free children's programs -- Mother Goose Time, Toddler Time, Story Time, Pajama Night Story Time, Kinder Korner, and After-School Breaks -- every month. These programs are free and open to the public.

Mother Goose Time, which takes place every Wednesday at 10:30 am, provides caregiver/infant multisensory circle-time activities -- including simple sign language, folksongs and lullabies, and finger plays -- that are especially designed to stimulate babies' social, emotional, and physical development through rhythm and music. Mother Goose Time is intended for infants from age 1 month to 12 months. Program dates are December 5, 12, and 19. Mother Goose Time will not take place on December 26.

Toddler Time, which meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am, offers caregiver/child activities, stories and songs for older babies, from 12 to 36 months of age. Program dates are December 4, 11, and 18. The library will be closed on December 25.

Story Time, which meets every Thursday at 10:30 am, provides stories, movies, and age-appropriate craft activities for pre-school children, 3 to 6 years of age. Program dates are December 6, 13, and 20. Story Time will not take place on December 27.

Pajama Night Story Time, which takes place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm -- gives families an evening option for some activities presented during the day time. Program dates are December 4 and 18.

Family Story Time will take place every Saturday at 10:30 am. Families with children of all ages are invited to come and enjoy stories, movies, and crafts together. Program dates are December 1, 8, and 15. Family Story Time will not take place on December 22 and 29.

Kinder Korner, a time for kindergartners to enjoy stories, movies, crafts and other activities – takes place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, beginning at 4:00 pm. Program dates are December 5 and 19.

The **After-School Breaks** -- crafts, movies, stories, and more for school-aged children in grades 1 through 5 –take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, beginning at 4:00 pm. The December schedule is as follows:
December 12 – Crafty Games to Go
December 26 – NO PROGRAM

The **Teen Programs**, which are designed for youth in grades 6 and up, take place on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, beginning at 5:00 pm. The December schedule is as follows:
December 10 – Winter Wonderland: Enjoy cookie decorating and a winter craft.
December 24 – LIBRARY CLOSED

For more information, call the branch library at 281-633-5100.

Friends of University Branch Library Host First Winter Book Sale

The Friends of the University Branch Library will host a Winter Book Sale on Saturday, December 8, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Large Meeting Room of the library, located at 14010 University Blvd in Sugar Land, on the UH campus. A special Members-Only Preview Sale will take place on Friday, December 7, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Membership forms will be available at the door for new members.

Numerous items will be available for sale, including books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines. A variety of books are available, including children's, teens', mystery, computer, special interest, and romance. People who love books, people who love bargains, and people who need to get rid of some spare change will find a lot in common at the used-book sale, where prices range from 25¢ to $3.00.

Donations of gently-used books, DVDs, tapes and CDs are always welcome, and may be taken to the library during regular business hours. All contributions are tax-deductible.

The Friends organization is instrumental in funding library programs such as the children's Summer Reading Club. Proceeds from the book sale and annual membership dues also help to underwrite the costs of special programming and various cultural events at the University Branch Library.

For more information, call the branch library at 281-633-5100, or send an email to the Friends of the University Branch Library at UniversityBranchFriends@yahoo.com.

Make Custom Gift Bows at University Branch Library Program

Learn how to make custom gift bows at the special program "Crafting: Gift Bows" on Tuesday, December 11, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the Large Conference Room at Fort Bend County Libraries' University Branch Library, 14010 University Blvd in Sugar Land, on the UH campus.

Staff from the library's Adult Services department will demonstrate how to make personalized gift bows using simple household items and recycled magazines. The library will provide basic materials, but those attending may wish to bring their own magazines, ribbons or other small decorative items with which to decorate their bows.

The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call the branch library at 281-633-5100 or the library's Public Information Office at 281-341-2677.

University Branch Library's "Monday Night Movie at the Library"

The University Branch Library's "Monday Night Movie at the Library" will take place on Monday, December 17, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the Large Meeting Room of the library, located at 14010 University Blvd in Sugar Land, on the UH campus.

Movie-goers will be treated to an animated family film starring Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, and the whole Jim Henson crew. Academy-Award winner Michael Caine stars as the stingy miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is about to get his holiday goose cooked in fun fashion by the famous puppet troupe characters in this fun-filled, musical event, based on a classic Charles Dickens tale. This movie is rated G.

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REC CENTER 1 IMPROVEMENTS

After many years, Rec Center 1 got a much-needed facelift. The walls and trim were painted and new high-end commercial carpet tiles were installed. The acoustics in the room have been addressed and a baffled ceiling will be in place by year-end. This will eliminate the echo effect in the room and will make meetings and social events more enjoyable.

LANDSCAPING

Our landscape contractor, Earthcare, continues to do a wonderful job keeping our neighborhood looking beautiful. Besides the flowers, which are replaced three times a year, and the upkeep of the common areas, they are responsible for maintaining the irrigation system

Landscape replacement is another large part of keeping the neighborhood looking good. The predominant shrubs in Greatwood are hawthorne bushes. Some of them have been in the ground since the founding of Greatwood and they need to be replaced periodically. This year we replaced many of them. Here's a list of the neighborhoods and the number planted in each one.

GREATWOOD HAWTHORNE REPLACEMENT LOCATIONS

A) Greatwood Arbor - Arbor View - 57
B) Greatwood Manor - Riverbrook @ Guinevere - 9
C) Riverbrook by White Fence - 37
D) Shores - Riverbrook @ Brookchase - 8
E) Landing - Riverbrook @ Grand Terrace - 30
F) Riverbrook @ Greatwood Pkwy. - 15
G) Greatwood Village Greatwood Pkwy. @ the bridge - 50
H) Greatwood Village - Islands - 18
I) Greatwood Glen - Greatwood Pkwy. @ Greatwood Glen - 24
J) Greatwood Pkwy. @ Stop Sign - 9
K) Sansbury Blvd. @ Tara Blvd. - 30
L) Greatwood Knoll - Sansbury Blvd. @ Knoll Forest - 19
M) Sansbury Blvd in the Islands - 39
N) Tuscany Place by the White Fence - 15
O) Shadow Bend by the white Fence - 13
P) Pool - Winding Brook West @ Shadow Bend - 38
Q) Woodhaven - Highcroft Forest @ Winding Brook - 24
R) Winding Brook by the White Fence - 76
S) Woodhaven - Winding Brook @ Forest Rain - 6
T) Highland Park - Winding Brook @ Highland Ridge - 44
U) Rabbs Crossing Island - 15
V) Forest Bend - Forest Bend Dr. @ Greatwood Pkwy. Islands - 31
W) Forest - Greatwood Pkwy. @ Forest Woods - 20
X) Tuscany Place - By the white Fence & Entry - 58
Y) Shadow Bend Islands - 66
Z) Charleston Estates - Shadow Bend @ Greatwood Pkwy. - 40
1) The Enclave - Chipping Rock @ Greatwood Pkwy. - 33
2) Park River @ Greatwood Pkwy. by the pool - 74
3) Highland Park - Woodland Heights @ Park Entry - 73
4) Winding Brook - By the White Fence - 15
5) Wood Dale - By the White Fence - 34

IRRIGATION

Our irrigation system is old and repairs are constant. Repairs on valves, timers, lines, sprinkler heads, etc. are almost a daily event. Sometimes these are minimal in cost and sometimes they are very expensive. If you see an irrigation issue, sprinklers spraying the street, ones that won't turn off, broken pipes, etc., PLEASE, report these to the Management Office or to a Board member giving the exact location, so it can be fixed quickly.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee has worked with Earthcare and has selected the seasonal flowers for the common areas, based on Earthcare's recommendations and the committee's preferences. They have also taken pictures of all mailbox and other islands in each neighborhood to guide them in their long range plan to beautify each neighborhood. This was a major undertaking. The photos were placed in a master reference binder that is kept in the Greatwood management office and the photos will be updated when work is completed

TREES

The reason that the developer's called our neighborhood Greatwood was because it was developed in a naturally wooded area. The trees are our greatest natural assets and they need to be a priority. To this end we have a committee that monitors where replacement trees need to be planted and areas that need new ones. Our tree contractor, Russell Sackett, has done a great job in helping the committee select the type of trees for replacement throughout the neighborhoods. He and Chip Smith, committee chairman, ride around frequently to assess the trees that need to come down. Russell is also responsible for trimming all trees that Earthcare can't reach, which are many.

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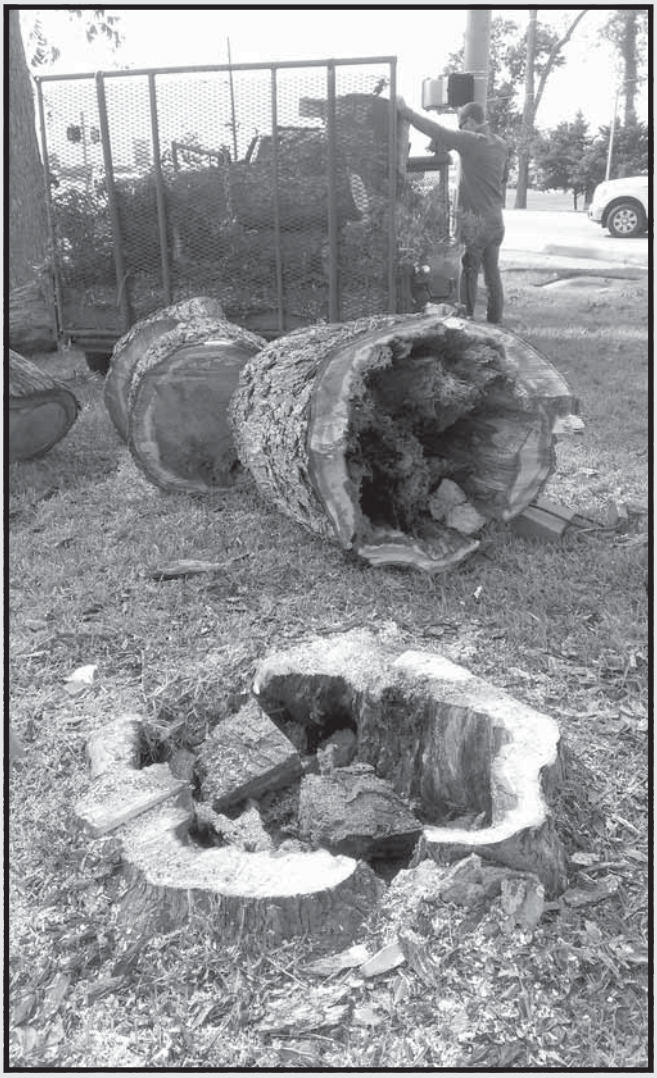
Below is a picture of one of the large pecan trees that Russell removed recently. This was a tree that was overhanging the outbound lane of Sansbury Blvd. As you can see, it had rotted all the way through, was a clear and present danger, and could have fallen onto oncoming traffic.



Because of the amount of trees in our neighborhood, it's difficult to keep up with all of them. If you see a tree that you feel needs attention, please call the Management Office and report it, giving the exact location so it can be addressed.

FINANCE

Audit: In May of this year the first audit in many years was completed for the year 2011. It is the intention of the Board that this is done annually.

Reserve Fund: The Reserve Fund was funded in the amount of $115,000. This brings the Reserve Fund to just under $700,000.

Reserves for replacement are amounts of money required for future expenditures to repair or replace Reserve Components that wear out before the entire facility or project wears out. Reserving funds for future repair or replacement of the Reserve Components is also one of the most reliable ways of protecting the value of the property's infrastructure and marketability.

Investment of CD'S AND CDR'S: All CD's and CDR's have been reviewed and placed in interest bearing accounts in multiple banks providing the best interest. All funds are protected by $250,000 FDIC insurance coverage.

WELLS FOR AMENITY LAKES

The HOA can no longer pump water from the main lakes controlled by the LID so it was necessary for us to dig two wells and install pumps regulated to provide just enough water to keep the lakes full and the fountains running. These are the lakes at the main entrance of Greatwood along the Hwy. 59-feeder road.

COMMUNICATION

Communication has been a priority of this Board. At no cost to us, we publish our monthly newsletter, the Greatwood News. You can also access all of our documents, meeting minutes, budgets and other things of interest on our web site www.mygreatwood.com.

The best way to keep informed is to attend the monthly Board meetings. The Board encourages all interested residents to attend.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATION

The Greatwood Community Association is made up of 29 neighborhoods. Each neighborhood can elect 3 homeowners to be the representatives of their neighborhood. The representatives are elected each year for a 1-year term.

In January of 2012, the Texas Legislature passed a new law that requires a quorum at each annual meeting. If your annual meeting does not meet its quorum, the election of representatives cannot be held. It is very important that a quorum is met. If the quorum is not met either by proxy or in person, your neighborhood will not have representation. The quorum percentage varies for each neighborhood according to size. Notice/proxy is mailed out to each homeowner at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. You must complete your proxy and return it either by mail, email or fax. You may also drop it off at the Greatwood on-site office.

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Since your neighborhood Reps vote for the Greatwood Board of Directors, it is extremely important that your neighborhood is represented.

Recently we provided our Neighborhood Reps with a handbook with an outline of their duties and a copy of the Deed Restrictions and Covenants for easy reference. We thought it might be helpful if all residents knew the duties of their Neighborhood Reps.

DUTIES OF GREATWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD REPS
As a Neighborhood Representative you play a vital role in helping the Greatwood Board of Directors decide the present and future of the Greatwood community. You do this by making decisions that are in the best interests of the majority of our residents. These decisions include maintaining our beautiful natural surroundings, landscape enhancements, our pools, recreation centers and repairing our ageing infrastructure.

Here are some of the responsibilities that a Neighborhood Representative is committed to while serving a term in his or her respective neighborhood.

• *KNOW YOUR COVENANTS AND DEED RESTRICTIONS*
Make sure that you have a copy of the Covenants and Deed Restrictions on hand so you can reference them if your neighbors have questions. You can always refer them to the Management Company for clarification.

• *ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS*
The best way to get accurate information is to attend monthly Board meetings. Since there are three representatives for each neighborhood, it would be helpful if at least one would be in attendance.

• *ADVOCATE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD*
Bring to the Board any issues and concerns that your neighborhood may have. Notifying the Management Company and the Board of these concerns, before the monthly Board meeting, may result in a resolution. If not, call the Greatwood on-site office and place your item on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

• *KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD*
Be aware of any issues that affect the physical conditions of your neighborhood such as walls, fences, common area sidewalks, and landscape issues. Report these to the Board and the Management Company so they are aware and can facilitate a resolution.

• *KNOW THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD*
Please contact and meet with the other representatives in your neighborhood. Getting together for the first time, when there is a vote or decision that affects your neighborhood or the Greatwood community as a whole, is not serving your neighbors well.

• *GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS*
Having neighborhood meetings or socials are great ways to find out the concerns of your neighbors. Each neighborhood is allocated $400 a year for this purpose. Try to obtain email addresses of your residents so that you can keep them aware of what is going on that especially pertains to your neighborhood. If your neighborhood has its own Facebook page, this can be utilized to keep your neighbors informed.

• *COMMUNICATE*
We need our Neighborhood Reps to keep us informed in order to maintain our neighborhoods at a high standard. If there are issues and concerns that need to be addressed, PLEASE notify your Reps and also bring these to the Greatwood Management team and Board early on so they may be resolved.

AMENITY CARD ENTRY SYSTEM
We have upgraded the card entry system to our amenities (pools and tennis courts) and further action to eliminate illegal and expired cards is being instituted.

TENNIS
We have added a Director of Tennis, Cindy Blust, to continually review the condition of our courts and to make recommendations as to improvements and use.

A program to resurface our tennis courts has been initiated with those courts behind Rec1 completed this year. Support items, including upgraded fencing and gates, have been installed.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRY SIGNS
Our neighborhood signs are continually being refurbished and repaired using our "CCC&S" (clean, caulk, correct and seal) technique.

FENCES
All of our ornamental white and black common area iron fencing has been resurfaced and painted using a detailed specification to prolong time between maintenance.

GREATWOOD OFFICE
Our on-site office is located at 8802 Greatwood Parkway. It has been upgraded and is staffed full time by our on-site Manager Nikkole Luna and Assistant on-site Manager Maggie McKay. This has been beneficial in helping your Board of Directors run the business of our very large community. It is also a real convenience for our residents.

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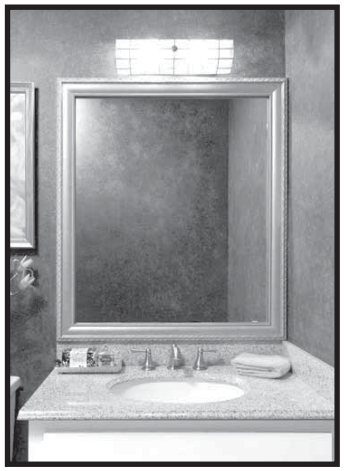

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Get ready to add holiday sparkle to your home for the Greatwood Annual Holiday Lighting Contest!! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 11th for individual neighborhoods and Thursday, December 13th for the "Best of Greatwood" contest. If you would like to be considered for the contest, have your lights on by 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, Decemer 11th

Each individual neighborhood will be judged in the following categories:

Best Decorated Home
Honorable Mention Home
Best Street

*Winners will be awarded that night.

Thursday, Decemer 13th

Selected winners from Tuesday's contest will be considered for the following categories:

Best Decorated
Most Elegant
Most Creative
Best Theme
Kids Choice Award
Best Decorated Street
Best Decorated Neighborhood

*Winners will be awarded Friday night

The Greatwood Holiday Light Contest winners will be posted on www.mygreatwood.com Saturday, December 15th after 3:00pm.

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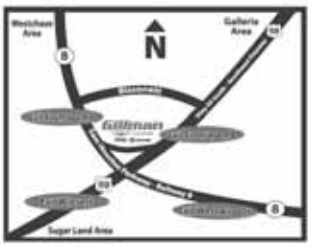

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Saturday December 1
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Opry On The Square
Featuring Holiday favorites with a Country twist

Sunday December 2
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Photos with Santa
Bring the family to out for your free Holiday photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Thursday December 6
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
City of Sugar Land's 9th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday December 7
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Holidays in the Plaza
Be a Secret Santa: Donate to KHOU 11's Secret Santa Toy Drive

Friday December 7
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Holidays in the Plaza
Enjoy a Holiday performance by the Travis High School Orchestra

Friday December 7
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Holidays in the Plaza
Enjoy a Holiday performance by the Houston Choral Showcase!

Saturday December 8
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Movie Under The Moon
Enjoy a free Holiday movie under the moon: Tonight enjoy ELF!

Sunday December 9
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Photos with Santa

Sunday December 9
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Hanukkah Menorah Lighting and Celebration

Friday December 14
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Holidays in the Plaza
Enjoy a Holiday performance by the Sugar Land Express Singers!

Saturday December 15
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Movie Under The Moon

Sunday December 16
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Photos with Santa

Friday December 21
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Holidays in the Plaza
Back by popular demand saxophonist Chris Mitchell

Saturday December 22
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Holidays in the Plaza
First Colony Church of Christ's worship band.

Monday December 31
7:00 PM – 1:00 PM
City of Sugar Land's New Year's Eve Celebration
The evening has been broken down into a children's celebration from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and an adults' celebration from 9:30 pm - 1:00 am.

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ARCHITECTURAL MODIFICATION REQUEST FORM

In order to protect each individual homeowner's property value and privacy, it is required for any homeowner or group of homeowners planning improvements or changes to their deeded property (properties), besides annual flower/plant replacement, to submit an **ACC MODIFICATION APPLICATION**. This request is reviewed by the Architectural Control Committee to ensure compliance with deed restrictions, local statutes, and to protect neighboring homeowners. If any change is made that has not been approved, the Committee has the right to ask the homeowner to remove the improvement and/or change from the property.

Please fill out the entire form.

NAME:_____ DATE: _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

NOTE: The association will not be held responsible for ensuring compliance with restrictions regarding utility easements, building setbacks, building codes and other restrictions imposed by other local or state governing bodies or companies. Before digging or excavating anywhere in your yard, call the gas, power, telephone and cable companies for staking of the location of distribution and service lines.

1. Describe in detail the change or improvement requested. (**A copy of your plot/survey indicating location of change or improvement must be included**.)_____
_____
_____

2. Who will perform the actual work? _____
_____

3. The change or improvement will be located where?

_____Front of house	_____ Roof	_____ Other
_____Back of house	_____ Patio	_____ Basketball Goal
_____Side of house	_____ Carports	

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*Attach a color sample from the color chart or a chip of the actual paint or stain. The request cannot be approved without them.

POOL/DECKS: If you are requesting to install a pool or a deck you are required to submit a deposit of $700.00 check or money order made payable to the Greatwood Community Association, which must accompany this application. Prior to approval, the Association may insist upon a larger deposit at its discretion. The deposit is to cover damage to the common open space, landscape reserves or public right-of-ways maintained by the Association. You will be responsible for any damages in excess of deposit. The money will not be deposited and will be returned to you upon completion of construction less deductions for damages within thirty (30) days from the date you notify Houston Community Management the job is complete. **Whether you will access your back yard through Association property or your own property the $700 deposit is absolutely required. Failure to attach the check or money order will result in a denial of the application**.

I understand that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has up to thirty (30) days but will act upon this request as quickly as possible and contact me regarding their decision(s). I agree not to begin property changes or improvements until the ACC informs me of their approval.

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Homeowner agrees to and will indemnify and hold harmless the Association, its Officers, Directors, Members, Employees, Agents and Deputies, from and against any and all liability of every kind, including all expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees, for injury to or death of any person, or for damage to any property, arising out of or in connection with the above referenced ACC request, including where such injuries, death, or damages are caused by the associations, sole negligence or the joint or concurrent negligence of the association and any other person or entity.

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Signature of Homeowner

Completion Date: _____

Please complete and return to: **Greatwood Community Association, Inc.**
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Sugar Land Preserves Holiday Spirit with 10th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The City of Sugar Land's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6, from 5-8 p.m.

Just 10 years ago before City Hall was built and Town Square was the vibrant place that it is today, a 20 foot Christmas tree was lit to celebrate the holiday season. During the past decade, attendance figures for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event grew from about 500 to almost 15,000, and the iconic tree now towers a statuesque 40 feet over the middle of the Town Square plaza.

The same elements that drew the first crowd to an undeveloped area are still part of the event today – Santa; the lighting of the tree; and most importantly, a sense of community.

"There's one element that really makes this event unique to Sugar Land," said Event Production Manager Teresa Preza. "When you look at the faces of everyone in attendance, you see the reflection of community pride and togetherness. The fun and festive family atmosphere truly puts you in the holiday spirit."

And now as the event celebrates its 10-year anniversary, plans are underway to commemorate this milestone. Back by popular demand, Christ United Methodist Church will sponsor the life-size 15 foot snow globe where families will have the opportunity to take a one-of-a kind commemorative photo inside the giant inflatable.

Juggling elves, a "Letters to Santa" station and live ice sculpture artists are just a few of the walk-around festive performers that will entertain attendees.

Not to be outdone, Santa will once again make his grand appearance to light the tree and will also be onsite for free pictures with children of all ages at the Sugar Creek Baptist Church photo and activity stations.

Main stage entertainment will include performances by adult Sugar Land Super Star winner Lauryn Harris; junior Sugar Land Super Star winner Selena Packard; local school groups and organizations; and several community choirs. Back again this year is BalletForte with a stunning performance of its annual production, The Nutcracker.

The event is free and open to the public. A free shuttle service will run from Mercer Stadium, 16403 Lexington Blvd., to Sugar Land Town Square from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Parking will also be available in the Texas and Lone Star garages located in Town Square.

For more information, visit www.sugarlandtx.gov or call (281) 275-2885.

Brazos Bend State Park, Fort Bend County:
A Simple Christmas event

Take a day off from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Come out to the country and enjoy "A Simple Christmas" under moss-draped live oak trees at Brazos Bend State Park, Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. This 15th annual event includes children's crafts and games, face painting, refreshments, marshmallow roasting, hayrides and of course Santa Claus. The event is capped off with a performance by "The Brazos River Pickers" - old time, blue grass volunteer community band. (The pickers also play the park the first Saturday of each month, October through April www.brazosriverpickers.com).

The event is held outdoors at the Nature Center lawn and amphitheater. (Weather permitting). All activities, except for the hayride and music performance, end at dusk. Bring a picnic supper. Event is free with park admission of $7 per person age 13 and up, age 12 and under free, senior discount.

See our beautiful lighted windmill from Thanksgiving weekend through New Year's Day.

The park's Nature Center is open to the general public Monday through Friday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm year 'round. The center is also open most holidays (except Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day). Free nature programs and hikes offered every weekend.

For park information call 979-553-5101 or visit www.brazosbend.org for event schedule and www.tpwd.state.tx.us for Christmas events at other Texas State Parks.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY'S 4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL HERMANN BUNNY HOP

Campbell Elementary will be hosting the 4th annual Memorial Hermann Bunny Hop Saturday, February 23, 2013, rain or shine.

The event, hosted by Bess Campbell Elementary in the Greatwood subdivision, encourages fun and fitness for the entire family, with a certified, chip-timed 5k, a Toddler Dash, and a 1-mile Family Run/Walk. This year's 5k has been expanded to nine age groups: 5-8, 9-11, 12-15, 16-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+.

There will also be a silent auction, a live auction, a raffle presented by Team Sansone - RE/MAX Fine Properties, a post-race party with a health and fitness fair, an awards presentation, and new for 2013, a carnival.

"The whole community gets excited for this annual event, and the 2013 Bunny Hop promises to be the most fun yet, with the addition of a carnival and with more age groups in the 5k so more runners can show their stuff," says Michelle Koerth, Principal of Campbell Elementary. "It's such a pleasure to bring people together for a day of fitness and friendly competition, and we're delighted to host it at Campbell because we're so proud of our school. We hope everyone will get inspired to run, walk, or just visit the health fair to see what our community has to offer."

Proceeds from the Memorial Hermann Bunny Hop will directly benefit Campbell Elementary. Past years' Fun Run funds have helped supply classroom computers and Promethean boards, science lab upgrades, resurfacing of the track, grants to the art, music and physical education departments, and a shade structure for the playground.

More details are available at SpringFunRun.weebly.com and those wishing to run or walk can register at SignMeUp.com. The spring fundraiser committee is still seeking donations for the silent auction, and several sponsorship opportunities still remain. To get involved, please contact SpringFundraising@CampbellPTA.org.

Media Contact: Gretchen Yax, Spring Fundraising Chair, SpringFundraising@CampbellPTA.org

About Bess Campbell Elementary
Campbell Elementary opened in the fall of 2000 and serves over 750 students. Campbell is part of Lamar CISD and is located at 1000 Shadow Bend Drive in the Greatwood subdivision in Sugar Land, TX.

Important Dates to Remember

You will find a full list of dates on the Calendars page of the LCISD Website...
http://www.lcisd.org/DistrictbrInformation/Calendars/
Click on "New! Official LCISD 2012-2013 District Calendar"

Nov. 26 - Dec 17 Giving Tree

December 21 Holiday Parties

GIVING TREE

Campbell PTA is responding to the call for help from Helping Hands. Their shelves are in need of several items ranging from toiletries to socks and underwear. If you want ideas, there will be tags with needed items you may come and get off the tree. We will start collecting items after Thanksgiving through December 17th. Please bring new, unwrapped items and place them under the tree in the foyer at Campbell. You may place your items in a bag for easy transport. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kristi Chambers via info@campbellpta.org. THANK YOU!!!

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About Dickinson Elementary

Dickinson Elementary, opened in 1993, is an exemplary school in the Lamar Consolidated ISD. Dickinson is located in the Greatwood subdivision at 7110 Greatwood Parkway in Sugar Land, TX. For more information or to contact the PTO, please visit:

http://www.dickinsonpto.com/.

Mark your calendars…for the 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa Dickinson PTO's Family FUNdraiser Breakfast

Tickets on Sale November 1!

Mark your calendars for 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa, Dickinson Elementary PTO's community event, is a great way for the kids to let Santa know what he/she desires for Christmas, enjoy a delicious breakfast with his/her family, and make fun crafts. All proceeds benefit Dickinson Elementary students and teachers through projects towards which the PTO has dedicated resources.

The kids won't want to miss this! A flyer with more details and information for purchasing tickets will be sent home in your child's folder soon!

Gifted and Talented Program Nominations: Due by December 21st, 2012

To nominate a student for the 2013-2014 G/T Program, you need to fill out a nomination form. The last date to turn in G/T Nomination forms is December 21, 2012. Nomination forms are available in the front office or online under the Gifted and Talented tab on the Dickinson website. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Harden, G/T Facilitator. eharden@lcisd.org

Yearbooks:

Do you have a great photo of your child at a school event, such as the Monster Mash or Field Day? We're always looking for photos so please submit any that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the yearbooks to Lisa Watson, lisawith3@comcast.net

Love Notes Forms are now available on the PTO website, here: http://www.dickinsonpto.com/uploads/2/9/1/8/2918257/love_note_order_form.pdf (under the Forms/Resources tab)

Forms have also come home with your child regarding pre-ordering yearbooks, and submitting Love Notes to the yearbooks. Love Notes prices are $10.00 until December 15th, after which date prices will increase. Yearbooks are on sale at www.balfour.com, $25.

Teacher Appreciation- Let's show them that we care!

Each month at the PTO meetings, we vote for the Teacher/Staff Member of the Month. Congratulations to Cheri Sullivan for being voted as the Staff Member of the Month! Make sure to nominate your favorite staff member/teacher at www.dickinsonpto.com.

Recycling Programs:

Help the Environment! Help our School!

Dickinson Elementary PTO has joined a number of recycling programs that pay us to recycle. Our school earns money for each item we collect.

We are currently collecting the following:

- Empty Elmer's brand glue bottles and glue sticks.
- Any brand empty clear tape dispensers as well as the plastic cores for the refillable dispensers.
- Any brand empty drink pouches such as Capri Sun, Kool-Aid, Minute Maid, Honest Kids to name a few. You can store your empty drink pouches in a ziplock bag and send them to school when the bag is full. The ziplock bag will help keep out pests and avoid leaks.
- Used ink cartridges, old cell phones, laptop computers, video game consoles or GPS devices. Electronics can be either working or non-working.

Please send any of the above items to our school with your child or you may drop them off at the office.

Our school earns money for every pound of paper collected in the recycling bins in the back parking lot. Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week to help our school and the environment. You can deposit any paper products like newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers, and junk mail.

Dickinson Spirit Nights:

Looking for a quick dinner for the family some busy night? What if, by eating out, you could help out your school, too? Well, Dickinson Spirit nights are the thing for you! Upcoming, we have: Pepperoni's, Wednesday, December 19, 5:30-9:00 p.m., Dickinson gets 20% of all sales. Just mention Dickinson Elementary.

Chick-Fil-A, Thursday, December 6, 5:00:8:00 p.m. Hosted by the 4th grade teachers. Dickinson gets 10%-15% of sales (depending on total sales) Write "Dickinson" on your receipt and put it in the box provided. Or use the drive-through and just ask them to add your receipt to our collection.

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Important Dates to Remember

December 6	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
December 8	8:00am Breakfast with Santa
December 15	Last day for lowest price on Love Notes
December 21	GT Nominations Due! 12:45pm Early Release
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GRHS PTO Presents:
Rock The Ranch - A Battle of the Bands

GRHS PTO is proud to announce an epic event at the Ranch. On Saturday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. the Ranch will be Rocking with a Battle of the Bands.

If you are in a band and one of the members is a student who attends a school in Lamar CISD, you can participate. Please go to www.grhspto.org to get an application, rules, and more information about this event.

We would like to thank Fort Bend Music Center for being a sponsor of this event. http://fortbendmusiccenter.com/

GRHS PTO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
December 10, 2012 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

George Ranch High School will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland as students display trees of holiday cheer. Santa might make a surprise appearance for pictures. We will have refreshments and spirit wear for purchase. The Choir and Jazz Band will perform. We ask for a donation of a toy for Toys For Tots at the door. Please come for a wonderful family event to get you into the holiday spirit.

NEWS FLASH……..
Last year we collected…..1,736 canned goods
This year we collected…. 8,494 canned goods

GRHS Longhorns show the spirit of giving by collecting over 8,000 canned food items through an advisory contest. Each Advisory class had a goal to collect at least 100 items to donate. The winning Advisory was Mrs. Soto's class with 1524 cans, second place went to Mr. Kraft's class with 577 cans, and third place was Coach Cooper's class with 388 food items. This canned food drive was done to benefit a few different local organizations. We CAN start a chain reaction!

Thank you Greatwood for donating around 900 canned food items to NHS. These items were added to the total amount collected at the High School.

Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering at George Ranch High School, please contact Tara Masters at texastara@gmail.com or go to www.grhspto.org.

Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 1 Region Band Audition Phase 2 at Terry HS
Debate at Cy Creek Tournament
SAT Test at GRHS
Texas Thespian Festival in Houston

Dec. 3 Athletic Fall Awards at 6:30 p.m. in Cafeteria, Auditorium, and LGI

Dec. 4 Pre-Area Choir Tryouts at Clements
Girls Basketball vs. Foster at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.
LCISD Swim and Dive meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 5 PTO Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 6 Theater Meeting at 6:30 in Black Box

Dec. 7 Letter Jacket Fitting
Region Band Clinic and Concert at 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 Region Band Clinic and Concert at 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
ACT Test at GRHS
Fine Arts Gala at GRHS

Dec. 10 GRHS PTO Holiday Open House 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 11 Boys Basketball vs. Cinco Ranch 4:30, 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Lariettes Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Choir Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria

Dec. 12 Pro Grad Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 GRHS Band Concert in Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
Wrestling at GRHS 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 14 Girls Basketball vs. Angleton at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Speech and Debate at Klein Tournament

Dec. 15 Speech and Debate at Klein Tournament

Dec. 18 Boys Basketball vs. Lamar at 4:30, 5:30, and 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 19-21 Exams and Early Release

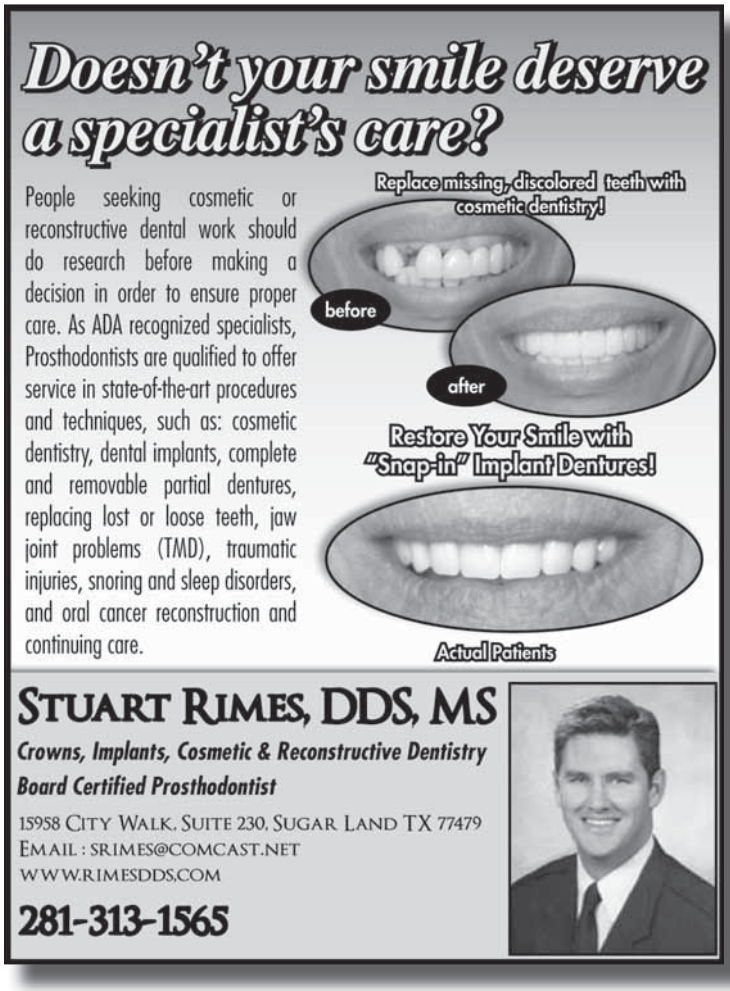
Dec. 21 End of the 3rd Six Weeks

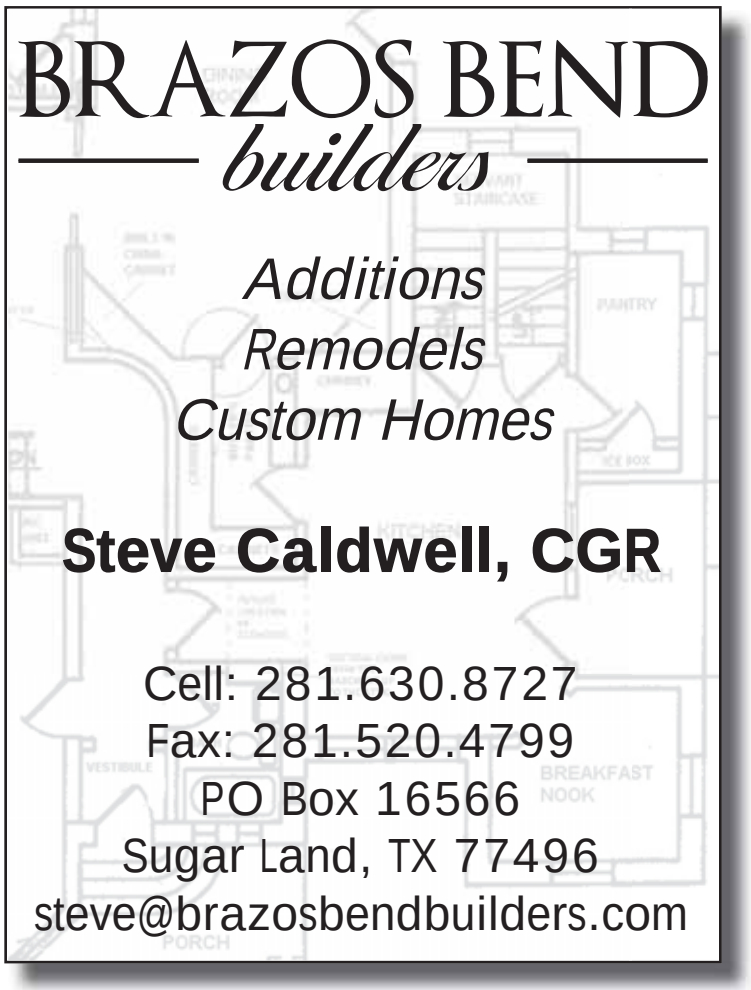
Dec. 24 -Jan. 7 Holiday Break No School

Jan. 4 Boys Soccer vs. Pearland Dawson at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 5 Girls Soccer Scrimmage at GRHS at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 8 Classes Resume





Antoinette Reading Junior High News

LONGHORN GEAR/SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Get your Longhorn Hoodies before they're gone, along with all the other great ARJH gear. Go to the PTO website at readingpto.org to place your order.

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S GRADES ONLINE

Parents, did you know that you can have access to your child's grades at any time of the day? By signing up to Classroom Connection Center (CCC), you will be able to view all grades and attendance. Go to http://legacy.lcisd.org/NET20/ClassroomConnect/default.asp and register, or go to the ARJH home page at readingjh.lcisd.org and select the 'Online Grades' icon. Required student information to register: district issued ID, last 4 digits of childs social security number (PEIMS ID) and childs date of birth. Keep on top of your child's grades and register today!

AJRH LONGHORN LEGEND SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

The first issue of the 2012-13 ARJH student produced Longhorn Legend is online. To view it, go to readingjh.lcisd.org and click on the 'Longhorn Legend' icon.

ARJH YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Yearbooks are on sale now until Jan. 11, for $39. Orders can be placed by phone at 1.800.853.1337 or online at www.smart-pay.com . Please contact Mrs. Evans at cevans@lcisd.org or Ms. Hydo at thydo@lcisd.org with questions.

ARJH GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

For complete schedule with times go to the ARJH Athletics page and click on Girls Basketball

DECEMBER

- 6 - ARJH vs. Lamar - Away
- 13 - ARJH vs. Bay City - Home
- 17 - ARJH vs. George - Away

JANUARY

- 10 - ARJH vs. El Campo - Home
- 17 - ARJH vs. Bay City - Away
- 24 - ARJH vs. Lamar - Home
- 28 - ARJH vs. Briscoe - Away

LCISD GIFTED AND TALENTED (GT) TESTING

Anyone can nominate a student for testing to qualify for LCISD's gifted and talented program. Nomination forms for the 2013-2014 school year can be picked up from the counselor's office and are due to the counselor's office by December 21, 2012. Parents will be notified in May of identification results.

If students are already in the secondary GT program, they do not need to be nominated and re-tested for the following school year. Contact GT Facilitators Shirley Schmidt at sschmidt@lcisd.org or Susan Dynes at sdynes@lcisd.org with questions.

TEEN HOTLINE

ARJH has been given access to the Crisis Hotline (sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc.). Any student who would like to have access to a 24/7 peer-to-peer counseling session or referral service can call 713-529-TEEN (8336). Students can also use the TEXT service by texting the word "TEEN" to "78247".

This service enables teens to discuss their problems non-judgmentally, confidentially and anonymously with other teens or adults trained to address teen problems.

JOIN PTO TODAY!

Become a member and help support ARJH. Membership levels:

- ***Longhorn Supporter:*** $5 - For ARJH teachers and staff only. (receive weekly eblasts)
- ***Longhorn:*** $10 (receive weekly eblasts)
- ***Longhorn Pride:*** $25 (receive weekly eblasts and decal or cinch bag)
- ***Longhorn Family:*** $50 (receive weekly eblasts, decal, cinch bag and your name displayed at ARJH for the year as a PTO supporter)
- ***Longhorn Business:*** $100 (receive weekly eblasts, business name and logo listed on PTO website)

How to become a member:

- Sign-up/pay on the PTO website at readingpto.org

For more info or questions, contact Membership Chair Ursula Wright at membership@readingpto.org.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT ARJH

If you have signed up to volunteer, watch for emails with volunteer opportunities.

ARJH and the PTO are always in need of volunteers. Even if you only have an hour, you can make a difference.

To sign up to volunteer, either go to the Reading PTO website at readingpto.org and fill out the online volunteer form located under the Membership tab, or contact Volunteer Chair Amy McInnis at volunteers@readingpto.org.

ARJH PTO MARQUEE PROJECT

One of the primary goals of the PTO this year is to raise money to build an electronic marquee that will be placed in front of the school near FM 762. So far over $25,000 has been raised through Denim & Diamonds last February, from the "Believe" catalog fall fundraiser and from generous donations by Dr. Lee Mahlmann, the Saha Family and Peterson Team Realty.

Corporate and individual sponsorships/donations are gladly accepted, and many companies offer a donation matching program. For more information, contact Sofia Sheikh, PTO President, at president@readingpto.org.

DECEMBER:

Dec. 1st: Christmas in Rosenberg Choir Tour
Dec. 4th: Progress Reports Go Home
Dec. 7th: School Dance - Winter Wonderland
Dec. 13th: Winter Choir Concert
Dec. 13th: NJHS Meeting
Dec. 17th: ARJH Winter Band Concert
Dec. 18th: ARJH Beginner Band Concert
Dec. 18th - 21st: Finals
Dec. 19th - 21st: Early Release Each Day at 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 20th: Teacher Holiday Luncheon
Dec. 21st: GT Nomination Forms Due
Dec. 24th - Jan. 7th: Winter Break

JANUARY:

Jan. 8th: Students Return from Winter Break
Jan. 26th: UIL Hosted at ARJH

ARJH is on Facebook
Like us at: Antoinette Reading Junior High

For more ARJH dates and information, please visit the ARJH website calendar at www.readingjh.lcisd.org You can also check for updates on the Reading PTO website at www.readingpto.org.

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As the year comes to a close this holiday season, my hope is that we all can spend time with those near and far, and that whatever it is that makes the holidays special to you will be your greatest gift.

From our family to yours...

We wish you the Happiest Holidays!

And, thank you for letting us be a part of your neighborhood.

- David Smith

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Meeting dates and times listed in bold italics
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Justin Ring, President
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