

NEWPORT NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8 - Time Change

March 10 - Crime Watch

March 21 - Office Open
10 am - 2 pm
(L&R permit/renewal)

March 28 - Spring Celebration

March 31 - Lake & River
Permits (grace period expires)

April 3 - Office Closed
Good Friday

April 9 - Quarterly Meeting

April 11 - Swim Team Sign Up

April 11 - Office Open
10 am - 2 pm
(L&R permit/renewal)

April 14 - Crime Watch

April 18 - Community Garage Sale

Event details in this issue

SPRING CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 28, 2015

11 am - 2 pm

Pool Area

*Easter Egg Hunt
(begins at 11:15 am)*

*Easter Bunny
(bring your camera)*

*Dance and play games
with our DJ*

Face Painting

Free Hot Dogs and Drinks



CHANGES AND REPAIRS TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR PROPERTY

Pursuant to the Declaration of Deed Restrictions and Covenants for each section in Newport, “no construction or erection of improvements upon any lot, tract or parcel contained in Newport, however classified, shall ever be commenced until the written approval of the Architectural Committee shall have been received.”

Listed below are items that require ACC approval. This list is not all-inclusive:

- **Construction or installation of any building, including sheds.**
- **Any addition to an existing building.**
- **Construction, installation or repair to any fence.**
- **Replacement of windows, gutters, wood, and siding.**
- **Exterior paint of any building located on your property.**
- **Removal of trees (except dead trees).**
- **Installation or replacement of walkways, driveways and/or extensions.**
- **Construction of any patio or addition to an existing patio.**
- **Replacement of roof (prior approval not required in event of an emergency, but home improvement request required with type of roofing material, etc:.**
- **Flag poles.**

Home Improvement Requests (“HIR”) are available on our website under resident documents. A completed HIR along with a copy of your plot plan showing the location of your improvement is required. The ACC committee meets the first and third Friday of the month (exception - month with five Fridays or Holidays). HIR must be received the Wednesday before the meeting.

Paint chips are required for all painting (even if it is the same color of existing improvement).

For additional information on exterior improvements please see our Architectural Control Guidelines, also available online or in the management office.

**Newport Website
www.newportpoa.com**

**NEWPORT TORPEDOES
SWIM TEAM**

**Registration
Saturday, April 11, 2015
9 am - Newport Pool**

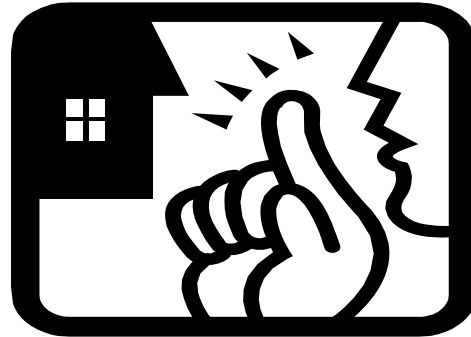
**Ages 4 through 18
All levels welcome**

**For more information
go to
Npttorpedoes.swim-team.us**



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.**



**LAKE & RIVER PERMITS
BOAT LAUNCH PERMITS**

**Lake & River permits and Boat Launch permits expire December 31st of
the year issued.**

Grace period to renew through March 31, 2015.

**Permits & renewals are available in the management office. The cost per
permit (renewal or new issue) is:**

**Lake & River Permit—\$10 each
(separate permit required for each person over 16 yrs of age)
Boat Launch—\$50**

**Cost to have key issued is \$30
(this is a one-time fee)
Lost key replacement \$100**



**CAMPING IS
PERMITTED AT BOTH
LAKE AND RIVER
PARKS**



CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - 7 pm

April meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2015 - 7 pm

Newport Golf Club

CRIME DETERRENT TIPS



1. Alarm system.
2. Surveillance cameras.
3. Dog barking.
4. Leave car in driveway during day.
5. Keep garage door closed.
6. Leave TV or radio on during day.
7. Leave light on during day.
8. If you do not have viewer in door, install one.
9. Be sure outside lights are off during day.
10. If gone for extended period of time get neighbors to pick up newspaper from yard; take in your mail or make arrangements for post office to hold; set lights on timers; and notify sheriff's office for vacation watch.
11. Unattended trash cans (upside down) are an indicator that no one is home. Suggestion: If the trash is not picked up before you leave for work, you might consider putting your trash out in bags before you leave.
12. Keep vehicles locked while in driveway.
13. Remove all valuables from your vehicles.

CRIME STATS

December and January crime stats remain low. There were no residential burglaries; eight motor vehicle burglaries reported, four of which were in a 3 day period. Criminal mischief, however increased to thirty reported incidents. We increased patrol in the areas where incidents were reported and are pleased that only one incident has been reported as of February 17, 2015. Please remember to report suspicious persons and vehicles to the non-emergency number (713) 221-6000.

NEWPORT'S AMENITIES

Our community has many amenities available to its residents:

Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts

Walking Trails along Gum Gulley
Park w/ splash pad located on Port O'Call
Pocket parks on South Diamondhead and Flying Bridge
(walking trails and parks are maintained and operated by Newport MUD)

Access to both Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River
Beach at the river area and boat docks at both the river and lake areas
Picnic areas
Camping permitted
(Lake & River permits and Boat Launch permits required)
(Lake & River permit fee \$10 per permit - Boat Launch permit fee \$50 per permit)

Stables with riding arena - \$60 per month per stable

Boat and RV Storage
20, 25, 30 and 40 foot covered storage
(contact the management office for prices and availability)

TRASH PICK-UP

Questions regarding trash pick-up
should be directed to
Aggressive Waste
(713) 631-1900
or
www.aggressivewaste.com



PLEASE
STORE
TRASH CANS
OUT OF
PUBLIC VIEW
EXCEPT ON
TRASH DAYS
(Wednesday and
Saturday)

ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH

Assessments received after the last day
of the month in which they are due are
subject to a monthly late fee of \$5.00
plus interest at the rate of 6% per
annum. Payments more than four
months late are subject to an
additional collection fee of \$15.00
per month.

For complete collection procedures,
please visit our website at
www.newportpoa.com and go to
resident documents.

PROPERTY TAXES
HOMESTEAD YOUR PROPERTY AND SAVE

If you owned your property on or before January 1, 2015 and you occupy your property, you are eligible to file for a homestead exemption. A homestead exemption provides an average savings of \$300 on your property taxes. Homestead exemptions must be filed no later than April 30, 2015.

If you or your spouse will turn sixty-five (65) years of age any time this year you can file for an over-65 exemption. This exemption will freeze your school taxes from this year forward and give you a large savings on your county tax. Over 65 exemptions may be filed any time during the year, however it is better to file them as early as possible.

Veterans and other persons on disability may also qualify for exemptions.

Form 11.13 is available on line at hcad.org and we also have them available in the management office. If you have questions about the form or need assistance in completing the form, please stop by the management office and our manager will assist you.

**PROTESTING YOUR
PROPERTY VALUE**

In the next couple of months you will receive a notice from Harris County Appraisal District setting forth the 2015 value of your property. If you feel the value is too high, you have the right to protest the value. This can be done by completing the form you receive in the mail and sending it to HCAD or following the instructions for filing a protest online.

Again, you have to own your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you purchased your home in 2014 in an arms length transaction and the appraised value is higher than the purchase price, you should be able to have the appraised value reduced to the purchase price. You will need, however, to file the protest.

DON'T FORGET TO...



MARCH 8, 2015
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
2:00 AM

TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
ONE HOUR

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Please contact Jan Cox with Century 21 Lifechangers at jancox@crosbytexas.com with a list of the major items you are selling, or you may drop the list off at the office located at 5930 FM 2100. Deadline to get on the list is Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

You may place signs throughout the community advertising your sale.
Please pick up the signs by 4:00 pm, Saturday.



**MANAGEMENT OFFICE IS CLOSED
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOR IN-SERVICE DAY**

NEXTDOOR NEWPORT

Nextdoor Newport is a private online network. On our Nextdoor site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime reports, ideas about how to improve our neighborhood and more.

Currently, there are over 350 residents signed up. It's a great avenue to keep up with lost and found pets, items for sale and other information.

Nextdoor is also linked to the Harris County Sheriff's Department where the Sheriff's Department can send out blasts regarding happenings and news but they cannot access our private messaging.

To join, go to nextdoor.com

HISTORY TIDBITS

March 2 - Texas Independence Day

Texas Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836. This event marked Texas' independence from Mexico. Sixty delegates from all over Texas signed the declaration. Its language in many ways parallels the 1776 Declaration of Independence of the United States, which is observed on Independence Day, also known as "the fourth of July".

The Republic of Texas was annexed to the US by joint resolution of the US Congress nine years after the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed. The US Congress then admitted Texas as a constituent state of the Union on December 29, 1845. Texas Independence Day is an official holiday in Texas. Sam Houston Day is also observed on March 2, marking the birthday of the man who led the Texans to victory over Mexican troops at the battle of San Jacinto.

April 15 - Tax Day

Tax Day - Income tax was first introduced in the United States of America in 1861. A rate of three percent was levied on incomes above \$800 per year and the resulting revenue was used to help fund the American Civil War effort. However, income tax was seen as unconstitutional and the law was repealed in 1872. The idea of a tax on personal income, at a rate of two percent, was reintroduced in the Revenue Act of 1894, but the legal status of this kind of tax was still unclear. In 1913, the "Sixteenth Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States was ratified. This cleared the way for the modern income tax system in the USA.

The details of the income tax system have changed greatly since 1913. The top rates of tax have varied enormously and were particularly high during the First and Second World Wars and the Great Depression. Individuals and families with very low levels of income do not have to pay income tax and may receive some subsidy via the tax system.

In 1913 Tax Day, or the filing deadline, was fixed on March 1. However, it was moved to March 15 in 1918 and April 15 in 1955, where it has remained since then.

April 21 - San Jacinto Day

San Jacinto Day - Around 1820, the area that is now Texas was part of the newly independent country of Mexico. However, there was a strong push for an independent Republic of Texas so, in 1835, the Texas Declaration of Independence was drafted and a provisional government was formed. This movement was supported by a wave of volunteers from the United States. In 1836, Mexican president Santa Anna travelled to Texas to bring down this uprising. His campaign started successfully and the Mexican forces regained control of a number of areas.

Texan forces fought and won the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836, and captured General Santa Anna afterwards. This event led to negotiations for Texas to become fully independent from Mexico. The site of the battle is now known as the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, which is close to the Houston Ship Channel and the cities of La Porte and Baytown. The site features the San Jacinto Monument, which is 570 feet (or about 174 meters) high and the world's tallest masonry tower.

LOOK

The name of a Newport Property Owner is scrambled somewhere in this edition. If you find your name please call Courtney (281) 462-4199 ext. 10 to receive your \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2015

7 pm

Newport Golf Club

Regular Meeting 5 pm

NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB'S YARD OF THE MONTH



MARCH 20TH
FIRST DAY OF SPRING



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

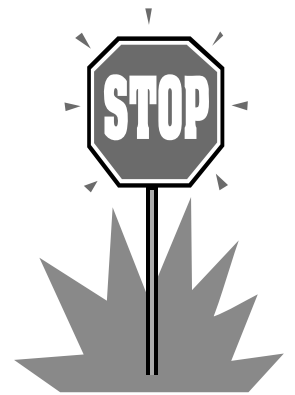


DEPUTIES TAKE NO NONSENSE APPROACH TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND LOOSE DOGS

The precinct deputies as well as our contract deputies are taking a no nonsense approach to traffic violations which include speeding, failing to stop at stop signs, and no seat belts. Citations are also being issued for residents who fail to keep their dogs on a leash or in an enclosed area. Listed below are the *average* fines for these citations:



Speeding - \$165 - \$185
School Zone - \$185 - \$225
Failure to stop at stop sign - \$165
No seatbelt - \$130
Loose dog - \$125



ATVS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND COMMON AREAS IN NEWPORT

Newport MUD does not permit
ATVs on the hike and bike trails or along Gum
Gulley.

San Jacinto River Authority does not permit
ATVs along the canal.

Centerpoint does not permit
ATVs and other vehicles on the
Highline right of way.

Deputies have been hired by the various entities
to stop the ATV traffic.

You could be fined and your
vehicle towed for trespassing on these various
properties.

HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUT

Every street light in the community has
a five or six digit identification code on
the pole (about eye level) and address.

Write down the number and go to
www.centerpointenergy.com/outage
to file a report.

If you do not have access to the internet
you can call
713-207-2222

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other events
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or go to
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DANGEROUS DOGS

Dogs that meet the following criteria may be declared dangerous:

A dog that makes an unprovoked attack on a person that occurred in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept;

or

A dog that commits an unprovoked act in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept and that act would cause a person to reasonably believe that the dog will attack and cause bodily injury.

All dogs and cats, whether considered dangerous or not are prohibited from running loose in Harris County. Owners of loose dogs and cats may be cited by Harris County Sheriff's Deputies or Animal Control for failure to restrain your pet(s) at all times. Fines could run as high as \$500 for this offense.

HOW TO RESTRAIN YOUR PET

1. Keep your pet in your house.
2. Keep your pet in your fenced in yard.
3. Keep your pet on a leash led by a person capable of controlling your pet.
4. Keep your pet attached to a line not longer than 6 feet that will keep your pet from entering a public walkway or street.
You know your pet isn't dangerous but the person walking past your house doesn't know that.

**PLEASE OBEY THE LEASH LAW AND KEEP YOUR
PET(S) RESTRAINED AT ALL TIMES
TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF A TICKET
RESULTING IN A FINE.**

NEWPORT FITNESS CENTER

5:00 AM - 9:00 PM -

Monday-Friday

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM -

Sat, Sun and Holidays

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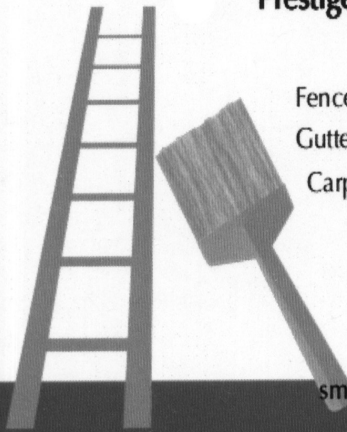
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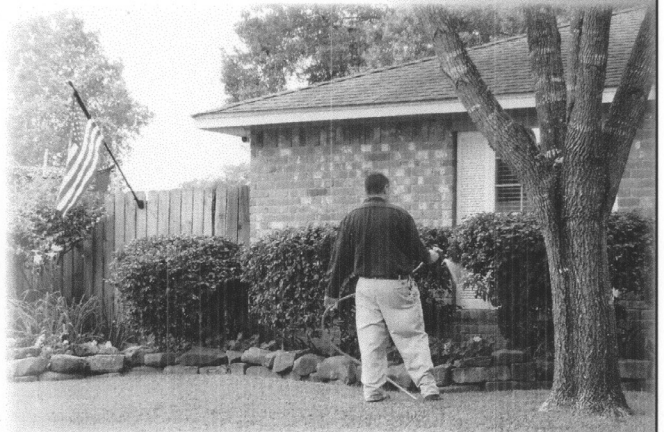
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**McGruff's Corner
Dec/Jan Crime Stats**

Hang Up	3
Accident/FSGI	4
Accident Minor	3
Accident Major	5
Accident Injury	0
Alarm Local	55
Animal Humane	18
Animal Aggressive	15
Animal Livestock	0
Arson	0
Assault/Family	5
Assault Aggressive	0
Assault/other	1
Burg/Hab	0
Burg/Motveh	8
Burg/Other	0
Check School/Park	157
Contract Check	1829
Crim Mischief	30
Credit card	0
Disch Firearm	5
Dist/Family	11
Dist/Juvenile	0
Domestic Prevention	13
DWI	3
Dist/Loud Noise	22
Dist/Other	12
Drug/Od/Poss	3
Follow Up	20
Fraud ID	2
Indecent Exposure	0
In Progress	3
Illegal Dumping	0
Meet Officer/Citizen	70
Nuisance Abatement	0
Prop Lost/Found	2
Missing Person	3
Runaway	2
Road Rage	0
Sex Offender Verify	8
Solicitors	1
Ref'd/Internal/External	187
Susp Persons	37
Telephone Harrah	6
Terroristic Thrt	6
Theft/Residence	5
Theft/Other	5
Traf Hazzard	5
Traffic stops	79
Unk Medical Emergency	10
Veh Abandoned	9
Veh Repossession	12
Vacation Watch	2
Veh Suspicious	31
Vehicle Stolen	4
Welfare Check	11

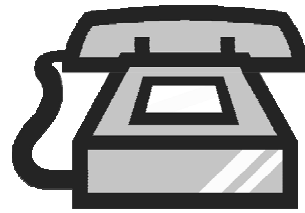
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

NPOA WEBSITE

www.newportpoa.com

Manager - Carol Jones

(281) 462-4199 ext 11

cjones@newportpoa.com

Sheriff (non emergency)	713-221-6000
Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. Emergency	911
(non emergency/information)	281-328-2300
Crosby EMS –	Emergency 911
(non-emergency information)	281-328-6810
Crosby/Huffman Chamber	281-328-6984
Crosby Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Newport MUD	281-324-9803
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
Harris County PCT 2 (trees in road; dead animals in road)	713-274-2300
Harris County Pollution Control	713-920-2831
Harris County Attorney	713-755-5101
Health Department – (Environmental)	713-439-6016
Center Point Customer Service	713-207-2222
Commissioner Morrman	713-455-8104
Aggressive Waste	713-631-1900
Parks & Trails	281-324-9803
Crosby Community Center	281-462-0543
Senior Adult Program	281-893-3726
Newport Golf Club	281-328-3576
Sweetwater Pools	281-988-8480
Environmental Division of Public Health	713-439-6270
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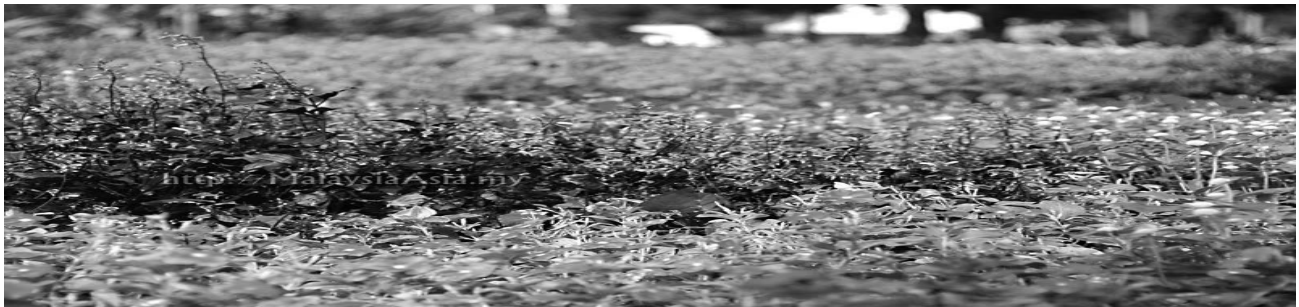
NEWPORT GARDEN CLUB

Meetings - first Monday of Month (Jan-May)

March 6, 2015 - Crosby Community Center

Corrie Ten-Have (Nat'l Flower Show Judge)

Dutch Treat Lunch



Happy
Easter!

