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Village Creek Community Association

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Village Creek 4th of July Parade and Community Social

Come and join your neighbors for a festive Fourth of July. We will be celebrating with a parade around the neighborhood at 10:00 a.m., which will end at the pool. Watch the neighborhood board for the location of the start of the parade. Join the fun by decorating your bikes, tricycles, and wagons. There will be a prize awarded for the most patriotic decoration. After the parade join us at the pool for food and fun. Bring a 4th of July dish to share (finger foods, cold salads, desserts, and fruit). We will have cookies for the kids to decorate.

We will be raffling off several items during our celebration. Pam Bailey, owner of Chaparral Management Co., has generously donated two \$100.00 gas cards and Igloo Ice Chests has donated an ice chest.

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

We need volunteers to help set up and help clean up. If you are interested, please contact Celeste at clubenow@houston.rr.com

Village Creek Fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a firework celebration at the lake. We ask each family participating to donate fireworks to the festivity. There will be a drop off location roped off by the lake. We will have someone in charge of lighting the fireworks from the North end of the lake. Don't forget your lawn chairs and bug spray!

We need a cleanup crew after the celebration. If you are interested in volunteering to help clean up, please contact Celeste at clubenow@houston.rr.com.

Village Creek Social Committee

We have great things planned:

July – 4th of July parade and community social.

August – Back to School Party

September – Fall Garage Sale

October – Fall Festival – Many volunteers are needed.

December – Cookies w/ Santa

To volunteer at a particular event or to join the social committee, please contact Celeste Lubenow at clubenow@houston.rr.com

Pool Update:

The swimming pool is closed on Monday's for cleaning and maintenance. If a holiday falls on a Monday the pool will be OPEN during normal hours.

POOL ACCESS CARDS

Please e-mail villagecreekpool@yahoo.com if:

1. I am a new home owner and never received a pool card.
2. My pool card isn't working.
3. I lost my previous pool card. Replacement cards are \$10.00. Old cards will be deactivated.
4. I would like additional pool cards for my family. Extra cards are \$25.00 each.

Be sure and include your name, address and telephone number in the e-mail. If your card isn't working, also include the number located on the back of the card.

Donations

We will be accepting donations for care packages for soldiers at the 4th of July celebration, near the pool. Please bring magazines, books, treats that won't melt, powder Gatorade, snacks, cookies, trail mix, or money to go towards postage. There will be a special collection jar for postage!

**HAPPY
4th of
JULY**



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Constable Vacation Watch

Take advantage of the Constable's vacation watch when you are out of town. Before leaving call the Constable's office and let them know when you will be leaving and when you will be returning. Your home will be checked during the Constables regular neighborhood drive-through.

Constables Office – 281-376-3472

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MOPS meets twice a month (Friday mornings or Wednesday evenings) for food, speaker, and craft time. Registration will be held August 8, 2006 from 9am-12pm and 6pm-8pm at The Met, 13000 Jones Rd.

For more information contact MOPS@TheMetOnline.org
 Contact Hannah Garcia (281)304-5435

Pets on a Leash

A friendly reminder to our neighbors, please keep your dogs on a leash when outside of your private fenced area....this is the law.



Another friendly reminder is to please scoop up after your dog. An easy way to do this is to bring along a plastic bag tied to your dog's leash. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood clean.

Village Creek Strollers

Have a stroller? Like to walk? I am interested in forming an informal morning walking group for Village Creek moms. Moms can exercise and socialize while taking their babies/toddlers for a stroll. Please contact Sarah Hoffman at SarahHoffman@alumni.utexas.net if you are interested.

Classified

Spring Cleaning Sale: Oak computer desk w/ keyboard tray. Two lamps, two glass top end tables. All in good condition. 281-251-2355.

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Deed Restriction of the Month

E.11. Article IX, Section 11

Temporary Structures and Outbuildings

No structures of a temporary character, not any recreational vehicle, mobile home, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, playhouse or other outbuilding shall be constructed, erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot at any time as a residence.

Outbuildings or structures, whether temporary or permanent, used for accessory, playhouse, storage or other purposes shall be limited to eight feet in height and one hundred (100) square feet in area and must be approved in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the Declaration. The standard, type, quality and color of materials used in the construction of gazebos, play structures, storage structures, shade and other structures shall be harmonious with those of the main residence. Outbuildings or structures may not be placed within ten feet (10') of the rear property line or five feet (5') of the side property lines. Metal siding or roofing shall not be permitted.

Website for Street Light Outages

When there is a street light that is out near your home, please report these to the website www.centerpointenergy.com/outage or 713-923-3213. You will need the home address near the street light that is in question and the number located on the pole. Help keep our neighborhood safe!

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Shelter-in-Place in an Emergency

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services--water, gas, electricity or telephones--were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.

Four Steps to Safety

1. Find Out What Could Happen to You

- Contact your local Red Cross chapter or emergency management office before a disaster occurs--be prepared to take notes.
- Ask what types of disasters are most likely to happen. Request information on how to prepare for each.
- Learn about your community's warning signals: what they sound like and what you should do when you hear them.
- Ask about animal care after a disaster. Animals are not allowed inside emergency shelters because of health regulations.
- Find out how to help elderly or disabled persons, if needed.
- Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or day care center, and other places where your family spends time.

2. Create a Disaster Plan

- Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, and earthquakes to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.
- Pick two places to meet:
 1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
 2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

3. Complete This Checklist

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.
- Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.
- Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Get training from the fire department for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Conduct a home hazard hunt.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways

out of each room.

- Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster.

Home Hazard Hunt

- In a disaster, ordinary items in the home can cause injury and damage. Anything that can move, fall, break, or cause a fire is a potential hazard.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.
- Fasten shelves securely.
- Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Hang pictures and mirrors away from beds.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Secure water heater. Strap to wall studs.
- Repair cracks in ceilings or foundations.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products away from heat sources.
- Place oily polishing rags or waste in covered metal cans.
- Clean and repair chimneys, flue pipes, vent connectors, and gas vents.

4. Practice and Maintain Your Plan

- Quiz your kids every six months or so.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuations.
- Replace stored water and stored food every six months.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to

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manufacturer's instructions.

- Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Working with neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with your neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives. If you're a member of a neighborhood organization, such as a home association or crime watch group, introduce disaster preparedness as a new activity. Know your neighbors' special skills (e.g., medical, technical) and consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as disabled and elderly persons. Make plans for child care in case parents can't get home.

If Disaster Strikes

Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.

Check for Injuries

Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.

Listen to Your Battery-Powered Radio for News and Instructions

Check for Damage in Your Home...

- Use flashlights. Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.
- Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.

- Shut off any other damaged utilities. (You will need a professional to turn gas back on.)

- Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately.

Remember to...

- Confine or secure your pets.

- Call your family contact--do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

- Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.

- Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off.

- Stay away from downed power lines.

To get copies of American Red Cross community disaster education materials, contact your local Red Cross chapter.

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12402 Bent Pine	19807 Cypresswood Dale	17819 Surreywest
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