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# Northwood Park Civic Association Newsletter

## Fall 2015

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### **Welcome New Families to the Neighborhood**

Our neighborhood continues to be a desirable residential neighborhood as new homes are being built on the empty lots and homes that are offered for sale are quickly sold. We welcome all our new neighbors.

Our very unique subdivision differentiates itself from other neighborhoods in a variety of ways. The large lots with septic and well systems are attractive to those that would prefer not being in a MUD District with additional costs. We have many long-time residents that have raised their children here and now find the children returning to the neighborhood as property owners themselves. Although we do not have an HOA, an active neighborhood civic club of residents does continue to work to preserve the subdivision. We invite all our neighbors to join the civic club and/or attend the meetings that are held the third Thursday of every even month. Until the new fire station is built, Dove Meadows has graciously allowed the club to use their club house.

### **Abandoned House Nuisance Removed**

Thank you to all the neighbors that signed the petition for the removal of the house located at 21318 Tophill. This petition was forwarded to Scott Jeansonne in the Harris County Health and Environmental Service Department who in turn forwarded the petition on to Precinct 4 resulting in the removal of the house by Harris County earlier this year.

The house stood abandoned and neglected for years. It continued to deteriorate over time and posed a health and security threat to neighbors. Vandals broke out windows and damaged the interior. The county went through a lengthy process to acquire ownership in order to have the delapidated structure removed. The abatement of the house on September 1st was a long awaited event to the surrounding property owners.

### **We Need a Little Christmas**

The holidays are fast approaching. To all the residents that decorate their homes and yards for the festive season, you lift the spirits and add to the cheer of the neighborhood. Young and old alike delight in the colorful displays that brighten the winter nights. Thank you for the joy you bring to the neighborhood.

### **Danger – Protected Light on Falvel and Spring Stuebner Needed**

Neighbors spoke and the Civic Association responded. The Northwood Park Civic Association has brought a safety concern to the attention of Precinct 4. It is believed that the light on Falvel and Spring Stuebner is a hazard for motorists turning left from Falvel onto Spring Stuebner without a protected green light. A formal warrant study is now being conducted by the Harris County Engineering Department. It is hopeful that their recommendation will correct this problem in the near future.

### **December Meeting and Election of Officers**

Members in good standing and with a desire to serve as a director or officer may submit their written notice by email to [email@northwoodparkcivic.org](mailto:email@northwoodparkcivic.org) by certified mail, or submit the written notice to the secretary, Pat Curry, on or before December 1st to allow preparation of a ballot.

In the event there are no volunteers to replace present officers and directors, the board will present a slate of officers and directors at the December meeting to be approved by the membership. There are no write-in last

minute nominations allowed. Election of officers and directors takes place each year at the December meeting. This year's meeting will be held Thursday, December 17 at 7 PM at the Dove Meadows clubhouse.

It is with the understanding that when elected, the officers and directors are legally responsible for compliance with State and Federal requests and filings.

The ballot to be voted on will be posted on the web site two weeks prior to the December meeting.

### **About the Northwood Park Civic Association**

What can happen when neighbors work together? The Northwood Park Civic Association was established in 1983 when neighbors gathered to resolve issues with mobile homes that were moved into the neighborhood in violation of the deed restrictions. Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of Texas and the civic association was formed giving the neighborhood residents a forum to come together, share concerns, and resolve problems. The civic association is not an HOA and membership is voluntary. It is an example of how when neighbors come together for a common cause, great things can happen.

The civic association continues to work addressing problems and concerns that compromise the residential character of the neighborhood as set forth by our deed restrictions. It is with the help of the Harris County Attorneys' Office Compliance Division, and the Harris County Health and Environmental Service Department that the Northwood Park Civic Association has been successful in addressing problems in the neighborhood. We remain optimistic that the present conflicts with property owners will also be resolved.

The organization is recognized by the federal government as a 501 c- 4 social organization. Income taxes are filed each year and an accounting to the membership of dues, donations, and expenses are reported at the general meeting following the filing. Donations to the Northwood Park Civic Association are not tax deductible.

### **About Membership**

The Northwood Park Civic Association is not an HOA and membership is voluntary to residents in Northwood Park Subdivision. Dues are \$120 a year for resident families and half price (\$60) for senior families. Residents choosing to become members of the Northwood Park Civic Association may submit their dues by mail to PO Box 2436, Spring, TX 77383 at any time during the year, or present their dues to the treasurer before or after a regularly scheduled meeting. A resident family is limited to two votes per household.

### **About the Meetings**

The Northwood Park Civic Association meets every other month on the third Thursday of the month – February, April, June, August, October and December. Meetings start promptly at 7 PM. It is with much appreciation to the Dove Meadow HOA and Mary Anne Nicholas for allowing our civic club to meet at the Dove Meadow Club House while the Fire Station is being renovated. The club house is located on the corner of Meadowhill Drive and Van Dyke.

### **Neighbors Watching Out For Neighbors**

If you observe suspicious behavior you are encouraged to call the sheriff's department 713-221-6000 and file a report.

### **2015 Officers and Directors**

President: Terri O'Leary  
Vice President: Ed Curry

Treasurer: Lillian Gentry  
Secretary: Patricia Curry

Directors:

Lowell Agre, Thresa Dickenson, Jerry Klumpp, Frank Martin, Estelle Owin