NORTHFIELD I & II NEWSLETTER

late-November, early December 2015

A diverse community of residents with high standards and expectations

From the President's desk
By Vincent Sanders

Greeting Neighbors,

November, to me, is always a time for thankfulness and reflection. Writing my president's message made me think of how many things I am thankful for. A decade ago, I might not have even noticed nor had many of these on my list.

I am thankful to live in Houston. In a few weeks we will be electing our next Mayor, controller and council members and the fact that we have good candidates to choose from really speaks to the stability of Houston's future. I urge all of you to get out and vote. It is one the most important things that you can do for Northfield I & II. Elected officials are responsive to voters! In a city where normally 10% of the people participate in the election process, it is good to live in a Precinct that has higher percentage voter participation. Please don't forget to cast your vote on these important decisions that will determine the direction of Houston. Early voting begins on Wednesday, December 2 and ends on Tuesday, December 8th. Runoff Election Day is Saturday **December 12** On Election Day the polls are open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. To determine your voting location, visit www.harrisvotes.com/voterballotsearch.aspx?L=E or call 713.755.6965. For any other voting information visit, http://www.harrisvotes.com/ Remember that EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!!!

I am thankful to live in Northfield I & II. We have so many caring, compassionate, and giving neighbors. It is an awesome place to live. I am amazed at the wonderfully talented people that volunteer to make Northfield I&II a better place to live. I am thankful for all of the friends I have made here in Northfield I & II while working for my HOA. My life is certainly richer in friendship since I began this civic journey. A recent candidate for city office who visited us during National Night Out commented that they had grown up in a neighborhood much like Northfield I & II, but without a committed connected board and that neighborhood had gone into decline.

Now speaking of being connected, I urge you to sign up for PCMI TownSquare. This board approved communication tool for Northfield I & II is accessible via mobile phone, tablet and desktop- and completely private. A few things you can do within TownSquare:

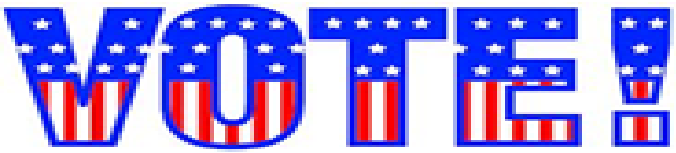
- Receive important information from Northfield I & II
- Post and receive instant watch alerts to help keep our neighborhood safe
- Place a request to start a community group or volunteer on a committee
- Receive local news tailored specifically to our community
- And much more……..

The web address to access TownSquare is www.pcmi-us.com Please review page 2 of this newsletter to get further instructions on how to enter TownSquare. I would like for as many of neighbors to use this communication device because it will keep you ahead of the ballgame when it comes to receiving up-to-date community news.

Yes…..The 2016 maintenance fee invoices were mailed on the week of November 7. The rate for fiscal year 2016 will remain at **$450.00 annually**. The total maintenance fee is due on or before January 1, 2016 and becomes delinquent on January 31, 2016. In an effort to assist homeowners the Board is recommending owners to contact PCMI if they cannot pay the total maintenance fee due in January. Consider entering into a payment plan before January 31, 2016 if you cannot pay the total amount due. Everyone in Northfield I & II has indicated a great deal of support for the community and its continued growth. Remember that the overall objective of the Association is to maintain the attractiveness of the community, protect and enhance the perception and general property values of the community and keep it a desirable place to call home. If you have ideas for the betterment of Northfield I & II, please feel free to contact me or Kaye Follie at PCMI.

And finally, as those holiday package deliveries begin, keep an eye out for those pesky package thieves. With all of this "stuff" going on in Paris and around the world, help keep all of Northfield I & II safe this holiday season. I wish all of you a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** And those of you who are celebrating the eight-day festival of lights, I wish you **HAPPY CHANUKAH**.

IMPORTANT READ



Early voting for the **Runoff Election** begins on Wednesday, December 2nd and runs through Tuesday, December 8th. **Election Day is Saturday, December 12th. You will be voting for the following City of Houston officers:**

City of Houston **Mayor**
Sylvester Turner vs Bill King

City of Houston **Controller**
Chris Brown vs Bill Frazer

City of Houston Council **At - Large Position 1**
Georgia Prevost vs Mike Knox

City of Houston Council **At - Large Position 2**
David Robison vs Willie Davis

City of Houston Council **At - Large Position 4**
Amanda Edwards vs Roy Morales

City of Houston Council **At - Large Position 5**
Sharon Moses vs Jack Christie

YES, PHOTO ID IS STILL IN EFFECT!!!!

The Texas Election Code, Title Chapter 63, provides that a voter is required to present one of seven forms of **PHOTO** identification at the poll before the voter is permitted to cast a regular ballot. The seven types are listed below:

- Texas driver license -unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- Election Identification Certificate (EIC)
- Texas identification card- unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- Texas concealed handgun license-unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- U.S. passport- unexpired or expired less than 60 days
- U.S. military identification with photo
- U.S. citizenship certificate with photo

Precinct **525** turnout from the November 3rd Elections
Total registered in the precinct **3,124**
Total who voted early plus on Election day **940**
Percentage Voter turnout **30%**

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PLEASE NOTE THAT HOMEOWNER ASSESSMENT WERE MAILED THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2015. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ASSESSMENT INVOICE PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGER KAYE FOLLIE.
Kaye's Phone number is 281-504-1330 Email address: k.follie@stservices.com Main office phone number 281-870-0585. REMEMBER THAT ASSESSEMENTS ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2016

PCMI town square

ATTENTION NORTHFIELD I & II RESIDENTS:
PCMI has partnered with NabrNetwork to bring you PCMITownSquare. Like in a TownSquare, neighbors can connect, ask questions, report Association concerns, make new friends, volunteer in Board Approved activities and participate in Board surveys. You can share ideas and information with your HOA Board, Management Company and neighbors. If you have not registered, please access TOWNSquare at www.pcmi-us.com and click on the TownSquare icon and click "register". The PCMI TownSquare team will verify your address and provide you with log in credentials. NORTHFIELD I & II Let's stay **strong** and **connected!!!**

Let's Pray for Peace in Paris and the around the World….

REMINDER

Trash Pick-up: Every Thursday
Curbside Recycling:
November 27 (Holiday)
December 10, 24

Next Heavy Trash collection is

Friday December 11, 2015

JUNK TRASH

PLAN HOUSTON

The Yard of the Month for November award goes to

7807 Hummingbird

Trina Johnson

There are well placed small boulders. The Hibiscus border is colorful. The smaller rocks form a nice border for the beds. The trees are well placed and the yard is manicured nicely. This yard is well deserving of the Yard of the Month award.

Northfield I & II Residents are always welcome to board meetings

The next Northfield I & II meeting will take place on **Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00p.m.** The meeting will be held at the NF I&II Clubhouse which is located at 10743 Valley Hills

VOTE!!!

(This needs repeating again…)

Runoff Election Day, December 12, 2015 is drawing near and in Texas an individual must vote at the voting location for the precinct in which he or she is registered to vote and has been designated to vote. **In Precinct 525, A.A. Milne Elementary School** is the current polling location for those who plan to vote on Election Day.

Special modifications are made for the disabled or individuals who are physically unable to enter the polling location. Just notify the presiding precinct election official that someone needs to vote outside and a voting machine will be brought to the curb.

Up-to-date information is available by calling the Harris County Clerk's office at (713)-274-9550 or accessing www.harrisvotes.com and clicking on "Election Calendar".

Please Remember, BRING YOUR PHOTO ID to the polls….

RUNOFF ELECTION DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 7 a.m. - 7p.m.

Houston Police Departments Offer Holiday Safety Tips

In an effort to help make this the safest of holiday seasons, the Houston Police Department is encouraging citizens to pay particular attention to their surroundings during the holidays.

Police offer the following holiday safety tips while shopping:

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you
- Shop with a friend whenever possible. There is safety in numbers
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and multiple credit cards
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card
- If possible, carry only your driver's license, necessary credit cards or personal checks
- If you must carry a purse, do not wrap straps around your arms or shoulders. You could risk injury from a would-be purse-snatcher
- Do not carry wallets in a back pocket
- When possible, slip bags/purchases in a nondescript bag(s)
- Watch your purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can be easily snatched
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store
- Ask shopping center security for an escort to your car if you are uncomfortable walking alone
- Glance in the back seat and under your vehicle before getting in

While at home during the holidays:

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit with doors locked and curtains closed
- Do not display gifts beneath your Christmas tree to be seen from windows or doors
- After the holidays, do not advertise gifts received by the boxes left for garbage collection. Destroy boxes and place them in sealed garbage bags

For more tips on minimizing your chances of becoming a victim of crime, visit http://www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/enewsletter112811/crimeprevention.html. For additional information visit http://www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/enewsletter112811/policedepthomepage.html.

Northfield I & II Neighbors coming together at the 11th Annual NNO

METRO POLICE AND NORTHFIELD I & II NEIGHBORS

Pictures taken October 6, 2015

Northfield I & II Neighbors coming together at the 11th Annual NNO

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY……

National NIGHT OUT 2015

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Pictures taken October 6, 2015

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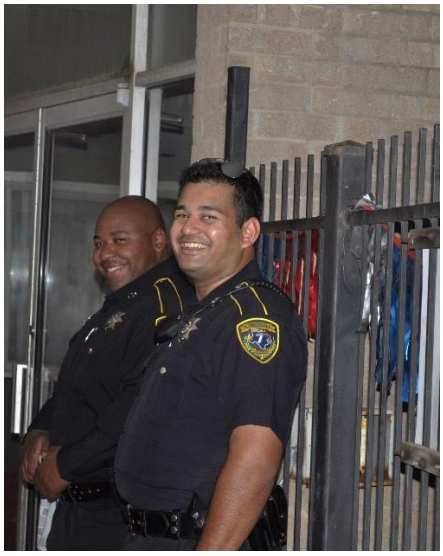

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HOUSTON POLICE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF NORTHFIELD I & II

What Does a **Healthy Community** Look Like?

The places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play can impact our health and quality of life. These approaches to community design can help to improve overall health.

1. **Opportunities to go outside and be more active**
   - Complete street designs
   - Parks, trails, open spaces
   - Destinations within walking and biking distance

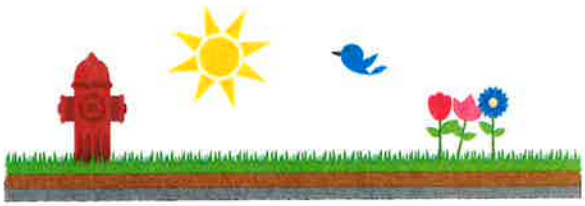
2. **Ability to move throughout the community without a car**
   - Better access to public transportation
   - Comfortable bus stops
   - Safer/easier to walk and bike to daily activities
   - Pedestrian-oriented building design

3. **A safe community**
   - More street lighting
   - Safe pedestrian crossings and bike lanes
   - Traffic calming and buffers for pedestrians
   - More "eyes on the street" day and night

4. **A connected community**
   - Creating a sense of community through social interaction and civic engagement
   - More social connections through accessible recreation areas and public spaces

5. **Accessibility for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes**
   - Housing for all income levels and household types
   - Easy for people to get around regardless of age or ability

6. **A clean environment**
   - Reduced air and noise pollution from sources like freeways and industry
   - Clean water supply and proper sewage/storm water treatment



7. **Healthier and more affordable food choices**
   - Healthier food choices in corner/grocery stores
   - Local and fresh produce from farmers markets and community gardens

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Volunteer Opportunity

Provide Free Tax Preparation through VITA

Free Training

Become IRS-Certified for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide free tax preparation for taxpayers in the low-to-moderate bracket for the 2015 tax season. Hands-on experience as a volunteer for free tax preparation using online tax preparation software. Learn tax law updates for upcoming individual income tax filing season.

The following are just some of the categories that will be covered in the training:

- Form 1040
- Filing Status
- Dependents
- Wages, salaries, tips, etc.,W-2
- Child Support (not included in return, but should always mention)
- Unemployment compensation
- Credit for child and dependent care expenses
- Retirement savings contributions credit
- Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099
- Earned income tax credit (EITC)
- Amount paid with request for extension to file
- Itemized deductions or your standard deduction
- Personal exemptions
- Social security benefits
- Health savings account deduction
- Self-employment tax
- IRA deduction
- Credit for the elderly or the disabled
- Business income or (loss)
- Penalty on early withdrawal of savings
- Student loan interest deduction
- Affordable Care Act

Beyond Careers

Volunteer Registration begins: November 21, 2015

In-Person Training: Saturday, December 12, 2015

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

https://sharpstown2.eventbrite.com

Northfield I & II CIVIC CLUB

BOARD MEMBERS

2015

(Updated 9/2015)

Officers and Responsibilities

President	Vincent Sanders	(713) 995-5079
Vice-President	Sandra Smith	(713) 771-0965
Secretary	Allan Waghalter	(713) 771-8887
Member at Large	Miriam Eber	(713) 774-1177
Member at Large	Mishell Johnson	(713) 771-1303
Member at Large	Barrie Boisseau	(832) 229-2962
Member at Large	Charlotte Gifford-Weaver	(713) 557-9458
Member at Large	Jan Rose	(713) 772-0117
Member at Large	Jerry Selzer	(713) 771-2030
Member at Large	Ollie Ussery	(713) 271-4025
Architectural Control	Jerry Selzer	(713) 771-2030
Deed Restrictions	PCMI	(281) 504-1330
Insurance	Mickey Frost	(713) 776-3669
Property Management	Ollie Ussery	(713) 271-4025
Neighbor Relations	Vincent Sanders	(713) 995-5079
Pool Cards	'Mishell Johnson	(713) 771-1303
Security	Precinct 7	(713) 643-6602
Yard of the Month & Beautification	Jan Rose	(713) 772-0117

NEIGHBORHOOD MANAGEMENT

PCMI	**Kaye Follie.**	**(281)504-1330**

Block Captains

Captain Coordinator	**Victoria Cummings**	**(832) 640-0743**
Bankside	Paul Katz	(832) 605-7521
Braes Forest (10700-10900)	Harvey Stalarow	(713) 270-4911
Hummingbird	Charles Hightower	(713) 276-3522
Kitty Brook (10700-10900)	Suzanne Sengele	N/A
Paulwood/Portal	Shelley Weitz	(713) 771-0409
Paulwood/Creekbend	Vacant	
Portal 7800-8000	Laykie Donin	(713) 988-1491
Rollingbrook	Ken Heberlein	(713) 988-2468
Shawnbrook/Portal	Dana Gavin	(713) 988-4774
Shawnbrook/Creekbend	Mark Hamarich	(713) 771-6404
Valley Hills/Portal	Lucia Brown	(713) 774-1967
Valley Hills/Creekbend	John Beauburn	(832) 423-6486
Vickijohn	Stanley Coleman	(713) 777-5756
Villa Lea/Portal	Mishell Johnson	(713) 771-1303
Villa Lea/Creekbend	Sharon Phillips	(713) 777-0435

Keep Houston SAFE

PLEASE REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR OR ACTIVITIES TO AUTHORITIES. CONTINUE TO BE THE EYES & EARS OF NORTHFIELD I & II.

BE AWARE! BE ALERT!! BE CAREFUL!!!

Helpful Phone numbers - WHO DO I CALL?

NEIGHBORHOOD:

Dispatch- Precinct 7 Constable Office	(713) 643-6602
Brays Oaks Management District	(713) 595-1221
Crime Stoppers	(713) 222-8477
Northfield I & II Pool Telephone	(713) 774-8150
Fiesta Mart	(713) 272-2700
Wal-Mart Grocery	(713)771- 4740

UTILITIES:

Reliant Energy	
Non-working street light (give light pole number)	(713) 207-2222
Center Point (gas & power outrages)	(713) 659-2111

HISD

A.A. Milne Elementary School	(713) 778-3420
HISD Police	(713) 641-7428

CITY,STATE & FEDERAL SERVICES:

Houston Services Helpline	**311**
Trash/Recycling – City of Houston	**311**
City of Houston (Public Works & Engineering)	(832) 395-2511
Major's Citizens' Assistance Office	(832) 395-9914
Animal Control (BARC)	(713) 229-7300
SPCA	(713) 769-7722
Houston Graffiti Hotline	(713) 437-6833
Texas Poison Center Helpline	(1-800) 222-1222
Houston Police (South Gessner)	(713) 236-3166
Houston Police (non-emergency)	(713) 884-3131
Houston Police Storefront	
7576 W. Bellfort Rd., Suite 100 (77071)	(713)773 -7550
Houston Fire & Ambulance	(713) 884-3140
Marian Park Community Center	(713) 773-7015
City Council District K – Larry Green	(832) 393-3016
Constable Pct 7 May Walker	(713) 643-6118
5290 Griggs Rd	
Department of Neighborhoods	(832) 393-1038
Neighborhood Protection Corps	(832) 394-0600
Enforces city codes related to open and dangerous buildings, weeded lots, junk motor vehicles, graffiti, and other nuisances on private property	
State Representative 146 Borris Miles	(713) 665-8322
2656 South Loop West, Suite 265 (77054)	
State Senator Rodney Ellis	(713) 236-0306
County Commissioner Pct 1 El Franco Lee	(713) 755-6111
Congressman Al Green 9th District	(713) 383-9234
3003 South Loop West, Suite 460	

PLEASE NOTE: BEFORE STARTING ANY HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, YOU WILL NEED APPROVAL FROM ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL CHAIR JERRY SELZER (713)771-2030

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