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## FOCUS ON FRIENDSWOOD TO BEGIN “E-MAIL ONLY” NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION THIS SPRING

In an effort to maintain the highest level of efficiency in our City services, the City of Friendswood will soon be transitioning to a “paperless” Focus on Friendswood City newsletter. This edition will serve as the last newsletter to be delivered to mailboxes around town.

While the newsletter will no longer be sent to residents’ mailboxes, the community will have two ways to read the quarterly newsletter: on the City’s website, [www.friendswood.com](http://www.friendswood.com) (under the “About our City” link), or by signing up for e-mail delivery of the newsletter.

**To sign up to receive the Focus on Friendswood by e-mail, visit [www.friendswood.com](http://www.friendswood.com) and click on “Alert Me” on the left side of the page.** There, you can click on “City Newsletter” to receive the City’s newsletter by e-mail. While there, you also have the option to sign up for a variety of other e-mail alerts, such as events and recreation, law enforcement news, City Council meeting agendas, Library news, and more.



Focus on Friendswood will continue to provide the best content possible each quarter. Digital copies of the newsletter will provide City-related information more efficiently and more quickly. As always, the latest City of Friendswood-information can also be obtained by visiting the City’s website, and by signing up for the various types of e-mail alerts that our City offers.

## FIVE STAR SPIRIT AWARD



*Brechtel with City Manager Roger Roecker*

The Five Star Spirit Award is given each quarter to an employee who has exhibited the five characteristics on which the award is based - Courteous, Competent, Reliable, Professional and Enthusiastic. The recipient for the third quarter of 2013 is David Brechtel. David is a Detective in the Police Department. He began working for the City in December of 1994.

David was nominated by a Child Protective Services staff member. David has made police training available to the CPS staff, beneficial to CPS and the Police Department, and goes above and beyond for the children receiving services and care.

She states, "David has been helpful to myself and staff in locating and encouraging parents to participate in services, be served for court, or to identify the next step in our cases. He is an essential part of the agency despite not actually working for us. He is available on weekends, nights, and even when on vacation. He has referred my clients and staff to helpful resources in the community that in many cases made the difference between their ability to keep their children. Always thoughtful and quick to get the needed information, I could not do this job without him."

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BATS AND RABIES

The primary function of the Friendswood Animal Control Department is to protect the health and safety of both human and animal residents. There are many diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans. Typically the one disease that people commonly think of is the rabies virus, however, zoonosis is any infectious disease that is transmitted between animals to humans.

While rabies in humans is extremely rare in the United States, the Center for Disease Control reports 40,000 exposures to the virus annually. Since January 2013, Friendswood Animal Control Officers have responded to ten (10) bat related calls. In each case the bat was tested for rabies by the Texas Department of Health. Fifty percent (50%) of these bats tested positive for the rabies virus. These results are not surprising as bats are considered "high risk" carriers of the virus.

### **When to call Animal Control about bats:**

Animal control should be called in cases where a bat may be nesting in a location where human exposure can likely occur such as a porch, entry way or any area within arm's reach. It should also be reported if an injured or dead bat is found.

### **What to do if you see a bat in this circumstance:**

Avoid the bat, do not approach or handle it. Bats have very small teeth and you may not realize you have been bitten. Call Animal Control immediately.

### **What Animal Control will do:**

Animal control officers will isolate the bat and investigate to determine if there has been any human or animal exposure. The bat will be immediately taken to the Texas Department of Health in Houston

for testing. The TDH will contact Animal Control with the results within forty-eight (48) hours. If there has been human exposure, they typically will have the results within twenty-four (24) hours. If the bat tests positive, the TDH will begin an investigation and follow-up with anyone exposed to the virus regarding treatment.

### **Protecting your family and pets:**

One of the best ways to protect your family from rabies is to protect your pet. While most cases of rabies are found in wild animals, the majority of people in the U.S. who receive treatment for the virus are exposed due to close contact with a domestic animal.

Your pets have a higher risk of coming into contact with wild animals that may have rabies than you do. Cats, dogs and ferrets that do not have their rabies shots, and are exposed to rabies, must be quarantined by Animal Control for an observation period of ten days.

Friendswood City ordinance requires that all domestic pets be registered with Animal Control annually. The fee for pets that are spayed or neutered is \$5.00. The fee for non-sterilized pets is \$10.00. Registration expires one year from the date of registration.

The fee for adopted pets includes registration, vaccination and spay/neutering. The fee also includes micro-chipping which will aid in identifying your pet in the event that it is injured, lost or stolen. Any veterinarian, animal control officer or rescuer that scans your pet will be able to identify it so that you may be notified.

Friendswood Animal Control can be reached through the Police Department at 281-996-3300.

# SPRING SPARKLE



GREAT AMERICAN  
CLEANUP

&

## GARAGE SALE

Centennial Park 2200 S Friendswood Dr  
April 12, 2014 8am-2pm

### \*\*\*\*\*NEW SHREDDING SERVICES OFFERED\*\*\*\*\*

Shredding will be offered from 10am-2pm. There will be a 200lb limit of paper per vehicle. Items not able to be shredded are 3 ring binders, cardboard, floppy disks, hanging file folders, newspaper, microfiche, and video tapes. Shredding sponsored by Copy Dr.

### ITEMS ACCEPTED AT THE CLEANUP

Tree limbs, grass clippings, old appliances, old furniture, unwanted wood, metal, plastic, large and small.

### \*\*\*\*\*GARAGE SALE\*\*\*\*\*

Residents can donate garage sale items to Keep Friendswood Beautiful. KFB will be accepting furniture, household items, bikes, etc. in good condition, (clothing will not be accepted). Garage sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event at Centennial Park. All proceeds from the garage sale will benefit the beautification of city facilities and parks.

### WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

KFB would like to encourage residents to bring items that would benefit the wildlife rehabbers we have in Friendswood. They need aquariums, dog and cat kennel carriers, clean rags, shallow crock bowls.

### \*\*\*\*\*HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\*\*\*\*

Examples of items that will not be accepted are: tires, paint, batteries, oil, or any other household hazardous waste. If you have any questions please call the Community Services Department at 281-996-3220 or email us at [rec@friendswood.com](mailto:rec@friendswood.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/Keepfriendswoodbeautiful>



# 'BLUE SANTA' PROGRAM HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR



Each year, Friendswood's Blue Santa program provides toys during the holidays to needy children in our area. This year, the program helped 40 families and a total of 93 children. Families were referred to the program by local school districts, churches, police officers and there was a mechanism for self-referral.

This year's toy drive was held by some long-time Blue Santa friends – Cline Elementary School, Friendswood Lions Club, Dr. Pete Lessinger, Style Junkie and Friendswood's Santa in the Park – and some new friends – Friendswood Christian School, Mary Queen Catholic Church, Friendswood High School PALS, and Connector & Cable Specialties, LLC. This year, special people and businesses also adopted Blue Santa families.

This year, a generous donation of 25 bicycles led to a community service

project for some teen court participants. Teen Court Administrator Rochelle Barr arranged for select teen court kids to assemble the bicycles and earn service hours for their work.

During the week of December 16, Friendswood police officers picked up toys, accepted donated toys and shopped for special toys and wrapping supplies. The Friendswood Police Department squad room transformed into Santa's toy land where volunteers worked feverishly to organize and sort the donations.

By 8 p.m. on December 19, all of the toys were sorted and wrapped by Blue Santa volunteers. Overwhelming volunteer support converged on the police department and wrapped all of the presents within two hours – in record time. Volunteers also sorted and bagged all of the leftover toys that were later donated

to the Galveston Police Department Blue Santa program.

On December 20, Blue Santa recipient families were able to pick up their children's gifts, along with a \$50 grocery gift card.

The Friendswood Blue Santa program has provided toys to needy families for two decades. The program would not be possible without the support of City leaders, businesses and the generosity of Friendswood citizens. The program does not receive support from, nor is it associated with, Toys for Tots, and donations are given by Friendswood residents for Friendswood residents, with only those toys that are left over going to support another Galveston area program.

Thank you Friendswood for another successful year!

# CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



*Pictured left to right – Administrative Services employees Alma Butler, Erin Hintz, Karen Keesler, Cindy Edge, Rhonda Blosskas and Beth Strobe.*

This is the 25th consecutive year the City of Friendswood's Administrative Services Department has been recognized with this outstanding achievement. The City of Friendswood works toward this success every year in an effort to provide excellence in transparency and communication as it applies to the City's financial reports.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Friendswood by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement went to those designated by the City of Friendswood as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. At a recent Friendswood City Council meeting, the award was presented by Mr. Mike Rodgers, Representative of the GFOA to Cindy Edge, Director of Administrative Services and Rhonda Blosskas, Deputy Director of Administrative Services.



## FOCUS ON FRIENDSWOOD WINTER 2014

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## CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the Mission of the Council and Staff of the City of Friendswood to provide the highest level of service to our citizens at the greatest value.

Adopted: July 9, 1990  
Revised: January 4, 1993  
Revised: August 18, 1997  
Revised: January 12, 2004

# PUBLIC WORKS EXTENDS THE LIFE OF CITY STREETS/SIDEWALKS



In every community, infrastructure such as streets, waterlines, and even drainage ditches require constant maintenance. Properly looking after the community's infrastructure will increase their life, boost efficiency, and ultimately save money in the long run.

Each year, the City's Public Works department organizes a crack sealing schedule for Friendswood's streets. Those streets that are aging and cracking are "sealed" by inserting a solution inside

these cracks, which prevents moisture from seeping into and eroding the street's foundation.

Sidewalks receive a similar treatment, where material is pumped underneath sinking and uneven sidewalks, thereby raising them up and leveling them, extending their lifespan.

With the recent drought conditions, it is more important than ever to maintain Friendswood's streets and sidewalks. It requires constant effort, and the City's Public Works department is on the job day and night working for our community.

For more information on the Public Works department, or to report issues with the City's infrastructure, please call the City at 281-996-3380.



# ADDRESS NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT!



The City of Friendswood's ordinance number 306 (Sec. 70-23 of the municipal code) specifies that residents and business owners are responsible for making their home or business street address numbers visible. The street address number should be placed on the building or structure, the mailbox, the curb, or elsewhere on the premises so that it may be readily seen and identified from the street upon which the home or business faces.

This is useful for many reasons, but most importantly when emergency personnel are responding to a home or business. For more information regarding this ordinance or any other ordinances for the City of Friendswood, please visit [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com) or contact the City Secretary's Office at 281-996-3270.



# CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD FITNESS

**IT'S FIT FOR YOU!**



## **WEIGHT TRAINING**

This class uses hand weights, resistance bands, stability balls and your own weight. The main focus is overall strength training with emphasis on core and flexibility.

Monday/Wednesday 5:45-6:45 p.m. @ Activity Building

## **ZUMBA**

The latin-inspired, easy to follow, calorie burning, dance fitness party. All classes are taught @ Leavesley Park Hangar.

Monday - 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Tuesday - 9:15-10:15 a.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:15-8:15 p.m.  
Thursday - 9:15-10:15 a.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.



## **ZUMBA & TONING**

Use lightweight Toning Sticks to enhance rhythm and tone all the target zones, including arms, abs and thighs. All classes are taught @ Leavesley Park Hangar.

Monday - 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 9:15-10:15 a.m.



## **YOGA**

Yoga improves health, lowers stress and increases energy levels. Learn physical postures to promote strength, endurance, flexibility and balance as well as breathing techniques leaving you refreshed and calm. All classes are taught @ Leavesley Park Hangar.

Monday - 7:15-8:15 p.m.  
Wednesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## **16 Class Punch Card**

\$80 Residents/\$100 Non-Residents/ \$60 Seniors 60+

**Fee Per Class:** \$7 Residents/\$10 Non-Residents

Friendswood Parks & Recreation  
(281) 996-3220  
rec@friendswood.com  
www.friendswood.com

Leavesley Park Hangar - 901 Buckingham  
Activity Building - 416 Morningside Dr.





# Library Corner



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### *Friends of the Library Book Club*

**Book Club meets the second Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.** Refreshments are provided. The library has several copies of the book. Book Titles and Group Discussion Dates are:

**February 11:** *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin

**March 11:** *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy

**April 8:** *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich

### *Beginner Computer Classes*

Computer Class topics rotate and include Internet searching, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher, Files and Folders, E-mail, HeritageQuest genealogy database, and *Homework Help* resources. Some computers available to first arrivals on a first come, first serve basis.

### *Classic Movie Night*

**Classic or contemporary movies are shown every other Thursday at 6:20 p.m.** Film is free and shown on an 8x10 ft. projection screen. Refreshments provided. Call 281-482-7135 for movie details.

### *Special Topic Programs* (e.g. Genealogy, Poetry)

**Wednesday, January 22, at 7 p.m. - Rudyard Kipling: a man in search of home** — discussion led by past president of the Pearland Adult Reading Center, Tom Woods, and Philosophy and Ethics Professor Emeritus (Loyola University and San Jacinto College), Robert Craig.

**Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m. — Andy Upchurch**, author of *The Oleanders of San Leon* will speak at the Friendswood Public Library. *Oleanders* is about the adventures of an itinerant musician and sailor who one day decides to move ashore and build a house by himself - with no experience! An inspirational book of setting a goal that seems out-of-reach, and achieving it. Meant to be read from your reclining lounge chair on the beach at Montserrat (or Galveston, or a beach anywhere).

**Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. WWI Re-enactor Kevin Burke** will give a presentation on **The U.S. Doughboy 1917-1919**. This presentation will include a brief overview of the Great War, the Citizen Soldier, enlistment vs. conscription, training, uniforms and equipment, weapons, mobility, combat experience, daily life and routine, the return and reintegration into civilian life, and the lasting legacy.

**Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. Emmy nominated singer-songwriter Ellen Cherry** performs at the Friendswood Public Library

**Wednesday, March 26 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Beneficial Insects and Organic Methods** by former Master Gardener Linda McLean.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*Storytimes*  
**Beginning January 7, 2014**

*Toddler time* (Ages Birth – 3 years).  
**Tues., Wed., Fri., – 10:10 a.m.**

*Preschool Storytime* (Ages 3-6 years).  
**Tues., Wed., Fri., – 10:45 a.m.**

*Family Storytime* (All ages).  
**Saturdays, 10:45 a.m.**

February 8  
March 8  
April 5  
May 3

*Rattle & Rhyme* (Birth – 18 months).  
**Monday mornings, 10:10 – 11:10 a.m.**

January 27  
February 3, 10, 24  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
April 14, 21, 28.

**Saturday, January 25, at 10 a.m.**  
Craft (All ages)

**Monday, February 10, at 4:30 p.m.**  
Valentines Craft (Ages 5-12)

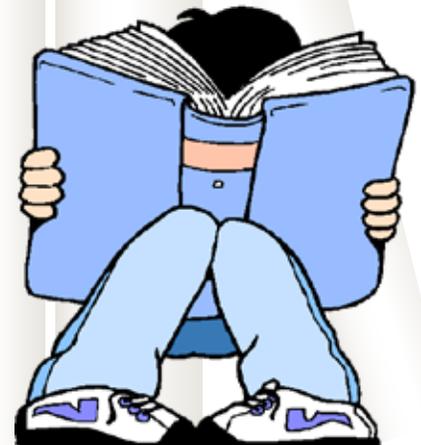
**Saturday, February 22, at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** Family Movie

**Monday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m.**  
Grassy Haired Friends (Ages 5-12)

**Saturday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m.**  
Pajama Party: If you give a pig a pancake – for the whole family.

**Monday, April 21, at 4:30 p.m.**  
Earth Day Craft (Ages 5-12)

**Monday, May 5, at 4:30 p.m.**  
Mother's Day Craft (Ages 5-12)





# REMINDER: ALARM PERMITS REQUIRED IN FRIENDSWOOD

## YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (11-18 yrs.) **Fridays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

- January 24** Snow Globes
- January 31** Chinese New Year Craft
- February 7** Samurai Pushpins
- February 21** Decorate a mug
- February 28** Snacks!
- March 7** Book Page Jewelry
- March 14** St. Patrick's Day Craft
- March 21** Galaxy Craft
- March 28** Movie
- April 4** Board Games
- April 11, 18** No Program
- April 25** Glowing Mountain Dew
- May 2** Terrariums
- May 9, 16** Movie
- May 23** Scavenger Hunt
- June 3, 4** Doctor Who Marathon

### *Reichenbach Ball*

**Saturday, February 8, 2 to 4 p.m.**

The Teen Advisory Group invites you to a special formal event to discuss the adventures and cases of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson after the conclusion of Series 3!

### *Adulthood 101*

**Saturday, March 15, 2 -4 p.m.**

Intro to Car Maintenance-Change a flat tire, check your oil, replace windshield wiper fluid and jumpstart a car now so you'll know how in a crisis.

### *Friendswood Public Library*

#### *Mobile App*

The library offers a free app for your smartphone or tablet to access library resources and information. Search your device's app store for "Friendswood Public Library." App not available for your device? Access the web mobile version at [friendswood.boopsie.com/m](http://friendswood.boopsie.com/m) Friendswood Public Library mobile app was funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

In 2008, the Friendswood City Council approved Ordinance 2008-36, which revised the City's regulations governing alarm system permits.

The Friendswood Police Department proposed the adoption of this Ordinance, which includes the following:

- Alarm users must have a valid permit, issued by the City of Friendswood. A separate alarm permit is required for each alarm site.
- Alarm permits can be obtained at Friendswood City Hall's Utility Billing office, 910 South Friendswood Drive.
- Permit fees are \$36 for residential and \$72 for commercial sites and must be renewed annually. The initial alarm permit fee must be submitted to the City of Friendswood within five days after the alarm system installation or an alarm system transfer.
- An alarm permit shall expire 12 months from the date of issuance, and must be renewed annually by submitting an updated application and a permit renewal fee to the City of Friendswood. It is the responsibility of the alarm user to submit an application prior to the permit expiration date. Failure to renew will be considered as use of a non-permitted alarm system and fines

shall be assessed. A \$10 late fee may be assessed if the renewal is more than 30 days late.

- The permit holder will be assessed a fee for each false alarm in excess of three during a 12-month period.

#### *In a 12-month period:*

- False alarms 1, 2 and 3 - no fine assessed
- False alarms 4 and 5 - \$50 fine assessed for each occurrence
- False alarms 6 and 7 - \$75 fine assessed for each occurrence
- False alarms 8 and above - \$100 fine assessed for each occurrence

The purpose of the City's alarm ordinance is to encourage alarm users and alarm companies to properly use and maintain the operational effectiveness of alarm systems in order to improve the reliability of alarm systems and reduce or eliminate false alarms. In addition, these permits are necessary for maintaining accurate and updated contact information and alarm site locations.

For more information on this and all City of Friendswood ordinances, residents can visit the 'Friendswood Government' tab at the City's website, [www.friendswood.com](http://www.friendswood.com).

## ATTENTION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, MEMBERS

Homeowners and Neighborhood Associations play a vital part in our community and its future. In an effort to help facilitate communication between Friendswood neighborhoods and City elected officials and staff, please encourage your association to provide the City with updated contact information. This information helps to ensure that relevant

news and announcements from the City reach the associations and their members.

Association Presidents or Board members can update their information by contacting the City Secretary's Office at 281-996-3220.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

*What to do when stopped for a traffic violation*



**F**riendswood Police Officers are sworn to serve and protect our community. Part of an officer's job is to enforce traffic laws in an effort to keep all drivers as safe as possible. When an officer signals for you to pull over, the following should be done:

1. Pull your vehicle as far to the right as possible.
2. Remain seated in the vehicle; do not get out unless instructed to do so.
3. Keep your hands visible to the officer.
4. Follow the officer's instructions.
5. Turn on the interior light when it's dark outside.
6. Do not reach for anything unless directed to do so by the officer.

7. Produce your driver license and proof of insurance upon request.
8. If a citation is issued, you will be requested to sign the bottom of the citation. This is not an admission of guilt.
9. NEVER attempt to flee or evade a police officer under any circumstances.

It is a violation of law, Interference with Public Duties, Texas Penal Code 38.15, to negligently disrupt, interrupt, or otherwise interfere with a peace officer performing his/her duties.

Law enforcement can be dangerous work, and Officers have to be cautious at all times. Following these steps will ensure that traffic stops occur as safely and efficiently as possible.

## MAINTAIN THE BEAUTY OF YOUR CITY - KEEP SIGNS IN CHECK

**W**e all take pride in the beauty of our city. As winter turns into spring, our city landscape tends to blossom with more than just flowers. Business, garage sale, and open house signs spring up all over the City.

Illegally posted signs pose a threat to public safety, especially where they appear in intersections, medians on bridges, utility poles or along sidewalks. Signs are sometimes also placed on private property without the owner's permission. The City of Friendswood and the State of Texas have requirements for the placement of signs in order to protect the safety and aesthetics of our community.

Here are a few tips on how to properly place your signs:

### **On Public Property:**

It is unlawful to post signs on any public property or public right-of-way. As a general rule, the public right-of-way includes the lawn area roughly three (3) feet behind a sidewalk, and in roadway median strips, roadway shoulders and ditches, all intersections, parks, bridges, alleys, utility poles and boxes, street signs, and telephone poles.

Signs must not be placed in any manner that will cause a traffic hazard or unsafe condition for motorists and pedestrians. Signs in public rights-of-way and utility structures often pose dangerous conditions.

### **On Private Property:**

Signs may not be placed on private property without permission from the property owner. Signs on private property may not be located in a manner that creates a safety hazard, including:

- Signs may not obstruct free and clear vision of traffic or traffic signs and signals
- Signs may not inadvertently direct traffic to proceed in an unlawful manner

For more information on sign placement, or for those who are unsure about the placement of a sign, the City's Code Enforcement Officer can help determine where signs can be legally placed. Contact Code Enforcement at 281-996-3201.

# FRIENDSWOOD'S SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST



The City of Friendswood and Friendswood Fine Arts co-sponsored the Second Annual Deck the House Holiday Lighting Contest. Five finalists were chosen from across the community, with hundreds of voters participating in choosing the final winner.

Finalists included 711 Pin Oak Dr. in The Forest, 2008 N. Mission Circle in Mission Estates III, 1801 Vaquero in

Carmel Village, 308 Saint Cloud Dr. in Sunmeadow, and 2890 Bridle Path Lane in Windsor Estates.

The Hunley-Hoffman home, at 2008 N. Mission Circle, included about 15,000 lights in their display and was chosen as the winner of the competition. In addition to the win, the family received gift cards donated by Ace Hardware, The Cheesecake Factory, and Friendswood Fine Arts, as well as a prestigious "2013 People's Choice Winner" yard sign to add to their display.

Last year's winner was the Brittenum Family home on White Wing Circle, also known as "High Tech Holiday".

New this year was the Lights 2 See List, a collection of some of the best lit homes around the City of Friendswood. "We had such a positive response to last year's event and tons of suggestion

requests for families planning to pile in the car and head out looking for lights. We decided to put together a road map to some of the best decorated homes in the area and invited the community to add their favorites as well." said Friendswood Fine Arts Co-Director Sara Peters.

This event is free and open to all Friendswood residents. Registration for next years contest will open November 28, 2014 and run through December 10. For questions or more information you can contact Friendswood Fine Arts at 281-996-7700 or by e-mail at info@FFAOnline.com.

The City of Friendswood and Friendswood Fine Arts would like to thank Ace Hardware and The Cheesecake Factory for their generous support of this event as well as those who took time to vote in the contest.

**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD**  
*presents* **DADDY**  
*daughter*  
**DANCE**

*Dads, get your little princess ready for an evening of dancing, dinner, and dessert. Dinner will be provided by Perry's.*

**February 22, 2014**  
**6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Friendswood Activity Bldg.  
416 Morningside

**\$20 per couple**  
+\$10 per extra sibling  
Register by Feb. 20

**VARC SOLUTIONS**

Friendswood Parks & Recreation - 281-996-3220 - rec@friendswood.com

**City of Friendswood**  
**City Manager's Office**  
 910 S. Friendswood Drive  
 Friendswood, Texas 77546

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## Contact Information

City of Friendswood Contact Information	Emergency Numbers and Websites
City Hall Main Number . . . . . 281-996-3200	Friendswood Police/Fire/EMS Emergency . . . . . 9-1-1
City Manager's Office . . . . . 281-996-3250	Friendswood Police Non-Emergency . . . . . 281-996-3300
City Secretary's Office . . . . . 281-996-3270	Friendswood Office of Emergency Management . 281-996-3335
Community Development . . . . . 281-996-3201	CenterPoint Energy-Electric. . . . . 713-207-7777
Community Services . . . . . 281-996-3220	CenterPoint Energy-Entex (Gas) . . . . . 1-800-752-8036
Fire Marshal . . . . . 281-996-3335	Texas-New Mexico Power Company . . . . . 1-888-866-7456
Friendswood Public Library. . . . . 281-482-7135	Galveston County . . . . . <a href="http://www.co.galveston.tx.us">http://www.co.galveston.tx.us</a>
Municipal Court . . . . . 281-996-3252	Harris County . . . . . <a href="http://www.co.harris.tx.us">http://www.co.harris.tx.us</a>
Public Works . . . . . 281-996-3383	Houston/Galveston
Utility Billing . . . . . 281-996-3232	National Weather Service . . . . . <a href="http://www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx">http://www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx</a>
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