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FRIENDSWOOD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION - "FRIENDSWOOD: SMALL TOWN, BIG HEARTS"



The Fourth of July Steering Committee and the City of Friendswood would like to invite all to participate in the 119th Annual Friendswood Fourth of July Celebration. This year's theme is "Friendswood: Small Town, Big Hearts"

The daylong celebration will kick off with the Grand Parade down Friendswood Dr., at 10 a.m., at the corner of FM 518 and Heritage Dr., featuring over 100 parade entries. The parade will conclude at Stevenson Park where over 50 booth entries, rides, games, food, and live entertainment will take place. The activities begin shortly after the conclusion of the parade, and are scheduled to end at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The evening program begins at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Park. Molly and the Ringwalds, winners of the 2003-2008 Houston Press Music Award for best cover band and winners of the 2005

and 2006 Houston Chronicle "Ultimate Houston" award for best cover band will headline the evening entertainment. The evening will conclude with a fireworks extravaganza beginning at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Public parking will not be available at Centennial Park for the evening program. Attendees must ride the free shuttle service to gain admittance into the park. Shuttle service will be available from Clear Brook High School and from Friendswood High School. Shuttle services will begin running at 6:30 p.m. with the last inbound bus departing for Centennial Park at 8:45 p.m.

For more information, or to sign up for the parade or secure a booth space in the park, please contact the Community Services/Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 996-3220 or e-mail at rec@friendswood.com.

FIVE STAR SPIRIT AWARD



Price with her daughter Anna and City Manager Roger Roecker.

Each quarter the Five Star Spirit Award is presented 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 fourth quarter of 2013 is Stephanie Price-Taylor. Stephanie is a Communications Operator in the Police Department. She began working for the City in July of 1995.

Stephanie was nominated by a member of the Friendswood Police Department after taking a 9-1-1 call requesting medical assistance, specifically, CPR instructions until paramedics arrived. EMS contacted the dispatch supervisor advising that the patient had survived and that Price had done a great job.

“While administering CPR instructions is part of Price’s job, at times her job is a thankless job. Despite that, she exhibits the Five Star Spirit daily. This is just one example of her constant dedication and excellence to the citizens she serves. Her positive attitude and professionalism encourages those she works with to perform their duties in the same manner.”

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Fire Marshal Reminder for Friendswood FIREWORKS PROHIBITED

The Friendswood Fire Marshal’s Office would like to remind everyone that it is unlawful for any person to possess or discharge any fireworks within the city limits of Friendswood.

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit the city’s public fireworks display at the Friendswood Fourth of July Celebration at Centennial Park. This program is conducted by professional licensed pyrotechnicians, and the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department will be on standby during the fireworks display.

For more information visit the City’s website at www.friendswood.com.



HERITAGE GARDENERS HOLD 23RD ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN TOUR

The 23rd Annual Spring Garden Tour and Flower and Horticulture Show, “Through the Garden Gate” will be presented by the Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood this year on Saturday, April 26, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, 1 to 5 p.m. From among the recommendations received by Heritage Gardeners, usually five Friendswood gardens are selected each year to be featured on the tour.

On Friday, April 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. and again during the Spring Garden Tour, there will be a judged flower show, the Spring Small Standard Flower Show - “Music by Design”. It is open and free to the public, at 112 W. Spreading Oaks.



The garden tour begins at the Marie Workman Garden Center and Briscoe Gardens, 112 W. Spreading Oaks, and includes a bake sale, flower show, and plant sale, and will be open both days. In addition, the public is invited to view the results of the judged flower show at the Garden Center.

Tickets are \$10 pre-tour and \$15 the day of the tour. Advance tickets can be purchased from club members and at the following locations: Chamber of Commerce, Cake Lady, Friendswood Frame and Gallery, La Casita Mexican Food Restaurant, Lary’s Florist, Phoenix Cleaners, and Two Friends Gifts. For more information, call 281-992-4438 or go to www.heritagegardener.org.

THE MITCH & ARTHA WRIGHT 2014 CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>	<u>STYLE</u>
MAY 2	CLEAR BROOK HS BAND FRIENDSWOOD HS BAND	JAZZ BAND
MAY 9	AMBER & THE OLD RASCALS	CLASSIC ROCK
MAY 16	ABBEY RODE / ALREADY GONE	EAGLE/BEATLES TRIBUTE
MAY 23	THE POSSE	COUNTRY VARIETY
MAY 30	FUNKSION	FUNK/ROCK
JUNE 6	DADDIOS	60'S, 70'S, 80'S
JUNE 13	SPACE MONKEYS	ROCK
JUNE 20	DOPPLEGANGER	BIG BAND/MOTOWN
JUNE 27	LEVEL ONE "LIVE KARAOKE"	VARIETY

All concerts are free to the public. Prizes are given out during intermission. Concerts will take place at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr., in the Gazebo. All concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m., and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, refreshments, dinner and/or a snack and sit back and enjoy an evening of fun and family entertainment sponsored by the City of Friendswood Community Services Department.

If you would like to be a sponsor and/or provide a door prize for one or more of the concerts, or to receive more information about "Live Karaoke" please contact James Toney at (281) 996-3220

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GEARS UP FOR SUMMER



As warmer weather approaches, the City's Public Works Department has been continuing maintenance on Friendswood's streets, drainage, rights of way, and water/wastewater infrastructure.

The Drainage division of Public Works will be mowing 170 plus acres of public property each month during the growing seasons in order to prevent high grass in areas all over the city.

Street/sidewalk concrete repairs are continuously in progress, and the Street division is working on including asphalt repairs in the schedule soon. Residents who would like to report a hazardous roadway or sidewalk condition can contact Public Works at 281-996-3380.

Public Works has also been working at installing street signs in Northfield Estates and The Forest of Friendswood. Stop signs have been upgraded from 24" to 30" in order to provide for greater visibility to motorists. All street signs are now made of High Intensive Prismatic material for better reflectivity.

In addition, one of the most common issues with the City's infrastructure is the occasional pipe and sewer blockage. Residents should know that there are three main causes for pipe and sewer blockages:

Solid Flushes: The most common cause of sewage backup is a blockage of the lateral service pipe between the home and the City main line. These stoppages are usually caused by solid objects accidentally flushed down a household drain, a grease or sludge accumulation, or blockages due to hair, dirt, or solid materials such as disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, broken dishware, garbage, and debris that are too large for wastewater pipes to handle in home and office plumbing systems. Please be mindful of what goes down the drain, as larger objects can cause blockages/damage.

Structural Defects: Different structural defects can develop over time and eventually cause major damage to the system, leading to a serious overflow that will require a complete reconstruction of sewer lines. These defects include problems

with sewer service lines such as pipes collapsing, sags in the line, cracks, holes, misaligned pipe, and offset joints. The Public Works department continuously inspects, repairs and replaces the miles of infrastructure laid out across the city, and constantly monitors the health of the water and wastewater systems.

Root Infiltration: Tree roots are a major cause of pipe backups. Tree roots can enter the service pipe at joints and travel a long way, causing blockages. Tree roots can also create structural defects when they crack and break pipes as they grow.

The Public Works Department relies upon the vigilance of residents as well, and welcomes reports of infrastructure that has been damaged, or requires other attention. Please contact the Public Works Department at **281-996-3380**, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If the call for service is not during normal business hours, please call the Police Department's non-emergency line at 281-996-3300, and they will call the proper person.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RETIRES FROM CITY



On March 7, 2014, Kazem Hamidian, Director of Public Works, retired after nearly 24 years of service to the City.

When he was 19 years old, Kaz flew to the United States from Iran to seek education and a better life. After receiving a degree at Lamar University, Kaz began his career with municipal government at the City of Alvin, 1980. He joined the City of Friendswood staff on April 30, 1990, as Utilities Superintendent. In 2001 he was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works and in 2006 was promoted once more to Public Works Director.

During his 24 years he worked with six mayors, many city council members, four city managers, two city secretaries and the public works staff. He also filled in as Acting City Manager when needed.

Many projects were accomplished and programs established during his 24 years of service. When he was hired in 1990, the City was in the process of converting from well water to receiving surface water from the Southeast Water Purification Plant for most of its water needs. In 1992, the South Friendswood Interceptor project began which was to enable all wastewater from the city to be diverted to the Blackhawk Treatment Plant; the last existing treatment plant was removed from Tower Estates. Numerous water and waste water projects were completed and drainage projects accomplished.

But, Kaz will forever be known for his positive, upbeat attitude, winning smile, and unflinching faith. He served Friendswood with integrity and honesty. Nothing daunted him; no matter what the issue was, Kaz believed in a positive outcome, a lesson learned.

Congratulations and thank you Kaz for your 24 years of service to the City of Friendswood.

VIEW, SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS ONLINE

Those who obtain permits from the City of Friendswood have the ability to schedule inspections online, view inspection results and view other pertinent information regarding the permits they hold. To access online inspections from the home page of the City's website, click "Online Services", then select "View and Schedule Inspections." To access the system, you will need the permit number as well as the PIN number that are both printed on the permit. If you need assistance with accessing the online system, please contact the Community Development Department at 281-996-3201.



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City Manager's Office

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem

Council Position 1

Council Position 3

Council Position 4

Council Position 5

Council Position 6

Kevin M. Holland

Billy Enochs

Steve Rockey

Jim Hill

Patrick J. McGinnis

John Scott

Carl W. Gustafson

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



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.

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. Contact the library at 281-482-7135 for movie details.

Special Topic Programs
Wednesdays in April: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Job Search Skills Seminars - Workforce Solutions. Free Classes. No registration required.

4/2: Work in Texas Basics - Learn how to use www.workintexas.com to improve your job search success.

4/9: Evaluating your Skills and Developing a Job Search Plan/ Rebranding your Skills

4/16: Creating a Resume and Completing the Application/ Creating References, Cover and Thank You Letters

4/23: Making Connections: Networking and Using Social Media

4/30: Interviewing

Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m.
Lighthouses of Texas presented by author Steph McDougal. Lighthouses of Texas chronicles lighthouse history in the state from when Texans won their independence from Mexico in 1836 to modern

automated lighthouses of the 20th century. Images of how lighthouses have changed throughout the decades provide readers with a visual history of the evolution of the structures, especially when many lighthouses today have been abandoned or are privately owned. MacDougal hopes that this book “will spur lighthouse-related tourism along the Texas Gulf Coast and help to encourage the restoration of the remaining lighthouses, some of which are in deteriorated condition.”

Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m.
FPL Poetry Series - “Soldiers, scholars and poets of WWI”

The Rev. Dr. Crawford will give a presentation on the lives and works of the extraordinary men who served in WWI and how they struggled with the devastation of that war. A number of these young men wrote extraordinary poems, letters and prose as they wrestled with death, dying and destruction. Mark Crawford earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Tuesday, May 6, from 2:30 – 4 p.m.
Genealogy Series
UK & Ireland Research - Vital Records presented by Nick Cimino.

Wednesday, May 28, at 7 p.m.
Performance by North Harris County Dulcimer Society! NHCDS is an ever growing group of music lovers that plays just about any instrument that doesn't have to be “plugged in”!

Tuesday, June 3, from 2:30 – 4 p.m.
Genealogy Series
UK & Ireland Research - Church & Parish Records presented by Nick Cimino.

Wednesday, June 4, at 7 p.m.
FPL's Off the Page Poetry Series featuring poets Dede Fox and Terry Jude Miller.

Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m.
The Improbable Survivor: A young child in the Holocaust. Chaja Verveer serves on the Advisory Board of the Holocaust Museum Houston and is president of Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Houston. She was recently

appointed to serve on the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m.
Acclaimed classical guitarist Peter Fletcher performs at Friendswood Public Library.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes
June 3 through August 1

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.

APRIL PROGRAMS

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

MAY PROGRAMS

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

JUNE PROGRAMS

Saturday, June 7 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Summer Reading Club Kickoff (all day register for the Summer Reading Club)
Arts Alive Performance (Birth – 18 years)

Monday, June 9 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
“Petting Zoo” By Sweetie Pies

Tuesday, June 10
1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.
“Crazy Scientist” By Mark Shepherd
All ages

Thursday, June 12
1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.
“Snakes Alive” by Tierni Sager
Grades K - 12

Tuesday, June 17
1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.
“Science” Magic Show. By Julian Franklin
All ages

Thursday, June 19 • 2 p.m.
“Planet Hunter”, By NASA
ONE SHOW ONLY. All ages.



Library Corner



Tuesday, June 24

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.

“Willy Wonka” By Back Porch Productions

All ages

Thursday, June 26

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.

“Blast Off With Commander Astro”

By the Party Animal, Dan Brinkman

All ages

JULY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, July 1

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 - 3 p.m.

Summer Reading Extravaganza

By Puppet Pizzaz. All Ages

Thursday, July 3

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 - 3 p.m.

“Red, White, & Blue” By Daisy the Clown

All ages

Tuesday, July 8 • 1:30 p.m.

“Mic Corely” Magic Show

ONE SHOW ONLY. All Ages

Thursday, July 10 • 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

“Traveling Puppets” By Nitsana

ONE SHOW ONLY. All ages

Sunday, July 13 (Rain date - July 21.)

5 - 7 p.m. Approx. 2 hours.

“Swim Party” For Youngsters ages 6 (who have completed Kindergarten) and up.

Must have read 30 Books or completed

“Stage 3” in the Summer Reading Clubs.

Permission slips must be turned in by

July 13. No permission slips at gate.

Tuesday, July 15th • 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

“Dino Hunt” By Dan Brinkman

ONE SHOW ONLY. Grades K-12

Thursday, July 17

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.

“Magic Show” By Incredible Events

All ages

Tuesday, July 22

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

“Wildlife Center of Texas”. All ages

Thursdays, July 24 • 2 p.m.

“Steve Burton” ONE SHOW ONLY

Grades K-12

Tuesday, July 29

1:30 – 2 p.m., 2:30 – 3 p.m.

“Snakes Alive” by Tierni Sager

Grades K - 12

Crafts for 5 - 7 year olds

Every Monday at 1:30 p.m.

June 2: Tissue Paper Rainbows

June 9: Recycle Plate Picture Collage

June 16: Coasters

June 23: Butterflies

June 30: Button Trees

July 7: Craft Stick Bookmarks

July 14: Easy Up Cycled Water

Bottle Snowmen

July 21: Handprint and Footprint

Lobsters

July 28: DIY Lava Lamps

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

(11-18 yrs.)

Get reminders about YA programming by

texting @yaprograms to (516) 342-4409

Every Tuesday we play video games in the

Activity Room from 4:30-5:30 p.m.!

Fridays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

04/25 Glowing mountain dew

05/02 Terrariums

05/09 Movie

05/16 Movie

05/23 Scavenger Hunt

06/03 Doctor Who marathon 1-5:30 p.m.

06/04 Doctor Who marathon 1-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30 p.m.

06/11 Gross Out Science

06/13 Monster Slaying Kits

06/18 Crime Scene Techniques

06/20 Balloon Rocket Cars

06/26 No program

06/28 Science Fiction Trivia Day

with Science Fiction author

Adam Holt! 1:30-4:30 p.m.

07/02 Book Art

07/04 Library Closed

07/09 Star Wars Day

07/11 Melted Crayon Art

07/16 Cake Lady

07/18 Planetarium

07/23 Radioactive Fairy Jars

07/25 Shrinky Dinks

07/30 Ice Chalk

Saturday, 08/02 Mad Scientist End

of Summer Lock-In: 8 p.m.- 8 a.m. -

Invitation Only

The Teen Advisory Group (or TAG)

members help make libraries more teen-

relevant and work to promote library

programs, activities, and resources.

Meetings are held Wednesdays from

4:30-5:30 p.m.

All junior high and high school students

are welcome to join us! For reminders

about TAG meeting text @hic to (516)

342-4409

TWEENS (Ages 8-10)

Wednesdays and Fridays 1:30 p.m.

06/11 Fizz, Boom, EAT!

06/13 Gross Out Day!

06/18 Dissolving Rocks

06/20 Balloon Rocket Cars

06/26 Einstein’s Megatronic Cafe

and Movie Marathon (1:30-4:30)

06/28 No program

07/02 Music from Objects

07/04 Library Closed

07/09 Star Wars Day

07/11 Melted Crayon Art

07/16 Cake Lady

07/18 Planetarium

07/23 Radioactive Fairy Jars

07/25 Melting Ice Experiment

07/30 Ice Chalk

08/01 Mad Scientist End of Summer

Party! 7-9 p.m. Invitation Only!

Summer Reading Club

There is a reading club for everyone! Join

June 7th or anytime thereafter.

SUMMER READING CLUB: This club

is for youngsters ages birth through age

10. Younger children may read or listen

to books.

THE CLUB “60”: This club challenges

youngsters to read 60 books.

YA READING CLUB: This club is for

youngsters age 11 through 18 years old.

Reading is documented by hours.

MAY'S GENERAL ELECTION CANCELLED

City Council Positions 2 and 5 were up for election in May 2014. Incumbents Billy J. Enochs, Position 2 and John H. Scott, Position 5 were the only candidates to file for these places. Therefore, the May 10, 2014, General Election for the City has been cancelled, and Councilmembers Enochs and Scott will each serve another three-year term.

Those wishing to learn more about the City's elections can contact the City Secretary's office at 281-996-3270.

RECEIVE FOCUS ON FRIENDSWOOD NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

The City of Friendswood has transitioned to a "paperless" *Focus on Friendswood* City newsletter. While the newsletter is no longer being sent to residents' mailboxes, the community will have two ways to read our quarterly newsletter: on our website, 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 and click on "Alert Me" on the left side of the page. There, you can click on "City Newsletter" to receive

our 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.

As always, the latest City of Friendswood-information can also be obtained by visiting our website, and by signing up for the various types of e-mail alerts that our City offers.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

SUMMER DAY CAMP





Ages: 6 to 13 years of age

Day: Monday through Friday Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
(Extended care is available from 7:00am – 6:00pm for a nominal fee)

Location: Leavesley Park Hangar, 901 Buckingham

Dates: One Session is two weeks long	Fees: \$190 (Resident)	
Session I: June 5 – June 13 *	\$160 (each additional child, same household)	
Session II: June 16 – June 27	\$230 (Non Resident)	
Session III: June 30 – July 11 *	\$200 (each additional child, same household)	
Session IV: July 14 – July 25		
Session V: July 28 – August 8		
Session VI: August 11 – August 22		

* Discounted Sessions



For more information please contact City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation Department.
Phone: 281-996-3220
Email: rec@friendswood.com

BE PREPARED FOR ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Do you have a family emergency plan? Local, state and federal officials urge citizens to become better prepared by developing a plan, putting together an emergency supply kit, and learning what to do during natural disasters or any emergency situation.

The Friendswood Office of Emergency Management has many systems to warn citizens of an impending emergency, potential danger, or hazardous conditions. Please look to these warning devices for your information and protection.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

E-MAIL ALERTS

Citizens can register for instant e-mail alerts regarding emergency notices or other official city business. Go to the city's website www.friendswood.com and click on "Notify Me".

TWITTER

Visit www.twitter.com/friendswoodcity for emergency information as well.

WARNING SIRENS

A total of seven sirens are installed throughout the city to warn the public in case of a pipeline emergency or other serious emergency. The Outdoor Warning Siren System is tested on the first Friday of every month at noon.

RADIOS AND TELEVISION

- Radio: Friendswood Information Radio 1650 AM or KTRH-740 AM Radio
- Television: City of Friendswood PEG Channel 17 & all Houston local stations

FIRST CALL & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Friendswood utilizes the FirstCall Notification System to notify citizens with important emergency information. FirstCall Notification System can send emergency messages via telephone (land lines), cellular phones, E-mail and text messaging. This system allow the City to quickly alert citizens in the area affected or if need be, the entire city, of an emergency, potential danger or hazardous condition. The system, when directed, will begin calling all the phone numbers in the affected area, alerting those individuals to the situation and how to protect themselves. To register to receive emergency information, visit www.friendswood.com/FirstCall and select "Click here to register".

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call our office and we will assist you.

BASIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- **Do not call 9-1-1 unless you need to report an emergency**
- In the event of a **power outage, do not call 9-1-1.**
Contact your local power provider.
- **Harris County** **CenterPoint** **713-207-7777**
- **Galveston County** **Texas New Mexico Power** **1-888-866-7456**

EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES (MORE THAN 24 HOURS)

Public service announcements (PSAs) will be posted on the doors of City Hall, Friendswood Public Library, and the Public Safety Building (PSB). Please check these locations for announcements.

EDUCATIONAL PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

Reference these websites: www.fema.gov/areyouready; www.ready.gov; www.redcross.org; www.disastercenter.com; www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem; www.gcoem.org; www.hcoem.org.

Friendswood Office of Emergency Management
Phone: 281-996-3335
E-mail: eoc@friendswood.com
City of Friendswood's website: www.friendswood.com

Your Family *Hurricane* Plan Checklist

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

BE PREPARED BEFORE THE HURRICANE

- Know the storm surge history and elevation of the area. (Emergency Management and National Weather Service officials can help supply this information).
- Learn a safe primary and alternate route inland. If you decide to evacuate, decide ahead of time where you are going and know what to bring with you.
- Inventory all property with a camera or video equipment, review all your insurance policies (homeowner's, flood, wind storm). Remember, all policies must be in effect at least 30 days prior to a disaster.
- Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit
- Check food and water supplies. Have clean, air-tight containers to store at least two weeks of drinking water – 14 gallons per person.
- Stock up on canned and non-perishable food.
- Keep a cooler with frozen gel packs for packing refrigerated items.
- Check prescription medications – obtain at least 10 days to 2 weeks supply.
- Stock up on extra batteries for radios, flashlights and lanterns.
- Check for ample first aid supplies.
- Prepare a Disaster Supply Kit for pets.
- Make plans for your livestock.
- Keep the trees and shrubbery trimmed. Cut weak branches and trees that could fall against your house.
- Keep and store all legal documents in one secure container or safe which is easily moved. Make an inventory of documents, photos and other irreplaceable items that need to be taken in case of an evacuation.

WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

A **WATCH** means that hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to the area within 48 hours) Monitor radio, TV, NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins of the storm's progress.

- Fuel and service all vehicles
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- Prepare to cover windows and door entrances with shutters or plywood.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects (garbage cans, garden tools, potted plants, etc.).
- Have an extra supply of cash on hand (ATM's may not be working during a storm or power outage).

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

A **WARNING** means sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are expected within 36 hours or less

- Closely monitor radio, TV, NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials. **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF ORDERED TO DO SO**
- Complete preparation activities – putting up storm shutters, storing loose objects, filling up water containers, etc.
- Evacuate areas that might be affected by storm surge flooding.
- If evacuating, turn off and disconnect appliances from outlets (a precaution to prevent further damage).
- If evacuating, leave early and if possible, during daylight hours.
- Leave all mobile homes in any case.
- Notify neighbors and family members outside of the warned area of evacuation plans.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS WEBSITES

EMERGENCY -- City of Friendswood

- Police/Fire/EMS 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY – City of Friendswood

- Police 281-996-3300
- Office of Emergency Management 281-996-3335

WEBSITES

Houston/Galveston National Weather Service www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx
National Hurricane Center/Tropical Prediction Center www.nhc.noaa.gov
Harris County Office of Homeland Security www.hcoem.org
Galveston County Emergency Management www.gcoem.org
TX Department of Emergency Management www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem

Your Family *Hurricane* Plan Checklist

IF YOU ARE EVACUATING

- Stay with friends or relatives or at a low-rise inland hotel/motel outside of flood zones.
- Leave early to avoid heavy traffic, roads blocked by floodwaters, and impassable bridges due to high winds.
- Turn off your electricity at the circuit breaker before evacuating, or if you expect flood water to reach your home.
- Empty food contents from refrigerators and freezers.
- Unplug sensitive electrical appliances (computer, TVs, etc.)
- Put up shutters or plywood on windows and doors. Reinforce garage doors.
- Move all patio furniture, hanging plants, gas grills, etc. inside.
- Turn off the gas at each appliance (*Do not turn off gas at the gas meter as the proper pressure needs to be maintained in the gas piping*)
- Shelters will be available for people who have no other place to go. Shelters may be crowded and uncomfortable, with no privacy and no electricity. ***Do not leave home for a shelter until government officials announce on radio and/or TV that a particular shelter is open.***

IF YOU ARE STAYING AT HOME

Reminder! Only stay home if a mandatory evacuation order has not been made. If told to leave, DO SO IMMEDIATELY

- Store water. Fill sterilized jugs and bottles with two weeks supply of drinking water (. Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes (this can be used for bathing, washing dishes, etc.)
- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane tanks
- Unplug small appliances.
- Stay inside the home at all times.
- ***DO NOT CALL UTILITY COMPANIES WITHIN THE FIRST FEW DAYS FOLLOWING THE STORM AS THEY WILL BE BUSY HANDLING EMERGENCIES. (Instead, call your answering machine to see if it picks up; call your neighbors; monitor the news; check the website www.CenterPointEnergy.com for general outage information).***

IF WINDS BECOME STRONG...

Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small ground floor, interior room, closet, or hallway. Take a battery-powered radio, a NOAA Weather Radio, and a flashlight.

- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors, particularly double inward opening doors and garage doors.
- If in a multiple-story building and away from the water, go to the first or second floors and take refuge in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows. Interior stairwells and the areas around elevator shafts are generally the strongest part of a building.

NOTE: Be alert for tornadoes, which often are spawned by hurricanes. Also, if the "EYE" of the hurricane should pass over your area, be aware that the improved weather conditions are only temporary and that the storm conditions will return with winds coming from the opposite direction some times in a period of just a few minutes.

AFTER THE STORM PASSES...

- Stay in protected area until announcements are made on the radio or TV that the dangerous winds have passed.
- If already evacuated, do not return home until officials announce area is ready. Remember, proof of residency may be required in order to re-enter the evacuation areas.
- Do not drive through standing or flowing water.
- Avoid creeks, streams and drainage systems.
- Be aware of the surroundings when returning as extreme damage could render a familiar landscape unrecognizable.
- Avoid standing water – energized power lines could be submerged in water.
- Avoid low-hanging or downed power lines.
- If water has reached your electrical outlets, contact a licensed electrician before turning on the main circuit breaker. Any submerged appliances or equipment will need to dry for at least one week and be checked by qualified repair personnel prior to being turned on.

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Community Calendar

"Safety Day" 5K and Kids 1K Fun Run *Saturday, April 26, 2014, 7:30 a.m.*

Public Safety Building, 1600 Whitaker Dr.

Hosted by the Friendswood Police Department, Friendswood Police Officers Association and Galveston County Criminal District Attorney's Office

In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. **Info:** Crime Victim Liaison at 281-996-3349

Heritage Gardeners 23rd Annual Spring Flower Show & Garden Tour

Saturday, April 26, 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 1 to 5 p.m.

112 W. Spreading Oaks – Garden Center

Tour featuring local gardens, bazaar, flower show, plant sale, and drawings for prizes. Tickets to the garden tour are \$10 pre-tour and \$15 the day of the tour. **Info:** 281-993-4438 or go to www.heritagegardener.org

9th Annual FIG Festival & Car Show

Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

Hosted by the Friendswood Chamber, Friendswood Historical Society, and the City of Friendswood. Over 200 auto entries, food and craft booths. **Info:** 281-482-3329.

Mitch & Artha Wright Concerts in the Park *Fridays, May 2 - June 27, 7 to 9 p.m.*

Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

An evening of fun and family entertainment with great music by great local entertainers! Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and refreshments. All concerts are free. Prizes are given during intermission. **Info:** 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com

12th Annual KidFish

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon

Centennial Park, 2200 S. Friendswood Dr.

Free - Children 16 years and younger

No pre-registration required.

For more info, contact KidFish toll free at 877-733-5646 or go to kidfish.com.

City of Friendswood Senior Fish

Tuesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Centennial Park, 2200 S. Friendswood Dr.

Seniors are welcome to a fun day of free fishing! Includes fishing rods (if you don't have one), bait, all the catfish you can catch, and a grilled lunch. RSVP to 281-482-8441.

Friendswood Sesquicentennial Swimming Pool

Located at 900 Cedarwood

Pre-season: May 24-26, 1-8 p.m.

Regular season: June 2 through August 24

Open swimming: 1 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Closed for maintenance Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Daily visit pass (All Ages) - \$1

July 4 - 1 to 8 p.m. - FREE ADMISSION

Seniors 55 and over - FREE ADMISSION

119th Annual Fourth of July Celebration **"Friendswood: Small Town, Big Hearts"**

10 a.m. - Grand Parade, Friendswood Dr.

Day Program until 3:30 p.m. at

Stevenson Park-rides, games, 50 booths, food,

entertainment. 7:30 p.m. evening program

with Live Band. Fireworks at Centennial Park,

9:20 p.m. (no parking). Shuttle service from

Clear Brook High and Friendswood High.

Info: 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com

Movies in the Park

Fridays at dusk, July 11 - August 15, 2014

Evelyn B. Newman Amphitheatre

Centennial Park, 2200 S. Friendswood Dr.

Presented by the City of Friendswood and

Friendswood Rotary Club

The latest family movies are shown for your viewing pleasure. Theater seats may be limited, bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating on the lawn. Don't forget a picnic dinner and/or snacks.