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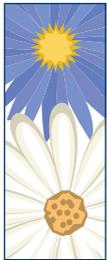
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## 2011 FRIENDSWOOD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

*"One Nation, United We Stand"*



The Fourth of July Steering Committee and the City of Friendswood would like to invite all to participate in the 116th annual Friendswood Fourth of July Celebration on Monday, July 4, 2011. The theme for this year's celebration is "One Nation, United We Stand".

The daylong celebration will kick off with the Grand Parade that will travel down Friendswood Dr. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of FM 518 and Heritage Drive, and will feature over 100 entries from Friendswood and around the State of Texas. The parade will conclude at Stevenson Park where over 50 booths, rides, games, food, live entertainment and fun will take place. The activities will begin shortly

after the conclusion of the parade and will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the evening program will be held at Centennial Park. Musical group Radiostar will headline the evening entertainment. This group was voted one of the best performing bands in Austin according to the 2008-2009 Austin Chronicle music polls. Radiostar will take you back in time by playing the biggest hits from the 80's. The evening will conclude with a fantastic fireworks extravaganza that will light up the sky beginning at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Public parking will not be available at Centennial Park for the Evening Program. Spectators 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 Community Church, on 2821 Parkwood Ave. Shuttle services will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, to sign up for the parade or to secure a booth space in the park, please contact the Community Services Department at (281) 996-3220.

## FIVE STAR SPIRIT AWARD



*Cathy with City Manager Roger Roecker*

The Five Star Spirit Award recipient for the fourth quarter of 2010 is Catherine Gray. Cathy is a Code Enforcement Officer in the Community Development Department. She has worked for the City of Friendswood since 2009, and has spent many hours “out in the field” spending time with residents and business owners in Friendswood.

Cathy was nominated by a Friendswood resident who wanted to compliment her on following up on Code Enforcement cases and resolving issues. The resident goes on to say that “Cathy’s can do attitude is infectious, and the results of her service truly shine...Friendswood is lucky to have her.”

Cathy exhibits all five elements of the Five Star Spirit, including being courteous, competent, reliable, professional and enthusiastic. We appreciate the service that Cathy Gray has provided this community, and we congratulate her on being the recipient of the Five Star Spirit Award for the fourth quarter of 2010.

## HERITAGE GARDENERS HOLD ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN TOUR

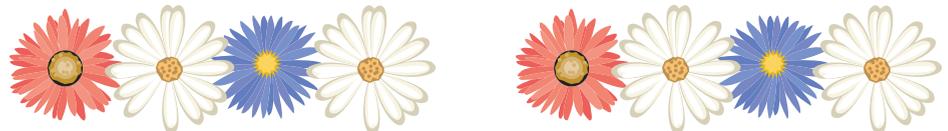
The Spring Flower Show and Garden Tour will be presented by the Friendswood Heritage Gardeners this year on Saturday, April 30, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, 1 to 5 p.m. From among the recommendations received by Heritage Gardeners, four or five Friendswood gardens are selected each year to be featured on the tour.

On Friday, April 29 there will be a judged flower show open to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 112 W. Spreading Oaks. Tickets can be purchased then at the pre-tour rate of \$7.

The tour begins at the Garden Center, 112 W. Spreading Oaks, which includes a bazaar, flower show, raffle, bake sale and

plant sale featuring homemade goodies from the Gardeners, which will be open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, the public is invited to view the results of the judged flower show at the Garden Center.

Tickets are \$7 pre-tour and \$10 the day of the tour. Children 10 and under are free. Advance tickets can be purchased from club members and at the following establishments: Chamber of Commerce, Lary’s Florist, Friendswood Frame & Gallery, Two Friends Gifts, Cake Lady, Texture Hair Studio, Wells Fargo Bank, Friendswood Garden Center and LaCasita Mexican Restaurant. For more information, call 281-992-4438, or go to [www.heritagegardeners.org](http://www.heritagegardeners.org).



## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS SAVE WATER OUTDOORS

- Plant drought-tolerant and regionally adapted plants in areas that are hard to water or that receive little use. This may include narrow strips near sidewalks or driveways and steep hills.
- Cover pools and spas to avoid evaporation.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of spraying them off with a hose.
- Check outdoor faucets, pipes, hoses and pools for leaks.
- Change the lawn mower to a 3-inch clipping height and try not to cut off more than one-third of the grass height when mowing.
- Consider replacing infrequently used lawn areas with low-water use plants or ground covers.
- Apply as little fertilizer to the lawn as possible. Applying excess fertilizer increases water consumption and actually creates more mowing. Use iron-based fertilizers to simply “green-up” the lawn instead.
- Recycle and reuse the water in fountains and other ornamental water fixtures.
- Check the level in the swimming pool using a grease pencil. Swimming pools shouldn’t lose more than ¼ inch each day. If it is losing more than this, check elsewhere for leaks.
- Avoid bursting or freezing pipes by winterizing outdoor spigots.
- Use a bucket of soapy water to wash vehicles or simply place a shut-off nozzle on the end of the water hose.

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# FRIENDSWOOD CITY ELECTION ▸ MAY 14, 2011

Registered voters may go to the polls to vote in the City's General Election on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

## ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION

May 14, 2011 • 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All Friendswood voters, Harris and Galveston County residents, will vote at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive on Election Day.

## EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance begins Monday, May 2, 2011 and ends Tuesday, May 10, 2011 and will be conducted at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, in the City Council Chambers. The dates and hours are as follows:

Galveston and Harris County Residents

Monday-Thursday	May 2 – 5	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday	May 6	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 7	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday	May 9	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	May 10	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## VOTING BY MAIL

Applications for mail ballots for the City Election must be mailed to: City Secretary Melinda Welsh, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546-4856. *All applications must be received no later than close of business on Friday, May 6, 2011.*

Election information is available by contacting the City Secretary's office at 281-996-3270.

## GENERAL ELECTION

The Mayor and City Council has called a General Election to elect City Council Positions 2 and 5. Candidates for City Election in ballot order are:

### COUNCIL POSITION #2

1. Jim Barr (incumbent)
2. Billy Enochs

### COUNCIL POSITION #5

1. John Scott
2. Phillip Webb

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## FOCUS OF FRIENDSWOOD SPRING 2011

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Mayor	David J.H. Smith
Mayor Pro Tem	Jim Hill
Council Position 1	Mike Barker
Council Position 2	Jim Barr
Council Position 4	Patrick J. McGinnis
Council Position 5	Bill Holbert
Council Position 6	Deirdre Carey Brown

## 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

# CITY PRESENTS MUNICIPAL GRANT CHECK TO HOMETOWN BANK

On February 8, 2011, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Hill presented a \$15,000 municipal grant check from the City to HomeTown Bank N.A. (HTB) for the completion of their new downtown building at 601 S. Friendswood Drive. The \$1.6 million building is 7,864 square feet and will be occupied by HTB and Stewart Title Company. The \$15,000 incentive grant reimburses HTB for costs related to the construction and development of the project including downtown landscaping improvements.

This is the third project to receive a municipal grant from the City since the program's inception. In addition to the grant, due to the project's location in the City's Downtown Neighborhood Empowerment Zone, approximately \$9,300 of City-related development fees were waived that included water and wastewater impact fees. The recently completed downtown drainage improvements also enabled HTB to purchase offsite detention resulting in additional cost savings.



The City of Friendswood offers a variety of programs and services to qualified business owners interested in locating or expanding their business in Friendswood such as municipal grants, waiving City-related development fees

for downtown projects, and property tax abatement. For more information on economic development opportunities in Friendswood, call 281-996-3250 or visit [www.friendswood.com](http://www.friendswood.com).

## WHERE DOES IT GO AFTER I PLACE IT AT THE CURB?

*And, How Much Does this Service Cost?*



After household garbage is collected, it often goes to a facility known as a transfer station, where waste is consolidated into larger loads for shipment to its ultimate destination: a

local or regional landfill or a waste-to-energy plant. Recyclables go to processing facilities, where they become raw materials for new products.

In 2007, 54 percent of municipal solid waste generated in the U.S. was disposed of in landfills. Twelve-and-a-half (12.5) percent was disposed of through waste incineration with energy recovery, and 33.4 percent was recovered for recycling or composting, which diverted 85 million tons of material from landfills and incinerators.

According to data collected by the National Solid Waste Management Association, the typical U.S. monthly

household bill for waste collection in 2003-04 ranged between \$12 and \$20 per month. In contrast to the average monthly bill most people pay for utilities and non-essential services, residential trash collection is a bargain for U.S. consumers.

By comparison, Friendswood residents currently pay \$12.99 per month for garbage collection.

Sources: *Texas Town & City*: National Solid Wastes Management Association, Residential Trash Collection: An Essential Service at a bargain price. Center for Sustainable Systems, University of Michigan 2009. "Municipal Solid Waste Fact sheet" Pub. No. CSS04-15.

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# 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](http://www.friendswood.com) and click on "Sign Up for E-mail Alerts".

### TWITTER

Visit [www.twitter.com/friendswoodcity](http://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, NEWS & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Friendswood is utilizing the First Call Notification System and the Harris County Neighborhood Early Warning System (NEWS). Both of these systems are telephone-based community warning systems for major emergencies in our city. These systems 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. **Citizens with unlisted numbers, who wish to be part of the Notification System, are encouraged to visit First Call's website, [www.firstcall.net](http://www.firstcall.net), and click on the tab titled "Unlisted Number Registration" and fill out all the required information or you can call the registration line at 866-484-3264.**

### 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.**

### EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES

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

### EDUCATIONAL PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

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

**Friendswood Office of Emergency Management**

**Phone: 281-996-3335**

**E-mail: [eoc@friendswood.com](mailto:eoc@friendswood.com)**

**City of Friendswood's website: [www.friendswood.com](http://www.friendswood.com)**

# 2010 Census Data Facts

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

## 2010 Census Mail

### Participation Rates

Nation: 74%

Texas: 71%

Galveston County: 68%

**Friendswood: 79%**

### **Top 5 Participating States:**

Wisconsin (82%)

Minnesota (81%)

Indiana (79%)

Iowa (79%)

Michigan (78%)

## Population Change

The rate of change in population between decennial census years.

### **Friendswood Population**

35,805

+23.3% from 2000

### **Texas Population**

25,145,581

+20.6% from 2000

### **National Population**

308,745,538

+9.7% from 2000

## Apportionment

The process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the House of Representatives among the 50 states based on the population figures collected during the decennial census.

### **Texas**

+4 Representatives

Total of 36

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701,901 people per representative in Texas

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U.S. Average—710,767 people per representative

*City of Friendswood*

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

MAY 6	FRIENDSWOOD/CLEAR BROOK HIGH SCHOOLS	JAZZ BANDS
MAY 13	GREEN ONIONS ROCK	BLUES
MAY 20	PARK AVENUE POP, ROCK	MOTOWN
MAY 27	FAB 5 BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND	60'S
JUNE 3	ANDY & THE DREAMSICLES	CLASSIC ROCK
		EARLY 70'S
JUNE 10	POSSE'	COUNTRY
JUNE 17	LEVEL ONE BAND	CLASSIC MOTOWN
JUNE 24	CHROMATICS	80'S

All concerts are free to the public. Prizes are given during intermission. All concerts will take place at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr., in the Gazebo. Concerts begin at 7 p.m., and end at approximately 9 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 provide a door prize for one or more of the concerts, please contact James Toney, Director of Community Services at 281-996-3220

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# CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



*Mr. Jim Cooksey, Representative of the GFOA, Cindy Edge, Director of Administrative Services and Rhonda Boskas, Deputy Director of Administrative Services.*

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. Jim Cooksey, Representative of the GFOA to Cindy Edge, Director of Administrative Services and Rhonda Boskas, Deputy Director of Administrative Services.

This is the 22nd consecutive year the City of Friendswood's Administrative Services Department has been recognized with this outstanding achievement.

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.

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## KEEP FRIENDSWOOD BEAUTIFUL WINS AWARD

At a City Council meeting in February, the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce presented the Keep Friendswood Beautiful committee members with their Citizenship Award for 2010. The Chamber was quoted as stating, "This local group of citizens is always working hard to make sure Friendswood is a great place to plant your roots."

Keep Friendswood Beautiful was recognized for their hard work and dedication to the community through their many beautification projects. The committee meets the last Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Friendswood City Hall.

KFB is a Council-appointed committee of volunteer citizens whose mission is to

enhance the aesthetic appearance of the City and to encourage residents to take an active role in maintaining its image. The KFB directs and coordinates management and planning of projects and education of the community, seeks grants for funding opportunities and makes suggestions for conserving and protecting natural resources.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this or any other City committee, please contact the City of Friendswood at 281-996-3270 or go to [www.friendswood.com](http://www.friendswood.com), About Friendswood, and click on Volunteer Information to download an application.



*KFB Chair Sherry Goen with Community Services Director James Toney.*

# PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS



## Sewer Rehabilitation

The sewer rehabilitation program for 2011 has been awarded to Re-Pipe Construction. This year the program will be targeting older neighborhoods throughout the city. Through this program the City will be able to clean and inspect sewer main lines. The Project also includes repair of sewer lines by CIPP (Cured-In-Place-Pipe) method. This program has really been able to improve the infrastructure of the City of Friendswood and will continue to help keep the sewer flowing for years to come. The budgeted amount for this program is \$300,000.

## Signs

The Sign Division has replaced all street signs on Greenbriar from 6" blanks to 9" blanks as well as replaced all stop signs from 24" to 30". They are in the process of replacing old galvanized poles with a new pos/lock system. The pos/lock system helps to decrease damage to vehicles when struck. In addition, this division striped the Renwick Park/Stadium Drive parking lot and added delineators to all the bridges in Friendswood.

## Meter Change Outs

The Public Works crews are still working on meter change outs that are older or in need of repair. Through this program Public Works has changed numerous meters to insure water is being registered correctly and to help conserve water for the future.



## Streets and Drainage



The crack sealing program for asphalt streets is in process for 2011. Public Works crews have started working on Crawford, the Polly Ranch subdivision, Merriewood, Rustic and Westfield and will continue on various streets throughout the city. Crack sealing will help to lengthen the life of city streets.

The streets crew has raised 4,228 lineal feet of sidewalks, removed and replaced 243 lineal feet of sidewalks and raised 22,776 square feet of streets since the start of this year's budget in October 2010.



# USE THE D'S TO FIGHT THE BITE!



The summer season is here, now is the time to start thinking about mosquito control and West Nile Virus prevention. West Nile Virus is here to stay, and the best way to lower your risk of getting this virus and other mosquito-borne diseases is by preventing mosquito bites and eliminating mosquito-breeding sites.

Mosquito prevention can be divided into two areas of responsibility: individual and public. Knowing how to eliminate potential breeding grounds can prevent breeding of mosquitoes in your own yard.

Mosquitoes lay up to 250 eggs at a time in still water, which will hatch in 7 to 10 days. If standing water is eliminated, many mosquitoes will be kept from breeding in the first place, reducing the need to use pesticides against adult mosquitoes. This also reduces the number of mosquitoes around the house. Here are some things you can do by remembering the four D's:

**DRAIN** standing water in your yard and neighborhood. Standing water may be found in swimming pools that are not kept clean, ponds, pets' water dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters. Also, repair leaky pipes and avoid over watering your yard.

**DUSK/DAWN** are the times of day when mosquitoes are most active. During the warm months, limit outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, or be sure to use repellants and protective clothing.

**DRESS** in light-colors, long-sleeved shirts, pants, shoes and socks when you are outside. Spray thin clothing with insect repellent.

**DEET** (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent.

Always read instructions prior to using insect repellants, especially when using repellants on children. Products containing DEET should not be sprayed on pets.

Less than 1% of people bitten by an infected mosquito become severely ill, but adults over age 50 are the most at risk. Children and adults under the age of 50 can be infected with West Nile Virus, but it is unlikely that they will become very sick. The symptoms of severe infection (West Nile encephalitis or meningitis) include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis.

Remember that the family pet is just as susceptible to mosquito bites as we are, and should be protected according to their needs. Check with your local Veterinarian for safe and effective repellents for your pets. Persons who are concerned about using DEET or other products on children may wish to consult their health care physician. The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) can also provide information through their toll free number, 1-800-858-7378.



# HURRICANE 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 freezers and refrigerators.
- 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.



# Library Corner



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### *Friends of the Library Book Club*

**Book Club meets the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.** Refreshments are provided. The library has several copies of the book. Book Titles & Group Discussion Dates are:

**May 10:**

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

**June 14:**

Still Alice by Lisa Genova.

**July 12:**

Share a favorite book.



### *Beginner Computer Classes*

**Computer class is offered every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and some Mondays at 2 p.m.** The topics rotate and include Internet searching, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Files and Folders, E-mail, and free library database resources.

### *Classic Movie Night*

**Classic movie is shown every other Thursday at 6:30 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*

**Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Family Joke Night:** Come enjoy the laughter and experience informally sharing a joke with others. This is a family event for all ages.

**Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m.**

**Acclaimed Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher** will perform in the Friendswood Public Library Activity room. Peter has performed in many prestigious venues including the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Many radio and television appearances have included Storyline on the Turner Broadcasting System (TBS); Fox-affiliate WAGA-TV's "Good Day Atlanta"; NBC Lima News WLIO in Ohio, KCSC in Oklahoma City and Long Island's Public Radio WLIU 88.3 FM.

**Saturday, May 14, at 12 p.m.**

**BOOK SALE: Friends Preview Sale is Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Sale opens to the general public starting Saturday, May 14, at 12 p.m. Sale continues during regular library hours ending Saturday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m. Sale includes hardback and paperback books for all ages, audiobooks, music, magazines, and textbooks.

**Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m.**

**Open Mic Poetry Event** hosted by Oscar Pena with special guest poet Kay Cox. Kay's poems have been published in Sol Magazine, That Thing We Do, Map of Austin and the 2010 Texas Poetry Calendar. She was the winner of the 2008 Robert Clark Appreciation Award and a member of the Poetry Society of Texas, Gulf Coast Poets, the Austin Poetry Society, Spectrum Writers Guild and the Galveston Art League. Come read your own poems or share poems by other authors.

## YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (11 - 18 YRS.)

**June 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

- 1 Make a Union Jack T-shirt (bring a white t-shirt)
- 3 Build a Castle using recycled materials
- 8 Tea Cup Candles
- 10 British Jeopardy: Come and test your knowledge!
- 15 Knight Jousting -make your own armor and test your skills
- 17 Fake mustache and accent contest
- 22 Nautical bracelet
- 24 British Balderdash
- 29 Cake Lady

**July 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

- 1 American Revolution Water Balloon Battle—colonists vs. redcoats!
- 6 Planetarium
- 8-9 1:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Harry Potter lock in! (By invitation only)
- 13 Beatles Rock Band



- 15 Jane Austen Country Dance
- 20 Mystery Day— solve a mystery like Sherlock Holmes
- 22 Doctor Who Clue
- 27 Irish Potato Candy
- 30 7-9 p.m. YA British Invasion Party (By Invitation Only)



# Library Corner



## TWEEN PROGRAMS (8 - 10 YRS.)

### June 1:30-2:30 p.m.

- 1 Fossil T-shirt- bring a white t-shirt
- 3 Build a Castle using recycled materials
- 8 Flip Flop Covers
- 10 Make Your Own Sidewalk Chalk
- 15 Tiny Pinatas
- 17 Expedition Hat
- 22 Nautical Bracelet
- 24 Hovercraft
- 29 Cake Lady

### July 1:30-2:30

- 1 Water Balloons
- 6 Planetarium
- 8 No program
- 13 Life Sized Board Game
- 15 Yarn Octopus
- 20 Old Shoe Planter – bring an old shoe!
- 22 Dino Dash
- 27 Solar Cooker
- 29 Can You Dig It? Tween Party (By Invitation Only)

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Storytimes - (June 1 through July 30)

**Toddler time** (for babies from birth to 3 years): at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Preschool Storytime** (for ages 3-6): at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Family Storytime** meets at 11 a.m. on the following Saturday, April 9.

**Rattle and Rhyme** (for babies 6 to 18 months) meets from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m. on the following Mondays: April 4th and 18th, and May 2nd.

## CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

### May 28

**Saturday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**  
Texas Reading Club Sign Up  
Face Painting and Balloon Animals.

### June 2

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes  
“Snakes Alive” Tierni Sager

### June 6

**Monday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
All ages, tickets at staggered times . “See Real Farm Animals” Farm animals are outside on library’s vacant lot.

### June 7

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes. “Dino Hunt” Dan Brinkman, Party Animals

### June 9

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes. “Dig Up a Good Book” Julian Franklin Magic Show

### June 14

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes “Scooby Doo”

### June 16

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes.  
“All About Turtles!” Debbie Leppelt

### June 21

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes.  
“Puppet Commotion” by the Puppet Lady Nitsana Lazarus

### June 23

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, 30 minutes. “Dora the Explorer”

### June 28

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes.  
“Indiana Jones: Readers of the Lost Book”

### June 30

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes. “Red,

White, & Blue!” Phyllis Davis Sheffield

### July 5

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes  
“Sponge Bob Square Pants”

### July 7

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes  
“Pocket Puppeteer” Dan Brinkman,  
Party Animals

### July 12

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes  
“Digging with Daisy” by Daisy the Clown

### July 14

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes “Elmo”

### July 17

**Sunday, 5 – 7 p.m. Friendswood Pool**  
Swim Party (rain date is 7-24-11)  
Children must be 6 years old through age 18, members of TX Reading Club who have read 30 books. Permission slips must be turned in by July 14.

### July 19

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes.  
“Once Upon a Mattress” by Kids Back  
Porch Productions

### July 21

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes  
“Book Bash” - Julian Franklin Magic Show

### July 26

**Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes  
“Puppet Pizzazz” - Greg Ruhe

### July 28

**Thursday, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages, approx. 30 minutes. “Booktime with Ronald” Ronald McDonald

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## Community Events

### **Spring Flower Show and Garden Tour**

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, May 1, 1 to 5 p.m.  
112 W. Spreading Oaks — Garden Center  
*For more information, call 281-993-4438  
or go to [www.heritagegardeners.org](http://www.heritagegardeners.org)*

### **Regular Friendswood City Council Meeting \***

Monday, May 2, 2011, 7 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
910 S. Friendswood Dr.

### **Mitch and Artha Wright Concerts in the Park**

Every Friday in May and June:  
May 6 through June 24, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Stevenson Park Pavilion unless  
otherwise noted

### **Regular Friendswood City Council Meeting \***

Monday, May 23, 2011, 7 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
910 S. Friendswood Dr.

### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 30, 2011  
City Offices will be closed

### **Sesquicentennial Swimming Pool**

1100 S. Friendswood Drive  
Open for regular season:  
May 31 through August 21  
Open Swimming:  
1 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9:30 p.m.  
Closed for maintenance:  
Mondays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Daily visit - \$1  
July 4, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

### **Regular Friendswood City Council Meeting \***

Monday, June 6, 2011, 7 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
910 S. Friendswood Dr.

### **Regular Friendswood City Council Meeting \***

Monday, June 20, 2011, 7 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
910 S. Friendswood Dr.

### **Independence Day**

Monday, July 4, 2011  
City Offices will be closed

### **116th Annual Fourth of July Celebration**

Monday, July 4 – All day  
Stevenson Park  
Grand Parade:  
Friendswood Drive, 10 a.m.  
Fireworks:  
Centennial Park at 7 p.m.

### **Regular Friendswood City Council Meeting \***

Monday, July 11, 2011, 7 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
910 S. Friendswood Dr.

### **Movies in the Park**

Every Friday at dusk  
Beginning July 15 through August 19  
Evelyn B. Newman Amphitheatre  
Centennial Park  
2200 S. Friendswood Drive

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