On August 26, 2008, Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson presented a check in the amount of $45,592 to the Friendswood Police Department to fund nine new Panasonic model mobile computer terminals for police vehicles. These computer terminals will enable officers to utilize state of the art technology to access information directly at the point of need. In addition, the funds will also be used to purchase software that will enable the Police Department to conduct single-point booking for both municipal and county arrests.

These funds presented to the Friendswood PD were seized from criminal activity, and are now being used to aid in the capture and prosecution of suspects. District Attorney Magidson has stated that “the District Attorney’s Office is committed to improving law enforcement equipment and procedures that will allow law enforcement to use new technology to improve communications, which will also significantly impact the quality of the arrests and evidence.”

This upgrade to the mobile computer system enables law enforcement officers to directly access criminal records from various municipalities throughout the greater Houston area that are utilizing the Open Software Solution Inc. (OSSI) records management system. These upgrades enhance interoperability and communications with other agencies in Harris and Galveston County.
Focus on Friendswood

Community Appearance Board’s 2008 Fall Haul-A-Day City Clean-Up

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
CENTENNIAL PARK, 2200 S. FRIENDSWOOD DR.
TIME: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

NON HAZARDOUS ITEMS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED
Examples of Non Hazardous Waste: tree limbs, grass clippings, old appliances, old furniture, wood, metal, plastic, large and small.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity will be picking up household items, such as furniture and household items in good condition. Mattresses will not be accepted.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION
The Community Appearance Board would also like to encourage residents to bring items that would benefit the wildlife rehabbers in Friendswood. They need aquariums (do not have to hold water), dog and cat kennel carriers, clean rags (towels/shirts), and shallow crock bowls. These volunteers take care of the many injured wild animals that make their homes in Friendswood’s green space.

Please help the Community Appearance Board clean up Friendswood!
This event is for the citizens of Friendswood. Those with questions are encouraged to call the City of Friendswood Community Services Department at 281-996-3220.

Remember: Senior Tax Freeze is in Effect in Friendswood

In 2005, the Friendswood City Council passed an ordinance providing that City property taxes on residential homesteads of people who are either disabled or 65 years of age or older may not be increased while the homestead remains the residence homestead of that person or that person’s spouse. The option to limit property taxes imposed by the City on Friendswood’s seniors and disabled residents is authorized by the Texas Constitution.

Those eligible Friendswood residents who would like to apply for the senior or disabled tax freeze and have not yet done so can call their respective appraisal districts for more information. downloadable exemption applications are also available on each appraisal district’s website at:

www.hcad.org (Harris County)
or
www.galvestoncad.org (Galveston County)
Harris County Appraisal District 713-957-7800
Galveston Central Appraisal District 866-277-4725

Arden C. Hill, Jr. Public Safety Building to be Dedicated

The City of Friendswood will officially dedicate the City’s new Public Safety Building as the Arden C. Hill, Jr. Public Safety Building later this year. The facility has been open since June 18, 2007 and accommodates the Police Department, Fire Marshal’s Office and Municipal Court. The Public Safety Building will be dedicated to Arden C. Hill, Jr., elected in 1961 as the City Marshal, Friendswood’s first law enforcement officer. Arden C. Hill, Jr. was also a local businessman and civic leader who is credited with establishing the foundation for law enforcement services in Friendswood and to contributing to Friendswood’s reputation as one of the best cities to live and raise a family.

Joycina Day Baker, author of Friendswood: A Settlement of Friendly Folks, asks the question in her book, “Will the legacy of the spirit of the fine families who settled Friendswood through the decades still motivate and inspire settlers yet to come?” The answer to this question can be seen in a variety of city facilities and roadways dedicated to prominent volunteers. This dedication is yet another tribute to the spirit of volunteerism that continues to be an important part of Friendswood’s heritage. Those who wish to take a tour of the Arden C. Hill, Jr. Public Safety Building can call 281-996-3313.
Focus on Friendswood • Fall 2008

Published by the City of Friendswood
City Manager’s Office

Mayor
David J.H. Smith

Mayor Pro Tem
Andy Rivera

Council Position 1
Mike Barker

Council Position 2
Jim Barr

Council Position 3
Jim Hill

Council Position 4
Leslie Reid

Council Position 5
Bill Holbert

Household Hazardous Waste Agreement
with Pearland is a Resounding Success

Earlier this year, the City of Friendswood entered into a one-year interlocal agreement with the City of Pearland allowing Friendswood residents to utilize Pearland’s Stella Roberts Recycling Center for the purpose of disposing of household hazardous waste products.

Per this agreement, up to 100 Friendswood customers were able to bring up to 100 pounds of household hazardous waste per customer to Pearland’s Center, located at 5800 Magnolia (off Harkey Road) in Pearland.

In late August, Pearland informed the City of Friendswood that we had reached our 100 resident limit in only five months. As a result of the success of this program, the Cities of Friendswood and Pearland have agreed on terms that will allow Friendswood residents to continue to utilize the facility.

Once again, Friendswood residents can still bring up to 100 pounds of household hazardous waste to Pearland’s Center. Friendswood residents need only to present a valid Texas Driver’s License at the Center, so that the number of Friendswood residents using the facility can be tracked.

Household hazardous waste products shall include the following items:

Flammable and combustibles – liquid and solid
Poison – liquid and solid
Corrosives – acids and bases
Oxidizers – pool chemicals
Lead acid batteries
Nickel Cadmium batteries
lithium batteries, mercury batteries
Motor oil, cooking oil
Car fluids
Latex paint, Oil based paint

For more information on the agreement, Friendswood residents can call the City of Friendswood City Manager’s Office at 281-996-3250. For more specific information about Pearland’s Stella Roberts Recycling Center, residents are encouraged to call Wes Shows with the City of Pearland at 281-489-2795 or visit the City of Pearland’s website at www.cityofpearland.com.

Five Star Spirit Awarded to City Employee

The recipient of the Five Star Spirit Award for the Second Quarter of 2008 is Melinda Welsh. Melinda has been employed by the City of Friendswood since October 2002 where she has carried the titles of Administrative Secretary, Assistant to the City Secretary, and currently holds the title Deputy City Secretary.

Melinda received nominations from fellow City Secretary Office staff praising her for her professionalism and enthusiasm.

Four times a year, the City of Friendswood Five Star Spirit Committee nominates and selects an employee who has the Five Star Spirit. The five stars represent employees who are courteous, competent, reliable, professional and enthusiastic.

We appreciate the time and effort that Melinda has given the City and we congratulate her on being the recipient of the Five Star Spirit Award.

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
Fall 2008 “Tween” Programs
(8 to 10 year olds)

October 22: Halloween Munchies
Cook up some spooky treats just in time for Halloween!

November 19: Fall Leaves!
Celebrate Fall with this stained glass craft

December 17: Holiday Snow Globes
It may not be snowing outside, but it will be inside with these snow globes!

All programs are on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00 p.m.
Ticket reminders are available at the children’s desk the week prior to each program.
Please wear old clothes, as crafts may be messy!

Young Adult Fall Programs 2008

Gaming Tuesdays

Every Tuesday this Fall we will be playing multi-player video games in the Activity Room from 4-5 p.m.! Here are a few of the games we will be playing:
Wii
Guitar Hero
Rock Band
DDR

Fridays 4-5 p.m.

October 24: Goth Sock Puppets
Create a funky friend from an ordinary black sock!

October 31: Halloween Party!
November 7: Movies/Snacks
November 14: Make Snacks
November 21: UN-Birthday Party!
It’s my birthday so let’s celebrate!

November 28: Thanksgiving Break—no program
December 5: Scavenger Hunt
December 12: Movies/Snacks
December 19: Early Dismissal—no program
December 26: Christmas Vacation—no program

Special Programs!
Celebrate the new movie with us! Dress as your favorite character, show off your knowledge of the books and win prizes!

Saturday, December 6: 2 -4 p.m. - Christmas Party
Join us for some holiday fun! Games, music, food, and a snowball fight!

Teen Advisory Group
Want to have a say in programs at the library that affect you? Want to earn lots of volunteer hours and make great friends? Join the Teen Advisory Group (TAG)!

Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 6-7 p.m.
TAG Meetings
October 14th and 28th
November 4th and 18th
December 9th
All meetings are on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m.

E-mail librariansti@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list about upcoming TAG meetings and events.

Children’s Programs for Fall 2008

Toddlertime – 10:10 a.m., Tues. Wed. and Fri., Ages: Birth – 3 ½ years
Storytime – 10:45 a.m., Tues. Wed. and Fri., Ages: 3 – 6 years

November

6 4 p.m.- Craft (ages 5 and up)
15 10 a.m.
Literacy Workshop: Every Child Ready to Read: Pre-Readers: Four- and Five-Year-Olds. Each person attending will receive a certificate for two clock hours for professional development. See Children’s Librarian to register. (Approx. 2 hours)
15 1:30 p.m.
 Appreciate the Things You’ve Got: An original puppet show written for Friendswood Public Library by Nitsana Lazarus.

December

4 4 p.m.
Craft (ages 5 and up)
8 10:30-11:30 a.m.
See Santa. (All ages)
Fall Programs for Adults

All programs are free, open to the public, no registration needed – Just Come!

Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m.

**Book Club** - Discuss *Black Dogs* by Ian McEwan. Refreshments are provided. The library has several copies of the book.

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.

**Literacy Workshop for Pre-Readers: Four-and Five-Years-Olds**
This program teaches parents, teachers, and caregivers how to help their children learn important skills now so they can become good readers.

Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.

**Book Club** – Christmas Party!

**Homework Help at Friendswood Public Library**

The Friendswood Public Library provides many online databases designed to help students with homework and research requirements. These online student databases can be accessed in the library or from home by entering your 14-digit Friendswood library barcode number, or by supplying a special username and password given by request to members of the Friendswood Public Library. Online databases can be found at www.friendswood.lib.tx.us from the Electronic Library page. For database assistance, contact the Friendswood Public Library at 281-482-7135. Online databases of primary value to K-12 students include:

**Ebsco Student Research Center** - EBSCO’s Student Research Center (SRC) is designed specifically for secondary school students. Student Research Center makes it easy for students to search by keyword or by topic to find the most useful search results. Results can be easily sorted by source type - magazines, reference books, photos, flags, etc.

**Ebsco Kids Search** - A search interface with a child-friendly, graphically-rich design that automatically searches across all applicable EBSCO databases simultaneously.

**Literature Resource Center** - The most comprehensive and current online database on authors and their works, the Literature Resource Center provides full-text literature criticism, biographies, bibliographies, and work overviews covering authors from every genre, time period and discipline.

**MAS Ultra: School Edition** - This comprehensive database, designed specifically for high school students, contains full text for more than 500 popular, high school magazines including America’s Civil War, American History, Archaeology, Astronomy, Bioscience, Careers & Colleges, Congressional Digest, Discover, Economist, History Today, New Scientist, Popular Science, Science News, Scientific American, Smithsonian, World War II, etc.

**Middle Search Plus** - Middle Search® Plus contains full text for more than 140 popular, middle school magazines. Full text is also available for thousands of biographies and historical essays. Additionally, Middle Search Plus contains primary source documents including Essential Documents in American History, reference books including the Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia and American Heritage® Dictionary, 4th Edition from Houghton Mifflin, the Encyclopedia of Animals™, and an Image Collection of 276,132 photos, maps and flags.

**Primary Search** - Primary Search®, designed specifically for elementary school students, contains full text for nearly 70 popular, elementary school magazines. Additionally, Primary Search includes the Encyclopedia of Animals™, and features Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, providing students with easy-to-read encyclopedic entries written specifically for kids.

**Science Online** - Science online offers a comprehensive, authoritative overview of the sciences. Diagrams, experiments, essays, definitions, and biographies are arranged by topic and contain thousands of hyperlinks that create thematic paths through the content. Science online includes more than 600 science experiments covering key principles in science, indexed by grade range and subject category.

**Searchasaurus** - Three popular elementary and middle school databases (Primary Search®, Middle Search® Plus and Book Collection: Nonfiction™) can be accessed via Searchasaurus®, EBSCO Publishing’s user search experience for users in elementary or middle schools. Searchasaurus is an exciting and easy way for young researchers to experience online searching. It is an animated interface with a dinosaur theme that encourages students to enhance and develop basic search skills.
Public Works Projects

Streets and Drainage

Street and Drainage Crews are currently removing and replacing small sections of sidewalks throughout the City than were formally done by a private contractor.

The City’s sign section is starting the process of re-striping crosswalks and stop bars at Friendswood’s various intersections. They have recently striped crosswalks in the Wedgewood Village and Forest Bend subdivisions. The Junior High School on West Spreading Oaks, Bales Intermediate on Stadium, Friendswood Senior High on Greenbriar, and Cline Elementary on Briarwood are also being striped.

The drainage crews are also currently hard at work providing routine cleaning of inlets and storm drains throughout the City.

Utilities

The Utilities Section has installed three new fire hydrants to remain in compliance with the regulation of a fire hydrant placed every 500 feet in the residential areas. The crews also greased and operated 50 fire hydrants to assure proper working condition in case of an emergency. H&H services were contracted to audit and paint 125 fire hydrants in the Forest Bend and Wedgewood Village subdivisions.

Sewer Rehabilitation

The City’s Sewer Rehabilitation Program contract has been renewed with Re-Pipe Texas for 2008/2009. Through their process of cleaning and televising the infrastructure, potential problems can be detected and repaired with little or no interruptions to Friendswood residences. This program has immensely improved the sewer line infrastructure. The budgeted amount for this program is $300,000.
## Friendswood’s Fiscal Year 2009 City Budget

The City of Friendswood’s adopted tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009 is $0.5797 per $100 value

### General Fund Revenues

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Revenue</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property Tax</td>
<td>$11,428,949</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sales Tax</td>
<td>$3,750,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Franchise</td>
<td>$1,345,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mixed Drink</td>
<td>$21,600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Licenses &amp; Permits</td>
<td>$463,829</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Intergovernmental</td>
<td>$220,311</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charges for Services</td>
<td>$194,878</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fines &amp; Forfeitures</td>
<td>$1,124,200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest Earned</td>
<td>$484,045</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>$179,533</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfers In</td>
<td>$1,237,504</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asset Disposition</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,450,549</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### General Fund Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Department</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mayor &amp; Council</td>
<td>$242,011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City Secretary</td>
<td>$440,431</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City Manager</td>
<td>$791,418</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Services</td>
<td>$2,883,973</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Police</td>
<td>$7,240,398</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friendswood Volunteer Fire</td>
<td>$1,169,741</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fire Marshal</td>
<td>$569,087</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Development</td>
<td>$1,128,160</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Works</td>
<td>$1,704,566</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Services</td>
<td>$3,411,319</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capital Improvements</td>
<td>$869,445</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,450,549</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Water & Sewer Fund Revenues

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Revenue</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Water Revenues</td>
<td>$4,711,712</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sewer Revenues</td>
<td>$3,832,042</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Fees</td>
<td>$198,980</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sale of Water Meters</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest Earned</td>
<td>$96,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rental Revenue</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$8,838,734</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Services</td>
<td>$381,675</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Development Engineering</td>
<td>$79,218</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Development Projects Mgmt.</td>
<td>$221,923</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Works Administration</td>
<td>$53,397</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Works Water Operations</td>
<td>$2,161,407</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Works Sewer Operations</td>
<td>$2,297,949</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Works Utility Customer Service</td>
<td>$170,551</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capital Improvements</td>
<td>$330,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,696,120</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Hurricane Ike

On the night of September 12, Hurricane Ike blew across Friendswood, causing approximately $26 million in residential property damages (including an estimated $12 million in fencing alone) and $11.4 million in commercial property damages. At that time, all essential City personnel were placed on 24 hour duty in the EOC. The following is a summary of the City of Friendswood’s involvement in the preparation and recovery associated with Hurricane Ike.

Preparation

The City of Friendswood’s Emergency Operations Center, led by Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Byrd, went into partial activation for Ike on Monday, September 8 and went to full activation at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 11. At that time, all essential City personnel were placed on 24 hour duty in the EOC. Mr. Byrd’s staff, made up of Brian Mansfield, Dean Spencer, and Tonya Hilton, served as incident commanders in the EOC 24 hours a day for the evacuation of twelve special needs individuals in the community.

Friendswood’s Mayor and City Council approved several emergency ordinances in advance of the storm’s landfall, including the instatement of a temporary emergency curfew in Friendswood as well as an ordinance designed to prevent price gouging in the community. Friendswood’s Mayor and other members of City Council sat in with City Staff on multiple State and local conference calls, including National Weather Service calls, to receive updates on the storm’s projected path and to prepare for the storm’s recovery while sharing vital information with other affected communities.

The City’s Police Department moved to 12 hour shifts starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday the 11th. Friendswood had approximately three times the number of officers on the streets than during normal conditions, and dispatch personnel were also increased. In addition to providing added security to the residents and to the properties of those residents who evacuated, the Police Department enforced the nighttime ordinance and provided security to other aid agencies during the recovery.

Friendswood’s Office of Emergency Management and other City officials met with debris contractors before the storm made landfall to once again go over the details of the City’s debris removal contract so that we could implement the debris removal plan as soon as possible following the storm’s impact.
Recovery

In the beginning of the aftermath on the morning of Saturday, September 13, City Public Works crews began immediately clearing City streets and right of ways of debris. The City’s main source of water was lost when the City of Houston could not supply our surface water, but crews immediately began working to provide fixed and portable generator power to all of Friendswood’s 35 lift stations and 6 water wells, and fueling generators throughout the city. As a result, Friendswood was never without clean water and never had to issue a ‘boil water’ notice throughout the event. Friendswood residents were never without water or sewer as a result of any City utility failure.

For the City’s Police Department, days off were cancelled while the department operated in emergency mode. This plan put half of the department’s patrol officers, detectives and academy cadets on duty during daylight hours and half on duty during night time hours. The morning after the storm, Police Officers played an important role in conducting damage assessments that were soon relayed to utility companies. Extra police officers continued to work 12 hour shifts until full power was restored to the community, two weeks after the storm’s impact. The Friendswood Police Department maintained stepped up neighborhood patrols and increased force strength.

Between September 11 and September 21 the Friendswood Police Department communications center processed 1,762 calls for service. This number compares to a more routine previous 10 day period of 1,211 calls for service.

Throughout the duration of the storm, Friendswood’s Mayor David Smith and City Council remained hard at work manning the Emergency Operations Center, assisting in coordinating efforts at the FEMA pod site at Centennial Park, arranging for aerial surveying of the community, driving fuel trucks and forklifts, and even handing out informational flyers at local businesses.

A FEMA Point of Distribution site was soon set up at Friendswood’s Centennial Park. Manned by the Air National Guard, the site distributed food, water and ice to individuals across the region.

The City’s Community Services Department served as logistics officers in the EOC, ordering necessary equipment, coordinating the distribution of equipment and food, and securing public facilities throughout the duration of the storm and its aftermath. In addition, the City’s administrative departments began documenting damage to City properties and coordinated the City’s insurance claims. Many other City employees served as call takers, answering thousands of phone calls from the public, 24 hours a day.

One of the most substantial tasks during the aftermath was the coordination of a damage assessment of the entire community. The City’s Community Development Department spent several days conducting a street by street assessment of the entire city limits to document damages for FEMA reimbursement purposes while also handing out informational flyers to residents in Friendswood’s neighborhoods.

The City also worked to provide public information to our residents, both at home and across the State. During the height of the preparation and recovery, the City transmitted 29 Hurricane Ike related news releases, dealing with everything from debris removal to FEMA PODs, while utilizing a number of distribution venues, including the Friendswood Information Radio 1650 AM.

Clean-up and Debris Removal

The City’s focus quickly shifted to debris management, and this undertaking has been truly challenging. The single most important component of debris management after the storm was the City’s pre-existing debris management contract with Crowder-Gulf, Beck Disaster Recovery, and the assistance from IESI. The City coordinated with two landfill operators to dispose of the debris, and trucks ran continuous debris pick-up through the clean-up process. All trucks averaged approximately 200 truckloads (10-12,000 cubic yards) per day.

Preparation and restoration for events like this require a great number of people using a great variety of skill sets. While Friendswood did experience damage from Hurricane Ike, the general consensus of the community is that the damage could have been a lot worse. The rapid response and recovery efforts of the entire community and volunteers from across the country made an incredible difference in the way that Friendswood responded to Ike’s unwelcome visit.

Debris Removal
NEW BUSINESSES

Chara Dance Academy.
In the Raton Plaza Shopping Center,
2407 W. Parkwood Ave.

Law Office of Jerome M. Karam.
In the Acadiana Centre,
400 W. Parkwood Ave.

Main Street Grill and Café.
In the Friendswood Plaza Shopping Center,
108 E. Edgewood Dr.

Girly Girl Boutique.
Located at 607 S. Friendswood Drive,
Suite 21.

Lenny’s Sub Shop.
In the Friendswood Crossing Shopping Center,
140 W. Parkwood Ave.

Friendswood Massage & Acupuncture Clinic.
In the Woodlawn Shopping Center,
301 W. Edgewood Dr.
NEW BUSINESSES Continued

**Nature's Garden Market Café.**
In the Acadiana Centre, 400 W. Parkwood Ave.

**Pinnacle Construction Industries, Inc.**
In the Acadiana Centre, 400 W. Parkwood Ave.

**Pitts & Mills Attorneys at Law.**
Located at 307 S. Friendswood Drive, Suite D.

**Sixta & Associates, P.C.**
In the Pecan Plaza Office Park, 117 E. Edgewood.

**UTMB University Eye Center.**
In the Acadiana Centre, 400 W. Parkwood Ave.

**Wireless Zone.**
In the Friendswood Crossing Shopping Center, 114 W. Parkwood Ave.
9th Annual “Halloween in the Park”
Thursday, October 30, 2008, 6-8 p.m
Stevenson Park
Local businesses will have booths for kids ages 1-10 to Trick or Treat in a safe environment. This is a fun event for the whole family. Call the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce at 281-482-3329 for a booth space.

11th Annual “Swing Into Fall” Golf Tournament
Timber Creek Golf Course, FM 2351
Thursday, November 6, 2008, 11 a.m. - Check in, lunch and contest, 12 noon Shotgun start, 5 p.m. - Dinner and Awards.
Experienced or not, all are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to come out and have a full day of good food, fun and networking your business to the community. Call the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce at 281-482-3329 for more information.

2nd Annual “Golf Ball Drop”
Thursday, November 6, 2008, Approx. 5:30 p.m.
Timber Creek Golf Course, FM 2351
Numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter over a practice hole after all golfers have completed the tournament. The ball that drops in or is closest to the hole will split the funds with the Chamber.

4 ball = $5, 5 balls = $20, 30 balls = $100
Call the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce at 281-482-3329 for more information.

2008 Fall Haul-A-Day City Clean-Up
Saturday, November 8, 2008, Centennial Park,
2200 S. Friendswood Drive
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Non-hazardous items will be accepted, including tree limbs, grass clippings, old appliances, old furniture, wood, metal, plastic, large and small. Those with questions are encouraged to call the City of Friendswood Community Services Department at 281-996-3220.

22nd Annual “Christmas Lighted” Parade
Saturday, December 13, 2008, 6 p.m. Route is down Friendswood Drive (FM 518), ending at Stevenson Park. “Let it Snow” is the theme.
Bring your cameras to take pictures with Santa. This is a great way to ring in the holiday season and promote your organization; neighborhood and business by having an entry in the parade. Call the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce at 281-482-3329 for more information.