

# Crestwood Glen Cove Neighborhood News



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## Next All-Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, October 16th

All homeowners in the five Crestwood & Glen Cove subdivisions are invited to attend our all-neighborhood meetings. Held twice each year according to our civic club by-laws (a copy of which are posted on our website), the meetings give us an opportunity to get together and discuss issues of common interest as well as to vote on club board members (April) and the budget.



### October 16 Meeting

Our next all neighborhood meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2007, in the cafeteria of St. Theresa's Catholic Church. The church is located next to Memorial Park at 6622 Haskell. We plan to discuss security, trees, the budget and other neighborhood topics at the meeting. Please come and share your thoughts!

discussed deed restrictions and explained the value of deed restrictions to us homeowners in Crestwood Glen Cove. He also spoke about how we may want to strengthen our current restrictions and/or bring them up to date. Copies of all five sets of deed restrictions are posted on our website.

A flyer will be distributed and signs will be posted around the neighborhood to remind you about the meeting. We hope to see you there!

### April 3 Wrap Up

At the April 3rd meeting held this year, our guest speaker was Tony Marré, a deed restriction attorney with the law firm of Wilson, Cribbs & Goren, PC. He

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## Website Relunched

Have you visited our neighborhood website recently? It has been completely revamped to be more useful and informative.

### New Features Include:

Community Forum - Let's discuss topics affecting us all. We hope to improve

neighborly communications by opening up discussions.

Timely Polls - Do you want more trees planted? Do you support strengthening our deed restrictions? These are topics the board has been discussing. We want to know your opinion! Please

share it.

Important Information - Information about security, deed restrictions, neighborhood events, homeowner's dues and more is available online.

Please check it out at [www.crestwoodglencove.org](http://www.crestwoodglencove.org).



# Block Party - November 4th

The Crestwood / Glen Cove annual "Block Party" will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2007 from 2-5 in the 300 block of Terrace Drive. "Block Party" is a misnomer, since it is truly an all-neighborhood party.

This year's party will include children's activities such as balloon animals,



**Come join  
your neighbors  
from 2 to 5 pm.**

face painting, and a moon walk. Hot dogs, soft drinks and beer will be available for everyone.

Once again we'll ask people to bring desserts, though this is definitely not a requirement (experience shows it's a great way to rid yourselves of that pesky Halloween candy).

Festivities will be capped by the annual football game.

Please mark your calendars. More details will be forthcoming on our website, under "Calendar of Events".

If you have any interest in helping out, please contact Mary Christ at 713/410-4888 or [treasurer@crestwoodglencove.org](mailto:treasurer@crestwoodglencove.org).

Hope to see you there!!

## Thank You to Outgoing Board Members

In April, three of our longtime board members resigned from the board. We thank them for their years of time and effort.

The Civic Club is always looking for volunteers to help their neighborhood, either by being a Board Member or by joining a committee. See below for contact information.

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Wayte



Dr. Mark  
Turrentine



Paul  
Bice



### Crestwood Civic Club Board Members

As of September 2007

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## Our New Welcoming Committee

The Civic Club has started a Welcoming Committee. We need more volunteer

“BlockHeads” to welcome new residents to our neighborhood. Each street or section of street has a BlockHead who will keep track of new arrivals and welcome them with a recycling bin, information sheet, latest neighborhood newsletter and both dues and security related information.

We want to make our neighborhood a friendly place with a greater sense of community. We hope to encourage



people to get to know neighbors. You can help by volunteering to cover one of the following five areas:

Arnot/Byway/Haskell

Floyd Street

Marilane

Memorial Drive

Rose Street

If you'd like to be a BlockHead, please call Rebecca Marvil at 713/861-6804 or email her at [BlockHeads@crestwoodglencove.org](mailto:BlockHeads@crestwoodglencove.org).

PLEASE  
SLOW DOWN  
ON  
BLOSSOM



This a  
neighborhood,  
not a racetrack.

Thank You!

## Curbside Recycling & Heavy Trash Pickup

Recycling materials are picked up from our curbs every other Monday except holidays - Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 13, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Dec. 26, Jan. 7, Jan. 22, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, Mar. 3, Mar. 17 and Mar. 31.

Newspapers, magazines, corrugated cardboard (break down those boxes), plastic (1 & 2 only), aluminum & tin cans should be put out in City-provided green bins no later than 7am on sched-

uled pick-up days.

Glass is no longer recycled curbside by the City of Houston, but is accepted at the recycling drop off location at 3602 Center Street (behind Star Pizza on Washington) from 7am to 6pm daily. You can request a bin or an extra one by calling the City at 311. For more in-

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formation on curbside recycling, call 311 or go to [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org).

Heavy trash pickup is the first Monday of the month. Heavy trash items include furniture, appliances and tree limbs too large or heavy for residential collection crews. Beware: Putting items out before the Friday before the collection day violates a City ordinance and subjects the homeowner to a \$50-\$200 citation.

## Homeowner's Dues & 2007-2008 Neighborhood Directory

You should have received a bill for the 2007 voluntary homeowner's association dues in the mail recently. Dues are \$50 per household (\$20 for seniors). These dues continue to fund neighborhood projects such as the monument, website, etc. The new Crestwood Glen Cove monument at the corner of Westcott and Memorial Drive will be completed this calendar year. The newly updated web-



site has been launched. All homeowners who pay their dues are eligible for their address to be painted on their curb in reflective paint. This benefits you by allowing emergency personnel to find your home quickly. Be sure to

check the box on your dues invoice if you would like this to be done in front of your home.

In addition, all homeowners who pay their dues will receive a copy of the neighborhood directory. Please be sure your information is correct! If you have any questions about paying your dues or neighborhood directory updates, please contact Mary Christ at [treasurer@crestwoodglencove.org](mailto:treasurer@crestwoodglencove.org).

# Security - What Can You Do?

All of us care about personal safety and security. What can we do to protect ourselves?

We can support our voluntary security fund. Many of us in Crestwood Glen Cove already contribute to our neighborhood security patrol. This service, currently conducted by Professional Guard & Patrol (PGP), is intended to augment the City's police presence and make sure Crestwood Glen Cove remains a safe place to live. We can help deter crime in our neighborhood by following the tips included on the security alert flyer

distributed in July, by keeping our eyes open and reporting suspicious activity to HPD and the security firm. Call HPD at 713-884-3131 if you see someone acting suspiciously or dangerously. Call 911 for emergencies.

The simplest thing we can do may be to get to know each other. Who is home during the day? Who travels a lot? Does an elderly or ill person live alone nearby who may need help?



What kind of car do neighbors and their kids drive? Did a neighbor forget to take in their trash can or newspapers that you could help with?

Use the neighborhood directory distributed to all dues-paying members of the civic club to contact people if you notice anything amiss.

Together we can enjoy our neighborhood and live safely. Please email [security@crestwoodglencove.org](mailto:security@crestwoodglencove.org) with any comments.

## Security Patrol Service Update

The Civic Club board members received many complaints about the PGP security person from earlier this year and he was replaced in July. We are seeking proposals from firms that provide security patrol services and a committee of concerned residents will be evaluating the proposals. We will discuss the security patrol at our October 16 All-Neighborhood meeting. If you have any concerns about the security patrol service, please send an e-mail to [security@crestwoodglencove.org](mailto:security@crestwoodglencove.org) or call Ellen Lapointe at 713-426-0098.

## Top Mistakes That Make Homeowners Prime Targets for Burglars

Most of us consider our home our haven, the place we go to feel safe. But every year, more than 2 million homes are violated by burglars. That's a burglary every 15 seconds.

Many times, the victims are careful peo-

ple who think they're doing all the right things. But in reality, they're making crucial mistakes that make them targets.

To get the real scoop on how to protect your home, we asked the best of all sources - a reformed burglar. This former burglar stole over \$70 million worth of jewelry during his career, and spent 11 years in prison for doing so. Here's what he has to say about the mistakes people make most often...

**Mistake #1:** Leaving the burglar alarm off when you're running out for a few minutes. Nearly all the houses we robbed had expensive alarm systems -

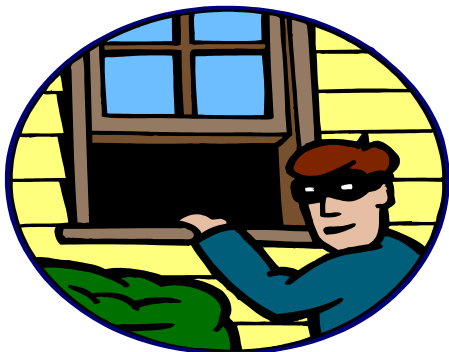
Article from "Bottom Line Personal"  
[www.BottomLineSecrets.com/information](http://www.BottomLineSecrets.com/information)

and more than half the time, the alarms weren't turned on!

Sophisticated burglars watch neighborhoods and learn when residents go to work or run errands, and how long they are likely to be away. They're ready to move the minute you leave. So do yourself a favor and set the alarm, even if you're going just running out for 15 minutes.

**Mistake #2:** Posting detailed alarm

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## THANK YOU Security Patrol Supporters!!

### Participation Rate Continues to be Approximately 35%

#### Blossom Street (17 homes)

Jacobson, David & Diane  
 Joachim, Fred & Kathy  
 Lapointe, Jacques & Ellen

#### Camellia Avenue (14 homes)

Choens, Robert & Sharon  
 Seeba, Jochen  
 West, Matt  
 Wolf, Mark & Pleasant, Laurie

#### Crestwood Drive (54 homes)

Acosta, Ed & Teresa  
 Barer, Jorge & Cara  
 Bernobich, Frank  
 Chopra, Lucky  
 Crispin, Andre & Sylvia  
 Edwards, Samuel & Tanya  
 Falcon, Patrick & Adams, Blaine  
 Garver, C.M. & Susan  
 Gordy, Russell & Glenda  
 Harvey, Grant & Elizabeth  
 Heeg, Mark & Peggy  
 Jacobson, Alan & Rochelle  
 Landon, Jerry & Joni  
 Lyons, Daniel & Maryanne  
 Mahadass, Rajesh  
 Masten, James & Kathy  
 Phillips, Robert & Shirley  
 Pringle, Harry & Mary Lou  
 Rydman, John & Lindy  
 Scholes, David & Linda  
 Shamaly, Chris & Evelyn  
 Slade, John & Carol  
 Stein, Kerry & Angela  
 Talbert, Michael & Sharon  
 Turrentine, Mark & Ramirez, Mildred  
 Wilson, Thurman & Sharon

#### East Cowan Drive (45 homes)

Bhatt, Victor & Doreen  
 Bice & Associates  
 Blain, James & Creighton, Jane  
 Bucci, Dave & Jody  
 Daik, Laith & Jody  
 Datta, Sudin & Carol  
 Garner, William & McCoy, Kathryn  
 Haertlein, Albert  
 Kane, Esther & Waring, Michael

Nadolney, Frank & Carmen

Owens, Bill & JoAnn  
 Parrish, Rob & Linda  
 Rochlis, Jeffrey & Jennifer  
 Sitterle, Mark & Jenny  
 Spangler, William & Lana  
 Spradlin, James & Pat  
 Therrell, Matthew  
 Wayte, Charles & Janet

#### Feagan Street (15 homes)

Coles, Dwight & Jacquelyn  
 Dollison, John  
 Hagan, Matt & Anne  
 McVeigh, Patrick & Kim  
 Svoboda, Alan & Leone, Susan

#### Floyd Street (21 homes)

Newton, Harvey & Karen  
 Provenzano, M.M.  
 Valencia, Ricardo  
 Welle, Barbara

#### Glen Cove Street (13 homes)

Adams, Natalie  
 Roth, Leonard & Prissy  
 Sherwood, John & Nancy  
 Vanhorn, Verne

#### Glenwood Drive (28 homes)

Bice & Associates  
 Brown, Michael & Nela  
 Carrabba, Minnette  
 Dittmar, Chris  
 Horn, Stephen & Kaye  
 Koenig, Bill & Jewel  
 Tynan, Thomas & Kaye

#### Haskell Street (8 homes)

Overman, Michael  
 Shaw, Chris & Amy

#### Marilane (6 homes)

Berman, Louis & Margaret

#### Memorial Drive (14 homes)

Farnsworth, Cherrill  
 Hines, Jess & Martha Ann  
 Mattaliano, Carl & Antoinette

#### Rose Street (18 homes)

Chavez, Chris & Rita  
 Cooper, Matt & Lisa  
 Esler, Loyd & Anne

Parkinson, Keith

Ryan, Larry & Nora  
 Vandusen, Michael & Mayo, Ofelia

#### Terrace Drive (48 homes)

Bell, Marion & Phyllis  
 Bohan, Richard  
 Crawford, Carolyn  
 Crump, James & Page, Jane  
 Faulk, Richard & Candace  
 Haddad, John & Iliana  
 Henderson, Mara  
 Jacobs, Emma  
 Jolly, Norman & Blanca  
 Larsen, Brent & Jan  
 Leveille, Jacques & Nancy  
 Marshall, John & Martha Ann  
 Neslage, John & Christi  
 Richardson, Scott  
 Speck, Michael & Sharon  
 Speck, Steve & Beth  
 Stern, Lon & Kay  
 Sykes, James & Sara  
 Williams, Mario  
 Wilson, Michael & Chris  
 Yosowitz, Philip & Christ, Mary  
 Zerhusen, David & Schoff, Kathy

#### West Cowan Drive (42 homes)

Adler, David & Kirchner, Christine  
 Bernstein, Mark & Sheri  
 Clark, Bill & Holdren, Dee  
 Doctor, Stan  
 Garcia, Charles & Carolyn  
 Grover, Claire  
 Haydon, Donald & Alyce  
 Hoppess, Karl & Helen  
 Kaplan, Sheldon  
 Lehne, James & Kathy  
 Mendenhall, Mark & Cynthia  
 Newman, Arthur & Roberta  
 Provost, Paul  
 Schnaubelt, Catherine & McLeroy,  
 Priscilla  
 Smyth, Brian & Marvil, Rebecca  
 Soniat, Ashton  
 Vandaveer, Vicki



## Architecture Committee & Deed Restrictions FAQ

**Does the Crestwood Glen Cove neighborhood have Deed Restrictions?** Yes. There are five separate subdivisions that each have different Deed Restrictions – Crestwood, Crestwood Acres, Glen Cove I, II and III. Property owners should receive a copy of their Deed Restrictions at the time of purchase. Copies are also available from our website ([www.crestwoodglencove.org](http://www.crestwoodglencove.org)) or the County Clerk.



**What information does the Committee need to review plans for approval of a new house?** The Committee needs a plat showing where the building is to be placed, the actual plans and a check for \$100.

**Is approval by the Architecture Committee necessary to get a building permit from the City?** The City requires plans to comply with all applicable Deed Restrictions and a signed affidavit attesting to such compliance must be submitted along with the building plans.

**Doesn't the City have sufficient requirements so that Deed Restrictions are not necessary?** The City allows break-up lots, townhouse development, multi-family and other uses that would adversely affect our neighborhood. The City may respond to complaints about commercial uses and minor building lines but has minimal development controls. The residents, Architecture Committee and Civic Club maintain and enforce the development requirements in our subdivisions spelled out in the Deed Restrictions.

**Is there anything in the Deed Restrictions about abandoned cars in driveways or on the street?** No. Questions about abandoned vehicles should be directed to the city's Neighborhood Protection Corps (a department of HPD) that enforces the City's abandoned vehicle ordinance. Neighborhood Protection Corp can be reached by calling 311. They have specific requirements for abandoned vehicles, which can be found on the City of Houston website ([www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov)). The City defines junked or inoperable vehicle as any vehicle that has an expired license plate, invalid inspection sticker and is wrecked, dismantled, discarded or is inoperable and remains inoperable for more than 30 days. The City requires that junked or inoperable vehicles be screened by complete enclosure within a building. Car covers, tarps and bamboo shades and other types of materials are not acceptable screening. Remember to remove or properly store any vehicle that cannot move under its own power, does not have a current license plate or inspection sticker, or is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, is discarded, or that remains continuously inoperable for over 45 days. If you see a junked or inoperable vehicle in the neighborhood that does not comply with these requirements, you should report it the Neighborhood Protection Corp. The City will give notice to the owner of the vehicle and eventually tow the vehicle if it is not brought into compliance.

**Deed Restrictions are available on our website at [www.CrestwoodGlenCove.org](http://www.CrestwoodGlenCove.org).**

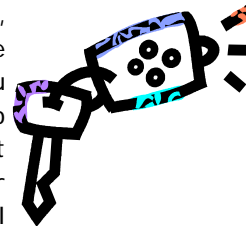
If you have any other questions, please contact Chris Shamaly at [deedrestrictions@crestwoodglencove.org](mailto:deedrestrictions@crestwoodglencove.org).

**Does your property back onto Westcott or Memorial?**

You are responsible for maintaining the city easement, even if it is behind your back or side yard fence. Please cut the grass and trim the trees. Thank You!

## Quick Home Security Tip

If your car has an alarm, keep your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear someone trying to break into your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will sound, and will continue until either you turn it off or the car



battery dies. The noise will likely deter any wrong-doers from staying near you or your house. Test it. The alarm should be triggered from almost everywhere inside your house. It works whether you park outside or in the garage.

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signs. When you post a sign that identifies the alarm company, you've just given the burglar the information he needs to disable the alarm. All the burglar has to do is buy a diagram of how that particular system is wired.

**Better:** Buy a generic sign from a home-supply store that simply says "This House is Protected By An Alarm System." As long as it doesn't give specific information, it can be a good deterrent.

**Mistake #3:** Hiding valuables in the bedroom. It's the first place burglars look. We used to spend 15 minutes or less in each house that we robbed. More than half that time was spent in the bedroom, checking the usual hiding places - the underwear drawer...under the mattress...high closet shelves, etc.

Keep money or jewelry you rarely wear in a safe-deposit box. Hide other valuables in places where burglars don't think to look - in the garage, for exam-

ple, or above removable ceiling tiles. Or hide valuables in the freezer or in fake soup cans made for this purpose.

Don't hide all your valuables in one place. A burglar is less likely to get everything if you put items in different places.

**Mistake #4:** Getting a big dog. A 100-pound Rottweiler or German Shepherd might look scary, but burglars know better. Most big breeds, unless they are trained as guard dogs, aren't barkers. What you want are "yappers," small dogs that make a lot of noise. Breeds such as Chihuahuas are better deterrents than large dogs.

**Mistake #5:** Hiding windows with landscaping. Tall bushes and shrubs allow burglars to jimmy windows without being seen. Keep all bushes trimmed to below window level.

Also, don't count on thorny plants to prevent entry. Professional thieves routinely wear gloves and 2 layers of clothes - and carry cutting tools to remove any thorny obstacles that may get in the way.

**Mistake #6:** Leaving the lights on. A light that stays on all the time is no more of a deterrent than a dark house. In fact, it helps burglars see better once they're inside.

**Better:** Use timers that turn lights on and off in different parts of the house at different intervals. Electronics and home-improvement stores sell motion detectors that turn on lights or appliances if someone enters the house. They cost about \$20 each.

**Mistake #7:** Having newspaper and mail delivery stopped when you go away. You may trust your mail and newspaper carriers, but the fact is that you don't know who else is getting the information. We used to get tips all the time about homeowners going on vacation. So keep plans quiet. Have a neighbor or close friend pick up your paper or mail. Ask them to drop by at different times of the day. The more activity burglars see, the less likely they are to target your house.

Article from *Bottom Line PERSONAL*

## Neighborhood Monument Sign

As reported previously, we will soon have a new sign. Funding was approved at our October 2006 All-Neighborhood meeting and the balance due above the approved amount will be paid by homeowner Clint McMichael. *Thank you Clint!*

The sign will be located on Clint's property at the corner of Westcott and Memorial. The City has granted a permit for the sign's construction and

the fabricator expects to have the sign finished and installed before the end of 2007.

We tried to emphasize the fact that our neighborhood is a deed restricted community by including the words "deed restricted" on the sign. The sign will read:

**Crestwood**

**Glen Cove**

Deed restricted

Please keep an eye out for our new sign!

Please support your Civic  
Club and Security Patrol.

←—————→  
If you haven't already paid your  
dues, send a check to:

**Crestwood Civic Club (\$50)**

or

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