

Crestwood/Glen Cove Neighborhood News



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Next All-Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, April 7 @ 7pm

April 7 2009 Meeting

Our next all-neighborhood meeting will be held at 7 pm Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in St. Theresa Catholic Church's community center, 6622 Haskell.

A flyer will be distributed with the meeting agenda and signs will be posted around the neighborhood to remind you about the meeting.

Security will be the focus of this meeting. Anthony & Andrea Russo of East Cowan volunteered to manage our neighborhood security. YAY! They will be presenting their ideas for making our neighborhood a safer place to live. (See article on Page



4.) We will also vote for board members and review the Civic Club's budget for the next three years.

All homeowners in the five Crestwood and 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, www.crestwoodglencove.org), the meetings give us an opportunity to get together and discuss issues of common

interest. We hope you will attend!

In response to requests, there will be a **MICROPHONE** at April's meeting. I apologize to everyone who had trouble hearing the speakers in October.

Oct. 2008 Meeting Recap

More than 50 homeowners attended the meeting and voted to raise voluntary dues to \$60 per year (\$20 for seniors). Deed restriction violations were discussed and guest speaker Scott Slaney from SWA Group presented possible ideas to improve SuperNeighborhood 22, of which Crestwood/Glen Cove is a part.

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Glen Cove III Lawsuit Update

As previously reported at our all-neighborhood meetings, a homeowner in Glen Cove III violated the five-foot side setback requirement in the deed restrictions. Once the Civic Club board learned of the violation, we asked the City of

Houston to enforce our deed restrictions and the City agreed.

The case has been re-scheduled for trial in mid-March, probably between March 16 and 27. We encourage all homeowners

within our five subdivisions to attend the trial and show both judge and jury strong support for our deed restrictions. As soon as we know the trial date, we will let you know via e-mail and paper flyer.

Receive newsletters & announcements by email. Let us know your preference. communications@crestwoodglencove.org

Coyotes in the Neighborhood

Coyotes are definitely back in the neighborhood. Two have been regularly seen on both sides of Terrace between Memorial Drive and Blossom, as well as on Feagan. While coyotes are supposedly nocturnal animals, they have been sighted numerous times in broad daylight, once as late as 2 pm. Keep your pets inside! The photo

of the bigger coyote printed here was taken by Steve Trautwein of Terrace Drive in his back yard.



Bayou City Art Festival

Memorial Park
March 27-29
10 am - 6pm

www.bayoucityartfestival.com

People will park along our streets during the festival. Be prepared.

Glen Cove I Lawsuit Update

At the Oct. 2008 all-neighborhood meeting, the Civic Club was briefed about a lawsuit filed against all the homeowners in the Glen Cove I subdivision by another homeowner who wants to negate the deed restrictions. Apparently, the suit was filed because the homeowner wants to sell to a developer that will build a high rise there.



This affects all of us because, if successful, the neighborhood could face a high-rise building on the park side of Westcott, fronting Memorial Drive. Single family residences will continue to flank the high-rise on at least one side as well as behind the lot and in front of the lot across Memorial Drive

Recently, the homeowners who are

being sued asked the court to throw out this lawsuit. Unfortunately, Judge Bill Burke refused to rule on the homeowners' motion for summary judgment and the case will proceed to trial, probably in June 2009.

All homeowners interested in this issue should contact Mr. Leonard Roth, homeowner on Glen Cove Street, at taxlsr@aol.com.

Crestwood Civic Club Board Members

As of October 2008

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Go to www.crestwoodglencove.org for updated information. Board members/positions will change in April/May 2009.

2008 Block Party

The Crestwood / Glen Cove annual Block Party was held on Sunday, November 2, 2008. Once again we had a great turnout and the weather cooperated as well. Every year we see more children, who enjoyed the animal balloons, face painting, and the always-popular moon walk. Even the dogs came along, and they seemed to enjoy meeting their canine neighbors. The singer was fantastic, and he kept everyone entertained for the dura-

tion of the party. Hot dogs, soft drinks and beer were available for all. The desserts and additional side dishes were wonderful this year; thanks to all who contributed!

It does, indeed, take a block to hold a block party. Special thanks to Mary Christ of Greenwood King for sponsoring the event, including providing the moon walk, the clown for the face painting and balloon

animals, and the soft drinks and keg. Jane Page Crump of Jane Page Design Group provided the live entertainment again this year. Mike and Sharon Speck provided the grill and use of their property for the moon walk, and Randy and Cheryl Sorrels provided their yard for the annual football game. Paul Copello and David Delemos once again organized the annual football game. Thanks everyone!



Neighborhood Security Update

Hello Neighbors,

Recently my husband and I agreed to chair the security committee. We are concerned with not only our home, but also you and your home. With the current economic conditions the crime rate is up in Houston. It is time to become more aggressive about our personal safety and our security. To improve our neighborhood security we are currently interviewing different companies to provide patrol services. All the feedback I have gotten suggests there is an overwhelming desire to have police officers on duty for our protection. This means a Deputy Constable who has received their legal

authority from the same statutes as other police officers, and has the same powers. In case you are unfamiliar with this type of program it works like this:

Our Civic Club enters into a one year contract. We agree to pay 70% of the constable's wages; in turn he spends 70% of his time in our neighborhood. He gets to know our subdivisions and the normal activities. Becoming more familiar with the normal activity in our neighborhood means he is more likely to notice and stop suspicious behavior while it is occurring. Also the constables are trained in full law enforcement services, medical emergencies

such as CPR, and they are supported by the full array of services of other police officers. By putting a constable in our neighborhood we are enhancing Houston's law enforcement.

Soon we will be sending an invoice to everyone in the neighborhood. When we have collected the funds we will be able to enter into the contract. A delay in payment of this invoice would result in delay of the program. We appreciate your immediate response and your community support. If you have any questions you can contact us at security@crestwoodglencove.org

Andrea and Anthony Russo

Did You Know?

As most of you know, the Crestwood / Glen Cove neighborhood is comprised of five subdivisions, each with its own set of deed restrictions. Four of the subdivisions have restrictions addressing the size and type of signs that are permitted. If you are unsure about the restrictions for your particular subdivision, they are posted at the neighborhood website: www.CrestwoodGlenCove.org.

Tree Planting Update

The Civic Club, with the help of residents and businesses, planted 97 trees last April on five Westcott esplanades between Camellia and Glenwood.

We plan to plant trees in the remaining esplanades on Westcott to Memorial Drive. However, we discovered a local business has expressed interest in adopting the remaining esplanades. Until they decide whether or not to do it (which we hope they will), the Civic Club cannot complete the project.

The local business currently listed as the adopter is A. Cantrell Custom Homes. Mr. Cantrell is a long-time resident of Crestwood/Glen Cove and has several properties in the neighborhood soon to begin construction.

In the meantime, Trees For Houston will be maintaining the 97 trees that we planted last year. We all look forward to seeing them grow! If you want to contribute to this cause, you may do so via the website, www.crestwoodglencove.org.

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You may report any problem involving city services by calling 311. You also may log into the website, www.houstontx.gov/311, to report the problem via e-mail.

Remember ... 311 for help, 911 for emergencies.

Do you have a special announcement to make or a neighbor to recognize?

communications@crestwoodglencove.org

Directories Delivered

The Crestwood / Glen Cove directory was delivered on January 1. If you did not receive your directory, but paid your 2008 homeowner's dues, please contact Mary Christ at 713.410.4888 or MaryC@GreenwoodKing.com. Also please let me know if there are any errors.

Production of Neighbor's Musical

The musical *The Gold*, written by Philip Yosowitz (Terrace Drive), is being produced at Miller Outdoor Theatre on May 1 and 2 in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Week. *The Gold* follows the fictional life of Joseph Cohen, a German Jew and amateur boxer, through the Nazi regime and the formation of the state of Israel, culminating at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. Through its powerful story and soaring music, *The Gold* honors those with the courage to stand against hatred, intolerance and apathy. The director, book writer and music arranger all hail from New York City, as do two of the musical leads. An abbreviated version of the musical was produced last year to enthusiastic reviews by critics and audience members alike. For details, go to www.TheGoldTheMusical.com.

Memorial Park Conservancy Update



Memorial Park Conservancy's Capital Campaign - Phase I - continues to build momentum in support of Memorial Park. Over \$6.2 million has been raised to date toward campaign of much-needed improvements. The bridge recently begun, designed by Clark Condon Associates, will connect the north and south sides of the park and improve safety for runners and cyclists. Designs by Lauren Griffith for the Tennis Center Plaza Renovation are now underway. Beyond these projects, an additional running trail opposite the Seymour-Lieberman Exer-Trail on the north side of the park, a running center and numerous other practical needs are outlined in the city-approved Master Plan.



Recycling News



Yellow Pages Solution

Am I the only one who immediately throws out the phone books when they arrive on my porch? I doubt it. Here's a way to opt out of every receiving them again.

www.YellowPagesGoesGreen.org

Go to this website and stop the nonsense of receiving an unsolicited telephone book. It will only take a minute or two.

The Best Way to Recycle CRAYONS



In my house, the most unpopular crayon colors are gray and pale yellow. I never thought twice about tossing the duds in the trash, but it turns out that crayon wax spends eternity in a landfill. Instead, put them in a small box and send them to the recycling program run by Crazy Crayons, where your castoffs will be melted down and turned into a new generation of crayons. For details, go to www.crazycrayons.com.

FAQs

Q. How do I get a recycling bin and/or 2nd green bin?

A. You may request a bin by calling 311, the City's Help Line. The 311 operator should provide you with a Service Request number for your records.

Q. What items are accepted in the Curbside Recycling Program?

A. The [Curbside Recycling Program](#) accepts newspaper, magazines, color ad inserts, office paper, unwanted mail and telephone books; tin, aluminum and empty aerosol cans; and plastic bottles and jugs with a narrow neck and broad base (marked with a #1 to #5, and #7, recycling symbol).

Q. Is there any place in the City that will accept styrofoam?

A. Styrofoam in peanut shape is accepted by Mailbox, Etc. - 713.667.5116.

DID YOU KNOW???



In addition to #1 and #2 plastics, you can now recycle #3, #5 and #7 plastics in your green bins.



Best Buy recycles electronics. I had old DVRs and outdated modems collecting dust in my garage until I discovered this little nugget. Go to www.bestbuy.com for more details.

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