

# CITY OF HILLCREST VILLAGE

“A Place to Call Home”  
NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010

## Updates & Events Happening in the Village

### Mosquito Control

According to the Brazoria County Mosquito Control, the areas that are sprayed most frequently are those areas that place a large number of mosquito complaint calls. Please help us keep the mosquito population at a low level in the City by calling mosquito control any time you see an increase in mosquito activity. The Mosquito Control Number is 281-756-1532

### Water Bills

Please note: Meters are read on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, with bills going out the following Friday. Failure to receive your bill does not waive the late fee. The City **CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BILL ONCE IT LEAVES THE OFFICE. PLEASE call the office for your balance if you do not receive your bill.** *Reconnect Fee is a \$75.00 non-refundable deposit for the 1<sup>st</sup> time the water is shut off and a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit the 2<sup>nd</sup> time & thereafter payable by cash or money order only.*

\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\* There is a drop box outside of the City office (106 W. Blackstone Lane) where payments can be dropped off at anytime.

### Fall Is Here!!

Reminder: It is the duty of our residents to maintain street curbs and drains and keep them free from leaves. Please do not blow leaves or grass clippings onto the street as this will cause the storm drains to back up. This includes killing weeds/grass growing up through the pavement. It is also the resident's responsibility to maintain the easements behind their homes. There are dying/dead pine trees in some resident's yards. Please do your part in removing them as they are a hazard with hurricane season upon us. Also, a reminder that trees overhanging the street need to be cut to 14' above street level. We are still receiving complaints regarding abandoned or junk vehicles in the street. We are asking you to move these to a more private area. We thank everyone for working together to make Hillcrest Village a city we are all proud to live in.

### Heavy Trash Pickup

The Bi-annual Heavy Trash Pickup for the City will be **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see details on attached flyer. Please do not place items near mailboxes, fire hydrants, utility poles or phone boxes or under power or phone lines. If you have any questions about what will be picked up, you may call AmeriWaste at 281-331-8400.

### Feel Left Out Of The Loop?

Did you know that you can receive important city messages through your internet provider or cell phones? If you are missing some of the City's important messages and would like to receive them via internet or cell phone, simply go to the City web site at [www.cityofhillcrestvillage.org](http://www.cityofhillcrestvillage.org) and click on the "CTY" link, or call the City office for additional information.

\*\*\*Like us on Facebook and you can be updated with important events.\*\*\*

### Trick Or Treat?

Halloween is around the corner and soon neighborhood children will be participating in a time honored Hillcrest tradition. All residents are encouraged to keep this tradition alive by participating in the Halloween festivities. Please feel free to keep your porch light on and enjoy the sights of all the little ghosts and goblins. On that note, please remember that there will be many children walking on our streets. Please exercise caution when driving in the neighborhood that evening.

### New Water and Sewer Rates

*Please see attached message on the back from the Mayor.*

### Hurricane Preparedness

In case of emergency and if you need assistance evacuating, please register with the Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management. Call 979-864-1201 and ask for Casey. This is in addition to the 211 registration. You and your pets (if necessary) will be evacuated to our sister county, Bell County, where shelter will be provided. Although once there, your pet cannot stay with you in the shelter, but arrangements have been made for the shelter and the care of your pet. For a personalized disaster planning guide visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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## Other Points of Interest

- Council Meetings are held at 200 W. Timberlane Drive on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. We encourage all residents to attend to stay abreast of things going on in the Village.
- The Agenda is posted at the Municipal Building on Monday before the meeting.
- The Municipal Building is available for rental for special functions. For information call 281-331-9164 (Martha Franzen) or 281-756-0577 (city office).
- City office is located at 106 W. Blackstone, Alvin, TX 77511 (business hours 8 to 5 Mon-Fri)
- Drop Box is available outside of the City office to drop your payment off at anytime.

## Important Phone Numbers:

Contact the City office during regular business hours if you are unable to reach any of the City officials below & they will give the message to the appropriate person.

City Office - Lisa or Kayla	281-756-0577
Water - Alderwoman Pam Caloway	713-416-6912
Building, Planning & Sub. - Alderman James Nash	281-331-6907
Lights, Lighting & Beautification - Alderman Adam Flores	281-388-2982
Mayor Tom Wilson	281-756-8587
Sewer & Mayor Pro-Tem - Alderman Terrell Franzen	281-331-9164
Roads & Drainage - Alderman Richard Williams	281-331-7339
Marshal - Patrick Caloway	713-562-8288
Brazoria County Sheriff	281-331-9000

Email address: [cityofhillcrestvillage@hotmail.com](mailto:cityofhillcrestvillage@hotmail.com) City web site: [www.cityofhillcrestvillage.org](http://www.cityofhillcrestvillage.org)

*Dear Residents,*

*Thank you for helping make Hillcrest Village a wonderful place to live. I would like to take a moment and inform you of efforts made this year by your City leaders.*

*In October, contract bids will go out for the construction and installation of back-up generators which will power our sewer treatment plant and lift stations during times of emergency. These generators were obtained from state grants and should be in place for the 2011 hurricane season. The city also allocated funds in this year's budget to purchase a backup generator to power our water wells.*

*We will be using grant money obtained from the State Energy Conservation Office to repair and upgrade many of the city owned buildings throughout the community. A portion of these funds will also be used to convert the old meeting room located at the sewer treatment facility to house our City Marshall's Department.*

*Many challenges still face our community as our water, drainage, and sewer infrastructure continue to age. Due to these significant expenses, the council approved a small increase in water and sewer fees for the 2011 fiscal year. A fee was also added to help cover the cost of fees issue by the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District. These increases will raise the minimum bill by approximately \$5.32 per month.*

*Despite increase costs, it is the desire of the City Council to keep our taxes and fees to a minimum by wisely and efficiently using our funds. If you have any questions about this year's budget, fees, or expenses, please do not hesitate to call the City office or email me at [Towilson@aol.com](mailto:Towilson@aol.com).*

*Sincerely,*

*Tom Wilson, Mayor*