

Waterman Crossing

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A Word from Your Board



Hello Everyone,

The Waterman Crossing Newsletter is alive and well again. The format has changed because of two things, 1) the old format was lost and 2) this is going to be more of a newsletter than it has been previously. Hope you like it!

These past few months have been difficult for everyone and there have been many issues around Waterman Crossing that are being and will continue to be addressed by the Board and Creative Management. The Gate Attendant building has been hit by several vehicles and during one of those incidents one of the attendants was inside. Fortunately, no one has been seriously injured.

In Remembrance

BOBBYE KENDALL, passed away on Saturday November 8th, 2008.

She served several terms on the Association's Board of Directors including the positions of Secretary and President.

Memorial Services were held

at Champion Forest Baptist Church on Thursday November 13th, 2008.

Bobbie's presence in the community will be greatly missed.

Another long-time resident of Waterman Crossing, HELLEN HAMILTON, passed away on

September brought Hurricane Ike and he wrecked havoc on our city and didn't spare our property. Several trees were felled and damaged a car port, a building and a brick perimeter wall, not to mention the wooden divider wall at the rear of the property. There were other damages, including siding blown off a building, roof shingles missing and some assorted rain related water leaks. Most of the repairs have been completed and those that haven't been repaired will be finished soon.

In November, when all the excitement from Ike had settled, we started to work on the carport roofs. A test area was done in front of building 7 to see how the product would best be applied and what modification to the spraying equipment would be needed to provide a quick and efficient application. This will continue as weather permits.

And two last items from the Board. First and foremost we, your Board of Directors, want to wish each and every one of our residents a Joyous and Happy Seasons Greetings.

And lastly, we solicit your comments about the newsletter and anything else that affects Waterman Crossing. Please address your responses to WatermanCrossing@ymail.com

November 22, 2008.

Memorial services were held privately for her immediate family and a few close friends.

Hellen will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Meet 'n Greet

There's a gathering at the clubhouse on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Some of our fellow residents have donated a lending library for all to enjoy.

This is the perfect opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones.

Lydia and Maria have generously volunteered their time to help out, however there's always a need for volunteers. Hope to see you there!



Items of Interest

The next Board Meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

December 18, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.

January 22, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m.

February 26, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Annual meeting is currently scheduled for March 30, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Please join us!

Constable Reports

As you know, we are in the Heatherlock Municipal Utility District and when there is a problem, we are served by Harris County Precinct Four Constable's Office. Crime statistics aren't available by address, only by Utility Districts and are as follows:



In August 2008, there were 4 calls regarding a suspicious person, 4 disturbances (1 family, 3 other), 1 criminal mischief, 1 theft (other) and 1 burglary of a habitation.

September 2008 saw 2 calls regarding a suspicious person, 10 disturbances (3 family, 7 other), 1 assault, 1 theft (other) and 1 burglary of a habitation.

October 2008 was a very quiet month having only 1 call regarding a suspicious person and 1 assault.

Something you might find of interest is that the Heather-

lock MUD consists of 361.281 acres, and as of October 30, 2008 there have only been 3 burglaries of a habitation, 1 burglary of a vehicle, 2 sexual assaults and 4 assaults for the entire year.

August had 19, September 50 and October had 15 calls categorized as "other" bringing the total for the year to 336.

Gate Attendant

After a period of uncertainty, a new security company was contracted to staff our Gate Attendant position. We are currently undergoing a period of training and education for the security company and their staff.

It is our hope that by the time you read this all the bugs will have been worked out. In addition to the new staffing, the Board has increased the hours of staffing and there will be an attendant present starting at 6 PM. This earlier start time will be evaluated in April of 2009.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please address questions or any concerns you might have to the Board of Directors.

*Each evening there's
an attendant at the
gate. Please let us
know how they're doing.*

Surviving Ike



On Friday the clubhouse was all boarded up and ready for Ike.

We were in the dark for 14 days and what's worse, the hot sticky nights. We got in line to buy ice and gas and used an inordinate number of batteries and candles... but we were lucky and survived the hurricane with only minimal damage.

One of the tall pine trees blew over and crashed into Building No. 8. Another tree went down and took out the brick fence behind Building 5.

Part of the siding on the west end of Building 20 went flying away and the carport next to Building 1

was damaged.

One balcony was damaged on Building 7 and most of the fence along the rear property line was blown over.

All the roofs came through well although a few roof shingles were blown loose.

There wasn't any flooding although some ponding did occur in several places due to the fact that the drains were plugged by pine needles and other debris. Most of the pine needles were blown off the trees by the wind and one hopes the debris was blown in from elsewhere, but let it serve as a reminder not to litter.

Progress on the repairs to the damages caused by Ike is proceeding on schedule.



Your Board President checked the property Saturday morning and cleared all the drains to alleviate the worst of the ponding.



Tree next to Building 8

Just a Reminder

This is all about garbage. Yeah...garbage. We all have it and we want to get rid of it! BUT please remember that garbage days are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Be considerate of your neighbors and don't put your garbage out the night before. Wait until sometime between 5:00 and 9:00 a.m. to deposit your garbage by the driveway end of the carports.



Please be aware of what might happen if you put it out at night before you go to bed. Fortunately, we generally don't have dogs running loose but we do get the occasional wild animal such as possums and raccoons that can tear the bags open leaving a mess behind. If a wind comes up and the bags aren't well sealed we have litter everywhere and besides being unattractive it can clog the storm drains causing excessive ponding during a rainstorm.

There's little reason to worry that you might miss the garbage pickup because it occurs after 9:00 a.m. If pickup occurs before you get your garbage out, you can always take it to the dumpster located in the corner between Buildings 4 and 5.

Be a good neighbor and don't take your garbage out until in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday!

Contact Information

Creative Management Company – (713) 772-4420
Property Supervisor, Jim Miller – ext 130
Report Maintenance Issues – ext 105 or 137
Collection Issues – ext 116
Resale Certificates – ext 104

Constable Precinct 4 Dispatch
281-376-3472

CenterPoint Energy
713-207-2222

TXU Energy
1-800-242-9113

AT&T
1-800-288-2020

Comcast
1-800-COMCAST (1-800-266-2278)



And in Conclusion...

This is your newsletter and is intended to keep you informed of what is happening in the Waterman Crossing community.

If you have questions or comments please make your voice heard by sending an email.

And of course if you have something you'd like to see in your newsletter, send your ideas to:

WatermanCrossing@ymail.com

Newsletters are published bi-monthly so look for the next issue in February/March!

See y'all then!

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