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*Next P.O.A. Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007
at 7:00 PM,
Fonmeadow Clubhouse.
Reception to follow.*

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Greetings from the Board

The scent of the Holiday season is almost here. It's time to deck the halls and do our Christmas shopping.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Board of Directors, our Fonmeadow subdivision is in good shape as it welcomes the New Year. Our budget has been financially sound so that we won't see an increase in our homeowners' association fee next year. We are also constantly monitoring our contracts with our property management company (PCMI), lawn maintenance and pool companies.

We've been notified by our Council-woman, Eunice Reiter that our streets have been scheduled for a street sweeping on May 2008. This is courtesy of the City of Missouri City's purchase of a Tymco Street Sweeper which cost \$210,000.

Please attend the next general homeowners' association meeting this Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the Fonmeadow Clubhouse. The meeting starts at 7 PM and will close with a reception. We need your input!

Don't forget to decorate the outside of your homes and get a chance to win in the 2nd Fonmeadow Christmas Lights competition.

Wishing everyone the best of the Holiday Season!

2nd Fonmeadow Christmas Lights Competition

Come and join the fun and excitement of our Christmas Lights Competition.

Spread some Christmas cheer and make Fonmeadow Subdivision a beacon of lights this holiday season.

Prizes will be awarded to the best three decorations.

Fonmeadow subdivision 2007 Christmas Lights Contest- TERMS and CONDITIONS

- 1. Only residents from Fonmeadow subdivision can join the Christmas Lights competition. No registration is necessary.**
- 2. Present Board Members of the Fonmeadow Homeowners Association are disqualified from the competition.**
- 3. All entrants must ensure that their displays are illuminated on the evenings of Dec. 21- 25 between 7 PM- 10 PM for public viewing.**
- 4. Judging will be conducted on Sunday, Dec. 23 from 7 PM- 10 PM.**
- 5. Winners will be announced on the next Fonmeadow Homeowners' Association Meeting.**

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Hey Fonmeadow, we're on the web!

Please visit the Fonmeadow subdivision website on: <http://www.fonmeadow.org> and let us know what you think! Please email Ed Ramirez (ed_ramir3@hotmail.com) for any comments. The website contains a wealth of information including:

About Us- Information about our subdivision

Contact Us- Send your comments/concerns to the Board of Directors

Board Members- Email any member of the Board of Directors

Fonmeadow Flyer- Get past electronic copies of our newsletter

Useful Contacts- Links to city and utility offices and the PCMI (our property mgmt. agency)

Helpful Forms- Print copies of Architectural review approval form, Fonmeadow clubhouse rental agreement, etc.

What's New- News and activities in our subdivision. Pictures are also posted. Let the Board know if you would like to see additional information added to the website!



Holiday Trash Pickup for City of Missouri City Solid Waste Service Contract Customers

Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22, 2007	No collection. Next collection day will be Monday, November 26, 2007.
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2007	Pickup days will be as regularly scheduled before (Monday, December 24) and after (Thursday, December 27).
New Years Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2008	Pickup days will be as regularly scheduled before (Monday, December 31) and after (Thursday, January 3).

Regular pickup days are Mondays and Thursday, except for scheduled holidays.

If a collection day falls on a holiday, the city solid waste collection service will not take place that day, but will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection date.

All other residents with solid waste services from other contractors are asked to contact their providers to inquire about holiday collection changes.

For more information, call 281-403-8500.

A Note from PCMI:

The 2008 maintenance fee of \$300 is due on or before Jan. 1, 2008. Interest accrues from due date if not received by January 30, 2008.

To avoid delay in the processing of payment, pay online with a credit or debit card at WWW.PCMI-US.COM. For QUESTIONS, call PCMI at 281-870-0585.

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The City Block

Eunice H. Reiter, Councilmember, District A

Street sweeping has gone to a new level. The city purchased a Tymco Street Sweeper which cost \$210,000. It arrived in August, and after operators were trained, began sweeping in mid-October. Plans are to sweep every residential street twice per year and every thoroughfare once per month. Monthly schedules will be posted on the MoCity website at least two weeks prior, and you can view the equipment on MCTV Channel 16. **Fonmeadow is scheduled for May 2008.**

Our taxes are lower than many surrounding cities. The City of Conroe compiled a comparison of revenue streams and debt service per capita in the 16 city Houston metropolitan area. Missouri City has the lowest bonded indebtedness per capita of any of the 16 cities. Only four of the cities have a lower ad valorem tax rate, and each of them have sales tax revenue of between 2.5 and 6 times greater than the sales tax Missouri City collects. This data emphasizes that our city delivers services in a very efficient manner.

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Our Comprehensive Plan is being updated, and your input is needed. Our consultants will conduct discussions with approximately 6 focus groups of 10 to 15 members each. If you are interested in serving in this group, e-mail me at ereiter@missouricitytx.gov.

There will also be a Citizen Congress on Tuesday, January 19 at the community center to which you are invited. The room will be divided into multiple stations focused on different facets of comprehensive planning, and you can give feedback on the respective subjects at each station.

Fire Station #2 is almost complete. The City took possession on November 7th, and crews started moving in the next day. Several things still need to be done, but once the temporary structures are removed, a dedication ceremony will be held.

K-9 Officer "Dasty", a spirited two-year old English Labrador is now a member of the police department. He is assigned to the night shift patrol division and is certified to search for marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin.

Economic Development is going strong in City Council District A. You probably know by now that Global Geophysical is building their world head-quarters on Gessner north of 90A and that Trammel Crow bought the old Willowisp Country Club and will erect an office complex on the site.

The newest development is the purchase of 82 acres between 90A and Gessner (Cooper Cameron area). It was bought by Ben E. Keith Company, a national food distributor. They plan to build a 400,000SF facility in two phases with an eventual market value of 85 million dollars and will create 300 jobs with an average annual salary of \$45,000. Their annual taxable sales will be between 10 and 20 million.

We have given Ben E. Keith Company a 75% tax abatement for 10 years beginning in 2011. This is a win-win abatement. During Phase 1, the city will collect about \$300,000 in property and sales tax, but will only be abating \$138,000

Snowfest is Saturday, December 8th. Come join the fun!

Questions or problems? Call me at 713-850-9883 or e-mail ereiter@missouricitytx.gov.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BRAYS OAKS

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (district created to help revitalize the Southwest Houston area, including Fonmeadow subdivision)

7600 West Airport condominium is finally down; two 30,000 sq. ft. office buildings and, separately, a large showroom are under construction on West Bellfort near Beltway 8; a hospice care facility is to be built in the District on Gessner; construction of a \$30 million community social and retail center continues at Gessner and West Brae Parkway. *India House*, will offer a Federally Qualified Medical Clinic, classrooms for educational programs, community use rooms, and a ballroom and retail center. The first phase, clinic/community center is scheduled to open in late 2008.

HPD'S CRIME REDUCTION UNIT ARRESTS MORE THAN 200 IN FIRST ASSIGNMENT

The Houston Police Department's newest crime fighting team hunkered down in a southwest Houston neighborhood for two weeks and swept up 269 criminals in its wake as it completed its first assignment of ridding streets and neighborhoods of crime.

More than 50 uniformed officers on foot and in patrol vehicles saturated the Club Creek area of the city and made their presence felt at apartment complexes, street corners and businesses. The officers, assigned to the HPD Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), took numerous career criminals off the streets. Of those arrested, two had been handled in the criminal justice system for murder, 19 had been charged in previous robbery cases, 10 had prior sex offenses, 39 were handled on past weapons charges, 46 had previous burglary charges and 46 others had committed auto thefts at one time or another.

Mayor & HPD Chief direct major overtime money to Brays Oaks District to Improve Apartment Housing: Safety & Enhance Community-Oriented Policing

Mayor Bill White and Police Chief Harold Hurtt announced that Houston has obtained a \$40 million community development block grant to augment the City's *Apartment to Standards* program and to enhance public safety in certain areas of Houston. The funds must be spent in areas where a high number of apartments are occupied by hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees and where these high density apartments coincide with high rates of violent crimes.

Speaking at the monthly Southwest Houston 2000, Inc. Crime Prevention and Community Safety meeting recently (October 25, 2007), HPD's Fondren District Captain Wyatt Martin outlined how the \$2 million dollars allocated to Fondren District #17 will be used. HPD District #17 has three police beats within the Brays Oaks District and one beat in the Gulfton area. He outlined the five (5) police initiatives involving Fondren District officers augmented with specialized units that begin immediately and will run through the Summer of 2008.

Captain Martin commented that the extra manpower afforded by this grant will allow officers to conduct more community proactive activities with the residents of the Brays Oaks District (Fondren SW) while maintaining their call-for-service responsibilities. Reacting to calls has been the operational situation for many years in this District.