ELM GROVE - FACTS FOR OUR VILLAGE

December 2010

The Elm Grove Board of Director's would like to wish everyone a happy holiday.
We want to encourage everyone to get involved in our community. Our monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at the Community Meeting Room next to the pool at 7PM on Clear Ridge Drive.
We are always looking for new board members that live in Elm Grove.

Some of the improvements that were made this year:

- We are pleased to announce that after budgeting for next year, your household assessment will be going down in 2011.
- The Community room and pool buildings have new roofs.
- The pool will be re-plastered for the 2011 swim season.
- Hope you noticed we added new lighting at the Community room, pool and entranceways.

Some additional notes from our Board of Directors:

- **One of our goals for 2011 is to develop a website for Elm Grove Village. We are hoping to have this up and running by April. We hope that the address will be www.ElmGroveKingwood.com. We are currently looking for volunteers to help develop and maintain this website.**
- The Elm Grove Village Community Association (EGVCA) consists of 1,452 single family residences and two apartment complexes.
- Plan your meetings and celebrations at our Community Meeting Rooms. It is always open to rent. Elm Grove residents pay $50 for usage up to 6 hours and $150 deposit in case of damages. It is located at 2921 Clear Ridge Drive, 281.360.2042 (answering machine).
- In April, we are hoping to start the "Yard of the Month" back. Look for details on the new website.

- **We want to thank our 2010 contractors:**

4D Signworx LLC	Executive Lawn Care (ELC)
Brickman Group	Harris County Constable
Butler & Hailey	Kingwood Association Management (KAM)
Crystal Pool Services	Kingwood Service Association (KSA)
Custom Management Services	Linda G. Ferguson, CPA
Don Arnold Landscaping	

Tax Tips:

Don't have quite enough itemized deductions? Consider bunching up property tax payments by paying the previous year's taxes and the current year's taxes in the same year. You can pay 2010 property taxes in January 2011 and 2011 property taxes in December 2011. You may have enough to itemize every other year by using strategy. Remember taxes are deductible in the year paid not the year assessed.

Notes from Kingwood Service Association (KSA):

- KSA is a non profit organization with the purpose of providing for the community, civic and social welfare in the Kingwood area and to promote the health, safety and welfare of Kingwood area residents. There are 30 villages that are members of KSA.
- KSA is promoting the sale of holiday wreaths through "WreathsAcrossAmerica.org". The wreaths sell for $15 and KSA will receive $5 from each purchase to make improvements to our park facilities. The wreaths will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery during the holidays.
- KSA has (3) announcement boards that are reserved for nonprofit organizations to promote events here in Kingwood. Reservations are taken up to 90 days in advance of posting the event. Our village's main board is located at the crossing of Northpark and Woodland Hills.
- There are five KSA parks (River Grove Park, Deer Ridge Park, North Park Recreational, East End Park and Creekwood Nature Area).
- As of January 1, 2011, anyone visiting the boat ramp area at River Grove Park will be required to have a new "K" sticker with a registered ID# on it. This is required for all boats and the vehicles that will park in this lot. Towing will be enforced. Visit the KSA website for more details.
- Most announcements are posted on the KSA website at "KingwoodServiceAssociation.org".
- The KSA Parks Foundation is sponsoring a new program called the KSA Memorial Tree Program. With your donation of $250, a tree will be planted in one of our parks, in memory of one of your loved ones. Visit the KSA website for more details.
- The Kingwood Civic Club will be announcing the winners of the holiday decorations, visit "KingwoodCivicClub.org" or check the local newspaper.

Notes from Harris County Constables:

Measurements to prevent criminal activity near and around your home - The basics of how to prevent criminal activity begins with the outside appearance of your home.

- Do not leave toys, tools or other valuable items lying around. Make sure that your home's yard is kept clean.
- Make sure that there are no dark or concealed areas around your home. Cut your shrubs if they are too big. Don't let them get above the window seal.
- Make sure all of your doors and windows are locked whenever you leave home. Install a peephole in your door so that you can see who is at the door without opening it.

If you see ANYTHING that looks like it may become illegal, call 911. It's best to call right away instead of waiting for the criminal action to happen.

TIPS:

- Report vandalism.
- Watch out for your neighbors.
- Do not use the Green Belts after dark when they are closed. There have been some incidents.

Notes from Custom Management Services :

Deed Restrictions:

All Elm Grove Village homeowners should have received a copy of the Protective Covenants (Deed Restrictions) for your section prior to the closing at the time you purchased your home. Shortly after that you should have received a copy of the Architectural Control Guidelines and Guidelines for Understanding the Protective Covenants from the Association. By purchasing a home in Elm Grove Village, you agreed to abide by these rules. If you need a copy of any of these, call Custom Management Services at 281.319.4263. All the documents are also on file with the Harris County Clerk.

Reminder notice: Make sure that your holiday decorations are taken down by February 1, 2011.

Numbers to keep on file:

Ambulance/Fire/Police	911
Animal Control	281.999.3191
Call before you dig (it's safe, it's free & it's the law)	811
Center Point Energy - For street light repair (need pole #)	713.207.2222
City of Houston - City Services	311
or visit www.houstontx.gov	
City of Houston Mayor's Citizens' Assistance - Gwendolyn Condoleo	713.247.2852 (Kingwood Liaison)
Crystal Pool Services	713.256.3810
Custom Management Services - For deed restrictions/architectural control	281.319.4263
Elm Grove Elementary School	281.641.1700
Elm Grove Pool	281.360.6968
Elm Grove Village Community Association (EGVCA)	281.360.2042 (answering machine)
Harris County Constable Pct. 4	281.376.3472
Kingwood Association Management (KAM)	281.359.1102
Kingwood Service Association (KSA)	281.359.1102
Poison Control Center	800.222.1222

Important monthly dates to remember:

- EGVCA Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday.
- The trash and yard trimmings are collected up every Tuesday.
- Collection days vary when a holiday occurs. To get a collection schedule, visit the City's website.
- Trash must be in City's container and yard trimmings must be in City approved biodegradable bags.
- The heavy trash (junk and limb debris alternate months) is picked up on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Call "311" if you do not get pick up by dark.

We are all looking forward to 2011.
HAPPY NEW YEAR