

Enchanted Valley Echo

Official Newsletter of the Enchanted Valley Subdivision

July 2018



JOIN THE CELEBRATION

4TH OF JULY IN ENCHANTED VALLEY

PARADE 10 AM THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD

VINTAGE CARS, FIRE TRUCKS, DECORATED BIKES,

WALKERS

HOT DOGS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

BOUNCE HOUSE

FREE SWIMMING

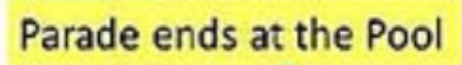
BINGO AND PRIZES



**Good Food, Good Friends,
Good Times!**



Enchanted Valley



Walkers join parade here

Parade starts here at Park 10am

IF YOU USUALLY PARK ON THE PARADE ROUTE, PLEASE HELP THE PARADE PARTICIPANTS BY MOVING YOUR VEHICLES OFF THE STREET AND INTO YOUR DRIVEWAY.

What's Going On Here?

DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS

Anyone who has lived in the South knows if you leave the garage door open, cat or dog food out, or don't secure the garbage can lid, you are inviting trouble from raccoons and possums (or, we say in Texas, 'possums').



According to the Dallas-Ft. Worth Wildlife Coalition, possums will eat practically any food source they can find and gain access to: fruits, snakes (possums are immune to all types of snake venom, except that of the coral snake),

insects, snails, slugs, eggs, mice, rats, fish, frogs, crayfish, and carrion. Accessibility to food is most often not a problem because of their anatomical makeup and feeding habits. Possums have poor eyesight, but a keen sense of smell and hearing. They are most active at night and move constantly in search of food. They are also equipped with sharp claws, which they use for digging, climbing and capturing prey. They have a long tail to aid them in climbing. This animal forages constantly because it has no food caches like squirrels, and it carries little stored body fat.

Any safe, dry place will work as shelter for an possum: a crevice, underbrush, or a hollow log; the space under a deck or outbuilding, or the occasional attic, if access is available. (Usually a squirrel or raccoon will do the access work!) Possums will pad any available shelter with leaves or grass carried in the tail or back paw.

If you have an possum around today, just be patient; he or she will move on shortly! The animals are nomadic creatures and are not "den" animals; they never stay long in one place. A female with young may stay in one place for longer periods if she is not disturbed and has an adequate sources of food and water. Periodically check several known possum "hides." They are rarely used more than a couple of nights in a row by the same animal (sometimes they are shared with a raccoon or two).



Raccoons can be just as destructive as possums. Urban areas, farms, and suburbs likewise make good homes for raccoons, who have adapted to city life by learning to scavenge from garbage cans, gardens, and crop fields. Wild raccoons typically nest in tree cavities, rock crevices, underground burrows, and the abandoned dens of other animals, such as muskrat lodges. In suburban areas, the animals have been known to seek the shelter of unoccupied buildings.

Yards containing easily accessible sources of food, such as outdoor pet food containers, vegetable gardens, unsecured trash bags/cans, and compost heaps, often attract raccoons into residential areas. Female raccoons, known as sows, may build nests in empty buildings, attics, garages, sheds, and chimneys to raise young kits during the spring. If a raccoon is fed or becomes comfortable living around humans, it may attempt bold moves such as entering homes through pet doors to raid kitchens for food.



In an effort to access the shelter of chimneys or attics, raccoons may damage wire coverings and even tear up roof tiles. Hungry raccoons are capable of opening fence latches and can find their way inside and destroy birds, nests, and eggs.

Possums and raccoons, in fact wild animals in general, carry diseases as well as being infested with fleas and mites. Feeding wildlife causes the animals to lose their fear of other animals and humans. When concentrated into a small feeding area, disease and parasites can be spread to people, pets and other wildlife that would otherwise never have come into contact with each other. Feeding also puts your neighbors and their pets at risk due to the wildlife's loss of fear. Feeding these animals is not an act of kindness.

ENCHANTED VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

DRAFT Minutes
June 4, 2018
Board Meeting

**MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN
APPROVED BY HOA**

The General Session of the Enchanted Valley Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was held on the above date at the Enchanted Valley Clubhouse located at 14910 Enchanted Valley Drive, Cypress, Texas, 77429.

Attending: Carolyn Maniscalco, Secretary
Cathey Spies, Director
Rick Nickerson, Director
Bill Loving, Director
Gene Tipps, Director
Tammie Norris, SCS Management Services, Inc.

Absent: Lloyd Coker, President and Treasurer
Krystal Robinson, Vice President

CALL TO ORDER

Director Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

GUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Shane Shoaf gave an update on pool area clean up and repairs, request for shelving in guard shack and new boards for bleachers. Clubhouse stove needs to be replaced and crawl space will be cleaned out.

Resident discussed owner operating handyman repair business from home. SCS will send details to the inspector.

Jeff Lee presented a security update reporting accident in neighborhood that damaged light pole and mailbox with police responding to driver suffering a medical emergency. Enforcing under age 17 curfew and increased police presence in community during school closed summer months. Monitoring report from SCS of suspicious activity in neighborhood as well as speeding and stop signs.

MINUTES

Director Maniscalco motioned to approve the May 7, 2018 minutes without correction. Director Spies seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhood Events Committee: July 4th parade and picnic details discussed (moonwalk water slide, cooling fans, parade with fire truck or ER vehicles, bingo food and drinks).

Landscaping Committee: Plants will be installed after entrance signs are complete. Look for option to secure solar lights if installed.

Pool Committee: Replace float lines.

Communications Committee: Large following on social media. SCS Go is the official website for HOA communications.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Norris presented the April Management Reports and a brief discussion followed.

RATIFY ACTION TAKEN OUTSIDE THE MEETING

No action was taken outside of meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Texas Red revised maintenance bid still pending. 2018 Swim Houston Contract with revised pool open hours needs to be signed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Monthly/weekly community game night or activities. Clubhouse stairs may not work for senior activities consider renovating space below clubhouse.

Tennis Court bids were presented and due to cost will be budgeted for review in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed Director Maniscalco motioned to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 8:50 pm. Director Loving seconded the motion. All were in favor.

HURRICANE SEASON NEWS AND ALERTS FOR ENCHANTED VALLEY

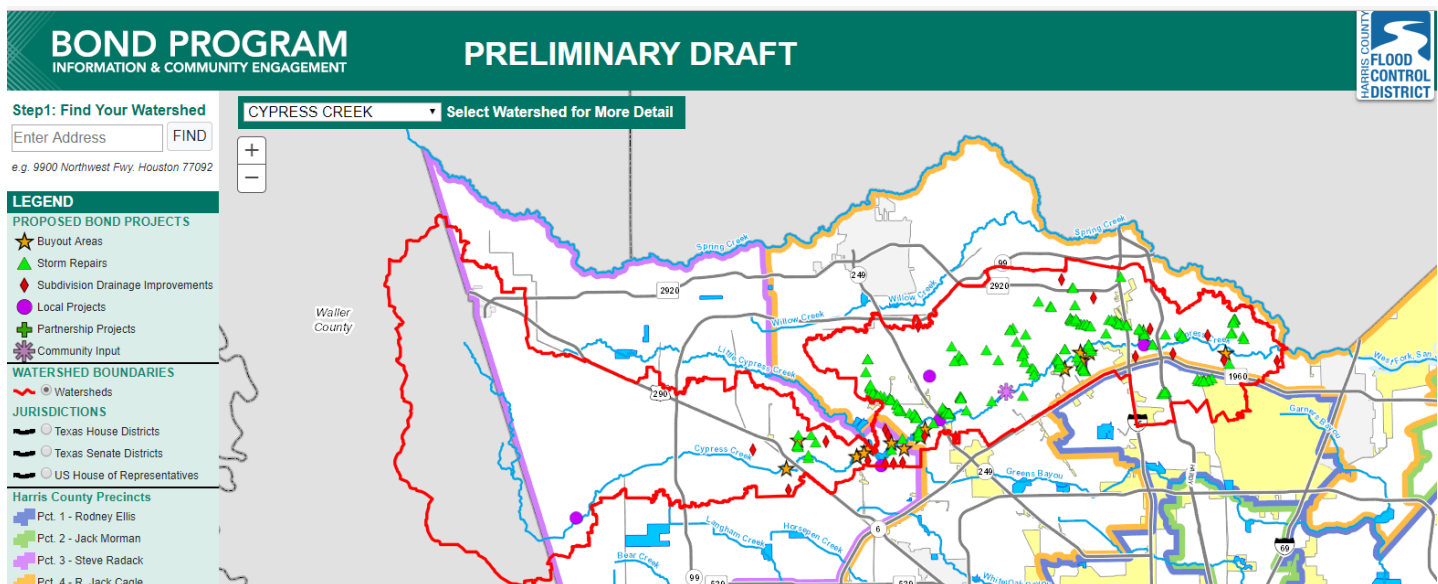
As many of you know there was a recent public meeting of the Harris County Flood Control District to discuss flooding in our area and particularly along the Cypress Creek watershed. The meeting was well attended with hundreds of residents showing up to voice their concerns.

Here are some links for more information:

<https://www.hcfcd.org/bond-program/community-engagement-meetings/>

<https://www.hcfcd.org/bond-program/frequently-asked-questions/>

What we can do now here in EV? We ask residents to tell their lawn service to refrain from blowing leaves and grass clippings into the storm sewers. This causes a major problem during hurricane season by clogging and slowing down the drainage system. Also place bagged grass clippings and trash bags on the edge of the lawn not in the street so rain runoff can flow into the storm drains. As a reminder, PUTTING ANYTHING BUT WATER DOWN STORM DRAINS IS ILLEGAL AND SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT BY LAW.



Monthly Meetings

Enchanted Valley HOA Meetings are held the first Monday of each month and begin at 7 pm with a general session. Visit www.enchantedvalley.org for a copy of the agenda. **There will be no July meeting. Join us on August 6th for the next HOA meeting at the clubhouse.**

All residents are welcome to attend the monthly EV HOA Board meetings. If you would like to address the board please contact SCS Management at (281) 463-1777 to be placed on the agenda.

The June meeting of the **Water Board** will be held on **July 10th** at 12911 Bonnywood Ln. The meeting begins at 7:15 pm and is open to EV residents.

WHO'S NEXTDOOR?

Neighborhood discussion groups and email threads are nothing new; but Nextdoor has become a go-to community network site, with groups for 85% of the neighborhoods in the U.S. Some etiquette provided by Lexi Pandell in "AARP The Magazine" June/July 2018 issue:

1. **DON'T USE NEXTDOOR AS AN OUTLET FOR POLITICAL RANTS.** Honestly, isn't that what the rest of the internet is for?
2. **DO USE YOUR REAL NAME.** No ridiculous screen names here. These are your neighbors you're talking to.
3. **DON'T PLAY DETECTIVE.** Use the site to chat about neighborhood safety concerns, sure. But always report criminal activity to the police first.
4. **DO POST REQUESTS FOR HELP.** Neighbors will help put up Christmas lights, set up computers, even rescue items from flooding basements.
5. **DON'T POST TIRADES ABOUT NEIGHBORS' HABITS.** You may not care for dog poop on your lawn or overflowing recycling bins, but you really should work it out in person.
6. **DO POST GOODS FOR SALE.** This is a common use of the site. Just make certain you list items in the For Sale or Free section. No one will think you're a spammer.

GET YOUR NEWS HERE!



Pick up your free copy at the Main Marquee on Enchanted Valley Drive

OR

Subscribe to have your monthly copy e-mailed directly to you in vibrant color!

OR

Visit the Enchanted Valley website:

www.enchantedvalley.org and read it online.

Got an idea for news story? Someone on your street you want to spotlight? Something going on that is newsworthy?

Contact Cathey at (832) 484-3681



Notice to all Enchanted Valley residents:

Nextdoor is a social networking app for neighborhood communities and our Enchanted Valley subdivision has a very strong following with the majority of our residents as members. We encourage everyone to join up here: <https://nextdoor.com/city/cypress--tx/> and use this app to share valuable local information about our neighborhood. As with many internet forums, it is mostly unregulated which encourages the free exchange of ideas and opinions, and is a great way to get important info out to the community quickly.

It is also important to note that Nextdoor is not affiliated with the Enchanted Valley HOA Board and that the Enchanted Valley HOA Board does not have an account on Nextdoor. Any information posted by residents currently serving as EV HOA board or committee members is their own personal views and opinions and not to be interpreted as an official EV HOA board position. You can find official EV HOA information and documentation from the links below.

SCS management association website:

<https://enchantedvalleycypress.nabrnetwork.com/home.php>

EV website: <http://www.enchantedvalley.org>

EV Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EnchantedValleyHOA>

Enchanted Valley HOA Board

EV BEAUTY

Laura Loving
EV Beautification Committee Chair

Crepe Myrtles – Pruning Controversy

According to “The Grumpy Gardner” (garden expert with Southern Living magazine) of drastically pruning crepe myrtles is a crime against horticulture called *crepe*



murder. His yearly articles rail against this practice declaring this act produces long, thin branches that become so heavy they droop to the ground and might snap in high winds. If drooping occurs, simply remove the blossoms from those branches and cut off the heavy seed pods. Then allow well-spaced shoots to grow upright and they will in turn become strong main trunks which produce a beautiful bark as the tree matures.

Laura's Landscape

'Bells of Fire' Tecoma

This drought tolerant, compact shrub grows well in full to partial sun and well-drained soil (including a clay mix) --reaching 3 to 5 feet tall and wide. This vibrant plant grows well in the ground or large container, producing colorful blooms that vary from red-orange to blush pink. Prune any time the blossoming stops.



YARD OF MONTH

Congratulations to the Howard Harris family. The home is located at 14634 Honeycomb Ln - a street which did not fare well during the flooding, following Hurricane Harvey.



Beautiful yard, Harris family!

Great to have homes (and yards) brought back to life in our community – one day at a time.



Enchanted Valley 2018 Board and Committee Heads

President / Treasurer.....Lloyd Coker
Vice President..... Krystal Robinson
Secretary..... Carolyn Maniscalco

Directors

Gene TipsBill Loving
Cathey Spies Rick Nickerson

Committees

Community Center RentalCarolyn Maniscalco
14910 Enchanted Valley Drive
Beautification Laura Loving
Communications..... Rick Nickerson
Newsletter; Marquee Cathey Spies
Website; Social Media.....Heidi Steinhagen
Pool Krystal Robinson
Security Krystal Robinson

Water Board Members

President Ken Atchison
Vice President Carl Linseisen
Secretary..... Keith Armstrong
Asst. Secretary Carolyn Maniscalco
Director Darren Hoyland

Marlins Swim Team

<https://enchantedvalley.swimtopia.com/links>
..... Shane Shoaf

Enchanted Valley Estates

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Deed Violation Summary June 2018

Architectural Control Violations	0
Clean Up Requests	36
Lawn Maintenance	34
Repair Requests	22
Vehicle Violations	34
Misc.	6
	132

If you receive a violation letter contact SCS
Management

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency

Constable, Precinct 4 281-376-3472
Sheriff Dispatch (non-emergency)..... 713-221-6000
Poison Control 1-800-764-7661
Fire Department Station 3 281-550-6663

Utilities

CenterPoint Energy—Gas
Customer Service (report a leak). 713-659-2111
CenterPoint Energy—Electricity
Customer Service (Outage or line down)..... 713-207-2222
WCA Garbage Service..... 281-368-8397
Water District #113
Billing & Water Leaks 281-367-5511

Harris County

Animal Control (dogs & cats)..... 281-999-3191
Wildlife Removal Service. (fee based) 281-292-8866
Health Department 281-439-6000

Post Office

Cypress 281-373-0279
Ace Hardware—Jones Road..... 281-469-8020

Library

NW Harris County 281-370-2665
LSC—Cy-Fair..... 281-890-2665

Schools

Millsap Elementary 281-897-4470
Arnold Middle School..... 281-897-4700
Hamilton Middle School 281-320-7000
Cy-Fair Sr. High 281-897-4600

My Contact Numbers

Mom.....

Dad

Neighbor:



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JULY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO HOA MEETING IN JULY	3	4 	5 National Apple Turnover Day	6 National Fried Chicken Day	7 National Chocolate Day
8	9	10 Water Board Meeting	11	12	13 Friday the 13th	14
15 National Ice Cream Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Parent's Day	23	24 Tell an Old Joke Day	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Mutt's Day				



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