



IDYLWOOD NEWS

March 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❑ **Curbside Recycling:** Mondays, Mar 8th & 22nd 
- ❑ **Heavy Trash:** Mar 8th – “tree” pickup
- ❑ **Civic Club Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Mar 16th (Tue.)
- ❑ **Board of Directors Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Mar 16th (Tue)
- ❑ **Super Neighborhood:** 6:30 p.m. Mar 9th (Tue.)
- ❑ **Positive Interaction Program (P.I.P.):** 6:30 p.m. Mar 22nd **Eastside Substation, 7525 Sherman (3rd Mon)**

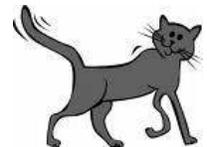
- ❑ **Garden Club:** 10 a.m. Mar 6th (Sat.)
- ❑ **Newsletter Deadline** – Mar 19th - If you would like to submit an article just call (713) 775-1443 or email wendy@thehoustonrealtor.com
- ❑ **Rodeo:** Mar 2nd – 21st
- ❑ **St. Patrick’s Day:** Mar 17th
- ❑ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS begins March 14th**
- ❑ **Spring Begins:** Mar 20th
- ❑ **Census Mailout:** Mar 15th – 17th

Garden Club News

Our frozen and bare gardens look forward to warming temperatures and rebirth. To help with replacement of gaps created by tender plants that were killed by freezing temperatures, Louis Mickler of the Master Gardener Speakers' Bureau will present on "Plant Propagation" at our March meeting. Mr. Mickler's presentation will include identification of the best method for each plant (seeds, cuttings, etc.), the steps to ensure success, and demonstrations of the techniques. The March meeting will be held in 2 weeks, on Saturday, March 6th and 10:00 a.m. in the home of Rose Truex (6657 Sylvan). Interestingly, Mr. Mickler has a tie to Sylvan: his wife grew up on that street! Come learn how to successfully share "pass-along" plants with your neighbors!

Community Unowned Cat TNR (trap/neuter/release) Program Is Returning To Your Area Monday, March 29 2010

*THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
5700 Lawndale and Jocelyn 77023
7:30 a.m. check in time*



The City of Houston's Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) in partnership with the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) and CAP's Feral Cat Assistance Program (FCAP) is pleased to provide FREE spays and neuters and rabies vaccinations for feral and free roaming cats in your community. All cats spayed or neutered will also have their ear notched to identify them as neutered.

On March 29 SNAP will have its Mobile Clinic at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 5700 Lawndale to spay or neuter up to 40 cats that day. Humane feral traps will be provided in advance to one central location in your neighborhood. It is recommended you try to trap 48 hours in advance of the Mobile Clinic's arrival on March 29. All cats must be held overnight after surgery and can be released where trapped the next day.

Some interesting information about fertile cats: One fertile female cat will have 3 litters a year of approximately 4 kittens per litter. 4 month old kittens can go into heat and get pregnant. The term of pregnancy is 2 months. Studies show that by spaying or neutering unowned cats the population of cats decreases over time.

We hope many of you will participate. If you have questions regarding how to trap please contact Cindy Shaw at (601) 214-5131 or Susan Stevenson at (832) 455-4204. If you have questions about the Mobile Clinic spay neuter operation, please contact Susan Lamb at (713) 661-3565.

Editor Note: Be careful not to catch your neighbors cat. If kitty has a collar, let it go. If it has already had it's ear clipped, then SNAP has already taken care of this kitty.



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Bayou City Arts Festival: Mar 26th – 28th, Memorial Park, 10am-6pm daily www.bayoucityartfestival.com

Census 2010 “We Can’t Move Forward Until You Mail it Back”

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

Participation isn't just important—it's mandatory.

Only 10 Questions:

- 1) How many people are living or staying in the house as of April 1, 2010? Question used to get an accurate count of number of people in household and to contact individuals whose forms are incomplete.
- 2) Where there any additional people staying there as of April 1, 2010 that were not included above? Asked since 1880, this question covers anyone who may have been excluded above.
- 3) Is this a house, apartment, mobile home...? Asked since 1890, this question is an indicator of homeownership as it relates to nation's economy. Used to administer housing programs and inform planning decisions.
- 4) What is your telephone number? In case they need to contact you if a form is incomplete.
- 5) List information for each person living in home. This is also used to contact any individuals and to make sure no one was left out. Federal law protects the confidentiality of personal information.
- 6) What is person 1's sex? Asked since 1790, also used for determining federal programs based on sex such as laws promoting equal opportunity employment.
- 7) What is person 1's age and date of birth? Asked since 1880, (for example) needed to interpret number of people eligible for SS or Medicare benefits.
- 8) Is person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin? Needed to administer compliance with anti-discrimination provisions such as under the Voting Rights Act and Civil Rights Act. Also used to plan and administer bilingual programs.
- 9) What is person 1's race? Asked since 1790, in addition to the above in question 8, this is used to determine congressional, state and local voting districts. Also used to assess fairness of employment practices, to monitor racial disparities in characteristics such as health and education and to plan and obtain funds for public services.
- 10) Does person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else? Also asked to ensure response accuracy.

That's it!

Job Opportunity – pays \$17.75 an hour, up to 40 hours per week. 18+ years old. No requirements, just take a test. Testing at St. Austin Center Tuesdays 1pm and Fridays at 10am. 2 month job. www.census.gov
www.2010censusjobs.gov 1-866-861-2010



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Census 2010 (continued from previous page)

We depend on your cooperation and trust, and promise to protect the confidentiality of your information. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections.

* Private information is never published

It is against the law to disclose or publish any of the following information:

- Names
- Addresses including GPS coordinates
- Social Security numbers
- Telephone numbers

We Collect Information to Produce Statistics

We use your information to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

Sworn for Life to Protect Your Confidentiality

All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data.

Violating the Oath Is a Serious Crime

The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

Schedule for Census 2010:

- Announcement Letter: March 8th - March 10th
- Initial mail out of form: March 15th - 17th
- Replacement Questionnaire mailed: April 1st - April 10th
- Reminder Postcard mailed: April 22nd - April 24th
- In-home follow up to non-responders: May 1st - July 10th

Proposed Amendment To The Idylwood Civic Club By-laws

BACKGROUND: Article V – Elections: Section 3 of the by-laws of the Idylwood Civic Club allows the by-laws to be amended in the follow manner:

"These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the regular meeting one (1) month previous to the regular meeting of the Club at which it is to be voted upon."

CURRENT WORDING:

Article V - Elections: Section 3: Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the regular July Club meeting (i.e., one (1) month prior to the annual meeting) as well as at the August annual meeting.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Article V - Elections: Section 3: Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the regular July Club meeting (i.e., one (1) month prior to the annual meeting) The following portion will be struck from the wording "**as well as at the August annual meeting.**"

Editor note: this is essentially a house keeping change that was overlooked that last time the by-laws were updated. You will still be able to nominate on election evening prior to the counting of votes but the ballot will no longer need to be retyped to add in the late nomination.

County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, March 4th 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at North East Community Center, 10918 ½ Bentley St., Houston 77093 (713) 924-3975

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Idylwood Civic Club

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Or HPD non-emergency (713) 884-3131
Officer Trejo (713) 928-4631

Animal Control:
(713) 229-7300

Idylwood Crimes Reported	06'	07'	08'	09'	10'
Theft (home or auto)	3	2	4	18	2
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0	0
Burglary (home or auto)	23	12	16	6	1
Narcotic Drug Laws	NA	NA	1	1	0
Robbery	2	0	1	3	0

Idylwood	1	50%	Meadowlawn	2	47%
Fairfield	3	46%	Sylvan	4	40%
Lindy	5	39%	MacGregor	6	35%
Wildwood	6	35%	Rockbridge	7	30%
Merry	7	30%	Park	8	17%
Lawndale	9	0%			

Meadowlawn gains on 1st place

Thanks to those who have contributed the voluntary \$20 dues since last month. Idylwood's 2009-2010 year started in August, so voluntary dues of \$20 are now due. Above shows the ranking of which street has the most households making their annual contribution. If you want to pay above the \$20 amount you can designate the remainder to be credited to another household who regularly doesn't pay (this could increase your street ranking), you can put it towards your favorite pet project in Idylwood or you can just tell them to put it towards greatest need. Fortunately about half the people paying dues pay over the requested amount. You can make your check payable to Idylwood Civic Club and drop it in the mail to the address to your left, give it to a BOD member or bring it to the next civic club meeting.

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