

## NPOA Board of Directors 2008

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# Pool Research Teams

## Pool Meeting, February 16, 3:00pm

At 3:00pm on Saturday, February 16, a group of concerned homeowners met to discuss how to resolve the challenges surrounding the community pool. The purpose of the meeting was not to make a decision, but to ensure everyone had an opportunity to be heard, and to learn more about the various options. Concerns include difficulties finding dependable lifeguards, safety concerns due to local crime, decreased usage, and increasing costs. However, some people would still like to explore how to resolve these concerns and still keep the pool open.

## Teams to Research and Report

So the Board has appointed three teams to gather hard data and develop professional proposals for that will resolve these concerns. Two teams will focus on (a) keeping the open with lifeguards and (b) keeping the pool open with a “swim at your own risk” policy. One team will focus on (c) closing the pool and re-landscaping the park area. A third team will gather cost data for these three options.

## Talk to Your District Representative

The teams plan to work through the month of March with a target of presenting written report to the Board by April 1, so the Board can decide on a next step at the April 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

If you can help in this effort, or if you simply want your opinion to be heard be sure to speak to your District Representative!

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<http://www.northbrookPOA.com>

Northbrook Property Owners Association

# Northbrook News

March 2008

## Youth Club

By Victoria Linares

When I was first asked to chair a Youth Club in our subdivision, I had no idea what to do. But after my daughter and I started brainstorming, we got very excited about the long-term and short-term benefits of getting all our young people together. I am sure once they get together, they will generate more ideas and put them in practice. Here are just a few ideas from my daughter, Aida, myself, and other neighbors.

### Short Term Benefits

- ◆ **New Friends:** Our teenagers can meet and share common interests and make new friends that could become long-term friendships.
- ◆ **Tutoring:** They can help each other with school projects, homework, ideas. How would you like to have some peer tutoring within our community? All our kids have problems with some subjects and some are strong in those subjects. And parents, it will be free. Some adults could also help us.
- ◆ **Summer Fun Activities:** We can create fun activities for the summer months to keep our young people doing something constructive rather than watching television, playing video games, or simply getting in trouble.

- ◆ **Take The Lead:** Teenagers may surprise adults with their GOOD, fresh, and simple ideas. They can become an integral part of our community by getting involved in projects, needs, and solutions.

### Long Term Benefits

- ◆ **Babysitters:** As some families are having babies, we could establish a pool of reliable, known, and trustworthy baby sitters. Some teens Surely our teenagers will not say no to money while at the same time helping their neighbors and playing with these adorable babies/toddlers.
- ◆ **Community Service Hours for School:** Schools require community service hours to graduate from High School. Many senior citizens can use some help. And there are always clean up and beautification projects to keep Northbrook beautiful.

### Get In Touch

Please email me at [youthclub@NorthbrookPOA.com](mailto:youthclub@NorthbrookPOA.com) with your ideas/comments. If you have a teenager at home, come with him/her attend to **our next meeting on March 9 at 3:00 p.m.** My daughter, Aida, and I will be looking forward to meeting you and your family. Together we can make this fun, creative, and meaningful for all who want to make a positive difference.

# The Monthly Meeting

## Membership Meeting

Did you ever wish these meetings did not drag out for so long? It's not easy to allow everyone to have input and still get decisions made. The first 45 min. will present an overview of reports and topics for discussion, and provide time for you to give input to District Rep. Then the round-about conversations will finish, and the board will focus only on making decisions on motions and action steps presented.

**So - Here's the message!** – *don't wait for the meeting to talk to your District Rep!*

## Feb. 19 NPOA Board Meeting

Key motions included:

- ◆ **Committees:** Help is needed with Greenways & Clubhouse. If no one steps up, these needs may go unmet.
- ◆ **Hospitality:** Shirley York and Sue Maguire offered to help with NPOA Hospitality. *Thank you, thank you!*
- ◆ **Grants:** Ms. Gauna offered to research & write grants for to raise funds for NPOA security. *What a blessing!*
- ◆ **Clubhouse Noise Control:** A motion was passed to include a noise control clause in the clubhouse contract. *We're all glad to hear that!* Funds were also approved for clubhouse repairs.
- ◆ **Trash Concerns:** Many concerns were expressed about unsightly trashcans. Please invest a few dollars in good quality cans with attached lids. We don't want our cans to look like part of the garbage!

- ◆ Financial Report: 66% of assessments have been paid, average for this time of year.
- ◆ For a full report of the minutes and the financial report, visit the NPOA website.

## Treasurer's Note

*By Ellen Ignatow*

If you have not paid your 2008 Homeowner Assessment, you are now overdue and being charged interest on your assessment. If you pay in March, the amount will be \$510.00 for the Assessment plus \$12.75 interest for a total of \$522.75. Payments should be sent to Northbrook POA, PO Box 35214, Houston, TX 77235-5214.

These assessments are necessary for Northbrook to pay all of the necessities that make Northbrook a pleasant neighborhood.

## COPS Program

The **Citizens On Patrol** program needs your help. This COPS program is being conducted by a group of private NPOA homeowners, in conjunction with the Houston Police department, who remind us that the more we can show a presence with the patrol, the more we can inhibit crime in our neighborhood. A small investment of an hour a two a week by each of us can produce big dividends in safety and peace of mind for all. Don't wait until you are victimized before you join your friends and neighbors to make a difference. Contact Shelly Isman (713-270-8811).

# Neighborhood Shout Out!



**Through Rain or Sleet  
– or snow?**

*By Shelly Isman*

He is in our neighborhood 6 days a week. He walks everywhere and never complains. He knows all of our names and keeps them confidential. He knows our dog's names and has taken a stray cat or two home. He wears blue except on a rainy day when you may see him in yellow.

Who is he? If you don't know by now, meet Rodney Watson, our mail carrier for the past 4½ years. While he may live in Missouri City, he spends a good part of his day patrolling our streets. He keeps his eyes out for any suspicious activity and was involved in notifying the police on a couple of occasions.

Introduce yourself to him the next time you see him. Say hello and thanks. N.P.O.A. is happy to say he is part of our community.

**Please send us your stories. We would love to write about people in our neighborhood who are setting a good example for us all.**



**Rodney Watson with Leeloo,  
and your mail!**

## Spring Yard Cleaning

It is spring and the trees and bushes are growing. NPOA maintains our greenways but each homeowner must maintain the vegetation on his or her property.

If you have a tree or bush hanging over a sidewalk it must be cut back to a minimum height of 8 feet. If you have a tree hanging over a street it must be cut back to a minimum height of 13 feet.