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## 2012 SUBDIVISION UP-DATE

We made it thru August, the hottest month of the year!

You may have noticed the parking lot at the park has been striped and a handicap parking space has been added. Some Homeowners have asked "Why isn't the area near the Bayou striped?" The reason is, the land does not belong to Clayton, it belongs to the Harris County.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are reviewing the tennis court and pool area for repairs. We have replaced one of the damaged tennis court nets and completed minor repairs to the other

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### FALL FESTIVAL

Your Clayton HOA board members have been hard at work preparing for the neighborhood-wide Fall Festival. **Please Note**, the date has been changed to October 27, from 2 - 5 p.m.

There will be drawings for door prizes, including an autographed Rockets poster and a Dynamo prize pack. We will bob for apples, toss bean bags and attempt to knock over cans – good clean family fun! The board is providing BBQ plates and a moonwalk for the kids. Come out, enjoy the fall weather and get to know your neighbors.

More details to come!



Queen's Tears

### Meet The 2012

#### Clayton HOA Board

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Donna Kinerd

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### CRIME WATCH MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Crimes in the Clayton Subdivision, that are reported to the Harris County Sheriff's Department can be found at [www.CrimeReports.Com](http://www.CrimeReports.Com). Daily email alerts can be set-up.

We are happy to report that for the period between July 22nd to August 24th, there were no crimes reported to the Sheriff's Department according to [www.CrimeReports.Com](http://www.CrimeReports.Com).

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### School Starts August 27th

Drive Slow & Keep Our Children Safe!  
back to school  
August 27th, 2012

Clayton Children attend school in Alief ISD. See the Clayton website for details [http://claytonhoa.com/?page\\_id=107](http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=107)

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### Professionally Managed by:

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two.

The President of Greater Mission Bend Area Council, Mike Martin stopped by our monthly meeting that was held on July 26th to present plans for a proposed Municipal Management District (MMD) that would include Clayton, due to the crime and declining property values in our area.

It would be created under Chapter 375, Texas Local Government Code. MMDs are commonly called an "Improvement District" but not a Public Improvement District which is created under Chapter 372, of the Texas Local Government Code. The purpose of this is to create a "city" here in Mission Bend (including Clayton).

The board is neither for or against this measure but suggests that all Clayton Homeowners educate themselves by researching MMD's. Pending legislative approval, this may become a part of a future ballot. We will keep you posted of any updates regarding this matter that are passed on to board. If you have questions you would like to have answered please email them to the board at [ClaytonBoard@Claytonhoa.com](mailto:ClaytonBoard@Claytonhoa.com).

Your attendance at our monthly HOA meetings is welcomed. Our meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the club house located at 6945 Addicks Clodine.

For a map and additional information please visit [http://claytonhoa.com/?page\\_id=576](http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=576)

Looking forward to Fall!

Clayton Board of Directors

[http://claytonhoa.com/?page\\_id=29](http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=29)

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

A small portable device used on somebody who has suffered a heart attack to restore a regular heartbeat.

Most office buildings, restaurants, and malls have AED machines. This is a great video on how to use an AED and could save a life. <http://www.heartrescuenow.com/>

Click on all the options, & turn on the sound.



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Reminder: the **first day of school** for Alief ISD is August 27. There are always lots of walkers in our neighborhood. Be aware of children coming to and from school, especially at intersections further into the neighborhood without a crossing guard.

As school gets into full swing the kids will be bringing home lots of **paper work for parents** to fill out. Getting these forms completed properly and returning them to school in a timely manner helps the staff better meet the needs of both student and parent.

One of the first campaigns of the new school year is the drive to **collect Box Tops for Education**. Box tops are found on a variety of grocery items most households regularly purchase. The schools collect these box tops and exchange them for a cash donation from program sponsors. Box tops are on products year round but in the weeks leading up to the beginning of school many products offer double or triple box tops per product. Many families keep a jar in the kitchen and collect the box tops throughout the year. Box tops for Education are a simple way to help your child's school earn extra cash.

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**Clayton would like to recognize the student athletes in our community.** If you would like your athlete to be included the parent or guardian must send an email that contains the pertinent information and authorization for publication as indicated below.

Please send an email to [ClaytonBoard@claytonhoa.com](mailto:ClaytonBoard@claytonhoa.com) to be featured in an upcoming issue. Include the athlete's name, grade, school, sport, position, years playing this sport. You may also include a picture of the athlete in his/her uniform if you would like it to be included in the newsletter. Your email **must** contain a phone number and address (for verification purposes) **and** the following statement for the information to be published:

I, {your name} am the parent/guardian of {student athlete} and am a resident of Clayton. I give permission to publish the information provided by me in this email, including photograph(s), in the Clayton Communicator and/or on [www.claytonhoa.com](http://www.claytonhoa.com)

**Honor roll students** will be featured after the first 9 weeks report cards go out.

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**Congratulations** to former Clayton resident and Hastings High School graduate, **Donaldson Betts**, on his acceptance to

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But, just outside of our subdivision a motor bike was taken at gun point on Green Crest between West Park and Richmond. An attempted break-in happened in the same area while a Mother and small child were at home. A business located at West Park and Addicks Clodine was held up at gun point.

A large dead animal was dumped in the middle of Green Crest near the bridge. If you have any information about who dumped the dead animal please contact the Sheriff's Department.

A very responsible Clayton Resident buried the dead animal beside the Bayou.

**Call 911 if you see or suspect any kind of criminal activity. For non-emergencies call 713-221-6000.**

**After making a report to the Sheriff's Department**, please send an email to [CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com](mailto:CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com).

Donna Kinerd, Clayton Board Member, is the Crime Watch Coordinator for Clayton and is working with Crime Watch Coordinators in other area subdivisions to help the Sheriff's Department take criminals off the street.

Area Crime Watch Coordinators share information in an effort to catch the criminals that go from one subdivision to another committing crimes.

By working together we can make a difference. If you are interested in becoming a Crime Watch Volunteer in our subdivision please contact Donna Kinerd at:

[CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com](mailto:CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com)

If you would like to **just be added** to the Clayton Crime Watch list and be notified by email about criminal activity in our subdivision, please send an email to [Crime-Watch@Claytonhoa.com](mailto:Crime-Watch@Claytonhoa.com).

### Wet Phone? How To Dry Out Your Phone and Waterproof It

We humans can't get enough water during the summer, but for our gadgets, on the other hand, there may not be a bigger enemy. <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wet-phone-dry-phone-waterproof/story?>

## Useful Resources

### 911 Emergency

713-221-6000 Non-Emergency

For a more detailed list see:

[http://claytonhoa.com/?page\\_id=43](http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=43)



### Heat Related Precautions

School is about to start and many of our young athletes and band members have already been practicing for weeks in this heat. Although the school takes precautions to prevent the students from becoming ill, most of the responsibility falls to the student and their parents. Below are UIL recommendations for hydration provided to students. Parents, make sure your kids have plenty of water and know when to take a break.

- \* Avoid all beverages with caffeine, alcohol and carbonation.
- \* Do drink water or a sports drink with 6-8% carbohydrate (CHO) concentrations. (example: Gatorade or Powerade)
- \* Drink before, during and after practices and games.
- \* Start with 17 – 20 ounces of water or sports drink 2 – 3 hours *before* exercise.
- \* Drink another 7 – 10 ounces 10 – 20 minutes before starting.
- \* Drink early – by the time you're thirsty you are already dehydrated.

You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives. ~Clay P. Bedford



### Voting Information

If you want to vote in the November election, time is running out to register. The last day to register to vote in the presidential election is Tuesday, October, 9, 2012. Voter registration applications can be found at <http://www.tax.co.harris.tx.us/voter/acquirevoterapp.aspx> in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese. You can print it out and mail it in or you can call the tax office and they will mail you a form. The completed application must be mailed to:

Don Summers  
Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar  
P.O. Box 3527  
Houston, TX 77253-3527

You may also walk into any of the 15 area Harris County Tax Offices and register in person. Call 713-368-VOTE (8683) with any questions.

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the UT School of Nursing. Mr. Betts is the son of Donny and Valerie Betts who have lived in Clayton for more than 22 years.

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The following **resources** are available to assist students with **immunizations, school supplies, and uniforms.**

Alief ISD students should contact their school counselor to receive a **voucher for school supplies and/or uniforms** from the Alief ISD Uniform Pantry. The uniform pantry is located in the portable building next to Alief ISD Natatorium. Fort Bend ISD students should contact their school nurse to see if their campus has school supplies or to receive a referral to Fort Bend ISD Shared Dreams for clothing or school supplies. Shared Dreams is located at 1555 Independence Blvd, Missouri City, Texas 77489.

**School Supplies** distribution on September 10, 2012.

Alief YMCA  
7850 Howell Sugar Land Road  
Houston, TX 77083  
Hours: 5am-9pm  
281-495-9100

**Free Vaccinations** on September 5, 2012

Care Van  
Infants to 18 years old  
Grace United Church of Christ  
(Across from Alexander Elementary)  
8515 Brookwulf Dr.  
4:00pm- 6:30pm

Parents/Guardian must be with child and must **bring child's shot record.**

**Free Vaccinations** on September 19, 2012

Care Van will be at:  
House of Amos  
8030 Boone Road  
(between Beechnut and Bellaire Blvd)  
Houston, Texas, 77072  
Tel: 281-495-9061

Parents/Guardian must be with child and must **bring child's shot record.**



## Classified Ads

The ads placed in this section are placed by Clayton Residents and The Clayton Home Owners Association is not responsible for the content or the service or product advertised.

### Services

#### Baby Sitting

NEED SOME "ME TIME" FOR THAT MANI/PEDI? OR DATE NIGHT WITH YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE? EXPERIENCED TEENAGE BABY SITTER AVAILABLE.

30 MINS - 5 HRS. \$10/HR. CALL BRENDA JONES AT 713-894-9333.

#### Dog Walking /Sitting

THAT CUTE PUPPY ISN'T SO CUTE WHEN HE IS CHEWING UP YOUR SHOES. REGULAR EXERCISE IS ESSENTIAL. CALL THE DOG WALKER. 20 MIN WALKS, 4 TIMES PER WEEK. CALL ARIANA AT 281-748-0305. DOG SITTING

### For Sale

#### House & Furniture For Sale

\*BF/Dinning table with Custom Glass top-Solid wood \$250.00 / OBO

\*1920's **Antique** Solid wood headboard/footboard/rails \$350.00 OBO

\* **Miscellaneous** Items

\* **House** - 4 bedroom /2 1/2 bath ~2,463 SF, corner lot. \$109,999.00

For pictures & additional information.

[covergirlh@yahoo.com](mailto:covergirlh@yahoo.com).



Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished. If you're alive, it isn't.

~Richard Bach