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2012 SUBDIVISION UP-DATE

The second half of 2012 is fast approaching and we got here fast!

The Clayton Board Members continue to donate their personal time to maintaining and improving the subdivision so that Clayton will be a place we are all proud to call home. The association expenses and dues collections are closely monitored so that Clayton will continue to be financially stable. Please see www.Claytonhoa.com for our financial reports.

The parking lot at the subdivision park was recently resurfaced. The cost of this project was shared with our Water District. We are happy to report that MUD#120 paid for approximately 90% of it. CHOA is working to have the area restriped completing the project.

This was the first time since the subdivision was built over 30 years ago that the parking lot has been resurfaced.

The subdivision pool opened Memorial Day Weekend.

Since school is now out for the summer our children will have a place to stay cool and at the same time get some exercise. Please see www.Claytonhoa.com for pool rules and other information about the pool.



Queen's Tears

Newsletter

Would you like to be on the Newsletter Committee?

We need and want your input!

Contact Us At:

ClaytonBoard@Claytonhoa.com

CRIME WATCH-MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Crime continues to be the number one concern in most subdivisions including ours. Crimes in the Clayton Subdivision, that are reported to the Harris County Sheriff's Department, can be found at www.CrimeReports.Com. Daily email alerts can be set -up.

Five crimes were reported to the Sheriff's Department during the month of May, 2012. None of the crimes

involved homes being broken into or cars being stolen. Fewer crimes were reported in Clayton for the month of May than is normal and compared to surrounding subdivisions.

If you see or suspect criminal activity call the Harris County Sheriff's Department immediately at 911 for emergencies or 713-221-6000 for non-emergencies.

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After making a report to the Sheriff's Department, please send an email to 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 such as the description of a person or vehicle so that citizens and subdivision patrol officers can be on the look out for suspicious individuals who go from subdivision to subdivision committing crimes.

More eyes, ears and typing fingers are needed in our subdivision to communicate suspicious activity. If you are interested in becoming a Crime Watch Volunteer in our subdivision please contact Donna Kinerd at CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com

If you would like to be added to the Clayton Crime Watch list and be notified by email about criminal activity in our subdivision please send an email to CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com.

It is extremely important to report all suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department. Only after contacting the Sheriff's Department do you report it to anyone else.

Just because the numbers look a little better for the month of May doesn't mean that we can let our guard down.

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Area Up-Date

A major renovation is going on at West Oaks Mall.

Golden Corral is put in a new location near the new What-a-Burger.

There is going to be a Dollar Store at Addicks Clodine and West Park.

See http://gmbac.com/?page_id=633

Conserve water with rain barrels



In 2011, Texas endured the worst one-year drought in its history. Suddenly, individuals who had never been very concerned with conservation were directly impacted as cities and MUDs enforced water restrictions. To make matters worse, according to an article in the Houston Chronicle, climate experts from Columbia University predict continuing and intensifying drought conditions. What does that mean for local homeowners besides higher water bills and renewed restrictions? It means water conservation is more important than ever. One easy way to get involved is by purchasing or making your own rain barrel.

WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL? A rain barrel is a container that collects and stores rainwater from downspouts and rooftops for future use watering lawns and gardens.

During the summer months it is estimated that nearly 40 percent of household water is used for lawn and garden maintenance. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for those times that you need it most — during the dry summer months. Using rain barrels potentially helps homeowners lower water bills, while also improving the vitality of plants, flowers, trees, and lawns.

Rain is naturally soft and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other harmful chemicals. The chemicals and hard water from many of our municipal water systems can add to chemical imbalances in soil and damage sensitive plants. Water collected from the roofs of houses picks up very little contamination, and is very healthy for plant life.¹

A quick search of the internet will lead the do-it-yourselfer to various designs for building a rain barrel or to multiple websites where they can be purchased. Most barrels are designed with screens to keep out debris and insects and hold from 40 – 100 gallons of water. Regardless of where you get your rain barrel or which design you choose, it is certain to have a positive impact on both your lawn and your pocket book.

<http://www.marc.org/environment/water/rainbarrels.htm>.

See http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=56 for guidelines for rainwater recovery systems.

Randy Lemmon's Lawn Fertilization Schedule

For southern grasses including: St. Augustine, Bermuda and Zoysia.

FERTILIZE - four times a year: Late June- Early July. Apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. (recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, 15-5-10.)

For complete lawn care details, visit

<http://www.randylemmon.com/lawns/fertilize.html>.

Indoor Activities for Kids – besides TV

Homemade Play Doh

- 1/2 cup flour
 - 1/4 cup salt
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 tablespoon oil
 - 1/2 tsp cream of tartar
- a few drops of food coloring

Mix all but the last ingredient in a small saucepan. Cook over a very low heat until it turns into a dough (it'll take just a few minutes). Knead the dough on a floured surface until cool enough for kids to touch. Separate the dough into as many colors as you want to make. Put just a few drops of coloring in each ball and knead until evenly mixed.

<http://simplemom.net/20-indoor-activities-for-kids-besides-tv/>



Summertime should be a time of fun and making happy memories. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following safety instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus/summer.shtm>

"The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but he didn't hear the referee".

H. E. Jansen

Useful Resources

911 Emergency

713-221-6000 Non-Emergency

For a more detailed list see:

http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=43



The Houston Museum of Natural Science

Fascinating, Family-Friendly Exhibitions
Conveniently located within sight of Highway 59, the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land offers fascinating science exhibitions sure to appeal to all ages.

<http://www.hmns.org/index.php?>

[option=com_content&view=article&id=13&Itemid=13](http://www.hmns.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13&Itemid=13)

If the family were a boat, it would be a canoe that makes no progress unless everyone paddles.

LETTY COTTIN POGREBIN,
Family and Politics



Classified Section

The ad's 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 ALSO AVAILABLE.

Yard Mowing

Miscellaneous

Barter

Will trade rooted miscellaneous plants for Hibiscus Bush Cuttings. Also interested in other plants, cuttings or seeds.

DonnaKinerd@sbcglobal.net

For Sale or Wanted

Garage Sales -Two per year

Wanted

For Sale