

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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- **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** – Board Meeting at the Clubhouse at 7:00pm.
- **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meet the Candidates Evening Social at the Clubhouse 7:00 to 9:00pm
- **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** – Meet the Candidates Coffee at the Clubhouse 10:00am to 12 noon.
- **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** – ANNUAL MEETING in the Clubhouse, Registration from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Meeting begins promptly at 8:00pm.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

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The 2004 Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the Clubhouse. Registration will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm with the meeting beginning at 8:00pm promptly. Registration will take place at the fireplace wall to avoid congestion at the entrance. All homeowners must sign in to get their proxy/ballot validated. Detailed rules on registration and the new voting process can be found in the letter of December 11, 2003, or may be read on the Clubhouse bulletin board. An additional copy may be obtained from the office.

Each ballot is unique and cannot be copied or duplicated. If your ballot is misplaced, no provisions have been allowed to reproduce the ballot and therefore you will not be able to vote.

Please remember that in order to cast a ballot, your maintenance fees, water and 2002-2003 insurance premiums must be current. Payments must be received in the office by 4:30pm on Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please drop your ballot in the locked box in the office prior to 4:30pm Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. You may also give your vote to a neighbor. Please have additional ballots in alphabetical order to expedite check-in. Your vote is important, please exercise your right to cast your ballot.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Please join your neighbors and the three declared candidates for the open board positions at one or both of the coffees listed above. Wonder how a candidate views issues in the Village—this is your opportunity to come and ask questions before you vote. It is also a good time to meet your neighbors and renew old friendships.

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## MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

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Three Village homeowners have volunteered to be candidates for the open board positions. These three have agreed to commit the time, effort and dedication to serving the entire Village.

### JO ANNE HANZELKA



When asked recently what she felt were the most important issues facing the Village, Jo Anne responded that fiscal responsibility, civility and congeniality were all vastly important elements needed to bring about peace in our community.

Jo Anne served for over eight years as an officer in a social group with a membership of over 1300, giving her a broad insight in teamwork

### MURRAY SCOTT



Experiences gained while serving with the Army Reserves, the National Guard and as a member of the Texas A & M Corps of Cadets give Murray a strong importance of unity and working well as a unit. His degree in Marketing and his

business experiences allow him to bring a well-rounded youthful approach to the Board. He also has a good working knowledge of how modern technology can be used to improve the day-to-day operations of the Village.

### TOM WALZER



Many years of membership in the Toastmaster Club at local and district levels have allowed Tom to understand the workings of a board of directors. Tom served as Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Education and President over the

past eight years. His work experiences in the environmental engineering area will also benefit the Village as we improve our property.

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## JANUARY GARDENING TIPS

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Texas weather presents a challenge to gardeners of all varieties. One of our neighbors covers her patio plants easily using flannel backed vinyl tablecloths found at the many neighborhood dollar stores. These come in various sizes and shapes and can be attached to one another or to the plant by using plastic or wooden clothespins. These covers are lightweight and can be washed at the end of the season and reused. Most of us can protect our plants for under \$10.00 using this tip.

January is also a good time to wash the leaves of all houseplants to remove scale as well as dust. A soapy solution and water is suggested.

Did you know that hummingbirds winter in the Gulf Coast area? A hummingbird feeder is relatively easy to maintain and can provide hours of enjoyment watching the hummingbirds dart about.

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## FACTS FROM FLETCHER

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Officer Larry Fletcher reports that there has been a big increase in the number of trespassers on property within the last few weeks. One of our homeowners was approached as she exited her car one evening with her purse and keys being taken. Several days later Larry caught two young men on the back driveway near the cars who fit the description, but unfortunately our neighbor could not identify the young men.

As neighbors, please watch out for unusual activity; look before you jump out of your car after dark; have your keys in your hand before you exit your car; and report any and all unusual activities to Officer Fletcher at 713-932-8894.

And, remember, back gate lights help – keep yours on.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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### HOW TO ASSURE FAST EMS RESPONSE...

When phoning 911, state that you are in Second Victorian Village, entrance “\_”, and state that you are East of Shadowdale and West of Triway. Stay on the phone with 911 to convey directions; ask someone to go to Hammerly with a flashlight to waive EMS vehicles in and/or phone Courtesy Patrol for help. Arrange with a neighbor to assist you in emergencies.

The two nearby fire stations have been given Village plans, but when those trucks are out, other stations respond. Do not double park in the fire lanes impeding

emergency vehicles and fire trucks; parking in these marked areas can result in a fine.

## RECYCLE

Many products cannot be disposed of by usual trash disposal. The City of Houston will accept household hazardous waste at 1150 S. Post Oak. For more information, please visit [www.ci.houston.tx.us](http://www.ci.houston.tx.us) or call 713-551-7355. You must show a utility bill and a photo ID. Items include batteries, auto fluids and filters, cleaning items, paint and preservatives, and insecticides.

Part of the cost for motor oils covers recycling/disposal of the old liquids. Most places, which sell oils (and paints, etc.), have a return place for recycling or for empty cans. Please verify this with the firm where you buy any chemicals and take advantage of it. It is unlawful for any person to allow many such substances to go into drains, drain on the ground, into streets, gutters, etc. And, retaining them presents a fire hazard.

The grease that comes from cooking oils should *not* be dumped into the sinks. Cooking oils and fats should be drained into a can for disposal into the trash.

## RE-CAULKING IS BENEFICIAL

Insurance companies advise re-caulking bathtubs, showers, and sinks every three to four years. Caulking can dry out and shrink, allowing water to seep behind and to weaken walls or floors dangerously. Building supply stores carry easy-to-operate caulking devices. Re-caulking windows and patio doors should also help with your fuel bills.

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## SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

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*The Village Voice shares suggestions and solicits your comments. Written comments may be in the mailbox at the Village Office at 10500 Hammerly. Ideas for future newsletters can be sent to the Editor at the Village, or by calling Jo Anne Hanzelka, Editor, at 713-463-5951.*

### Important Telephone Numbers



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Village Office	713-467-3550
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