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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **July 4th** - *The office will be closed.* 
HAPPY JULY 4TH
- **Tuesday, July 15th 7:00pm** – Board Meeting
(rescheduled due to board member attendance)

PETS



Be a responsible pet owner. SVV has had a rash of stray cats and dogs. One homeowner has had a blessed event in her patio by a stray cat. Another homeowner has scratches all over the hood and roof of her car – the culprit is a black cat. And dog owners are still being seen not picking up after their pets. A suggestion has been made to the board that a list be published of non compliant homeowners.

If you see any stray animals without owners or without current tags, please call the City to have them picked up and removed from the premises.

If you love your cat, keep it indoors....



Outdoor cats are exposed to serious and often fatal infectious diseases such as feline leukemia and rabies. Indoor cats have double the life expectancy of outdoor or indoor/outdoor cats. Parasites such as fleas, ticks and intestinal worms pose a health threat to your cat, and possibly to you and your family members. Cars and wild animals such as great-horned owls, also kill millions of cats each year. So if you love your cat, keep it indoors and away from possible danger.

SECURITY



Security is all of our responsibility. Officer Fletcher has reported an increase in petty crime as well as a stolen vehicle. Please use your back gate lights nightly. A well lit parking area deters criminals. If you see or hear something that does not appear right, call our Courtesy Patrol. Please lock your cars every time you get out – do not temp someone. If each of us

takes an extra step in prevention, those with theft on their minds will find they must go elsewhere to find their prey.

POOLS



A reminder that street clothing is not to be worn in the pools. This causes problems with the filtering system which could close a pool if it becomes clogged with threads and dirt from clothing. Help take care of your pools – wear only swimwear while you swim.

GUEST EDITORIAL

A Time for Congeniality

No one can deny that the venomous attacks in recent weeks have revealed chronic management problems in SVV, and we needed to learn those things. The unfortunate outcome of the manner in which charges and countercharges were leveled is a widespread distrust between groups of neighbors in the Village. Whether true or not, spying has been alleged by several of our homeowners, who are convinced that they are being victimized by other homeowners. Walls of downright hatred may have been cemented so firmly that it is difficult to see how they can ever be breached completely.

In reality, both our Board of Directors and the group that calls itself The Committee for Fiscal Responsibility have tried hard to do the right things for the Village. At the same time, both have made mistakes. I'll not attempt to enumerate the errors in this column because that is beside my point. Suffice it to say that there is ample room for criticism on both sides.

Sometimes it is hard to see anything good in the opposition. For my part, I perceive that both camps-all volunteers-want what is best for the Village. We all want to maintain property values. We want capable, timely, and fiscally responsible building maintenance. We want the grounds to look pleasing to the eye. We want a peaceful atmosphere.

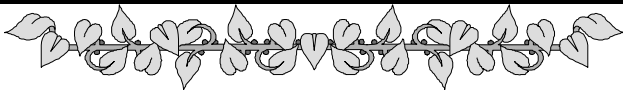
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Ask yourself, "If I were shopping for a new home, would I buy a place to live where so much hatred is apparent?" Folks, you may think it is hard to extend a hand of friendship, but think again. If we will join hands in working toward a common goal in Second Victorian Village, we'll *all* win. It is time to restore congeniality.

Bill Welch

THE GRAPE VINE



4TH OF JULY



The fourth of July is this Friday. Show your patriotism – fly your flag or decorate your door! Remember that Spring Branch is within the city limits and **FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED!!** If you need to report firework activity, please call Courtesy patrol or the City at 713-222-3131.

GARDENS



Many of our neighbors have been busily working on their gardens. Take a stroll one day to look at all the beautiful hard work they've done! This makes the Village look more beautiful, so take pride in your gardens.

NEW NEIGHBORS



Please join me in welcoming our new homeowners *Robert & Jean Norrid* at 10558 Hammerly, and *William Caskins* at 2287 Triway. Welcome to the neighborhood! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lilly at the office 713-467-3550.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our neighbor reported the short light at Gessner and Emnora and thanks to her efforts, the Emnora light has now been extended. Thank you Nancy Gusler!

Hillendahl Library hours effective July 1st have been shortened due to budget cuts. Call 832-393-1940 for new schedule. *FYI*- they offer free internet and occasional lessons.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION



We have only received **15** forms from the *entire* Village on emergency contacts. We do not have current phone numbers and contacts for most of our residents. Please take a few minutes of your time and contact the office with your updated information and make sure it is correct.



- **BP Power of Freedom Festival** at Eleanor Tinsley Park 7/4, 4:00pm – 10:00pm. \$10 adults, kids free.
- **Lindale Park Civic Club Independence Day Parade** route follows Irvington between Eleanor and Moody streets. 7/4, 10:00am – 11:00 am
- **Houston CaribFest** at Tom Bass Regional Park 7/4.
- **Houston Press Music Award Showcase** at Continental Club, Sunday 7/27. (713) 529-9899
- **Beauty Shop Under New Management** (theater) at Verizon Wireless Theater 7/23 – 7/26.

For Houston Astros calendar visit www.astros.com
For more info. visit www.houston.citysearch.com

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

The Village Voice shares suggestions and solicits your comments. Written comments may be in the mailbox at the Village Office at 10500 Hammerly.

Important Telephone Numbers



Courtesy Patrol	713-932-8894
Village Office	713-467-3550
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