

# FLEETWOOD WEST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Fleetwood West Board, I thank all of you for paying your annual maintenance fee on a timely basis. Many associations are not so lucky. All of our fees are in and we thank you. We are within budget and beginning to plan for next year.

Our video surveillance system is our security deterrent now and it is working well. Our security director, Chris Culberson, shares more details below. To enhance the deterrence factor, we plan to add signage about our video system on some of CenterPoint's light poles within Fleetwood West to increase the chance that those planning criminal acts know they are being recorded and to encourage them to move on. At this time we only have signs at the entrances. We are awaiting CenterPoint's approval to add the signage to their poles.

Feel free to contact me or any board member or officer with questions or concerns. Enjoy your summer.

Keith Reed

## SECURITY



Since our last newsletter, expansion of our new digital surveillance video system was completed to include the Crossroads South and North entrances off Memorial Drive. In addition new "*Video Surveillance*" signs were posted at both Crossroads entrances to enhance the criminal deterrence effect. Having all four entrances now covered means anyone with nefarious intentions driving into Fleetwood/Fleetwood West will no longer be able to do so without the fear of being caught.

Although too soon to draw any conclusions regarding deterrence, there are some early indicators our efforts are paying off. In addition to several cases of suspicious vehicles hastily exiting once they spot the cameras and/or signage, Houston Police Department crime statistics for our area look promising.

As a reminder, should criminal activity occur on your property, to leverage the new video surveillance system to your advantage, ask the police officer taking your report to contact me directly and I will gladly provide them with evidence quality video. I may be contacted at: Chris Culberson / Fleetwood West Security Director / (713) 899-8698 / fwsec@comcast.net.

It would of course also be very helpful if you can provide the officer with as many details as possible regarding the time frame of the event, vehicle description, etc. Having this information will expedite the historical video search effort plus significantly improve validity of the evidence.

Finally, I also wish to voice caution that our new surveillance video system is not intended to replace the need for your own personal security at home. The new system is designed to enhance our collective security, not to eliminate the need for good home security practices such as installing a monitored alarm system, keeping your doors locked, garage closed, etc. Deterrence is always the best scenario so my sincere hope is we will continue to see positive results of our collective security improvements in 2013.

Best Regards, Chris

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## Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Information



**If you paint it, replace it or improve it,  
chances are it needs ACC APPROVAL!**

If you plan any changes outside your home, check the Fleetwood West Property Manual to determine if you need approval from the Architectural Control Committee. The form to complete is in the manual, or you can email any board member and we will forward it to you. Once you have completed the form, please submit it to Eddie Brown, committee chair, at [edandloribrown@yahoo.com](mailto:edandloribrown@yahoo.com). Be sure to include plans, color samples, product brochures, etc. that may be necessary for review. Also, remember that the volunteer committee may take up to 30 days to review your request.

## TRAFFIC CONTROL



**Summer 2013 is upon us. Any speed over 20 MPH puts our residents, visitors and pets in danger. Be aware of your speed and please slow down.**

## ANIMAL CONTROL



Be proud to be seen picking up after your dog. It may seem silly at first, but people who see you do this will know any mess left behind is not from your dog. Picking up shows pride in your community, in yourself, and in your dog. You set a great example for others.

## FLEETWOOD INFORMATION



**Save 5 % to 10% on your homeowners insurance when you have a FREE HOME INSPECTION SURVEY (depending on carrier). Get simple suggestions on how to better secure your home. Call the PCTS CONSTABLE'S OFFICE AT 281-463-6666 and ask for SERGEANT MITCH HUTTER ([mitchell.hutter@cn5.hctx.net](mailto:mitchell.hutter@cn5.hctx.net)).**



**FALL FESTIVAL** It is time to begin planning for this year's FLEETWOOD FALL FESTIVAL. The committee is coming together. The families of Fleetwood and Fleetwood West all enjoy a great fun day of free food, games, door prizes and of course the kids and pet Wing Ding parade. Seeing and visiting with all your neighbors is the purpose of this yearly event. The Fall Festival Committee says that to have a successful festival, volunteers are needed. Please consider helping the festival this year. It is for all Fleetwood families to enjoy. The event generally happens the end of Oct., to be announced. Please e-mail Judith Bruni, <[jbruni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbruni@sbcglobal.net)> to volunteer.



**During these summer days we need to keep in mind to hydrate and use lots of sunscreen. Also, make sure you check your tire pressure. Have a wonderful and safe summer.**



Hurricane Season is here, June 1st to Nov. 30th. We have been blessed without one in the past few years. Be prepared. Link to the National Hurricane Center for more information: [www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php).



**Back to School: KISD starts Monday Aug 26, 2013. For more info, go to: <http://www.katyisd.org/parents/Pages/BackToSchool.aspx>.**

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## JUST A FEW GIGGLES



I just got off the phone with a friend who lives in Northern Wisconsin. He said that since early this morning the snow has been nearly waist high and is still falling. The temperature is dropping way below zero and the north wind is increasing to near gale force. His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window and just stare. He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.

Your Duck is Dead.... A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something." The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck." The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!" The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."



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