

# Fleetwood West Community Newsletter

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## President's Message

As we near the end of 2013, I am pleased to report that we will finish the year **under budget**, and that we **do not need to raise our annual assessment** for the third year in a row. Invoices have been emailed and are due Jan. 31, 2014.

Our **security efforts** with video surveillance are now directed at deterrence of crime rather than patrols, and the results are encouraging. There have been no reports of crime or vandalism for many months now. The Board thanks our Security Director, Chris Culberson, for his innovation and efforts to monitor the system. Please see his report below for system enhancement plans. Thanks to our partnership with "Big Fleetwood," all entrances to our subdivisions are monitored.

**Recycling** is a concept embraced by many prestigious neighborhood associations, and we are pleased to make it available to those who wish to have it for a small additional annual fee starting in January. Recycling Coordinator, Carol Culver, has done a great job managing program enrollment. Please see her report below for details and deadlines.

Our **Annual Meeting will be held Jan. 28, 2014**. Details of the meeting, the agenda, proxies, budget and year-end financials will be distributed by email soon.

We welcome your input and suggestions. You can email me at [kreed131@comcast.net](mailto:kreed131@comcast.net).

Have a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season.

Sincerely,  
Keith Reed



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## SECURITY



We continue to see indications our digital video surveillance system and complimenting signage are indeed deterring criminals. Houston Police Department crime statistics for Fleetwood West/Fleetwood reflect this notion with a reduced crime rate as compared to 2012.

As a reminder, should criminal activity occur on your property here's how to help the police leverage the 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. It would also be very helpful if you can provide the officer with as many details as possible, such as 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.

Another security enhancement planned for this year is the implementation of a unique vehicle ID sticker for all Fleetwood West and Fleetwood residents. After conducting a thoughtful joint analysis of this idea with Fleetwood security, we have decided to proceed with a simple inconspicuous and anonymous 1.5" yellow square affixed to your rear window (see attached example on my vehicle).



The goal here is make it simple for everyone to quickly determine if a vehicle belongs within Fleetwood. We will be providing multiple stickers to each home at no additional cost to you so please watch your mailbox and email for more information soon regarding this initiative.

As a reminder all of these security enhancements are 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 2014.

Best Regards,  
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Fleetwood West Security  
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## HELP FUND OUR SECURITY SYSTEM

### An Opportunity to Support Video Surveillance System

Fleetwood West POA has partnered with Stream Energy through its Power Up! Program to help raise funds for our neighborhood video surveillance system.

**How does it work?** When homeowners or tenants enroll in the Power Up! Program for their electricity service through the Fleetwood West Property Owners Association Power Up! Website, Stream Energy pays the Association a monthly commission. That's it - **there's no extra out-of-pocket cost to you!**

The Association receives a monthly commission for the duration of your relationship with Stream Energy. If you find the rates competitive with your current provider, please consider signing up through this site: [http://fwpoasecurity.streampowerup.biz/about.asp?CO\\_LA=](http://fwpoasecurity.streampowerup.biz/about.asp?CO_LA=).

All funds raised will be used for upgrades and ongoing maintenance of our video surveillance system. Thanks for your support!

**Questions?** Contact Mike Melchiorre at [mrmtrm@aol.com](mailto:mrmtrm@aol.com).

Home Page: <http://fwpoasecurity.streampowerup.biz>

About Stream & Power Up!: [http://fwpoasecurity.streampowerup.biz/about.asp?CO\\_LA=](http://fwpoasecurity.streampowerup.biz/about.asp?CO_LA=)



The graphic features the Stream Energy logo on the left and the 'POWER UP!' logo in large, bold letters in the center. Below the logo is a red 'SIGN UP' button with a play icon. The background shows a family of three (a man, a woman, and a child) running in a field under a blue sky with a kite flying. Below the main text, there are several lines of smaller text providing details about the program's benefits and enrollment process.

**POWER UP!**  
Stream Energy  
SIGN UP ▶

**Minimize Your Rates,  
Maximize Your Impact**

How do you get the most out of your energy bill?

When you're saving money AND contributing to a worthy cause!

We've partnered with Stream Energy, a retailer who pays our organization a residual income for every energy customer we enroll on Stream Energy service.

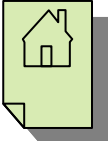
Enrolling for service is very easy – visit our webpage, sign up for service, save on your bill and help us generate charitable funds.

It's in your power to help.  
Can we count on you? SIGN UP ▶

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## ACC REPORT

Those of us who live in Deed Restricted subdivisions in Houston sometimes feel hassled by the time it takes to get Architectural Control Committee approval for projects we plan outside of our homes.

The value to architectural control relates directly to the market value of your home and the potential for a significant return when you sell.

Property values in the Energy Corridor have risen over the past year and homes are selling for much more per foot and faster than in past years when the economy went sour. If you don't believe it, watch your property taxes increase in 2014.

Those who wish to live close to their work place have more than one choice of subdivisions, and we want Fleetwood West to be high on their list. A clean, well maintained and beautifully landscaped subdivision is what can result from an effective ACC program in our neighborhood.

We have guidelines that are available to you if you plan changes outside of your home. Please contact any one of your board members or officers with your questions.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

### POOCH POWER



We all love our dogs, but there are courtesies that should be followed. I will remind you of two. The first is to PICK UP YOUR POOP. The second is to keep your dog on a leash. There are residents who are afraid to walk their dog, in fear of being attacked by an unleashed dog. Per our by-laws, all pets must be on a leash.



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## RECYCLING

Fleetwood West is getting weekly curbside recycling service, and for \$50 a year (less than \$1 a week), you can participate! But **HURRY**, we must receive your application and check by **DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**! Once payment is received you will receive your recycle bin before our January 2014 start date. If you would like to sign up, please email Recycling Coordinator Carol Culver at [carolc3@me.com](mailto:carolc3@me.com).

Items you can recycle:

- Plastic labeled with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 (NOT #6)
- Aluminum
- Glass
- Cardboard (no pizza boxes)
- Paper

You do NOT have to separate your items, just throw them all in the bin. Details will be announced regarding the pick-up day and how to handle excess recycling items.

### 11 Facts About Recycling

- The average person generates over 4 lbs. of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste/year.
- In 2009, Americans produced enough trash to circle the Earth 24 times.
- Over 75% of waste is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.
- We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod. Recycling 100 cans could light your bedroom for two whole weeks.
- Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy used to make alum cans from new material.
- Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic bottles every hour.
- Over 87% of Americans have access to curbside or drop-off paper recycling programs.
- In 2009, Americans threw away almost 9 million tons of glass. That could fill enough tractor trailers to stretch from NYC to LA (and back!).
- In 2010, paper recycling had increased over 89% since 1990.
- If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we could save about 25 million trees each year.

Sources: GreenWaste, Keep America Beautiful, EPA



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## FLEETWOOD WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### TRASH RECYCLING SIGN UP FORM

Yes, I want to receive weekly recycling pickup services starting in January 2014. I understand the cost for all of 2014 is \$50 per home, which is non-refundable if you move or decide you no longer wish to participate. Please see the enclosed sheet for additional information and questions. Your email address is needed for future billings (which will be done once a year, in advance) and communications regarding Fleetwood recycling.

**Please print clearly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fleetwood West property address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

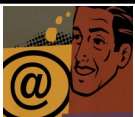
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE – Please return this completed form, together with your check for \$50, made payable to Fleetwood West POA, Inc. to:**

**Fleetwood West POA    P.O. Box 940072    Houston, Texas 77094-7072**

In order to start receiving recycling services in January 2014, this form AND your payment must be received no later than DECEMBER 1st, 2013. If you miss this deadline you will not be able to add this service until April 2014.

## WEBSITE UPDATE



We are replacing our old web site with a new and improved site. It is expected to be fully operational by the end of December.

It will feature association documents and association business, news from our architectural and landscaping committees, information on security and trash and links to previous newsletters. Please make a note of the new address:

<http://www.fleetwoodwestpoa.org>

Best regards,  
Bill Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



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## GENERAL INFORMATION



### CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY LUNCH

All Fleetwood/Fleetwood West residents are welcome. Thursday, December 5, 2013 @ 12 noon. At Nicole Barton's House, 15803 River Roads Drive. Please **RSVP** by December 2<sup>th</sup> to Nicole Barton: [morgan\\_barton@hotmail.com](mailto:morgan_barton@hotmail.com) or call 832-295-3642. Lunch will be provided by our hostess and co-hostesses. You are welcome to bring a favorite holiday dish to share, if you wish.



### Fleetwood Fall Festival

The festival was enjoyed by all who attended. Over 375 households came for the children's parade and games, dessert bake off, free food and ice cream, door prizes and just enjoying their neighbors. Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who made this happen. **FOLKS**, next year is the tenth anniversary of the festival. There will be surprises coming.



### Fleetwood Neighborhood Nextdoor

Keep in touch with what is happening in Fleetwood. If you need to find a contractor, share an experience, announce an event or discuss a situation with your neighbors, join [fleetwoodneighborhood .nextdoor.com/join](http://fleetwoodneighborhood.nextdoor.com/join). This will make you an active member of Fleetwood and give you a resource to discuss different matters with other neighbors.

### The Energy Corridor Recycle Day Event



The Energy Corridor Recycle Day event is for unwanted or broken electronics plus Household items like Glass, Plastic, Metal. Shredding Service will also be on site. Textile recycling like clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories and toys will be accepted. Household Textiles and household items are also welcome. The event will take place at the ConocoPhillips parking lot, located behind the Omni Hotel and Conoco Service station at the northwest corner of N. Eldridge and N. Dairy Ashford on Thursday, November 28th.



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## YONDER WAY FARM

Barker's Landing, Fleetwood, and Fleetwood West have partnered with Yonder Farm, a local farm that will deliver grass fed beef, pastured pork and free range chicken and eggs to a common delivery point at Hershey Park, 15200 Memorial Dr. between 3:00 and 3:45 Thursday, November 21, and December 19. To place an order, go to the following link and choose Barker's Landing. Use Subdivision as you delivery option; <http://yonderwayfarm.com/order-form/>. For questions regarding the farm: [sales@YonderWayFarm.com](mailto:sales@YonderWayFarm.com) or call toll free 866-577-2589.

## HUMOR



### Really Drunk

I got home from the pub last night and my wife said, "I can't believe how intoxicated you are."  
Denying it I said, "I'm not drunk."  
She said, "Yes you are."  
I said, "No I'm not."  
She said, "Can you tell the time?"  
I walked up to the clock and said, "I'm not drunk."

### Wife's Last Words

Tina was on her deathbed, with her husband Mike at her side. He held her cold hand as silent tears streamed down his face.  
"Mike," she said weakly.  
"Hush my darling," he interrupted, "don't talk, save your strength."  
But she insisted, "Mike, before I die, there's something that I have to confess."  
"There is nothing to confess," said the weeping husband. "It's all right. Everything's all right."  
"No, no. I must die in peace. I must confess that I have been unfaithful to you."  
He stroked her hand, "Now, Tina, don't be concerned. I know all about it."  
"You do?" she gasped.  
"Sure darling, why else would I poison you?"

