

MOWING SCHEDULE 2006

MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28
JULY 5, 12, 19, 26
AUGUST 2, 16, 23, 30
SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27
OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25
NOVEMBER 1, 15
DECEMBER 6, 20
FERTILIZATION
APRIL * JULY * NOVEMBER
MULCH -OCTOBER

A Special Thank-You

The Homeowner's would like to thank the Tillinger Family, and Nieman Family for the bird houses that keep popping up in our neighborhood. We not only get the benefit of watching the birds, but the birds help control mosquitoes, and bugs.

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Park Bench

Banter

May 2006

University Park

FROM THE PRESIDENTS PATIO

IT was a real joy walking/driving through our community this past month enjoying the beautiful landscaping in residents homes, the lovely flowers at each of the entrances and the Spring/Easter decorations in the commons area. To all the homeowners who take the time and effort to present their own property with such eye appeal —Thank You.

I also want to thank the volunteers who give their time, labor and many times their own money to keep the commons area and the entrances in such beautiful shape. We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers on the beautification committee (and their helpers) that lets you and I enjoy Heavens creations and nature's gifts as they labor to keep our community among one of the most pleasing in the Clear Lake Area. Volunteers—on all our committees-- are the main stay of keeping our community/Home Owners Association functioning so WE all can enjoy the opportunities to interact socially and live in a friendly neighborhood that is well maintained, which benefits everyone's property values. Please consider helping on one of our various committees or running for a position on the Board of Directors. YOU can make a difference. We need your help and involvement.

Our annual association meeting is May 15th. Please plan on attending to see/hear first hand about how our community is doing, the budget and spending issues, understanding the challenges that lie ahead; and to ask questions, offer suggestions, and to explore the opportunities that are available to serve your community. But most importantly, this meeting is your opportunity as a responsible resident to vote for Board candidates that will supply the leadership for our community.

Finally I'd like to mention that there are several things of interest going on that will benefit our community such as:

- We expect to have the City complete the sidewalk along Park Shadows to Middlebrook this year.
- A traffic light is planned for the intersection of Bay Area Blvd. and Park Shadows.
- A street light has been approved for our main entrance as you turn left on to University Park from Bay Area Blvd.

A reminder to watch out for the Pasadena Police "speed trap" along Bay Area Blvd. between University Park and Bay Area Park. It's a money maker!

Hope to see you on May 15th.

Park Bench Banter

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Newsletter

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Meet Steve McClean.....by Chuck Riddle

Steve McClean is this month's featured home owner. Steve has several attributes that make him a challenge to catch and interview. He is always on the move. His job with Continental Airlines as mechanic and technician keeps him active on the weekends and during part of the week. He is actively engaged in his bowling and computer hobbies that often takes him away from home. You'll find that Steve knows a lot of people in our neighborhood, partially because he always has time to talk and partially because he and his wife Mo McClean are routinely walking through the neighborhood with a vigilant eye on our community.

I asked Steve my first and routine question which usually generates interesting discussion which is: What are several things that you have done in your life that you are proud you have done. He answered without hesitation, "I married Mo" and then there was silence. Steve considers his relationship his greatest accomplishment. Wow, where do I go from here, so I think. Second question, why did you move to the neighborhood? Again, he showed no hesitation, "To live where my yard is maintained by the HOA." So Steve why is that important? So I will have time for my busy life and here comes the stuff I was looking for: Steve and Mo are CRUISERS. That is, they are scheduled for a cruise on a ship out of Galveston this next week. Photography is his hobby, but a serious hobby. You can tell by the projects he has undertaken he is good at it. Actually, his work has been viewed at an IMAX theater in Denver, Colorado.

While Steve describes himself as just a normal guy I question that statement. I find that he is an accomplished mechanic who, as a hobby, built and raced NHRA Top Fuel and Funny Cars in the 70s and 80s. After his years in racing he joined a team of Hot Air Balloon enthusiasts. This project eventually took him around the world. Of particular interest were his trips across the U.S. and Australia. Steve has crossed the "Continental Divide" in a balloon.

He bowls regularly with a high game of 299. I asked him how that could be possible, not knowing a lot about bowling. He explained that out of all the pins you miss the last pin on you last roll. If you bowl you probably understand that this is score is reason for physiological counseling. It all so means that you don't want to bet Steve if he asks you to bowl with him.

Last week Steve came to my house and repaired a technical problem with my laptop computer. Actually, after he finished he explained that computers are his hobby. I could tell he is drawn toward any project that has a puzzle attached to it. So, please stop by the McClean residence and say hello to Steve. It's almost guaranteed that you will learn something about the neighborhood, a computer, hot air balloons, the UPHOA, landscaping of the neighborhood, cruising the Gulf of Mexico, potential new vacation sites, care and maintenance of the Boeing 737 airplanes or just about any topic you wish to discuss.

Thanks for the interview Steve.

FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lot's of fun was had by all at the latest "Neighborhood Dinner" which was held at Angelo's Italian Restaurant. Future restaurants include Sudie's in League City for May and The El Dorado Mexican Restaurant for June. July would not be complete without barbeque so it was decided to go to Tony's Barbeque celebrating the Fourth of July. If you have not attended any of the Neighborhood Dinners, you've been missing out on lots of fun and fellowship with your neighbors in University Park. Do you have a favorite restaurant that would be a good gathering place for future dinners? Just pass on the information to any Social Committee member or any Board member.

Be sure to keep open the first Tuesday in August for the annual "National Night Out". Those who attend will not only enjoy food and fun while getting to know your neighbors better, but additionally meeting dignitaries as well as policemen and firemen representing the City of Pasadena. Have suggestions for fun things to do as a neighborhood? Pass it on to members of the Social Committee.

See you soon as one of our events!

Social Committee

ROSES, ROSES, EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES!

University Park is blooming all over with a virtual rainbow of beautiful color reflected at the entrances and central park flowerbeds. Many of you have asked the identity of some of the plants and so here it is - a brief summary of the various plants and if they are easy to grow. The entrances are planted with beautiful plants containing a profuse display of pink flowers with yellow centers. These plants are the "Nearly Wild" rose, which is an antique-type rose having the characteristics of low maintenance and disease resistance. The rest of the flowerbeds are filled with the abundance of yellows and oranges. The yellow flowers are "Black-Eyed Susan" and "Coreopsis" and the orange flowers are "Cosmos. One common theme relating to all the flowers is that they are primarily in the "wildflower" family, which means that they are heat-tolerant and require little water, which makes them perfect for our Houston summers. These perennials are prolific re-seeders, so if you would like these for your own garden just call one of us on the Beautification Committee and we would be happy to share some of the plants or seeds.

You might have noticed the plants in the central park-area flowerbeds. The beautiful red bushes are the "Knock Out" Rose, a profuse-bloomer and extremely easy care. The other interesting rose in the common area is the "Mutabilis" rose. This plant produces many butterfly-type flowers. These flowers bloom in stages with yellow, apricot, pink and purple causing the plant to look like it contains flowers of four different colors on the same bush. As the spring goes on, be sure to take in all the beauty found in University Park. Want to attract butterflies and hummingbirds, plant Pentas, Salvia or "Firecracker" plants. You will notice that all of these plants are planted throughout University Park. Please have a beautiful spring and summer and a happy Mother's Day to all you Moms!

Beautiful yards with lots of spring flowers and bunnies and giant eggs were the theme of the day! Congratulations to the recipient homeowners for University Park "Yard of the Month". Well-deserved praise for all the hard work going towards making University Park a beautiful neighborhood!

February, 2006 - Bart Bezanson at 3902 Vanderbilt Park Ct.

March, 2006 - Peter Gaertner and Elena Zoubok at 3907 Fordham Park Ct.

April, 2006 - Clara Perry at 3922 Fordham Park Ct.

In Loving Memory

Jo Collins
Cornell PK Ct.

Eleanor Perez
Fordham PK Ct

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Rutgers PK Ct