



# TIMBERGRAM

The Official Newsletter of Timberlake Estates

## Letter from the Chairman – Second Quarter – July, 2009.

Summer is here again, school is out and we are all ready for some rest and relaxation, right? Well ... it never works that way at our house and probably not many others either, as there seems to never be enough time to accomplish all the things we need, or at least want to do. Between swim team and summer camps, volunteering, keeping up a household and of course work, we soon lose sight of some of the more important things in life like taking the time to enjoy our families, our good health, our good neighbors and of course the nice neighborhood in which we live.

Some recent activities in the subdivision have included recognizing "good deeds" by creating the Good Neighbor Award program. We have several nominees submitted so far for deeds like picking up trash on morning walks, emptying the trash cans at the lake, and helping with broken limbs from the trees. If you know of someone going above and beyond for the sake of the community, please let any board member know so that they may be recognized. We also have a resident Boy Scout who just completed his Eagle Scout project by assisting Jean Bahr create a memorial for her late husband at the lake. Michael Medrano poured a concrete slab to mount a beautiful personalized bench near the playground and then landscaped the area with rose bushes, timbers and mulch to finish the project. As it turns out, Jean's husband, Frank, was also an Eagle Scout and there is a plaque attesting to this mounted under the bench. Now we have a very nice place to sit and enjoy the park, rest and watch the children at the playground. Thanks go out to those doing good deeds and both Jean and Michael for their efforts with the memorial bench area.

The primary function of the board is to maintain the community property and to enforce the deed restrictions of the neighborhood. The lake and park is always a focus of attention and much hard work goes into keeping it mowed, the trees in order, the fish and wildlife under control and keeping it safe for our use. We appreciate all of you who assist in this effort also and can always use better ideas, suggestions and more volunteers. The board also asks for assistance with deed restrictions by having each property owner look at their property and ask themselves the question, "is my property well maintained and does my property look as good as it could or should?" Answering this question with actions of any needed "clean-up / fix-up" would greatly assist the board and be the neighborly thing to do. We all want to live in a nice community and it is much easier for each property owner to take it upon themselves to spruce things up than to have the board ask them to do so. Thanks to all that do maintain their property well and thank you in advance to those properties needing attention for taking this initiative.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just around the corner and we will have a security patrol that evening as we have done for the past few years. If you are out in the neighborhood that evening and see them, wave and say hello. It will probably be either Ron or Dennis and they are here to help us. We will also participate in National Night Out again this year and while the rest of the nation recognizes this event in what is our "steamy" August, Texas is allowed to once again hold our event in October – thank you! Remember that the board is here to serve the community, but we are also volunteers with full lives on the side, so please be patient and understanding as we deal with the concerns of the neighborhood.

Wayne Francisco

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LAKE REPORT - Jane Plumlee

Good news first! Our 6 new park signs were received from Bayou Graphics this week and, instead of costing \$50 each, they were only \$35! Some of the posts have to be re-set, and the signs will be installed as soon as Wayne Francisco and Mike Ruiz (and anyone else that wants to volunteer!) can get together to complete the task.

Also, the new Frank Bahr memorial bench has been secured to its base and the Knock Out Roses have been planted around it near the playground. If you haven't already noticed, please take time to stroll over and enjoy them. Thanks go to Michael Medrano and other Boy Scouts for working diligently to complete this project to acquire their Eagle Scout designations. And, we appreciate the Timberlake Garden Club ladies for volunteering to water the roses over the summer to get them established.

The Good Neighbor Award will be presented to the winner at our next meeting in October.

Now to the not-so-good news. Recently, we received information that one of our picnic tables was vandalized. Thank you to Chic Hughes for quickly picking up the broken pieces for disposal. It appears that all we need is a 4"x6"x5-6' long piece of lumber to repair it.

Several reports have been made about adults and kids using seining nets in our lake which will ultimately deplete our food fish supply. Please notify any family members or others that this is strictly prohibited and to please just use a fishing rod/pole for at least a year, and throw back any fish caught until our fish supply can increase substantially.

If anyone has any ideas of how we can better protect our property at the park and lake, please do not hesitate to contact a Board member with your suggestions. One thought may be to keep all the underbrush around the perimeter of the park trimmed more often so that any questionable activities can be better monitored by our residents. Of course, this will add to the cost of maintenance. Also, surveillance cameras may possibly deter some criminal activities; however, this cost has yet to be determined.

Swings and Playground: We will soon get several more quotes from non-commercial swing companies, and hopefully, a new swing set can be installed before the summer is over.

It has been suggested to spray-paint the wooden playground equipment with an appropriate water-proof paint to preserve it as long as possible. Quotes will be sought for this effort as well.

Fish: The food fish (1,500 bluegill and 5,000 fatheads) were delivered and placed in the lake on April 16, 2009, and Brenham Fisheries says the perch will be "eating size" (for humans) in about a year. This coming fall, 500 baby channel catfish will be released into the lake and, finally, in the spring of 2010, the lake will be ready for 200 bass.

Pavilion: Eventually we hope to construct a pavilion at the lake for community functions so again, your input would be appreciated. Volunteers for a research committee are welcomed.

**TREASURER REPORT**

**1/1/09 thru 6/18/09**

**BALANCE SHEET**

1/1/09 Starting Balance:	\$34,402.13
Plus Credits:	\$31,931.86
Less Debits:	-\$14,997.45
Current Bank Balance:	\$51,336.54
CD #1 (last renewed 4/7/09)	\$11,377.31
CD #2 (last renewed 4/7/09)	\$11,377.31
CD #3 (last renewed 4/7/09)	\$11,377.31
Total Investment Balance	\$34,131.93

Capital Available \$85,468.47

**TAXES**

	<u>Dividends</u>	<u>Taxes Paid</u>
2006	\$1,340.00	\$372.00
2007	\$1,788.91	\$536.29
2008	\$1,175.60	\$323.00

**2009 FEE COLLECTIONS**

Outstanding	49	20.9%
Paid in Full	<u>185</u>	<u>79.1%</u>
Total Residents	234	100.0%
Outstanding Fees	\$40,265.30	

Recent experience with the sale of a property in our neighborhood has shed some light on the way the mortgage industry is going. This trend affects our current homeowners and potential buyers of their property who attempt to apply for an FHA loan (versus a conventional mortgage).

If you are not familiar with the hierarchy of payments for homes in foreclosure, let me summarize how our deed restrictions are setup. When a homeowner does not make sufficient payments on their account (contractors, lenders, etc.), these respective entities may choose to file a lien with the county clerk's office so that they may eventually receive payment. Timberlake Estates is always first in this line. The deed restrictions are setup so that TE has first legal right to any money that is collected and available for distribution, before these other entities. In other words, TE does not subordinate first lien position.

A recent buyer in the neighborhood attempted to purchase a home utilizing an FHA loan. In the past, where a buyer applied for an FHA loan, the lender would request a 60-day letter from TE, a document where TE promises to provide notice to a lender before foreclosing on a property, should the situation ever arise. This gives the lender a chance to settle the outstanding balance before the funds that they have invested is suddenly put at risk.

However, it appears that a recent trend has been solidified. As a rule, FHA loans are no longer allowed to be second in line. Instead, for the FHA loan to go through for any given residential property, it is a requirement of neighborhoods to subordinate the first lien right to the FHA loan. TE deed restrictions do not allow this.

This recent policy change to FHA loans is a requirement that has caught many off guard, including some in this neighborhood. Potential sellers of property in TE should be aware of this hierarchy. It limits the potential pool of buyers. To only those that can qualify for a conventional loan. This may not necessarily be a bad thing for a neighborhood, but knowing about it before a purchase contract is signed can make or break a deal, or at least save a lot of headache at the last minute before title closing. Perhaps some are already aware of this; yours truly was not until just recently. Mike Ruiz - Treasurer

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAX INFORMATION...

Get on-line instead of in-line. Use your mouse to select the payment icon and pay your property tax, renew vehicle registration as well as register to vote without leaving home.

You can protest your property appraisal, view your tax and value history and find out if the taxman owes you money. Just log on to [www.hctax.net](http://www.hctax.net) or [www.hcad.org](http://www.hcad.org).

TIMBERGRAM COST & DEADLINES...

Business card size ad - \$15.00 per quarter  
One-quarter page ad - \$25.00 per quarter  
One-half page ad - \$45.00 per quarter  
Full-page ad - \$85.00 per quarter  
Information is due by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the quarterly meeting. Make check payable to TEPOA and mail to Timbergram c/o TEPOA, P.O. Box 452, Cypress, TX 77140.  
Personal ads are free to Timberlake residents.

SPREADING POISON IVY...

Once poison ivy sap has been washed from the skin, it cannot be spread. But, the oil, "urushiol", contained in the plants sap will remain on clothing until washed.

TEPOA DIRECTORY UPDATE...

In 2010, we will again publish our neighborhood directory. Please update any information you may have now. Enclosed in the mailed out Timbergram, you will find an update/correction sheet. This is also in the recent directory on page 9 and on the website at [www.tepoa.org](http://www.tepoa.org). You can give the updated form to any board member or mail it to the TEPOA address at P.O. Box 452, Cypress, 77410-0452.

DOCUMENTS TO SHRED...

To protect your identity, shred any financial receipts, statements, documents containing address, passwords, pin numbers, social security numbers, maiden names, signature, and drivers' license numbers, credit card bills, statements, and offers. Cancelled and voided checks, unused checks, carbon copies and utility bills.

**QUARTERLY MEETING –  
MONDAY JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2009  
CYPRESS CREEK FIRESTATION  
CYPRESS N. HOUSTON. 7PM.**

FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

SELLING OR REFINANCING...

If you are selling or refinancing your home, it is important to have your realtor, Title Company or Mortgage Company contact our treasurer, Mike Ruiz at 832-444-8502. Contacting Mike directly will speed the process to obtain the required information.

COUNTY LAW...

A gentle reminder to please NOT burn in the ditches; if you see someone is burning in the ditch, please call Steve Hupp at 713-920-2831 and the county will be happy to talk to the offender. The Fire Marshall's number is 281-436-8000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD...

The Executive Board will meet on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. The meetings are usually at the home of Ann Pavalock, 12719 Oakfield Drive, at 6:30 pm. In accordance with the State Statutes, Executive Sessions of the board are open for the public to hear discussions but not participate in the discussion. The board will hold a closed session immediately following the open executive session.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY...

Report suspicious activity to the Harris County Sheriff at 713-221-6000 or 281-376-2997. Watch out for your neighbor and your neighbor will watch out for you.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES...

To report light pole outages, call Centerpoint Energy at 713-659-2111 or for faster service, log on to [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage). Be sure to include the address and pole number in your web form request. Refer to the April Timbergram for a complete list of pole addresses and pole numbers. The April Timbergram is posted at [www.tepoa.org](http://www.tepoa.org).

EMAIL ADDRESSES WANTED...

If you are still getting the Timbergram by "snail mail", you may want to consider signing up for e-delivery. Getting the Timbergram by e-mail means that it will arrive first and be in color! We are mailing out 95 Timbergrams quarterly at the cost of \$41.80 for postage. With the cost of postage going up all of the time, it will save the association money and time.

HOLIDAY SECURITY...

There will be a Deputy Sheriff patrolling the neighborhood and lake area over the Fourth of July.

Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup>!





YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of the Month began in April and Louis & Dorothy Winkleman, residing at 12611 Drumwood were the winners.

Honorable mention for April is the Dobiyski's at 12703 Pebble Creek.

Jean Bahr won Yard of the Month for May. Jean's flowers are always a showstopper! Jean resides at 12706 Oakfield Dr.

Honorable mention for May is Will & Susan Van Natta, residing at 12706 Drumwood.

June's honors go to Bill & Katherine Dillman, residing at 12723 Fairbridge Ln. Honorable mention for June is Billy & Denise Blanton at 12607 Manorwood.

Gift certificates from Buds & Blossoms in the amount of \$25.00 is awarded to each winner.

WE URGE YOU NOT TO BURN DURING THIS LONG, DRY SPELL!

Garden Club News

The April meeting for Timberlake garden club was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Sometimes things just come up that cannot be helped. It's good to be flexible.

We welcomed spring with our May meeting by having a picnic at the lake.

Our June meeting was held Tuesday, June 16th, at the home of Ann Pavalock. We discussed the care and watering of our Memorial Rose Garden on the lake property. We decided to purchase bags of white rock to fill in the gap between the rose beds and bench area. We have also decided to purchase "The Lazy Gardener's Guide" CD from Brenda Smith to show at meetings. Our next meeting is September 15th and we will have a Master Gardener speaker.

If you would like to be involved, come join us. To cover some expenses, we collect a \$5.00 fee per meeting.

HAPPY GARDENING!


Bench Dedication



Children, hear the judgment of your father, and so do that you may be saved. For God hath made the father honorable to the children and seeking the judgment of the mothers, hath confirmed it upon the children. He that honoreth his father shall have joy in his own children, and in the day of his prayer he shall be heard. He that honoreth his father shall enjoy a long life and he that obeyeth the father shall be a comfort to his mother.

For everything there is a season...

## GOT TICKETS?

2009  2009

# Defensive Driving

FUN CLASSES GREAT FOOD

**CARL'S BBQ**

21920 Hwy. 290  
(Between Huffmeister & Telge)

FREE COFFEE FREE DONUTS

**\$ 40.00 / Meal Included**

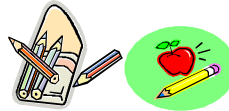
### 3rd Saturday Every Month

1/17	8:00 AM to 2:30 pm To Register Call	7/18
2/21	Metro Line	8/15
3/21	(936) 321-2597	9/19
4/18	or	10/17
5/16	(281) 890-2275	11/21
6/20	*State Approved *	12/19

Traffic Ticket Dismissal & Auto Insurance Discount

Taking class for Ins. discount only will not disqualify you to take class again if you receive a traffic ticket at a later date

\*Please bring court info for ticket dismissal\*



### **Cy-Fair I.S.D. Open Registration for the School Year 2009-2010**

Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held August 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 at all schools. Hours are from 8 to 11 and 1 to 3. There is no registration on August 10, 12, 17, and 21. Registration for students attending Millsap Elementary will be held in the cafeteria.

Students enrolling in the school district for the first time will need the following at the time of registration:

- a certified copy of the child's birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics (see City of Houston Bureau of Vital Statistics to obtain a birth certificate if born in the city of Houston)
- a current immunization record
- a proof of residency (a current light, gas or water bill if living in a house or a lease agreement if residing in an apartment)
- a Social Security card for each child, if available
- current photo ID for parent or guardian enrolling the student
- TAKS scores
- report card from former school

To be eligible for full day kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2009. To register for the pre-kindergarten half-day program, a child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2009. Other qualifications apply for pre-kindergarten. Please see the Cy-Fair website for more details. [www.CFISD.net](http://www.CFISD.net)

If you need additional information about registering your child, please contact Debbie Gibbens, Registrar at Millsap Elementary at 281-897-448

### FYI: A Bit of Local History!

Sam Houston, (the Raven), riding his horse (Saracen), along with 1,100 men camped in our area on his way to Harrisburg in 1835 and then on to the battle of San Jacinto. They stayed one night by what is now Telge Park and stayed another night about where the bridge crosses Cypress Creek. Unfortunately, Saracen did not survive the battle of San Jacinto. You notice that most of the streets in Ravensway are named after portions of this trek and battle, i.e. Texas Army Trail, Rifleman, Scouts, Campsite, and Twin Sisters (a pair of cannons).

### TIMBERLAKE CLASSIFIEDS

#### CUSTOM LAMPS

Lynn Lievsay makes custom lamps. Also, complete room treatments, including paint, window and bed covers. Call Lynn at 281-894-4273.

#### SERVICES RECOMMENDED

##### Mr. Appliance

Expert Appliance Repair  
936-446-2662  
281-558-4248  
281-454-2662

##### Patterson Air Conditioning Co.

(Larry or Woody)  
281-445-1654  
281-923-3917

##### Yards Done Right

281-788-2047

##### Aero Auto

11634 Cypress N. Houston  
281-955-6237

##### Matt Ellisor

Landscaping  
832-567-9905

**Remember to check the front of your Timberlake directory for more helpful numbers and to patronize our directory sponsors.**



## TIMBERLAKE ESTATES SPRING FLING & Classic CAR RALLY - 2009



Stacy Kihiken sets up her jewelry table.

George Franklin stands next to his RV flags.

Neighborhood children enjoy jumping in the moonwalk. [Funtasia](#) provided their triple-play again this year.

John Carter, Bill Watts and others enjoy looking at the Antique Autos.

Crystal Roberts sets up her Homemade Gourmet table.

Jane Plumlee keeps watch on the popcorn machine.

With Friday and Saturday bringing record amounts of rain, we were debating whether or not to go ahead with the Spring Fling. It was decided late Saturday that the promising forecast for Sunday was all we needed to carry on with our plans.

When Sunday arrived with sunshine and a cool breeze, we knew we had made the right decision. So what if we had to battle fire ants and dodge the puddles! It was worth it after being cooped up inside for two days.

This year, we decided to add a craft show to the agenda. Crystal Roberts and Stacy Kihiken along with George Franklin brought out their merchandise. Crystal has Homemade Gourmet. Homemade Gourmet Pantry Staples are the perfect way to keep great-tasting, economical meals on hand. I hope you had the opportunity to sample that delicious taco soup dip. It was wonderful! Contact Crystal at 281-213-4984.

Stacy is an independent distributor of Premier Designs, beautiful jewelry at a reasonable price. Contact Stacy at 713-454-3705.

George Franklin makes American Flags to fly on you automobile or display in front of your RV. See George about purchasing one of these flags and fly it proudly!

As usual, the snow-cones ruled! The line was long and I could not make them fast enough. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and sodas were enjoyed by all and many thanks to our resident chef, Jeff Gunn.

Many classic muscle cars were on display bringing back memories to all of us remembering when they were new on the show room floor. If you were unable to attend this year, mark your calendar now for next April. Don't miss it!

**Timberlake Estates Property Owners Association  
Quarterly Meeting, April 13, 2009  
Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department  
Station 22, Cypress, Texas**

Agenda Item	Discussion Leader														
Call to order	Chairman														
Confirm quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be current on maintenance fees to vote and participate</li> <li>• Please conduct yourself in an orderly fashion or you will be asked to leave the meeting</li> </ul>	Chairman														
Announce purpose of meeting	Chairman														
Reading and approval of minutes not heretofore read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/12/09 Minutes</li> </ul>	Secretary														
Installation of new board members – Only January Quarterly Meeting	Chairman														
Committee Reports - None	Board and Committee Chair(s)														
Unfinished business	Chairman														
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New business, motions and resolutions	Chairman														
Special programs – none	Chairman														
Close – motion to adjourn	Chairman														

**TEPOA Article of Incorporation, 11/12/85, Article Four**

The specific and primary purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to own, operate and maintain recreational property exclusively for the use and benefit of its members, and to enforce, defend and maintain those deed restrictions in effect and filed of record in the Real Property Records of Harris County, Texas for the Timberlake Estates, Section One, a subdivision of Harris County, Texas as such deed restrictions may be in force at this time or as amended from time to time.

**MEETING MINUTES.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Wayne Francisco. A quorum was established. In the absence of Secretary Joanne Carter, Jane Plumlee read the minutes of the January meeting. Motion to accept as read made by George Franklin and seconded by Brett Basford. There were no committee reports and no unfinished business. Jane reported on the update to the TEPOA website and the calendar. Wayne reported that he and Cindy were finalizing approval of several HIR's. Mike Ruiz passed out copies of the TEPOA 2009 Balance Sheet and Budget Analysis. He reported on collections and our CD's. Ann Pavalock reported that a *Good Neighbor Award* is being prepared and the Winkleman family on Drumwood is the winner of April *Yard of the Month*. Jane Plumlee passed out detailed reports on several projects planned for the Lake property. There was no new business and motion to adjourn was made by Bill Watts and seconded by George Franklin. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Condolences & Prayer Request

Please remember Brendia & Bill Watts in your prayers as Brendia is still undergoing some chemotherapy.

Anna Spires is recovering from surgery she received at Brooke Army Medical early in April.

Please remember Thurman Kirtley in your prayers as he recovers from a stroke.

Sue Wisecarver, our neighbor on Pebble Creek, is still undergoing radiation & chemotherapy. Please keep Sue and her family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Dan & Vivian Given on the death of Vivian's mother. TEPOA sent a food tray to the residence after services.

Gayla "June" Burrell passed away April 9, 2009. Gayla resided at 12602 Manorwood Lane. A donation in Gayla's memory was made to the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Condolences to Willie & Elsie Horak on the death of Willie's sister, Delores. Delores passed away June 4, 2009.

For those of you remembering C.L. & Betty Buck, you will want to know that Betty passed away June 13, 2009. They moved from Timberlake to Tomball several years ago.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"

PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH!

Timberlake Resident, Jordan Francisco, completed her Girl Scout Silver Award in May. She and her troop, 5998, returned to their elementary school, Millsap, to build a Butterfly Garden in the early spring. The troop spent months researching plant life that would attract butterflies and irrigation systems that would support the garden. The garden is wheel chair accessible and can be visited in the back of the school. The girls learned a great deal and were honored to return to their elementary school to build something for all the students to enjoy for the years to come.

Congratulations, Jordan and troop 5998!



Congratulations to all graduating seniors! Welcome to real life!

John and Joanne Carter will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

James and Ann Pavalock will celebrate 45 years of marriage this July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Coppersmith, grandson of James & Ann, will celebrate his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Kevin!

12 VALUES TO A HAPPY LIFE: Honesty, Reverence, Hope, Thrift, Humility, Charity, Sincerity, Moderation, Hard Work, Courage, Personal Responsibility and Gratitude!

CALENDAR

July 4 - Independence Day - Ravensway 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration & Parade

July 13 - Quarterly Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Station 22, 11900 Cypress N. Houston Rd.

July 17 & 18 - TEPOA Community Garage Sale - Signs will be put out at major intersections, but if you plan to participate, please put a sign in your yard. YOU KEEP THE MONEY!

August 21 - Letter drafted to request board nominations for next year (target date).

August 25 - Nomination letter approved by current board (target date).

September 1 - Letter sent out to residents for nominations via US Mail (target date).

September 1 - Labor Day

September 15 - Garden Club Meeting, 11am until 1pm.

September 18 - Rosh Hashanah Starts  
Ballot letter drafted for election ballots(target date)

September 19 - Rosh Hashanah Ends

September 20 - Ballot letter approved by board(target date)

September 21 - Email reminder to residents about nominations due by 10/1 (target date).

September 25 - Third quarter Timbergram Mail Out (target date).

GARDEN

BUTTERFLY

## Voter Registration



State law requires you to register 30 days prior to the election in which you wish to vote. Due to the Help America Vote Act which was enacted in September 2003, applicants must now provide a form of identification when registering by mail. An applicant's spouse, parent, or child (acting as an agent) may complete and sign a Voter Registration Application, provided that the agent is a registered voter, or has applied for voter registration.

You may register to vote if you:

- ◆ Are a resident of Harris county, and
- ◆ Are at least 17 years, 10 months of age (To vote, you must be 18), and
- ◆ Are a U.S. citizen, and
- ◆ Have not been declared totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction.
- ◆ Are not finally convicted of a felony-or have satisfied the court's requirements after a felony conviction or have

The Harris County Voter Registration Department mails renewal Voter Registration Certificates at the end of every odd-numbered year.

### Voter Registration Duties

In Texas, the County Tax Assessor-Collector is the Voter Registrar for the county unless the position of county elections administrator is created or the County Clerk is designated as the Voter Registrar. Leo Vasquez serves as the Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar in Harris County.

The Voter Registrar may not charge a fee for performing voter registration functions unless expressly authorized by law.

The Voter Registrar shall conduct voter registration activities at all times during regular office hours. The Voter Registrar may establish one or more branch offices in the county to conduct voter registration activities for the convenience of persons desiring to register; a branch office may be temporary or permanent.

The Voter Registrar maintains files containing the approved registration applications of the registered voters of the county. These files are kept in the Voter Registrar's office at all times in a place and manner ensuring their security.

Before all county elections, the Voter Registrar must prepare for each county election precinct a certified list of the registered voters in the precinct. The list must contain the name of each voter whose registration is effective on the date of the first election held in the county in that voting year.

The office of the Voter Registrar is funded by the Secretary of State. Each year, the Voter Registrar must prepare and submit to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and to the Secretary of State the number of initial registrations and the number of registrations cancelled for the previous voting year. This list is to include voters who are deceased, felons, and those who have moved out of the county. The Voter Registrar is to also provide the total number of registrations for information updates.

### In Austin...

State Senator Dan Patrick is disappointed that the Voter ID bill was again defeated in the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative session. This bill would require a picture ID for the purpose of voting in Texas.

SB1039, relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District, providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds, made it out of committee and went to the Governor for signature. As of this session, it was not signed into law. It is possible that Governor Perry will call a special session this summer.

For a complete list of bills, visit [www.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.senate.state.tx.us)

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State Representative Allen Fletcher authored 63 bills and co-authored 36 bills in his first session of legislature. Allen sits on the Criminal Justice Committee and the Committee of Urban Affairs. HB2411, relating to the criminal penalty for unlawfully obtaining, lending, possessing, or using a driver's license or personal identification certificate, was voted out of committee.

A complete list of bills can be found at [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us).

Please remember to keep Allen's son in your prayers as he proudly serves his country in Afghanistan.

### In Washington...

In May, Congressman Michael McCaul, voted to ease the burden on Americans facing foreclosure by making it easier for them to refinance their loans before they go into default.

Unlike a similar House bill that Congressman McCaul voted against in March, S.896, the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009, excludes the practice known as "cramdown", which would have allowed judges to lower the total amount of a loan, the payments and the interest that a borrower must pay a creditor. This provision would raise interest rates and limit the availability of credit.

"For the millions of Americans who face losing their homes to no fault of their own, this is a life preserver," said Rep. McCaul. "This legislation strikes the right balance of keeping families in their homes, while ensuring homeowners can fulfill their entire financial obligation."

S.896 also permanently increases to \$250,000 the amount of money in individual savings accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Congress voted earlier this year to increase the insured limit to \$250,000, but only for FY'09.

The bill also requires an audit of the Federal Reserve, which would give the public clear insight as to how taxpayer dollars-especially those authorized in the Wall Street bailout-are spent. Congressman McCaul is a co-sponsor of H.R. 1207, which also calls for an audit of the Federal Reserve.

### STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSMAN MCCAUL ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH PASSED THE HOUSE MAY 14:

"This is a bill that clearly states America's national security priorities of funding our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We must build on our success restoring democracy to Iraq and refocusing our efforts to combat terrorists who continue to plot against the United States in the Tribal Areas of Pakistan."

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