



Coming together is a beginning...  
Keeping together is progress...  
Working together is success!

P. O. Box 87606  
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## Solid Waste Management

**"Tree Waste"** is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood will **NOT** be accepted.

Junk Waste may **NOT** be placed for collection during a Tree Waste month.

**Tree Waste** months are **January, March, May, July, September, and November.**

**"Junk Waste"** is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months; however, to ensure your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or take it to a Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center.

**Junk Waste** months are **February, April, June, August, October and December.**

### Tires

Residents may place up to **4 tires** at the curb for collection **during Junk Waste months.** Collection crews will separate the tires from the Junk Waste. It may take up to a week before crews return and retrieve the tires. Separating the tires from the rest of the Junk Waste allows the SWMD to properly process tires.

**Recycle Schedule:** Meadowcreek Village is on Schedule B:

Jan - 11, 25. Feb - 8, 22. Mar 7, 21. Apr 4, 18. May 2, 16, 31. Jun 13, 27.

Jul 11, 25. Aug 8, 22. Sep 6, 19. Oct 3, 17, 31. Nov 14, 28. Dec 12, 27.

Internet page address: <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html>



3rd Qtr 2016

**Remember all Civic Club meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month.**

**Exceptions: July, Summer party and December, Holiday party.  
TIME: 6:30P – 7:30P**

**Meadowcreek Village Community Center**  
Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

As of, July 7th, Meadowcreek Village Civic Club has 155 household members.

Thank you, for your support.

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## **Neighborhood Nuisances – Brian Gruel VP Deed Restrictions**

I get the question all the time, “What can we do about the house that \_\_\_\_\_?” Fill in the blank with ‘junk car’, ‘yard not mowed’, and ‘trash in yard’. The good news is that City takes complaints seriously. They typically respond within a week, but the process sometimes takes a month to gain compliance. Out of 1500 homes we do have a few owners who don’t seem to prioritize taking care of their property.

You can help by reporting violations to [deeds@meadowcreekvillage.org](mailto:deeds@meadowcreekvillage.org) or you may call President Suzanne at **713-890-2356** (leave message if needed.) The civic club is happy to make suggestions on how to report the violation yourself, or when appropriate we will report the violation and pursue compliance.

Some of the common complaints and their definitions:

High Grass / Weeds: A yard with grass over 6 inches high. Department of Neighborhoods will review and cite property owners with civil and criminal fines.

Junk Motor Vehicle: A vehicle that does not operate and which is not currently registered and which is viewable from a public street. HPD and Department of Neighborhoods typically educate the owner. If that fails they impound the vehicle.

Parking in Grass: Yes, this is illegal under City of Houston ordinance. Meadowcreek Village opted in to the ordinance. HPD enforces the restriction that no vehicles will park in the front yard of a residence. It must be on the driveway or it is liable to be given a ticket. Report through the HPD Storefront 713-847-1210 M-F 8am to 4pm.

Trash in Yard: You cannot have piles of junk or debris in your yard. It harbors rats and other unpleasant critters. Department of Neighborhoods will enforce compliance.

Unsecured vacant building: Vacant buildings must be secured to prevent vagrants and vandalism. 311 to report, Department of Neighborhoods will enforce.

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## Let's talk trash

**First things first**, if you have trouble keeping track of recycling and heavy trash then you need the free app called RollOut! This app will let you view your schedule and give you reminders if you would like. Learn more at <http://www.rollouthouston.com/>

**Second, do you have a damaged trash can?** If you are missing a lid, wheel or have other can damage call 311 or email [311@houston.tx.gov](mailto:311@houston.tx.gov). You can also use the 311 app on your Android or iPhone. The app is free. Be sure to include your street address when emailing. The city will take your request and get your can repaired or replaced within a couple of days.

**Did you know there are two different sized cans?** There is a large 96 gallon container and a smaller approximately 65 gallon can. You can request to swap sizes if you need the larger can or if the large can is too much for you to handle. You can also add an extra can for approximately \$10/mo. The program allows you to add an extra trash can for a year at a time. The charge appears conveniently on your water bill.

## Light those streets

It's very easy to report streetlights that are in need of repair. If it's on all day, blinks on and off, is burned out, or damaged you can contact Centerpoint Energy to request a repair. Repairs must be requested by individual citizens and not by civic clubs or businesses.

Be sure to have the approximate address and the 6 digit pole number before reporting.

Call 713-207-222 or use one of two online tools.

To fill in a form and report it: <http://tinyurl.com/znhvo7b>

To use a map and select the damaged light:

<http://gis.centerpointenergy.com/sloreporting/>

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**Back to School at**

**Patterson Dual Language Literature Magnet School.**

Dress Code: On Mondays students can wear Jeans with a College T-shirt

Students who have no Absences Monday - Thursday can wear FREE DRESS on Friday!

Shirts: Hunter Green/White Polo-styled Shirt

Bottoms: Khaki or Navy Blue Pants/Shorts Girls can wear Skorts/Dress

SHOES: Shoes must allow for SAFE movement throughout the building, including the stairs. Shoelaces must be tied.

Flip-flops, crocs, house shoes/slippers, high-heeled shoes, platform shoes, backless shoes, sandals are not allowed.

**Residents worried about pool built on vacant lot - July 29th**

KHOU news interviewed MVCC Vice President of Deed Restrictions, Brian Gruel and myself, Suzanne Riggerbach, President of MVCC. Here is a summary of the interview:

When we called the city, we found out above-ground pools are not permitted. The only time they're inspected is when someone calls and complains.

"It's a pool neighbors noticed right away.

Worried about a wandering child falling in, Gruel reported the pool to 311 on July 14. However, he got a message back saying case closed, with a note asking him to call the city health department.

We called the City of Houston & they sent crew out to check out the pool. They called it "a drowning hazard"

After we called the city, an inspector showed up asking the owner to remove the pool's ladder. The Health and Human Services Department says the only call they have is from Thursday and they claim an inspector went out right away and left a violation notice.

The owner of the pool said he had just put the it in this summer for his kids and had no idea he needed a fence.

"It's hot out and it wouldn't be a very big stretch for a child to walk past there and go, 'Let's go swimming.' And that's how tragedies happen," said Gruel.

The next day work was in progress to build the fence.



**Useful Contacts:**  
**HPD Non-Emergency:**  
 713-884-3131  
**HPD Eastside Dispatch**  
 713-928-4600  
 (press '0' then '#' to connect to dispatch)  
**HISD Police:**  
 713-892-7777  
**Pct 2. Constable Dispatch:**  
 713-477-2766  
**Emergency**  
 9-1-1  
**City General Concerns**  
 (lights, streets, animals):  
 3-1-1

**Street light Repair**

Before you call have the Nearest street address & 6 digit light pole number.

**800-332-7143**; choose a language; then press 5.

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**RECRUITING NEW CUBS**  
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 BOYS AGES 7 - 10

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US  
 MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016  
 AT 6 PM  
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**DO YOUR BEST!**