

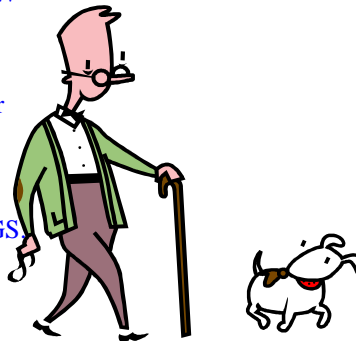


# Terrace Brook Newsletter -Fall 2009-

If you would like to contribute to future issues of the newsletter, please contact Melissa O'Brien online at [terracebrookhoa.com](http://terracebrookhoa.com).

## Keep our community paw friendly...

When I ask for newsletter contributions, one thing I always hear is: PLEASE ASK PEOPLE TO PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS. So... please pick up after your dog!



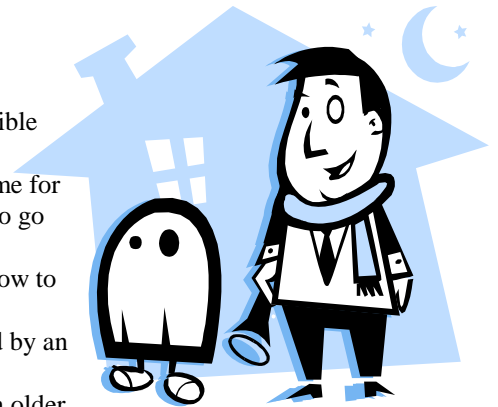
## Halloween Happenings

Halloween is a happy occasion for all kids. If you are new to the neighborhood, however, it's hard to know what to expect. Based on Halloween 2008:

- Expect about 100-150 kids. Most are from our neighborhood, but there are other neighborhoods who "visit" our neighborhood for the night.
- If you DO NOT want ghost and goblins visiting your house this Hallows Eve, please leave your porch light off and your front rooms dark (or the shades/blinds drawn closed). Trick-or-treaters, please note this "signal".
- Trick or Treating usually starts about 6:30 PM and ends by 9 PM.

## Halloween Safety Tips:

- Children should go out during daylight hours only unless accompanied by a responsible adult (see Halloween Happenings about right).
- Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.
- Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places and don't go off the beaten track. Stay in well lit areas.
- Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- Small children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween. Make sure an older sibling or adult is with them.
- Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.



- Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.

Source: [www.halloween-safety.com](http://www.halloween-safety.com)

It's YOUR neighborhood, get involved:

[www.terracebrookhoa.com](http://www.terracebrookhoa.com)

& [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/terrace\\_brook\\_home\\_owners/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/terrace_brook_home_owners/)



Watch for information about our next HOA meeting. If you have concerns beforehand, please contact ACMI, the developer, and the Advisory Board at [www.terracebrookhoa.com](http://www.terracebrookhoa.com)

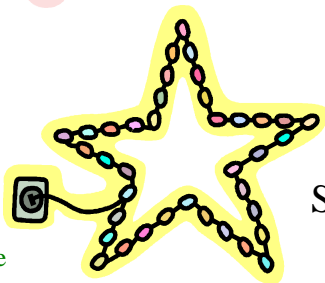
## HAPPY NEW YEAR Fireworks!

Hard to believe it's October 1<sup>st</sup> and we are talking about New Years... but that's what has to happen. Please be respectful of your neighbors when celebrating the new year!



## Holiday Lights Contest

This year's Christmas lights contest will be judged on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please have your house ready to be judged. Prizes are awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place! If it is anything like last year, the competition is tough!



## Are you a cook (or want to be)?

William's Sonoma at Willowbrook is offering FREE Technique classes this fall. The hour long sessions start at 10 AM on Saturdays. Reservations are required (281-807-9807).

10/3 - Fresh Pasta  
10/10 - Knife skills  
10/17 - Fall Baking



Congratulations to the Yard of the Month Winners!

July 2009 - 8035 Tabernash



August 2009 - 8338 Whisper Point Drive



September 2009 - 8302 Whisper Point Drive



Congratulations on your win! Remember, winners receive a special gift card from ACMI!

## RECYCLING 101

To review from the last issue of the newsletter:

Unfortunately, Terrace Brook does not have 10,000 residents, the minimum number of residents required for a neighborhood in Houston to apply for recycling pick-up in a neighborhood.



But... you can recycle locally at the following places:

- Paper/Cardboard: Reed Elementary: 8700 Tami Renee (back parking lot)
- Neighborhood Drop Off Site: The site at 6023 Windfern Road accepts: newspaper, magazines, office paper, glass food and beverage bottles and jars; plastic bottles and jugs (marked #'s 1-5 and 7 - no toys, plastic furniture, Styrofoam, and other pack materials); Aluminum and tin food cans; cardboard boxes; Tires; Oil

For more information, check out:

[www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html#dropoff](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html#dropoff)

## Houston Autumn Happenings: What's going on around town?

- Check out the **Houston Zoo** - purchasing tickets at Fiesta before going gets you adult tickets for only \$8 and children for only \$5! See the website at [HoustonZoo.org](http://HoustonZoo.org) for more information on how to plan your day! What a cool way to spend a fall day together. Plan extra time for a picnic lunch in Hermann Park (and to ride the train)!
- **Terrace Brook Park** come meet other Moms, Dads, and kids that live in our neighborhood!
- Get your running shoes out and join friends and neighbors at the **Great Pumpkin Fun Run** (<http://www.texasheart.org/AboutUs/News/funrun2009.cfm>) on October 31, **Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure** ([www.koman-Houston.org](http://www.koman-Houston.org)) on October 3, **K-9 Fun Run** (email: [kj101@lonestar.edu](mailto:kj101@lonestar.edu)) on October 31, **Hearth and Sole 10K and 5K Fun for Habitat for Humanity** (<https://my.eztoregister.com/events/hearth-sole/>) on October 31, **Fat Santa 5K/10K and Little Helpers 1K Benefiting Toys for Tots** ([http://www.active.com/page/Event\\_Details.htm?event\\_id=1696057&assetId=01a875c6-7f5c-465f-94c6-6727e10a1810](http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1696057&assetId=01a875c6-7f5c-465f-94c6-6727e10a1810)) on December 19<sup>th</sup> and **The Turkey Trot** ([http://www.active.com/page/Event\\_Details.htm?event\\_id=1767755&assetId=77F14672-5157-454B-B545-C28EBA3AE867](http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1767755&assetId=77F14672-5157-454B-B545-C28EBA3AE867)) on November 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Marble Slab Creamery

13706 Northwest Freeway  
713-460-8585

Join the Marble Fan Club online at [marbleslab.com](http://marbleslab.com) and receive \$1 your a celebrity sundae!



- Escape from the hectic pace of the 21st century and experience the 16th century at the 31st annual **Texas Renaissance Festival**. This season inaugurates the newly completed stage, The Cloister, for the popular carillon's musical performances. The 50-acre complex has 21 stages hosting 200 performances daily, including jousting tournaments. Costumed knights, knaves and maidens mix with royalty and more on weekends between Oct. 1 and Nov. 16. Royal fireworks culminate each evening.
- Time travel is easy when the George Ranch Historical Park, a living museum, hosts its annual **Texian Market Days** Oct. 22-23. For 21 years, Texian Market Days has celebrated Texas' history and heritage. Spanning more than a century of Texas history (1820s to 1940s), Texian Market Days includes folk life demonstrations, historical reenactments, historic home tours, an antique tractor show and pull, cowboy poets and singers, a children's carnival and the Texian Market Days Arts & Crafts Marketplace featuring the works of artisans, gourmets and craftsmen.
- **Dewberry Farm** has fun for the whole family. Pumpkin patches, hayrides, corn mazes, and an awesome display of carved pumpkins ([www.dewberryfarms.com](http://www.dewberryfarms.com)).



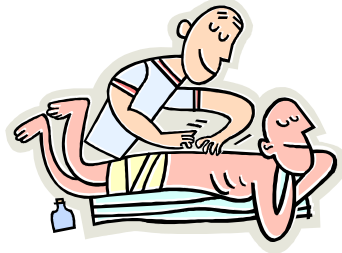
## Winner's Pizza



7239 Fairbanks North Houston  
713-466-7600

## Therapeutic Results Massage Therapy

[www.therapeuticresults.net](http://www.therapeuticresults.net)



Chronic Pain Management and Spa, Body  
Sculpting Treatments contact office for further  
information @ 281-330-5562

**HARRIS COUNTY MUD 220** -- The matters regarding rate per gallon (water bill) per month is increasingly becoming a concern within our community as well as the tax rate per hundred dollar yearly paid in taxes. If you are a concern citizen of the Terrace Brook Community, please email your thoughts to [coreainm@aim.com](mailto:coreainm@aim.com). Once all thoughts are gathered and read, then maybe we can proceed to plan a meeting with a date and time to meet. <http://www.harriscountymud23.com/> (Yes, I know that says 23 and we are 220... Trust me!); 832-209-5000



### New Laws:

Many new laws went into effect in Texas on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Check them out online at: [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)



### Look what we got!

The developer of our neighborhood understands how much we want to use our playground. We have a cover now for the bench! If you haven't seen it in person, take a walk on over (and meet some neighbors, too)!

Have a very safe  
and happy Holiday  
Season!

