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To The Point.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Happy New Year Grogan's Point Residents! Your new board has taken office and we look forward to the coming year as GPRA Co-Presidents. Our Residents' Association has never had a man at the helm, so the board thought two men should be sufficient to handle the challenge.

As residents of Grogan's Point, we can all be proud of the accomplishments the GPRA has made in our community. One of our highest priorities this year is to make our association more inclusive and entice people to become involved in improving our neighborhood.

We are actively planning our 2015 Event Schedule and have many functions to look forward to this year.

Best Regards,

Tom Howard and Anthony Garcia

MEET TOM HOWARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Board Meeting

- Wed., Jan 7th, 9:15am
- 2 Southgate Drive

Wine Club

- Sat., Jan 24th
- Contact Bob and Pat Kramek for info

Dine-In (Season Opener)

- Sat., Feb 7th, 7pm
- RSVP to Mary-Lou Fitch





After graduating from Texas A&M, Tom spent seven years in the US Navy as a pilot and flight instructor serving aboard USS John F Kennedy and USS Constellation. He left the military to fly for Continental Airlines and in 1987 was transferred from Denver to Houston to work as a Flight Instructor/Evaluator in Continental's new state of the art simulators.

Tom and his wife, Vivian, have been residents of Grogan's Point for twenty one years and Tom recently retired from Continental/United after a thirty six year career.

Tom looks forward to enhancing our very special neighborhood and to attracting others to serve in leadership positions on the Grogan's Point Residents' Association.

MEET ANTHONY GARCIA



Anthony Garcia is a native Houstonian and grew-up here in Montgomery County. Anthony is married to Sabina. They moved to The Woodlands in 1996. From the time Anthony moved into Grogan's Point he has been active with GPRA, as well as volunteering his time with other Woodlands/ Montgomery County charities. When he is not helping families find or sell homes, volunteering or caring for his 94 year old grandmother, Anthony is traveling abroad with Sabina. Anthony thinks that Grogan's Point is a wonderful place to live and is home to some of the most interesting and dynamic people from Texas, across the USA and around the world. What better place to call home!

2015 GPRA & SECURITY DUES / NEW WEBSITE COMING!

When asked why they haven't joined the GPRA or GP Security Program, the most common reasons GP Neighbors give are NOT that they think the fees are too expensive or the association is not worth joining. Rather, the most common reasons are that they simply forgot to pay or that it is inconvenient to pay by check/mail.

We have heard you loud and clear!

The GPRA is teaming up with neighbor Coleman Sisson's company, BubbleUp, to create a GPRA webpage. Via this webpage (in addition to the ability to quickly access information regarding news, events and contact information for the Board and Clubs/Committees) all residents will receive electronic statements and be able to join and pay dues by credit card. This system will also provide members with receipts for payment and will accurately and more efficiently update members' lists.

As soon as the website is finished, we will email additional information and instructions for paying dues electronically.

For those who prefer to pay by paper form and check this option is still available.

[Click here for the GPRA Dues Form.](#)

[Click here for the GPRA Security Program Form.](#)

WHAT EXACTLY IS DINE IN AND HOW TO I JOIN?

For each Dine In event, there is one set menu (chosen by the Dine In Chairs). Each "host home" will make the

same menu, with each couple providing one part of the meal. So, for instance, the host couple might make the main dish, one couple may provide the appetizers, two couples may provide side dishes and one couple may provide a dessert. All recipes are the same for each house. The number of host homes is determined by the number of couples participating. There are typically 4-5 couples per house.

Couples providing desserts will drop these off to the "Dessert House" prior to going to their assigned host house. At the end of the meal, all couples in each host house tally their receipts in order to share expenses equally. Typically, since the host couple provides the main dish and the wine, the remaining couples (having spent less) reimburse the host couple the difference.

After dinner, everyone heads to the "dessert house", to enjoy the deserts as well as coffee and liquors that are provided by the desert host.

At the season opening Dine In event, the schedule for the year is decided upon and hosts sign up for their preferred dates. It is essential to this program that all who participate be willing to host at least once. There will be a one time charge of \$10 per couple to offset the printing of receipes, liquors and any special items.

We will have our season opener on February 7th at 7:00pm at the home of Mary Lou Fitch. At that time we will present the 2015 Dine In Dates for sign up. Everyone should bring an appetizer for ten and a beverage of choice; we will provide coffee and dessert. RSVP to Mary Lou Fitch at Falconvip@aol.com.

MELODY IN LIGHTS

Our lovely statue, Melody, is finally illuminated after several years of being in the dark. The canopy lighting of the crepe myrtle trees creates a soft and beautiful backdrop for Melody. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project. Special thanks goes to Scott Beverly of Signature Illumination Designs and the Kline family without whom this project would not have come to fruition.



TONY'S POINT

Hello Friends!!

January 2015....the start of another year. If someone knows where 2014 went, can you please let me know, I still need a little more time to finish some things. Time seems to be passing by faster and faster...and an increase of speeding has been observed. Please watch your speed. 30mph on Grogan's Point Road; 20mph on all other streets.

Security Program numbers for November, 2014 are as follows: 257 Vacation Watches (8.3 per shift); average number of traffic stops and calls for service. No major law incidents occurred within the community. In the February newsletter I am hoping to have the December 2014, January 2015, and the yearly 2014 program numbers available for release. All information must be presented to the GPRA Board prior to any release.

Due to recent efforts, new security membership is on the rise. This will allow for the scheduling of additional patrol hours and funds to assist in the various security projects planned for 2015. The potential projects include, but are not limited to, electronic speed signs, traffic survey/counter system, and additional security cameras. Thanks to every new and established security member for your support of the security program!

I can now be contacted directly at tmadison36@hotmail.com regarding questions and/or issues. Please keep in mind that this is a personal e-mail address and is not necessarily checked each day. Please allow one or two days for a reply.

Please keep all dogs on a leash while walking within the community and securely confined if outside. Several incidents of loose dogs have been reported over the last couple of months. Montgomery County has an ordinance requiring this action. If necessary, law enforcement and animal control will take the appropriate action to address any loose dog issues.

As always, you may contact Rex and Mary Campbell with any questions and/or concerns.

Until next time, please stay safe.

Tony Madison

GROGANS' POINT WINE CLUB. WHAT'S NEW IN 2015?

The Grogans' Point Wine Club has been in existence for many years with approximately 50 members and 4-6 meetings per year. The group was organized under the very able leadership of Bill and Sandra Chamberlain with an interesting and flexible format. Host couples volunteer their homes and select night's theme based on their experience, travels and interest in wines from virtually all over the world -- France, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Australia, the United States etc...

Alternatively, the theme may be based on type of wines or regions such as white wines for the summer, pinot noirs, California reds, Napa versus Sonoma and so on. The host also sets size of the group (Avg. 30) for the evening and the price per person (Avg. \$35) depending on the cost of the wines, and whether the food served was potluck hors d'oeuvres or catered to pair with the wine. At times, a wine expert, such as James Barlow, sommelier and wine manager for Specs, is invited to share his/her experiences and provide tasting expertise.

Beginning today, leadership of the group has passed to Bob and Pat Kramek. In addition to ongoing efforts to retain existing members, a push will be made in 2015 to reach out to and recruit new members. Bob and Pat plan to keep the format as described above.

Four Saturday evening tasting dates have been selected for 2015. Every effort was made to avoid conflicts with other neighborhood activities. Please mark your calendars for January 24, March 14, June

13, and September 12.

The January 24th event will be hosted by Bob and Pat Kramek. The event, called, "A Taste of Tuscany" will be based on their recent wine tour of that region. Details will be provided separately by email to wine club members.

Please contact Bob and Pat pbkramektx@gmail.com to indicate your interest in participating in the Grogan's Point Wine Club and willingness to host in 2015.

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