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Township honors Volunteers; holds Town Hall meeting

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (January 26, 2012) –The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a Special Volunteer Recognition and Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, at 7 p.m.

About 100 people came to see the volunteer recognition, including the four Volunteers of the Year, hear the presentation on the 2011 Township annual report with 2012 projections and had open public comment available.

The Woodlands Township Chairman of the Board Bruce Tough began the volunteer recognition with the four residents of The Woodlands honored as Volunteers of the Year for their outstanding volunteerism to the Township. John Hibbs, a Community Relations volunteer, has submitted numerous photographs for the Township to use in its monthly magazine, *The Woodlands Community Magazine*. Pat Shook, an Environmental Services volunteer, was instrumental in establishing a recycling program at her apartment complex. Clancy Dee Rasmituth, a Neighborhood Services volunteer, used her position as Woodlands Watch coordinator to promote the Woodlands Watch motto of “neighbor knowing neighbor is the first step in crime prevention.” Marti Fox Meerscheidt, a Parks and Recreation volunteer, played a vital role on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council with her input and advice on many issues, including policies, procedures, marketing efforts, program initiatives, facility design and operations.

Led by Chairman Bruce Tough, The Woodlands Township recognized seven different volunteer groups, totaling nearly 200 people that represent varied and important functions within the community.

“We are most fortunate to be a town full of individuals who make their town a great place to live, work and play,” said Chairman Tough. “Volunteers are the lifeblood of The Woodlands. Our volunteers have contributed thousands upon thousands of hours of hard work to provide for the needs of our community, helping it to stay strong, sustainable and connected.”

In addition to honoring the four individuals with Volunteer of the Year awards, many other individuals were honored with their community-wide and village volunteerism.

The Woodlands Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Leaders act as liaisons between CERT graduates and The Woodlands Fire Department. They help plan CERT classes, recruit new



CERT members and participate in local events. Those honored were Glen Bernstein, Ed Commender, Bruce Cunningham, Scott Darby, Joe Hakkinen, Chad Jolley, Brian Laing, Paul Lancaster, Rud Merriam, Carter Miller, Ruth Pinney, Randy Scott, Harry Smart and Mike Thomson.

The Development Standards Committee members are appointed by The Woodlands Township and The Woodlands Land Development Company. The committee is responsible for adopting rules and regulations regarding the administration, interpretation and enforcement of The Woodlands Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens. The members recognized were Deborah Sargeant, Robert Heineman, Ken Anderson, Mike Bass, Chris Florack, Kim Hess, and Herman Weindel.

The Residential Design Review Committee members are community-elected representatives who review requests for improvements to residential properties in each village in order to protect the aesthetic character of the residential areas in The Woodlands. Each village has its own committee.

Alden Bridge	Arthur Bredehoft, Gregory Bakalich, Robin Cassidy, Peggy Gartman, John Passero
Cochran’s Crossing	Clarence J. Wallace, Jim Goldmeyer, Mark Bacon, Gerald Rapp, Steven Tidwell,
College Park	Roger W. McDonald, Gail Carney, Laura Dean, Wayne Mulkey, Eileen Sandburg
Creekside Park	Nancy Decker Lent, William Hall, Jennifer Mares, Michael Ramsey, Susan Tedesco
Grogan’s Mill	Jorge Slater, Vince Fredrick, Robbie Brundrett, Rex D. Campbell, Robert H. Leilich
Indian Springs – <i>The Woodlands Community Association</i>	Cheryl Edmondson, Mary Carl, Steven Gallia, John Leftwich, Randy Scott
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Panther Creek	Daniel E. Lewis, Barby R. Carroll, Kimber Lewis, Susan Pennock, Jay Mac Sanders
Sterling Ridge	M. Kimberli Vest, George Newman, Jaydean Tullos, George Ushiroda, Doris Wootton

The Law Enforcement Advisory Council members provide valuable input and serve as a public sounding board for programs involving law enforcement initiatives in The Woodlands Township. Those honored were Glen Bernstein, Boyd Burdett, Tom Campbell, Richard Derr, Anthony Fasone, Amy Lecocq, Daniel E. Lewis, David Packer, Kendrick Skipper, George Van Horn and Clarence J. Wallace.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council members serve as a public sounding board for



programs, activities, policies and new initiatives of the Parks and Recreation Department. The recognized volunteers were Gail Carney, Merle H. Causey, Bruce Cunningham, Anthony Fasone, Claude Hunter, Dan Kolkhorst, Marti Meerscheidt, Nick Norris, Steve Perry, Ken Schumann, Susan Tedesco, Eric Thomas and Adele Yung.

The largest group of volunteers honored was the village associations. The village associations are grassroots organizations that provide civic and social opportunities for residents. They are separate and independent of The Woodlands Township. Village association volunteers are community-elected representatives who meet regularly to discuss community and village issues, gain village input and plan village programs and events.

Alden Bridge	Steve Leakey (president), Michael Cannetti (vice president), Melanie Bush (treasurer), Darla Bell (secretary), Phillip Barker, Matt Bartholomew, Nasim Bell, John Brown, Chuck Hoffheiser, Michael (Barry) Newman, Paul Oman, Laurie Ricks, Kendrick Skipper, Angela Speight, Ronny R. Taylor, Theresa Wagaman, Dale Wood, Adele Yung
Cochran's Crossing	Stuart Schroeder (president), Marti Fox Meerscheidt (vice president), Jim Goldmeyer (treasurer), Bill Mara (secretary), Jeff Allen, Brian Creighton, Brian Duelm, Julie Duelm, Charlie Fray, Mark Gjovik, Dave Jesiolowski, Cynthia Kessinger, Julie Miller, Jerry Orebaugh, Steve Perry, Lori Riley, Steven Tidwell, Clarence J. Wallace
College Park	Ted Stanley (president), Scott S. Singletary (vice president), Steven A. Reinmund, CPA (treasurer), Gail Carney (secretary), Glen Bernstein, Laura Dean, Larry Faith, Tully French, Richard Johnson, Paul Martin, David Mulberry, Ray Penton, Janet Reinmund
Creeside Park	Nancy Decker Lent (president), Michael Ramsey (vice president), Michael P. Casey (secretary), Larry Jadrych (treasurer), Julie Belforti (events chair), Nicole Coulton, Sally H. Epton, Emma Marrow, Kusuma Ritchey, Susan Tedesco
Grogan's Mill	Deborah Sargeant (president), Dana Denton (vice president), Robert Leilich (treasurer), Patricia Goodpastor (secretary), Matt Beasley, Sara Bissig, Tom Campbell, Bruce Cunningham, Virginia Dellinger, Jim Duke, Lachelle Gentry, Franklin R. Palmer, Jennifer Robinson, George Van Horn, Chris Wren
Indian Springs	Amy Lecocq (president), Carolyn Dalglish (vice president), Oscar Lui (treasurer), Kelly Sharer (secretary), Shanna Davis, , Michael Luman, James Merritt, Erika Pratt, Terry Reiszner, Jason Rivers, Kenneth Schumann, Richard Stromatt, Eric Thomas, Jose Valladares, Veronica Williams
Panther Creek	Everett Ison (president), Daniel E. Lewis (vice president), Damon Palermo (secretary), Kimber Lewis (treasurer), Barbara Beavis, Mary Bootz, Barby Carroll, Geneva Carroll, Merle Causey, Jennifer Ferrara, Paul Gebolys, Rich Jakovac, Hartley Mackintosh,



	Jay Mac Sanders, Barbara St. Amand, Karen Stafford
Sterling Ridge	Phillip Givens (president), Anthony Fasone (vice president), Mike Bass (treasurer), Mazen El Zarka (secretary), Julia Belforti (event chair), Feyi Bassir, Stephanie Carlton, Gabriel Castillo, Charles Dressler, Bob Earl, Jim Holt, Jason Horn, Tabitha Lenox, Nick Norris, Chris Pappas, Kerri Steen-Chew, Eddie Valverde, Sue Young

The last group of volunteers recognized was The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Board of Directors and its Marketing Committee. The CVB Board members honored were President Nelda Luce Blair, Vice Chairman Claude Hunter, Treasurer / Secretary Lloyd Matthews, Director Fred Domenick, Director Karen Hoylman, Director Kent Johnson and Director Don Norrell. The marketing committee members recognized were Nelda Luce Blair, Tink Horning, Kent Johnson, Sheron Jones, Jill Liccioni and Susan Vreeland-Wendt.

President Don Norrell proceeded to give a detailed summary of the Township's many 2011 accomplishments, including the completion of the 2012 budget and five-year plan, increase in law enforcement funding for 2012, lower property tax rate, renovation of the Town Hall building and the expansion of Alden Bridge Sports Field.

A full video of the meeting can be found at the Video Meetings website of The Woodlands Township website

The annual report presentation can also be found on the Township Web site. Please check the Board Meeting Information page (<http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/index.aspx?NID=585>) for links to agendas, minutes, public meeting documents, videos, reports and summaries of meetings.

For more information on The Woodlands Township, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

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The Woodlands Township Board of Directors honored four Volunteers of the Year at its Volunteer Recognition and Town Hall Meeting on January 25, 2012. From left, Chairman Bruce Tough, Ed Robb, John Hibbs (community relations volunteer), Marti Fox Meerscheidt (parks and recreation volunteer), Peggy S. Hausman, Pat Shook (environmental services volunteer), Claude Hunter, Clancy Dee Rasmituth (neighborhood services volunteer), Lloyd Matthews, Tom Campbell and Nelda Luce Blair.



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