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NORMANDY FOREST Pool Pass Application

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GUIDELINES:

- All HOA dues must be paid in full
- Failure to follow pool rules will result in loss of pool privileges for 2012
- No one under the age of 10 will be allowed in the pool area without an adult resident
- Residents are allowed to bring up to 4 guests they must remain with the resident during their entire stay at the pool No exceptions
- Special Events/Parties, etc. must be held before or after pool hours and with lifeguard contact and pool rental contact. See website for details.

Complete the form and enclose your check or money order for \$20.00 payable to:

Normandy Forest HOA

Mail to:

Normandy Forest HOA Attn: Pam Selman

3422 La Mer Lane Spring, Texas 77388

Please print clearly:

Homeowners Name

Phone Number ___

Address

Additional Family Members - Must be residents!

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Recycling in Normandy Forest

The question has been asked at a number of HOA meetings "Why don't we have recycling in Normandy Forest". The question should be why don't we have curb side pick up of recycling. The HOA has always responded by saying that decision rests with the MUD district. The next question is ... What is the MUD district and how do I get in touch with them.

I would like to answer the second question first and then address the Recycling Issue.

The MUD District is a State of Texas political subdivision charged with providing safe pure water and efficient sewer treatment to a defined geographical area. The district that serves Normandy Forest and Klein Collins Campus is our district, NWHC MUD #28. The management of the district is done by five Member Board who meet once a month. All the Board Members are residents of Normandy Forest.

To establish the district, we had to install all the pipes and meters for sewer and water delivery, install hydrants, install storm sewers, purchase capacity in two water wells, build a well water treatment and storage plant, a pump station for sewerage, and purchase capacity in a sewer treatment plant.

To pay for these assets we issued municipal bonds and sold them into the financial markets. Twice each year we make interest and principal payments to our bond holders. We use the revenue raised from property taxes on the residents of the district to make these payments. The revenue we make from selling water and sewerage to the residents is used to meet operating expenses.

Besides meeting the expense of simply supplying water and sewer, in 2005 we assumed the entire subdivision expense for trash collection. Before then, trash collection was a billed item on the resident's water bill. In 2007, we assumed the entire cost of police protection and increased in district patrols from 12 hours per month

to 160 hours at a current year expense of \$67,000.

The current cost of regular trash collection is \$97,000 this year. Curbside pick up would cost an extra \$25,344 on top of the \$164,000 already committed.

The facts are, it takes 285,000 beer or soda cans to make one ton of aluminum valued at \$87.00 per ton. One ton of newspapers is approximately 500 Sunday Editions of the Chronicle and is worth \$4.80. One ton of plastic milk bottles (86,000) is valued at \$14.40.

We are simply too small a district to have any efficiency at it.

We encourage everyone to recycle. Curbside pick up of recyclables, however is a convenience, with a financial consideration that has to be shared by those who choose not to take their recyclables to a center.

The official position of the Board is that we will set up curb side pick up for those who want it, but they will need to pay for it on their water bill.

Those who choose not to have it, will not be billed. The residents who want it, will need to agree to pay their pro rata share of the \$25,344 bill plus sales tax, sign a contract with the MUD District to stay in the program for two years, and accept billing for the service on their water bill each month.

We believe that the majority of residents share our opinion that "It's a nice idea, but we can't afford it ..and we don't want to trade police protection for a curb side convenience".

We will continue to look for options that make recycling an affordable and convenient choice for our residents. In the meantime, we will all have to do the same thing my wife and I do, drop off recyclables when you are out running errands.

Richard Doll President, NWHC MUD #28

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