

# FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

September 16  
1995



Friends of Old Sugar Land  
and Home Depot Volunteers



Volunteer Terry House on ladder painting



Volunteers-Joan Maresh, Teresa Pierce,  
Sophie Simon

NEIGHBORS  
HELPING  
HANDS



## Friends of Old Sugar Land Annual Neighborhood Day

Neighborhood Day was created for residents of "The Hill" neighborhood in Sugar Land. Friends of Old Sugar Land, The Hill's neighborhood organization designated this day for neighbors to help one another, especially senior citizens.

The Hill was the first community in Sugar Land, with homes dating back to the early nineteen hundreds. Many of the senior citizen residents are widows and have a very limited income. Their homes are in need of repairs, interior and exterior. Some residents simply need help changing a light bulb, or batteries in smoke alarms, still others need handicap features added to their home and other major repairs. Many of the tasks the volunteers take on are a necessity to maintain safety at home.

Our first Neighborhood Day in 1995 boasted of more than 75 volunteers who painted two homes, repaired broken windows, installed hand rails, trimmed trees for twelve senior citizen residents' requesting assistance. Sponsors such as Home Depot, Sherwin Williams, K2 Realty, Yummies, Gerlands, Pizza Hut helped make this day possible.



Kyle Von Tungeln, Annie Holder, Jamie Thompson and Dalton Lytle



Mary Von Tungeln plants with the young volunteers



Ms. Vaculik, Kyle, Annie, Jamie and Dalton



# Friends of Old Sugar Land



VOLUNTEERS  
FROM ALL  
WALKS OF  
LIFE



Dalton Lytle



Jamie Thompson

Neighborhood Day  
Volunteer



Sugar Land Fire Dept. installed smoke alarms,  
replaced batteries



Sophie Simon painting



# Friends of Old Sugar Land Neighborhood Day Saturday, September 16th 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

**A** very special day has been planned for the senior citizen residents of The Hill. On Saturday, September 16th volunteers (of all ages!) will be knocking on their doors to help them with difficult chores. After registering at City Park volunteer teams will hit the streets to lend a helping hand to their neighbors. Most of our senior citizens are very independent, and maintain

beautiful yards and gardens, but with these old houses there is always a list of repairs to be done.

So to all the senior citizens...get out that paper and pen and make a list of "little to do's", whether it be shrubs by a window that need trimming, light bulbs changed, batteries in the smoke alarm changed, lawn mowing, repairing a broken door or window, etc. Focus on your safety! Do you have enough lighting in your yard? Are your locks sufficient? Give the list to your block captain at your street's National Night Out Block Party on August 1. It will be the responsibility of each block captain to collect these lists. Please include your name and phone number on the list.

After all lists are received donations from local businesses

will be sought.

There will also be volunteers using the City of Sugar Land Police Department's engraving tools to assist residents in identifying personal possessions. This is step two in the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and we must have 40% participation on every street in our neighborhood.

Some of you may have heard that we are having a few problems in the neighborhood, the police department has verified some of these incidents.

Let's work together and make sure



everyone is safe. Volunteers sign up August 1 at your Neighborhood Night Out Block Party.

## BLOCK CAPTAINS:

**First-**Cindy and Sally Anderson

**Second-**Dean Lipscomb

**Lakeview and Main-**Johnnie

Ryckli, Walter Klahn, Ruth

Barrett, Ida Pamplin

**Fourth-**Mr. & Mrs. Larry Loper

**Fifth-**Debbie Graves and Sheryl Cullar

**Sixth-**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Steadman

**E. & W. Church-**Julia Mohn

Trim trees-hitting roof

Wants a light on garage-DEPOT TEAM

122 Lakeview

Water faucet leaks-DEPOT TEAM  
Garage door won't open-bottom needs to be cut-DEPOT TEAM  
Smoke alarm does not work-SLFD  
Clean out gutters-DEPOT TEAM  
Mow yard

131 Second

Broken windows-DEPOT TEAM  
Loose boards on garage/lock on garage broke-DEPOT TEAM  
Pipe in bathroom broke-can not use-rotted floor-DEPOT TEAM  
Fix ceiling tiles in bedroom-DEPOT TEAM  
Trim trees

111 Second

Tree Cut - Misc. yard work

106 Lakeview

Trim trees  
Cut down 4 ft. tree  
Remove 2 shrubs

110 Lakeview

Smoke alarms-SLFD

110 Second

Wash under eaves  
Tree trimming  
House painted

Repair Entry door-DEPOT TEAM WILL HANDLE ALL  
Repair Screen doors  
Replace 2 window panes  
Install handrails

115 Sixth

Trim Tree Limbs

102 Second

New A/C filter-window unit-DEPOT TEAM  
New lock on back door-DEPOT TEAM  
Board on handicap ramp needs replacing-DEPOT TEAM  
Weed pulling

Replace battery in smoke alarm-SLFD  
Window shade broken-DEPOT TEAM  
Cut shrubs  
Need new lock on back door-DEPOT TEAM

403 Main

139 Sixth

118 Sixth



**Registration 8:15 am**-Kelly Holder, Colleen Thompson, Mary Von Tungeln, Kristin Lytle.

**Water Truck/Soft drinks/Runner**-Richard and Carol Stearman.

**Luncheon Set-up- 11:30 am**-Rosie Janssen, Mary Stewart, Kelly Holder, Colleen Thompson.

**Tree Trimming/Yard Work, etc.**-Doug Kreimeyer, Ricky Nentwig, Sid Jones, Gary Thompson, Steve Root, Phil Overbeke, Richard Lanier, Tommy Thompson, Steve Ingram. **WE NEED EQUIPMENT-CHAINSAWS, ETC.**

**Painting**-Tracy & Kristin Lytle, Brenda Ferguson, Brittany Ferguson, Will Barrett, Dawn Barrett, Ruth Barrett, Bob & Teresa Pierce, Peter & Sophie Simons, Dean Liscum, Joan Maresh, Matt Marinelli, Ce Ce Connely, Karla Ritzen, Bret Ward, Bobby Currier, Miguel Zavala, Betty Coit, Theresa Callis. **WE NEED PAINT BRUSHES.**

**Engraving:**

**Main**-Marla Overbeke

**Second**-Kim Wenglinski

**Fourth**-Richard Lanier

**Sixth**-Louis and Haroldetta Robertson

**First-NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Lakeview**-Annette Wise-(on another day)

**Fifth**-Debbie Kraft

**Plants**-Rob and Mary Von Tungeln

The following businesses are sponsoring Neighborhood Day through donation:

K2 Realty  
Sherwin Williams  
Home Depot  
Pizza Hut  
Sugar Land Fire Dept.

**Home Depot Volunteer Team:**

Monte Hambleton  
Ann Carrothers  
Chris Jordan  
Albert Saldia  
Preston Williams  
Charles Hearrell  
Jennifer Powell  
Chris Dimmock  
Ricky Davenport  
Jon Skear  
John Doggett  
Scott Tjachman  
Dave Cartwright  
Chrispen Simmonds



## September 16th, Neighborhood Day Update:

I am very excited to say we have our first sponsor commitment for our Neighborhood Day, K2 Realty has graciously donated the money to cover the cost of volunteer tee shirts. Our city council member, Mary Von Tungeln owns an advertising specialty company and is currently working on the design of these shirts and is selling the shirts to us at cost and waiving screening costs. I am working on donations from other companies in the area, including lunch at City Park on Neighborhood Day for all volunteers, any help you can offer in this area would be great.

I am working on a press release for the local newspapers (with photos from National Night Out) but I am waiting on sponsors, so that they will receive recognition for their donations in the newspapers.

### To our favorite senior citizens.....

If you have not given your "to do" list to your block captain please do so as soon as possible. The City of Sugar Land Fire Dept. will be replacing batteries in smoke alarms, and a major hardware store is considering donating bolt locks for doors. This day will be a special day of neighbors helping one another, please take advantage of the opportunity and let us know how we can help you.

### To our great block captains.....

We will have our first meeting of planning Neighborhood Day at City Park on Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30pm. Please bring your volunteer and senior citizen project lists with you. If you can not make it to the meeting please drop the lists off at my house, 103 First. If you have any questions please call me at 242-1899.

Thank you.

Kristin Lytle

## Neighborhood Day

More good news about Neighborhood Day.....**HOME DEPOT** is sponsoring the event through donation of supplies AND they are sending out the "Team Depot" to handle all the carpentry/plumbing jobs. Team Depot consists of a dozen handymen, (and women) and they will be wearing "Team Depot" tee shirts. Some of you that requested these type of jobs will be receiving a phone call from Home Depot so they can come out before September 16th to make sure they have all the supplies needed on Neighborhood Day. These employees are volunteering their personal time to help us out!

We now have 85 volunteer tee shirts on order-sponsored by **K2 Realty**. This is quite an expense so if you volunteered please mark your calendar to be at City Park at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 16th.

**Sherwin Williams** has generously donated all the paint we need. **Pizza Hut** on Eldridge Road is donating a bunch of 'BIGFOOT PIZZAS' for a noon luncheon for all the volunteers. We still need donations of paper plates & napkins. **Victoria Bank and Trust** (thanks to our neighbor CeCe Connely) will be donating all the drinks. We are in desperate need of chain saws and tree trimming equipment for our tree trimming crew. City officials will be at City Park after lunch to recognize volunteers for their hard work!



## Community news

# Volunteers to help neighbors

## Saturday project planned in 'Old Sugar Land'

Volunteers will be knocking on doors Saturday, Sept. 16, in "Old Sugar Land" to lend a helping hand to elderly neighbors who might need help with difficult chores.

Kristin Lytle, who started a homeowners association several years ago for residents of "Old Sugar Land," is spearheading the project. Neighborhood block captains participating are: Dean Liscum, Richard and Carol Stearman, Johnnie Rychlik, Ruth Barrett, Cheryl Cullar, Debbie Graves, Ida Pamplin, Larry and Cathy Loper, Bob and Wynn Roberts and Sally Anderson.

"Most of our senior citizens are very independent; they maintain beautiful yards and gardens. But with the age of these houses, there is always a list of little repairs to be done. We now have the sponsors and volunteers to tackle these repairs," said Lytle.

She said sponsors jumped at the opportunity to help.

For example, Monte Hambleton, store manager for Home Depot in Sugar Land, wanted to do more than just donate locks, wood, glass and other supplies.

"We have 'Team Depot' that loves community projects. Our employees volunteer their personal time. We have a great group of caring people," Hambleton said.

Troy James, a manager with Sherwin Williams in Sugar Land, did not hesitate to donate paint for the project.

Lytle said she was pleasantly surprised with the response from all of the sponsors. "I didn't have to ask anyone twice. After a brief explanation of the project to Mr. James, he simply handed me a color chart and told me to have my neighbors pick out the paint."

"Old Sugar Land," also known as "The Hill," is a small section of company houses built in the early 1900s for refinery workers of the Imperial Sugar Co.

The dozen project homes require various repairs, ranging from fixing water leaks, to installing locks, to painting.

Lytle "kicked off" Neighborhood Day at the Aug. 1 National Night Out with block captains hosting block parties on every street and talking to residents about the project. Volunteers signed up and senior citizens made wish lists.

Lytle is also working with Sugar Land police Officer Rufus Green for a Neighborhood Crime Watch program for the neighborhood.

The Sugar Land Fire Department will help on Neighborhood Day. Several years ago firefighters installed smoke alarms in all of the houses in The Hill. On Neighborhood Day they will be replacing batteries for all senior citizens that requested new batteries.

A luncheon will be held at City Park at noon for all volunteers. Pizza Hut on Eldridge Road is sponsoring the luncheon. Victoria Bank & Trust, Sweetwater Branch is donating the soft drinks for the event. Volunteers will be recognized after the luncheon for their work.

Sugar Land City Councilwoman Mary Von Tungeln said, "This is a wonderful community project. It really shows the cooperative spirit that exists in Sugar Land. These residents as well as local businesses have worked so hard, donating time and money to make it all come together. I'd love to see this event become an annual, citywide event."

## VOLUNTEER RESIDENTS:

Brenda and Brittany Ferguson  
Kelly Holder  
Tommy and Colleen Thompson  
Kim Wenglinski  
Tim Howard  
Chris Cheaney  
Bret Ward  
Dean Liscum  
Annette Wise  
The Lytle Family  
Estelle Williamson  
The Barrett Family  
Betty Coit  
Miguel Zavala  
Theresa Callis  
Jesse Nelson  
Mary Stewart  
Cheryl Cullar  
Debbie Kraft  
Richard and Carol Stearman  
Bob and Teresa Pierce  
Doug Kreimeyer  
Louis and Haroldetta Robertson  
Steve Root  
Bobby Currier  
Karla Ritzen  
Rosie Janssen  
Joan Maresh  
Phil and Marla Overbeke  
Peter and Sophie Simons  
Ricky Nentwig  
Sid Jones  
Gary Thompson

## Hill residents choose to stay put

By CHRISTINA RUSSELL  
Contributing Writer

Many Hill residents have lived in the same home for upwards of 50 years, and practically to a person they never think of moving.

"We paid \$5,500 for this house," says Roxie Strickland, 83. "I've had people offer me ten times that, but it's not for sale at any price."

Even though the companies had a virtual monopoly in their isolated community, owners like I.H. Kempner didn't believe in gouging workers.

He is quoted as saying that it wouldn't have made much sense to spend millions to build a company town, or to provide good

living conditions for the people, only to take an unfair advantage on the price of a five-cent can of beans.

"It's always been a good place to live, and I think it's better now because it's quieter," says Lue Eva Brooks, 72. "And we have better streets, too. Back then we didn't have air conditioning, and in the afternoons you'd sit out in one of the yards. You'd bring your own chair."

Despite her positive attitude, Brooks can't help but feel a touch of wistful nostalgia remembering the way things used to be.

"At one time I did know everybody on this street. Now I know them (only) when I see them," she says. "They go by and wave. But they're younger

people and they get transferred. By the time I get to know who they are they've moved."

Even so, most residents wouldn't live anywhere else. I love the Hill," says Strickland. "It is just fabulous. We know most everybody, and they look out for us. The biggest part of us are country, and we believe in helping each other. It's a country kind of atmosphere."

Like most Hill residents, Sally Anderson, 62, has nothing but good to say about the neighborhood.

"I said something one time about selling out and moving somewhere else, says Anderson, "but I know I wouldn't be satisfied. Not after living here for so many years."

Richard Lanier  
Matt Marinelli  
Ce Ce Connelly

## Other Volunteers:

Councilmember Mary Von Tungeln and family  
Mel Knesek-Broker/Owner K2 Realty





Tracy Lytle painting



Ricky Nentwig-tree trimming crew



Bob Pierce sprayed the entire house



Joan Maresh, Teresa Pierce, and  
Sophie Simon







Haroldetta Robertson scraping window



Terry House



Home Depot Volunteer



Volunteers at lunch



Tree Trimming Crew





Keith House painting



Volunteer kids-Kyle Von Tungeln,  
Annie Holder, Jamie Thompson,  
and Dalton Lytle



Gary Thomson tree trimming crew  
leader



Terry House painting screen door

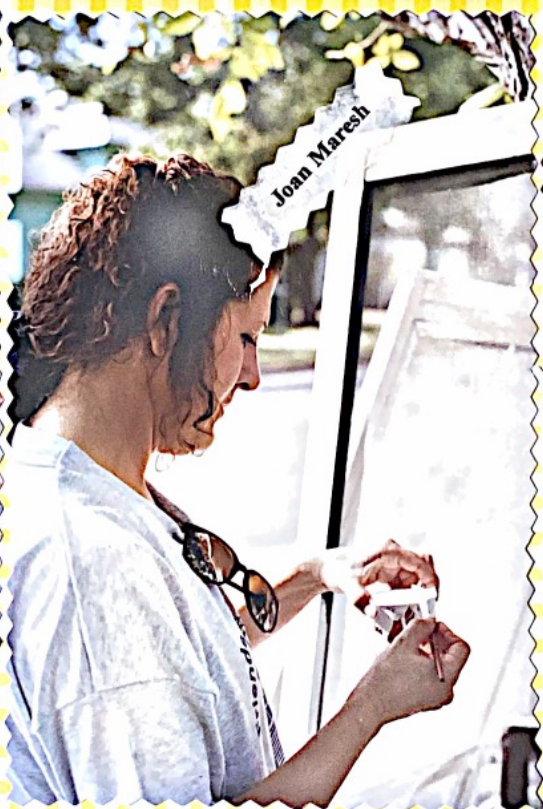


Teresa Pierce





Tree Trimming Crew



Joan Maresh



Mike Rychlik



Teresa Pierce



Bob Pierce





*Neighborhood Day event helps elderly in "Old Sugar Land"*  
City of Sugar Land District 2 Councilmember Mary Von Tungeln walks children volunteers through "Old Sugar Land" planting mums. The mums were donated by Home Depot and brightened the yards of many of the residents. The volunteers, comprised of adults and children, helped their elderly neighbors by doing painting, yard work, home repairs, and any heavy chore that was needed. The volunteers left with a sense of accomplishment and the residents were happy with the results.



*Friends of Old Sugar Land assist elderly on Neighborhood Day*  
Teams of volunteers lent a helping hand to their elderly neighbors in "Old Sugar Land" recently. Kristin Lyle spearheaded the project. Volunteers did painting, yard work, repairs and any difficult chore that needed to be done. Shown (L-R) are Jamie Thompson, Annie Holder, Senior Citizen resident, Kyle Von Tungeln, and Dalton Lyle. The children planted mums (donated by Home Depot) in senior citizens' yards. Home Depot also replaced floors, windows and screens on over a dozen homes.



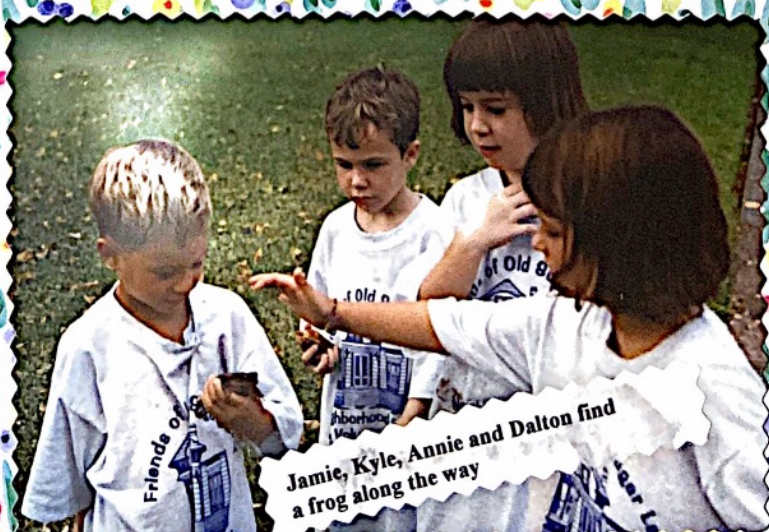
*Jamie, Annie, Dalton and Kyle*



*Mary Von Tungeln, Mrs. Vaculik with young volunteers*



*Mary Von Tungeln gives the kids a "high five"*



*Jamie, Kyle, Annie and Dalton find a frog along the way*



# HOME DEPOT TEAM





Cee Cee Connally, Doug Kreyemeyer  
and .....



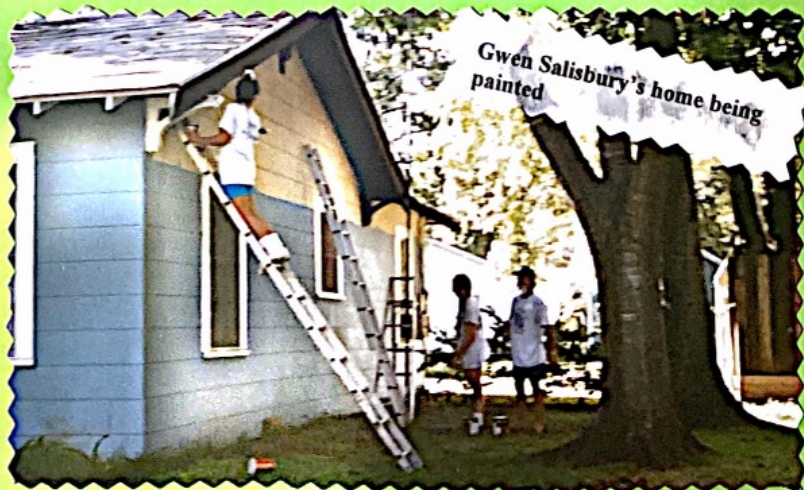
Tree Trimming crew



Mrs. Strickland's home being  
painted by volunteers



Gwen Salisbury's home being  
painted









You can wear your volunteer shirt with pride...  
and paint stains



## Seniors receive helping hand

Friends of Old Sugar Land have planned a special day for senior citizens on Sept. 16 when teams of volunteers will lend a helping hand to their elderly neighbors.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. volunteers will start knocking on the doors of elderly residents in "Old Sugar Land" to assist them with their difficult chores.

Volunteers will meet at Sugar Land City Park on Seventh Street before heading out.

Kristin Lytle, who started a homeowners association several years ago for Old Sugar Land residents, more often referred to as "The Hill" says response for the project has been overwhelming.

Home Depot has not only donated tools and supplies, but employees who will contribute their time and labor.

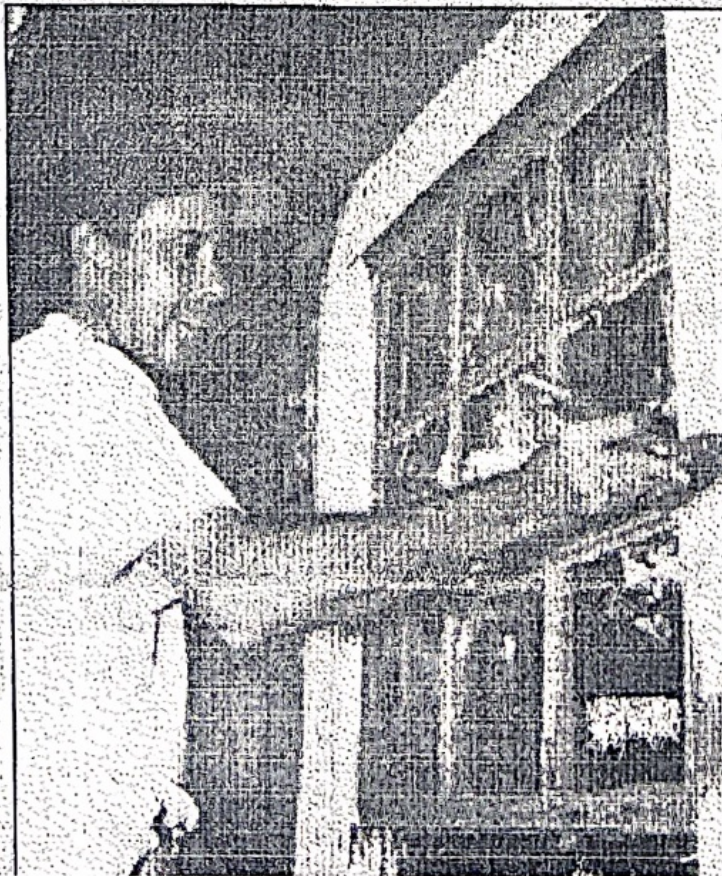
The Friends of Old Sugar Land will also host a crime watch meeting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Sugar Land Municipal Building.

The meeting is the first step for the association in becoming a Neighborhood Crime Watch participant.

For more information, call Lytle at 242-1899.

**HELPING HAND.** Members of the Friends of Old Sugar Land and employees of Home Depot were out in full force Saturday repairing and painting the homes of elderly Sugar Land residents in "Old Sugar Land," an area near the Imperial Sugar refinery between First and Seventh streets. In photo above, volunteer Marla Van Overbeke, left, explains the neighborhood's crime watch program to Naine Anderson, who has lived in Sugar Land since the 1940s. Van Overbeke engraved Anderson's name on several of her appliances, and also wrote down the appliances' serial numbers for easier identification. In photo right, Tracy Lytle helps paint the home of another Sugar Land resident. Old Sugar Land was originally a company town. When Anderson and her husband first moved to Sugar Land they paid \$25 a month to live in their home.

Photos by WILL BLACKLOCK





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*My house is shiny  
& bright —  
my garage is a  
delight —*

## With Thanks To All of You

Some people seem to specialize  
In doing thoughtful deeds.  
Before you ask, they understand  
Your problems and your needs.  
They help because they want to,  
They find joy in being kind,  
And making others happy  
Is the first thing on their minds.  
They make this world a better place  
By practicing the art  
Of reaching out to others  
And by giving...from the heart.

AMANDA BRADLEY



It's so good to know  
warm, considerate people  
who try to help others  
in all that they do,  
people whose lives  
show the meaning of kindness.  
It's so good to know  
special people like you.

Thank You  
*Gwen Salisbury*







dear Kristin,  
I want to thank you for all you have  
done for Neighborhood Day. I also  
want to thank every one who did  
all the work & is so hot.

I want to say thank you to Home  
Depot, Sherwin Williams, K2 Realty  
Pizza Hut, Victoria Bank & Trust  
for furnishing so much for the  
Senior Adults & the ones who  
did the work for their lunch.  
This was really a wonderful  
thing all of you did for the  
Senior Adults on the Hill.  
Some of us couldn't do a lot of  
the work that we needed to be  
done.

Again I want to say thanks for  
myself & the other ones

Best Wishes  
Nadine Anderson  
403 main St

**The upcoming holiday season is good time to remember  
those who made our first neighborhood day a success...**

All of the addresses below are Sugar Land, Texas 77478

**K2 Realty** (sponsored tee shirts)

Attn: Mel Knesek  
131 Brooks

**Victoria Bank & Trust**-(drinks)

Attn: CeCe Connely  
4555 Sweetwater Blvd.

**Sherwin Williams** (donated paint)

Attn: Troy James  
9920 Hwy 90A

**Living Improvements**-(use of  
paint sprayer)

Attn: Roland Younger  
602 Lakeview Drive

**Home Depot**-(crew and supplies)

Attn: Monte Hambleton  
15505 Southwest Frwy.

**City of Sugar Land**-(mulcher,  
certificates, Fire Dept. installed  
smoke alarms, etc.)

Attn: Mayor Lee Duggan  
Attn: David Neely, City Mgr.  
Attn: Mary Von Tungeln  
Attn: Glenda Gundersman  
Attn: William Tallas  
10405 Corporate Drive

**Pizza Hut**-(lunch)

1020 Eldridge  
Attn: Randy Court

**City of Sugar Land**-(crime  
watch program)

Officer Rufus Green  
200 Matlage Way  
**Becky Walger** (cake)  
118 Fourth

**Gerland's Food Fair**-(Gatorade)

1109 Eldridge Road  
Attn: Manager







**Neighborhood Day is Year Round for Tim Howard and Chris Cheaney.**

**Tim Howard** (Second St.) and **Chris Cheaney** (First St.) dedicate their time year round to helping neighbors. Tim "the tool man" has built stairs, replaced formica, among other major repairs to help his neighbors. Chris travels the neighborhood with a lawn mower helping many residents with yard work! Way to go guys!

*I still have certificates from Neighborhood Day for the following volunteers:*

Joan Maresh-(beautiful window work)  
Mike Rychlik  
John Nickerson  
Gerland's Food Fair-c/o-Richard and Carol Stearman  
Keith and Terry House  
Becky Walger  
Steve Ingram  
Annette Wise  
Bobby Currier-(hard worker!)  
Mary Stewart  
Jennifer Powell  
Tim Howard-(year round volunteer)  
Chris Cheaney-(year round volunteer)

**Volunteer of the Day...and the award goes to.....**

**BOB PIERCE**

What a guy! He sprayed two houses with the help of his partner, and wife Teresa. It was Teresa's birthday, and although he was exhausted Bob planned to take Teresa to a nice restaurant. However, Teresa (39 and holding) was exhausted and opted to relax on the couch!

Again, Great Job Bob and Teresa, next time you get lunch duty!

