

Ashford Hollow PIP – September 2011

The speaker at the September program was Stephen HJardedegree, supervisor of Houston's FBI Counterterrorism force. He outlined his extensive and varied background, and that of his team, and explained what their territory and tactics were. He explained that their methodology was slow but thorough, and amused us by reporting that the young man who made the mistake of stealing his GPS out of his vehicle in his own driveway last week is already behind bars. He also encouraged us not to make assumptions about, or to pre-judge, any citizen based upon their skin color or religion, as his experience has taught him that would be a mistake.

Announcements included:

A new [Houston311.org](http://Houston311.org) website which is more user-friendly. It is organized by functional area and lists an index of City services. For example, one can find "dog park" information under "A" for "animals", "D" for "dogs, or "P" for parks. There is a "How to Use This Site" link on the left hand side of the home page.

Neighbors Night Out is Tuesday, October 4, and all neighborhoods that plan activities should return their participation pledge form to PIP Coordinator, Officer A. C. Sterns, as soon as possible. (Warren, I told him that I had not known of us doing anything, but I got you a pledge form anyway, and shall drop it by. I couldn't think of anything board could pull together on this short notice unless they wanted to be at pool for an hour that evening and encourage neighbors to drop by and share coffee/wine/cookies to meet board and other neighbors. If so, I have a huge coffee urn and could help. Otherwise, at least we could put something on notice board like "October 4 is Neighbor's Night Out. Step outside and meet your neighbor!")

A reminder of [westside.tips@cityofhouston.net](mailto:westside.tips@cityofhouston.net) to report neighborhood criminal activity and of [www.houstontx.gov/police/online\\_report](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report) to report non-vehicular theft up to \$5,000, with no suspects or witnesses, or non-vehicular criminal mischief up to \$5000 with no suspects of witnesses.

Citizens are encouraged to turn in unused or expired medication on Saturday, October 29, for a Living Drug Free Starts at Home initiative - check [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) for locations.