

## CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION: ON THE MOVE!

City Manager John Kennedy

City Staff and the Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department (NBVFD) are busy making plans for their upcoming moves into interim facilities. Both of the existing buildings will be razed early next year as part of the redevelopment and revitalization of the commercial areas along NASA Parkway and Space Park, between Upper Bay Road and Point Lookout Drive.

City Staff will be moving into the second floor of the office building at 18100 Upper Bay Road. The City administrative functions, the Police Department, Building Department, Fire Marshal's Office – all of the personnel and functions currently being performed at 1800 NASA Parkway – will be moving some time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many long-time residents will recall that City offices were in the 18100 Upper Bay Road building before the current facility was constructed in 1979.

The 2nd floor of 18100 Upper Bay Road will serve as an interim location for City Hall while a new facility is planned and built by our developer. Griffin Partners agreed to provide a new City Hall building as part of the development agreement with the City.

An interim facility for NBVFD is under construction on Surf Court, on the site of the old Swan Lagoon water plant, behind the Valero service station facility (also currently undergoing revitalization). This facility will be home to the NBVFD personnel and their equipment, also as an interim location. The City's long range plan includes the purchase of a ladder truck to assist in fighting fires in taller structures, and lowering the City's ISO rating for better insurance rates.

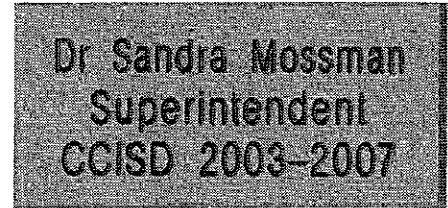
Many of you will recall seeing the value of ladder trucks as the Houston Fire Department battled a well-publicized blaze on the 610 Loop last year. Nassau Bay is home to 3 very similar six-story buildings in the 1100 block of NASA Parkway. Our current fire station is not large enough to accommodate a ladder truck, so the City was already discussing the possibility of building a different facility for NBVFD. The redevelopment of our current site helps us move this project up on our priority list. After a permanent facility is constructed for NBVFD, the building on Surf Court will be turned over to the Public Works Department.

The existing site of City Hall and Fire Station will become a beautiful public plaza incorporated into the mixed-use development being planned by Griffin Partners. Preliminary plans for this exciting new project are posted in City Hall and you are invited to stop by and take a look.

# CANBE

As of October 10, over \$8,000 has been raised by the Legacy Brick program to support projects around town. CANBE is planning a small Legacy Brick Demonstration Site in Lake Nassau Park so the hundreds of walkers and joggers who pass each day can see what the actual bricks will look like. Check out our website at [www.nassaubayCANBE.com](http://www.nassaubayCANBE.com) for more information on the Legacy Brick Program.

If you dread holiday shopping and you're tired of giving the same old ties, toasters, and gift certificates, consider giving Legacy Bricks as a stocking stuffer.



Honor someone in your family with a Legacy Brick

Legacy Bricks are fairly big and heavy, so you might not want to put the actual brick in with the other treats. But you could stick in a Legacy Brick Holiday Gift Card showing what will be engraved on the brick. You can get up to 3 lines of copy with up to 17 characters per line including spaces: for example, "Jennifer Smith / Clear Creek HS / Class of 2009." For more information on Legacy Brick Holiday Gift Cards, see the December issue of *City News*.

You can also support Nassau Bay beautification by becoming a CANBE contributor. Who has donated so far? It's all on the website under the "Individual/Family Donor" button. Titanium, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Levels are available.

## NASA AREA MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAS LIFT-OFF!

The NASA Area Management District celebrated its first meeting on September 25. The District was formed in June when Texas Governor Perry signed into law Senate Bill 1999 authorizing its creation. This new governmental entity will work to enhance the planning and capital improvement efforts and will be an important economic development tool to invigorate all the commercial areas of the City and NASA Parkway.

The seven-member Board of Directors who were appointed by the City Council are: H. Ray Barrett, Philip Johnson, William Rachner, Ann Thomas, Fred Griffin, Daniel Weber, and Margaret Lonero. Board members must be property owners within the District and/or individuals with expertise in some areas of value to the District.

continued on page 5