



## ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN 2017

This is an exciting time for the City of Nassau Bay! Here are some of the great additions, improvements, and changes that will take place this year.

### Commercial Corridor

**Fire Station & EMS Building:** being built at the corner of Space Park and Upper Bay

**Chick-fil-A:** New construction along NASA Parkway (next to Brewingz) Anticipated Opening - November 2017

**Wendy's:** Tearing down the original structure and rebuilding a modern store.

**Bucky's:** Part of a three-piece development scheduled to open September 2017. The adjacent restaurant is scheduled to start construction in September 2017.

**Methodist Shopping Center Demolition & Central Utility Plant:** The demolition permit for the shopping center (from the yoga studio to the theater) was issued in February with work to start shortly. The hospital is also starting a large renovation of their utility plant behind the shopping center.

### Streets

**San Sebastian Re-pavement:** Upper Bay to Point Lookout

### Utilities

**Water Line Rehabilitation:** 2,500 feet (along Upper Bay)

**Wastewater Line Rehabilitation:** 5,800 feet (various locations based on a priority schedule)

**Sewer Plant:** Metal Exterior Renovation/Replacement



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 2017

Ash Wednesday at St. Thomas .....Mar 1  
Coffee with the City Manager ..... Mar 3, 9am  
Planning Commission (if needed) .....Mar 7  
Coffee with the City Manager ..... Mar 10, 9am  
Daylight Savings Starts .....Mar 12  
City Council Meeting ..... Mar 13, 7pm  
Garden Club Meeting .....Mar 14, 9:30am  
Parks & Rec Committee Meeting (if needed) ..Mar 15  
St. Patrick's Day .....Mar 17  
Coffee with the City Manager ..... Mar 17, 9am  
Caregiver Conference - Gloria Dei .....Mar 18  
First Day of Spring .....Mar 20  
Garden Club Meeting ..... Mar 21, 7pm  
Nauticats Swim Registration Begins .....Mar 22  
Coffee with the City Manager ..... Mar 24, 9am  
Coffee with the City Manager ..... Mar 31, 9am

## April 2017

Paws for a Cause .....Apr 1, 11am  
Annual Home Tour ..... Apr 1-2  
Planning Commission (if needed) ..... Apr 4  
Coffee with the City Manager .....Apr 7, 9am  
CCCT - The Fox on the Fairway ..... Apr 7-23  
Easter in the Park .....Apr 9, 2pm  
City Council Meeting .....Apr 10, 7pm  
Garden Club Meeting .....Apr 11, 9:30am  
Coffee with the City Manager .....Apr 14, 9am  
Parks & Rec Committee Meeting (if needed) .. Apr 19  
Coffee with the City Manager .....Apr 21, 9am  
Early Voting Begins ..... Apr 24  
Garden Club Flower Show .....Apr 20, 3pm  
Coffee with the City Manager .....Apr 28, 9am

For more information about these events and a complete list of community events, please visit: [www.nassaubay.com/events](http://www.nassaubay.com/events)

To submit your event, please send information to [kristi.sykora@nassaubay.com](mailto:kristi.sykora@nassaubay.com)

## NASSAU BAY 101

- Get an up-close and in-depth look at the inner workings of municipal government. Nassau Bay 101 is designed to equip and encourage citizens to become more engaged and assume a leadership role within the community. City Staff and Elected Officials will lead classes about each department of our City through facility tours and interactive sessions and demonstrations.
- Classes will be held Thursday evenings from 6-8pm for six weeks beginning on Thursday, March 16, 2017.
- Participants must meet the following requirements:
  - Nassau Bay Resident or Business Owner
  - At Least 18 Years-Old
  - Registered Voter
  - Not currently holding a position as an elected official or running for office during class session
  - Submit Application by March 9, 2017
  - Class size is limited - priority is given to applicants who can attend all classes
- Apply online at [www.nassaubay.com/101](http://www.nassaubay.com/101) or visit City Hall to fill out an application.

## SAVE THE DATE: EASTER

- Save the date! Join us on Sunday April 9th at 2:00pm for the annual Nassau Bay Easter Egg Hunt! In addition, enjoy sack races, photo board selfies, pictures with the Easter Bunny and more!
- Visit [www.nassaubay.com](http://www.nassaubay.com) for more information.

## HOME TOUR

- The Houston Symphony League Bay Area will host their 16th Annual Home Tour April 1 - 2. This year's tour features five homes in the Bay Area with one in Nassau Bay. Each home has a unique and interesting history, design, and style for you to explore.
- Home Tour tickets are \$20 and the proceeds support music enrichment programs in local schools.
- Please visit [www.hslba.org](http://www.hslba.org) or call 281.488.7614 for more information about the Home Tour.



## BEST & BRIGHTEST

The City of Nassau Bay has been named one of Houston's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® for the sixth consecutive year!

This award honors organizations that display a commitment to excellence in human resource practices and employee enrichment. An independent research firm evaluates a variety of factors as well as surveying employees to select the award recipients. This award is also a reflection of the quality of staff employed with the City. Employees take pride in their work and enjoy working to make Nassau Bay the best it can be. They also enjoy working for a city that has such wonderful residents and business owners that are active and engaged in the community.

Want to join our team? View job openings and apply: [www.nassaubay.com/jobs](http://www.nassaubay.com/jobs)



## : GARDEN CLUB NEWS

- Nassau Bay Garden Club is heralding in the month of March with roaringly great opportunities! Have you always dabbled with the idea of growing your own vegetables or herbs? Or perhaps tried growing tomatoes in a pot only to find that they have made a worm very fat?
- On March 14th your neighbor, club member, and Master Gardener Jennifer Hudgins will present a program on planting vegetables and herbs, vertical and horizontal. It's a great time to come learn and ask all of your food gardening questions.
- March 17th (St. Patrick's Day): Join us on a bus trip to Joseph's Nursery (Manvel/Pearland area) to enjoy acres of beautiful and unique plants. It's a great opportunity to bring an unusual plant home! Nassau Bay residents 55 or older are eligible to ride on the Harris County Bus on a first come, first serve basis. For those under 55 per Harris County rules there will be a carpool. Contact Nancee Lynn at [JL1430@aol.com](mailto:JL1430@aol.com) for more details on this fun field trip. Lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow visiting the nursery.
- March 21: Garden Club's regular Spring Night Meeting from 7:00-8:30pm for all Nassau Bay residents. The program is "Easy Floral Design" a step-by-step how to arrange flowers. Do you look at floral arrangements and wish you could make one? We will teach you simple techniques to take... grocery or cut flowers in your yard then you can make them interesting.
- March 30: Flower Placement Show by the Nassau Bay Garden Club members will be held at The Crossings, Retirement Community, 255 Egret Bay Blvd. in League City from 3:00-5:00pm. (Open to the public.) This show will provide a unique and fun opportunity to view and even photograph various kinds of arrangements. Just think that if you attend the "Easy Floral Design" program and the Flower Show, you can enjoy making all kinds of flower arrangements! The Garden Club is very appreciative of The Crossings for sponsoring this non-judged flower show!
- All Garden Club meetings and activities are always open to all Nassau Bay residents. We hope you join us and make 2017 the year you spring into Spring! Learn more about the Garden Club at [www.nassaubaygc.org](http://www.nassaubaygc.org).

## NAUTICATS SWIM TEAM

The Nassau Bay Community Swim Team, Nauticats, is preparing for the 2017 season. Nauticats participates in the Summer Clear Creek Swim League and offers training and practice groups for swimmers age 5 (as of May 1) through high school as well as lots of fun, community, and social events at our neighborhood pool. Practices begin the first week of May and swim meets are Saturday mornings from June 3-July 1. Registration is a 2-step process: 1) Online Registration begins March 22; 2) In-Person Registration at the pool on Nassau Bay Dr. on April 29 from 2-4pm.

Nauticats is a 501c3 organization and is always looking for new sponsors to help provide college scholarships to our swimmers.

For more information about joining or sponsoring the Nauticats, please visit [www.nauticats.org](http://www.nauticats.org) or email [NauticatsCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:NauticatsCommunications@gmail.com).

## TENNIS COURTS

The Tennis Court Resurfacing Project is complete!



# BY THE NUMBERS

Statistics for January 2017

## POLICE

Total Service Calls .....	421
Total Reports Taken .....	47
Total Patrol Miles .....	5,616
Crimes Against Persons .....	9
Property Crimes .....	16
Arrests .....	16
Avg Response Times (minutes) .....	4.16

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls .....	25
Fires .....	5
Rescue .....	1
Motor Vehicle Accident .....	3
Hazardous Conditions .....	1
Fire Alarm .....	2
EMS Assist .....	6
Canceled in Route/Other .....	6

## EMS

Total Calls .....	64
Total Patients in Nassau Bay .....	30

# ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS IN 2017 CONTINUED...

### Parks

**Howard Ward Park:** Outdated playground and exercise equipment will be replaced.

### Lake Nassau Dredging:

Continuation of the dredging project in Lake Nassau. The focus of the work will be around the inlet of the lake, just south of Kingstree Street.



### Lighting

**Solar Lights:** 45 solar street lights will be moved to David Braun Park at Lake Nassau along the pathway from the peninsula to the park. Lights will continue south of the playground to the baseball fields which will align with a trail that is planned for the future.

**CenterPoint Street Lights:** 110 new CenterPoint street lights will begin replacing the white street lights throughout the City. The new lights are LED and provide better light coverage along the streets.

**NASA Parkway Lighting Project:** Along NASA Parkway from Point Lookout to Upper Bay Road, up-lighting will be installed along the medians with palm trees. A portion of the project will extend into Nassau Bay Town Square.

### Storm Water

**New Storm Water Pumps:** Three new pumps will be installed along Upper Bay Road.

### Residential Properties

**Home Elevations:** Continue elevating homes with assistance of FEMA grants.

**New Home Construction:** Three are being built now and there are four more planned to commence before summer 2017.

2017 is sure to be a year for many great additions and improvements in Nassau Bay. Stay tuned for updates on these projects and more to come!

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Kristi Sykora joined the City of Nassau Bay two years ago as the Communications & Special Events Director.

Her background is in TV news reporting and City Government Marketing and Public Relations.

In 2016, Kristi completed a prestigious certification program and is now a Certified Public Communicator.

Kristi manages the City's communications, including the website, social media, newsletter, emergency alert system, and news media coverage to name a few.

She also manages the fun events including the popular Street Eat Parties on the Town Square - the next party will be in May!

# NASSAU BAY ANIMAL SHELTER



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18900 Upper Bay Rd., Nassau Bay  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30am-5:30pm  
& Fri 7:30-11:30am

## THANK YOU

Buck Gay is a longtime Nassau Bay resident and volunteer serving as Parks Committee Chair and assisting with various projects throughout the years.

Buck was instrumental in developing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In 2012, he also helped with planning during the design phase for the 110-acre Nassau Bay Peninsula Trail Enhancement Project. He met with the Public Works Director on numerous site visits to discuss the trail path placement, location of the benches with the best views of certain wildlife and native plants, and the signage for the Wildlife Sanctuary. His knowledge of the wildlife and plant-life on the peninsula assisted the design phase and has made the peninsula a wonderful place for people to enjoy while preserving the natural land and wildlife. His efforts to protect and enhance the peninsula have continued and even led to partnerships with Galveston Bay Foundation to plant marsh grass along the peninsula shorelines. Buck's volunteer work and dedication to the City has truly helped keep Nassau Bay a beautiful waterfront community.

Public Works Director Paul Lopez remembers first meeting Buck, "I was employed with the City only a few days when I met Buck and we toured the parks. When we got to the peninsula, he stopped me and said that anything I do, he better know about it." Since then, Paul and the Public Works crew has referred to Buck as "godfather of peninsula."



Buck has announced his retirement from the Parks Committee. The City will host a reception to thank him for his service during the Council Meeting on March 13th at 7:00pm. The City invites all to attend as we thank a wonderful volunteer, Buck Gay.

## SPRING FORWARD

- The Nassau Bay Fire Marshal's Office and the Volunteer Fire Department want to remind you to check and change the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarms when you reset your clocks one hour forward on March 12th.
- Many fatal fires occur at night while people are sleeping. A working smoke alarm greatly increases your chances of survival during a home fire by giving you the critical time needed to escape. Smoke alarms, even hard-wired ones, should have their batteries replaced regularly and tested to ensure you have the protection you need. This is a quick and inexpensive thing you can do to keep your family safe.
- Questions about smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarms? Contact Fire Marshal Tony Russo at 281.336.6296 or tony.russo@nassaubay.com.

## ANNUAL CLEANUP

- Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with the Annual CCEF Clear Creek & Nassau Bay Peninsula Cleanup on Saturday, February 11th! There was an excellent volunteer turnout and great weather!
- On the peninsula alone, volunteers collected at least 100 large bags of trash (over 8,000lbs) plus refrigerators, tires, and one large sailboat!
- Thank you volunteers and Clear Creek Environmental Foundation!



# GO PAPERLESS

Are you still receiving a printed water bill? Did you know that you can go paperless? The City of Nassau Bay Water Department offers several paperless options. You can save paper and even save time by setting up automatic payments.

- 1. Go Online:** [www.nassaubay.com/paperless](http://www.nassaubay.com/paperless)
- 2. Register:** Use your account number and pin located in the top right corner of your bill. Select "register for additional services" to create your own login for future use.
- 3. Choose a Paperless Option:**
  - Make a One-Time Credit Card Payment
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# COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

**February 13, 2017 - Regular Council Meeting**

Presented a check to Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre.

Presented a check to Houston Symphony League Bay Area.

Presented a proclamation proclaiming February 26, 2017 as St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School 50th Anniversary Gala Day.

Presented a proclamation recognizing Nassau Bay Homeowners' Association for their contributions to Nassau Bay.

Held a presentation regarding the newly released floodplain maps and the impact on insurance policy holders.

Approved the second and final reading of an ordinance call the May 6, 2017 City Officers' Election electing three Councilmembers, Positions 1, 3, & 5.

Held a public hearing on a request by Arafat Abdullatif for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to operate an automotive repair shop at 1910 NASA Parkway.

Approved resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with the NASA Area Management District (NAMD) to provide for the payment of annual debt obligation incurred on behalf of the NAMD.

Approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with the Nassau Bay Redevelopment Authority (NBRDA) to provide for the payment of the debt obligation incurred to construct a new Fire and EMS Station.

Approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a landscape, access, and parking easement granting an easement agreed to between the city and Chick-Fil-A.

Approved a request to approve the Bucky's Conceptual Plan for a convenience store with retail motor fuel sales, self-service car wash, a limited service hotel and drive thru restaurant located at 1306 NASA Parkway

Approved a resolution appointing Gayle Nelson, Pamela Phillips, and Ashley Graves to the Parks and Recreation Committee and appoint Roscoe Lee as Interim Chairman.

Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 15-006a with Orleans Shoring, LLC.

Approved a resolution appointing Catrina Maxwell as the Municipal Court Administrator/Deputy City Secretary.

Approved the first reading of an ordinance to erect a new traffic control device (stop sign) at the intersection of Port Royal and Upper Bay.

Join us for next month's Council Meeting:  
March 13, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
Nassau Bay City Hall

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[www.nassaubay.com/citycouncil](http://www.nassaubay.com/citycouncil)