

## **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS POLICY**

Happy Independence Day! We wish all residents a joyful celebration of July 4th. Fireworks are a traditional part of that celebration, but as a courtesy to your neighbors the following usage rules apply:

- Fireworks will be permitted only on July 4th up to 10:00 pm. No fireworks are to be used on any other day or after 10 pm. Any fireworks usage outside of July 4th or after 10 pm will be subject to fine from the HOA and/or the Sheriff.
- Any aerial fireworks must be pointed away from all homes, the elementary school, people and animals.
- Any resident using fireworks is required to clean up all debris.

The Board strongly encourages all residents to attend one of the major fireworks displays available either from the City of Houston, City Centre or at Katy Mills Mall rather than use individual fireworks. If you decide to do your own fireworks, please exercise extreme caution. Any fireworks must always be done with safety as an utmost concern.

The following information is from the City of Houston Fire Department: Fireworks are not only illegal in the City and parts of the county but they are also very dangerous. Harris County residents should also be aware that HFD will be enforcing the fireworks ban in the Limited Purpose Annexation areas. The fines are anywhere from \$500- \$2000 for each individual firework. Warnings are no longer used because of the seriousness of the firework laws. If a minor is caught with fireworks, the parent or guardian will receive the fine even if they were unaware of the minor's possession and/or usage. Even though it is legal to buy, possess, and use consumer fireworks (1.4G) in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, there are some places you cannot use fireworks even in the unincorporated county. Such as near churches, hospitals and asylums, a licensed childcare center, or a public or private primary or secondary school or institution of higher education unless the person receives authorization in writing from that organization. Citizens should report all complaints regarding the illegal use of fireworks directly to the HPD Tel-communicator.