

RACS NEWS

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Rice Area Constable Service

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TREE TRIMMING SCAM

This event took place in a neighboring area, but Precinct 1 wants everyone to be made aware of this scam.

The complainant answered the door to a male knocking on his door and stating he needed to access the home owner's back yard in order to conduct some tree trimming to his neighbor's tree. The complainant allowed the male to enter the back yard speaking with this male for a few minutes. While the complainant was speaking with the first suspect his wife encountered a second Hispanic male inside her house. This subject is

believed to have made entry into the residence via an unlocked side door of the garage, which then led into the interior of the home (this was the door the complainant used to gain access to his back gate to allow the first subject to enter the back yard). This male told her that the complainant had asked him to come get her to talk to them outside. She told him to get out of her house. This male complied with her request and all parties then met in the back yard. The first male continued to speak with the complainant concerning tree trimming and

then both male subjects left the area in a brown or tan colored car. Complainant and his wife were unable to give any further description of the vehicle and did not obtain a license plate number of the vehicle. The first male is described as a Hispanic male with bad teeth and possibly stocky build. The second male was described as a slender Hispanic male. Both males were described as wearing greenish-yellow safety vests and hard hats.

Please be aware - this can happen anywhere!

Meet Deputy Jason Hathhorn

Deputy Hathhorn is a native Houstonian. He has served as a full time patrol Deputy for The Harris County Precinct 1 Constable's Office for seven and a half years. While Deputy Hathhorn is new to the RACS contract, he has served the Harris County Constable Precinct 1 Office in

several capacities. Deputy Hathhorn served for three years as a Reserve Deputy, two years assigned to the Harris County Toll road division, and two years as a contract deputy for The Woodland



Heights community. He enjoys serving others. In addition to police work, he served as a volunteer Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician in the city of Friendswood, Texas for six years. He also

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WHAT IS THE RICE AREA CONSTABLE SERVICE, AKA RACS?

The RACS service area includes the neighborhoods of Morningside Place and Southgate bounded east-west between Kirby and Main Streets and north-south between University and Holcombe. Morningside Place is made up of five smaller subdivisions, Bliss Court, Carolina Place, Wessex, Brantwood, and Windemere. RACS is a supplement to the Houston Police Department (HPD). It provides responsive crime-prevention oriented security to our neighborhood via contract with the Harris County Commissioners Court for the services of deputy constables and paid for exclusively through the voluntary contributions of the residents. The service began in 1988 in response to resident's desire for supplemental security.

RACS offers members direct phone contact with Precinct 1 dispatch for quick response time (normally 5 minutes or less) to calls for help or reports of suspicious activities. In contrast to private security services, deputy constables are full-time, on-duty, certified law enforcement officers who wear badges, carry guns, and are authorized to make arrests and issue tickets. Other services include:

- Street patrol during contracted period
- Vacation watch service
- Special watches for unusual circumstances
- Home security inspections
- Dispatch/response to calls
- Direct response to alarm system calls with no false alarm fee

While the entire neighborhood benefits from a higher level of security through the RACS patrolling activity, all the additional services mentioned above are available **only to paying members**. All homeowners and renters who reside in Morningside Place and Southgate are eligible to join RACS. The current level of participation provides for 40 hours of patrol per week by one deputy.

RACS is overseen by an all-volunteer board of four members, including a president, appointed by each of the neighbor-

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NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES

The RACS Board of Directors is:

- Larry Lander, President Brantwood 713-664-5081
- Michael Putnam Southgate 281-414-3962
- Elizabeth Ueberschar Wessex 713-667-4428
- Sarah Caress Windemere 713-417-4370
- **Marla Niksch Security Director 713-218-0676**
Email: racspatrol@gmail.com

One benefit of RACS is there is no charge for false alarm calls.

If you need car or phone stickers, you can request them on the enclosed enrollment form.

If your enrollment form says Paid in Full, you do not owe for this 6 month period.

RESIDENTS & MEMBERS

The adjacent table is a list per neighborhood of RACS members for the past six months.

There was a 2% increase in membership for the past 6 months.



Are you counted as member of RACS?

ADDITION <i>MP - part of Morningside Place</i>	RESIDENTS	MEMBERS <i>As of 10/15/18</i>	MEMBERS <i>As of 4/1/18</i>
SOUTHGATE	625	216	207
WESSEX - MP	104	36	31
WINDERMERE - MP	240	45	38
BLISS COURT - MP	36	6	5
BRANTWOOD - MP	128	30	27
CAROLINA PLACE - MP	38	9	8
TOTAL	1171	342	316

MEMBERS BY ADDRESS

Are you a member? Is your neighbor ?

ADDISION

1930, 2006, 2020, 2043, 2056, 2103, 2107, 2108, 2111, 2115, 2116, 2127, 2130, 2136, 2139, 2143, 2148, 2152, 2160, 2202, 2207, 2212, 2228, 2305, 2331, 2347, 2402, 2405, 2419, 2420, 2423, 2424, 2427, 2428, 2505, 2506, 2516, 2519, 2528, 2535, 2537

BELGREEN

6825

DRYDEN

2000, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2024, 2028, 2040, 2053, 2056, 2057, 2102, 2106, 2115, 2126, 2131, 2132, 2141, 2145, 2148, 2160, 2169, 2170, 2172, 2175, 2176, 2210, 2211, 2231, 2234, 2238, 2239, 2314, 2315, 2320, 2334, 2337, 2402, 2407, 2408, 2417, 2425, 2514, 2517, 2527, 2531

GOLDSMITH

2003, 2021, 2025, 2031, 2039, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2054, 2055, 2102, 2010, 2116, 2121, 2125, 2128, 2131, 2143, 2155, 2205, 2219, 2222, 2223, 2226, 2227, 2235, 2238, 2239, 2243, 2324, 2334, 2339, 2340, 2407, 2408, 2422, 2438, 2514, 2517, 2518, 2522, 2525, 2526, 2529, 2540

GREENBRIAR

HOLCOLMBE

2210, 2228

MACARTHUR

2034, 2038, 2043, 2047, 2106, 2122, 2123, 2130, 2134, 2201, 2206, 2214

McCLENDON

2023, 2027, 2031, 2034, 2038, 2043, 2102, 2106, 2107, 2110, 2111, 2114, 2121, 2125, 2128, 2144, 2218, 2223, 2309, 2312, 2327, 2336, 2340, 2343, 2344, 2405, 2409, 2420, 2423, 2429, 2434, 2437, 2502, 2523

SHAKESPEARE

2212, 2218, 2219, 2226, 2235, 2248, 2255, 2306, 2309, 2315, 2335, 2505

SHERIDAN

1951, 2007, 2010, 2105, 2110, 2114, 2118, 2122, 2131, 2206, 2207, 2210, 2211, 2216, 2217, 2219, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2225, 2226, 2344, 2502, 2516 B, 2518 B

SOUTHGATE

2026, 2027, 2029, 2030, 2069, 2070, 2102, 2107, 2116, 2127, 2130, 2138, 2139, 2147, 2202, 2211, 2215, 2234, 2235, 2238, 2253, 2254, 2316, 2317, 2327, 2328, 2343, 2344, 2403, 2409, 2414, 2418, 2421, 2430, 2509, 2539

SWIFT

1911, 1920, 1930, 1936, 2002, 2003, 2010, 2022, 2026, 2030, 2034, 2040, 2044, 2047, 2052, 2055, 2105, 2106, 2111, 2115, 2127, 2133, 2145, 2147, 2153, 2156, 2159, 2163, 2168, 2202, 2203, 2219, 2222, 2228, 2306, 2319 #2, 2324, 2327, 2335, 2336, 2401, 2405, 2408, 2417, 2429, 2504, 2505, 2508, 2509, 2519, 2523, 2524, 2531

UNIVERSITY

2123, 2135, 2223, 2239

WATTS

2110, 2115, 2116, 2120, 2131, 2135, 2136, 2203, 2207, 2212, 2215, 2226, 2319, 2328, 2332, 2337, 2403 #4, 2423, 2430, 2502, 2514, 2515

WORDSWORTH

2323, 2337, 2406, 2418, 2419, 2430, 2434, 2518, 2526, 2529



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hoods, and is administered by a part-time director who receives a small stipend to maintain membership records, process subscription payments, and handle payment to Harris County on a monthly basis. Current board members are listed on page 2. The RACS web page www.racspatrol.com is currently maintained by Bonnie Hausman.

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served as a PTO President for the school his children attended. He has also volunteered as a "Watch Dog" at the school his youngest daughter attends.

In 2016, he was awarded a Bravery Medal and accommodation by Constable Alan Rosen. Without regard to his own personal safety, Deputy Hathhorn placed himself in harms way in an effort to save a citizen.

He has been married for eighteen years, with two children, loves dogs, raises cattle, and enjoys outdoor life. Deputy Hathhorn believes that community policing has a huge impact and serves this community as if it were his own community. Please welcome him to the neighborhood!

New RACS Signs

Our yard signs have been redesigned! If you are a **member** of RACS and would like a new sign, please contact your neighborhood representative on page 2 to get one. A big THANKS! to Michael Putnam for tackling this project!



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Did you know...?

The yellow RACS car stickers are not the stickers for permit parking. They let our deputy and neighbors know that you support RACS. If you need a residential parking permit for your vehicle, please call your civic club representative.

For the past 6 months our deputy has:

- Patrolled **8120** miles
- Conducted **117** vacation watches
- Checked **19** suspicious persons
- Checked **17** suspicious vehicles
- Made **156** traffic stops
- Answered **27** alarm calls

Vacation Watches

The holidays are coming! Don't forget to request your vacation watches!

As a member of RACS, one of its benefits is the vacation watch service. This is a service that lets our deputy know when you are out of town and checks your house for signs of entry.

Please email racpatrol@gmail.com for the form and it will be sent to you. It is a fillable PDF, so all you have to do is fill it out like you would have online. Next just save it as a PDF so that the file name includes either your name or address, then email it back as an attachment. It is then sent in for you. In addition, the vacation watch still needs to be sent 3-5 days before you leave.

If you are to be gone longer than 3 weeks, your house will be put on a Special Watch. Our deputy will visit your

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November 4 at 2 am!

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residence several times a week, but not daily as in a vacation watch. Going away for several months is considered a sabbatical, not a vacation, and it takes away from the purpose of a vacation watch, according to Precinct 1. If you are planning on being gone for an extended time, you can use the same format and make a note that you are requesting a special watch due the time period.